

Meeting #21

Date: Thursday 31 October 2024
Venue: Via Teams
Time: 10:00am – 10:55am

Attendees

- Gabriel Nucifora
- Gaye Scott
- Robyn Guedes

Apologies

- Abi Ralph
- Andy Hewetson
- Brett Grainger
- Chris Jones
- Claudia Brassard
- Cole Claxton
- Emma Tunnock
- Jacklyn Kiernan
- Lawrence Mason
- Steven Sponberg

Road Update

Gabriel presented the road update.

Alexandra Range Landslips

- Repair sites 1, 2 and 3 located north of the lookout will be completed today.
- The concrete requires 10-12 days to cure, so northern traffic control point will be moved south of the lookout 11 November.

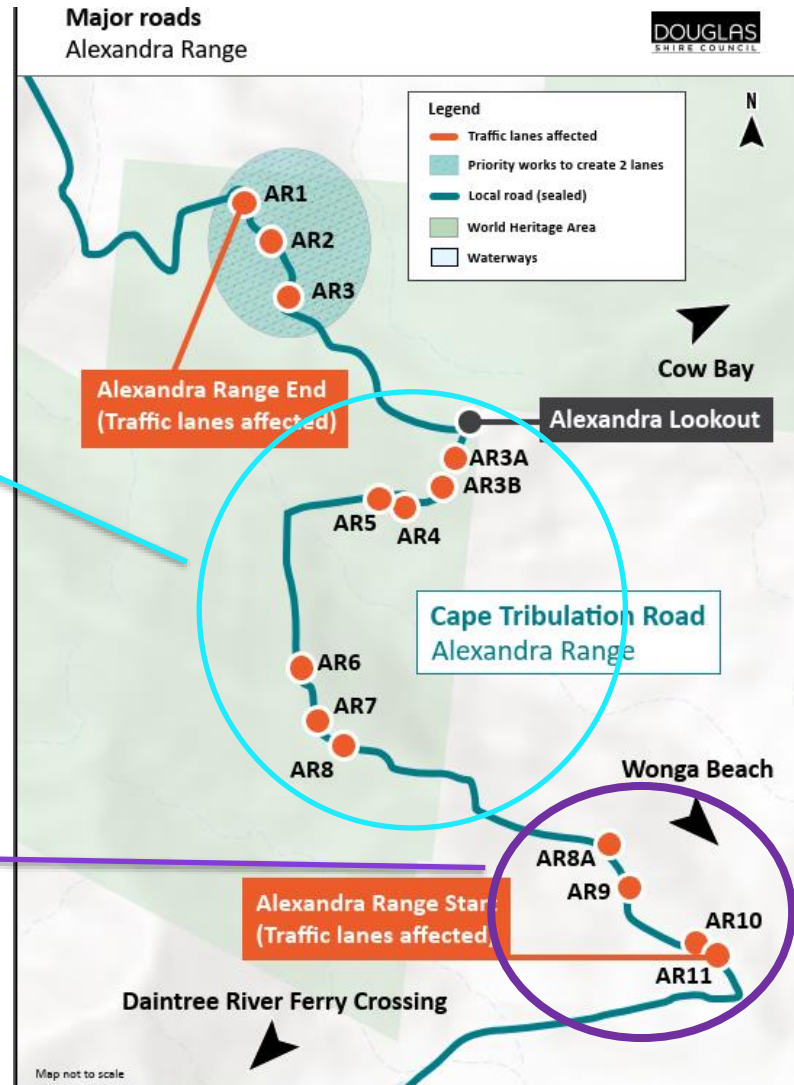


Alexandra Range Landslips - continued

Work commenced on the remaining ten landslip sites 28 October.

Six sites – 3b, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 will be completed January 2025.

The remaining four sites – 8a, 9, 10 & 11 will be completed by August 2025



Unsealed Roads North of Cape Tribulation

- The tender package to repair 10 Mile, Zig Zag and China Camp Roads will close 1 November 2024.
- GS asked who was responsible for the road which leads into Kija [Roaring Meg]. The road was cleared by Douglas Shire Council under Emergent works to provide access however it is unclear who has responsibility for this road. [GS to investigate and report back.](#)
- The tender package to repair Degarra’s internal roads, Banabilla, Idriess and Evergreen Roads closed November 1, 2024.
- Note this tender package does not include repair of the two Woobadda Creek causeways. This will be a separate tender package.

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

The landslips on Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road are being packaged separately to the road repairs. An initial slope risk assessment has been completed, and a site visit has been completed.

Tenders for aerial surveys and geotechnical investigations close 20 November 2024.

Noah Landslip

- HEH commenced on site 28 October 2024.
- The shipping containers replacing the concrete blocks increase protection for the road users during the works.
- The shipping containers do not have a roof, and concrete blocks are placed inside the containers.
- There is also room to put landslide material inside.
- The resulting filled containers provide a higher and sturdier barrier than the concrete blocks alone.
- There are three main stages to the landslip repair
 - Phase 1 – removal of the landslip material before the wet season. This critical phase aims to remove the bulk of the material to reduce road closures. With the increased protection, if there are any slips, the clean up time is anticipated to be 1-2 days.
 - Phase 2 – involves removal of the debris pile on the road – estimated to be 6 metres deep. The aim is to complete this phase by May 2024.
 - Phase 3 – involves repair of the road under the debris pile
- The midnight to 5am road closure is likely to remain in place until the completion of Phase 2, although this will be regularly reviewed.



Noah Creek Crossing

- A Safety and Risk workshop was held 21 October.
- Jabalbina facilitated a meeting of all relevant traditional owners in Daintree Village, 29 October, to review and sign off on the cultural heritage monitoring to occur during construction of both the Noah Creek temporary causeway and new bridge to proceed.
- Four of the five families were in attendance, and while the four in attendance were in general agreement, there will need to be another meeting before the agreement can be finalised as everyone needs to be in attendance.
- Council is aware of community concerns around the resilience of the temporary bypass.
- Noah Creek Bridge is monitored regularly, usually monthly. At this stage, while requiring replacement, the existing structure will function well past the expected date when the temporary bypass is completed and trafficable.
- If during heavy rain, the existing bridge structure is hit by large trees or boulders, a level 1 inspection of the bridge can be done within 24 hours.
- If deemed necessary, the bridge can be “de rated” to enable standard vehicles to continue to cross the bridge, and larger vehicles directed to use the causeway.

Follow Up Items.

- Robyn reported the two Give Way signs at either end Woobadda Causeway had washed away. [GS will log a Customer Request to get this actioned.](#)
- RG queried whether usual maintenance of Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road would be done this year by Council. CB advised Council was hoping to get this funded by QRA under Holding Works. [Carried over to next meeting - CB will check and advise on any planned maintenance to be completed by Council.](#)
- QRA yet to release the Betterment Packages for TC Jasper. Glen advised QRA had yet to release the betterment packages. [Keep on the agenda until date announced.](#)
- GS to check if Federal Government has replaced Building Better Regions which was discontinued in October 2022. Gaye reported there is no similar grant available. Best bet is Betterment Package.
- LM asked whether there would be an opportunity to provide input into ferry fares before Council simply raised the price next year. GS followed up with the Financial Manager, but did not get a response prior to the meeting. [Carry over to next meeting. Gaye has a response from Finance Manager](#)

New Items

- LM - Mowing has begun but no moves to clear partly and fully obscured roadside markers. DSC needs to either spray herbicide around them or preferably brush cut each one. Mowing only gets some areas, and other shires use long arm mowers to much better effect. [Carry over to next meeting.](#)
- LM - Road of Noah's slip is now very rough, with two massive potholes south side. Can this be fixed. [GS to log a Customer Request to get this actioned.](#)
- There is a really rough patch on the little hill west of Cape Trib Cruises (Thornton Beach) that you hit north bound as you descend after traversing Cooper Creek Flats. It appears to be a depression rather than a pothole, but is getting worse. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bVtV8a3seMvh75F67> Not doing my car any good and a bad place to going to the wrong side of the road to avoid. [GS to log a Customer Request to get this actioned.](#)
- Numerous instances of fail to give way lately, suggest painting 'GIVE WAY' in relevant locations. [LM to provide locations.](#)
- GN said the northern speed bump at Noah Creek Bridge was deliberately severe to slow people down. If taken slowly, cars are not damaged, coffee is not split and sore backs not exacerbated.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 14 November 10am.