



MINUTES

FRASER COAST MARY TO BAY RAIL TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 77 TAVISTOCK STREET
29 SEPTEMBER, 2022 COMMENCING AT 4.30PM

PRESENT:

- Cr David Lewis (Chair)
- Tracey Genrich – Manager Community Development & Engagement FCRC
- Rosalyn Acworth – Acting Director Infrastructure Services FCRC (as proxy for Davendra Naidu at this meeting)
- Martin Simon – General Manager FCTE
- Craig England – Manager (Rail Corridor Management) DTMR – *via TEAMS*
- Max Voigt – Fraser Coast Bugs Representative
- Kelly Adams – Wide Bay Trail Riders Representative
- Steve Case – Fraser Coast Cycling Representative
- John Williams – Fraser Coast Wildlife Preservation Society Representative (as proxy for Peter Duck at this meeting)
- Alan Whyborn – Community representative

APOLOGIES

- Cr Phil Truscott – FCRC Councillor
- Davendra Naidu – Director Infrastructure Services FCRC
- Peter Duck – Fraser Coast Wildlife Preservation Society Representative
- Andy Riley – Community representative

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Ken Diehm – Chief Executive Officer FCRC
- Keith Parsons – Director Organisational Services FCRC

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement to Country

David welcomed all attendees and delivered an Acknowledgement to Country on behalf of the Advisory Committee.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted by Tracey Genrich for the information of the Advisory Committee. A full list of apologies is listed above.

3. Group Introductions

As this was the first meeting of the Advisory Committee, the members and guests were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and to provide a brief summary of their interest in the Mary to Bay Rail Trail Advisory Committee.

4. CEO – Ken Diehm – Welcome to the Group

As this was the first meeting of the Advisory Committee, Council's Chief Executive Officer, Ken Diehm, welcomed all members and guests and thanked them for their participation and interest in this project.

5. Terms of Reference – Understanding, Clarification and Questions

Tracey Genrich gave a brief overview of the Terms of Reference which all members would have read and referred to as part of their nomination to be part of the Advisory Group.

Max Voigt put forward a suggestion for 3 additional Objectives that were recommended by the Fraser Coast Bugs Group as follows:-

- a) Preserve the integrity of the rail corridor;
- b) Use of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail as a reference point for all key developments/ construction decisions to ensure intentioned integrity of rail trail concepts; and
- c) Encourage rail trail usage through appropriate directional/safety signage and access parking.

Max Voigt also noted that the acronym in the Terms of Reference was "MTBRT" and advised that the suggestion from the Fraser Coast Bugs Group was "from a marketing perspective the acronym M2BRT is considered superior to MTBRT which appears in the Terms of Reference Document.

David Lewis brought the clause relating to the ability of Committee members to send a "nominated delegate" to future meetings if they are unable to attend.

Outcome of Discussion

The Committee discussed the above items and agreed that the above items would be noted as "Working Principles" for the Advisory Committee to reflect on as the project progresses rather than amendments to the Terms of Reference document.

The Committee discussed the acronym and agreed that M2BRT for marketing purposes would be suitable however no change was required to the Terms of Reference document.

Action Required

All Committee members to advise via email to the Chair and Tracey Genrich of a "nominated delegate" as early as possible prior to each meeting.

6. Engagement Hub Portal

Tracey Genrich gave the Committee an overview of Council's online engagement portal – Engagement Hub which could be utilised as a "private page" by the Committee for the circulation and storage of Committee related document.

Action Required

Tracy Genrich to finalise the Private Mary to Bay Rail Trail Advisory Committee engagement hub page and circulate an invitation to the page to all members as soon as practical.

7. **Previous Studies – Feasibility Study & Trail Development Plan**

Tracey Genrich gave a short overview of the two previous bodies of planning work which were undertaken by Council in 2019 those being the Mary to Bay Rail Trail Feasibility Study & Mary to Bay Rail Trail – Trail Development Plan.

8. **FCBUGS – Presentation**

Max Voigt gave the Committee an overview of Fraser Coast Bicycle User Group's (FCBUGS) group involvement in the Mary to Bay Rail Trail over the past 15 years. A full version of the presentation and associated supporting documentation are attached to these minutes for future reference of the Committee members.

Some important points from the presentation are included below:-

- FCBUGS has been involved with the Mary to Bay Rail Trail project for approximately 15 years;
- 7.2km Torbanlea to Churchill Mines Road section undertaken by FCBUGS utilising \$15,000 Department of Transport and Main Roads funding and \$20,000 from Council. The works were undertaken by volunteer labour and equipment;
- A Site visit was held in January, 2022 at the Takura section of the Trail between FCBUGS and Council representatives with a key outcome of that visit being a request to form an Advisory Group;
- FCBUGS two main objectives are the use of compacted gravel as the surface and to maximise the "ride continuity distance" of the sections of the Trail.

A full version of the presentation and associated supporting documentation are attached to these minutes for future reference of the Committee members.

Action Required

- Tracey Genrich to organise the next meeting of the group to be held in a workshop style so that Advisory Committee members can workshop the trail route, opportunities and constraints for each section, status of each section and priorities and standard of works for future sections.

9. **FCBUGS – Update on Additional Licence Request**

Max Voigt confirmed that FCBUGS had recently been granted FCBUGS have recently been granted a licence from Department of Transport and Main Roads over an additional 3.8km section between Churchill Mines Road and the proposed coal mine. These future works can be again coordinated through volunteer labour however would need some funds from Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

10. **FCBUGS – Request for Bollards**

Max Voigt confirmed at the meeting that this item has now attended to and that steel bollards have been obtained and installed. No further action required for this item.

11. **Wildlife Preservation Society of Qld (Fraser Coast Branch) – Nominated Member Advice**

John Williams confirmed with the Committee that following the successful nomination of a representative of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Qld (Fraser Coast Branch) to the Advisory

Committee that he had been appointed as that group's representative and would be attending in the place of Peter Duck at future meetings.

Action Required

Tracey Genrich to update all records and contact lists to include John Williams as the appointed representative of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Qld (Fraser Coast Branch).

12. Where to From Here?

During discussion on other Agenda items through the Meeting it was agreed that to ensure that all Advisory Committee members were fully aware of the Rail Trail Project (including route, status of sections, opportunities & constraints for each section etc) that the next meeting be held in a workshop style.

13. General Business

Alan Whyborn asked about accessing information of the project including currently problems and benefits of existing sections etc.

Action Required

Nil – this request will be addressed as part of the next meeting of the Advisory Committee as part of the Workshop.

Ken Diehm commented that Council should consider tenure arrangements of the sections of the Trail as at this point there is a number of different tenures. From Council's perspective the tenure of the land impacts whether Council funding can be allocated from its Operating or Capital budget.

Action Required

Ken Diehm and Keith Parsons to have an internal discussion to discuss tenure of land and how it may impact Council's budget going forward.

Steve Case raised the following items:-

- Requested that the Advisory Committee acknowledge the efforts and involvement of the FCBUGS to this point;
- Potential for the creation of community information or flyers that could assist the community to understand progress of the project and to give update as the project progresses;
- Asked about gaining a clear understanding of what the Advisory Committee can "influence" in relation to the project.

Action Required

Nil – creation of public information sheets (or Fact Sheets) will be dealt with as part of future meetings and what the Advisory Committee can influence will be discussed as part of the future workshop meeting of the Committee.

Cr David Lewis requested that an update be given on the current budgeted works at the Walker Street end of the Trail.

In response Rosalyn Acworth responded as follows:-

- The Walker Street to Moonaboola section of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail was included Council's 2022/2023 capital budget.
- The funded amount of this project was \$500,000 which was made up of \$300,000 from the State Government's Works for Queensland program and an additional \$200,000 of Council funds.
- Environmental Assessment and Survey works are currently being undertaken;
- Trail route utilised Slaughterhouse Road meandering to Lot 14;
- Proposed surface of this section of the trail was compacted gravel.

As part of the Committee's discussion Max Voigt requested if this section was the best use of the funds and suggested that these funds may be able to be reallocated to allow for further sections of the northern end of the Trail to be completed if there was a possibility that the project could not be finalised in the 2022/2023 financial year.

Rosalyn Acworth advised, that at this point, there was no indication that the project could not be delivered in the 2022/2023 financial year.

Following a discussion about the funds and their allocation, Craig England advised that he would check if there was the potential to leverage Council's \$200,000 contribution for additional Rail Trail funding.

Action Required

Craig England to research if there was the potential to leverage Council's \$200,000 contribution for additional Rail Trail funding.

14. Next Meeting

The Committee agreed that the next meeting should either be 27 October or 21 November, 2022 subject to further consideration of availability of members and Council Officers.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm.