



Rail Trail Advisory Committee

Agenda

29 November 2023

Date	Wednesday, 29 November 2023 3:pm – 4:30pm
Place	Disaster Coordination Centre, Vernon St, Atherton

Attendance			
Name	Role	Present	Apologies
Councillor Dave Bilney	Chair	√	
Councillor Bernie Wilce	Member	√	
Shane Savich (teams)	Manager Strategic Assets – TRC Advisor	√	
Annette Reghenzani	Executive Assistant (RTAC Admin Support)	√	
Peter Tuck	Voting Member	√	
Kathy Kilpatrick	Voting Member	√	
Ruth Zee	Voting Member	√	
Gayle Sticher	Voting Member	√	
Peter Blakey	Voting Member	√	
Ray Francis	Voting Member	√	
Craig England	TMR Representative (Asset Custodian) – Voting Member	√	
David Gleadow	TMR	√	
Leah Stevenson	Voting Member	√	
Tim Treahearn	Guest	√	
Traditional Owners	Guest		
Mareeba Shire Committee Member	Guest		
Willem de Raadt	Member		
Graham Jensen	Voting Member		
Michael Lee	Voting Member		A
Rex Hutchison	Voting Member		A
Doris Cooper	Member		A

	<p>is an asset which comes under TMR, street furniture signage is our asset. Dave B to report back to next meeting on meaning of priority infrastructure and how this effects the Rail Trail. See above comments.</p>	
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TIE Report to Council 23/11/23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Craig E advised agreements will need to be entered into with property owners prior to moving infrastructure, leases will then be put in place, there is further work to be done by Council prior to TMR taking action. Timeframes and checkpoints to be put in place. ○ Further discussion relating to width, it was advised that approximately two thirds will hit the 15meter mark and one third will be effected, so there will be some encroachment into the rail trail. ○ This area will also require rezoning and is impact accessible for change of use - community can object and outcomes from this will be assessed. ○ Cr Wilce advised discussion with business owners, they all have to agree to go ahead with the expansion it will be all or nothing, a long way to go yet ○ TMR has suggested possible subleases could be in place in 2025, depending on Council's outcomes. 	
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options for Priors Creek Crossing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ discussion on way forward for funding opportunities, Information forwarded to Council with applications closing 15 December 2023. The best way forward would be to ask for an option analysis which would be 100% funded. Once we move to the design stage it then becomes 50/50%. Gayle S enquired who would prepare the application. Shane S to discuss with TRC Grants Officer and submit by due date. Gayle S advised she is available to assist with this application. <p>This committee has moved a motion to Council to:</p> <p><i>"TRC to make application for grant to TMR to undertake an option analysis by 15 December for the crossing of Priors Creek through the Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program"</i></p> <p>Moved: Peter Blakey Seconded Ray Francis</p>	Shane S
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TMR confirm they are the owners of the existing timber rail trail bridges and advised they are moving away from timber bridges due to costs. Gayle S and Cr Bilney to obtain further information from other Councils in relation to what they have done in their Shire ie certified drawings of bridges. TMR do not need to review drawings. Peter T has provided the Specs for Bridges remediated in Mareeba Shire 	Peter T
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TMR Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Craig E advised quotes accepted for scope of works to join the rail trail from Mareeba Airport and Walkamin. This work should be carried out in the first quarter and is tied in with the overtaking lane project. (dependent on weather) ○ TMR request this group plan an event once the work has been completed. All in agreeance to make this happen. ○ Funding approved for the Atherton Herberton Heritage Railway upgrade from Platypus park to Hastie Road ○ Termite treatment has now been completed on all timber bridges ○ Peter B raised concerns with some of the surfaces along the rail Trail. Due to the different surfaces it would be too hard to have the same surface for the entire rail trail. ○ This group advised there is no name for the rail trail group in Mareeba. Shane S and Cr Bilney to contact MSC to come together in promoting the whole of the Tablelands Rail Trails. Cr Bilney requests nominations for suggested names be emailed to him prior to 7 December 2023 prior to 	All

	<p>meeting with Mareeba. ie 'Tableland Rail Trail', 'FNQ Rail Trail', 'Great Northern Rail Trail'. Email sent to Committee 30/11/23 seeking possible names for the RT. Will forward another Email 7/12/23 to Committee all names suggested and endorse a preference.</p>	
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride To Work Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ start conversation to organise next year event - not until 15 October 2024 - defer to next quarterly meeting 	
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail Trail Re-Sheet 23/24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee suggested use of this Capital Budget (\$25k for 23/24) to improve the trail at the Rocky Creek Bridge area. Shane S advised that the re-sheet program scope is renewal of existing track not upgrades for certain area. An onsite meeting has been requested to discuss what could be done to improve this section of trail as it is very steep and people normally walk this section as it is to dangerous to ride. A meeting invite has been forwarded to members for 7 December at 1pm, meeting onsite at Rex Road 	All
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollution from Carwash <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ release of water from Carwash over the Rail Trail. Bernie to investigate and report back to Committee ○ Cr Wilce and Shane S to discuss water usage and report back to committee ○ TRC Environmental Officer advised the suds used are biodegradable and within the limit that is acceptable. 	Shane S/Cr Wilce
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail Trail expansion at Walkamin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ upgrades being undertaken refer comments Agenda Item 11 	
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ergon Encroachment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Email sent to TRC for investigation ○ GMIE advised this is historical prior to rail trail being established. No further action required by this committee 	
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-Lease over Rail Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ discussion about Council's financial position as Sub-Lessee over Rail Trail. ○ Committee fully understand sub-lease to TRC - no further action required by this committee 	
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail Trail Awareness Campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion on how to promote and advertise the Rail Trail for the north (Facebook) - TRC website requires further work, TRC Strategic Communications Officer would like to know the aims and goals of this group to implement changes. Craig E suggested to investigate the Rail Trails Australia website and make ours a one stop shop. Also check out the Central Western Bicycle Trail website for ideas. Further discussions required. ○ The Cycle Strategy is soon to be released. Further discussion required. In addition to the Cycle Strategy, need to also work with the Atherton Forrest Mountain Bike Committee to ensure we are all working collectively together to achieve maximum benefit for the community. 	
19	<p>General Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of reference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Informal meetings are not reflected in the current Terms of Reference. ○ This committee raises a motion to make an amendment to the Terms of Reference wording and present this amendment to Council in the quarterly report. <p>Amendment to Section 7. Meetings</p>	Cr Bilney

20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current wording, "Meetings will be held every three months at a time and location that suits members." <i>Amended wording, "Meetings will be held at least once every three months at a time and location that suits members with a report to Council every three months."</i> <p>Moved Peter Blakey Seconded Ruth Zee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priors Creek Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further questions raised in relation to a possible detour once the Priors Creek project commences. Cr Bilney to take on notice. Email update sent to Committee Members 30/11/23- Minimal impact on Stage 1 mainly water and sewerage upgrades. Later stages involve Landscaping which may impact. Will keep Committee updated as process/stages unfold. Committee members wanted to know how the approved funded for this project was going to be spent. Cr Wilce advised stage one, ring road and associated infrastructure, pump track with the intent to attracting events. Cr Wilce to investigate further and report back to next meeting. Email sent to Committee 30/11/23 explaining that \$1.2M applied to 3m wide pathway the length of the Priors Creek corridor and \$375k allocation for Bridge over Priors Creek. No further action required. Gayle S requested clarification of how PCN funding was obtained for a section of Priors Creek. This was lobbied at a State level with 50/50 contribution. Email sent to Committee 30/11/23 explaining how PCN funding was achieved. No further action required. 	
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calendar invites to be set up for meetings next year 	AR
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Informal Meeting 20 December 2023 - 3 - 4.30 Atherton Boardroom 	

Action Item				
Date	No.	Action	Responsible	Date Completed
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	8	Graham To review Atherton Tablelands Management Plan and share feedback by next monthly meeting	Graham	
30/08	8	Website to be added as an agenda next meeting	Chair	Complete
29/11/23	6	Meeting between Shane S and Peter T to discuss management, Shane S will then relay to Parks and Gardens section.	Shane S & Peter T	

29/11/23	9	Application for funding to TMR by 15 December 2023 for Options Analysis - Priors Creek Crossing	SS/GS	
29/11/23	11	Organise event once completion of joining the rail trail from Mareeba to Walkamin section (2024)	All	
29/11/23	11	Suggested naming of the Rail Trail that includes whole of trail for Tablelands	All	
29/11/23	13	On site meeting Rex Road Rocky Creek organised to discuss upgrade of steep bank - 7 December 1.pm	All	
29/11/23	14	Cr Wilce and Shane S to discuss water usage for Car Wash and report back to committee	Cr Wilce/Shane S	
29/11/23	18	Promotion of Rail Trail Awareness campaign	All	
29/11/23	19	Terms of Reference - notice of motion to Council to amend wording	Cr Bilney	
Next Meeting		TBA		
Meeting close		4.38 pm		

Unconfirmed