

## Meeting #8

Date: Thursday 23 May 2024  
Venue: Via Teams  
Time: 9am

### Attendees:

Abi Ralph	Brett Grainger
Chris Jones	Jacklyn & Julian Kiernan
Claudia Brassard	Robyn Guedes
Gaye Scott	Stephen Sponberg

### Apologies:

Cole Claxton, and Lawrence Mason

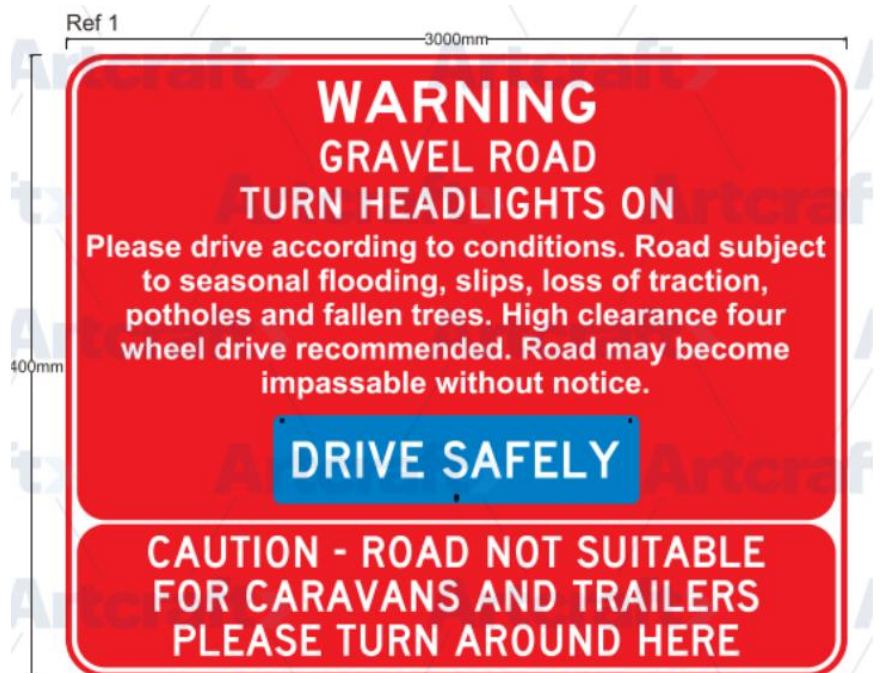
## Road Update – North to South

### China Camp Road

- Currently removing the built up silt and leaf litter at Rodgers Creek which is approximately 15 km from the concrete section. The 12 kilometre section of road already completed is holding up really well in the wet conditions.
- Around 13 km to get to Yindilli Camp at the start of the CREB track.
- 10 Mile road has washouts requiring imported rock – too wet and soft to bring at present.
- Degarra is around 80% completed

### Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

- Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road will be open to 4WD vehicles by 22 June, subject to weather.
- For two weeks, some sections will be under traffic control, with delays of up to 15 minutes expected.
- The road is suitable for 4WD vehicles. It is not suitable for campervans, trailers or campervans. There was some discussion as to whether towing was prohibited, or simply not recommended. The signs at the northern and southern ends is pictured. A box trailer did flip on the road last year. At this stage, it will remain as not recommended, rather than prohibited.
- Cape Tribulation Road Images Over the page.





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## Noah Range

### Radar

- Telstra issues have delayed commissioning of the radar. Four days were lost and the technician has advised they need more data before they can finalise the calibration. Council has been advised this should be completed by Friday 30 May.

### Removal of Landslip

- One of the final steps in getting WTMA approval is a site survey to identify the significant trees which will need to be removed to access the landslip. This is scheduled for Monday 27 and Tuesday 28. Following the site survey, the application will be submitted to Wet Tropics management Authority.
- Design and methodology to remove the material, including quantifying the volume and areas is underway. Once completed, the application for Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets funding will be submitted to Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA).

### Hydromulching

- Hydromulching will commence next week. This will be applied to all landslip areas along the length of Cape Tribulation Road.

### Alexandra Range

- Site 3 pictured below showing the soil nails in place. The crack has lengthened and Council is working with QRA to get approval to expand the scope of works.



It does mean, site 3 will not be completed by 30 June, which pushes back the date we were hoping to shorten the single lane section to reduce waiting times for travellers.

- Repairs at sites 1 & 2 are progressing well and will be completed by 30 June.
- The length restrictions for articulated vehicles on Alexandra Range has been increased from 12.5 m to 15.1 metres. this will allow a greater configuration of caravans to cross the range. Rigid will remain at 12.5 metres. Fact sheets distributed at the ferry and the website will be updated to reflect new conditions.
- The suggestion to have a line painted at the ferry booth was discussed and agreed to be a good idea at last week's meeting but was left out of the meeting notes. [This was likely missed by Gaye who was trying unsuccessfully to send a link to Robyn.] It was however, discussed and minuted at the 2 May 2024 meeting.

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## Alexandra Range

### 12.5 metre length restriction

- 12.5 metre length restriction was detailed further. Sites 1 and 3 require benching on the downside and this requires wider equipment, requiring the barriers to be moved to allow for the wider machine.
  - The lane width at these two sites will be reduced to 2.7 metres during the construction of the works.
  - The ferry traffic controllers provide information, but do not prevent vehicles towing caravans from travelling.
  - The length restrictions are checked by the traffic controllers at the southern side of the Alexandra Range and the traffic control company is aware of the requirements. The only time vehicles should be turned around is when they exceed the limits. Length suitability is determined by referring to standard configurations for vehicles and caravan trailers and typically the number of axles on a caravan enables a quick determination. If there is ever a concern a vehicle length is close to the restriction, the vehicle can be measured using a measuring wheel.
  - DSC is reviewing this restriction with the contractor and engineers
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- Brett did reiterate that traffic controllers had too much going on to police the length of vehicles travelling across on the ferry. Stephen felt it would prevent people from having to turnaround at the Alexandra Range check point. Brett's connection dropped out. Will put on the agenda for the next meeting.
  - Stephen has a concealed driveway not far along from the traffic control station at Tulip Oak Road. Coming out of his driveway he encountered two traffic control ute's on the wrong side of the road passing another car. Claudia advised she now attends a weekly meeting with FNQ Traffic Control so will raise the issue at the next meeting.
  - Gaye ran through the list of upcoming community meetings and asked people to spread the word.
    - Monday 27 May – Wonga Beach Rural Fire Brigade 5:30pm
    - Tuesday 28 May – Daintree Village Café Espresso 5:30pm
    - Wednesday 29 May – Cane Growers Lunch – Port Douglas Community Hall 11 am
    - Thursday 30 May – Degarra 9:30am
    - Thursday 30 May – Mossman Administration Centre 5:30pm

### Next Meeting

Claudia is on holiday next week and Gaye and Robyn will be attending Degarra community meeting. Claudia will send through an update to reference group members Thursday 30 May 2024.

Next meeting – Thursday 6 June 2024 – 9am