

Date: Thursday 18 December 2025  
Venue: Via Teams  
Time: 10:00am

### **Attendees**

- Claudia Brassard
- Liza Dowling
- Abi Ralph
- Robyn Guedes
- Merran Blockey

### **Apologies**

- Chris Jones
- Owen Sellwood

### **Acknowledgement**

Acknowledgement and thanks were extended to Gaye Scott for her dedicated service as DRFA Stakeholder Engagement Officer and the care and professionalism she consistently demonstrated in her work with the community and contractors.

### **Road Update**

Claudia presented the road update.

#### **China Camp Road – Wujal Wujal**

- Tenders closed 12 December 2025.
- Contract expected to be awarded in February 2026 with works to commence in May 2026 weather permitting.

#### **China Camp and Ten Mile Roads**

- China Camp Road has been completed.
- Durack is carting along this section of access Zig Zag Road, any damage will be rectified.
- Ten Mile grading operations completed, some minor works remain outstanding (cleaning culverts and spoil removal).

#### **Degarra Roads**

##### **Idriess Close**

- Work is underway
- Will be tidying up debris on 9 Idriess which was left behind from earlier cleanup.
- End January 2026.

##### **Evergreen Road**

- Confirm that Evergreen does not extend past three properties (22A, 22B and 22C). The road is deemed road reserve but is not on Council's digital road network.
- Resident advised that the culvert floods before the road floods and they can't get out. This was discussed with Paul Hoyer during the recent community meeting.

##### **Banabilla Road**

- Completion expected – end January 2026.
- 31 Banabilla is also not on Council's digital road network however, Council has agreed to maintain periodically (DSC Infrastructure).

**Action:**

- Claudia to follow up with the DMU regarding ongoing maintenance of road access to 22A, 22B and 22C Evergreen Road, including issues relating to culvert flooding.
- Liza to investigate inclusion of the relevant section of Evergreen Road in the Digital Road Network and locate any previous Council reports or subdivision documentation.

**Zig Zag Road**

- Expected completion – end January 2026.

**Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road**

**Unsealed**

- Expected completion – early January 2026.

**Landslips**

- Practical completion – March 2026.
- Overnight closure current – 16 – 22 December 2025.
- Might be some overnight works in the new year.
- Road closure is ~500 metres south of Luana Hairpin
- Provision will be made to allow emergency vehicles through.
- From Mon 22 December, there will be a two-week shut down, with work resuming Mon 5 January 2026.
- All sites will be open completely and operate without traffic lights, or any major traffic control requirements.

Post meeting information: HEH has advised that night closures will commence again on 5 – 14 January 2026 from 6:00pm – 6:00am.

**Noah Range Landslip**

- Work will shut down from Friday 19 December and will resume Monday 5 January 2026.
- The traffic lights will run on auto with one traffic controller on site to monitor them during the day, except for the Public Holidays.
- Traffic lights will be vehicle activated. If there are issues, HEH will change to timed.
- Work has progressed and is now more resistant to rain.
- Revised practical completion – June 2026. Dry weather. This is due to more rubble on the lower section requiring more soil nails.

**Noah Creek Causeway**

- Culverts were installed last week and causeway reopened Friday 12 December 2025.
- Currently closed from yesterday, 17 December 2025.
- HEH excavator will remain onsite at Noah Creek over the break.
- HEH will have the Traffic Controller check the causeway.
- HEH will have people on call to respond to issues (like the causeway washout) when they occur.
- Repairs will not commence until at least 24 hours after it stops raining.
- Resident advised that the culvert at Noah Creek shifted during the recent flooding.

**Action:** Claudia to confirm the current status and condition of the culvert.

## Works South of Daintree River

### Landslips

- Old Forest Road is completed.
- Chooks Ridge progressing.

### Lees Bridge

- Completion date estimated to be April 2026

### Taylor's Bridge

- Alignment has been amended to avoid damage to trees.
- New design underway to suit new alignment.

## Carried Forward

### Betterment Funding

- Claudia advised that:
  - QRA has confirmed that Council has been awarded \$17 million Betterment Projects.
  - Projects include Noah Creek Bridge and Collins Creek – concrete section
  - A section of Donovan Range.
  - Woobadda Bridge will be included in the 2025 flood event funding.
- Resident asked if Council received funding for boat access to Cape Tribulation. Claudia confirmed this was not part of the Infrastructure Recovery Projects but there is a resilience project led by DMU that is looking at boat access.

### Action:

- Claudia to provide a map or plan identifying the sections included in the Betterment Funding.
- Liza to follow up with the DMU and invite a representative to attend and present at the next meeting to provide updates on projects relating to the areas north of the Daintree River.

### Trimming of Overhanging Trees on CTBR.

- Completed first week of December 2025.

## Other Business

### Combine Road Reference Group with Daintree Ferry Reference Group

- The group agreed that combining the Road Reference Group with the Daintree Ferry Reference Group was a good idea.
- Ferry-related works will ramp up early next year and that a combined group will reduce duplication, improve information sharing.
- Daintree Ferry updates will be included in the existing Roads Update Newsletter.
- The Disaster Management Unit will also be invited to give updates on projects relating to this community at the combined meetings.
- Suggestion that Council explore a blog or similar platform to enable ongoing two-way communication between Council and the community on these issues.
- Liza advised that community members are welcome to contact her directly by phone or email at any time with questions or concerns.

**Action:**

- Liza to consult with the Daintree Ferry Reference Group and report back on their feedback about merging the groups.
- Liza to investigate blog style communication methods.

**Christmas Closures**

- Claudia advised that Council offices will close from 4.00 pm tomorrow and reopen on Monday 5 January 2026.
- For urgent matters after hours, residents can call 4099 9444, which will be forwarded to the on-call officer.
- Liza can also be contacted directly by phone or email.
- In an emergency, call 000.

**Next Meeting**

- Date to be set early next year for end January or early February.