

# MINUTES

## ROADS COMMUNITY MEETING – GROUP 2

13 MARCH 2026 | 10AM–1PM | KILCUMMIN HALL

### PRESENT

| Name             | Affiliation  | Name           | Affiliation |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| John Burnett     | Community    | Bob Stephen    | IRC         |
| Emily Kirkby     | Community    | Ajay Krishnan  | IRC         |
| Nigel Parker     | Community    | Chris McColl   | IRC         |
| Richard Hughes   | Community    | Shona Norris   | IRC         |
| Dyan Hughes      | Community    | Sean Robinson  | IRC         |
| Percy Large      | Community    | Joel Kuczynski | IRC         |
| Doug Burnett     | Community    | Hannah Neilsen | IRC         |
| Levi Rickertt    | Community    | Kylie Dowd     | IRC         |
| Matt Cattell     | Community    | Chris McColl   | IRC         |
| Cr Jane Pickels  | Deputy Mayor | Lila Fry       | IRC         |
| Cr Terry O'Neill | Councillor   | John Noble     | Community   |
| Lachlan Sciacca  | Community    | Cameron Fox    | Community   |
| Kelly Quinlan    | Community    | Colin Cattell  | Community   |
| Sallie Cattell   | Community    | Bradley Mifsud | Community   |
| Steve Lund       | Community    |                |             |

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#### Opening

- Meeting opened by Cr Jane Pickels (Deputy Mayor and Chair Infrastructure Service Standing Committee and Bob Stephen (Manager Roads Infrastructure).
- Bob Stephen introduced council staff members and their role in the organisation. Reference to the continuous action items collated and shown in the presentation.

#### ROADS PROGRAM

- DRFA update provided with a general overview of the recent weather event. The teams are completing emergent works and these need to be done within the first 3 months to be eligible to submit a claim. IRC have completed the eastern area submission for approx. \$30m which is based on QRA rates (noting these are inflated and only actual costs can be claimed). IRC are working on the best way of programming these rectification works with programmed work to get the best outcome for the network.

- Road User Rating classification and service level broken down per road presented to the community and request for feedback to be provided by the community on this service level to be provided back to IRC. Roads team will be presenting the proposed service level to Council in April.

## VOLUNTEER WORKS

- Update provided on the amended Volunteer Roads Booklet and application form. Discussion around residents contacting roads team officers directly for issues on the road network and contact numbers provided via the booklet and also email.
- Discussion with community around requirement for competent operators as assessed by landowners and based on information provided on the application form. Community found difficulties with conditional registration.
- Demonstration of the new roads tracker community portal was provided which will provide the last 10yrs maintenance works completed on the IRC road network including capital resheeting projects. The hub will be officially launched early April following all the roads community meetings.

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

- Resheeting project update raised from the previous meeting with a commitment that Golden Downs Road would be resheeting in August 2025 and it still hasn't been done. Unfortunately the awarded contractor withdrawal which required new contractor to be awarded which has the program of delivery for Golden Downs Road by the end of June.
- Discussion around snap send solve and closing out the requests which will be occurring with the Infrastructure support team.
- Roads manager asked all community to contact the overseer, coordinator or himself regarding any issues on the network first and then use Snap Send Solve to ensure action straight away. All contact numbers to be provided by email to the group for IRC officers - completed.
- Discussion around previously reported issues on Russell Park Road. **ACTION: Review of previous CRM's noting washouts on Russell Park Road and provide update.**
- Discussion around road inspectors and the program with clarification of role of the road inspectors. They "run" the road with the cameras fitted to pick up defects manually and automatically. Generally,

don't do site specific inspections and these can be organised directly with the Overseer and Coordinator for local landowner knowledge and information on particular roads.

- Discussion around council's culvert inspection program which is in progress and council acknowledged poor progress in this area previously.
- Sealing program discussion – community asked if there is a cost analysis for graded vs sealing of roads. Standard evaluation is for keeping roads unsealed if traffic count is below 150 vehicles per day.
- Discussion around traffic counter program and how heavy vehicles factors applied. Traffic counters put out at different times to account for seasonal changes. **ACTION: Community request for traffic counters on both ends of Wuthung Road for accurate assessment.**
- IRC acknowledgement of neglected sealed roads in the past with consistent asset management of the network.
- Community raised costs of maintenance on Wuthung Road with sections of sealed and unsealed parts and the cost of maintaining these sections. Why wouldn't these council seal all the sections in between to protect the road surface?
- Discussion around conditional registration required for Rural Fire Service. **ACTION: investigate requirements for Rural Fire Services for possible use in Volunteer Program.**
- Discussions around trucks carting gravel over unsealed roads for use on TMR network and could IRC note request for utilisation of gravel pits closer to completed works. **Action: IRC to follow up with TMR.**
- What is the appetite for moving forward with more sealed roads across the region? Update provided on approved grant for sealing a portion of Cornerstone Capella Road. **Action: prioritisation of sealed roads across the region to be provided across these groups.**
- Discussion around community contributing to costs of sealing roads. **ACTION: IRC to investigate use of Special Rates as used in Central Highlands for rates concessions for things such as in-kind gravel for example to assist in sealing of roads in the region.**
- Discussion around NHVR changes and request for community to provide feedback to NHVR contact email. These changes will affect the road train routes around Clermont – specifically around Russell Park Rd and Mt McLaren Road intersection. Discussion around intersection options, lights and funding options. Community noted Mt McLaren is GrainCorp's biggest depot in Queensland. The growers deliver grain to the 2 bulk handlers over that road and the 2 bulk handlers truck grain to Mackay port over that road. Also discussed was the effect closing Tropic St will have on our local carrier Peter Stanhope. Council officers requested community to provide feedback via the NHVR email or to the Roads Community Meeting email – [rcm@isaac.qld.gov.au](mailto:rcm@isaac.qld.gov.au)
- Request by community to invite the state member to the next meeting? **ACTION: invite state member to next meeting in 6 months.**
- Request for feedback from community on what these engagement sessions will look like moving forward for example face to face, teams, later in the day, direct contact with roads team? **ACTION: Community to provide feedback on type of engagement in the future.**

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- What is IRC's long-term plan for gravel usage? IRC are reviewing pit locations and possible new pits along with gravel specifications.

Thank you for your time - meeting closed 12.30 pm

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| Group # | Action/Note                                                                                                                                                                           | Responsible |
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| All     | Include conditional registration form in the documents for Volunteer Program.                                                                                                         | IRC         |
| 2       | Community request for traffic counters on both ends of Wuthung Road for accurate assessment.                                                                                          | IRC         |
| 2       | Investigate requirements for Rural Fire Services for possible use in Volunteer Program.                                                                                               | IRC         |
| 2       | IRC to follow up with TMR utilisation of gravel pits closer to works being completed.                                                                                                 | IRC         |
| 2       | Prioritisation of sealed roads across the region information to be provided across these groups.                                                                                      | IRC         |
| 2       | IRC to investigate use of Special Rates as used in Central Highlands for rates concessions for things such as in-kind gravel for example to assist in sealing of roads in the region. | IRC         |
| 2       | Invite state member to next meeting in 6 months.                                                                                                                                      | IRC         |
| 2       | Community to provide feedback on the type of engagement sessions they would like to see in the future                                                                                 | Community   |