

## Meeting #22

Date: Thursday 28 November 2024

Venue: Via Teams

Time: 10am

### Attendees

- Claudia Brassard
- Gaye Scott
- Jacklyn Kiernan
- Lawrence Mason
- Merran Blockey
- Robyn Guedes

### Apologies

- Abi Ralph
- Andy Hewetson
- Brett Grainger
- Chris Jones
- Cole Claxton
- Emma Tunnock
- Steven Sponberg

### Chair

Gaye chaired the meeting in Abi's absence.

### Road Update

Claudia presented the road update.

### Alexandra Range

- Sites 8, 8a, 9, 10 & 11 are scheduled for completion early in the New Year subject to weather
- Load and vehicle length restriction will remain till the completion of works:
  - 15.1m Max. vehicle and caravan length
  - 12.5m Max. rigid truck length
  - 25t Max. load capacity

### Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

- QRA has given funding approval for the repair of landslips on Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road
- Geotechnical Investigation/ Aerial Survey tenders were received for landslip package.
- The road repair tender package opened on Nov 28 and will close on Dec 19.
- Regarding the repairs to the road in front of 2529 Cape Tribulation Road – QRA funds like for like. Where there was bitumen, there will be bitumen again.
- LM queried the use of a Bob Cat doing repairs on Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road. It has been confirmed Council is not grading with a bobcat. What is being done is Holding Works. Council is patching the most dangerous sections of potholes.

### Noah Range Landslip

- HEH is working to complete Phase 1 before the Christmas break which starts 21 December 2024.
- Works are progressing well.
- First layer of protection in place.
- Douglas Shire Council is working with HEH to have equipment, fuel and skeleton staff either side of the landslip during the Christmas shut period which is from 21 December to 6 January 2025.

## Noah Causeway and Bridge

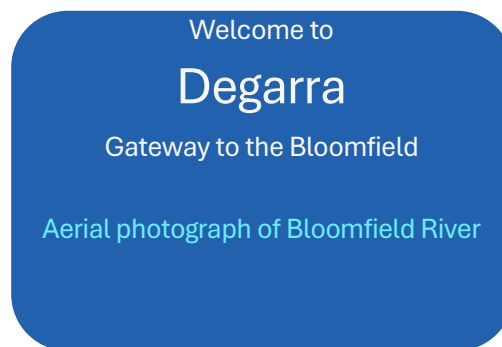
- Bridge design works aim to finish by Jan 2025
- No load restriction on the bypass, ensuring unrestricted use for heavy vehicles during the wet season
- LM asked whether this was the final Noah Causeway and Claudia confirm more work would be done to the bypass prior to the wet and that it was likely the bypass would require continuous maintenance throughout the wet
- Council will install a camera on a trailer to remotely monitor the condition of both bridge and the bypass.
- MB asked whether the bypass to be used by 2WD vehicles once the bridge was dismantled would be above high tide. Standard vehicles would be reluctant to drive through salt water. CB to check.

## Other Updates

- Mossman Gorge Road repairs have commenced. They are being done at night as the road is too narrow for buses to pass.
- Mayor, three Councillors and CEO visited Degarra last week.

## Signs

- Welcome to Degarra sign is sitting with Gaye. Wording below. Location, at Banabilla Road turnoff on Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road – double side so it is visible to traffic travelling both ways. Gaye has provided the civil team with the brief, and they will take a suitable photograph and will provide a proof before finalising the artwork.



- Request for a road sign south of Bloomfield River Bridge indicating the name of the road which is Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road. Gaye will follow up.

## Potholes at Coopers Flat Hill

- LM reported there were potholes still in road at Coopers flat hill. He has marked them with pink paint. Travellers are driving on the wrong side of the road to avoid hitting them. Gaye to follow up with Infrastructure.

## Roadside Verges

- LM asked why the muncher was only used in certain areas. Gaye to follow up.

## Follow Up Items Previous Meetings

- QRA yet to release the Betterment Packages for TC Jasper. Claudia advised QRA had yet to release the betterment packages. Will be kept on the agenda until announced by QRA.
- LM said depression on Cape Tribulation Road hill west of Cape Trib Cruises (Thornton Beach), Is getting worse. Gaye confirmed request had been logged and will follow up.

## **Other Business**

- There is a Telstra Pit just north of Mason Creek, Cape Tribulation. It is an open pit which one MB believes is dangerous due to its location beside a walking track to the beach. A report has been made to Telstra, but nothing has been done. Claudia suggested Council could put a fence around the pit. Gaye to lodge a customer request.
- Also in the same vicinity, there is a walkway along the road. There are white road markers in place to designate where people can walk, but it needs a white line. Gaye to lodge a request for line marking to better designate where pedestrians may walk safely.
- LM remarked the DSC team had done well for the work that is getting done. While he thinks it could be quicker, he does appreciate what has been accomplished.”

## **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12 December 10am.