



# Rail Trail Advisory Committee Minutes – Confirmed 30 August 2023

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday, 30 August 2023 3:00pm – 4:30pm
<b>Place</b>	Disaster Coordination Centre, Vernon St, Atherton

Attendance			
Name	Role	Present	Apologies
Councillor Dave Bilney	Chair	x	
Councillor Bernie Wilce	Member	x	
Shane Savich	Manager Strategic Assets – TRC Advisor	x	
Nikole Wallace	Community Support Officer – TRC Administrative Service	x	
Peter Tuck	Voting Member	x	
Rex Hutchison	Voting Member		x
Kathy Kilpatrick	Voting Member	x	
Ruth Zee	Voting Member	x	
Leah Stevenson	Voting Member	x	
Gayle Sticher	Voting Member	x	
Peter Blakey	Voting Member	x	
Ray Francis	Voting Member	x	
Willem de Raadt	Member		x
Graham Jensen	Voting Member		x
Doris Cooper	Member	x	
Michael Lee	Voting Member	x	
Craig England	TMR Representative (Asset Custodian) – Voting Member	x	
Brad	TMR Representative	x	
Mark Vis	General Manager Infrastructure - TRC	x	
Traditional Owners	Guest		x
Mareeba Shire Committee Member	Guest		x

Meeting Agenda		
Item	Description	Responsible
1	<b>Meeting Open / Introduction</b>	Chair
2	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	Chair
3	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Rex, Willem &amp; Graham</p> <p>Minutes of previous Meeting 24/5/23 Emailed to Committee 29/5/23</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Ruth Zee                      <b>Seconded:</b> Ray Francis</p>	Chair
4	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <p>Action items complete as per below</p>	Chair
5	<p><b>Mark Vis, GM I&amp;E</b>, to seek the Rail Trail Advisory Committee’s input in relation to the Tolga Industrial Estate and Rail Trail Reserve Development Plan/Strategy Project.</p> <p>Option 1 – maintain the current situation within the rail trail reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- does not include expansion of TIE properties in the reserve,</li> <li>- maintains all infrastructure in its current location,</li> <li>- includes planning for improvement of stormwater drainage infrastructure to resolve flooding issues and</li> <li>- allows for improve amenity in accordance with the rail trail strategy and management plan in development and as endorsed by Council in the future.</li> </ul> <p>Option 2 – allow expansion of the TIE properties within the rail trail reserve, whilst maintaining the rail trail path in its current location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- includes expansion of TIE properties in the reserve</li> <li>- requires relocation of sewerage infrastructure and stormwater drains, including relocation and upgrades to culvert crossing under the rail trail</li> <li>- includes planning for improvement of stormwater drainage infrastructure to resolve flooding issues and</li> <li>- allows for reduced amenity improvements of the rail trail in accordance with the rail trail strategy and management plan in development and as endorsed by Council in the future (reduced improvement opportunities on the western side of the Rail Trail path).</li> </ul> <p>Option 3 – relocate the rail trail path to the east to maximise the TIE property expansion potential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- includes expansion of TIE properties in the reserve</li> <li>- requires relocation of the Rail Trail path, sewerage infrastructure and stormwater drains, including relocation and upgrades to culvert crossing under the rail trail.</li> <li>- may require further relocation of communication cables and a water main</li> <li>- includes planning for improvement of stormwater drainage infrastructure to resolve flooding issues and</li> <li>- allows for reduced amenity improvements of the rail trail in accordance with the rail trail strategy and management plan in development and as endorsed by Council in the future (reduced improvement opportunities on both sides of the Rail Trail path).</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> All committee members in agreeance that option one, no expansion of property development’ should take place as the preferred option. Mark Vis to complete a stakeholder consultation draft and provide to Clr Bilney and Clr Wilce to ensure summarises appropriately the committee requests.</p>	All

	Mark to also summarise the individual requests that have been received via TRC customer requests service and provide feedback to Clr Bilney.	
6	<p><b>Guest Speaker - Update from Craig England</b> TMR, Bridge Inspections and PCN Funding</p> <p>RoadTek currently out doing an inspection and finishing off to provide a report. Unable to provide costings or a list of conditions of the bridges at this time.</p> <p>PCN funding. As the main street bridge is on the Principal Cycle Network enables RTAC to potentially make application for funding. Funding Open in October</p> <p>Mareeba Kennedy hwy crossing signed off on</p> <p>Councillor Bilney expressed gratitude and thanks to TMR for putting aside money and resources to do the bridge audits. This is a significant benefit to RTAC</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Chair</p>
7	<p><b>Update From Rex</b></p> <p>The Northern Rivers Rail Trail is currently only 24 km in length – over 70,000 users in 4 months. One of the reasons for such large numbers is that they sell their trail via a good website, signage etc.</p> <p><a href="https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/council/news-updates/latest-news/media-releases/1415552-expectations-smashed-as-more-than-70000-use-rail-trail-in-first-four-months">https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/council/news-updates/latest-news/media-releases/1415552-expectations-smashed-as-more-than-70000-use-rail-trail-in-first-four-months</a></p> <p>In comparison the Atherton Rail Trail Platypus to Walkamin is 20.5 km, Platypus to Peter St is 3.5 km, Tolga Kairi Loop is 28 km and Seven Sisters at Yungaburra is 16 km. So TRC has currently 68 km of marked trails that are not being marketed to the anybody.</p> <p><a href="https://www.northernriversrailtrail.com.au/">https://www.northernriversrailtrail.com.au/</a></p> <p>If TRC wants to encourage cycle tourism a dedicated website is required similar to the above</p>	<p>Rex</p>
8	<p><b>General Business discussions and updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rail Trail audit completed, all issues looked at and compiled in a document that was prioritised at the last informal meeting. Currently making good progress, ticking of a number of things on the list with the Rail Trail looking great.</li> <li>- Missed out by 2 weeks on signage</li> <li>- List of infrastructure items no longer required to be supplied as items are believed to have been taken to the dump.</li> <li>- Works are being done on filling in washouts, work on road crossings and signage and surfaces are being improved and RTAC are very grateful.</li> <li>- Shane expressed his thanks on the committee members using the Customer Request Management System and for the committee to continue to log concerns via this process.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Website to be added as an agenda next meeting</p>	<p>Gayle</p> <p>Shane</p>

Action Item				
Date	No.	Action	Responsible	Date Completed
25/05	4	TOR emailed to all members. Any proposed changes to TOR to be emailed through to secretary for collation and presentation at next Quarterly meeting.	All	complete
25/05	6	All members to ensure familiar with the Terms of References and understand the roles and responsibilities of committee members, including the minutes with the actions being made public	Niki	complete
25/05	6	Committee members to seek clarification if required by contacting Chair or Secretary	All	Ongoing
25/05	6	Minutes of meeting will capture proposed actions and once endorsed will be presented to Council at the next available Ordinary Meeting in line with Clause 8 of the Terms of Reference. Councillor Bilney will update members of any outcomes.	Niki/ Clr Bilney	Ongoing
25/05	6	Sub-committee to be formed and meet monthly outside of the formal quarterly meeting	Sub Committee	As required
25/05	7	Schedule site visit for Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 7am. Atherton Trail head to Walkamin.	All	complete
25/05	7	Subcommittee to do Audit of track and report Back in next meeting - Update to be provided by Gayle & Mike as custodians of the Audit process	Sub committee Gayle/Mike	
25/05	8	Graham To review Atherton Tablelands Management Plan and share feedback by next monthly meeting	Graham	
25/05	8	Councillor Wilce to seek advice from Traffic Advisory Committee and report back to committee on PCNP	Clr Wilce	complete
25/05	8	Gayle to provide list to Shane of all items removed from rail trail.	Gayle / Shane	Not required
25/05	8	Follow up with Gayle in 2 weeks re SPOIL disposal progress	Shane / Gayle	complete
25/05	8	Graham to research term of lease before site visit	Graham	complete
30/08	5	All committee members in agreeance that option one, no expansion of property development' should take place as the preferred option. Mark Vis to complete a stakeholder consultation draft and provide to Clr Bilney and Clr Wilce to ensure summarises appropriately the committee requests.	Mark / Clr Bilney	complete
30/08	8	Website to be added as an agenda next meeting	Chair	

<b>Next Meeting</b>	29th November 2023 (Quarterly)
<b>Meeting Close</b>	4:40pm