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From: Cr Julie Talty
Sent: Friday, 16 June 2023 12:32 PM
To: Division 6 Support
Subject: Fwd: Meeting with Cr Julie Talty to Discuss Mt Cotton Trail Maintenance

Sorry forgot to cc you

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Sent: Friday, June 16, 2023 12:31:55 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>
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Hi [REDACTED]

I have recently met with the mountain bike riders and expressed the concerns of council in regard to trail maintenance and liability issues, however they have a question which I did not have the answer to, as per the email below, can someone please explain how we have trail maintenance groups set up in other parks and why they are allowed to continue when others are not?

Further, apparently in Western Australia they have a three tiered system for trail maintenance where the simplest task such as superficial raking or rocks and leaf litter off the trail would be a level three activity where as corrections to camber or tasks requiring digging or bringing in of materials would be a level one activity. Then the clubs are 'approved' to carry out level three activities only, or level two activities under council supervision through special approval and the council only performs level one activities.

This seems sensible, has this been looked at as a model we might adopt for mountain bike track maintenance. The riders argue that they must clear the debris (rake) for safety, but technically cannot do so in our parks?

Thanks

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Sent: Friday, June 16, 2023 10:08:35 AM

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[REDACTED] Cr Talty's mobile telephone number is 0418 218 847 if you need to contact her on the day.

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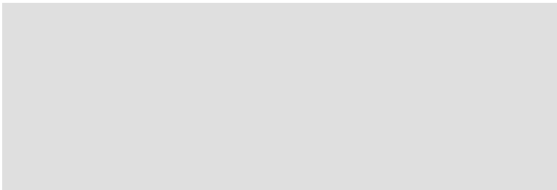
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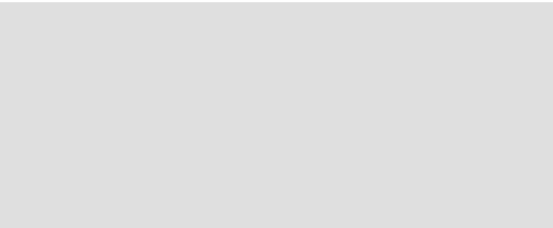
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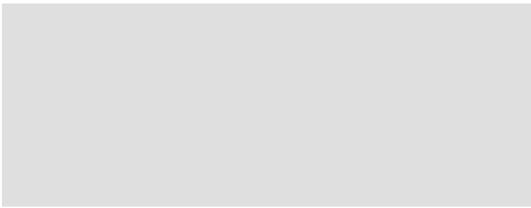
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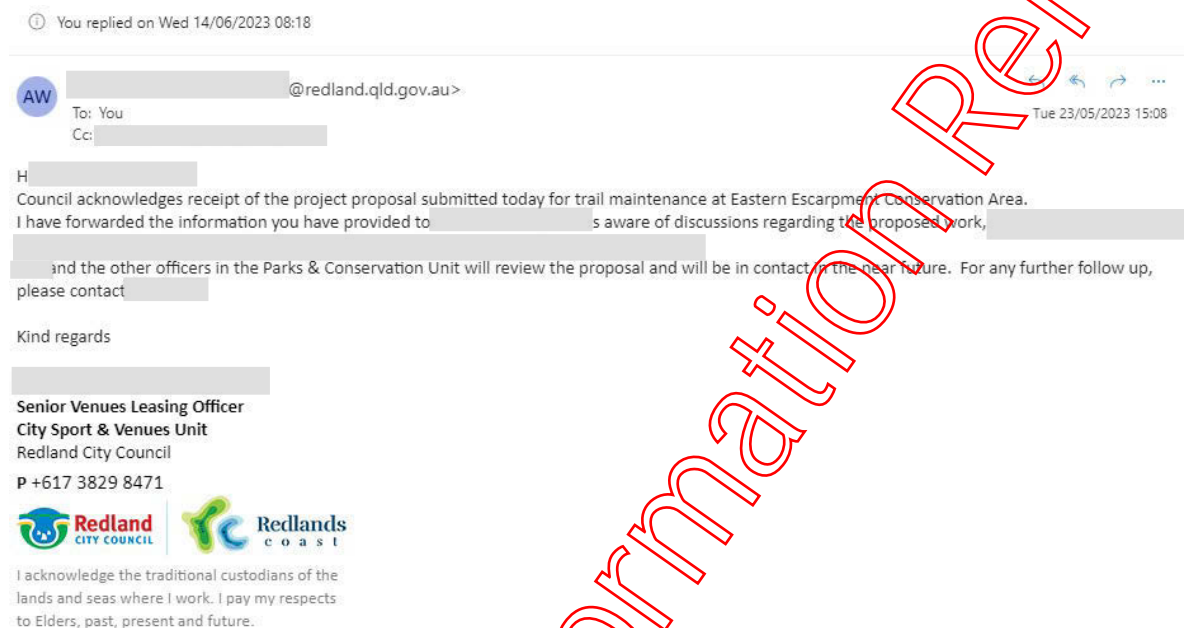


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Sent: Monday, 31 July 2023 2:44 PM
To: Cr Julie Talty
Subject: Re: Meeting with Cr Julie Talty to Discuss Mt Cotton Trail Maintenance

Hi Julie,



I've been told [redacted] is the point of contact, informally, however, several attempts to seek an update and or confirmation that the application is being reviewed have met with no response from [redacted]

In addition to this [redacted] had reached out last year to a [redacted] to run the trail care for the Eastern Escarpment, it was [redacted] who placed the application with Indiscapes which was declined on the basis of resources. [redacted]

through our pressuring to get a response and whilst I do appreciate I'm being somewhat "pushy", this does come from a desire to see the best for the area and the community.

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To: Mt Cotton Riders Alliance <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>
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Can you please tell me who was supposed to respond? Just want to see who they are palming us off on?

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Reaching out to see if there has been any new progress. I was informed through the week that certain individuals have been instructed now to respond to any enquiries regarding trail care in the Eastern Escarpment.

To not even acknowledge an application by a community organisation is woefully lacking.

Kind regards,

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To: Mt Cotton Riders Alliance <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>
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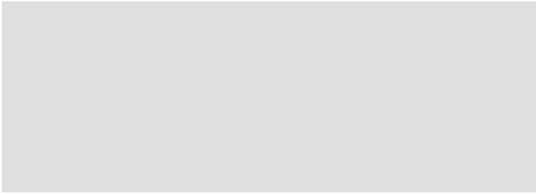
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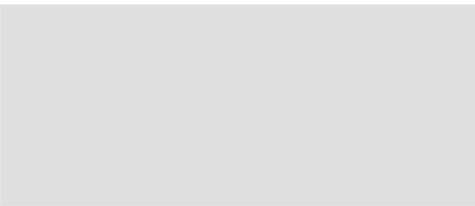
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Sent: Friday, June 16, 2023 10:08 am

To: Cr Julie Talty <Julie.Talty@redland.qld.gov.au>

Cc: Division 6 Support <Division6Support@redland.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Meeting with Cr Julie Talty to Discuss Mt Cotton Trail Maintenance

Morning Julie,

Hope you are well.

Just wishing to follow up on my email below, particularly regarding the active trail maintenance being performed at other trail centres and still experiencing "roadblocks" for the Eastern Escarpment.

We have applied to address council next week and will continue to do so in order to raise wider awareness of this issue, with the Club committee considering taking a vote to raise a petition to the Redlands City Council and bring wider awareness to the disparity being demonstrated within areas of the Council.

I sincerely hope we can have a meaningful engagement with the stakeholders within the Council so that we can community to the riding the community positive progress.

I look forward to your reply.



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Sent: 05 June 2023 19:48

To: Cr Julie Talty <julie.talty@redland.qld.gov.au>

Cc: Division 6 Support <Division6Support@redland.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Meeting with Cr Julie Talty to Discuss Mt Cotton Trail Maintenance

Evening Julie,

Greatly appreciate the time taken yesterday to meet, learn more about the Mt Cotton Riders Alliance and to discuss the current challenges we have getting trail care established for the Eastern Escarpment Conservation area.

I have had a number of emails this evening off the back of a Facebook announcement that trailcare is back running at the Redlands Track Park, and with the earlier announcement of monthly trailcare now being conducted at Bayview Conservation Area, is leaving the Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area community feeling their trails are being neglected at the preference of those areas.

This concerns me personally when the roadblocks we are receiving are those of resources, liability and models under which to formalise, if I'm perfectly honest it feels more like those programs are supported due to the relationships through other clubs outside the Redlands City Council.

I pose the question of how internal department managers can question trailcare in the EECA when it is blatantly obvious that its fine to be performed in others.

As you can appreciate this is further fuelling an us and them mentality within our community which is not conducive to collaborative solutions.

I look forward to hearing how the council will take a proactive, collaborative and equally balanced approach to this situation.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au> on behalf of Division 6 Support
<Division6Support@redland.qld.gov.au>
Sent: 12 May 2023 09:43
To: Mt Cotton Riders Alliance <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>
Cc: Division 6 Support <Division6Support@redland.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Meeting with Cr Julie Talty to Discuss Mt Cotton Trail Maintenance

Good morning [REDACTED] this email is to confirm a meeting with Cr Julie Talty.

Meeting Details:

Date: Sunday 4 June 2023

Time: 9.30am to 10.30am

Location: The Grove Kitchen and Bar, Shop 24/101 Valley Way Mount Cotton

Meeting to discuss Mt Cotton Trail Maintenance.

[REDACTED] Cr Talty's mobile telephone number is 0418 218 847 if you need to contact her on the day.

Thanks and regards

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From: Mt Cotton Riders Alliance <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, 12 May 2023 9:14 AM
To: Division 6 Support <Division6Support@redland.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Meeting with Cr Julie Talty

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for coming back.

Sunday 4th of June would work say 9:30a if that would suit the Councillor at the Mt Cotton Village?

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From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Saturday, 26 August 2023 10:36 AM
Cr Julie Talty
Eastern escarpment conservation area

Hey! Can we please get action towards the maintenance of the trails in mt cotton? Im sure there are plenty of people waiting to get on a shovel and help out but im sure there is process and approval required. How can we go about maintaining these tracks please?

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

Right to Information Release

From: Cr Julie Talty
Sent: Monday, 28 August 2023 10:16 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Division 6 Support
Subject: Re: Eastern Escarpment Trail Care

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to write and raise these concerns. I am aware of the need for maintenance on the Eastern Escarpment trails and I am awaiting information from the relevant department managers on what they are doing to get this addressed as soon as possible.

You are correct, there are keen volunteers who want to help, unfortunately I am having trouble getting agreement from the department to allow that, as you have noted, because of liability concerns. This has been extremely frustrating for riders, the clubs and myself, but we continue to try to press for a combined maintenance regime which includes the department carrying out the major maintenance requirements and the volunteers being able to do the minor work. Again, as you have noted, volunteer trail support is working in other track parks, the issues that make this park an exception are unclear to me.

I have raised an urgent request for trail refurbishment for safety through the office of the CEO and General Manager of Department. I will ask that your contact details be added to have you updated on their response.

Regards

Julie

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Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2023 8:48:30 AM
To: Cr Julie Talty <Julie.Talty@redland.qld.gov.au>; Corporate eMailbox <CorporateeMailbox@redland.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Eastern Escarpment Trail Care

I've been an avid rider of the eastern escarpment at mount cotton since it opened. If you have a look at the trails they are starting to get extremely worn out. This is a safety hazard causing risk of slipping on loose dust or loose rocks. It is also an environmental hazard, big ruts and holes in the trails can change the water runoff. This can cause erosion and also wash sediment down into the Eprapah creek catchment.

Even before the trails were completed, the community has been attempting to engage with the RCC to establish a volunteer based trailcare program. As acknowledged in our address to the RCC, this began with the RATS Cycling Club, then a joint MCRA & RATS application followed by MCRA's independent approach.

To add insult to injury these same people seem to be engaging with and freely allowing trailcare to be performed at the Redlands Track Park and Bayview Conservation Area. Whilst both important assets and trail centres in our region, Eastern Escarpment is the true crown jewel attracting riders to travel from Brisbane, Gold Coast and Toowoomba, bringing money into our local economy

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Action time is now! The longer you wait, the more likely you are to need to use machines such as diggers to fix it. This costs a lot more, shuts the trail down for a longer period of time and isn't as environmentally friendly as fixing it up more frequently by hand

From: Cr Julie Talty
Sent: Monday, 28 August 2023 10:12 AM
To: Division 6 Support
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Eastern Escarpment Trail Care

Hi [REDACTED]

Would you please add this complaint from [REDACTED] to the information request being raised in response to these complaints about trail safety and maintenance in the Eastern Escarpment.

Thanks

Julie

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From: Cr Julie Talty
Sent: Tuesday, 29 August 2023 1:31 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Division 6 Support
Subject: Re: Trallcare program at Eastern Escarpment

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for including me in your email. [REDACTED]

I will raise your complaint with the head of department and I have asked for an information response on the current track management regime and budgets.

Regards

Julie

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Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 1:12:40 PM
To: Cr Julie Talty <Julie.Talty@redland.qld.gov.au>; Corporate eMailbox <CorporateeMailbox@redland.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Trallcare program at Eastern Escarpment

Hello Julie,

The lack of trail maintenance at the Eastern Escarpment is now at a significant danger level. I am a [REDACTED]

The council performed an awesome job rebuilding the trails after the floods, particularly Westys and Blacking Out, however trails require constant care otherwise they become dangerous and then also very expensive to repair back to respectable level.

I would happily donate time with any voluntary trailcare group being MCRA & RATS or whichever group. I would also happily donate money for care at the Eastern Escarpment to make the tracks less dangerous and more enjoyable, injuries cost a lot more and not just financially.

Thanks,

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From: Mt Cotton Riders Alliance <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 10:15 AM
To: Cr Julie Talty
Subject: Re: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

Thanks Julie, we really appreciate the support.

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Sent: 20 November 2023 09:01
To: Mt Cotton Riders Alliance <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>
Subject: Re: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

Thanks [REDACTED] yes, I am out of patience too. I will just bring a motion, they have dragged their heels too long.

Julie

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From: Mt Cotton Riders Alliance <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2023 8:35:17 AM
To: Cr Julie Talty <Julie.Talty@redland.qld.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au; [REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au; [REDACTED]

@redland.qld.gov.au>; Division 6 Support <Division6Support@redland.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

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Good morning Julie,

I hope you have been keeping well.

This morning one of our club members starting talking to a local council officer who was surveying the trails and asking questions regarding how they liked the trails and what could be done, whilst he didn't get the officers name he did pass on my mobile number.

On behalf of the Mt Cotton Riders Alliance, I would like to once again express our continued interest to be involved in this process and remind council that the club has:

1. Funding already in place to support volunteer trail care.
2. Has an in principal agreement with the Brisbane Offroad Riders Alliance (BORRA) for the long term loan of thier trail care trailer and equipment.
3. Continues to gather community support and intent to volunteer for trail care days.

By the scope document attached and our continued efforts we would very much appreciate a seat at the table to work with the Redlands Council to deliver a successful program.

Can we arrange a meeting in the near future to discuss?

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From: Mt Cotton Riders Alliance <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>

Sent: 09 July 2023 15:27

To: @redland.qld.gov.au>

Cc: @redland.qld.gov.au>; Cr Julie Talty <julie.talty@redland.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

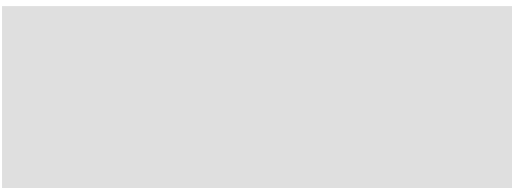
Hi [REDACTED]

Hope you are well.

As a matter of courtesy can you kindly provide a response to our email below?

The community is keen to understand what can be done to progress the trail care program for the eastern escarpment, especially in light of the considerable works just completed in Scribbly Gums just this weekend by volunteers.

We look forward to your response.



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From: Mt Cotton Riders Alliance <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2023 2:06 pm

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

Afternoon [REDACTED]

I hope this email finds you well.

I'm reaching out understanding that [REDACTED]

As you can appreciate both the MCRA and the wider community are interested in seeing progress on the engagement by the Redlands City Council. Considerable effort has been spent over the past two and half years to engage with stakeholders, compile the attached scope and establish the MCRA as a legitimate organisation to provide a platform from which to present a solution to the Redlands City Council.

Can we kindly press you for an update on the progress of our Land Owners Consent and ideally meet with relevant stakeholders to move towards a workable solution for the Redlands City Council and the community?

We look forward to your reply.



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From: Mt Cotton Riders Alliance <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>

Sent: 14 June 2023 08:18

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

Morning [REDACTED]

I hope you are well.

[REDACTED]

In addition, we wish to notify the Redlands City Council that the Mt Cotton Riders Alliance has established an agreement with the Brisbane Offroad Riders Alliance for the long term loan of their trail care trailer fully equipped with the equipment necessary to support the program.

We trust this provides further support to our application and demonstration of the commitment to the trail maintenance.

Please advise if the Redlands City Council wish to see supporting evidence to the above and we will have this forwarded on.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] redland.qld.gov.au>
Sent: 23 May 2023 15:08
To: mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>; [REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

Hi [REDACTED]
Council acknowledges receipt of the project proposal submitted today for trail maintenance at Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area.

I have forwarded the information you have provided to [REDACTED] as he is aware of discussions regarding the proposed work [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and the other officers in the Parks & Conservation Unit will review the proposal and will be in contact in the near future. For any further follow up, please contact [REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Senior Venues Leasing Officer
City Sport & Venues Unit
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Yurr Welcome

Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area



TRAIL MAINTENANCE SCOPE DOCUMENT

Prepared for Redland City Council

23 May 2023



Acknowledgements:

We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, the Quandamooka people, of the land on which we work and live, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

We would like to acknowledge the [AusCycling Australian Mountain Bike Trail Guidelines¹](#) and the Shire of York's [Mount Brown Trail Maintenance Guide 2019²](#), both used comprehensively in compiling this scope document.

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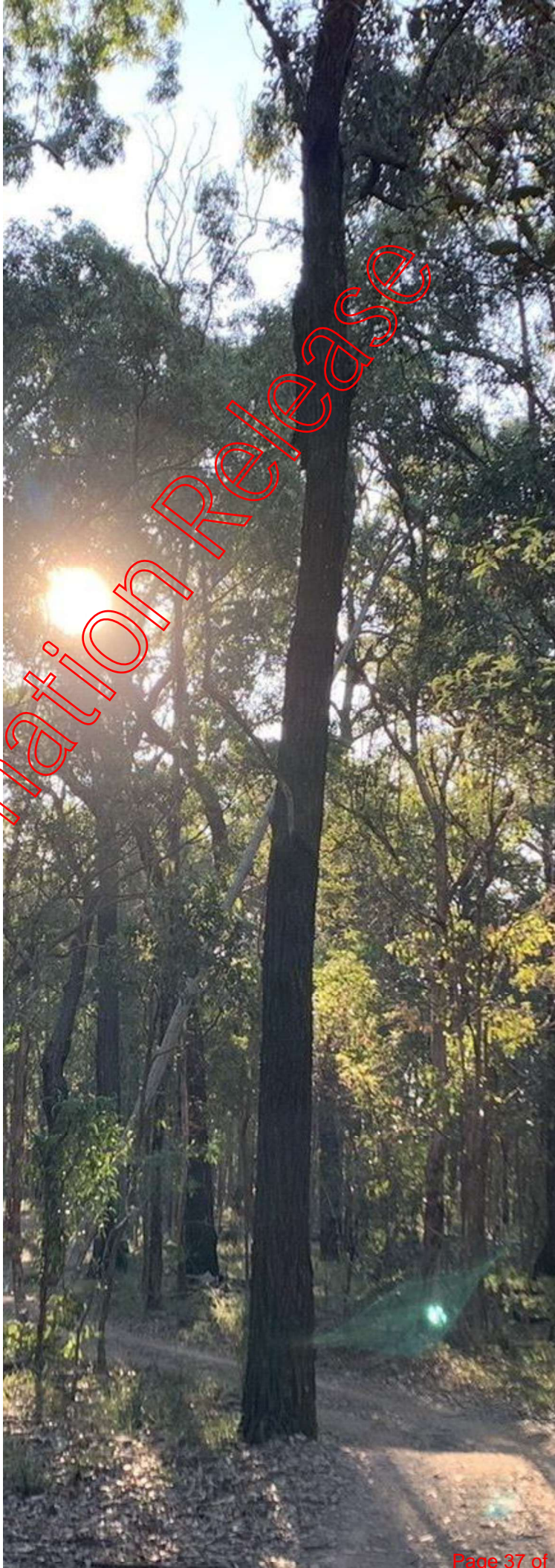


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This scope document is to present the Mt Cotton Riders Alliance Inc.'s plan for the sustainable maintenance of the Redlands City Council's mountain biking trail network within the Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area (EECA).

It will present general principles of trail maintenance and applying them to the unique context of the EECA with a key aim of the document to promote healthy working relationships between the Redlands City Council, Mt Cotton Riders Alliance Inc., trail care volunteers and event organisers to ensure trails remain fit for purpose through a sustainable and environmentally considered maintenance program.

It comes in response to the growing popularity of the trails and increased facilitation of successful mountain biking events in the area, including the Rocky Trail Fox SuperFlow® and Rocky Trail Academy Schools Comp. Data collected from Rocky Trail Entertainment indicated that the recent Fox Superflow® had a total number of 763 attendees of with an estimated economic value of \$154-\$196K for the Redlands City Council area, please refer to Appendix A for further details.

The Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area is a 186ha reserve located in Mount Cotton that forms the upper catchment of Erapah Creek. It incorporates multi use fire roads and single trail. The reserve climbs steeply from the valley floor up the north-east side of Mount Cotton to 360-degree views of the South East Queensland region at the very top. Terrain is rugged and includes deep gullies and dry eucalypt forest with some remnant riparian vegetation and patches of rainforest³.

As identified in the [Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Plan](#), *Trail maintenance not only protects the asset and ensures a quality recreation experience it also mitigates any risk exposure. To be seen to have a regular maintenance program is a key part of risk management*⁴.

In reviewing this scope document, we also draw Redlands City Council stakeholder attention to the economic benefits that can be derived from volunteering, with an estimated \$3,214 per volunteer, per annum, as identified in the AusCycling commissioned study into Mountain Biking in Australia: An Economic and Participation Analysis⁵. This analysis also highlights the significant social benefits of mountain biking to the community, equating to \$3,722 per rider, per annum.

The Mt Cotton Riders Alliance Inc. views the adequate maintenance of the EECA trail network to be a key factor in the Redlands City Council realising the benefits highlighted above. To ensure the network is sustainably maintained and provides for a positive trail user experience will contribute to the longevity of the EECA as a vital asset to the Redlands City Council and the local community.

As the Mt Cotton Riders Alliance Inc. already possess the funds to establish a volunteer led trail maintenance program for minor works, providing further material benefit the Redlands City Council and allowing for future budgetary considerations directed to major works.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the scope document in more detail and look forward to working with the RCC on this exciting opportunity.

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Secretary
Mt Cotton Riders Alliance Inc.
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T: [REDACTED]

STRUCTURE

It is proposed that the structure of the trail maintenance program be conducted under the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Redlands City Council (RCC) and the Mt Cotton Riders Alliance Inc. (MCRA).

It is recommended this be based on common practice Trail Adoption Agreements such as those provided in the Western Australian Mountain Bike Management Guidelines⁶, to be agreed by both parties prior to the commencement of trail maintenance.

A Trail Care Coordinator (TCC) shall be appointed, by either the RCC or MCRA with two assistant Coordinators supporting this role and appointed by the MCRA. The TCC shall be responsible for all communication between the RCC and MCRA Trail Care Volunteer Group.

FUNDING

Initial funding for the procurement of hand tools and equipment will be provided through an existing \$3,500 in allocated MCRA funds. This shall also fund trail maintenance days, ie providing food and drinks for volunteers.

Ongoing funding for volunteer conducted maintenance of the trails will be sourced from MCRA fundraising activities, which may include however not limited to the following:

- Club membership fees
- Merchandise, for example, club apparel
- Events fees on event run by the MCRA
- Requesting event organisers to donate a percentage of each entry fee to trail maintenance.
- Raffles and crowdfunding
- Trail adoption/sponsorship by local businesses.

Funding for major works shall be sourced from a combination of RCC ongoing budgets, fundraising and grant applications by the MCRA and other community groups and event organisers in the lead up to and following

events, such as Rock Trail Entertainment's annual donation following the conduct of the Fox SuperFlow®.

TRAIL ASSESSMENT

Trail maintenance involves implementing methodologies to ensure continued trail predictability, ride quality, trail sustainability and reducing environmental impact.

Any decision to perform work on a trail shall be made on balance. Mountain bike trails are unique in that they occupy a point between the built and the natural environments. Any decision to work on a trail should be made in balance against preserving elements of desirable "trail character".

Elements of trail character develop over time through the interaction of bikes with the natural environment. The following elements shall be considered when assessing the trails.

TRAIL USERS

The following are considered and know users other than mountain bikers, as defined in AusCycling's Australian Mountain Bike Trail Guidelines:

- **Adaptive Mountain Bikers** – encompasses a broad range of events and riders who typically cannot ride a standard mountain bike and require adapted equipment and trails to suit their physical, intellectual, neurological and sensory abilities.
- **Hikers** – more focused on setting and destination, most mobile users, capable of cross-country travel.
- **Horse Riders** – less affected by tread condition, prefer loops, greatly prefer water access, require longer distances than hikers for a valued experience.
- **Trail Runners** – most similar in movement to mountain bikers (speed, distance, preferred).

ENVIRONMENTAL

Environmental considerations are extremely important in deciding on which construction techniques are employed during maintenance.

The ecological value of the flora and fauna present, the identification of threatened species or larger trees are examples of environmental considerations which greatly inform the guidelines around how the trails in an area are maintained.

The Geological stability of the landscape, the soil types and how prone the soil is to weathering and erosion is another important consideration in the management plan for an area.

An example of environmental context informing trail maintenance guidelines would be in areas where spread of phytophthora dieback is a concern. As dieback spreads via the transportation of loose muddy soil, the prevention or rectification of puddling will be a high priority. Maintenance programs will have a heavy focus on trail armouring and trail profiling to maintain a well-draining trail tread. In areas where the spread of dieback is less of a concern, then a maintenance program with less focus on controlled water management, in favour of retaining elements of natural trail character may be more appropriate.

MCRA recommends that as part of the establishment of the trail maintenance program a walk through with RCC environmental officers be conducted to identify areas of environmental concerns and to assist in the education of environmental considerations specific to the EECA.

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY (GRADE)

All EECA trail technical difficulties are graded and sign posted, with the grade being based upon the technical features present and the exposure to risk. At all times trails shall be assessed in accordance with their originally constructed Trail Difficulty Rating System.

The MCRA recognises the work conducted by AusCycling in their recent publication

Australian Mountain Bike Trail Guidelines, and suggest the adoption of these guidelines given their adoption of the International Mountain Bike Associations Difficulty Rating System⁷, with the follow additions and amendments following:

- The addition of two new trail difficulty classifications – one new classification between green and blue and one new classification between blue and black
- Making the following difficulty assessment criteria ‘guiding criteria only’:
 - Trail width
 - Trail surface
 - Trail gradient
 - Quality of signs
- Making the following difficulty assessment criteria ‘risk assessable criteria’:
 - Trail exposure
 - Natural and technical trail features.

At all times this difficulty rating system shall be used for assessing trail conditions and their maintenance, in accordance with their originally constructed grading.

TRAIL TYPES

A trail type is a description of both the technical specification of the trail, likely rider experience and mountain bike discipline the trail was constructed in accordance with.

The EECA is assessed as having a mixture of the following trail types:

- Cross Country (XC)
- Flow (FL)
- All Mountain (AM)
- Gravity/Enduro (GE)
- Downhill (DH)
- Adaptive

Refer to Appendix B for the Trail Difficulty Rating Matrix.

RESPONSIBILITIES

MANAGEMENT TASK	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Hazard inspection and reporting	<p>MCRA will report hazards on an ad hoc basis through receiving community feedback on the trails, via social media or regular MCRA club activities.</p> <p>MCRA will remedy any minor hazards (such as fallen branches, blocked drainage) as part of routine maintenance activities or in preparation for events.</p> <p>Major hazards such as fallen trees, areas of significant erosion, illegally built features, can be reported to the RCC via email, phone, or in person at the appropriate RCC office, and will subsequently be inspected by RCC staff.</p> <p>MCRA shall perform Trail Assessments in accordance with the proposed Appendix F Trail Inspection and Maintenance Schedule.</p> <p>It is recommended that a professional trail contractor should conduct an audit on the trail network on a bi-annual basis, to assess major issues and risks.</p>
Trail Maintenance	<p>MCRA will perform minor preventative and reactive maintenance works. Some minor works may require prior RCC approval.</p> <p>RCC will assess, manage and collaboratively perform new works with the MCRA.</p> <p>Refer to the Trail Maintenance Conduct section for more details.</p>
Maintenance Equipment	<p>MCRA shall procure, own and maintain the necessary tools to perform minor preventative and reactive maintenance.</p> <p>MCRA and the RCC shall jointly identify suitable grant programs to assist in securing funding for capital equipment such as motorised wheelbarrows and compactors to support the evolution of the trail maintenance program.</p>

INSPECTION AND REPORTING

Trails will be subject to varying weather conditions, wear and tear and potentially vandalism, which may create hazards to trail users. Hazards on the trail should be recorded under an asset management system and high-risk hazards should be eliminated as soon as discovered.

During trail auditing hazards should be rated, using the risk rating system outlined shown in Appendix C. This can be done by carrying out a risk assessment on each hazard as it arises.

Should the hazard be deemed high risk measures should be taken to prevent injury. This may take the form of temporary trail closure, or in some circumstances warning signage and bunting may suffice.

Communication protocols shall be outlined in the MOU and the reporting party should let all other relevant parties know of any trail closures or hazards. Temporary signage at trail access points, social media posts and email updates to stakeholders are all methods of communication that should be considered if there is a need to close the trail for maintenance.

Hazard reporting should be consistent, and all data should be retained for future reference. Hazard reporting should be conducted using an agreed format and maintenance inspections should be carried out at the agreed intervals, and by the agreed parties, with a proposed template provided under Appendix D Trail Assessment Form.

TRAIL INSPECTION PROGRAM

While the inspection program aims to prevent the need for major maintenance works, it is important to ensure that ad hoc maintenance activities are undertaken from time to time as required. The trail inspection will detail any issues that require maintenance, such as:

- Trail surface issues
- Drainage problems
- Vegetation regrowth on the trail
- Condition of signage
- Condition of technical trail features (TTFs)

Refer to Appendix D Trail Assessment Form, Appendix E for a list and description of common trail condition issues.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE CONDUCT

The trails will be maintained in accordance with the sections proceeding and, in the manner, outlined in the follow sections.

At all times the MCRA and RCC shall adopt collaborative and construction communication to ensure the effective continuation of trail maintenance and the safe enjoyment of trails by all users.

FREQUENCY

Frequency of trail maintenance depends on factors such as the amount and type of use, soil type, vegetation type and where the trail is located. Extreme weather events may necessitate unscheduled maintenance and hazard checks.

Appendix G, Trail Maintenance Inspection Schedule provides an indicative schedule for general maintenance conducted on a monthly basis with guidance taken from the Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Plan to inform the schedule.

MCRA shall also conduct ad hoc maintenance as required through hazard identification and pre and post events being conducted on the network. RCC shall be notified through agreed communication means of any ad hoc maintenance being conducted.

STANDARDS

All trail work must adhere to the AusCycling Australian Mountain Bike Trail Guidelines specifications and dimensions.

Trails and TTFs shall be maintained to the original classification, as per the documented trail design. When undertaking maintenance works, the following standards should be adhered to:

- No material, apart from drainage clearing, is moved without prior approval by the RCC.
- No material from outside the EECA area to be brought into the area without prior approval by the RCC.
- Trail surface should be maintained to the original classification.
- Visitor risk management processes should be in accordance with RCC requirements. Such as trail closures, signage and notification of works.
- Drainage should be maintained to minimise the pooling of water or erosion on or adjacent to the trail.

SIGNS OF TYPICAL WEAR

Trails typically change over time with use. Trail surface change is acceptable provided:

- The original trail classification is maintained. This means the trail dimensions, corridor clearance, specifications and features on the trail remain within the required standard. Refer to Appendix B for the Trail Difficulty Rating Matrix and AusCycling

Australian Mountain Bike Trail Guidelines

- No environmental issues have been caused, such as erosion, track creep, excessive pruning/damage to vegetation.
- All trail technical features are of sound construction.
- Standing water is not settling on the trail surface.

ACTIVITIES

Refer to Appendix F for Trail Inspection and Maintenance Schedule which outlines things to look for and frequency of inspection/maintenance required.

WORK DEFINITIONS

MINOR WORKS - Minor works are those which can be performed by hand using small non-powered hand tools. These include but are not limited to, shovels, rakes, secateurs and water pump packs.

MINOR WORKS FOR APPROVAL - Minor works requiring the RCC approval include:

APPROVED ACTIVITIES	RCC APPROVAL REQUIRED
Clearing and/or repairing drains to original specification	New work (defined above)
Repairing TTFs to original specification	Any work that requires powered tools or machinery
Repairing trail surface to original specification	Trail head and orientation signage modifications and installation
Raking and clearing of trail surface	

GUIDANCE RESOURCES

The following guidance resources shall be utilised to inform the trail maintenance program, in order of precedence:

- AusCycling Australian Mountain Bike Trail Guidelines
- International Mountain Biking Association's Guidelines For A Quality Trail Experience – Mountain Bike Trail Guidelines⁸

- Those which require powered tools or machinery.
- Trail head and orientation signage modifications and installation.

NEW WORK – Work that modifies the trail surface alignment, TTFs of drainage features beyond the original dimensions and specifications.

All new works will require RCC approval and supervision, the community should be notified of all trail closures.

ACCESS

MCRA will require access by 4WD vehicle in order to transport equipment and volunteers to areas of trail maintenance.

All vehicle transport shall be restricted to designated fire roads, with hazard lights employed and restricted to a maximum speed of ten kilometres an hour.

- International Mountain Biking Associations Trail Difficulty Rating System

APPENDIX A – ROCKY TRAIL STATISTICS LETTER

ROCKY TRAIL ENTERTAINMENT PTY LTD

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Mt Cotton Riders Alliance

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22 May 2023

Subject: Rocky Trail Statistics Eastern Escarpment

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find enclosed an outline of the key visitation and event marketing campaign statistics for our Rocky Trail Academy and Fox Superflow® event weekend at Eastern Escarpment in April 2023. This information may be shared with your stakeholders as per our discussions.

On behalf of Rocky Trail Entertainment, I'd like to thank you and the Mt Cotton Riders Alliance for your endorsement and support of our events. We are looking forward to future events on our home trails and trust that the trail donation and rider fee will support your community and ongoing trail building efforts as well as maintenance requirements.

Kind regards,

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Fox Superflow® (15+16 April):

<https://rockytrailsuperflow.com/event/eastern-escarpment-2023/>

- Total attendees: 763 (est. economic value \$154-195K)
- Competitors: 456
- Overnight Visitors: 79
- Day Visitors: 684
- Nights generated: 129 (est. economic value \$35-43K)
- The paid social media campaign resulted in:
 - 49,440 REACH
 - 197,613 IMPRESSIONS
 - 1,100 CLICKS



Rocky Trail Academy (21 April):

<https://rockytrailacademy.com/event/brisbane-schools-comp-brisbane/>

- Total attendees: 500 (est. economic value \$58-61K)
- Schools represented: 38
- Competitors: 332
- Overnight Visitors: 4
- Day Visitors: 411
- Nights generated: 6 (est. economic value \$1.6-2K)

Website:


- The event websites had a total of **35,000 views** in the campaign period.

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APPENDIX B – TRAIL DIFFICULTY RATING SYSTEM


VERY EASY MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL / FIRE TRAIL

		Technical Description (for land Manager use)	Trail Description (for public information)	Generic Description (for public information)	Short Classification Key
		Grade of trail	Very easy		
		Description	Likely to be a fire road, rail trail or wide single track with a gentle gradient, smooth surface and free of obstacles	Likely to be a fire road, rail trail or wide single track with a gentle gradient, smooth surface and free of obstacles	Wide trail with a gentle gradient smooth surface and no obstacles Suitable for beginner cyclists with basic bike skills, and most bikes
Guiding Criteria		Trail Width	2100 mm plus or minus 900 mm	Two riders can ride side by side	Wide trail, gentle gradient smooth surface, no obstacles For beginner cyclists with basic bike skills
		Trail Surface	Hardened or smooth	Hardened with no challenging features on the trail	
		Trail Gradient	Climbs and descents are mostly shallow Ave. trail grade – 7% or less Max. trail grade – 15%	Climbs and descents are mostly shallow	
		Quality of Markings	Trailhead signs and route markers at intersections	Clearly signposted	
		Level of Trail Exposure	Exposure to either side of the trail corridor includes downward slopes of up to 30%	Minimal exposure on either side of the trail corridor	
Risk Assessable Criteria		Natural Obstacles and Technical Trail Features (TTFs)	Unavoidable bridges 2100mm or wider	No obstacles	
		Experience Required	Suitable for beginner / novice cyclists with basic bike riding skills Suitable for most bikes	Suitable for beginner / novice cyclists with basic bike riding skills Suitable for most bikes	


EASY MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

		Technical Description (for land Manager use)	Trail Description (for public information)	Generic Description (for public information)	Short Classification Key
		Grade of trail	Easy		
		Description	Likely to be a combination of fire road or wide single track with a gentle gradient, smooth surface and relatively free of obstacles Short sections may exceed these criteria	Likely to be a combination of fire road or wide single track with a gentle gradient, smooth surface and relatively free of obstacles Short sections may exceed these criteria	Wide trail with a gentle gradient smooth surface Some obstacles such as roots, logs and rocks Suitable for beginner cyclists with basic mountain bike skills, and off-road bikes
Guiding Criteria		Trail Width	900 mm plus or minus 300 mm	Handlebar width or greater	Wide trail, gentle gradient, some obstacles For beginner mountain bikers with basic mountain bike skills
		Trail Surface	Mostly firm and stable	Mostly firm and stable	
		Trail Gradient	Climbs and descents are mostly shallow, but trail may include some moderately steep sections Ave. trail grade – 7% or less Max. trail grade – 15%	Climbs and descents are mostly shallow, but trail may include some moderately steep sections	
		Quality of Markings	Trailhead signs and route markers at intersections	Clearly signposted	
Risk Assessable Criteria		Level of Trail Exposure	Exposure to either side of the trail corridor includes downward slopes of up to 30%	Minimal exposure on either side of the trail corridor	
		Natural Obstacles and Technical Trail Features (TTFs)	Unavoidable obstacles to 100mm high, such as logs, roots and rocks Avoidable, movable obstacles or jumps may be present Unavoidable bridges 900mm or wider Short sections may exceed these criteria	Trail may have obstacles such as logs, roots, rocks and jumps	
		Experience Required	Suitable for beginner / novice mountain bikers with basic mountain bike skills Suitable for off-road bikes	Suitable mountain bikers with basic mountain bike skills Suitable for most bikes	

EASY / INTERMEDIATE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

		Technical Description (for land Manager use)	Trail Description (for public information)	Generic Description (for public information)	Short Classification Key
Guiding Criteria	Grade of trail	Easy with Intermediate Sections			
	Description	Likely to be single track with a moderate gradient, variable surface and some obstacles Short sections may exceed these criteria	Likely to be single track with a moderate gradient, variable surface and some obstacles Short sections may exceed these criteria	Likely to be single track with a moderate gradient, variable surface and some obstacles Some obstacles such as roots, logs and rocks Suitable for mountain bikers with mountain bikes	Single track, moderate gradient and some obstacles For beginner mountain bikers with basic mountain bike skills
	Trail Width	750 mm plus or minus 200 mm	Handlebar width		
	Trail Surface	Mostly firm and stable	Mostly firm and stable		
	Trail Gradient	Climbs and descents are mostly shallow, but trail may include some moderately steep sections Ave. trail grade – 7% or less Max. trail grade – 20%	Climbs and descents are mostly shallow, but trail may include some moderately steep sections		
Risk Assessable Criteria	Quality of Markings	Trailhead signs and route markers at intersections	Clearly signposted		
	Level of Trail Exposure	Exposure to either side of the trail corridor includes downward slopes of up to 30%	Minimal exposure on either side of the trail corridor		
	Natural Obstacles and Technical Trail Features (TTFs)	Unavoidable obstacles to 200mm high, such as logs, roots and rocks Avoidable, rollable obstacles and jumps may be present Unavoidable bridges 900mm or wider Short sections may exceed these criteria	Trail may have obstacles such as logs, roots, rocks and jumps		
	Experience Required	Suitable for beginner / novice mountain bikers with basic mountain bike skills Suitable for off-road bikes	Suitable for mountain bikers with basic mountain bike skills Suitable for most bikes		


INTERMEDIATE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

		Technical Description (for land Manager use)	Trail Description (for public information)	Generic Description (for public information)	Short Classification Key
Guiding Criteria	Grade of trail	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate
	Description	Single trail with moderate gradients, variable surface and obstacles Dual use or preferred use	Single trail with moderate gradients, variable surface and obstacles	Single trail with moderate gradients, variable surface and obstacles May include steep sections Suitable for skilled mountain bikers with mountain bikes	Single trail, moderate gradients, obstacles and some steep sections For skilled mountain bikers
	Trail Width	600 mm plus or minus 300 mm	Handlebar width or greater		
	Trail Surface	Possible sections of rocky or loose tread	Possible sections of rocky or loose tread		
	Trail Gradient	Mostly moderate gradients but may include steep sections Ave. trail grade – 10% or less Max. trail grade – 20% Short sections may exceed these criteria	Mostly moderate gradients but may include steep sections		
Risk Assessable Criteria	Quality of Markings	Trailhead signs and route markers at intersections	Signposted		
	Level of Trail Exposure	Exposure to either side of the trail corridor includes downward slopes of up to 50%	Sections of trail will include moderate exposure on either side of the trail corridor		
	Natural Obstacles and Technical Trail Features (TTFs)	Unavoidable obstacles to 350 mm high, such as logs, roots and rocks Avoidable, obstacles to 600 mm may be present, width of deck is greater than half the height of the obstacle Tabletop jumps to 1500mm high, rollable double jumps and avoidable gap jumps Unavoidable bridges 600mm or wider Short sections may exceed these criteria	Trail will have obstacles such as logs, roots, rocks and jumps		
	Experience Required	Suitable for skilled mountain bikers with basic mountain bike skills Suitable for mountain bikes	Suitable for skilled mountain bikers with basic mountain bike skills Suitable for mountain bikes		


INTERMEDIATE / DIFFICULT MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

		Technical Description (for land Manager use)	Trail Description (for public information)	Generic Description (for public information)	Short Classification Key
Guiding Criteria	Grade of trail	Intermediate with Difficult Sections			
	Description	Likely to be a challenging single trail with moderate gradients, variable surface and obstacles Dual use or preferred use	Likely to be a challenging single trail with moderate gradients, variable surface and obstacles	Suitable for competent mountain bikers, used to physically demanding routes Expect large and unavoidable obstacles and features Challenging and variable with some steep climbs or descents and loose surfaces	For competent mountain bikers Large, unavoidable obstacles and features Some steep climbs or descents and loose surfaces
	Trail Width	600 mm plus or minus 300 mm	Handlebar width or greater		
	Trail Surface	Possible sections of rocky or loose tread	Possible sections of rocky or loose tread		
	Trail Gradient	Mostly moderate gradients but may include steep sections Ave. trail grade – 20% or less Max. trail grade – 30% Short sections may exceed these criteria	Mostly moderate gradients but may include steep sections		
	Quality of Markings	Trailhead signs and route markers at intersections	Signposted		
Risk Assessable Criteria	Level of Trail Exposure	Exposure to either side of the trail corridor includes downward slopes of up to 50%	Sections of trail will include moderate exposure on either side of the trail corridor		
	Natural Obstacles and Technical Trail Features (TTFs)	Unavoidable obstacles to 400 mm high, such as logs, roots and rocks Avoidable, obstacles to 1000 mm may be present, width of deck is greater than half the height of the obstacle Tabletop jumps to 2000mm high, rollable double jumps and avoidable gap jumps Unavoidable bridges 600mm or wider Short sections may exceed these criteria	Trail will have obstacles such as logs, roots, rocks and jumps		
	Experience Required	Suitable for competent mountain bikers with good mountain bike skills Suitable for mountain bikes	Suitable for competent mountain bikers with good mountain bike skills Suitable for mountain bikes		

DIFFICULT MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

		Technical Description (for land Manager use)	Trail Description (for public information)	Generic Description (for public information)	Short Classification Key
Guiding Criteria	Grade of trail	Difficult			
	Description	Likely to be a challenging single trail with steep gradients, variable surface and many obstacles Single use and direction Optional lines Suitable for cross country, downhill or trials	Likely to be a challenging single trail with steep gradients, variable surface and many obstacles	Suitable for experienced mountain bikers, used to physically demanding routes Navigation and personal survival skills are highly desirable Expect large, dangerous and unavoidable obstacles and features Challenging and variable with long steep climbs or descents and loose surfaces Some sections will be easier to walk	For experienced mountain bikers Challenging trail Large, unavoidable obstacles and features Long, steep climbs or descents and loose surfaces
	Trail Width	300 mm plus or minus 150 mm for tread and bridges	Can be less than handlebar width		
	Trail Surface	Variable and challenging	Variable and challenging		
	Trail Gradient	Contains steep descents and climbs Ave. trail grade – 20% or less Max. trail grade – 30% Short sections may exceed these criteria	Contains steep descents and climbs		
	Quality of Markings	Trailhead signs and route markers may be limited	Limited signs		
Risk Assessable Criteria	Level of Trail Exposure	Exposure to either side of the trail corridor includes steep downward slopes or freefall	Exposure to either side of the trail corridor includes steep downward slopes or freefall		
	Natural Obstacles and Technical Trail Features (TTFs)	Unavoidable obstacles to 500 mm high, such as logs, roots, drop off's or constructed obstacles Avoidable, obstacles to 1200 mm may be present, width of deck is greater than half the height of the obstacle Tabletop jumps to 2500mm high, rollable double jumps and avoidable gap jumps Unavoidable bridges 600mm or wider Short sections may exceed these criteria	Unavoidable obstacles such as logs, roots, drop off's, jumps or constructed obstacles		
	Experience Required	Suitable for experienced mountain bikers with good skills, used to physically demanding routes Navigation and personal survival skills are highly desirable Suitable for better quality mountain bikes	Suitable for experienced mountain bikers with good skills, used to physically demanding routes Navigation and personal survival skills are highly desirable Suitable for better quality mountain bikes		

EXTREME MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

		Technical Description (for land manager use)	Trail Description (for public information)	Generic Description (for public information)	Short Classification Key
Guiding Criteria	Grade of trail	Extreme			
	Description	Extremely difficult trails incorporating very steep gradients, highly variable surface and unavoidable, severe obstacles Single use and direction Optional lines Cross country, downhill or trials	Likely to be a challenging single trail with steep gradients, variable surface and many obstacles	Suitable for highly experienced mountain bikers, used to physically demanding routes. Navigation and personal survival skills are highly desirable Severe constructed trails and/or natural features, all sections are challenging Includes extreme levels of exposure and / or risk Expect large and unavoidable jumps, obstacles and features Some sections will be easier to walk.	For highly experienced mountain bikers All sections extremely challenging Large, unavoidable jumps, obstacles and severe features
	Trail Width	150 mm plus or minus 100 mm for tread and bridges Structures can vary	Can be less than handlebar width		
	Trail Surface	Widely variable and challenging	Widely variable and challenging		
	Trail Gradient	Expect prolonged steep, loose and rocky descents or climbs Average trail grade – 20% Max. trail grade – 40% Short sections may exceed these criteria	Expect prolonged steep, loose and rocky descents or climbs		
	Quality of Markings	Trailhead signs and route markers may be limited	Limited signs		
Risk Assessable Criteria	Level of Trail Exposure	Exposure to either side of the trail corridor includes steep downward slopes or freefall	Exposure to either side of the trail corridor includes steep downward slopes or freefall		
	Natural Obstacles and Technical Trail Features (TTFs)	Unavoidable obstacles over 1000mm Avoidable, obstacles may be present Unavoidable gap jumps and doubles Unavoidable bridges 600mm or narrower Width of bridges is unpredictable Short sections may exceed these criteria	Unavoidable obstacles such as gap jumps, logs, roots, drop off's or constructed obstacles		
	Experience Required	Suitable for highly experienced mountain bikers with excellent skills, used to physically demanding routes Navigation and personal survival skills are highly desirable Suitable for quality mountain bikes	Suitable for highly experienced mountain bikers with excellent skills, used to physically demanding routes Navigation and personal survival skills are highly desirable Suitable for quality mountain bikes		

APPENDIX C – HAZARD RATING MATRIX

			INSIGNIFICANT	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	SUBSTATIAL	
			SAFETY	Can keep riding / walking	Minor injury / sickness	Moderate injury / sickness	Major injury	Permanent injury/death
			ENVIRONMENTAL	Can remedy without tools	Remedy with tools	Reparable damage < 1 day work to modify	Reparable damage > 1 day work to rectify	Irreversible damage
			QUALITY	Meets relevant trail standards	Acceptable alternative to relevant trail standards	None work needed to meet standards and create sustainable trail / feature	Not acceptable below standard major works needed to meet standards	Not acceptable below standard major works needed to meet standards
LIKELIHOOD	ALMOST CERTAIN	This will most likely happen every time the trail is used	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	EXTREME	EXTREME	
	LIKELY	It has happened	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	EXTREME	
	POSSIBLE	It's possible if you don't know what you're doing, or you're unlucky	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME	
	UNLIKELY	Not likely, but it could happen	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	
	RARE	I've never heard of it happening, practically impossible	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	

APPENDIX D – TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

TRAIL

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ASSESSMENT DATE _____

ASSESSED BY _____





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Notes





1. GPS used in recording waypoints need to be set to UTM coordinates, GDA94 Datum and downloadable.
2. Gradients are to be measured using a clinometer, and not estimated by the eye and presented as a percentage.
3. Feature includes TTFs, built structures, turns, slowing points, steep sections, change in trail surface, chutes etc.
4. Issues include erosion, drainage required/not working, safety issue, trail damage, TTF damage, signage etc.






APPENDIX E – COMMON TRAIL CONDITION ISSUES

The following table provides identified common issues and recommended remediation measures.

ID #	PHOTO	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDATION
001		Water scour	Remediate trail surface to improve drainage
002		Water scour on TTF take off	Remediate take off, drainage unlikely to be improved
003		Braking rut damage	Remediate trail surface, armour if required
004		Potential soft spot/water catch	Armour if required

005		Pedal snag, impale risk	Remove stump and remediate trail surface
006		Exposure of rock under original trail surface	If rocks become too exposed, re-profile corner
007		Line of sight obscured	Prune vegetation
008		Corner erosion / rock exposure	Re-profile corner, rake and clear loose rumble

009		Drainage issues	Remove lower edge of cupped trail profile to make best use of grade reversal to enhance drainage
010		Dead tree overhang	Monitor and remove if presenting a risk
011		Corner erosion / breaking ruts	Re-profile, re-pack corner
012		Chute erosion, unpredictability	Remediate trail surface and armour

013		Bridge undermining	Engineering inspection and remediate
014		Pedal snag, drainage issue	Remove stump and lower edge of cupped trail profile to make best use of grade reversal to enhance drainage
015		TTF rock drop edging erosion	Re-profile lead in and armour siding
016		TTF "B" line obscured	Rake and clear debris
017		Unsanctioned "B" lien developing	Re-instate original corner profile, establish approved "B" line

APPENDIX F – TRAIL NETWORK MAP

TRAIL NAME	TRAIL DIFFICULTY RATING	RIDE DIRECTION	OTHER
Up The Creek		Two Way	
Easy Street		Two Way	
Crosscut		Two Way	
Adapt		Two Way	
Leo Lands		Two Way	
Cotton Canyon Part 1		Two Way	
Cotton Canyon Part 2		Two Way	
Piccabeen		Two Way	
Escalade		Two Way	
Metamorphic		Two Way	
Powerful Howl		Two Way (predominantly Downhill)	
Shenanigans		Two Way (predominantly Downhill)	
Rise over Run		Two Way	
Westy's		Downhill Only	
Blacking Out		Downhill Only	



APPENDIX G – TRAIL MAINTENANCE INSPECTION SCHEDULE

TRAIL MAINTENANCE INSPECTION SCHEDULE								
MAINTENANCE	FREQUENCY					NOTES	WHO?	
	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	After Weather Event	Other		MCRA	RCC
SIGNAGE								
Inspection condition and location			×			Are trail signs in good condition? Are any markers appropriate to the trail classification? Are signs coherent as intersections?		×
TREAD								
Inspect surface		×1	×2			Are there signs of erosion? Is water pooling on the tread? Is there debris to remove? Is extra drainage needed?	×	×4
TECHNICAL TRAIL FEATURES								
Inspect condition		×1	×2	×3		Is the surface structurally stable? Is it maintained to original specifications? Have alternative line been created?	×	×4
Fall zones		×1	×2			Are fall zones clear of hazards, such as sharp rocks, logs, stumps and roots?	×	×4
DRAINAGE								
Check condition of drains		×		×		Are drains full of leaf litter or silt? Are culverts clogged	×	×4
VEGETATION								
Check sight lines			×			Does vegetation need to be cleared from trail corridor to maintain sightlines?	×	×
Check intersections			×			Are intersection and signage visible?	×	×
Check trail corridor and overhead			×			Is the trail corridor clear of vegetation appropriate to its classifications?	×	×
Check signs			×			Is signage visible?	×	
BRIDGES								
Check bridge foundations	×		×	×		Are the foundations being undermined? Has the structure shifted? Are bridge support free from corrosion?		×

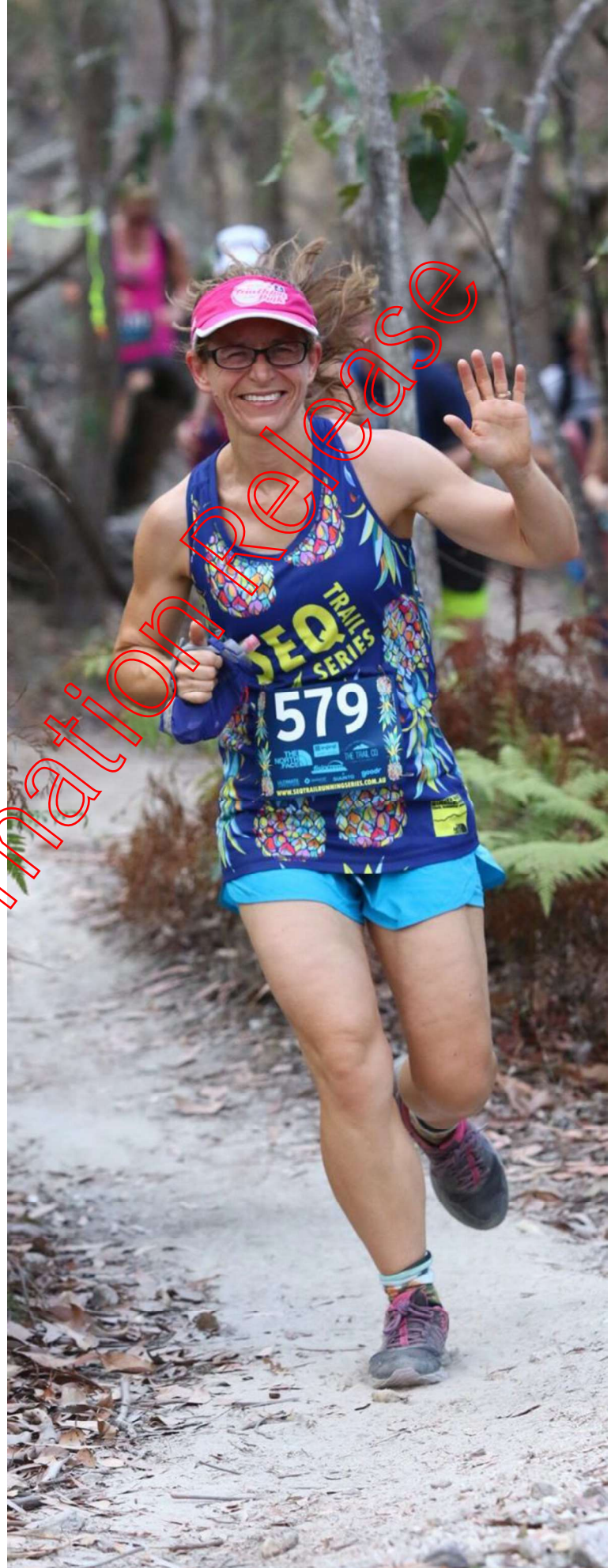
Notes

1. High use trails Powerful Howl, Shenanigans, Metamorphic, Escalade, Westys and Blacking Out to be assessed quarterly.
2. All other trails Rise over Run, Cotton Canyon 1 & 2, Adapt, Leo Lands, Easy Street and Crosscut to be assessed annually.
3. TTFs to be assessed after a weather event to be focused on conditions of chutes given their location within water run off areas.
4. RCC to attend one assessment annually and after a weather event.

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6. <https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/images/documents/conservation-management/trails/Western%20Australian%20Mountain%20Bike%20Management%20Guidelines.pdf>
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8. <https://www.imba.com/sites/default/files/2021-06/GQTE%20Digital%20Book%20Rev%206.11.18%20Low%20Rez.pdf>
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From: Mayor Karen Williams
Sent: Thursday, 21 December 2023 2:03 PM
To: Cr Julie Talty;
Cc: Division 6 Support;
Subject: Re: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

Thanks

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From: @redland.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2023 1:10:06 PM
To: Mayor Karen Williams <Karen.Williams@redland.qld.gov.au>; Cr Julie Talty <Julie.Talty@redland.qld.gov.au>; @redland.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Division 6 Support <Division6Support@redland.qld.gov.au>; @redland.qld.gov.au>; @redland.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

Dear Madam Mayor

Yes I anticipate this will be included to help consider the cost/benefit i.e. under a trailcare model is there any current operational savings to be realised that could be reallocated to offset required resourcing of its management.

This will also be influenced by the potential scale of any Trailcare/Parkcare roll-out and what standards are expected by participants. Thanks.

Regards

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From: Mayor Karen Williams <Karen.Williams@redland.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 21 December 2023 12:57 PM
To: @redland.qld.gov.au>; Cr Julie Talty <Julie.Talty@redland.qld.gov.au>; @redland.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Division 6 Support <Division6Support@redland.qld.gov.au>; @redland.qld.gov.au>; @redland.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

Hi

Will the report make comparisons between volunteers maintaining trails to a safe and accessible standard to council officers maintaining trails to a safe and accessible standard?

Regards

Karen

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From [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au)>

Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2023 12:43:26 PM

To: Cr Julie Talty <Julie.Talty@redland.qld.gov.au>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au)>

Cc: Division 6 Support <Division6Support@redland.qld.gov.au>; Mayor Karen Williams

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Subject: RE: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

Dear Cr Talty

Further to below email and our recent phone discussion, as promised please find below an update in regards to Council officers position in regards the issue of Trailcare:

- There is a view that supporting a Trailcare model, even if by a permit-based approach, will require additional resourcing.
- This is based on a view that this will be an expansion of service for those teams impacted in managing a Trailcare arrangement and also the further expansion that is anticipated into other locations under Parkcare arrangements.
- Officers are looking to prepare a report to Council to coincide with the upcoming budget process to deal with the matters relevant to Trailcare and Parkcare arrangements, including options to manage including via local law permits or alternatively by a volunteer management coordinator and associated resourcing.
- There is a desire to see a proactive approach to developing the proposed options and officers are currently advancing:
 - The establishment a six-month pilot permit for MCRA to help gauge appropriateness and success.
 - Continued benchmarking with other local governments to form a more informed report to Council, which will include recommendations and a more precise view on resourcing, costs and a preferred operating model.
- Coordination and management of the pilot project is currently best placed within Parks & Conservation.
- Enforcement of compliance with the permit conditions is best positioned within Environment & Regulation.
- Noted risks are: managing a trailcare arrangement will be resource intensive; and work will be necessary to identify the most appropriate locations for Trailcare activities.

Council officers will continue to progress the above in early 2024 and provide updates to you in regards the proposed pilot permit for MCRA. Hope this information assists in the interim to your enquiry. Thanks.

Regards

Group Manager

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From: Cr Julie Talty <Julie.Talty@redland.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 20 November 2023 9:03 AM
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au)>
Cc: Division 6 Support <Division6Support@redland.qld.gov.au>; Mayor Karen Williams <Karen.Williams@redland.qld.gov.au>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au)>
Subject: Fwd: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

Hi [REDACTED]

I have this email today. [REDACTED] but I will look to bring a motion on this to December, it has gone on too long and don't agree with the way it is being managed.

Thanks

Julie

Cr Julie Talty

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From: Mt Cotton Riders Alliance <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2023 8:35:17 AM
To: Cr Julie Talty <Julie.Talty@redland.qld.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au)>; Division 6 Support <Division6Support@redland.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

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Good morning Julie,

I hope you have been keeping well.

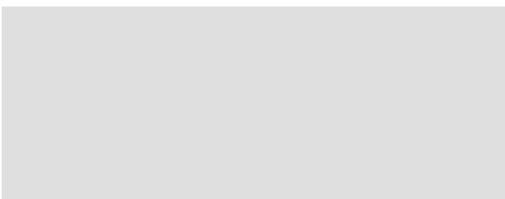
This morning one of our club members starting talking to a local council officer who was surveying the trails and asking questions regarding how they liked the trails and what could be done, whilst he didn't get the officers name he did pass on my mobile number.

On behalf of the Mt Cotton Riders Alliance, I would like to once again express our continued interest to be involved in this process and remind council that the club has:

1. Funding already in place to support volunteer trail care.
2. Has an in principal agreement with the Brisbane Offroad Riders Alliance (BORRA) for the long term loan of thier trail care trailer and equipment.
3. Continues to gather community support and intent to volunteer for trail care days.

By the scope document attached and our continued efforts we would very much appreciate a seat at the table to work with the Redlands Council to deliver a successful program.

Can we arrange a meeting in the near future to discuss?



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From: Mt Cotton Riders Alliance <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>

Sent: 09 July 2023 15:27

To: <[\[REDACTED\]@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au)>

Cc: <[\[REDACTED\]@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au)>; Cr Julie Talty <julie.talty@redland.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

Hi [REDACTED]

Hope you are well.

As a matter of courtesy can you kindly provide a response to our email below?

The community is keen to understand what can be done to progress the trail care program for the eastern escarpment, especially in light of the considerable works just completed in Scribbly Gums just this weekend by volunteers.

We look forward to your response.

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From: Mt Cotton Riders Alliance <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2023 2:06 pm

To: <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>

Cc: <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

Afternoon [REDACTED]

I hope this email finds you well.

[REDACTED]

As you can appreciate both the MCRA and the wider community are interested in seeing progress on the engagement by the Redlands City Council. Considerable effort has been spent over the past two and half years to engage with stakeholders, compile the attached scope and establish the MCRA as a legitimate organisation to provide a platform from which to present a solution to the Redlands City Council.

[REDACTED]

We look forward to your reply.

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Sent: 14 June 2023 08:18
To: [REDACTED] <redland.qld.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED] <@redland.qld.gov.au>; [REDACTED] <redland.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

Morning [REDACTED]

I hope you are well.

[REDACTED]

In addition, we wish to notify the Redlands City Council that the Mt Cotton Riders Alliance has established an agreement with the Brisbane Offroad Riders Alliance for the long term loan of their trail care trailer fully equipped with the equipment necessary to support the program.

We trust this provides further support to our application and demonstration of the commitment to the trail maintenance.

Please advise if the Redlands City Council wish to see supporting evidence to the above and we will have this forwarded on.

[REDACTED]

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Sent: 23 May 2023 15:08
To: mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com <mtcottonridersalliance@outlook.com>
Cc: [REDACTED] <@redland.qld.gov.au>; [REDACTED] <@redland.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area Trail maintenance

Hi [REDACTED]

Council acknowledges receipt of the project proposal submitted today for trail maintenance at Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area.

I have forwarded the information you have provided to [REDACTED] is aware of discussions regarding the proposed work [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Parks & Conservation Unit will review the proposal and will be in contact in the near future. For any further follow up, please contact Leo.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
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City Sport & Venues Unit

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From: Cr Peter Mitchell
Sent: Friday, 26 January 2024 4:07 PM
To: Cr Julie Talty;
Cc: Mayor Karen Williams; Cr Rowanne McKenzie;
Subject: Re: Trailcare in the Redlands

CEO and Julie,
Consider if that would be an opportunity to also meet with other stakeholders like Scribbly gums trail care, Scribbly gums parkrun as we have informally discussed Julie

Or
Step 1
Step 2

Your general support really appreciated CEO.
I have motivated community wanting to be involved but hitting barriers. Some quite reasonable but easily overcome I believe.

Sincerely,

Cr Peter M

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From: Cr Julie Talty <Julie.Talty@redland.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 8:00:08 PM
To: @redland.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Mayor Karen Williams <Karen.Williams@redland.qld.gov.au>; Cr Peter Mitchell <Peter.Mitchell@redland.qld.gov.au>; Cr Rowanne McKenzie <Rowanne.McKenzie@redland.qld.gov.au>; @redland.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Trailcare in the Redlands

Yes, that would be great. I think they would appreciate that. Thanks

Julie

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From: @redland.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 6:52:45 PM
To: Cr Julie Talty <Julie.Talty@redland.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Mayor Karen Williams <Karen.Williams@redland.qld.gov.au>; Cr Peter Mitchell <Peter.Mitchell@redland.qld.gov.au>; Cr Rowanne McKenzie <Rowanne.McKenzie@redland.qld.gov.au>; @redland.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Trailcare in the Redlands

Hi Cr Talty.

I have already intervened but it seems the issues continue. Thanks for letting me know where we need to do better.

Would it be helpful for me to meet personally one on one? I'd be happy to do that and hear first hand experiences (and solutions).

Regards

From: Cr Julie Talty <Julie.Talty@redland.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 11:32 am

To: [REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>

Cc: Mayor Karen Williams <Karen.Williams@redland.qld.gov.au>; Cr Peter Mitchell

<Peter.Mitchell@redland.qld.gov.au>; Cr Rowanne McKenzie <Rowanne.McKenzie@redland.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Fwd: Trailcare in the Redlands

Hi [REDACTED]

I know you are aware of this issue, and I am of the view that the role of trailcare needs to sit under a dedicated position with the authority manage these matters without being overridden or interfered with by departments who are not, by way of their actions, supporting Council's policy goals of having our trail network prioritised as part of our tourism and economic development strategy

I forward this now to highlight the absolute frustration of those in the community who see models of trail management including trail maintenance through volunteer groups working successfully in every surrounding local government area, and who then find Redland uniquely and unnecessarily difficult. I have discussed this many times with [REDACTED] and no progress has been made.

I look forward to taking up these issues again after the local government elections and hope the senior managers can provide a better model than any of the current ones proposed.

With thanks, and best wishes for an enjoyable Australia Day weekend

Julie

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From: [REDACTED]@ratscc.com.au>

Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 8:32 pm

To: Cr Julie Talty <Julie.Talty@redland.qld.gov.au>; Cr Peter Mitchell <Peter.Mitchell@redland.qld.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED]@ratscc.com.au [REDACTED]@ratscc.com.au; [REDACTED]@ratscc.com.au
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Subject: Trailcare in the Redlands

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Dear Cr Talty and Cr Mitchell

I write to you this evening a frustrated and tired of the situation of the trail care programs in the Redlands.

Cr Talty as you may recall I wrote to in March 2022 after the unprecedented rain events that had a large impact across the region. At that time we had trailcare coordinators and our club volunteers who had to sit on their hands and not assist in the clearing and repair of the trail network.

The council officers made a commitment to solve this issue and despite my emails to the officers, we are in a situation that is no better today than what it was 2 years ago.

Since that time whilst some small trailcare events have occurred informally by the dedicated trailcare coordinators, they and the formal and regular volunteer trailcare activities have been forgotten or ignored. Instead the model of using contractors with machines have been brought in at great expense to council that clearly is an unsustainable model.

More frustrating is that I have heard through my friends at Mt Cotton Riders Alliance that there is a new trailcare manager in Redlands Council and there has been no reach out to the largest mountain bike club in Queensland. What is promising is that MCRA and the new Redlands Trailcare coordinator are meeting and that we hope that a volunteer trailcare model will be implemented to minimise the amount of contractor spend needed to sustain the trails.

Whilst our interests include Eastern Escarpment, the club is equally concerned for Scribbly Gum and Bayview trailcare.

To my knowledge there has been no contact to the existing Trailcare Coordinators and the opportunity to get in to the forest to ensure the drainage points designed in to the trails are clear so that water can move in to the vegetation and soak in rather than flow down the trails and create damage that will need to be rectified. This could have been completed since the events at Christmas time and given the pending weather this weekend it could have reduced the risk of further damage.

As a club our members have been actively involved with the Logan City Trailcare Alliance - Cornubia. They have kept those trails open for most days since the weather events at Christmas. The trailcare coordinators live right next to the trails, they inspect the trails on foot after significant events and provide a direct update (usually with photos) to the council representative. They clear trails of debris where it is small and safe to do so, and they close off tracks if there are serious risks (overhead hanging branches). This is the same model that we used to use here in the Redlands and one that has been replicated with QPWS at Bunyaville, Brisbane Forest Park and Daisy Hill. This model was developed by RATS members nearly 20 years ago and is still effective today.

Even more important formal volunteer trailcare groups are an opportunity to amplify messages in particular when trails are closed. The RATS are not communicated to to help communicate to our 700odd members and the broader MTB network through our social media channels. As there is no contact with the current trailcare coordinators none of the "Closed Park" messages have been amplified.

Right now we are not concerned what model is used. We believe that as the largest MTB club in Queensland who contributes so much to the economic, social and sustainable fabric of the local Redlands community through our volunteers, our participation programs and our events (local to international events in 2024) that we need and want to be involved with trailcare at all parks across the Redlands Council area. In addition when significant weather events, we have the expertise and resources to safely enter into the parks when closed to itemise critical issues and where safe to do so fix the trail networks for all park users including mountain bikers, runners, horse riders and pedestrians.

Can you please advise what is needed to get a solution that is permanent and financially sustainable?

RATS Cycling Club

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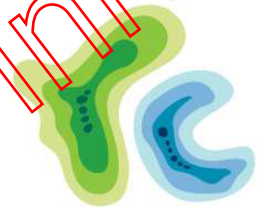
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Budget Review – Additional Information

Public Tracks/Trails Connecting Through Private Land

Briefing for Councillors – 12 December 2024



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Purpose

- To provide additional information and context to a budget review request for land acquisitions.
- Request relates to mitigating the liability risk related to sections of Council's public tracks and trails that traverse privately owned land.

Note: Councillor briefing papers and discussions are confidential

Background

Council currently manages an extensive network of tracks & trails used by:

1. General public for various recreational purposes.
2. Council's operational teams for maintenance and fire management activities as well as using them to link to other adjoining Council land.
3. Other external parties (such as Queensland Police Service for 4WD training and other organisers for cycling or walking events) through more formal permits.

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Background

- There are instances where the alignment of the trail and/or the surrounding maintenance buffer encroach onto private land.
- In some cases, these legacy tracks/trails have relied on a history of “status quo acceptance” by the owners, having been used by the public for many years.
- In some instances, an interim licence has been established to protect Council interests, but a permanent solution is required.

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The Risks

- The public use of tracks/trails where they traverse privately owned land, raises risks for Council:
 - Legal proceedings against Council - personal injury and property damage (landowner, public user and Council).
 - Claims to reinstate land, maintenance, revocation of use.
 - Where the public is “invited” to use them (publication of trail maps, signage etc.) there will be higher risk and liability for Council.
 - [REDACTED]
 - The budget review also includes costs for an encroachment into State land at Wellington Point.

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Budget Review Summary

These estimates represent the lower end of the anticipated cost range

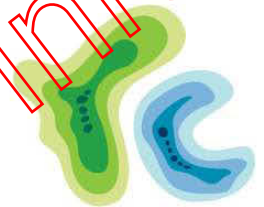
* Operational costs include survey, valuation, registration fees and ancillary administration costs

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Tracks and Trails Resolution

Cr Briefing – 19 May 2025



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Wednesday, 11 June 2025 11:59 AM

To:

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City Operations

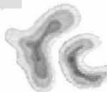
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From: @redland.qld.gov.au>

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Subject:

Hi

Just touching base on the below.

Would it be easier if I set up a quick meeting to discuss? We can come up to the Depot if you would prefer?

Kind regards

Property Management Officer

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Sent: Thursday, 24 April 2025 1:58 PM

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[redacted] redland.qld.gov.au>; [redacted] redland.qld.gov.au>
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TO: Senior Property Officer

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Subject: Public Tracks and Trails on Private Land
Target Date: 5/03/2025
File Number: A11743580

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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2025/28

Moved by: Cr Peter Mitchell

Seconded by: Cr Rowanne McKenzie

That Council resolves as follows:


1. To negotiate the acquisition of the land, identified in Attachment 1, for the purposes relating to transportation and/or environment and/or recreation, by agreement.
2. To commence proceedings under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967* to resume the land, identified in Attachment 1, for the purposes relating to transportation and/or environment and/or recreation if agreement cannot be reached.
3. That this report and attachments remain confidential as required by any legal and statutory obligation, subject to maintaining confidentiality of legally privileged, private and commercial in confidence information until such time as the acquisition is finalised.

CARRIED 9/0

Crs Wendy Boglary, Peter Mitchell, Paul Gollè, Shane Rendalls, Julie Talty, Rowanne McKenzie, Tracey Huges, Jason Colley and Paul Bishop voted FOR the motion.

Crs Jos Mitchell and Lance Hewlett were not present for the vote.

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21/05/2025

TO: Senior Property Officer [REDACTED]

COPY TO: [REDACTED]

Subject: Notice of Intention to Repeal or Amend a Resolution - Cr Jason Colley - Council Resolution 2025/25
Target Date: 4/06/2025
File Number: A12100578

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2025/118

Moved by: Cr Jason Colley

Seconded by: Cr Paul Bishop

That Council resolves as follows:

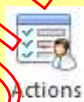
1. To amend Council Resolution 2025/25 which was resolved as Item 20.3 of the General Meeting 19 February 2025, by removing two properties identified in the confidential attachment to the report as Property #1 and Property #2.
2. That Council Officers bring back a briefing note to Council on what alternatives are available with estimated costs.

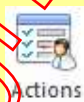
CARRIED 10/0

Crs Jos Mitchell, Wendy Boglary, Peter Mitchell, Paul Gollè, Lance Hewlett, Shane Rendalls, Julie Talty, Rowanne McKenzie, Jason Colley and Paul Bishop voted FOR the motion.

Cr Tracey Huges was not present when the vote was taken.

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20.3 PUBLIC TRACKS AND TRAILS ON PRIVATE LAND

Objective Reference: A11743580

Authorising Officer: David Jeanes, Acting General Manager Community & Customer Services

Responsible Officer: Graham Simpson, Group Manager Environment & Regulation

Report Author: Damien Jolley, Senior Property Officer

Attachments: 1. Tracks and Trails

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this agenda item is:

- (h) *negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967.*

PURPOSE

To seek a resolution to acquire land for the purpose of formalising tenure for public tracks and trails that cross over privately owned properties.

BACKGROUND

Council currently manages many kilometres of tracks and trails used by the public for various recreational purposes. Council publishes maps (on its website and through other forms of media) of publicly owned conservation and recreational areas, depicting tracks and trails to encourage community use of the network.

In most cases the tracks and trails pass through land either Council-owned in freehold or controlled by Council as trustee. However, there are instances where the alignment of the trail and/or the surrounding maintenance buffer encroach onto private land.

A review of the tracks and trails that cross over privately owned land indicate they are at least 20 years old, based on information available on historical aerial photos. Many of these trails are historical tracks used by previous landowners, energy providers, loggers and the like.

As boundary markers are largely non-existent in some locations, the public continues to use them as a result of this legacy.

The tracks and trails are also used by:

- Council's operational teams for maintenance and fire management activities, as well as using them to link to other adjoining Council land.
- Other external parties (such as Queensland Police Service for 4WD training and other organisers for cycling or walking events) through more formal permits.

As such, it is necessary for Council to regularise the use of these tracks and trails by ensuring they are provided with tenure to allow ongoing public access.

Some of these encroachments have relied on a history of 'status quo acceptance' by the owners, having been used by the public for many years. In other areas, ownership of the underlying land has changed, and the new owners are not as willing to continue accepting the unlawful access.

ISSUES All tracks are well established and due to the topography and/or conservation values of the surrounding land, moving the alignment of the track onto Council land is impractical and/or cost prohibitive.

The increased activity and use by the public in recent years and Council's active management of the tracks has increased risk to Council (liability and reputational). Signage, promotion through various media and coordination of large events on the trails network, has effectively 'invited' the public to access private land. In some case, an interim lease/licence arrangement has been established, but ultimately Council owning the land (or enduring rights to access) will provide the best mitigation of that risk.

The tracks and trails operate through a range of Council property assets, but no one area of Council has overall responsibility. Therefore, a program and associated budget to resolve the encroachments had not previously been established.

Strategic Property, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, submitted a budget review to allocate funds for land to be acquired to provide a permanent solution. This would ensure the tracks and trails can continue operating, without exposing Council to legal and/or reputational risk.

Following approval of budget in the recent budget review process, the process to acquire land (refer Attachment 1) can commence. The first step will be to seek to acquire the land with the owner's agreement through a private sale process. However, if this is not achievable, land may be taken under the provisions of the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 (the Act).

Owners are also entitled to claim compensation for the land being taken, including the fair market value and disturbance costs associated with the taking of the land, such as their reasonable legal fees and valuation costs.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Legislative Requirements Schedule 1 of the Act allows Council to take land for any purpose, including for those relating to transportation, environment and recreation.

Risk Management The current status of 'inviting' the public and other users onto private land exposes Council to both legal and reputational risk. The increased activity by all users also increases the risk of personal injury or property damage occurring on private land. Acquisition of the land will provide a permanent solution to the continued use by the public of the tracks and trails and for Council to complete maintenance and other asset management activities.

Financial Council resolved to adopt the revised budget for 2024-2025 at its General Meeting on 18 December 2024. This included estimated valuation costs associated with acquiring the land.

People

There are no known staff issues associated with this report. The completion of the property acquisitions will be undertaken within Strategic Property current resources.

Environmental There are no known environmental issues associated with this report.

Social There are no known social issues associated with this report.

Human Rights There are no known human rights issues associated with this report

Alignment with Council's Policy and Plans

Our Future Redlands – A Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond, particularly the efficient and effective organisation objectives:

7.1 *Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Council's service delivery to decrease costs and enhance customer experience and community outcomes.*

7.4 *Demonstrate good governance through transparent, accountable processes and sustainable practices and asset management.*

CONSULTATION

Consulted	Consultation Date	Comments/Actions
Strategic Property Manager	Ongoing	No concerns raised – supports acquisition.
Executive Group Manager Risk and Legal Services	20 September 2024	No concerns raised – supports acquisition.
Service Manager Civic and Open Space Asset Management	3 January 2024 and ongoing	No concerns raised – supports acquisition.
Parks and Conservation Service Manager	3 January 2024 and ongoing	No concerns raised – supports acquisition.
Group Manager Communities	3 January 2024	No concerns raised – supports acquisition.
Service Manager Legal Services	3 January 2024	No concerns raised – supports acquisition.

OPTIONS

Option One

That Council resolves as follows:

1. To negotiate the acquisition of the land, identified in Attachment 1, for the purposes relating to transportation and/or environment and/or recreation, by agreement.
2. To commence proceedings under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967* to resume the land, identified in Attachment 1, for the purposes relating to transportation and/or environment and/or recreation. if agreement cannot be reached.
3. That this report and attachments remain confidential as required by any legal and statutory obligation, subject to maintaining confidentiality of legally privileged, private and commercial in confidence information until such time as the acquisition is finalised.

Option Two

That Council resolves as follows:

1. To not acquire the land, identified in Attachment 1, but to negotiate temporary tenure solutions where possible.
2. To accept the risks associated with any encroachments unable to be mitigated through negotiation until such time as an appropriate tenure agreement can be established.
3. That this report and attachments remain confidential as required by any legal and statutory obligation, subject to maintaining confidentiality of legally privileged, private and commercial in confidence information until such time as the acquisition is finalised.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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Right to Information Request

Right to Information Release

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 3 September 2024 11:13 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Trailcare

Hi [REDACTED]

I am not aware of this initiative. As per our recent discussion on the existing trail "gaps" (which is essentially Council encroaching on private land), no service area is taking a lead on strategic planning for these trails and therefore ownership of a solution. AMPED proposal overlaps with some of those properties previously identified and perhaps takes on the service planning role for that area?

The presentation confirms this initiative has been progressing for over eighteen months. It doesn't confirm involvement of COSAM, Events or Parks/Cons (as obvious stakeholders), although two external consultancies have been engaged?

We are preparing a BN to Risk to seek direction and will add this information

Regards

[REDACTED]
Strategic Property Manager
Environment and Regulation Group
Redland City Council
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M [REDACTED]



I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and seas where I work. I pay my respects to Elders, past, present and future.

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 3:08 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Trailcare

Hi [REDACTED] – not sure what awareness you have about attached?
[REDACTED] interesting comments on establishing additional land tenure noting your recent chat with COSAM on tracks and trails.
Regards

[REDACTED]
Group Manager
Environment and Regulation

Redland City Council

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M [REDACTED]



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Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 3:01 PM

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Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Trailcare

Also for awareness from today's workshop see attached
Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 2:58 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Trailcare

[REDACTED]
Can you please do a final check of this briefing note so it can be signed off and prepared for signature and sign off by CEO please. [REDACTED] do I need an email or file note re your discussion with [REDACTED] further to your review of this matter?
Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2024 5:41 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@redland.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Trailcare

Hi All,

I've turned the email sent through earlier in the week, into a briefing note. I've combined a lot of the information [REDACTED] had in his briefing note which was very helpful. Thanks [REDACTED]

Can you please have a read and provide any feedback to me early next week so I can finalise.

I'll also have another read Monday.... [REDACTED]

Have a fabulous weekend.

Thanks

[REDACTED]
Acting General Manager
Community and Customer Services
Redland City Council

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M [REDACTED]



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briefing note

To: General Manager Community and Customer Services

Copy: Group Manager Environment and Regulation

Date: 7 February 2024

From: Strategic Property Manager

File: A7936699

Subject: Encroachment of Council tracks/trails on private land

SUMMARY

To confirm a property acquisition strategy for mitigating liability risk related to sections of Council's public tracks and trails on privately owned land and constructed footpaths and assets on unallocated state land.

ISSUES

Council currently manages many kilometres of tracks and trails and pathways on public open space used by the public for various recreational purposes. Council publishes maps (on its website and through other forms of media) of the surrounding conservation or recreational area and the track/trail path.

The tracks, trails and footpaths are also used by:

- Council's operational teams for maintenance and fire management activities as well as using them to link to other adjoining Council land.
- Other external parties (such as Queensland Police Service for 4WD training and other organisers for cycling or walking events) through more formal permits.
- The general public

In most cases, these assets pass through land either Council-owned in freehold or controlled by Council as trustee. However, there are instances where the alignment of the trail and/or the surrounding maintenance buffer encroach onto private land and unallocated state land. In some cases, these legacy tracks/trails have relied on a history of "status quo acceptance" by the owners, having been used by the public for many years. In other areas, ownership of the underlying land has changed, and the new owners are not as willing to continue accepting the illegal access.

The State (represented by the Department of resources) have also issued an encroachment notice on Council in relation to footpaths and other assets on unallocated State land (see attachment 2).

Irrespective of the owners' position, Council is legally exposed by inviting the public and others to use the track or trail. This liability risk to Council has escalated in recent years due to increased frequency and greater volume of public using them.

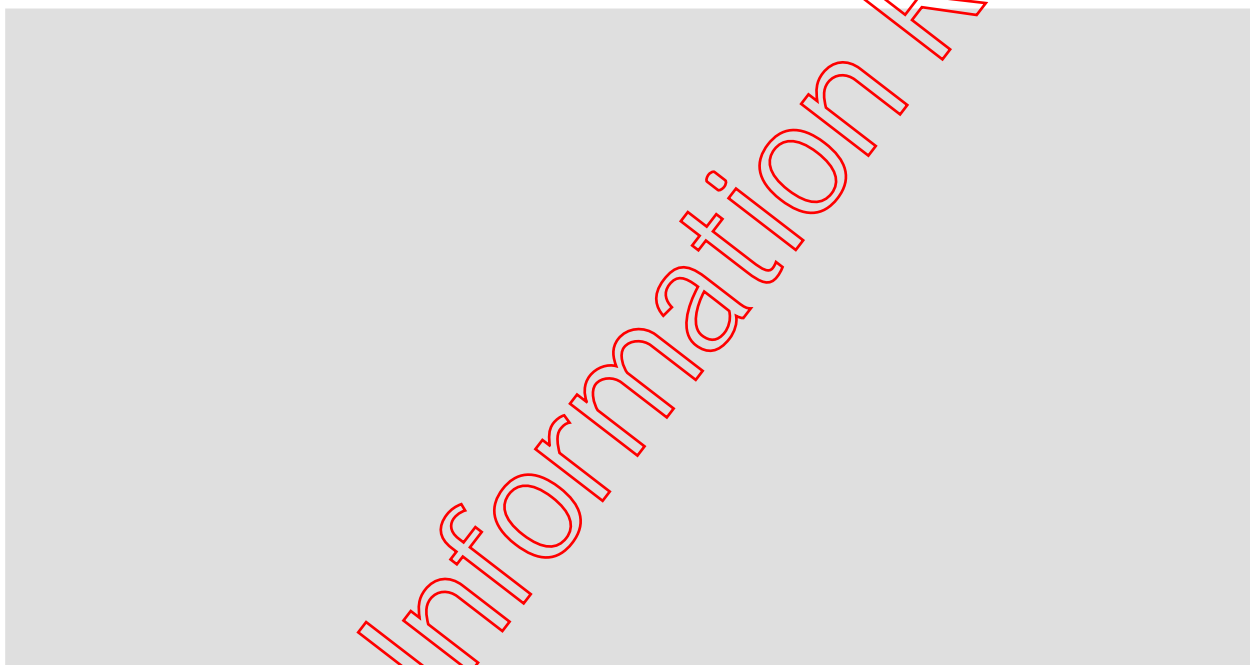
The risk on a few of these properties has been temporarily mitigated through short-term licence agreements. Others have no existing mitigation measures in place.

briefing note

Although these tracks and trails operate on a range of Council assets, no one area of Council has overall responsibility and therefore a program and associated budget to resolve the encroachments have not previously been established.

Strategic Property has consulted mainly with COSAM (as the majority asset owner of the underlying land) and Parks and Conservation (as operations managers) to develop a long-term solution for consideration. Other service areas consulted through this process have included Legal, Communities, Community Engagement and various areas within Environment and Regulation.

ACTION REQUIRED



Further work needs to be completed in refining the options analysis and confirming cost estimates. However, subject to approval of this strategy, a capital submission will be prepared and submitted, either as part of the 24/25 prioritisation review and/or for 23/24 capital budget review. Additional operational funding will also be targeted (24/25) for the due diligence and formal processing of each acquisition. Source of funding will be determined through the refining process.

As an ongoing financial commitment, Parks and Cons have provided a maintenance estimate for the addition of the above land parcels - \$31,000 per annum.

Although it is hoped that all owners will welcome this initiative, some acquisitions may require a formal resumption pathway. Technically a Council resolution is not required for this purpose and value, however, as there are several properties involved across multiple divisional areas, a Councillor Briefing will be scheduled.

briefing note

Unallocated state land (USL)

Budget has not been calculated to resolve tenure of USL but approximate costs for survey plans and obtaining retrospective evidence of reclamation of the land is estimated to be in the range of \$15,000.00 to 35,000.00.

Recommendation

It is recommended that approval is granted to progress this property acquisition strategy initially through the next Portfolio Board meeting for consideration.

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

General Manager
Community and Customer Services

Attachment 1 - Affected properties and options
Attachment 2 – Unallocated State land background

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Adventure Trail Concept Project Update

Councillor Briefing 2 September 2024



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Purpose

The purpose of this briefing is to provide an overview of:

- The Adventure Trail Concept
- Update on Stage One: Concept and preliminary feasibility
- State Government funding opportunity for Stage Two
- Consultation and strategic alignment
- Options for consideration

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The Adventure Trail concept project

- Early in 2024, Council commenced Stage One of the project and engaged:
 - World Trails to develop a concept plan
 - BDO to undertake a preliminary feasibility study.
- Approach has been to identify and use existing tracks and trails that are fit for purpose, to minimise the initial capital cost and allow for expedient project delivery.
- As part of the Operational Budget 2024-2025 Council resolved for \$75,000 to be included, to partly fund Stage Two of the project (detailed design and feasibility), pending progression past Stage One.

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Project: Stage One

- Council has received drafts, and provided feedback on both the concept plan and preliminary feasibility.
- Council expects to receive final copies of the reports in coming week/s.
- It was planned that the final reports would be brought to a future Council Workshop including consultant presentations, for Council's consideration and direction on progressing to Stage Two.
- Both Stage One draft reports indicate the project is worth proceeding to Stage Two level of investigation and analysis.

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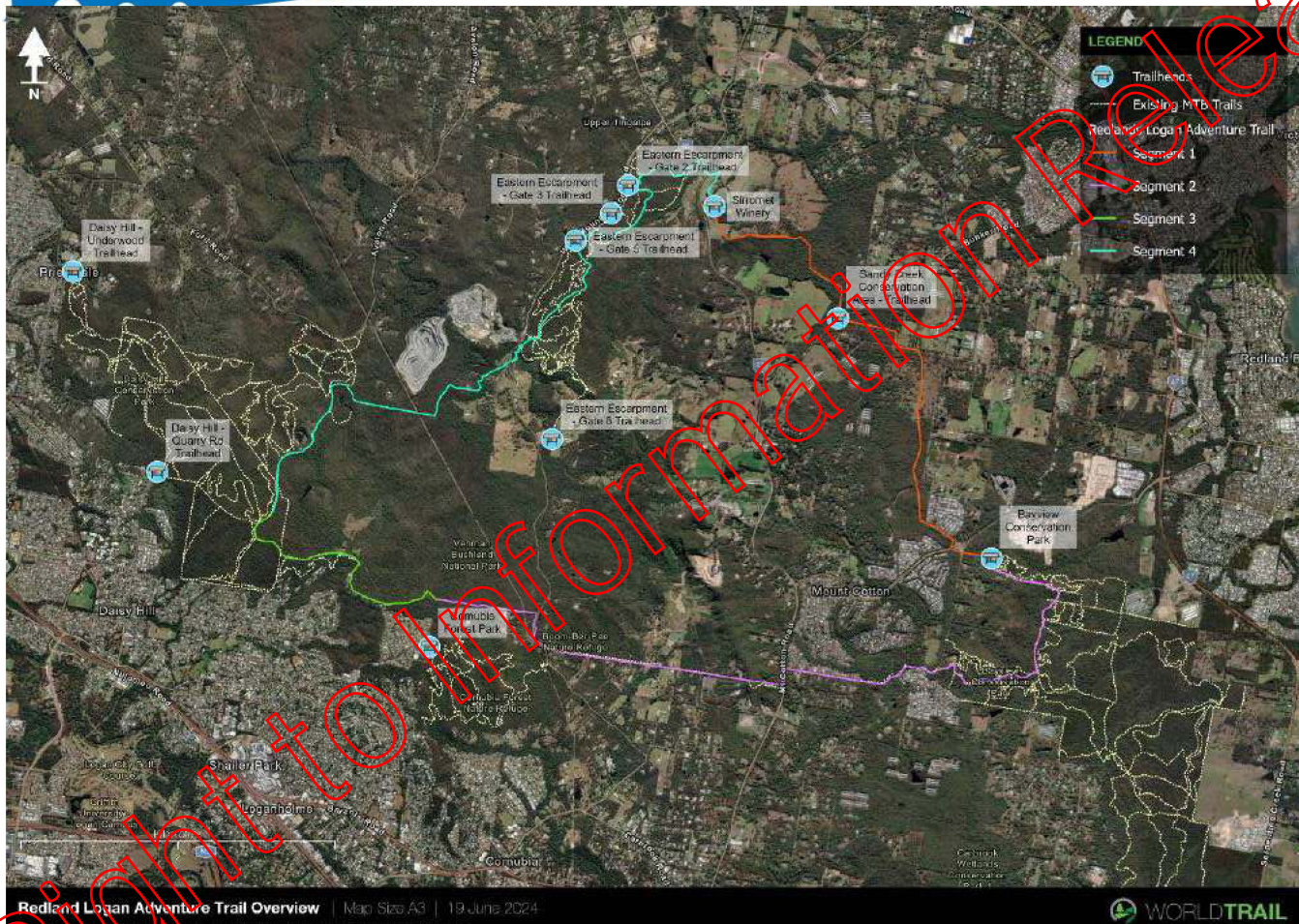
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Stage One: high level concept

- Examined four existing trail networks – Bayview Conservation Park, Cornubia Forest Park, Daisy Hill Conservation Park and Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area – and the opportunity to connect these with a shared-use ‘adventure’ circuit trail, total distance of approximately 35kms.
- The trail will need to cross several significant roads. Safe road crossing options required significant further investigation and design works.
- High-level cost estimate to construct all the infrastructure elements is \$567,000. This does not include contingency, road crossing treatments, shelters or toilets.
- The effective management and upkeep of the trail will require having a regular inspection and maintenance program in place, which also needs to be costed as part of Stage Two.

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Stage One: Preliminary feasibility

- This report examines: Purpose, Opportunity, Market Demand, Financial and Funding Considerations, Commercial Opportunities and Implementation Considerations
- Identified several positive characteristics and potential benefits including :
 - Adventure tourism sector, and particularly the mountain biking and hiking segments, has grown rapidly since the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Limited availability of high-quality adventure trail products and experiences in SEQ
 - Diversification and growth of the region's tourism offerings
 - Infrastructure required is limited, building on existing local assets.
 - Opportunities include leasing of Council land adjacent to the Trails for commercial purposes, licence fees for the provision of exclusive use.
 - Clear strategic alignment with key priorities of both Redland City and Logan City Council's related to economic growth, prioritisation of tourism and optimisation of the region's natural landscapes.

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Project: Stage Two

Stage two investigations have been estimated at \$150,000, in addition to staff project management and input resourcing.

- There are a number of parcels of land that require negotiations with land owners/land managers. These will need to be investigated/resolved between the land owner/manager and Council, prior to Stage Two work proceeding.
- Resolving these issues early is recommended, as these sections have the potential to derail the project if not resolved.
- Depending on the outcomes of the Trail Detailed Design, Cultural Heritage and Ecological investigations may/may not be required.

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Project: Stage Two

- Thorough on-ground research to identify the most suitable route, associated trail construction treatments or infrastructure required for the trail to be constructed.
- Trailhead Review: examine where the proposed trail passes through each of the four existing MTB trail networks.
- Trail Network Review: identify any opportunities and locations for potential new trails, to identify any trails requiring upgrades or improvements, and to outline priorities for ongoing investment and maintenance.
- Signage: identify locations for trail information and wayfinding signs, and development of a signage plan.
- Consultation with other specialist consultants: work with relevant authorities and traffic engineers to identify options and costs for each crossing.
- Cost estimates: Establish a Bill of Quantities and provide an estimation of probable cost. Explore various construction and staging options. Identify increased, ongoing maintenance costs.
- Further examination around the realisation of potential commercial opportunities.



Stage Two Funding opportunity

- The State Government has a \$750,000 pilot funding program to support trail development across QLD, and Redlands/Logan has been identified as recipient of that funding to fund 50% of the Stage Two detailed design and feasibility.
- Indications from department staff is that the relevant Minister and local member are keen to make an announcement regarding this funding in coming weeks, and would like to do so in collaboration with Council, Logan City Council and community stakeholders.
- Given the potential timing of this funding announcement, noting Council has not viewed final reports, staff are looking for direction from Council on how they wish to proceed.
- It is not anticipated the \$75,000 is at risk if Council is not ready to commit to Stage Two today, rather benefit in ensuring a clear partnered approach with the state government and clear communication with stakeholder groups and the broader community.

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Consultation

Consulted	Focus
Redland Logan Adventure Trail Sponsor Group (key internal stakeholder, RATS Cycling Club, Fiteni and Logan City Council Officers)	Input to, and review of, draft concept plan.
Council officers	Review draft concept plan and draft preliminary feasibility study, and provide informing data.

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Strategic links

Project delivers on the Redlands Coast Destination Management Plan and objectives in Our Future Redlands – A Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond, including:

2.1 Enhance the health, safety and wellbeing of our community through the delivery of inclusive and responsive services focused on preserving and improving our naturally wonderful lifestyle by leveraging partnerships, networks, facilities and infrastructure.

4.3 Encourage visitors and residents to embrace and experience our natural assets including coastline, islands, marine parks, hinterland and unique environment.

Options for consideration

OPTION 1:

- Councillors provide indicative support for the project to progress to Stage Two investigations, based on information summarised today.
- Council participates in upcoming funding announcement with State Government providing \$75,000, matching Council's \$75,000 contribution, to fund Stage Two of the project (detailed design and feasibility).
- The final reports from Stage One be presented to a future workshop along with proposed project plan for Stage Two.

OPTION 2:

- Councillors do not provide indicative support for the project to progress to Stage Two today.
- Council advise the Department of Tourism and Sport that Council is not in a position to enter a funding agreement nor participate in a funding announcement until final reports of Stage One have been formally considered.
- Council communicate with key stakeholders regarding progress of the project.
- The final reports from Stage One be presented to a future workshop along with proposed project and funding plan for Stage Two.

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