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ROADS COMMUNITY MEETING – GROUP 4

27 MARCH 2026 | 10.00AM–1.00PM | NEBO HALL

PRESENT

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Pam Collette	Community	Tony Boyd	Community
Rosanne Byers	Community	Sean Robinson	IRC
David Bonassi	Community	Chris McColl	IRC
Rob Moy	Community	Jill Cash	IRC
Andrew Folker	Community	Joel Kuczynski	IRC
Cr Jane Pickels	Deputy Mayor	Hannah Neilson	IRC
Cr Viv Coleman	Councillor	Bob Stephen	IRC
Chris Wendelburn	Community	Kylie Dowd	IRC
Greg Barr	Community	Tyler Ware	Community
Glen Shelley	Community	Terry Begg	Community
Jack Dumba	Community	Lindsay McNab	Community
David Mud	Community	James Whitehead	Community
Debbie Bates	Community	Matthew Newland	Community
Ben Murdoch	Community	Jack O'Loughlin	Community
Mick Comerford	Community	Willoughby's Livestock	Community
William Wall	Community	Darryl Story	Community
Gladys Wall	Community	Thelma Story	Community
Michael O'Connor	Community	Neil Boyd	Community
Andrew Donaldson	Community	Bryan Symonds	Community
Trevor Shelley	Community	Debbie Symonds	Community
Scott Boyd	Community	Craig Ross	Community

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OPENING

- Meeting opened by Divisional Councillor Viv Coleman and Manager Roads Infrastructure Bob Stephen. Thanks to Deputy Mayor Jane Pickels for her attendance.
- Introduction of council staff in attendance and their role in the organisation.

- The agenda order was amended to address community concerns regarding NHVR permit reviews across the region.

NHVR PERMITS

- NHVR is responsible for publishing approved IRC maps and permit areas based on road standards and allowances. Within the next five years, mapping will transition from area-based approvals to individual road-based permit allowances.
- IRC is currently assessing all roads for length, width, and access, with approximately **80% completed**. Assessments are undertaken by qualified personnel using a risk-based approach.
- Several areas currently have imposed restrictions, including:
 - **Russell Park Road** – stacking distance issues
 - **Airstrip Road** – road train access through Nebo township
 - **Braeside Road** – stacking distance issues
- Discussion occurred regarding the type of road train access on the Peak Downs Highway which included individual review of Queensland Globe mapping with some attendees offline.
- The permit review has been driven by Council, with triggers assessed through risk assessment. The community was encouraged to provide as much feedback as possible for inclusion in Council investigations.
- Further discussion covered:
 - Risk assessment thresholds and whether Council is overly risk-averse
 - Traffic counts at the Braeside Road intersection compared with Oxford Downs–Sarina Road / Peak Downs Highway
 - Increased risk at the Oxford Downs–Sarina Road intersection compared with Braeside Road
- **ACTION: Council to lobby TMR for increased awareness and consideration of intersection upgrades.**
- Questions were raised regarding potential solutions, including alignment changes, raising the matter with TMR, and interim risk-mitigation measures. Council advised it is working with TMR; however, any Council-funded upgrades would be at ratepayer expense, as the intersections are state-controlled.
- The community queried whether external bodies (NHVR, TMR, Aurizon, Pacific National) initiated the review. Council confirmed it commenced internally. NHVR will collate feedback and provide it to Council and TMR. TMR's indicative assessment timeframe is **3–4 months**, after which IRC will finalise its assessment.
- The following were also discussed:
 - Improved signage or administrative controls

- Accident statistics at nominated intersections
- Safety concerns around Denison Creek
- Cost-sharing contributions by Aurizon or mining operators (not their responsibility beyond rail assets)
- **ACTION: IRC to follow up and provide accident statistics for nominated intersections.**
- **ACTION: Include Queensland Globe / NHVR mapping links with the meeting minutes.**
- **ACTION: Community to provide as much feedback as possible for council to include in their investigations and assessment.**
- **ACTION: Councils consideration to construct a letter on Community's behalf to lobby TMR for improvements.**
- Additional matters raised included:
 - Ex Creek silt build-up at the bridge and lack of side rails
 - Access issues at Saleyard Drive (sharp turning, swept-path concerns)
 - Continued advocacy for turning lanes on state and local road networks
 - Nebo Junction turnoff also a safety concern and needs to be flagged with TMR.
- **ACTION: IRC to review planning approvals for the Civeo driveway application, including use of Cemetery Road instead of Saleyard Road.**
- **ACTION: Update the community via public notice with the revised permit review assessment date.**
- Council advised it is investigating additional truck parking and drop-off areas if access to Saleyard Drive is restricted.
- Concern was expressed about community notification occurring via public notice rather than consultation. IRC committed to improving engagement going forward.

ROADS PROGRAM

- An overview of current action items was provided. Community members were encouraged to retain Roads contact details for future issues.
- 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. Based on the specifications page, not all categories need to be met for roads to be reviewed for usage rating.

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.
- **ACTION: Conditional registration information to be provided with the minutes.**
- Discussion around volunteers assisting council making sections of roads passable following weather events.

ROADS TRACKER

- Demonstration of the new roads tracker community portal/hub was provided which will provide the last 10yrs maintenance works completed on the IRC road network: including capital resheeting projects. The portal/hub will be officially launched early April.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Request for council to consider on Braeside Road - removing vegetation from either side of the road for approx. 100m to improve visibility.
- Request TMR/council to consider moving the digital sign on Oxford Downs Sarina Road at the Braeside Road intersection to the other side of the road for improved visibility.
- Discussion around roadside grassland/vegetation removal with drone assistance and fire removal. Controlled burning vegetation to keep vegetation under control.
- **ACTION: IRC to discuss further vegetation clearing with TMR around Oxford Downs Sarina Road.**
- Thank you for your ideas.

Thank you for your time - meeting closed 1pm

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4	Update the community via public notice with the revised permit review assessment date.	IRC
4	Community to provide feedback on the type of engagement sessions they would like to see in the future	Community

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