



ATTACHMENT 1

MINUTES

FRASER COAST MARY TO BAY RAIL TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TAVISTOCK STREET
31 OCTOBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT:

- Cr George Seymour (Mayor/Chair)
- Cr Lachlan Cosgrove
- Cr Paul Truscott FCRC
- Tracey Genrich, Manager Community Development & Engagement FCRC
- Max Voigt – Fraser Coast Bugs Representative
- John Williams – Wildlife Preservation Society (Fraser Coast Branch)
- Davendra Naidu – Director Infrastructure Services FCRC
- Andy Riley – community representative (via TEAMS part meeting)
- Harry Usher – Mary Inc
- Rob McLaren - community representative
- Desley O’Grady – Rail Trails Australia (via TEAMS part meeting)

APOLOGIES

- Steve Case
- Gerard Carylton – Acting CEO FCRC (Guest apology)
- Ken Diehm – Chief Executive Officer FCRC (Guest apology)
- Keith Parsons – Director Organisational Services FCRC (Guest apology)
- Craig England – Manager - Rail Corridor Management - Department of Transport & Main Roads (TEAMS)
- Martin Simons – General Manager FCTE (TEAMS)
- David Gleadow – Senior Advisory – Rail Corridor Management – Department of Transport & Main Roads (TEAMS)
- Alan Whyborn – community representative

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Cr Zane O’Keefe
- Kieren Stoneley – FCRC Sport & Recreation Coordinator

- Jodie Clough – FCRC Business Support Officer (Minutes Support)

1. Welcome (Chair)

Group introduced themselves, chair provided welcome.

2. Introduction of New Members (Harry Usher & Rob McLaren)

As new members of the Advisory Committee Harry Usher and Rob McLaren introduced themselves and provided background and their interest in the Rail Trail project.

3. Previous Minutes & Action List (August 2024)-Attachment 1 (previous) + Attachment 2 (updated action list)

Max Voigt requested an update on the northern diversion of Colton Coal Mine discussions. It was agreed that this item would be added as an additional Agenda item for this meeting.

4. Agenda Items

a. Car parking Design – Rail Trail Trailhead Locations (Andy Riley)

Andy Riley spoke about her previous comments at a Strategy Document meeting of the Advisory Committee in relation to development of carparking designs for trailhead components of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail which takes into consideration parking of horsefloats, trailers and potential campers.

Max Voigt advised that there was a camp “Moony’s Camp” at Walligan Road which is adjacent to the rail trail near Stockyard Creek and that this may be worth investigating in relation to potential for horse yards etc.

Davendra Naidu advised that his design team could look at preparing some concepts for each of the trailhead locations including Piggford lane, Walligan, Takura, Churchill Mines Road, Walker Street etc.

Tracey Genrich commented that research into Council’s local laws and other legislation would need to be undertaken to ascertain what requirements would be necessary if camping was to be considered along the rail trail.

Recommendations:-

1. *That Council prepare concept designs for each of the trailhead locations within the Mary to Bay Rail Trail including Piggford Lane, Walligan, Takura, Churchill Mines Road and Walker Street.*
2. *That Council provide to a future meeting of the Advisory Committee, confirmation of what would be required should the Advisory Committee wish to consider camping at locations along the trail.*

b. Additional Option – Piggford Lane Carpark (Max Voigt)

Max Voigt put forward, for discussion, the suggestion that the existing bollards located at Piggford Lane be moved further south along the rail trail corridor to facilitate the implementation of an adequate carparking solution.

The Advisory Committee discussed the current issues with crossing the Maryborough/Hervey Bay Road at which time Tracey Genrich confirmed that Craig England from the Department of Transport and Main Roads had provided a verbal update on preliminary feedback from their consultants as follows:-

- Torbanlea Road crossing – no issues identified;
- Maryborough/Hervey Bay Road – potential for “at grade” crossing if the crossing is moved further north (towards Hervey Bay) to avoid the passing lane and be included in the 80klm per hour zone.

Craig had also confirmed that the above is only preliminary findings and were subject to presentation of the final consultants report.

Cr Lachlan Cosgrove commented that he would support a low cost option for Piggford Lane carparking area pending outcome and further details on the crossing of Maryborough/Hervey Bay Road project.

Max Voigt confirmed that FCBUGs would be interested in undertaking the onsite works for the construction of the Piggford Lane low cost option should it proceed, under a similar arrangement to that of Stockyard Creek and Black Swamp Creek.

FCBUGS offered to undertake the project management.

Recommendation:-

That the Maryborough/Hervey Bay Road crossing item be listed as an Agenda item for the Advisory Committee’s December meeting for further discussion and updates from the Department of Transport and Main Roads representatives.

Desley and Andy left the meeting, both via Teams

c. Fraser Coast Advocacy Plan 2024 – Mary to Bay Rail Trail Item (Tracey Genrich) Attachment 3

Max Voigt advised that whilst FCBUGs were happy that the Mary to Bay Rail Trail project had been listed within the endorsed Fraser Coast Advocacy Plan 2024, they were concerned with the estimated cost indicated within the Plan of \$10m.

Harry Usher noted that the Plan mentioned potential upgrades of the surface of the trail to include sealing and suggested that this level of surface, whilst appropriate in the urban section of the trail, was not necessary for the rural sections of the trail. Harry also commented that Council could consider redirecting some of estimated amounts within the “Revitalisation of Maryborough CBD (\$30m)” item to the Rail Trail project.

Recommendation:-

That Council’s Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide further details into what the \$10m estimate included in the Fraser Coast Advocacy Plan 2024 document for the Mary to Bay Rail Trail project to a future meeting of the Advisory Committee.

d. Rail Trail Signage (Tracey Genrich)

Tracey Genrich advised post the last meeting she had obtained internal approval for the redirection of funds originally allocated within the 2024/2025 Operational Budget for “Cost Benefit Analysis – Stockyard Creek & Black Swamp Creek” in the sum of \$20,000, to now be utilised for implementation of signage on the Rail Trail.

Tracey confirmed that Kieren Stoneley would now progress with the coordination of a meeting of the Signage Subgroup as soon as practical to identify priorities for signage.

The group generally discussed signage including issues within the urban section of the trail where users found it difficult to navigate including, but not necessarily limited to, Hunter Street and Urraween Road sections.

The Advisory Committee requested that the Signage Subgroup also consider whether there was a potential for painted/stencilled markings on footpath areas as a directional/wayfinding solution.

Recommendation:-

That the Mary to Bay Rail Trail Signage Subgroup bring back a report to Advisory Committee listing priorities for the installation of signage to the value of \$20,000 to a future meeting.

e. Inappropriate Use Rail Trail by Vehicles/Motorcycles – ongoing discussion (whole group)

The Advisory Committee updated the 2 new members of the group on current issues being experienced on the rail trail relating to 4WD and motorcycles and Max Voigt spoke about several recent serious incidences of threats and conflict between users of the trail.

Tracey Genrich advised that she had had a discussion with Council's Manager of Regulatory Services who had provided some details on Council's Local Law No. 4 - Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads and what the Rangers are permitted to do as part of enforcement activities on land controlled by Council. The section of trail that is under operational permit between DTMR and FCBUGs would not be subject to regulation under the local law.

Max Voigt commented on the lack of signage at the Piggford Lane entrance to the trail and it was agreed that this area should be identified and discussed by the Signage Subgroup as part of their upcoming meeting.

Rob McLaren asked if the Advisory Committee or Council had investigated technology based or other forms of regulation or deterrent.

With a view to facilitating a focussed discussion on this ongoing issue, Tracey Genrich suggested that a Subgroup be formed. The Subgroup should include representatives of the Advisory Committee, Qld Police Service, Council Ranger Team, DTMR and, where appropriate, members of the motorcycle community.

Recommendations:-

- 1. That a Safety & Security Sub-Group be formed to consider potential solutions to the continued inappropriate use of the Rail Trail by 4WDs and motorcycles and to bring back recommendations to the Advisory Committee future meeting.*
- 2. That members of the Advisory Committee be invited to confirm their interest in participating in the Safety & Security Sub-Group.*
- 3. That subject to the outcomes of Recommendation 1 above, Council consider whether an amendment to Local Law No. 4 – Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads.*

f. Update on replacement of damaged Walligan Shelter (Tracey Genrich)

Davendra Naidu advised that it was his understanding that Council was not proposing to replace the shelter due to continued vandalism.

Max Voigt advised that FCBUGs had recently installed shade structures at Churchill Mines Road and were utilising a shelter constructed of steel rather than timber.

Recommendation:-

That Council be requested to consider the replacement of the shade structure at the Walligan Trailhead with a more vandal proof option.

g. Status Report – Stockyard Creek & Black Swamp Creek Crossing

Max Voigt updated the Advisory Committee on the status of Stockyard Creek & Black Swamp Creek Crossing works and confirmed that the works had been completed.

Tracey Genrich advised that Council's Executive Manager Capital Delivery, Rob Hazzard, had advised that Council was now in the process of finalising some of the works it was responsible for and that an estimate of remaining funds would be available post those works.

Max Voigt suggested that any remaining funds be redirected to upgrade the trail surface from Takura and then for works at the proposed Piggford Lane Carpark, signage and shelter.

Recommendation:-

- 1. That Council provide the Advisory Committee members with the amount of remaining funds as soon as practical.*
- 2. That Fraser Coast Bicycle User Group write to Council with their proposed scope of works for remaining funds with Council to then negotiate an amendment to the current funding agreement with the Department of Transport and Main Roads.*

h. Status Report – Wide Bay Water Fraser Coast Water Grid Project and potential for collaboration for Rail Trail Quarry Road/Aldershot area.

Tracey Genrich confirmed that the Business Case for the Fraser Coast Water Grid project was tabled and endorsed at Council's October meeting. This advice was given to add to previous advice to the Advisory Committee that the Water Grid project may be an opportunity to provide a route solution for continuation of the Rail Trail (from the Maryborough end) from Quarry Road through to Aldershot, including a crossing solution for Saltwater Creek.

Recommendation:-

That the Executive Manager Engineering and Technical Services Wide Bay Water, Trevor Dean, be invited to the December meeting of the advisory Committee to present on the Fraser Coast Water Grid project and potential opportunities for the Mary to Bay Rail Trail as part of that project.

i. Update from DTMR on the proposed Northern Diversion around Colton Coal Mine project

Tracey Genrich advised that whilst Craig England from the Department of Transport and Main Roads was not present at the meeting, he had confirmed that correspondence had been forwarded to the Butchulla Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (BNTAC) requesting consideration of approval for the proposed northern diversion through native title land. Further updates on this item will be provided upon a response from BNTAC.

General Business

a. **Maryborough End (Aldershot to Maryborough CBD) – Harry Usher, Mary Inc**

Harry Usher advised that Mary Inc were concerned at the lack of progress at the Maryborough end of the trail and suggested that a sub-group to progress discussions on this stage of the project be formed.

The Advisory Committee members confirmed with the new members that at previous meetings of the Advisory Committee works had been undertaken to prepare a Strategic document which will outline each of the undeveloped sections of the trail and what was required to have them implemented and what priority each of those sections as part of the larger trail project.

It was agreed at the meeting that a sub-group would not be formed at this point for this purpose and that work would continue on the Strategic document. The Advisory Committee requested that a copy of the discussion document which was the basis for the Strategic document be circulated to the new members of the Group for their information.

Based on some of the comments during the discussion for this item Tracey Genrich confirmed the role of Advisory Committee members when it came to having discussions and negotiations with either members of the public or government agencies.

Cr George Seymour commented that he felt that the most appropriate avenue for continued negotiations with Queensland Rail would be through Craig England. Cr Lachlan Cosgrove confirmed that he agreed with Cr Seymour about negotiations with Queensland Rail.

Recommendation:-

Craig England, Department of Transport and Main Roads to provide an update and briefing on discussions with Queensland Rail in relation to the Walker Street to Maryborough CBD proposal to utilise the existing rail corridor at the next meeting of the Advisory Committee.

b. **Hervey Bay 100 – November 2024**

Max Voigt advised that the Hervey Bay 100 was being held in November and that Fraser Coast Bicycle User Group would be having a stall promoting the Rail Trail within the community. Max invited Council staff to attend as well.

Kieren Stoneley, Council's Sport & Recreation Coordinator, advised that he would be in contact with the group.

5. **Farewell and thank you to the retiring members**

The Committee thanked all members of the Advisory Committee for their commitment to development of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail project and welcomed Harry Usher and Rob McLaren as new members officially commencing with the Advisory Committee post this meeting.

6. **Next Meeting**

19th December 2024 – Meeting Closed at 2:55pm.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes August Meeting and its attachments

AGENDA OCTOBER, 2024

Attachment 1



MINUTES

FRASER COAST MARY TO BAY RAIL TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HERVEY BAY LIBRARY CREATIVE SPACE / MICROSOFT TEAMS 29 AUGUST, 2024 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM

PRESENT:

- Cr Lachlan Cosgrove (Acting Chair)
- Cr Paul Truscott FCRC
- Alan Whyborn – community representative
- Tracey Genrich, Manager Community Development & Engagement FCRC
- Max Voigt – Fraser Coast Bugs Representative
- John Williams – Wildlife Preservation Society (Fraser Coast Branch)
- Andy Riley – community representative
- Craig England – Manager - Rail Corridor Management - Department of Transport & Main Roads (TEAMS)
- Martin Simons – General Manager FCTE (TEAMS)
- David Gleadow – Senior Advisory – Rail Corridor Management – Department of Transport & Main Roads (TEAMS)

APOLOGIES

- Davendra Naidu – Director Infrastructure Services FCRC
- George Seymour – Chair & Mayor FCRC
- Steve Case – Fraser Coast Cycling representative
- Gerard Carylton – Acting CEO FCRC (Guest apology)
- Ken Diehm – Chief Executive Officer FCRC (Guest apology)
- Keith Parsons – Director Organisational Services FCRC (Guest apology)

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Desley O'Grady (TEAMS)
- Kieren Stoneley – FCRC Sport & Recreation Coordinator
- Jodie Clough – FCRC Business Support Officer (Minutes) (TEAMS)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome of M2BRT Members and Acknowledgement to Country

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

2. Apologies

A full list of apologies is listed above.

3. Previous Meeting Minutes & Action List

The Committee reviewed the Minutes of the previous minutes and the Action List, which had been updated with progress and actions from previous meeting.

Max Voigt advised that he had submitted, on behalf of Fraser Coast Bicycle User Group (FCBUGs), a document in relation to carparking and development options for the missing link between Nikenbah and Piggford Lane, to the Mayor after the last meeting. Tracey Genrich confirmed that the document had been distributed to relevant Council teams for comment and that she would be able to circulate a summary of those comments to the members following the meeting.

Tracey Genrich confirmed that she had marked the Stockyard Creek & Black Swamp Creek item within the Action List as “Actioned” as it was now going to construction. A number of meetings had been held with FCBUGs who were now completing the required safety and reporting documentation. Max Voigt advised that it was likely that construction would be commenced within 3-4 weeks.

Action – Tracey to circulate a summary of internal team comments/feedback on the FCBUGs proposal for works on the missing link between Nikenbah and Piggford Lane.

4. Agenda Items

a. **Update on Council Resolution – Calling for EOIs for Community Members**

Tracey Genrich confirmed that at its July meeting Council resolved to call for expressions of interest for the 6 community members of the Advisory Committee. Opening of nominations will occur on 5 September and close on 27 September, 2024 and that existing members were able to put forward a nomination as part of the process.

The Group discussed the requirements for existing members to seek reappointment to the Advisory Committee and it was agreed that in lieu of completing the online nomination form & selection criteria, existing members should seek reappointment by the submitting of an email or letter to Council advising of their interest. The group also discussed the need for review of membership each 2 years to ensure strong member attendance at meetings.

Action – Tracey to circulate the link to the nomination process to all members when they open.

b. Piggford Lane Carparking – Martin Simons (FCTE)

Martin Simons confirmed that at a recent Marketing & Communications Subgroup meeting, the need for a marketable section of the trail for tourism promotion purposes.

The Advisory Committee generally agreed that this item should be further discussed and progressed through the Strategy Document process.

c. Notes – Marketing & Communications Subgroup meeting (30 July, 2024) (Attachment 3)

Tracey Genrich advised that the outcomes of the Marketing & Communications subgroup meeting held on 30 July, 2024 are attached to the minutes.

At that meeting FCBUGs representative was to provide a range of information to Fraser Coast Tourism & Events (FCTE) for inclusion on the website/marketing page.

Desley O’Grady of Rail Trails Australia (RTA) suggested that Martin also look at the Rail Trails Australia website which included information on the Mary to Bay Rail Trail and that information may be helpful.

d. Notes – M2BRTAC Workshop – Strategy Document Preparation (to be distributed at meeting)

Tracey Genrich advised that the Strategy Document workshop was held on 20 September, 2024. FCBUGs had submitted a “Discussion Document” prior to the workshop as a mechanism to commence discussions. The document set out a list of priorities, from FCBUGs point of view and prioritised them from 1-9.

Tracey asked for clarification from the Advisory Committee about what format the final strategy document should be ie a document from the Advisory Committee to Council or a document drafted as a partnership between Council and the Advisory Committee.

Following discussion the Advisory Committee agreed that the document should be a Council document endorsed and supported by the Advisory Committee. Craig England suggested that in lieu of numbering the projects they could be prioritised into Short, Medium and Long Term which would allow for the assigned priorities to be more flexible.

Tracey confirmed that now she has some guidance from the Advisory Committee she will progress with completion of a draft strategy document template as discussed at the workshop.

Action – Tracey to progress the finalisation of the draft Strategy Document template and circulate to members for feedback.

e. Report – Tenure Resolution (FCRC) (Attachment 4)

Tracey Genrich advised that a report on tenure issues is attached to the minutes as Attachment 4.

Some further information and updates discussed at the meeting are included below:-

Colton Coal Mine Diversion –

Craig England advised that the Department of Transport & Main Roads (DTMR) were in the process of writing to the Butchulla Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (BNTAC) in relation to potential route and tenure arrangements for the proposed northern diversion around the mining lease held by New Colton Pty Ltd. Discussions with BNTAC going forward could be progressed with representatives of

FCBUGs with DTMR providing support to those conversations. It was noted by the Advisory Committee that there was an upcoming meeting of BNTAC to be held in September, 2024.

Quarry Road to Aldershot

Tracey Genrich confirmed that she had met with Council's Wide Bay Water (WBW) and Infrastructure Teams to discuss the potential for collaboration between the rail trail project and the Drinking Water Strategy project. As part of the Drinking Water Strategy WBW need to find a suitable route for their water main and there may be an opportunity to obtain a shared beneficial outcome for both projects.

Tracey advised that further discussions were required and updates on those discussions would be provided to the Advisory Committee as they become available.

Max Voigt asked if it was an appropriate time for discussions to be held with property owners in the area. Tracey advised that she did not believe that it was appropriate at this time and suggested that discussions be progressed with WBW and Infrastructure Services in the first instance.

Max Voigt advised the Committee that FCBUGs had put forward a potential alternative interim solution for this section of the trail route running along Saltwater Creek, crossing over an existing service lane and then into Aldershot via some Council owned land.

David Gleadow from DTMR confirmed that state mapping indicated that Saltwater Creek was shown as "purple" (ie Major) under Queensland waterways for waterway barrier works which would potentially require a significant amount work to address requirements for assessment and approvals for any works affecting this waterway. A copy of the alternative interim solution is attached for the information of Committee members.

Max Voigt suggested that a Working Group be formed to look at this item further. Tracey Genrich suggested that formation of a Working Group should be postponed until such time as the outcomes of the Strategy Document are finalised. The Advisory Committee agreed not to proceed with the formation of a Working Group at this time.

The Advisory Committee agreed that this item be listed on the Agenda for the next Advisory Committee for further discussion.

Walker Street to Maryborough CBD

The Advisory Committee discussed the Walker Street section of the trail. Agreed that if achievable a short term solution for this section of the trail could be looking at obtaining funding through DTMR cycle network funding (as a principal cycle network).

FCBUGs Works at the Churchill Mines Road permit area

Max Voigt confirmed that in addition to the tenure items included in the report attached to the Agenda, Craig England was assisting FCBUGs in navigating assessment and approvals for works in the vicinity of the Churchill Mines Road Trail head for works that are proposed to be undertaken outside of their current permit area.

Action – Tracey to organise a meeting with Department of Transport and Main Roads to discuss funding opportunities through cycle network funding programs for the Walker Street to Maryborough CBD section.

Action – Craig to finalise correspondence to BNTAC as soon as practical in relation to the Colton Coal mine diversion route.

Action – Tracey to include an Agenda item for the next meeting on the Quarry Road to Aldershot section of the trail.

f. FCRC Budget 10 Year Capital Plan – Reinstatement of the M2BRT Project (Max Voigt)

Max Voigt raised the concerns of FCBUGs that the Member for Maryborough, Bruce Saunders MP, seemed to be unaware of funding for next sections of trail and had raised concerns about the trail not being included in Council’s list submitted for the 2024-2027 round of Works for Queensland funding.

Max Voigt advised that he had written to the Mayor directly about these concerns and had received a response, noting that the correspondence and response would not be provided to the Advisory Committee as it was between FCBUGs and Council. Max requested clarification of where the M2BRT project sat on the Council’s Priority Project List which was mentioned at the last meeting. It was noted at the meeting it was listed as #19 within a secondary list.

Cr Paul Truscott and Cr Lachlan Cosgrove spoke about the Priority Project list and confirmed that it was an advocacy document that was currently being reviewed and updated by Council.

The Advisory Committee discussed a comment from a member about whether a meeting was required with the Chief Executive Officer as it was unclear who is, or should be leading the project. Tracey Genrich commented that the Rail Trail project was a Council driven project, with the exception of the 11klm section of which has been tenured under agreement to FCBUGs by DTMR. Tracey also commented that the project does, however, have to be managed by staff within budget and resources provided by the organisation and that it was officers role to raise the profile of the project within organisation and put forward budget and resource requests through Council processes.

Cr Paul Truscott and Cr Lachlan Cosgrove discussed the potential for Councillors to raise a motion at a future Council meeting asking for consideration of funding for the Rail Trail project in upcoming budget deliberations.

Action – Cr Paul Truscott to put forward a motion to a future Council meeting requesting consideration of funding for the Rail Trail project in upcoming budget deliberations.

Action – Tracey Genrich to distribute Priority Projects document to Advisory Committee members after meeting.

g. Report – Update on Progress & Council Position on Signage (FCRC) (to be distributed at meeting)

Tracey Genrich advised that a report on progress of signage was not available for this meeting and would be distributed to all members as soon as practical.

The Advisory Committee discussed safety signage at Walker Street and Piggford Lane trailhead locations and also lack of directional/wayfinding signage in the Hunter Street and Urraween Road areas which receives social media focus at times.

It was agreed that signs (in particular Safety & Etiquette signs) to be installed at Walker Street and Piggford Lane Rail Heads will be the same as what is in place at Takura and Churchill Mines Road Rail Heads.

Desley O’Grady suggested that in addition to Council funding, community groups such as FCBUGs or other sources (ie community banks etc) could be sources of funding for items such as signage. Max Voigt responded that FCBUGs were at capacity at the present time with works being undertaken within their permitted area and with works about to be commenced at the Stockyard Creek and Black Swamp Creek locations.

Tracey Genrich advised that there was, in the 2024/2025 Community Development & Engagement operational budget a sum of \$20,000 which had originally been identified for cost benefit analysis Stockyard Creek & Black Swamp Creek solutions. Tracey suggested that given this cost benefit analysis was not now necessary the Advisory Committee could recommend to Council that these funds be redirected towards implementation of signage in accordance with the signage spreadsheet prepared and endorsed previously by the Advisory Committee.

Recommendation

That the Mary to Bay Rail Trail Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the \$20,000 allocated within the Community Development & Engagement operational budget, previously identified for cost benefit analysis Stockyard Creek & Black Swamp Creek solutions, be redirected towards the implementation of signage in accordance with the signage spreadsheet prepared and endorsed by the Advisory Committee.

Moved – Max Voigt, Seconded – Alan Whyborn. Carried unanimously

Action - Tracey Genrich to raise this recommendation with Council's Chief Executive Officer as soon as practical and report back to the Advisory Committee at the next meeting.

h. Ongoing "Anti-Social" Behaviour on Rural Section of Trail (FCBUGs)

Max Voigt spoke about the continued utilisation of the Rail Trail by motorcyclists and the most recent incident where an FCBUGs member had been threatened with a knife. Max advised that he had spoken with Frank Distefano of the Hervey Bay Police Station about the possibility of having a police presence or patrols of the trail between Piggford Lane and Churchill Mines Road to discourage this ongoing behaviour.

Craig England confirmed that he was also in the process of receiving legal advice in relation to appropriate signage.

Recommendation -

That Council:-

1. Continue to work with DTMR to obtain advice on suitable signage and discuss possible use of cameras;
2. Contact QPS – increase visual presence; and
3. Discuss with Council's CCTV Working Group options of CCTV cameras.

Moved - Cr Cosgrove, Seconded – Alan Whyborn. Carried unanimously.

5. General Business

Upcoming Event – Commemoration of Takura Section Opening – 29 September, 2024

Max Voigt advised that a Family Fun Day was to be held to commemorate the 1 year anniversary of the Takura section of the Trail opening. The date for the event was 29 September, 2024. Max will forward a copy of the flyer to Tracey for circulation to other members of the Advisory Committee.

Trailhead Parking Design – Horse Floats/Trailers

Andy Riley asked if future discussions could be held in relation to trailhead parking layouts to include the ability for parking & manoeuvring of horse floats/trailers etc.

Acknowledgement of Tracey Genrich – Council representative

Martin Simons acknowledged the work of Tracey Genrich to date to progress the Rail Trail and the operations of the Advisory Committee.

Action – Max Voigt to forward Anniversary Flyer to Tracey Genrich for circulation to other members of the Advisory Committee.

Action – Tracey Genrich to include trailhead carparking layouts & opportunities for horse floats/trailers in a future meeting Agenda.

6. Next Meeting

31 October 2024

The meeting closed at 2:42pm

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Previous Minutes June 2024 Meeting & Attachments

Attachment 2 – Updated Action List as at August 2024

Attachment 3 – Email Communications & Marketing Subgroup Meeting

Attachment 4 – Report – Progress Unresolved Tenure Issues

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Attachment 2

Mary to Bay Rail Trail Advisory Committee

Meeting Action List (as at 20 October, 2024)

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number	Action Item	Responsible Officer/Person	Status/Latest Update
22/6/2023	4.8 Marketing/Promotion Working Group Progress	Work with FCBUG to prepare website page	Martin Simons	In Progress. Note email sent with update. FCTE now sourcing new digital lead as original staff person has left organisation.
7/9/2023	4.1 Discussion on potential creation of M2BRT User Group	Place this item on the Action List for further discussion in 6 months.	Tracey Genrich	
		Share a copy of the Atherton Tablelands document with all members of the Advisory Committee.	Tracey Genrich	
	4.5 Safety – Vehicle & Motorbike Access to Rail Trail	Review the signage schedule prepared by the Signage Working Group and source quotations for appropriate signage in addition to source budget for the procurement and installation of such signage. Another meeting of the Signage Working Group will also be scheduled to discuss signage issues at Piggford Lane end as well.	Tracey Genrich	Application for Blue Directional signage at 3 FCRC Local Roads locations submitted Application for Blue Directional signage at State Controlled Roads being prepared
		Followup with Open Space & Environment in relation to the shelter that was removed recently.	Tracey Genrich	

30 November, 2023 (Special Meeting)	1.1 – New Colton Pty Ltd – Proposed Alternative Route Rail Trail	That further investigations be carried out as above, and Tracey Genrich, in consultation with other internal Council Officers, prepare and table a report for a future Council meeting which includes information on the project, proposed alternative route and a recommendation from the Advisory Committee that Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or his delegate, to negotiate further with New Colton Pty Ltd in relation to agreement and progression of the Churchill Mines Road/Peridge Road alternative Route.	Tracey Genrich	Walk on Land Completed. Refer to Report attached to August Agenda for additional updates.
8 February, 2024	5.4 Communications – FCRC Community Engagement Hub & FCRC Website Access for public sharing of Advisory Committee meeting minutes	That a copy of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail Advisory Committee minutes to be published on Council’s website in the appropriate location and send a pdf copy of the minutes to Max for posting on the Fraser Coast Bicycle User Group website.	Tracey Genrich	In progress
	5.9 Saltwater Creek & Dead Man’s Gully Crossings – Development of Work Plan and costing submission to State Government	That Council be advised that the Mary to Bay Rail Trail Advisory Committee recommends that Council prepare a Detailed Work Plan and Cost Estimates for the section of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail from north of Quarry Road and Aldershot.	Tracey Genrich	Now part of Strategy Document being prepared as discussed at August 2024 meeting.
27 June, 2024	4.1 Mary Inc – Presentation on Rail Trail ideas	That Mayor Seymour, as Chair of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail Advisory Committee, provide a letter of gratitude to Mary Inc for the group’s interest in the Rail Trail project and confirming that Mary Inc would be welcome to submit a nomination for membership of the Advisory	Tracey Genrich	Mary Inc. now has a representative on the Committee which will take effect at the December, 2024

		Committee in the upcoming call for nomination for community based members.		
		That Council hold discussions internally and officers of the Department of Transport & Main Roads about whether an amendment to the classification of “Principal Cycleway” from Walker Street to Kent Street would provide funding or other opportunities for the Mary to Bay Rail Trail project.	Tracey Genrich/Davendra Naidu	Discussions held at Strategy meeting. Meeting to be convened between FCRC/DTMR
	4.4 M2BRTAC Private Engagement Hub Page Demonstration	That Council progress with the issuing of invitations to the members of the Advisory Committee for access to the Private Mary to Bay Rail Trail Advisory Committee Engagement Hub page.	Tracey Genrich	Invitations to be issued to M2BRTAC prior to 1 st meeting of the new group (ie December, 2024)
		That Council email the Department of Transport and Main Roads to obtain more information on the suitability, cost and potential locations for counters to gauge use of the Rail Trail.	Tracey Genrich	Not commenced
29 August, 2024	3. Previous Meeting Minutes & Action List	Circulate a summary of internal team comments/feedback on the FCBUGs proposal for works on the missing link between Nikenbah and Piggford Lane	Tracey Genrich	
	4. (a) Update on Council Resolution – Calling for EOIs for Community Members	Circulate the link to the nomination process to all members when they open.	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
	4. (d) M2BRTAC Workshop – Strategy Document Preparation	Progress the finalisation of the draft Strategy document template and circulate to members for feedback	Tracey Genrich	In progress
	4. (e) Tenure Resolution (FCRC) Report	Organise a meeting with Department of Transport & Main Roads to discuss funding opportunities through cycle network funding programs for the	Tracey Genrich	

	Walker Street to Maryborough CBD Section.		
	Finalise correspondence to BNTAC as soon as practical in relation to the Colton Roal Mine diversion route.	Craig England – DTMR	In progress
	Include an Agenda Item for the next meeting on the Quarry Road to Aldershot section of the trail.	Tracey Genrich	
4. (f) FCRC Budget 10 year capital plan – Reinstatement of the M2BRT Project	Put forward a motion to a future Council meeting requesting consideration of funding for the Rail Trail project in upcoming budget deliberations	Cr Paul Truscott	Actioned
	Distribute Priority Projects document to Advisory Committee members after meeting.	Tracey Genrich	Actioned. Added to Agenda for October, 2024 meeting.
4(g) Report – update on progress & Council position on Signage (FCRC)	Raise the recommendation for this item with Council’s Chief Executive Officer as soon as practical and report back to the Advisory Committee at the next meeting.	Tracey Genrich	Actioned. Approved received for reallocation of funds (\$20k) previously allocated for feasibility study SYC & BSC towards signage of Rail Trail.
4(h) Ongoing – “Anti-Social” Behaviour on Rural Section of Trail	Continue to Work with DTMR to obtain advice on suitable signage and discuss possible use of cameras; Contact QPS – increase visual presence; and Discuss with Council’s CCTV Working Group options for CCTV cameras	Tracey Genrich	In progress
5. General Business	Forward Anniversary Flyer to Tracey Genrich for circulation to other members of the Advisory Committee	Max Voigt	Actioned
	Include trailhead carparking layouts & opportunities for horse floats/trailers in a future meeting Agenda	Tracey Genrich	Actioned. Included as an Agenda item for October, 2024 meeting.

ACTION/COMPLETED ITEMS

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number	Action Item	Responsible Officer/Person	Confirm Actioned/Complete
29/9/2022	5	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	All members	Noted – closed
	8	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	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
	13	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	Ken Diehm/Keith Parsons	Closed
	General Business	Craig England to research if there was the potential to leverage Council’s \$200,000 contribution for additional Rail Trail funding	Craig England	Closed
15/12/2022	Workshop	FCRC to nominate a Council employee to liaise with FCBUGs to assist in working through signage requirements and develop a plan for the complete length of the Rail Trail (Urangan to Maryborough)	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
	Workshop	FCRC to nominate a Council employee to liaise with FCBUGs to assist in	Tracey Genrich	Actioned. This item has been closed. This matter is being resolved through

		working through some of the outstanding tenure issues		the M2BRTAC meeting as per agreed outcomes of meetings. Refer to
6/2/2023	4.5	Council to submit an application to the Minor Infrastructure funding program for a concrete bed level crossing at Stockyard Creek for a total project cost of approximately \$300,000	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
13/4/2023	3.2 Signage – Max Voigt (FCBUGs)	Council to invite interested members to form a working group to look at signage of the Rail Trail.	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
		Follow up staff to assist	Keith Parsons	Actioned
		Signage Plan example	Craig England	Actioned
	3.3 DTMR Access Licence 11km section – Max Voigt (FCBUGs)	Community Development Team to support FCBUGs with opening event	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
	3.4 DTMR Maintenance Funding – Max Voigt (FCBUGs)	FCBUGs to submit a request to the Department of Transport and Main Roads for an annual maintenance grant.	Max Voigt (FCBUGs)	Actioned
3.5 M2BRT Website – Max Voigt (FCBUGs)	Council to obtain the relevant domain names.	Keith Parsons	Actioned Addresses purchased for 1 year. Ability to renew some/all as required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • m2brt.org • m2brt.org.au • m2brt.com • m2brt.com.au • m2brt.au 	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • marytobayrailtrail.org • marytobayrailtrail.org.au • marytobayrailtrail.com • marytobayrailtrail.au <p>Addresses purchased for 1 year. Ability to renew some/all as required.</p>
	Council to invite members interested to form a working group to look at marketing and promotion of Rail Trail	Tracey Genrich	Actioned. Meeting set for 19/6	Council to invite members interested to form a working group to look at marketing and promotion of Rail Trail
	General Business	Action List to be added to future documentation and Minutes regularly distributed to the Committee	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
		Include Agenda Item re Northern Gap near Aldershot for next meeting	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
		Include Agenda Item re Maryborough Hervey Bay Road Crossing at Nikenbah for next meeting	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
22/6/2023	4.1 Member Resignation – Kelly Adams	Review previous nominations for Advisory Committee membership and source a new equestrian based member as soon as practical.	Tracey Genrich	Actioned. Emma Baird new member commenced with M2BRTAC November, 2023 meeting.
	4.2 Discussion – Progression of Rail Trail Gap near Aldershot	Advise Council that the Rail Trail Advisory Committee requests Council to consider moving forward with negotiation and resolution of tenure	Tracey Genrich	This item is closed – refer to new action item No 4.7 from meeting date 7 September below.

		issues within the Aldershot sections of the rail trail.		
	4.3 Maryborough/Hervey Bay Road Crossing – Nikenbah	Include this item on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Advisory Committee.	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
	4.4 Update on the Planning for the Open Day Event – 26 August 2023	Resend invitation email to Martin Simons of Fraser Coast Tourism & Events.	Mike Allsop	Actioned
	4.6 Update on Progress of current Works for Queensland Project – Walker Street end of Rail Trail	Circulate images of the works to Advisory Committee members.	Davendra Naidu	Actioned
	4.7 Signage Working Group Progress	Progress with sourcing and installation of the signage elements relating to the 11km section of the trail to be opened in August, 2023 on behalf of FCBUG.	Mike Allsop	Actioned
		Coordinate further meetings of the Signage Working Group as required.	Tracey Genrich	Closed
	4.8 Marketing/Promotion Working Group Progress	Provide content for the Mary to Bay Rail Trail website page to FCTE as soon as practical.	FCBUG	Actioned.
		Coordinate further meetings of the Marketing/Promotion Working Group as required	Tracey Genrich	Closed
	4.9 Update on whether the \$20,000 request for additional funding is still in the draft 2023/2024 Budget	Include a Budget item in the Agenda for the next Advisory Committee Meeting.	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
	4.10 Potential Funding Source – Growing Regions Program	Advise Council that the Advisory Committee requests Council to consider submitting an Expression of	Tracey Genrich	Actioned

		Interest to the Growing Regions Program for creek crossings between Black Swamp Creek and Stockyard Creek.		
7/9/2023	4.2 Discussion on Crossing Solutions for Stockyard Creek/Black Swamp Creek 4.3 Suggestion to form a Working group – future implementation &	Coordinate a meeting between Davendra Naidu (who will nominate any other Infrastructure Services officers required to attend), Alan Whyborn, Max Voigt, Craig England and Andy Riley as soon as practical.	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
		Nominate a representative of FCBUGs to attend an onsite discussion, at the newly finished Walker Street section of the Rail Trail with Davendra Naidu and other appropriate staff of Infrastructure Services.	Max Voigt	Actioned
		Prepare a draft concept plan relating to Black Swamp Creek crossing for discussion at the meeting.	Davendra Naidu	Actioned
	4.7 Report on progress of any Tenure negotiations for the Colton Mine Lease to Maryborough section of the Rail Trail	Council to provide a report back to the M2BRTAC identifying the locations of any unresolved tenure issues, options for resolution and how Council can implement resolution of these issues	Keith Parsons/Tracey Genrich	Closed due to ongoing works and discussions with M2BRTAC
	4.8 EOI for Membership – Rail Trail Australia Representative	Council to draft a letter to Rail Trails Australia inviting them to consider and put forward a nomination for a non-voting member of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail Advisory Committee.	Tracey Genrich	Actioned. Desley O’Grady invited and accepted. First meeting 8 February, 2024.
	General Business – Review of November Workshop progress	Circulate a copy of the November 2022 Workshop document to all	Tracey Genrich	Actioned

		members of the Group and include as an Agenda for the next meeting		
9 November, 2023	4.3 – Update Colton Coal Mine Discussions	Coordinate a date and time for a meeting of the Rail Trail Advisory Committee and Michael Gray of New Colton Pty Ltd	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
	4.5 – Notes Stockyard Creek & Black Swamp Creek Crossing Sub-Group Meeting	Review contents of the environmental assessment provided by the Department	Davendra Naidu-Rob Hazzard	Actioned
		Organise a further meeting of the Advisory Committee sub group as soon as practical after internal review	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
		Circulate a copy of the assessment documents following the internal Council review by Davendra Naidu & Rob Hazzard	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
9 November, 2023	4.2 – Drone Footage	Speak to Council’s communications and marketing team to enquire if this could be done inhouse.	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
		Liaise with Fraser Coast Tourism & Events to determine what drone and trail footage has already been undertaken	Tracey Genrich/FCRC Comms	Actioned
30 November, 2023	1.2 – Funding Request – Fraser Coast Bicycle Users Group	Prepare a report for the January Council meeting requesting Council to consider the allocation of some proceeds from the sale of Royle Street, that have been quarantined for regional environmental purposes and the entering of a 3 year agreement, between Council and FCBUGs, for the continued development and maintenance of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail	Tracey Genrich	Actioned

8 February, 2024	5.1 Design Options – Road Crossings/Rail Trail (Hervey Bay Urban Area Sections)	That an invitation be forwarded to all members of the Advisory Committee to a meeting with Council Infrastructure Services staff to discuss the construction of Elizabeth Street crossing and concept design of a number of road crossings within the Hervey Bay urban area of the Rail Trail.	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
	5.2 DTMR Funding Opportunity Discussion	That the Department of Transport and Main Roads (Rail Trail Corridors) be requested to quarantine the \$100,000 funding allocation for use towards addressing the Mary to Bay Rail Trail Advisory Committee’s request for minimal (low impact) creek crossing solutions at Stockyard Creek and Black Swamp Creek, pending further discussion on the identification of the minimal (low impact) solution at a future meeting of the Rail Trail Advisory Committee.	Tracey Genrich	Actioned – Funding agreement between FCRC/DTMR for \$100k executed
	5.3 Discussion re Minutes of Special Meeting 30 November, 2023	That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 30 November, 2023 be amended to reflect the amendments outlined in the Minutes of 8 February, 2024	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
	5.6 Creek Crossing SubGroup – Notes from 31/1/2024 Meeting	That Council be advised that the Mary to Bay Rail Trail Advisory Committee recommends the following actions in relation to suitable crossing options for Stockyard Creek and Black Swamp Creek:-	Tracey Genrich	Actioned \$100k funding from DTMR. Interim Solution agreed. Approval process underway

		<p>That, to address the current situation at the Stockyard Creek and Black Swamp Creek crossing the Mary to Bay Rail Trail Advisory Committee recommend that Council enter into negotiations with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Mary to Bay Rail Trail Advisory Committee to:-</p> <p>(a) Identify a minimal (low impact) works solution for the two crossings to improve the current situation at these two crossings, noting that the gradients be unchanged and as per the existing onsite conditions, and the solution to include appropriate signage to mitigate risk.</p> <p>(b) Have any environmental assessment and approvals undertaken to facilitate the approved interim solution; and</p> <p>Have the Department of Transport and Main Roads provide funding for the implementation of the approved interim solution.</p>		
27 June, 2024	4.5 M2BRT Council website demo – inclusion of Council minutes in PDF form for public access	That a meeting of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail Marketing sub-group be called as soon as practical.	Tracey Genrich	Actioned
	4.7 FCBUGs Rail Trail Discussion Document	That Council convene a workshop of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail Advisory Committee members to commence	Tracey Genrich	Actioned

		the preparation of a Strategy Document and Implementation Plan.		
	4.2 Previous Minutes & Action List	That Council recirculate previous information provided to the Advisory Committee in relation to unresolved tenure issues along the undeveloped sections of the Rail Trail between Churchill Mines Road and Maryborough.	Tracey Genrich	Closed. Refer to Report attached to August Agenda

AGENDA OCTOBER, 2024

Attachment 3

Fraser Coast Advocacy Plan

2024



Fraser Coast
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Building better communities together.





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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I am proud to present the Fraser Coast Regional Council Advocacy Plan which aims to guide the major work we will undertake on behalf of the community from 2024 – 2028.

Our goal, as the Local Government leaders of the Fraser Coast, is to build better communities together. On behalf of our residents, businesses and visitors, the Fraser Coast Regional Council has an active role in long-term planning, ensuring infrastructure and services are delivered to support the needs and desires of the community. We want to ensure that our liveability is not only maintained, but improved as we continue to be one of the fastest growing and most dynamic regions in Australia.

Recognising Council is not alone in this journey, this Advocacy Plan sets out a range of projects and priorities that can be delivered through partnerships with the community, key regional business groups and the Queensland and Australian Governments.

As the largest Council in the Wide Bay region of Queensland, representing 120,000 residents, forecast to grow to 150,000 people in the next two decades, our goal is to be a diverse, strong, and well-governed region of vibrant places, connected by our community spirit, respect for our natural environment and our innovative and diverse economy.

I encourage you to consider how you can make a positive difference for the Fraser Coast region and the lives of our community by joining us in our advocacy efforts.



Cr George Seymour
Mayor





The Fraser Coast

Our vision of building better communities together is the cornerstone of everything we do as a Council. The vision aims to ensure our region, and its communities continue to flourish.

We are committed to our vision, and to enhancing the region so that future generations have a great place to visit and an even better place to live. A place that is prosperous, resilient and connected.

Queensland's Fraser Coast is a region that offers a relaxed lifestyle, in a pristine location with many opportunities for investment and to be part of a growing community.

Uniting two world heritage icons, K'gari and the start of the Great Barrier Reef - coupled with the cultural history

and modern charm of Maryborough intertwined with smaller rural townships, the Fraser Coast region's allure is undeniable.

New residents and visitors are captivated by the stunning natural and built environment, as well as the region's family lifestyle and vibrant community focus.

As this region is attracting more recognition, it is experiencing strong growth and exceeding national averages by significant margins, with over 2500 people a year moving to the region over the last decade. This strong growth is expected to continue over coming decades, and as a result, the Fraser Coast needs major Federal, State and Local Government investment into new community infrastructure to ensure the Fraser Coast remains an enviable place to live, work and play.

We have a strong focus on sustainable planning to address urban growth and have identified the need for additional local infrastructure investment and this plan aims to address our challenges and support the needs of our growing communities.

FRASER COAST ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Gross Regional Product



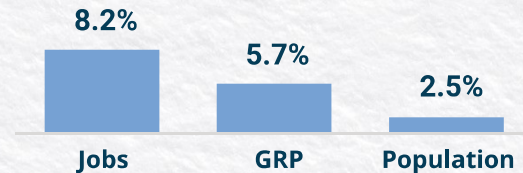
\$5,706M +\$318M (+5.7%)

March 2024

Since March 2023

**NIEIR, 2024; *Annualised*

March 2024 Growth Since March 2023



Jobs



45,483 +3,582 (+8.2%)

March 2024

Since March 2023

**NIEIR, 2024*

Jobs Growth By Industry

+836	Construction
+829	Healthcare & Social Assistance
+578	Accommodation and Food Services
+327	Retail Trade

**NIEIR, 2024; *Since March 2023*

Population



118,505 +1,118 (+0.95%)

June 2024

Since June 2023

.id Population Forecast, 2024



Unemployment

5.2% (-0.5%) 5.7%

March 2024

March 2023

**Jobs and Skills Australia, 2024*

Visitors



1.85M +0.25M (+14%)

March 2024

Since March 2023

**TEQ, 2024; *Over previous 12 months*



Building Approvals

\$1,156M +\$436M (+59%)

23/24 FY

Since 22/23 FY

**ABS Building Approvals, 2024; *FYTD*

Median Unit Sales



\$477,398 +\$80,206
(AVG Sale) (+16.8%)

August 2024

Since August 2023

**HTAG 2024*



Median House Sales

\$554,940 +\$27,200
(AVG Sale) (+4.9%)

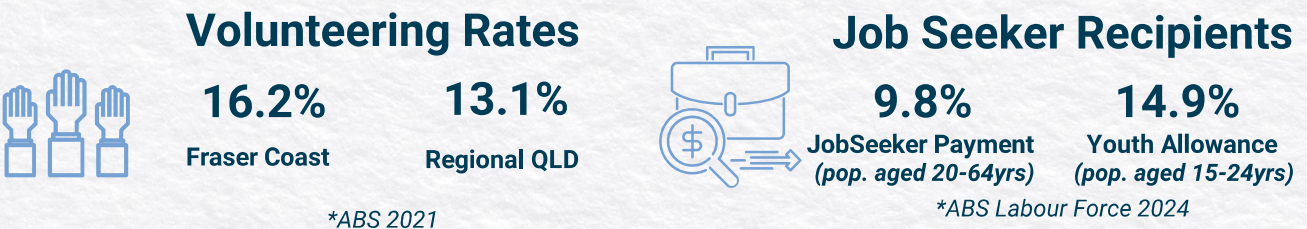
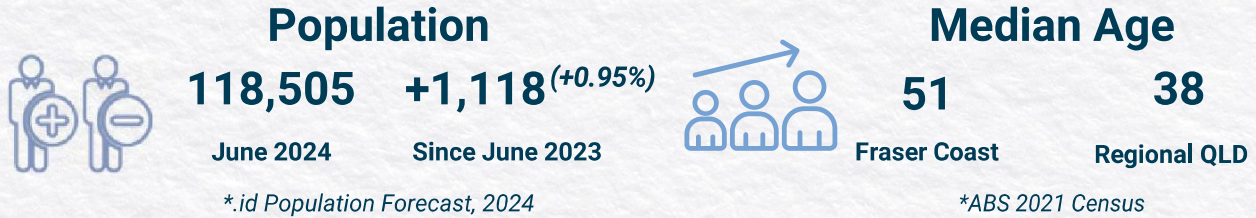
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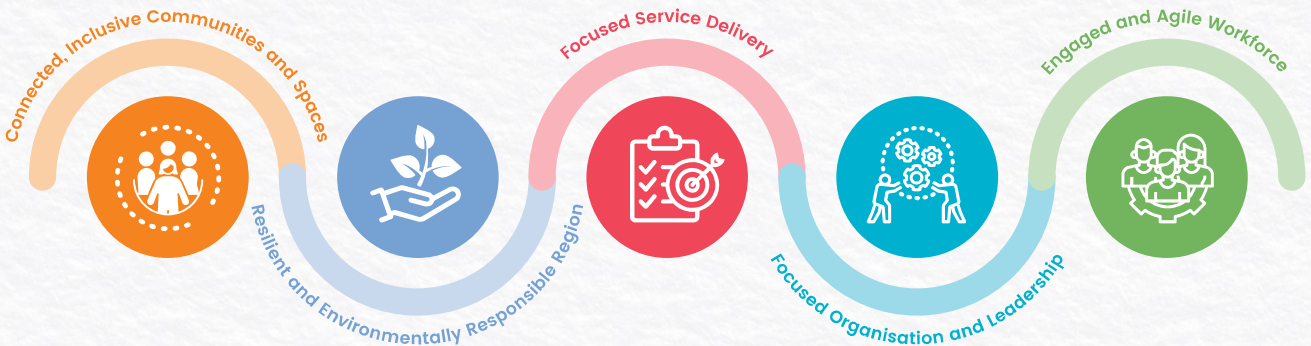
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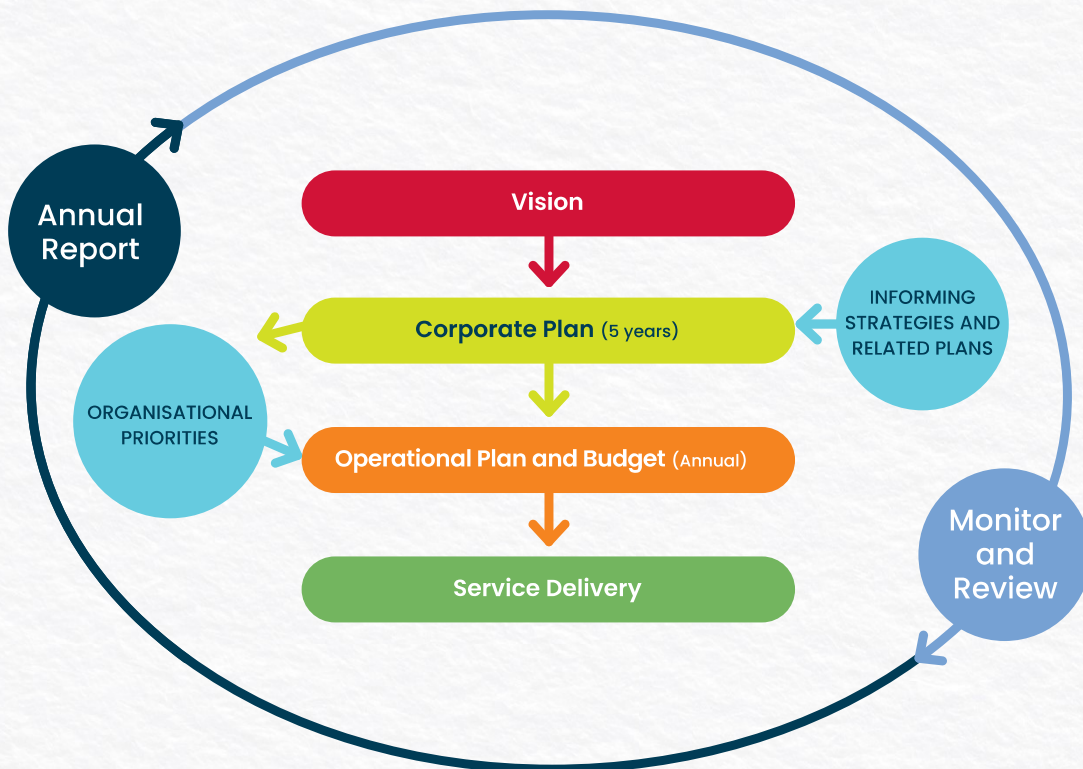
ASSOCIATED STRATEGIES AND PLANS

The Fraser Coast Advocacy Plan outlines the proposed major programs and projects to support our growing communities. This will align with the overall direction outlined in our Corporate and Operational plans supporting the delivery of Council's five Focus Areas.



COUNCIL FOCUS AREAS

The Corporate Plan sets our strategic direction over the five-year period (2023-2028) with five focus areas supported by a range of objectives. It is the umbrella under which Council's annual operational plan and this Advocacy Plan have been prepared.



If successfully implemented, the Fraser Coast Advocacy Plan will underpin and support Council's vision to deliver a prosperous future for the residents of the Fraser Coast.

HOW THE COMMUNITY CAN GET INVOLVED

Fraser Coast Regional Council is committed to meaningful conversation and engagement with our community.

Council has established a dedicated platform so our community can learn more about our strategic focus and have their say on matters of significance to the Fraser Coast region.

Residents can register to participate in discussions on key Council projects and advocacy efforts at our dedicated engagement hub at:

frasercoast.engagementhub.com.au

In addition to participating in organised engagement activities through the engagement hub, residents of the Fraser Coast can also get involved through other mechanisms, this includes attending a Council meeting and making a Community Presentation, or by lodging a petition with Council to raise a project or topic you consider important. You can find details of how to register to make a Community Presentation or how to lodge a petition at the following website:

frasercoast.qld.gov.au/council-meetings



LIST OF PARTNERS / STAKEHOLDERS IN ADVOCACY

COMMUNITY	INDUSTRY	GOVERNMENT	ALLIANCES/ PARTNERS
Fraser Coast Neighbourhood Centres	Queensland Train Manufacturing Project John Holland Downer Group	Regional Development Australia – Wide Bay	Tafe UniSC Central Qld University Qld University of Technology
Fraser Coast Young Professionals	Major Manufacturers/ Commercial Business ESI Hyundai Rotum Hyne Rheinmetall NIOA Munitions	Tourism and Events Queensland Department of Tourism and Sport Tourism Australia	Business Chambers Hervey Bay Maryborough Tiaro
Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation (BAC) Kabi Kabi People’s Aboriginal Corporation	Tourism Operators	Maritime Safety Queensland Community Safety Organisations	Jobs Fraser Coast
Butchulla Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (BNTAC)	Sealink	Economic Development Queensland	Fraser Coast Property Industry Association (FCPIA) Australian Medical Association (Queensland)
Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee	Qantas Group and Aviation Partners	Queensland Tourism Industry Council	Fraser Coast Tourism and Events
Other Environment and Community Groups	Major health and social services businesses – eg St Stephen’s Hospital	Queensland Government Federal Government	Urban Development Institute of Australia – Fraser Coast

KEY ADVOCACY ACTIONS

The Fraser Coast Regional Council will undertake engagement and key actions to advance the outcomes of this advocacy plan.

- Regular meetings with local State and Federal Representatives to seek State and Federal funding to advance priority projects.
- Seek grant funding for implementation of specific projects.
- Develop partnerships with local business and industry to collaborate on, and nurture projects that the private sector can advance.
- Harness community support and advocacy to drive community-focused projects.
- Work with the not-for-profit and community sector to partner on specific initiatives.
- Undertake bi-annual advocacy visits to Brisbane and Canberra to meet with State and Federal Ministers elevating the profile of the Fraser Coast, our local community's needs and advance priority projects.
- Participate in networks such as the Local Government Association of Queensland, Regional Development Australia, Regional Capitals Australia and other peak bodies to advocate for and elevate the profile of the Fraser Coast Region.
- Prepare submissions to Parliamentary and other inquiries, as well as pre-budget submissions ensuring the Fraser Coast's local needs are recognised by all levels of Government.
- Partner with local media and the community on public awareness campaigns highlighting issues of importance to the Fraser Coast region.



Lenthalls Dam



MAJOR ADVOCACY PROJECTS

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE

Fraser Coast Water Grid

\$60,000,000

Fraser Coast Water Grid – Securing our water future.

In March 2022, the Fraser Coast Regional Council resolved the Fraser Coast Water Security Strategy, providing the strategic direction to deliver a secure, reliable, climate, and disaster resilient water supply to our growing region.

The Strategy recommends infrastructure investment that would be delivered in two stages:

- Stage 1 – Connecting our communities.
- Stage 2 – Supply and diversify.

Stage 1 – Connecting our Communities will link the region’s major dams, water treatment plants, and drinking water network through the construction of the Fraser Coast Water Grid. The project is consistent with the aim and principles of the National Water Grid Fund to deliver economically and environmentally responsible projects that improve water security.

Stage 1 will improve water security:

- to support our growing population
- during periods of major water treatment shutdowns and maintenance
- in response to climate change or disaster events, and
- by utilising existing water infrastructure and allocations.

Council is advancing stage one to be shovel-ready, having completed the early-stage assessment, concept design and preliminary business case in 2024. Detailed design and approvals will commence in 2024 to ensure the project is ready for funding opportunities.

Stage 1 will deliver an economically responsible investment, with the concept design estimate of \$60M (including a 30% contingency) and Benefit Cost Ratio of 1.54.





Fraser Coast Sports and Recreation Precinct



Pulgul Creek Sewage Treatment Plant

\$60,000,000

Hervey Bay is continuing to experience significant population growth and to accommodate this growth there is the need to increase the capacity to treat sewage. This is to be achieved through a major capacity increase of the existing sewage treatment facilities including the recycled water system. Currently the Pulgul STP performs well, however the plant is currently approaching its design capacity. The proposed plant upgrade is required to increase the overall treatment capacity to 10ML/day.



Fraser Coast Sports and Recreation Precinct

\$50,000,000

In 2006, the Fraser Coast Sport Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2006–2025 was commissioned to chart a course for the development of a major centralised sporting precinct for the Fraser Coast region.

The initial works were followed up with significant additional planning and local investment to create the Fraser Coast Sports and Recreation Precinct. This precinct is home to Football, Netball, Oztag and cycling groups. When compared to other similar sized regions, the Fraser Coast suffers from a significant lack of local sporting facilities.

In 2022, Council endorsed the updated Fraser Coast Sports and Recreation Precinct Master Plan. This plan is the strategic vision for the future of the Fraser Coast Sport and Recreation precinct and funding is sought for any, or all, of the following masterplan elements:

- Indoor Leisure Centre
- Athletics Facility
- Beach Volleyball
- Outdoor Stadium including facilities for entertainment/events
- Sporting Fields

These works will support the sporting and recreational needs of this growing community and assist in attracting larger scale sporting events further enhancing economic outcomes.

REVITALISATION PROJECTS

Hervey Bay Esplanade Masterplan Implementation

\$30,000,000

Fraser Coast Regional Council endorsed the Esplanade Masterplan in 2022 which guides the future development of significant upgrades to the Hervey Bay Esplanade, which is an asset with regional significance.

The implementation of this plan will involve a large range of targeted projects across the following Esplanade areas:

- Point Vernon
- Pialba
- Scarness
- Torquay
- Urangan.

The Esplanade is the key lifestyle and tourist precinct attracting 100,000's of visitors per year and this plan aims to provide:

- New off-road pathways to improve active transport
- Expansion and improvement to parkland and public realm areas
- Possible one-way traffic areas to create additional space for parkland, separated pathways and al fresco dining areas
- New lookouts and public meeting areas for residents and visitors to enjoy.
- Additional facilities and locations for water-based activities.
- Improvements to resiliency and coastal protection through both constructed and vegetated barriers
- Improvements to parking and traffic management, including construction of carparking in surrounding streets to remove traffic from the Esplanade
- Upgrades to pedestrian crossings at key areas along the entire Esplanade.
- Projects which acknowledge and celebrate the unique culture, people and history of the area.

Hervey Bay City Centre Placemaking + Public Realm Vision Implementation

\$50,000,000

The Fraser Coast Regional Council recently adopted its placemaking and public realm plan for the Hervey Bay City Centre. The Council has commenced implementation of the plan with the project to build a new state of the arts library and administration centre on the corner of Main Street and Torquay Road.

Council now seeks funding support for the design and delivery of streetscape improvements in Main Street, Pialba between Old Maryborough Road and Torquay Road. Additionally, this plan will provide raised pedestrian crossing facilities at the intersection of Main Street and Torquay Road, along with a mid-block raised pedestrian crossing facility between Torquay Road and the Esplanade and consideration for off-street parking.

Revitalisation of Maryborough CBD

\$30,000,000

The Fraser Coast Regional Council intends to refurbish its Library in Maryborough, strengthening Council's footprint in the CBD. Following a structural investigation in 2018, the old Maryborough Administration Building, 'Demaine House' at 431-433 Kent St Maryborough had reached its end of life and has subsequently been demolished. This project seeks to revitalise the Maryborough CBD, by developing an adaptable, sustainable and flexible library, improving community facilities and service delivery within the CBD, and provide a modern customer service experience.

Additional projects which are proposed, include a range of placemaking and public realm improvements. These improvements include development of a new parkland on the site of the State Heritage listed Maryborough Baby Clinic Site, new and enhanced pedestrian facilities along historic lower Kent Street, connecting residential areas of Granville to the CBD and projects to activate private commercial buildings across the CBD.



Maryborough CBD



Hervey Bay Master Plan



Hervey Bay Esplanade



Mary River, Maryborough

ENVIRONMENT

Coastal Protection Plan

\$6,500,000

Council seeks funding support to implement key actions from its Coastal Hazards Adaptation Strategy ('Coastal Futures'). Our Coastal Futures strategy was adopted by Council to guide works to improve resiliency and deal with the challenges of climate change and sea level rise.

The program of works will develop a long-term plan for Council to respond, manage and mitigate coastal hazards on its highly valued coastline to 2100.

The funding will support targeted and bespoke mitigation actions for at-risk communities across the following localities:

- Burrum Heads
- Toogoom
- Dundowran and Craignish
- Hervey Bay Esplanade
- River Heads and Booral
- Mary River
- Great Sandy Strait Townships

Council's Coastal Futures strategy supports investigation into a viable sand source for large-scale beach nourishment. Investigations are currently underway to secure approvals; however capital investment will be required to undertake the works. Additionally, priority revetment walls have been designed as last lines of defence in priority locations to protect essential public infrastructure.

Numerous beach accessways will also require upgrade or renewal to ensure resilience from coast hazards. This project provides for design and construction of capital renewal and/or upgrade of multiple coastal beach access points with staircases.

ECONOMIC

Moonaboola Industrial Estate

\$15,000,000

Fraser Coast Regional Council owns a large parcel of partially developed land, neighbouring the Moonaboola Industrial Estate in Maryborough West, strategically situated between the Bruce Highway and the North Coast Rail Corridor Spur. This district is a key industrial site servicing the Fraser Coast and Wide Bay more broadly, which Council proposes to develop across three stages, enabling the sale of land to businesses looking to establish or grow in the Fraser Coast.

Stage 1 of the development has commenced, with two lots developed for sale to manufacturing businesses, including an innovative large-scale battery manufacturing facility. To proceed with further development of the site, Slaughterhouse Road will need to be upgraded and extended to enable sufficient road access to the remaining lots.

There is a very limited supply of high impact industrial land within the Fraser Coast, and enabling this land to be developed for sale is crucial to ensuring future growth and economic opportunities for the Fraser Coast and Wide Bay region.

OTHER COUNCIL PROJECTS

Boundary Road Upgrade (Robert Street to Booral Road)

\$40,000,000

This project provides for the reconstruction of Boundary Road between Robert Street and Booral Road. These works will align with urban standards, as part of a staged upgrade of Boundary Road to four lanes. Boundary Road is a major east-west transport corridor, providing access to the Hervey Bay CBD, major shopping centres, tourist destinations and the medical precinct.

The existing roadway has reached the end of its useful life, and is constructed to a rural standard. The project will provide for the construction of 1,160m of two-lane roadway including on-road cycle lanes, capacity improvements and signalisation of Senorita Parade and an off-road shared pathway with sections of the existing roadway converted into a service road.

Active Travel Signature Projects

\$6,000,000

The delivery of signature projects from the Active Travel Strategy, including Ann Street between Ferry Street and Fort Street, Denmans Camp Road between Boundary Road and Doolong Road. A new Sempfs Road shared pathway which includes the construction of a 2m wide footpath in Sempfs Road for 2.2km from Ansons Road to Sawmill Road.

The construction of 2m shared pathway along Sawmill Road between Sempfs Road and the foreshore for 480m, and the construction of a 1.5m pathway along Ansons Road between Sempfs Road and the foreshore for a distance of 650m along with crossing treatments.

Mary to Bay Rail Trail

\$10,000,000

This project provides for the upgrade of sections of the Mary to Bay Rail Trail. These upgrades will improve all weather access through drainage improvements, the development of a diversion around the Colton Coal mine lease, and other enhancements such as upgrades to sections of the trail to improve ride quality through sealing of the surface.

The Council also seeks State support to design and build the critical crossing of Maryborough – Hervey Bay Rd which creates a blockage of the trail at present.

DDA Compliance for Active Travel Initiatives

\$1,000,000

This project provides for upgrading of active travel paths across the Fraser Coast to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) in line with audits Council has undertaken. Specific projects will be considered by Council's Inclusive Access Advisory Committee based on available funding ensuring the highest priority areas are upgraded first.



Mary to Bay Rail Trail



Urangan Pier



Howard

Circular Economy – Glass Recycling Facility

\$8,000,000

To improve the regional circular economy, the glass beneficiation facility would produce sand replacement aggregates to quality standards out of recycled glass. This would reduce recycled glass transport out of the region and limit the use of virgin materials. An overall carbon footprint reduction will be achieved as well.

Howard Upgrades

\$5,000,000

Funding is required to provide improvements to the liveability of Howard via the upgrade of essential infrastructure. Upgrades include bitumen sealing of unsealed road shoulders to reduce dust nuisance, footpath upgrades to improve accessibility and drainage improvements to reduce existing ponding issues. These upgrades and improvements have the potential to be transformational for the residents of this township and is critical to capitalise on the Queensland Train Manufacturing Project which has commenced construction at Torbanlea.

Sawmill Road Upgrade

\$6,000,000

Funding is being sought for the completion of the upgrade of Sawmill Road from the Pialba-Burrum Heads Road to Brennan Park, enabling the construction of a new 2.5m shared pathway. These works will provide accessibility improvements for residents to the foreshore and aligns with Council's Active Travel Strategy.

Urangan Pier Refurbishment

\$4,000,000

This project provides for the works to maintain Urangan Pier, including the replacement of timber decking boards, maintenance of connections and pylons. The pier is one of Queensland's tourism icons and a major hub of activity along the picturesque Hervey Bay Esplanade providing views of the world's largest sand island, K'gari.

Urraween Road Upgrades

\$30,000,000

The proposed upgrade of Urraween Road to four lanes. Funding is sought to upgrade the road from the Maryborough Hervey Bay Road, for approximately 850m to the entrance to the Hervey Bay Hospital and medical precinct, thus providing safety and capacity improvements. This project also provides for the reconstruction of Urraween Road between Blaxland Road and Drury Lane, as the existing roadway has reached the end of its useful life. The scope of works for this section includes 770m of road reconstruction, along with the upgrade of the intersection of Scrub Hill and Urraween Roads.

Bridge Replacement Program – Burrum River

\$50,000,000

Replacement of Burrum River Bridge including the inclusion of a pedestrian facility. The project includes removal of the old bridge structure and construction of a new reinforced concrete bridge. The work also consists of widening both approaches to the bridge, which will require both sides of the embankment to be widened and stabilised.

River Heads Barge Ramp Reconstruction

\$2,500,000

The existing River Heads barge ramp, which services barges that travel between River Heads and K'gari, has reached the end of its useful life and requires replacement. It is proposed to replace the River Heads barge landing with a new 8m wide reinforced concrete landing facility. The access is critical for hundreds of thousands of visitors to the world heritage listed K'gari. This ramp provides the only viable connection for residents of the island to mainland Hervey Bay for both day to day activities and importantly during times of natural disaster.

Glenwood Community Centre

\$6,000,000

Funding to replace the existing hall with a new community hall which is designed to service the growing population of Glenwood and its surrounds. Council has recently completed a Glenwood Community Space Masterplan and this project forms one of the community's highest priorities for implementation to support this strongly growing regional community.

Scrub Hill Road Upgrade

\$8,500,000

Upgrade to Scrub Hill Road, Dundowran from Empire Circuit to Urraween Road, including the upgrade of the Scrub Hill / Urraween Road intersection and a 2.5m shared pathway. Funding for the construction of road upgrades, intersection safety and capacity improvements and new shared pathways providing improved road safety and active travel connectivity for the emerging communities in this area. The project will also provide for linkages to employment generation areas and schools.

Crime Prevention

\$2,000,000

Funding to implement a range of Crime Prevention initiatives through Environmental Design (CPTED) projects which stem from a recent safety audit of the Hervey Bay Esplanade. Projects would advance the aim of the recently completed Hervey Bay Esplanade Masterplan and CPTED audit and include low-cost interventions such as opening sight lines, target hardening of public spaces to reduce crime, artworks and other low-cost beautification projects to improve the sense of community safety.

Desalination Plant

\$300,000

This project will undertake the Preliminary Evaluation (PE) of the desalination option recommended in the Fraser Coast Water Supply Security Strategy. The PE will reaffirm the strategic outcomes, consider options to achieve the outcome assessing costs, risks, and benefits of this future water supply project. Upon completion of the PE, the project would be expected to progress to development of a detailed Business Case which would be followed by Site Selection & Concept Design.



Glenwood Community Hall



River Heads

Torbanlea train manufacturing facility development



STATE GOVERNMENT PRIORITY PROJECTS OR AREAS OF ADVOCACY

Bruce Highway – Gympie Road Interchange – Torbanlea

\$25,000,000

The project provides for grade separation of the current at-grade intersection to improve road safety. This is the main northern gateway to the growth coastal regions of Burrum Heads through to Hervey Bay and River Heads. Flood immunity works nearing completion on Pialba – Torbanlea Road will provide the primary evacuation route out of Hervey Bay, further enhancing the importance of this intersection. Gympie Street currently carries approximately 3,400 vehicles per day; due to the 100km/hr speed on the Bruce Highway, crashes at this intersection are generally fatal or serious injury in nature. This project will also support the new Queensland Train Manufacturing Facility which has commenced construction at Torbanlea.

Maryborough–Hervey Bay Transport Corridors

\$150,000,000

The Maryborough–Hervey Bay Road is a critical road network connecting two major cities in the Fraser Coast. Upgrades would cater for increased trip demand and improved road safety to handle increasing heavy vehicle movements. A direct link/access to Hervey Bay from the Bruce Highway would provide for a key regional strategic transport link to enable stronger connectedness between the Bruce Highway and major regional roads and significantly improve safety and economic opportunities.

The Maryborough–Hervey Bay Road, which is approximately 35km in length is predominantly 100kph and carries approximately 12,000 vehicles each day. These traffic volumes are generally on par or even exceed those experienced on numerous sections of the Bruce Highway. Improvements to this corridor to cater for four lanes and the construction of the proposed Hervey Bay Gateway connection to the Bruce Highway would reduce travel time to Hervey Bay, allow better access for heavy vehicles to industrial precincts and provide increased safety and amenity benefits for Maryborough with the reduction of through traffic volumes.

The Fraser Coast Regional Council advocates for the following:

- Commence planning to construct a four lane Bruce Highway – Hervey Bay connection to reduce traffic congestion in Maryborough, improve road safety, and shorten the time taken to travel to Hervey Bay.
- Upgrade the Maryborough Hervey Bay Road to four lanes, for its entire length, to reduce congestion and improve road safety.

Fraser Coast Industrial Land Study

\$300,000

An Industrial land demand supply strategy, including site identification and delivery plan, is urgently required as industrial land is in short supply across the region. The State Government's Wide Bay Burnett Regional Plan released in 2023 highlights this as a priority action and Council is seeking to progress this project.

Granville Bridge

\$60,000,000

Replacement of the Granville Bridge including enhancing the approaches and to improve flood immunity.

Urangan Harbour Master Plan

TBA

A new masterplan and a detailed implementation plan is required to steer the long-term future development opportunities for the Urangan Harbour. The Harbour (seabed lease) is at its capacity and there are several industry groups seeking to expand and/or diversify services. The existing masterplan for the harbour was prepared as a joint effort between the State and Council and is dependent upon an extension of the seabed area. The extension area available would increase the seabed lease, however, would not meet long term growth and service demands.

The Fraser Coast Regional Council is seeking State Government action to:

- Resolve constraints around land tenure;
- Explore feasibility for relocation or colocation of Government services located within the marina precinct;
- Facilitate expansion plans of existing tenants;
- Identify development and investment opportunities;
- Invest significant funding for upgrades to infrastructure and masterplan implementation.

Booral Road, Main Street Floodway Upgrade

\$5,000,000

The existing floodway at Booral Road near the intersection of Main Street is subject to frequent inundation resulting in road closures. The Fraser Coast Regional Council is advocating for the State Government to improve road flood immunity through providing drainage capacity upgrades and associated road reconstruction works along Booral and Main Street.

Cambridge Street and Odessa Street Intersection Upgrade

\$3,000,000

Fraser Coast Regional Council is seeking State support to upgrade the Odessa/Cambridge Street intersection to improve efficiency and safety.

K'gari Brand Recognition Support

\$10,000,000

The State Government has recently reinstated the traditional name of K'gari, formerly Fraser Island. The renaming needs significant financial backing to ensure the support of the largest tourism drawcard in the Fraser Coast region. This funding will drive brand awareness and recognition, and continues to support the region's strong and growing tourism industry, particularly in the attraction of interstate and international visitors.



Granville Bridge



Urangan Harbour



Pialba-Burrum Heads Road

\$120,000,000

Pialba-Burrum Heads Road is a state-controlled road that is a primary link to the northern settlement areas of the Fraser Coast region. The corridor provides an essential transport link to the suburbs of Burrum Heads, Toogoom, Craginsh and Dundowran. Recent forecast population growth suggests that Hervey Bay is projected to accommodate 78% of the total population growth in the Fraser Coast region having to accommodate up to an additional 28,000 residents by 2041 in the Hervey Bay area alone.

The northern suburbs are predicted to accommodate a further 2,700 dwelling sites in the next 20 years, approximating an additional 6,500 residents being serviced by the Pialba-Burrum Heads Road corridor.

Over the past 20 years, the growth of traffic upon the corridor has grown steadily with the release and development of land for residential settlement and industry. Current traffic volumes range in the order of 12,700 vehicles/day (2022 count) with an expected annual growth of 2% over the next 10 years and lead to the recent intervention of TMR to upgrade the corridor to four lanes between Wide Bay Drive to Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road inclusive of the proposed upgrade of the intersection with Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road.

Council advocates that the corridor needs to be upgraded to accommodate at least four lanes between Wide Bay Drive to Castles Road with suitable land acquisitions, buffers, and consolidated access restrictions/intersections to address the population forecast demands on the network. The upgrade and corridor footprint should be planned to accommodate current and future residential, commercial, and industrial land release impacts, active travel and principal cycle network initiatives and acoustic generations experienced by the orderly traffic and forecast population growth of the region.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITY PROJECTS OR AREAS OF ADVOCACY

- Infrastructure funding to deal with record population growth
- Funding for the Maryborough to Hervey Bay Transport Corridor Project
- Funding to four lane the Bruce Highway from the Gympie Bypass to Maryborough

Boundary Road Extension





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