

FNQ RRTG Technical Committee Agenda

Meeting Details

Meeting No	144
Meeting Name	FNQ RRTG Technical Committee Meeting
Date	24 April 2026
Time	10:00am
Venue	Committee Room, Level 3, Cairns Regional Council

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Agenda

1.	Welcome and introductions.	A Hancock
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Actions arising from Meeting No. 143 – 29 January 2026

Item	Action	Responsible Party	Status
135.2	Councils to provide Shepherds with details of their finance staff to be set up in the new PMT.	Croydon SC & WWASC	Complete
138.7	<p>Amanda to gather existing council data on annual maintenance costs for gravel roads, reseals and curb and channel etc with a view to determining pre-agreed figures for input into the Program Management Tool. Email dated 25 March 2025 circulated requesting information regarding council's annual maintenance costs and sent again on 29 April 2025. Travis Mitchell to review and provide some suggested figures to the RRTG TC to consider.</p> <p>Update 14.12.25: Amanda advised that it appears that the information entered in the Base Case and the Project Case section of the BCA does not impact the score. Amanda to investigate further with Shepherd Services and advise. In the meantime, Travis advised that he is in the process of gathering data to provide some suggested guidance around this action.</p> <p>Update 29.01.26 - Query raised with Shepherds by email on 17 December – currently awaiting a response</p>	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Outstanding. See Item 6
140.4	<p>Travis Mitchell to share overview of CRC crumb rubber trials with the RRTG TC.</p> <p>Update 14.12.25: Travis advised that he had not yet had the opportunity to go to site to take photographs etc but does plan to do so. Amanda advised that there was a section in the Road Treatment Good Practice Guide that provides guidance on the use of crumb rubber which would form the basis of further discussion.</p> <p>Update: Email circulated on 2 December 2025 from Bhakti Devi, FNQROC Regional Waste Management Plan Coordinator with a brief survey exploring the use of recycled materials. Councils encouraged to respond if they have not already done so.</p>	All Councils	Rescinded See Item 7

142.4	Councils to provide Phil Hunt, Road Engineering Services with the length and total area of their asphalt and bitumen road network if they have not already done so. Update 29.01.26: Road information provided by DSC, MSC, TRC and YASC to date. Draft guide provided by Phil Hunt from Road Engineering Services and at the last meeting Travis Mitchell, CRC and Khubaib Khan, CSC agreed to work with Phil to finalise the report. CRC trialling the document and CSC to review and consider doing likewise. Meeting with Phil Hunt scheduled for 18 March. Project must be completed by the EOFY to ensure SCDF funding.	All Councils	Ongoing. See Item 7
142.6	Jarrold Hellmuth, LGAQ to share copies of LGAQ's to the RIA to reduce the open road default limit and National Road Safety Strategy.	Jarrold Hellmuth, LGAQ	Outstanding
143.1	Amanda to liaise with Shepherds to develop the PMT to remove State projects from 10% limit calculations where limits do not apply.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete
143.2	Amanda to liaise with Shepherds to develop the PMT to remove projects on Indigenous Significant Local Roads (SLRs) from the 20% non-LRRS limit.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete
143.3	Councils to review their LRRS network and identify new projects suitable for inclusion in the 28/29 and 29/30 indicative programs	All Councils	Ongoing
143.4	Seek RRTG endorsement of the updated 2025/26 – 2027 works program.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Rescinded
143.5	Seek RRTG endorsement of the proposed Banked Projects for 25/26 and 26/27.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Rescinded
143.6	Amanda to circulate the draft updated FNQ RRTG Program Development and Management Process for councils to review. Councils to review and confirm their agreement or otherwise to Amanda.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC & All Councils	Outstanding
143.7	Mareeba Shire Council to provide information regarding community development since 2008 to support its application for Oak Forest Road to be reinstated as a LRRS road.	Kael Whitnell, MSC	Complete
143.8	RRTG TC to recommend to the RRTG Oak Forest Road and Tinaroo Creek Road for inclusion in the LRRS network.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete
143.9	Amanda to investigate Bridge Inspection training options and associated SCDF application.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete
143.10	John Gillespie, TMR to investigate previous State funded LG asset data collection arrangements and the potential for reinstatement.	John Gillespie, TMR	Complete

Actions arising from Program Workshop – 24 February 2026

Item	Action	Responsible Party	Status
1.	Seek RRTG endorsement of the updated 25/26 – 27/28 program at the RRTG meeting on Thursday 5 March 2026.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete
2.	Seek RRTG endorsement of the proposed Banked Projects for 25/26 and 26/27	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete
3.	Submit SCDF applications for Level 1 & Level 2 Bridge Inspection Training and Procurement & Contract Management Training.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete
4.	RRTG TC meeting scheduled for 13 March 2026 to be cancelled.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete

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Actions arising from RRTG – 5 March 2026

Action Item No.	ACTION	Responsible Person(s)
530	RRTG TC to progress advocacy for State funding for Asset Condition Assessments on Local Government LRRS roads.	Ms Hancock, FNQROC
541.1	RRTG Coordinator to circulate link to the current Regional Road Investment Strategy.	Ms Hancock, FNQROC
547	TMR to advise if the business case for the McLeod River Bridge can be shared with Cook Shire Council.	Ms Dutton, TMR

5.	Program 5.1 New Projects 5.2 Existing projects 5.3 2028-29 and 2029-30 5.4 Banked Projects	All
6.	FNQ RRTG – Program Development & Management Process	All
7.	Road Treatment Study	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC
8.	Capability Agreement & Action Plan	All

9.	Regional Road Investment Strategy	All
10.	TMR State Network Assessment	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC
11.	TMR RAPT Update	Kirstin Knight, Local Government Partnerships, TMR
12.	TMR – Local District Office Update	John Gillespie, Far North District, TMR
13.	LGAQ Update	Jarrold Hellmuth, LGAQ
14.	LGAQ Roads & Transport Advisory Group Update	Jarrold Hellmuth, LGAQ
15.	Technical Tour 2026	All
16.	Points for noting to the FNQ RRTG or FNQROC Boards	All
17.	Other Business	All
18.	Next Meeting Date	All

FNQ RRTG Technical Committee

Minutes

Meeting No	143
Meeting Name	FNQ RRTG Technical Committee Meeting
Date	29 January 2026
Time	10:00am
Venue	McKenzie Room, Level 2, Cairns Regional Council, Spence Street, Cairns

Representatives

Name	Organisation
Travis Mitchell	Cairns Regional Council
Khubaib Khan (Chair)	Cook Shire Council
George Coxhead <i>via teleconference</i>	Croydon Shire Council
Raju Ranjit <i>via teleconference</i>	Etheridge Shire Council
Kaer Whitnell	Mareeba Shire Council
Nick Lennon <i>via teleconference</i>	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Michael Geoghegan <i>via teleconference</i>	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
John Gillespie	DTMR – Indigenous & LG Relations, Far North District
Amanda Hancock	Technical Coordinator, FNQROC

Observers

Name	Organisation
Kirston Knight	DTMR (RAPT)
Jarrold Hellmuth	LGAQ

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Luke McAvoy	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Kiani Berzinski	Douglas Shire Council

David Fletcher	Tablelands Regional Council
Sam Bann	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

1. Welcome and introduction.

2. Apologies

Apologies noted.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

3.1. Meeting No. 142 held 14 November 2025

3.2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes 14 November 2025

Item	Action	Responsible Party	Status
135.2	Councils to provide Shepherds with details of their finance staff to be set up in the new PMT.	Croydon SC, ESC, WWASC & YASC	Croydon SC, ESC & WWASC Outstanding
Raju advised that he had previously submitted details for Etheridge Shire Council. Amanda to check.			
137.1	Seek RRTG endorsement of a change to the FNQ RRTG Works Program – Development and Management Process regarding increased project cost. Remove the requirement for projects with increased project costs of more than 10% to be removed and resubmitted for prioritisation. If agreed, the FNQ RRTG Works Program – Development and Management Process to be updated by FNQROC to reflect the change. Update: Change was endorsed by the RRTG at meeting number 83 on 6 February 2025. The document will be updated once further changes have been finalised.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete See Item 5
138.2	Endorsement of the amended wording to the Program Guidelines regarding State-controlled roads to be sought from the RRTG at their meeting on 2 December 2025.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete See Item 5
138.7	Amanda to gather existing council data on annual maintenance costs for gravel roads, reseals and curb and channel etc with a view to determining pre-agreed figures for input into the Program Management Tool. Email dated 25 March 2025 circulated requesting information regarding council's annual maintenance costs and sent again on 29 April 2025. Travis Mitchell to review and provide some suggested figures to the RRTG TC to consider. Update: Amanda advised that it appears that the information entered in the Base Case and the Project Case section of the BCA does not impact the score. Amanda to investigate further with Shepherd Services and advise. In the meantime, Travis advised that he is in	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	In progress

	the process of gathering data to provide some suggested guidance around this action.		
Query raised with Shepherds by email on 17 December – currently awaiting a response			
138.10	Endorsement of the updated constitution to be sought from the RRTG at their meeting on 2 December 2025. ESC logo to be added to the title page.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete
140.4	Travis Mitchell to share overview of CRC crumb rubber trials with the RRTG TC. Update: Travis advised that he had not yet had the opportunity to go to site to take photographs etc but does plan to do so. Amanda advised that there was a section in the Road Treatment Good Practice Guide that provides guidance on the use of crumb rubber which would form the basis of further discussion.	Travis Mitchell, CRC	In progress
Email circulated on 2 December 2025 from Bhakti Devi, FNQROC Regional Waste Management Plan Coordinator with a brief survey exploring the use of recycled materials. Councils encouraged to respond if they have not already done so.			
140.5	Amanda to review the current Capability Agreement & Action Plan and send to councils for input.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete See Item 7
141.6	TMR and CRC to develop a collaborative communications approach regarding decisions in managing roads that impact both the state and local network regardless of road ownership.	CRC & TMR	Ongoing
142.1	Amanda to speak to Shepherd Services about the potential to add a section in the PMT for non-road projects. Section to potentially include pedestrian counts as opposed to vehicular counts and which can be discounted for the 20% LRRS calculation.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	In progress
142.2	Seek endorsement by the RRTG of the updated 2025/26 – 2027/28 works program.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete
142.3	Amanda to notify Phil Hunt of Road Engineering Services that Travis Mitchell, CRC and Khubaib Khan, CSC nominated to work with him to finalise the recommended Road Treatment Study – Good Practice Guide.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete
142.4	Councils to provide Phil Hunt, Road Engineering Services with the length and total area of their asphalt and bitumen road network if they have not already done so.	All Councils	Outstanding
Road information provided by DSC, MSC, TRC and YASC to date. Draft guide provided by Phil Hunt from Road Engineering Services and at the last meeting Travis Mitchell, CRC and Khubaib Khan, CSC agreed to work with Phil to finalise the report. It was difficult to find a time to meet to discuss further so this was delayed until the New Year when everyone is back in the office. CRC trialling the document and CSC to review and consider doing			

likewise. Meeting with Phil Hunt scheduled for 18 March. Project must be completed by the EOFY to ensure SCDF funding.			
142.5	State funding for asset condition assessments on Local Government LRRS roads to be raised with the RRTG to potentially progress advocacy.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	In progress See Item 9
142.6	Jarrold Hellmuth, LGAQ to share copies of LGAQ's to the RIA to reduce the open road default limit and National Road Safety Strategy.	Jarrold Hellmuth, LGAQ	Outstanding
142.7	Amanda to circulate previous criterion used to determine LRRS roads together with reason why Oak Forest Road was previously removed from the LRRS register.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC	Complete
142.8	RRTG TC to consider SOIs submitted by MSC ready for discussion at the next RRTG TC.	RRTG TC	See Item 6

4. Program

4.1. New Projects

Only new projects are currently as follows:

Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

Status both 'Awaiting Approval by Council Officer'

Douglas Street & Kotzur Street, Heorloin Street & Kotzur Street – Upgrade 2 major intersections

Yalani & Douglas Street, Hartwig & Keim Street etc. – Improved safety with line makings and crossings at carious roads.

Amanda advised that these projects have been queried with Wujal Wujal who are currently reviewing to see if they need to be amended, submitted or withdrawn. They will also be advising their intent regarding using their \$45,016 standard allocation.

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

Project ID 570 - Rex Range Lookout and Overtaking/pullover area – Detailed design – State-controlled Road. TMR have recently indicated their support for this project so Yarrabah will use their \$72,610 allocation for this project.

4.2. 2025/26 Changes to the Program

Funding was released and reallocated according to the TIDS Program & Management Guidelines and Priority Ranking.

Cairns Regional Council

ID287 – Abbott Street – LRRS - Renew 70m length of footpath, full width at frontages 54-62 to current CBD standards. Additional funding of \$84,156 allocated as funding available.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

ID305 – Mundoo Road – LRRS – Replace single lane bridge with 2 lane concrete bridge including approach works. Considering increased costs since the project was initially admitted to the program, council wishes to defer the project and will resubmit later with a significantly revised scope.

\$20,000 already claimed in 24/25 for design costs. \$527,042 released for reallocation in 25/26 and \$682,958 released for reallocation in 26/27.

TMR to confirm if Cassowary Coast are required to reimburse the \$20,000 in TIDS funding claimed in 24/25 for design costs.

Cook Shire Council

ID494 – Charles Street – Non-LRRS – Form and seal road shoulders, reseal road, install new kerb and channel, realign and construct new footpath and line marking. Project costs reduced by \$100,000. \$50,000 released for reallocation in 25/26.

Mareeba Shire Council

ID236 – Walsh Street – Non-LRRS – Existing Alignment Road Upgrade. Funding of \$84,559 allocated as maximum available in 25/26 for non-LRRS projects.

ID254 – Leadingham Creek Road – LRRS – Widen and seal – CH 8.04 to 11.48 including the upgrade of a minor culvert as Sandy Creek. Due to reimbursement requirements for TIDS/SLRIP/MSD split, some TIDS funds will not be capable of being expended in 25/26. \$142,289 released for reallocation in 25/26 with a request for funds to be allocated in 26/27 if available.

Tablelands Regional Council

ID484 – Danbulla Forest Drive – LRRS – Gravel resheet. Funding of \$76,524 allocated as funding available and project previously identified as a potential banked project as will be completed in 25/26.

ID486 – Silver Valley Road – LRRS - Replacement of bridge on Silver Valley Road. Funding of \$292,780 allocated as available and project capable of being completed by the EOFY.

ID488 – Tully Falls Road – LRRS – Gravel resheet. Funding of \$160,000 allocated as funding available and project previously identified as a potential banked project as will be completed in 25/26.

ID490 – Tully Falls Road – LRRS – Gravel resheet. Funding of \$21,312 allocated as funding available and project previously identified as a potential banked project as will be completed in 25/26.

4.3. 2026/27 Changes to Program

Cairns Regional Council

ID273 – Lake Street – LRRS – Lighting upgrade – Category V3 along Lake Street from Charles Street to Upward Street. Funding of \$50,669 allocated as maximum amount available in 26/27.

Mareeba Shire Council

ID254 – Leadingham Creek Road – LRSS – Widen and seal – CH8.04 to 11.48 including the upgrade of a minor culvert at Sandy Creek. Funding of \$142,289 allocated as available in 26/27

ID578 – Leadingham Creek Road – LRRS – Widen and seal – CH1.65 (Mareeba-Dimbulah Road intersection) to CH 8.04. Project costs increased by \$980,000 in 26/27 which was agreed following discussion. The project was previously scoped some time ago as individual projects with increased costs due to rising construction costs and the cost of materials. Funding of \$490,000 allocated as funding available in 26/27.

4.4. 2028/29

Unfunded projects were reviewed with a view to developing an agreed indicative program.

Cook Shire Council

ID458 – Finch Bay Road – Non-LRRS – Upgrade to seal including drainage. Road requires maintenance yearly to repair damage from rainfall and localised flooding. Indicative funding of \$375,000 allocated in 28/29 as available.

Douglas Shire Council

ID584 – Mossman-Daintree Road & Newell Road – LRRS – State controlled road. Construct a shared path on a Priority A route on the PCN from North Mossman to Newell Beach. Indicative funding of \$865,000 allocated in 28/29 as available. Not subject to State 10% limit as per recent change to guidelines – road subject to cost sharing agreement.

ACTION ITEM 143.1 Amanda to liaise with Shepherds to develop the PMT to remove state projects from 10% limit calculations where limits do not apply.

Mareeba Shire Council

ID405 – Oak Forest Road - currently non-LRRS (although SOI currently under consideration) – Bridge Works. Indicative funding of \$841,512 allocated in 28/29 as currently that maximum non-LRRS amount of funding available.

ID574 – Leadingham Creek Road – LRRS – widen and seal from Mareeba-Dimbulah Road intersection Ch 0 to Leadingham/Delacy Road Intersection Ch 1.65. Funding of \$25,000 allocated for design in 28/29 as available.

ID576 - Springmount Road - LRRS – Replacement of existing RBC crossing located on MSC/TRC cost agreement still to be reached. Indicative funding of \$1m allocated in 28/29 as available.

ID582 – Springmount Road – LRRS – Ch 19.2 Intersection upgrade as intersection with Chettle Road. Indicative funding of \$50,000 for design allocated as available.

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

ID413 – Gribble Street – SLR (Significant Local Road) – Roadworks – New Alignment. Bitumen seal of remaining 200m of roadway from CH 650 to CH 850 (intersect with Pine Crescent). Funding of \$200,000 allocated on 28/29 as available. As the project is on a SLR, it should be excluded for the purpose of the 20% non-LRRS limit.

ACTION ITEM 143.2 Amanda to liaise with Shepherds to develop the PMT to remove projects on Indigenous Significant Local Roads (SLRs) from the 20% non-LRRS limit.

- It was noted that the remaining projects in the TIDS program requiring funding were either non-LRRS projects and therefore ineligible to receive funding in 28/29 as the maximum amount has already been allocated or were relatively low scoring projects – 5% or less.
- It was suggested that as only indicative programs for 28/29 and 29/30 programs were required by the EOFY, it would be beneficial for councils to review the projects in the program against the LRRS network and identify LRRS road projects for nomination which will be reviewed at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM 143.3 Councils to review their LRRS network and identify new projects suitable for inclusion in the 28/29 and 29/30 indicative programs

ACTION ITEM 143.4 Seek RRTG endorsement of the updated 2025/26 – 2027 works program.

4.5. Banked Projects

Banked projects are those projects which have been identified as being suitable to receive funding in the event of underspend of the current year's allocation before the end of the financial year. They must be endorsed by the RRTG.

The following projects have previously been identified as potential 'Banked projects.

2025/26

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

ID327 – Wall Road – Non-LRRS – Replace 3/600 RCPs. \$48,500 TIDS required. Priority score 5%.

ID353 – Warrunullen Road – Non-LRRS – Replace 1/900 RRJ RCP. \$12,500 TIDS required. Priority score 5%.

Tablelands Regional Council

ID484 – Danbulla Forest Drive – LRRS - Gravel Resheet on Danbulla Road between Ch3.8 – Ch 15.9. – Project currently has \$76,524 of funding allocated but an additional \$349,376 TIDS required. Priority score 14%.

Douglas Shire Council

ID589 – Avalon Street – LRRS - Renew the Cape Tribulation boardwalk to the beach. \$300,000 TIDS required. Priority score 10%.

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

ID418 – Museum Road – SLR – Realignment of road and construction of 67 sealed car parks and 2m footpath to connect to TMRs existing Principal Cycle Network. \$230,159 TIDWS required. Priority score 10%.

2026/27

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

ID556 – Butler Street – LRRS – Design & construct of intersection upgrade and asphalt overlay at the intersection and Still Street. \$185,000 TIDS required. Priority score 24%.

ID 291 – North Davidson Road – Non-LRRS – Replace 1050RCP Pipe like for like. \$22,500 TIDS required. Priority score 5%.

ID334 – North Davidson Road – Non-LRRS – Replace 3/750 RCPs. \$130,000 TIDS required. Priority score 5%.

ID344 – Pullom Road – Non-LRRS – Replace 2/750 RRJ RCPs. \$13,500 TIDS required. Priority score 5%.

ACTION ITEM 143.5 Seek RRTG endorsement of the proposed Banked Projects for 25/26 and 26/2

5. FNQ RRTG – Program Development and Management Process

- Amanda advised that she had updated the Program Guidelines to reflect recent changes endorsed by the RRTG including removal of the 10% project increase rule and amendment to the 10% limit on State-controlled roads along with some other amendments to reflect Program Management Process following the adoption of the new Program Management Tool (PMT).
- The proposed changes to the document were discussed with the updated document to be circulated following the meeting. Council officers to confirm their agreement or otherwise to the proposed amendments and once the final document agreed, RRTG endorsement of the updated document will need to be sought.

ACTION ITEM 143.6 Amanda to circulate the draft updated FNQ RRTG Program Development and Management Process for councils to review. Councils to review and confirm their agreement or otherwise to Amanda.

A copy of the draft revised FNQ RRTG Program Development & Management Process circulated with the minutes.

6. Proposed Additional LRRS Roads

- At the last meeting Mareeba Shire Council proposed 3 new LRRS roads –
 - Tinaroo Creek Road
 - Ray Road
 - Oak Forest Road
- The SOIs were previously circulated together with a summary of the RTA Operational Guidelines regarding the determination of LRRS roads and the previous criterion used by the FNQ RRTG to determine LRRS roads.
- Mareeba Shire Council confirmed they wished to withdraw the nomination for Ray Road but were keen to pursue Tinaroo Creek Road and Oak Forest Road
- Oak Forest Road was previously a LRRS road but was removed in 2008 as part of a broader review. The rationale for its removal is not entirely clear. It is a continuation of Myola Road which is already a LRRS road.
- It was agreed that Oak Forest Road should be recommended for inclusion on the LRRS register but Mareeba Shire Council were asked to provide further information regarding the development of the community since 2008 which would further support the proposal.

ACTION ITEM 143.7 Mareeba Shire Council to provide information regarding community development since 2008 to support its application for Oak Forest Road to be reinstated as a LRRS road.

- It was also agreed that Tinaroo Creek Road should be recommended as a LRRS road given its proximity to significant industry, recent approved development and connectivity to Tablelands.
- Kael advised if the recommendation is agreed by the RRTG, project ID264 could potentially be a banked project for 25/26.
- The project value is \$2m and they have secured \$1,335,000 in HVSP leaving a shortfall of \$665,000, so potentially \$332,500 in TIDS funding could be expended.

ACTION ITEM 143.8 RRTG TC to recommend to the RRTG Oak Forest Road and Tinaroo Creek Road for inclusion in the LRRS network.

- Amanda advised that SOIs for all existing LRRS roads have now been added to the PMT.
- Emails sent to individual councils where SOIs do not match current LRRS spreadsheet or SOIs are missing which should be actioned if they haven't already been.

7. Capability Agreement & Action Plan

The current Capability Agreement & Action Plan needs to be updated and was circulated to the RRTG TC by email on 16 December 2025 with Amanda's comments.

Asset Management

- Bridge Inspections
 - Level 1 and Level 2 training identified by Douglas Shire Council as a need and an email was first circulated seeking nominations from any other interested councils and again on 15 December 2025.
 - So far nominations only received from Douglas Shire Council who have nominated 10 attendees and Mareeba Shire Council have nominated 1 or 2 attendees for Level 2 training and some inspections to potentially schedule at the same time.
 - Cairns Regional Council have confirmed they have no nominations.

- Bridge inspection training has previously been raised as a need in 2024 by both Croydon Shire Council and Etheridge Shire Council
- Etheridge Shire Council confirm they require Level 2 training and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council confirm they would also nominate 2 attendees.
- Kael advised he had recently received an email from IPWEAQ regarding bridge inspection training which he will forward on.

ACTION ITEM 143.9 Amanda to investigate Bridge Inspection training options and associated SCDF application.

- No other asset management training was considered a priority.

Program Development & Joint Purchase & Resource Sharing

- Current Plan just needs to be updated to reflect current arrangements.

Safety

- It was agreed that a LRRS Condition and Safety Assessment Study would be of benefit together with LRRS Traffic Counts – links to Item 9 TMR State Network Assessment.
- This will also assist with identification of suitable LRRS projects for inclusion in the TIDS program.

8. Regional Road Investment Strategy (RRIS)

- The Regional Road Investment Strategy was developed in 2020.
- It was developed by Jacobs and intended to be a 20-year planning document which included the prioritisation of our region's roads based on:
 - Tourism Network
 - Heavy Vehicle Network
 - First & Last Mile Network
- The document includes
 - 3 x Technical Reports for each network
 - 1 x Advocacy document
 - 1 x Implementation plan detailing priority list of SCR and LG Structural Deficiencies (CAPEX Needs) and SCR and LG Fatigue deficiencies (Routine Maintenance Expenditure Needs)
 - Detailed mapping
- The report identified \$921m required over 20 years, with \$560m immediate deficiencies
- The documents have been used to support advocacy in the region and any roads listed on the RRIS automatically receive 10% score in the PMT for TIDS projects.
- State roads were included but TMR were not involved in the development of the strategy.
- Updating the strategy was discussed – suggest we seek 50% SCDF funding and FNQROC contribute remaining 50%.
- The original report was \$330K but we would expect to pay half this is much of the groundwork and methodology will remain as is.
- To be included in the forthcoming advocacy to the Minister that TMR are involved and actively support – a network approach is necessary.
- RRTG TC agreed a recommendation to the RRTG that the RRIS be updated which the RRTG TC agreed.

ACTION ITEM 143.9 RRTG TC to recommend to the RRTG that the Regional Road investment Strategy be updated with funding sought from the SCDF in the first instance with co-contribution from FNQROC reserves.

9. TMR State Network Assessment

- The RRTG TCs recommendation from the last meeting that we advocate for State funding for asset condition assessments on Local Government LRRS roads was supported by the RRTG at their last meeting. The RRTG agreed that the advocacy should be progressed by the RRTG TC.

- At the recent LGAQ Conference there was a half day road component, and the CEO for the National Transport Research Organisation (NTRO) presented on several initiatives including iPAVE (Intelligent Pavement assessment Vehicle).
- iPAVE assesses TMRs State Network annually and NTRO are keen to see this assessment being from on Local Government LRRS roads at the same time, ideally at no cost to councils.
- Historically the State has previously funded asset data collection through SCDF i.e. NetRisk 2009, 2010, 2011,2012
- John Gillespie to investigate in the first instance reasons why this arrangement ceased and provide an update.

ACTION ITEM 143.10 John Gillespie, TMR to investigate previous State funded LG asset data collection arrangements and the potential for reinstatement.

10. TMR RAPT Update, LG Partnerships, TMR

Roads and Transport Alliance TIDS

- Statewide TIDS expenditure is at 37% (as at end of December 2025). Far North Queensland RRTGs TIDS expenditure as at 31 December 2025 was 14%.
- The third quarter expenditure reports for 2025-26 will be issued in early April.
- As a priority, we ask all Tech Coordinators and RRTG TCs to revise their programs 2026-27 works program accordingly and advise your TMR district by the end of February 2026 to align with QTRIP development and publication timeframes. Changes to years post 2026-27 should be submitted to TMR before the start of next financial year.

Changes to TIDS funding allocations

- TIDS funding allocations have been adjusted following the 2025 review of local government road length data. The new allocation for Far North Queensland from 1 July 2026 is \$6,076,124 (current allocation \$6,082,559).
- An email was sent to RRTG and TC Chairs and Tech Coordinators 25 November 2025 advising the new allocations.

Statewide Capability Development Fund (SCDF)

- Funding is still available for 2025-26, and we encourage you to submit applications as soon as possible. Noting applications close **31 January 2026**, with a mid-year program review to be undertaken in February 2026. Applications received after this date may still be considered but are not guaranteed funding this financial year.

Active Transport Grants Program (ATGP) funding applications

- ATGP purpose is to make walking and bike riding safer, easier, and more accessible.
- Applications opened 8 December 2025, for council projects in 2026–27. Applications close 27 February 2026 with outcomes to be announced June 2026.

11. TMR – Local District Office Update

- John Gillespie advised that TMR will now be issuing new contracts for all projects with LG Level project numbers.
- Councils have had to hold claims pending the issue of new purchase orders under the new LG Level project.
- These should be released in the next week or so.
- Amanda advised that this may partially explain the low expenditure to date for our region versus the State average.

12. LGAQ Update – Jarrod Hellmuth, LGAQ

Department of Primary Industries – Waterway Barrier Works Version 2.0

- The Department of Primary Industries have published the final copy of the accepted development requirements for operational work that is constructing waterway barrier works.
- The Department held a webinar session summarizing the changes to the ADR with stakeholders and following several requests have published a recording of the summary.
- If you have not had chance to familiarize yourself with these changes, it is recommended you watch the summary by DPI as there are several relaxations across various work types intended to support councils.

[Update to Accepted development requirements for constructing or raising waterway barrier works 2.0](#)

Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program Tranche 5

- The Australian Government’s Safer Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) Tranche 5 is currently open for applications.
- SLRIP provides funding to address current or emerging road infrastructure needs across Australia, merging the former Bridges Renewal Program and the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program.
- Projects funded by the program must align with one of more of the following infrastructure priorities
 - Road Safety
 - Productivity improvements (projects which improve efficiency of supply chains, or connect regions, communities and major gateways, growing economies and communities)
 - Bridge renewal
 - Road resilience (projects which improve the resilience of critical road corridors by upgrading existing road assets that are vulnerable to closure or reduced capacity, and upgrading infrastructure to a higher standard to withstand and recover from disasters)
 - Road sustainability (Use of low or zero emissions building materials, innovative design and construction methodologies that minimise environmental impacts)
 - Heavy vehicle rest areas
- Funding of at least \$200 million per year is available, with a maximum Australian Government contribution of \$5 million per project.
- The Australian Government will contribute up to 80% of the total project cost for projects located in regional and remote areas, and up to 50% of the total project cost for projects located in urban areas.
- From the 2021 Remoteness Area (RA) data, councils in the FNQRRTG are classified as either Outer Regional (Cairns), Remote or Very Remote hence eligible for 80% of total project cost funding.
- Applications close on the 30 April 2026. Further information can be found on the SLRIP website [here](#).

Inquiry to the State of Australia’s Aviation Sector

- The LGAQ are continuing to develop a submission to the Federal Government on the State of Australia’s Aviation Sector Inquiry.
- The submission highlights the role local governments play in sustaining Queensland’s regional aviation network, and we thank Far North Queensland councils for their input and contribution to the submission.
- Our submission highlights the distance, climate, and limited transport alternatives that make air access essential in FNQ, with council as the steward of the majority of aviation infrastructure in this region.
- We have outlined how rising regulatory and security costs, limited revenue capacity, infrastructure renewal backlogs, and constrained funding arrangements are placing increasing pressure on councils with direct impacts on airfare affordability, service reliability and the long-term sustainability of the sector.
- We have made a series of recommendations aimed at ensuring a more equitable, risk based and predictable policy and funding settings to support regional aviation into the future.

13. Points for noting to the FNQ RRTG or FNQROC Boards.

The following matters are to be raised with the RRTG:

- 1. Item 143.4 RRTG TC to seek RRTG endorsement of the updated 2025/26 – 2027 works program.**
- 2. Item 143.5 RRTG TC to seek RRTG endorsement of the proposed Banked Projects for 25/26 and 26/27.**
- 3. Item 143.8 RRTG TC to recommend to the RRTG Oak Forest Road and Tinaroo Creek Road for inclusion in the LRRS network.**
- 4. Item 143.9 RRTG TC to recommend to the RRTG that the Regional Road investment Strategy be updated with funding sought via the SCDF in the first instance with co-contribution from FNQROC reserves.**

14. Other Business

- Travis advised that Engineers Australia's Transport Conference 2026, hosted by Transport Australia Society is taking place in Cairns this year on 9 -10 June 2026 and are keen to ensure it has a regional focus.
- Cairns are assisting, and it is likely they will potentially seek input perhaps from neighbouring councils if they haven't already.
- Targeted consultation on the Queensland Guide to Event Traffic Management (QGETM) is shortly due to commence.
- It was suggested that Stephen Dry, Traffic Management Officer at Cairns Regional Council may be best placed provide feedback into the draft document.

15. Next meeting – RRTG 5 March 2026, RRTG TC 24 April 2026

The meeting closed at 2.00pm

ACTION ITEMS OVERLEAF

Actions arising from Meeting 143 – 29 January 2026

Item	Action	Responsible Party
135.2	Councils to provide Shepherds with details of their finance staff to be set up in the new PMT.	Croydon SC & WWASC outstanding
138.7	<p>Amanda to gather existing council data on annual maintenance costs for gravel roads, reseals and curb and channel etc with a view to determining pre-agreed figures for input into the Program Management Tool. Email dated 25 March 2025 circulated requesting information regarding council's annual maintenance costs and sent again on 29 April 2025. Travis Mitchell to review and provide some suggested figures to the RRTG TC to consider.</p> <p>Update 14.12.25: Amanda advised that it appears that the information entered in the Base Case and the Project Case section of the BCA does not impact the score. Amanda to investigate further with Shepherd Services and advise. In the meantime, Travis advised that he is in the process of gathering data to provide some suggested guidance around this action.</p> <p>Update 29.01.26 - Query raised with Shepherds by email on 17 December – currently awaiting a response</p>	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC
140.4	<p>Travis Mitchell to share overview of CRC crumb rubber trials with the RRTG TC.</p> <p>Update 14.12.25: Travis advised that he had not yet had the opportunity to go to site to take photographs etc but does plan to do so. Amanda advised that there was a section in the Road Treatment Good Practice Guide that provides guidance on the use of crumb rubber which would form the basis of further discussion.</p> <p>Update: Email circulated on 2 December 2025 from Bhakti Devi, FNQROC Regional Waste Management Plan Coordinator with a brief survey exploring the use of recycled materials. Councils encouraged to respond if they have not already done so.</p>	All Councils
142.4	<p>Councils to provide Phil Hunt, Road Engineering Services with the length and total area of their asphalt and bitumen road network if they have not already done so.</p> <p>Update 29.01.26: Road information provided by DSC, MSC, TRC and YASC to date. Draft guide provided by Phil Hunt from Road Engineering Services and at the last meeting Travis Mitchell, CRC and Khubaib Khan, CSC agreed to work with Phil to finalise the report. CRC trialling the document and CSC to review and consider doing likewise. Meeting with Phil Hunt scheduled for 18 March. Project must be completed by the EOFY to ensure SCDF funding.</p>	All Councils
142.6	Jarrold Hellmuth, LGAQ to share copies of LGAQ's to the RIA to reduce the open road default limit and National Road Safety Strategy.	Jarrold Hellmuth, LGAQ

143.1	Amanda to liaise with Shepherds to develop the PMT to remove State projects from 10% limit calculations where limits do not apply.	Amanda FNQROC	Hancock,
143.2	Amanda to liaise with Shepherds to develop the PMT to remove projects on Indigenous Significant Local Roads (SLRs) from the 20% non-LRRS limit.	Amanda FNQROC	Hancock,
143.3	Councils to review their LRRS network and identify new projects suitable for inclusion in the 28/29 and 29/30 indicative programs	All Councils	
143.4	Seek RRTG endorsement of the updated 2025/26 – 2027 works program.	Amanda FNQROC	Hancock,
143.5	Seek RRTG endorsement of the proposed Banked Projects for 25/26 and 26/27.	Amanda FNQROC	Hancock,
143.6	Amanda to circulate the draft updated FNQ RRTG Program Development and Management Process for councils to review. Councils to review and confirm their agreement or otherwise to Amanda.	Amanda FNQROC	Hancock, & All Councils
143.7	Mareeba Shire Council to provide information regarding community development since 2008 to support its application for Oak Forest Road to be reinstated as a LRRS road.	Kael Whitnell, MSC	
143.8	RRTG TC to recommend to the RRTG Oak Forest Road and Tinaroo Creek Road for inclusion in the LRRS network.	Amanda FNQROC	Hancock,
143.9	Amanda to investigate Bridge Inspection training options and associated SCDF application.	Amanda FNQROC	Hancock,
143.10	John Gillespie, TMR to investigate previous State funded LG asset data collection arrangements and the potential for reinstatement.	John Gillespie, TMR	

FNQ RRTG Technical Committee

Minutes

Meeting No	FNQ RRTG Technical Committee - Program Workshop
Date	24 February 2026
Time	10:00am
Venue	Online

Representatives

Name	Organisation
Khubaib Khan (Chair)	Cook Shire Council
Luke McAvoy	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
George Coxhead	Croydon Shire Council
Kiani Berzinski	Douglas Shire Council
Alan Clark	Etheridge Shire Council
Kaer Whitnell	Mareeba Shire Council
John Gillespie	DTMR – Indigenous & LG Relations, Far North District
Amanda Hancock	Technical Coordinator, FNQROC

Observers

Name	Organisation
Jill Barry	DTMR (RAPT)

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Travis Mitchell	Cairns Regional Council
David Fletcher	Tablelands Regional Council
Dan Hall	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Sam Bann	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

1. Welcome and introduction.

2. Apologies

Apologies noted.

3. Program

- Amanda advised that the workshop had been arranged to focus on changes to the works program since the last RRTG TC meeting.
- An agreed fixed Works Program for 25/26 (current) plus 26/27 & 27/28 is required order to seek endorsement of the program from the RRTG at their meeting on 5 March 2026 and to send on to TMR to put into QTRIP.

3.1. 2025/26 Changes to the Program

Funding was released and reallocated according to the TIDS Program & Management Guidelines and Priority Ranking.

Tablelands Regional Council

ID484 - Danbulla Forest Drive – LRRS – Gravel Resheet. \$13,051 released for reallocation as final project costs less than anticipated.

ID488 – Tully Falls Road – LRRS – Gravel Resheet. \$97,997 released for reallocation as final project costs less than anticipated.

ID490 – Tully Falls Road – LRRS – Gravel Resheet. \$12,787 released for reallocation as final project costs less than anticipated.

Mareeba Shire Council

ID264 – Tinaroo Creek Road, Ada Creek – Non-LRRS – Roadworks (sealed) – New Alignment. \$123,835 allocated as funding available and highest priority project capable of completion by the EOFY.

3.2. 2026/27 Changes to Program

Overall annual TIDS funding reduced from \$6,082,559 to \$6,076,124 following a review of the data used to calculate the RRTG TIDS allocation – effective 1 July 2026.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

ID331 – Bingil Bay Road – LRRS - Replace culvert. \$40,000 released for reallocation as project no longer proceeding.

ID343 – Tully Gorge Road – LRRS – Replace culvert. \$95,000 released for reallocation as project no longer proceeding.

ID349 – Tully Gorge Road – LRRS – Replace culvert. \$45,000 released for reallocation as project no longer proceeding.

ID556 – Butler Street – LRRS – Design & construct intersection upgrade and asphalt overlay. Funding of \$173,726 allocated as funding available and highest priority project. Previously identified as a banked project for 26/27.

3.3. 2027/28 Changes to program

Overall annual TIDS funding reduced from \$6,082,559 to \$6,076,124 following a review of the data used to calculate the RRTG TIDS allocation – effective 1 July 2026.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

ID 351 – Kennedy Creek Road – LRRS – Replace culvert. \$300,000 released for relocation as project no longer proceeding.

ID352 – Mundoo Road – LRRS – Replace culvert. Funding of \$57,707 allocated as funding available and highest LRRS priority project.

Douglas Shire Council

ID584 – Mossman-Daintree Road & Newell Road – LRRS – State controlled road. Construct a shared path on a Priority A route on the PCN from North Mossman to Newell Beach. Funding of \$236,019 allocated as funding available and highest priority project. Not subject to State 10% limit as per recent change to guidelines – road subject to cost sharing agreement.

ACTION ITEM 1. Seek RRTG endorsement of the updated 25/26 – 27/28 program from the RRTG at the RRTG meeting on Thursday 5 March 2026.

3.4. Banked Projects

Banked projects are those projects which have been identified as being suitable to receive funding in the event of underspend of the current year's allocation before the end of the financial year. They must be endorsed by the RRTG.

There were several Banked Projects identified at the last RRTG TC but there have been several changes since. The following projects remain as potential Banked Projects:

2025/26

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

ID327 – Wall Road – Non-LRRS – Replace 3/600 RCPs. \$48,500 TIDS required. Priority score 5%.

ID353 – Warrunullen Road – Non-LRRS – Replace 1/900 RRJ RCP. \$12,500 TIDS required. Priority score 5%.

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

ID418 – Museum Road – SLR – Realignment of road and construction of 67 sealed car parks and 2m footpath to connect to TMRs existing Principal Cycle Network. \$230,159 TIDS required. Priority score 10%.

Mareeba Shire Council

ID264 – Tinaroo Creek Road, Ada Creek – Non-LRRS – Roadworks (sealed) - New Alignment. Project currently under funded \$208,665 TIDS required. Priority score 24%.

2026/27

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

ID556 – Butler Street – LRRS – Design & construct of intersection upgrade and asphalt overlay at the intersection and Still Street. Project currently underfunded. \$11,274 TIDS required. Priority score 24%.

ID 291 – North Davidson Road – Non-LRRS – Replace 1050RCP Pipe like for like. \$22,500 TIDS required. Priority score 5%.

ID334 – North Davidson Road – Non-LRRS – Replace 3/750 RCPs. \$130,000 TIDS required. Priority score 5%.

ID344 – Pullom Road – Non-LRRS – Replace 2/750 RRJ RCPs. \$13,500 TIDS required. Priority score 5%.

ACTION ITEM 2. Seek RRTG endorsement of the proposed Banked Projects for 25/26 and 26/27

4. Statewide Capability Development Fund

- Amanda advised that she had obtained quotes for Bridge Inspection training and sought agreement from the RRTG TC to submit an SCDF application for funding which was agreed.
- Amanda additionally advised that she had been liaising with FNQROC Procurement regarding Ochre Legal delivering Procurement & Contract Management training with a focus on AS4000 the Construction suite of documents for council staff that have not previously completed the training.
- It was also agreed by the RRTG TC that an SCDF application should also be submitted for this training.

ACTION ITEM 3. Submit SCDF applications for Level 1 & Level 2 Bridge Inspection Training and Procurement & Contract Management Training.

5. RRTG TC Meeting – 13 March 2026

- Amanda advised that as RRTG TC meeting remained in the calendar for 13 March 2026 when the RRTG TC meetings were previously rescheduled.
- This meeting may no longer be necessary as another meeting has also been scheduled for 24 April 2026 to align with revised RRTG meeting dates.
- It was agreed that the March meeting was no longer necessary and would be cancelled.

ACTION ITEM 4 – RRTG TC meeting scheduled for 13 March 2026 to be cancelled.

6. Next meeting – RRTG 5 March 2026, RRTG TC 24 April 2026

The meeting closed at 11.06am

ACTION ITEMS

Actions arising from Program Workshop – 24 February 2026

Item	Action	Responsible Party
1.	Seek RRTG endorsement of the updated 25/26 – 27/28 program at the RRTG meeting on Thursday 5 March 2026.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC
2.	Seek RRTG endorsement of the proposed Banked Projects for 25/26 and 26/27	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC
3.	Submit SCDF applications for Level 1 & Level 2 Bridge Inspection Training and Procurement & Contract Management Training.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC
4.	RRTG TC meeting scheduled for 13 March 2026 to be cancelled.	Amanda Hancock, FNQROC



Minutes of the 87th FNQROC Regional Roads and Transport Group

Meeting No	87
Meeting Name	FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group
Date	5 March 2026
Time	9:00am – 10:00am
Venue	Civic Reception Room, Cairns Regional Council, Spence Street, Cairns

REPRESENTATIVES

Name	Organisation
Cr Matthew Tickner (Deputy Chair)	Cairns Regional Council
Cr Teresa Millwood, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council (online)
Cr Robyn Holmes, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council (online)
Cr Lisa Scomazzon, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council (online)
Cr Mladen Bosnic	Mareeba Shire Council
Cr Rod Marti	Tablelands Regional Council
Cr Alister Gibson, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Cr Daryl Sexton, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
Ms Louise Dutton	Dept of Transport and Main Roads
Amanda Hancock (Coordinator)	FNQROC

OBSERVERS

Name	Organisation
Andrew Graffen	Cassowary Coast Regional Council (online)
Brian Joiner	Cook Shire Council
Scott Osman	Douglas Shire Council (online)
Peter O'May	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

Michael Miller	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
Brendon Clancy	Dept of Transport & Main Roads
John Gillespie	Dept of Transport & Main Roads
Tanya Lindenberg	Dept of Transport & Main Roads
Darlene Irvine	FNQROC
Jarrold Hellmuth	LGAQ

APOLOGIES

Name	Organisation
Mark Wuth	Cairns Regional Council
Jacque Creswell	Croydon Shire Council
Cr Barry Hughes (Chair)	Etheridge Shire Council
Ken Timms	Etheridge Shire Council
Peter Franks	Mareeba Shire Council
Cr Annette Haydon	Tablelands Regional Council
Jarrold Hellmuth	LGAQ

538. INTRODUCTION

The meeting commenced at 9:10am.

Cr Tickner, Cairns Regional Council welcomed all attendees to the RRTG meeting.

539. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting No. 86 held on 2 December 2025.

Motion

“That the minutes of the 86th FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group Meeting held on 2 December 2025 are confirmed.”

MOVED: Cr Mladen Bosnic

SECOND: Cr Rod Marti

CARRIED

540. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Action Item No.	ACTION	Responsible Person(s)	Status
530	RRTG TC to progress advocacy for State funding for Asset Condition Assessments on Local Government LRRS roads.	Ms. Hancock, FNQROC	The matter was raised with TMR Far North District at the last RRTG TC. John Gillespie from TMR confirmed the matter has been raised with Brisbane and a response is awaited.

541. NOTING OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES & RECOMMENDED MOTIONS

541.1 Minutes of Technical Committee Meeting No. 143 – 29 January 2026

Motions

‘That the RRTG endorse the updated 2025/26 – 2027/28 works program’

“That the RRTG endorse the proposed Banked Projects for 25/26 and 26/27”.

Note motions 143.4 and 143.5 were rescinded at the Program Workshop on 24 February 2026.

Cr Millwood queried the TMR Management Fee in the works program. Amanda advised that up to 2.5 per cent of the RRTGs annual TIDS allocation can be used to assist with the management of the RRTG, including the engagement of a Technical Coordinator.

TMR further advised:

This amount is not a management fee charged by TMR. Instead, it represents a portion of the TIDS funding allocation provided by TMR to the FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group (RRTG).

Under the TIDS Operating Guidelines, RRTGs may allocate up to 2.5% of their annual TIDS funding allocation to support the engagement of a Technical Coordinator. The Far North Queensland RRTG has engaged the FNQROC to deliver these technical coordination services. Accordingly, this line item reflects the fee charged by FNQROC for performing these functions on behalf of the RRTG.

Statements of Intent for the proposed two new LRRS roads recommended by the RRTG TC were circulated and the following additional information provided by Mareeba Shire Council in relation to Oak Forest Road was provided:

In terms of changes to development on Oak Forest Road since 2008:

- Mona Mona Aboriginal community was re-established in 2010 under a 30-year term lease with the Qld Government, following the return of local Aboriginal people (mainly of Djabugay origin) to the former mission site, which was closed in 1962. 2021 Census – 29 residents.*
- Cairns Hinterland Steiner School relocated from Cairns in 2007 to its current location on Boyles Road, off Oak Forest Road and has expanded over time. It is the regional Steiner School for the FNQ region, recognised as an independent school under Education Qld, with 182 enrolments (July 2024) from Prep to Year 8, in addition to providing early education services.*

- *HQ Plantations acquired a 99-year licence from the Queensland Government to manage, harvest and grow plantations in the Kuranda Plantation Forest from Queensland Government in 2010, and use Oak Forest Rd as an alternate access to Black Mountain Rd (LRRS).*

Motion

“That the RRTG endorse the recommendation by the RRTG TC that Oak Forest Road and Tinaroo Creek Road be added to the FNQ LRRS network”

MOVED: Cr Mladen Bosnic

SECOND: Cr Rod Marti

CARRIED

Statements of Intent for two new LRRS roads circulated with the minutes – see Appendix A

Report R18 attached to the agenda was discussed.

A question was raised as to who the project proponent would be, FNQ RRTG or FNQROC?

It was clarified that the regional network operates tenure blind, and our investment strategy should also be tenure blind, noting this it is hoped that TMR will participate as a partner and:

- If TMR participated as a partner and 50% funding was successful, it would be an FNQ RRTG project with FNQROC being the source of the 50% matching funding.
- If TMR didn't want to participate as a partner and don't wish to contribute 50% funding, then it may become an FNQROC project.

TMR raised concern regarding the Scope, and it was advised that the Scope would be developed in partnership with TMR.

TMR also raised that there are sensitivities with studies such as the RRIS interfacing with the State-Controlled Roads (SCRs) and that there would need to be consideration of the suitability of the RRIS incorporating a SCR that would need to be carefully considered to see if it would be suitable.

Motion

“That:

- 1. The Regional Road Investment Strategy is updated,*
- 2. FNQROC is requested to support the update and commit to funding 50% to a maximum of \$75,000, and*
- 3. That 50% funding is sought via the Statewide Capability Development Fund (SCDF) and unsuccessful, the Transport and Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS)”*

MOVED: Cr Rod Marti

SECOND: Cr Mladen Bosnic

CARRIED

ACTION ITEM 541.1 RRTG Coordinator to circulate link to the current Regional Road Investment Strategy.

Motion

“That the RRTG endorse the updated 2025/26 – 2027/28 Works Program (#7596796) as attached in Appendix B proposed by the RRTG TC at their meeting of 24 February 2026.”

MOVED: Cr Rod Marti

SECOND: Cr Mladen Bosnic

CARRIED

Motion

“That the RRTG endorse the Banked Projects for 2025/26 and 2026/27 proposed by the RRTG TC at their meeting of 24 February 2026.”

Year	Council	Project ID	Road Name	Description	Priority Score	TIDS
25/26	Mareeba Shire Council	ID264	Tinaroo Creek Road	Roadworks (sealed) - New Alignment	24%	\$208,665
	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	ID418	Museum Road	Realignment of road and construction of 67 sealed car parks & footpath	10%	\$230,159
	Cassowary Coast Regional Council	ID327	Wall Road	Replace 3/600 RCPs	5%	\$48,500
	Cassowary Coast Regional Council	ID353	Warraunullen Road	Replace 1/9000 RRJ RCP	5%	\$12,500
26/27	Cassowary Coast Regional Council	ID556	Butler Street	Design & construct intersection upgrade and asphalt overlay	24%	\$11,274
	Cassowary Coast Regional Council	ID291	North Davidson Road	Replace 1050 RCP	5%	\$22,500
	Cassowary Coast Regional Council	ID334	North Davidson Road	Replace 3/750 RCPs	5%	\$130,000
	Cassowary Coast Regional Council	ID344	Pullom Road	Replace 2/750 RRJ RCPs	5%	\$13,500

MOVED: Cr Robyn Holmes

SECOND: Cr Mladen Bosnic

CARRIED

542. PROGRAM UPDATE – MS LOUISE DUTTON, A/DISTRICT DIRECTOR, NORTH QUEENSLAND, TMR

TIDS Program

- FNQ TIDS expenditure as at the end of February 2026 is currently 59% spent.
- With current weather events and the traditional wet season, councils are reminded to inform Amanda Hancock as soon as possible if projects are unable to be delivered to enable sufficient time to reallocate funds to ensure full expenditure of program by June 30.

Tropical Cyclone Jasper reconstruction works - Far North District Works resume

Reconstruction works have now recommenced for 2026 on all four key range roads along Captain Cook Highway and other state-controlled roads in the Far North district.

Works will continue through the wet season, weather and site conditions permitting.

Kennedy Highway (Kuranda Range Road)

Overall, 24 geotechnical sites have been completed on the Kennedy Highway since reconstruction work began in November 2024, 21 of the completed sites on are the Kuranda Range Road.

Traffic Site 1 (Henry Ross Lookout area)

- This section is under 24/7 single-lane traffic control as day and night works are ongoing on the major downslope slip, about 200m towards Cairns from the lookout.
- Recent stabilisation works have included shotcreting and ongoing soil nail drilling.

Traffic Site 2 (about 1km above the hairpin bend area)

- Soil nailing, drilling and stabilisation works have recommenced at an upslope slip about 1km above the hairpin bend.
- This section is under single-lane traffic control when works are underway at the site.

Traffic Site 3 (between Saddle Mountain Road and Streets Creek)

- Stabilisation works are underway at two upslope sites between Saddle Mountain Road and Streets Creek.
- As the geotechnical repair sites are about 1km apart, a single-lane section will move from one repair site to the other, depending on works required, to minimise the extent of lane closures.

Traffic Site 4 (Kennedy Highway near Tichum Creek)

- Stabilisation works are recommencing by the end of January at two upslope slips on the Kennedy Highway, between Spena Road turnoff and Tichum Creek.
- This section of road will be under single-lane traffic control during the daytime, when required for the works.

Traffic control

- Scheduled night closures from 9pm to 4am are ongoing until the end of March 2026, weather and site conditions permitting.
- Traffic will be let through once in each direction at midnight (12am).
- There are no scheduled night closures on Friday and Saturday nights.

Scheduled night closures

Short-term scheduled night closures (9pm to 4am, Sunday to Thursday nights) will be required on Kuranda Range Road for a period from Sunday 15 February until end of March 2026, weather and site conditions permitting.

- Traffic will be let through once in each direction at midnight (12am).
- There are no scheduled night closures on Friday and Saturday nights.

This is to enable construction activities to be completed that are not possible using single-lane closures or long traffic holds.

Captain Cook Highway

Works at Pebbly Beach start from Monday 16 March 2026, pending weather and site conditions.

Stabilisation and reconstruction works will include:

- clearing and preparing the reconstruction site
- slope stabilisation works
- installation of over 550m of rock protection.

After reconstruction works to stabilise and protect the road corridor are completed, TMR will restore beach access and revegetate the site with coastal plants and trees.

Night works

Night work (6pm to 6am) reconstruction activities require access via the beach during low tide.

Ongoing works in this area include:

- Beach access from Tuesday 7 April until early July 2026, subject to weather and site conditions.
- Earthmoving, placing rockfill and rock protection on the beach to repair erosion.
- Once complete, works will continue during standard daytime hours (6am to 6pm) until the site is repaired.
- There are no scheduled full road closures, the night works scheduled for Pebbly Beach will be completed under single-lane traffic control.

Ellis Beach to south of Wangetti

Ongoing works in this area include:

- drilling and establishing anchors for debris flow barriers and the installation of concrete footings at several sites.
- Current traffic control requires a 24/7 single-lane section to the north of Ellis Beach.
- Night works will be undertaken at debris flow barrier sites north of Ellis Beach from Monday 2 March 2026.
- There are no scheduled full road closures for the upcoming night works at these sites, they will continue operate under the existing single-lane traffic control conditions

Rex Lookout to Turtle Creek Beach

Ongoing works in this area include:

- Drilling and rock-bolting works are ongoing at the site just north of Rex Lookout.
- Crews have recently cleared and prepared upslope sites south of Turtle Creek Beach and stabilisation works including earthworks, soil nailing and the installation of retaining structures have started.

Traffic control

- 24/7 single-lane traffic control at Turtle Creek Beach
- daytime single-lane traffic control north of Rex Lookout.

Palmerston Highway

Reconstruction works are continuing on the Palmerston Highway, at the following sites:

Site 1 (2.5km west of Crawfords Lookout)

- Piling works on the downslope slip are now complete.
- Construction of a capping beam is continuing.

Site 2 (1.5km west of Henrietta Creek Day Use area)

- Work to repair a 20m high upslope landslip were completed late 2025.

Traffic control

- The site is under traffic control for ongoing reconstruction works.
- Work is taking place Monday to Saturday (inclusive), weather permitting.
- TMR reminds heavy vehicle operators to call traffic control on UHF 20 channel (Site 1) and UHF Channel 21 (Site 2) when approaching the upslope.

Mossman – Daintree Road (Humbug Reach)

- The first 10 structural piles, each over 14m long, have been successfully drilled and completed.
- Drilling has started on the next group of piles, over 18m long, to stabilise the next section of the slope.

Traffic control

- No night closures scheduled for Mossman - Daintree Road.
- Single lane traffic control.
- Road users can expect delays for movement of heavy machinery and crews.

Mossman – Mount Molloy Road (Rex Range)

- The major upslope site about 350m down the range from Mossman – Mount Molloy Road Lookout (lower lookout) is currently being repaired.

- Approximately half of the rock bolting works are now complete and a hydromulch layer applied to the top portion of the works to support vegetation regrowth.
- Two more upslope sites have begun site preparation for rock bolting works.

Traffic control

- Currently under single lane traffic control

Gillies Range Road

Critical slope stabilisation works commenced mid-February on the Gillies Range Road between Lake Barrine and Wrights Creek Road.

Clearing and grubbing works have prepared the site for stabilisation works. Ongoing works in this area include:

- Soil nailing, shotcreting and stabilisation works

Traffic control

- Work is taking place Monday to Saturday (inclusive) from mid-February 2026, weather and site conditions permitting.
- Variable Message Signs (VMS) and signage will be in place to advise of the changed conditions.
- Reduced speed limits and lane closures for duration of the work

543. ROADS AND TRANSPORT ALLIANCE UPDATE – TANYA LINDENBERG, MANAGER, LG PARTNERSHIPS DTMR

Statewide TIDS Expenditure

- Statewide TIDS Expenditure is currently at 44% as of 28 February 2026.
- The FNQ RRTG expenditure is currently at 59% although due to delays with the new project management expenditure reporting trial, this is not currently reflected in TMRs system.
- Tanya also acknowledged the current weather events, and wet season impacts on delivery.
- Tanya reminded the group about the TIDS funding adjustment that takes effect 1 July 2026. There was a very minor decrease in the FNQ RRTG TIDS allocation of \$6,435 to be reflected in next year's work program.

Statewide Capability Development Fund

- Applications have closed for SCDF for this financial year, and the annual review of the program is underway.
- While applications can continue to be lodged, there is no assurance that funding will be available during the current financial year.
- As part of the mitigation strategy the team will investigate options to redistribute unallocated funds to Aboriginal Shire Councils who have delivered their 2025-26 projects and have capacity to deliver additional works within this financial year.

ATSI TIDS

- The ATSI TIDS nominations closed on 13 February and generated a lot of interest. The fund is well oversubscribed, and the assessment panel will consider the nominations in the coming month.

Temporary Traffic Management

- Temporary Traffic Management Training hub recently launched by TMR, was designed to strengthen industry capability.
- The hub's Temporary Traffic Management Awareness course is available online and is free.
- Councils are encouraged to enrol, with other courses being released over next 12-18 months.

TMRs Safer Roads Team

- TMRs Safer Roads Team are hosting a Working Bee in Cairns on 24 March.
- All member councils will have received an invitation.
- The purpose is to bring together local government and state road authorities to explore regional crash trends and identify practical engineering solutions under a shared “one network” approach.

544. LGAQ UPDATE

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

- The State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee’s Report No. 21, *Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland*, was tabled on the 4 March 2026.
- The report examines whether Queensland's current policy, regulatory and enforcement settings for e-scooters, e-bikes and other personal mobility devices are fit for purpose, focusing on public safety, injury trends, illegal and modified devices, lithium-ion battery fire risks, retail regulation, enforcement and community education.
- The report states that e-mobility use is increasing rapidly and that its 28 recommendations are intended to support a coordinated, multi-agency approach to combining regulatory change, enforcement, education and infrastructure investment.
- For local government, the most relevant recommendations to the Queensland Government include:
 - Amend legislation to reduce speed limits on all pathways for e-mobility devices to 10km/h.
 - Support local governments to use local laws to regulate e-mobility devices including setting lower speed limits in high pedestrian traffic zones
 - For local governments to increase and improve signage of speed limits on footpaths and requirements to give way to pedestrians.
 - Improve the collection and sharing of data regarding incidents involving personal mobility devices and e-bikes.
 - Embed e-mobility into strategic infrastructure planning and work with local governments to achieve greater investment in active transport infrastructure.
 - For local governments to provide dedicated parking for e-mobility devices in appropriate designated areas.
 - Support local government and/or private waste disposal sites in facilitating battery disposal.
 - For local governments to stipulate that shared scheme operators use technology to prohibit the use or limit the speed of shared devices to 10km/h or lower in high pedestrian zones.
- The report reinforces the important role local governments play in the safe planning, management and regulation of e-mobility in local communities. It also suggests that further policy, legislative and operational changes are likely to follow as the Queensland Government considers the reports findings and recommendations.
- The full report is available [here](#).

Department of Primary Industries – Waterway Barrier Works Version 2.0

The Department of Primary Industries have published the final copy of the accepted development requirements for operational work that is constructing waterway barrier works. The Department held a webinar session summarizing the changes to the ADR with stakeholders and following several requests have published a recording of the summary. If you have not had chance to familiarize yourself with these changes, it is recommended you watch the summary by DPI as there are several relaxations across various work types intended to support councils.

Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program Tranche 5

- The Australian Government's Safer Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) Tranche 5 is currently open for applications.
- SLRIP provides funding to address current or emerging road infrastructure needs across Australia, merging the former Bridges Renewal Program and the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program.
- Projects funded by the program must align with one of more of the following infrastructure priorities
 - Road Safety
 - Productivity improvements (projects which improve efficiency of supply chains, or connect regions, communities and major gateways, growing economies and communities)
 - Bridge renewal
 - Road resilience (projects which improve the resilience of critical road corridors by upgrading existing road assets that are vulnerable to closure or reduced capacity, and upgrading infrastructure to a higher standard to withstand and recover from disasters)
 - Road sustainability (Use of low or zero emissions building materials, innovative design and construction methodologies that minimise environmental impacts)
 - Heavy vehicle rest areas
- Funding of at least \$200 million per year is available, with a maximum Australian Government contribution of \$5 million per project.
- The Australian Government will contribute up to 80% of the total project cost for projects located in regional and remote areas, and up to 50% of the total project cost for projects located in urban areas.
- Applications close on the 30th April 2026. Further information can be found on the SLRIP website [here](#).

Local Government Regulation 2012 changes

On the 12th of December 2025 recent amendments from the *Local Government Regulation 2012* came into effect and the following procurement related changes now apply to councils operating under the default procurement rules:

- Thresholds for tenders and quotes have been increased in line with Brisbane CPI from when they were first introduced.
- This increases the threshold for medium sized contractual arrangements from \$15,000 to \$21,000 excluding GST, and the threshold for large sized contractual arrangements has increased from \$200,000 to \$280,000 excluding GST.
- The limits for valuable non-current assets have also increased, with plant and equipment rising from \$5,000 to \$7,000 and other non-current assets increasing from \$10,000 to \$14,000.
- Existing procurement obligations including 3 written quotes required for medium sized arrangements remain unchanged.
- Additionally, thresholds will now automatically adjust on 1 July each year in line with CPI, removing the need for future regulatory amendments, and the updated indexed thresholds will be published on the Departments website.
- Finally, the regulation clarifies that thresholds must be applied to the total expected value of all contracts with a supplier for goods or services of a similar type over the life of the arrangement. Local Buy arrangements remain an approved exception.

Further information available [here](#).

545. JOINT PURCHASING & RESOURCE SHARING

Nil.

546. ROAD SAFETY

Nil.

547. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Cr Holmes queried the status of the business case for McLeod River Bridge.
 - TMR advised that the business case was completed in 2021 when all three Mulligan bridges were reviewed.
 - The bridge currently has pre-construction funding so is undergoing detailed design but there is currently no construction funding.
- Cr Holmes asked if the business case could be shared with Cook Shire Council.

ACTION ITEM 547 TMR to advise if the business case for the McLeod River Bridge can be shared with Cook Shire Council.

548. NEXT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 144

Friday 24 April 2026 (Cairns)

549. NEXT FNQ RRTG MEETING NO. 88

Thursday 7 May 2026 (Cairns)

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at: 10.10am

Minutes prepared by FNQOC Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator

AGREED ACTION ITEMS

5 March 2026

Action Item No.	ACTION	Responsible Person(s)
530	RRTG TC to progress advocacy for State funding for Asset Condition Assessments on Local Government LRRS roads.	Ms Hancock, FNQROC
541.1	RRTG Coordinator to circulate link to the current Regional Road Investment Strategy.	Ms Hancock, FNQROC
547	TMR to advise if the business case for the McLeod River Bridge can be shared with Cook Shire Council.	Ms Dutton, TMR

Unconfirmed