

Meeting #11

Date: Thursday 20 June
Venue: Via Teams
Time: 9am

Attendees

- Abi Ralph
- Claudia Brassard
- Gaye Scott
- Andy Hewetson
- Jacklyn Kiernan

Apologies

- Chris Jones
- Stephen Sponberg
- Lawrence Mason
- Brett Grainger
- Cole

Agenda

Road Update – North to South

Claudia Brassard provided an update, but without pictures this week.

- Work is being done on the Meg Crossing.
- Residents have raised concerns about the upper reaches of Banabilla Road and the team is looking at how to fix.
- Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road will be officially open 22 June, Council is however, not stopping vehicles from driving the road now. The road and safety audit has been completed.
- Noah landslip – Council has been working with WTMA on an ecological survey. WTMA has expressed concern about the number of trees which would need to be removed, so we are working through that.
- AECOMM is working through concept designs.
- Radar is monitoring and there has been no movement of the landslip coinciding with the dry weather.
- Noah Bridge – no new updates
- Alexandra Range – sites 1, 2 & 3 will be completed mid to late July. The contractor has had issues with the micopiles which is holding things up, but they are able to continue with benching.
- The team is working on permits for the other 11 sites.

REPA Submission for Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

RG asked about timing for the REPA submission. CB checked the schedule and advised Council expected to lodge submission with QRA mid July.

Items from previous meeting

- AR observations re Tulip Oak Road traffic control. There's still an issue with one of the traffic controllers who is unresponsive in assisting people who want to turn left. They sit with their back to the traffic and staff are forced to run the gauntlet.
- LM queried why ferry sitting low in the water. The ferry has 18 compartments in the hull, if there was a significant amount of water in the hull it would be leaning to one side. There is a bilge pump which can be used to remove water. Entrada has advised the ferry is in good working order. In addition, Council recently had an AMSA inspector onboard to conduct the annual in-water inspection and no issues were raised about the ferry sitting low in the water.

With regards to limiting traffic, if trucks are fully loaded (e.g. full of rocks), it is good practice for them to limit the number of vehicles on the ferry and carry them in the centre lane. There is a freeboard limit which dictates that amount of weight the ferry can safely transport at one time. There are also other safety measures, which include dangerous goods vehicles travel alone (e.g. vehicles transporting fuel and gas).

Meeting Finished at 9:10am - Next Meeting Thursday 4 July 2024 – 9am.