

# Nerang National Park mountain bike trail audit and upgrade

## Project Plan

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## 1 Project plan description

This plan covers the 2 stages of the Nerang National Park mountain bike trail audit and upgrade project which are:

1. 'Master plan' for the mountain bike trails - first half of 2018–2019 FY. Engage contractor to review all illegal mountain bike trails within Nerang National Park; provide recommendations on trail upgrades, re-routes and closures with consideration given to trail classification standards; provide technical designs in accordance with recommendations.
2. Construction contractor undertakes recommended works – works partially completed in second half of 2018–2019 FY; remainder in 2019–2020.

The approach for this project will be for QPWS staff to manage the overall project and provide support to contractors to complete the technical / licensed aspects of the project.

One contractor will be engaged to provide the 'master plan', a second contractor will be engaged to undertake the recommended works.

### 1.1 Project scope

#### 1.1.1 Included

The scope of this project includes:

- Audit report on all\* mountain bike trails within Nerang National Park
- Community consultation meeting (1) in relation to audit report
- Detailed construction drawings for design recommendations from audit report
- Construction work on mountain bike trails according to recommendations / construction drawings from audit report
- Audit and construction work to be performed by contractors with project management assistance from QPWS
- Design, fabrication and installation of trailhead, directional and other relevant signage for mountain bike trails
- Purchase and installation of mountain bike counters to monitor usage

\* Original scope on Capital Projects limits work to Sections 2 & 3 (see Appendix A) of priority trail development areas, however scope extended to include all mountain bike trails in Nerang NP for following reasons:

- Provide a holistic view for the park, rather than a narrowed view which may not provide for design ideals or desired connectivity to trailhead and other sections of the park.
- While it will increase the cost of the audit, leaving less money for upgrades, we will save staff time (and hence money) by auditing all trails now (an inevitable requirement / need). The audit will provide a cost estimate for all trail upgrades - cost info will be on hand if for future funding applications
- Text for the original Capital Projects scope / project description was a 'work in progress' to get something on the system and flag the need for commitment / decision making on future management of MTB in Nerang. Funding approval was not expected before further discussion / decision making on long term vision for MTB in Nerang NP e.g options for potential third party management, tenure review etc. The project was approved before future vision / intent had been fully articulated
- Most of the trails currently approved within (Section 1) the park have been upgraded from illegal trails by volunteers who are not qualified/experienced MTB trail builders (ditto local staff). Inclusion of these trails will ensure all approved trails meet the required classification and safety guidelines.

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- Following construction of the 2018 Commonwealth Games loops in Section 1, several trails are now in very close proximity to one another - audit will assess if some sections of trail could be rationalised.
- There are 2 relatively short, illegally constructed trails in Section 1.
- Apart from addressing above 2 dot points, no other large scale works are being considered for Section 1.
- While we are seeking to limit development in Section 4 and areas outside other sections, (due to distance from trailhead), some trails outside the development sections may assist in achieving MTB design ideals for the park. If not, the audit will provide cost estimates for their closure.
- There are only 2 emergent illegal trails (that we know of) outside of any of the four development sections - these trails were not present when the original scope was approved and will not expand audit scope significantly.
- Agreement in principle has already been given to the local volunteer trail care group to recognise / approve 27 of the 30+ illegally constructed trails in the park - several of these trails are located in section 4.
- The Queensland Mountain Bike Strategy 2018 identifies the Gold Coast area as a high State Priority and recommends detailed site assessments (and regional master planning) to guide future decisions - whole of site audit is in accordance with this recommendation.

## 1.1.2 Excluded

The scope of this project excludes any work to shared/fire trails.

## 1.2 Business options

The business options concerning this investment are:

| Description                                                                            | Advantages                                                                                                                                                   | Disadvantages                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Option 1</b> – Do nothing – Leave trails as they are                                | Save money                                                                                                                                                   | Ongoing maintenance issues and pressure from local mountain bike community to approve illegal trails. Existing approved trails do not cater for demand.                                                                      |
| <b>Option 2</b> – Just trails within identified sections 2 & 3 (as per original scope) | Less cost                                                                                                                                                    | Still have illegal trails that have not been assessed and still pressure / expectations from user group. Deferring will create more work in future when process could have been more effectively managed at an earlier stage |
| <b>Option 3</b> – Just trails within identified sections (1, 2, 3 & 4)                 | Most trails assessed and upgraded as required                                                                                                                | Failure to acknowledge these trails (i.e. approve or close) would provide an ongoing example of illegal trail building that others might be tempted to follow.                                                               |
| <b>Option 4</b> – Whole of park audit                                                  | One document that addresses MTB in whole park to facilitate achievement of design ideals and , a flowing ride connecting all sections of trail, with reduced | Most expensive option                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| Description | Advantages                | Disadvantages |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------------|
|             | maintenance requirements. |               |

The recommended option is **Option 4** – an audit of all mountain bike trails in Nerang National Park.

## 1.3 Project benefits

Table below identifies anticipated benefits from this project. Business benefits will be monitored and reported throughout the project; they are the key drivers behind the project and will form part of the project's acceptance criteria; considered to be "must haves".

| Business Benefit                                 | Drivers and objectives                  | Government/agency/program strategy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Project Outputs which will contribute to this benefit                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Manage recreation impacts and visitor experience | Safe and sustainable visitor facilities | Nerang National Park Management Statement 2013: A2 – ensuring safety and sustainable use, consolidate trail linkages<br>Strategic Asset Planning Guide 2016-17 objective:<br>* 3 Rationalise/consolidate existing QPWS asset base<br>* 4 Increase recreation/tourism access to parks, improve service delivery & improve customer satisfaction | Trails safe and sustainable, unsustainable trails closed, improved riding experiences            |
| Reduce maintenance requirements                  | Trails easier to maintain               | Nerang National Park Management Statement 2013: A4 – support trail care activities<br>Strategic Asset Planning Guide 2016-17 objective:<br>* 6 Provide & maintain infrastructure essential to staff safety, enhance management capabilities & performance                                                                                      | Trail care group do not feel burden of seemingly never ending list of trails to upgrade/maintain |
| Protect natural area                             | High conservation areas preserved       | Destination Q: Strategic direction to preserve nature by enabling access to national parks through appropriate infrastructure<br>Strategic Asset Planning Guide 2016-17 objective:<br>* 8 Protecting Queensland's natural and Cultural values<br>Nerang National Park Management Statement 2013: A2 – ensuring safety and                      | Impacts on higher value conservation areas (section 4 and further west) reduced / contained      |

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| Business Benefit | Drivers and objectives | Government/agency/program strategy             | Project Outputs which will contribute to this benefit |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                  |                        | sustainable use and protection of biodiversity |                                                       |

## 2 Project planning considerations

### 2.1 Prerequisites

The following pre-requisites exist for the project:

- 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 funding is confirmed
- Consultation with local stakeholders prior to construction

### 2.2 Assumptions

The following assumptions have been made during the planning of this project:

- Visitor numbers to Nerang National Park will increase over time
- Contractors will comply with work being stopped during natural disasters such as bushfire or major storms
- Key reference sources are valid / credible

### 2.3 Constraints

The following constraints were taken into consideration when planning this project:

- The project site is located in a National Park with very high visitation.
- Available funding.
- Extent of informal / illegal trail network and entrenched access expectations to same; illegal trails are promoted as existing trails by external information sources

### 2.4 External dependencies

| Dependency                                   | Level and nature of impact                  | Management actions to monitor dependency                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dry weather between January and end of April | Delay in completing construction components | Identify and commit only to components that are achievable during this time frame factoring in realistic wet weather period. |

### 2.5 Lessons incorporated

Nil

## 3 Monitoring and control

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The following project level controls will be implemented to manage the project and provide mechanisms to provide information to the project management team and agency/program management.

### 3.1 Project tolerances

The Project Board is to report exceptions to agency/program management if at any time:

- a) the forecast time tolerance of +2 weeks on the target Project End date will not be met; or,
- b) the financial expenditure will exceed allocated budget for that FY i.e. a request to bring forward financial allocation is required; or
- c) the financial expenditure target of \$180,000 is likely to exceed total budget.
- d) if any of the project level tolerances are forecast to be exceeded.

| Tolerance area  | Project level tolerances                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Time</b>     | Forecast completion dates will not exceed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Stage 1 and 2: end 2018–2019 FY</li> <li>▪ Stage 3: end 2019–2020 FY</li> </ul> Additional time tolerances include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project practical completion to occur before end of 2019–20 FY.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Cost</b>     | Project Board (through the Region and Assets Services) must be notified of any budget savings or over expenditure in accordance with AIM business rules                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Risk</b>     | Some tolerance – Project Manager to escalate all risk exposures of significant, critical and unacceptable levels on the Project Risk Register. Area of concern or minor risks to be entered on the Project Risk Register.                                                                                                   |
| <b>Scope</b>    | No tolerance for additional scope creep beyond existing.<br>Project Manager to only record all variations to design approved technical product <\$5,000<br>Project Manager to escalate all variations to design approved technical product >\$5,000.                                                                        |
| <b>Quality</b>  | Some tolerance – Project Manager to escalate all quality exposures of critical and unacceptable levels that are added to the Issue Register (e.g. reports, designs, construction). Areas of concern or minor risks to be entered on the Project Risk/Issue Register                                                         |
| <b>Benefits</b> | Some tolerance – Project Manager can make decisions to benefit of project but should notify Project Board of these decisions.                                                                                                                                                                                               |

### 3.2 Project level reporting

- a) An End Stage Report is to be produced before the end of each stage, by the Project Manager, for circulation to the Project Board and any delegated Project Assurance roles.
- b) An End Project Report is to be produced, by the Project Manager, for circulation to Project Board and any delegated Project Assurance roles, at the end of the project.

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## 4 Product Descriptions

### 4.1 Product Breakdown Structure

The Project-level Product Breakdown Structure for this stage is shown in *Appendix B*. This shows the hierarchy of higher level products to be delivered by the project.

### 4.2 Product Descriptions

Product Descriptions for each of the Products depicted in the Product Breakdown Structure are provided in *Appendix C*. Quality criteria, quality tolerances and the quality method to be used to check the quality of the product are defined in each Product Description.

### 4.3 Product Flow Diagram

The Product Flow Diagram provides the sequence of product development and a picture of their fundamental inter-relationships. The Project Product Flow Diagram is shown in *Appendix D*.

## 5 Project schedule

The project schedule, together with a breakdown of the stages for this project, is shown in *Appendix E*.

The schedule should be regarded as indicative for the later stages as these are, as with any project, likely to vary with progressive experience gained in undertaking the project work. Proposed revisions to the schedule (as well as to any other parts of the Project Plan) will be presented for the Project Board's endorsement at end stage assessments.

### 5.1 Summary

Key points from this Project Schedule are:

|                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Start date of the project:</b>   | August 2018                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>End date of the project:</b>     | June 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Total resource effort:</b>       | 730 days                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Number of management stages:</b> | <p>Eight</p> <p>Stage 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procurement</li> <li>• Site assessment and report preparation</li> <li>• Community consultation</li> <li>• Report finalisation</li> </ul> <p>Stage 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procurement</li> <li>• Site establishment</li> </ul> |

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|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trail construction works</li> <li>Project closure</li> </ul> |
|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### 5.1.1 Stage description

The following table provides a summary of each stage:

| Stage No.  | Key products                         | Key activities                                                                                                                                                                     | Start date | End date  | End stage triggers                                                                                          | Benefits                                                                |
|------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stage 1    |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |           |                                                                                                             |                                                                         |
| 1.         | Procurement                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RFQ</li> <li>Contract details</li> </ul>                                                                                                    | Aug 2018   | Sept 2018 | Works Package awarded and accepted                                                                          | Contractor engaged in accordance with policy                            |
| 2.         | Site assessment & report preparation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractor completes audit of mountain bike trails and prepares initial report</li> <li>QPWS provides feedback on initial report</li> </ul> | Sept 2018  | Nov 2018  | Initial report received for QPWS comment                                                                    | Improved / updated understanding of mtb track upgrade requirements      |
| 3.         | Community consultation               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractor conducts 1 community consultation meeting regarding initial report</li> </ul>                                                    | Nov 2018   | Nov 2018  | Community consultation meeting conducted                                                                    | Acknowledgement / understanding of community perspectives               |
| 4.         | Report finalisation                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractor finalises report</li> </ul>                                                                                                      | Dec 2018   | Dec 2018  | Final report received                                                                                       | Design specifications ready for construction procurement                |
| Stage 2    |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |           |                                                                                                             |                                                                         |
| 5.         | Procurement                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RFQ</li> <li>Contract details</li> </ul>                                                                                                    | Jan 2019   | Feb 2019  | Works Package awarded and accepted                                                                          | Contractor engaged in accordance with government / Procurement policy   |
| 6.         | Site establishment                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication Strategy &amp; Plan</li> <li>Signage</li> <li>Notifications &amp; Alerts</li> </ul>                                           | Feb 2019   | Feb 2019  | Site inspection verifying all equipment located appropriately                                               | Improved management of high visitation area                             |
| 7.         | Trail construction works             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designated rails upgraded, re-routed or closed as required</li> </ul>                                                                       | Feb 2019   | May 2020  | Site inspection verifying all designated trails upgraded as required and works completed to a good standard | Decrease in maintenance requirements<br><br>Improved riding experiences |
| Completion |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |           |                                                                                                             |                                                                         |

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| Stage No. | Key products    | Key activities                                                                                                                                                                               | Start date | End date | End stage triggers                                                                                  | Benefits                                                    |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8.        | Project closure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signage installed</li> <li>Website and maps updated</li> <li>Site safe and opened</li> <li>Asset commissioning</li> <li>Completion reports</li> </ul> | May 2020   | Jun 2020 | Site inspection verifying clean up to a suitable standard, signs are installed, reporting completed | Improved management of high visitation mountain bike trails |

### 5.2 Resource estimation

The basis of staff effort used in the stage schedule is shown in the table below:

| Resource                   | Agency/ External | Number of resources | Number of days per resource | Total number of days | Unscheduled non-project time | Management time |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Project Manager</b>     | Agency           | 1                   | 100                         | 100                  |                              |                 |
| <b>Project Team Member</b> | Agency           | 2                   | 100                         | 200                  |                              |                 |

## 6 Costs

### 6.1 Financial Summary

A summary of project and ongoing Costs is provided in the table below.

The expected life of the project's deliverables is 15 years.

|                                 | Project costs                 | Ongoing costs per year                                                      |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>CAPITAL</b>                  | GST excl.                     |                                                                             |
| <b>Wages</b>                    | \$20,000 (project management) | \$2100 - QPWS supervision of trail maintenance volunteers – 1 day per month |
| <b>Accommodation/ Travel</b>    |                               |                                                                             |
| <b>Training</b>                 |                               |                                                                             |
| <b>Materials</b>                |                               |                                                                             |
| <b>Contractors/ Consultants</b> | \$160,000                     |                                                                             |

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|                          | Project costs    | Ongoing costs per year |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Plant/Equipment Hire     |                  |                        |
| Consumables              |                  |                        |
| Statutory Costs          |                  |                        |
| Technology               |                  |                        |
| Other                    |                  |                        |
|                          |                  |                        |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>     | <b>\$180,000</b> | <b>\$</b>              |
|                          |                  |                        |
| <b>CONTINGENCY</b>       |                  |                        |
| Risk budget              | \$0              |                        |
| Change budget            | \$0              |                        |
| <b>TOTAL CONTINGENCY</b> | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$</b>              |
|                          |                  |                        |
| <b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>     | <b>\$180,000</b> | <b>\$2,100</b>         |
|                          |                  |                        |
| <b>FINANCIAL SAVINGS</b> | <b>\$</b>        | <b>\$</b>              |

Indicate funding source for project and ongoing costs:

|                                         |                                     |                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Funding source for stage costs</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Core operating funds                            |
|                                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Capital funds                                   |
|                                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Allocation from external source<br>Specify..... |
|                                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Seeking new funds                               |
| <b>Funding source for ongoing costs</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Core operating funds                            |
|                                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Capital funds                                   |
|                                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Allocation from external source<br>Specify..... |
|                                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Seeking new funds                               |

## 6.2 Risk budget

A NIL risk budget has been applied on the basis of any risks to the project are unlikely to generate response with monetary value.

## 6.3 Change budget

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A NIL change budget has been applied on the basis of foregoing other aspects of the project to accommodate the changes.

This will be managed by the project manager with advice given to Project Board following set tolerances.

## 7 Benefits Realisation Management

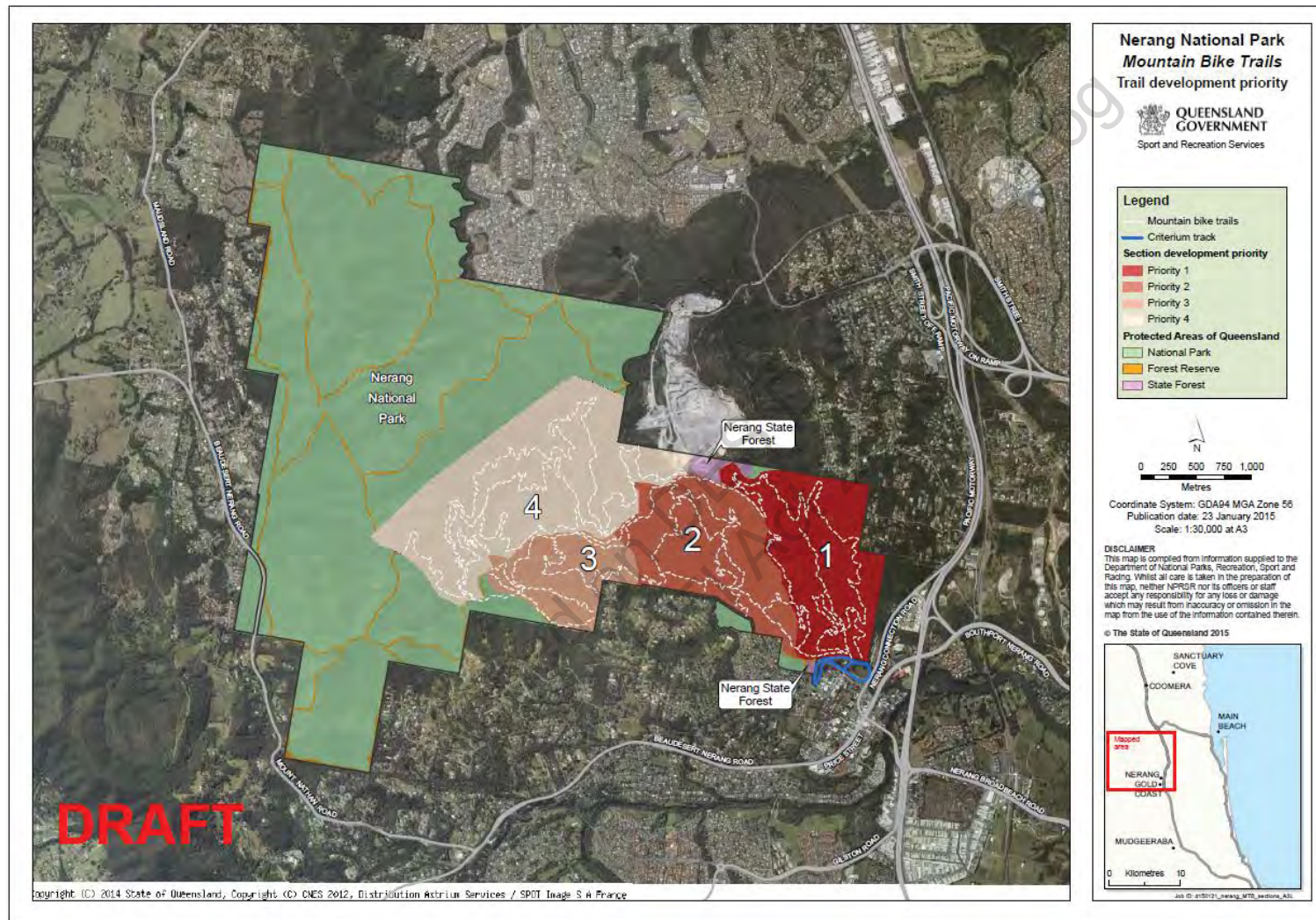
Benefits will be identified, measured and monitored in accordance with the DES Benefits Realisation Framework and Methodology.

Business Benefits identified include:

| Expected benefits                                                      | Benefits Measure                                                               | Target Measure                                       | Target Date                            | Benefit Owner                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Improved management standards for high visitation mountain bike trails | Enhanced visitor experience and Volunteer Trail Care Alliance sense of purpose | Favourable public and stakeholder feedback on trails | Within 12 months of project completion | Local MU, QPWS, DES, Qld Govt |
| Decrease in maintenance requirements                                   | Less resources (time & funding) required to manage assets at location          | Reduce maintenance resourcing by 50%                 | Within 12 months of project completion | Local MU, QPWS, DES, Qld Govt |

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## Appendix A – Trail development priority sections



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## Appendix B – Product Breakdown Structure

Refer to project's completed specifications for procurement.

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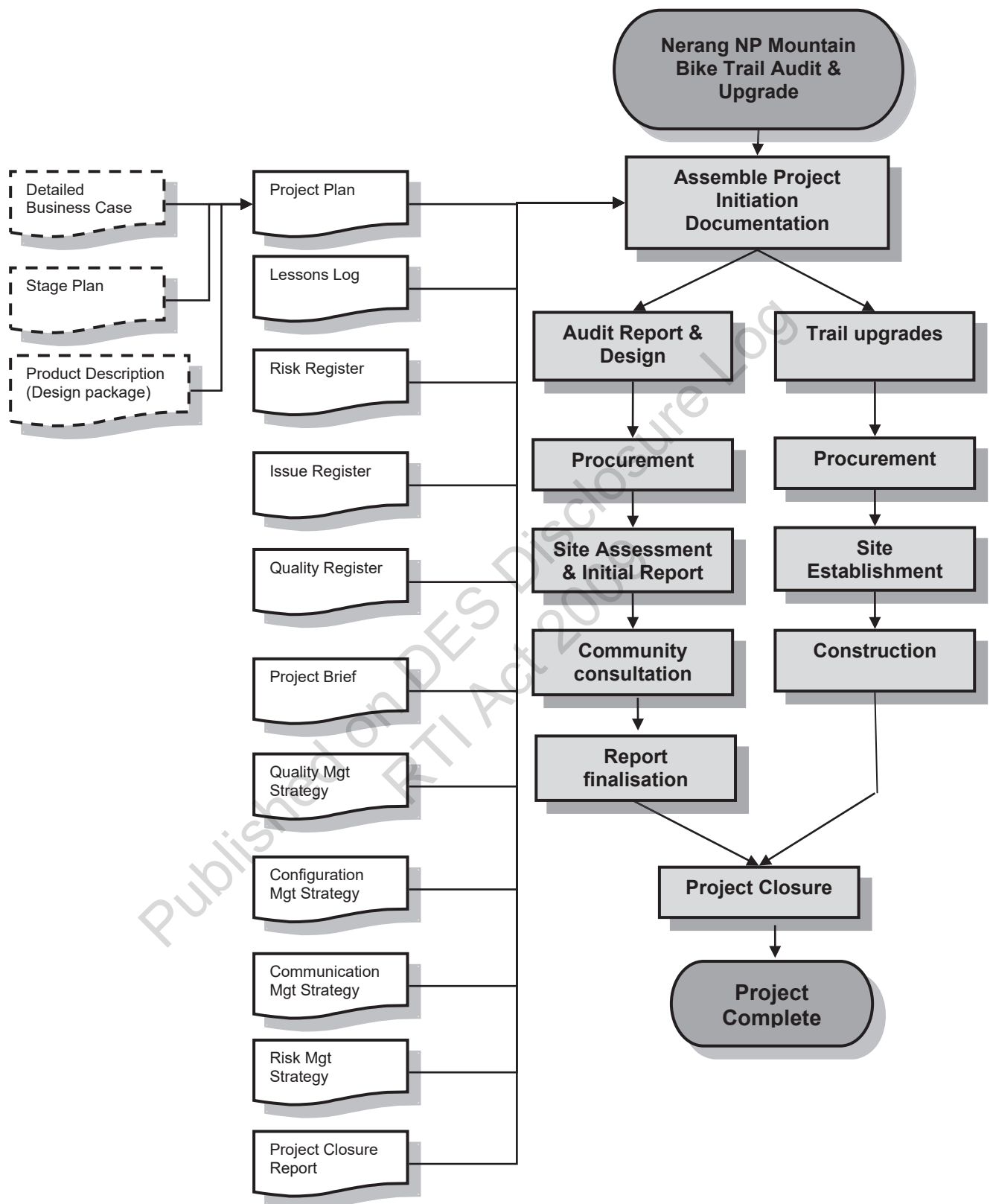
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## Appendix D – Product Flow Diagram



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## Appendix E – Project schedule

*Include a copy of the project schedule that has been developed for the project.*

|                        | Jul 18 | Aug 18 | Sep 18 | Oct 18 | Nov 18 | Dec 18 | Jan 19 | Feb 19 | Mar 19 | Apr 19 | May 19 | Jun 19 | Jul 19 | Aug 19 | Sep 19 | Oct 19 | Nov 19 | Dec 19 | Jan 20 | Feb 20 | Mar 20 | Apr 20 | May 20 | Jun 20 |
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| Project initiation     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Project Plan           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| RoPA Part A            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Stage 1 – Audit        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Procurement            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Audit & initial report |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Community consultation |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Final report           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Stage 2 – Construction |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Procurement            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Site Establishment     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Construction           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Project completion     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Project closure        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |

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## MEMO

## DATE:

TO: Steve Price, Acting Regional Director – South East Queensland Region

THROUGH: John Carter, Principal Ranger – Gold Coast Area  
Brett Hollindale, Senior Ranger – Assets and Infrastructure

FROM: Henry Waterman, Senior Ranger – Gold Coast

SUBJECT: Design Approval for Nerang MTB upgrade capital project

## TIMEFRAME:

- Approval is required by 28 February to complete construction works this financial year

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Regional Director:

- endorse the attached designs for final approval by QPWS Asset Services.

## BACKGROUND:

- The Nerang MTB track upgrade is a 2018-2019 QPWS Statewide Capital Program funded capital project.
- Proposed works include upgrade of trails 11 - 20 and R2, and construction of new trails N4 and N5 – refer to Map 9.2 'Proposed Trail Map' (p.113) of the Dirt Art Trail Audit Report (Attachment 1).
- Signage for the above trails is included in the capital project.
- While not in the original project scope, the new trails N4 and N5 are proposed as they significantly improve the function and connectivity of the western area of Section 2.
- This area has a number of trail junctions and remediation will include rationalisation of Baileys (18) and Upper Baileys (R2) trails into a single trail to reduce trail duplication in the area.
- Construction specifications will be based on IMBA guidelines (Attachment 2) and Remediation works list (Attachment 3), as well as the trail remediation notes for each trail in the main body of the Dirt Art Trail Audit Report.
- No major structures are proposed in the trail works, and all water crossings will be on-ground and rock armoured, rather than elevated structures.
- Project planning is complete and the attached design documentation requires design approval before construction can commence.
- All capital works projects valued over \$50,000 require design approval from the Manager, Design and Approvals.
- Regional Director endorsement is required prior to submission for design approval.



**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment 1 – Dirt Art Trail Audit Report (including Appendix One)
- Attachment 2 – Trail construction specifications
- Attachment 3 – Remediation works list

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| <b>Steve Price</b>                                                                          |                    |
| <b>Acting Regional Director – South East Queensland</b>                                     |                    |

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Date : 7/04/2020 11:57:09 AM

From : "WATERMAN Henry"

To : "CARTER John (DES)"

Subject : RE: INFORM: SEQR 20-21FY capital bid assessment notes from Asset Services meeting

Attachment : image003.png;image004.png;image005.png;image007.png;

Thanks John.

For the Nerang MTB trail upgrade I have definitely noted the comments QPWS shouldn't be formalising unauthorised trails and that the project needs a plan that has Executive sign off.

Not something to discuss right now.. but when ? What will the pathway to decision making be ?

If we aren't going to formalise the trails... are we expected to close them ? Has there been any progress on the issue of QPWS liability re use of unauthorised trails / structures etc etc etc.

Rgds

Henry

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From: CARTER John (DES) <john.carter@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 6 April 2020 5:14 PM

To: WATERMAN Henry; NORAMBUENA Sergio

Subject: FW: INFORM: SEQR 20-21FY capital bid assessment notes from Asset Services meeting

Not sure if I sent it

Note comments



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From: DAVIES Russell <[Russell.Davies@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:Russell.Davies@des.qld.gov.au)>

Sent: Thursday, 2 April 2020 12:51 PM

To: ROSS Anthony; PRICE Stephen (Cotton Tree - Caboolture); CARTER John (DES); HOFFMAN Andrew; ENSLIN Justin; WRIGHT Peter

Cc: HOLLINDALE Brett

Subject: INFORM: SEQR 20-21FY capital bid assessment notes from Asset Services meeting

**Due Date:** Non-urgent

**Required Action:** For noting and information only

**Background:**

Attached are the notes and scores from the annual capital assessment meeting between Technical Services and SEQR. The meeting was held in February and attended by the SR Assets and Infrastructure and A/APR Park Management and all capital bids submitted for funding from the Capital Rolling Plan 20-21 onwards.

The attached notes were taken by SEQR representatives and should be used to review and amend projects that may not get funding in 20-21 to 23-24 FYs.

If you have any questions regarding the notes or scores please contact the Senior Ranger - Assets and Infrastructure.

SISC have not finalised the future rolling plan, and the comments and scores on the attached should only be viewed as indicative as they are a guide only for the SISC group.

Once the finalised funded program is released it will come to the region through the Regional Director.

Regards



**Russell Davies**

Assistant Principal Ranger – Technical Support

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From : "TARDENT Murray"

To : "GRAYSON John"

Cc : "WATERMAN Henry" , "CARTER John (DES)"

Subject : Baileys erosion site

Attachment : Baileys erosion control.JPG;image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;

Hi John,

Fyi photo attached is erosion control now installed following report of erosion caused by closure of Norco Flow. The runoff is mostly from the fire break onto the MTB track (Baileys) and then cutting off to follow the drain line formed by previous trail (Norco Flow), notably this wouldn't be an issue without the existence of Baileys running through an established drain off the break... I will monitor the site post future weather events.

Rgds

Murray



**Murray Tardent**

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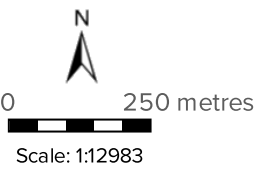
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Date : 29/05/2020 9:30:41 AM  
From : "WATERMAN Henry"  
To : "CARTER John (DES)"  
Subject : FW: Mozzies illegal mtb trail  
Attachment : image001.png  
fyi Our ability to monitor and respond...

From: ROSEWELL Jessica <Jessica.Rosewell@des.qld.gov.au>  
Sent: Friday, 29 May 2020 8:54 AM  
To: GRAYSON John; WATERMAN Henry  
Subject: Mozzies illegal mtb trail

Hi JG and Henry,

Finally getting round to sending through a screenshot of a new mtb trail (and double black diamond at that!) in Nerang that was submitted for approval on Trailforks at the end of April. I rejected the request stating that it was constructed illegally and not supported by QPWS. Person submitting the trail isn't necessarily the one that built it, just the first to submit it...

## Mozzies / trail

Unconfirmed

Submitted by [mydogdomino](#) T2 T138 on Apr 29, 2020 @ 4:06am

Confirm (0)

Reject (0)

266 m

Distance

-44 m

Descent

192 m

High Point

Mozzies Details

Activities: [Mountain Bike](#)

Riding Area: [Nerang National Park](#)

Difficulty Rating: [Double Black Diamond rate](#)

Trail Type: Singletrack

Bike Type: DH, AM

Trail Usage: Biking Only

Direction: Downhill Only

Climb Difficulty: [Double Black Diamond](#)

Physical Rating: Hard

Trail Visibility: Always easy to follow

eBike Allowed: Yes

Year Opened: 2020

Land Manager: Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

A very steep downhill run which is quite twisty, starting from the [Never Ending Story](#) connection, across [Never Ending Story](#), [Catch Me If You Can](#) and joining [Avatar](#). This trail is very steep so do not attempt unless you are comfortable with downhill riding and have good bike control. The last bit has loose stones so be prepared for that.

Access Info

The top starts from the [Never Ending Story](#) fire road connection.

Layers

Overlays

Basemap

Style

Activity

Directions to trailhead | [27.97488](#) [153.300621](#)

Mozzies Trail Reports

no reports have been added for Mozzies yet. [add a trail report](#)

Trail reports are used to indicate a trail's current condition and inform builders and other riders about any issues on a trail.

Recent Ridelog Activity on Trail

Past Week

0 rides

6 Months

0 rides

Cheers  
Jess

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# Mozzies / trail

Unconfirmed

[back to confirm list](#)

Submitted by [mydogdomino](#) T2 T136 on Apr 29, 2020 @ 4:06am

Confirm (0) Reject (0)

266 m Distance -44 m Descent 192 m High Point

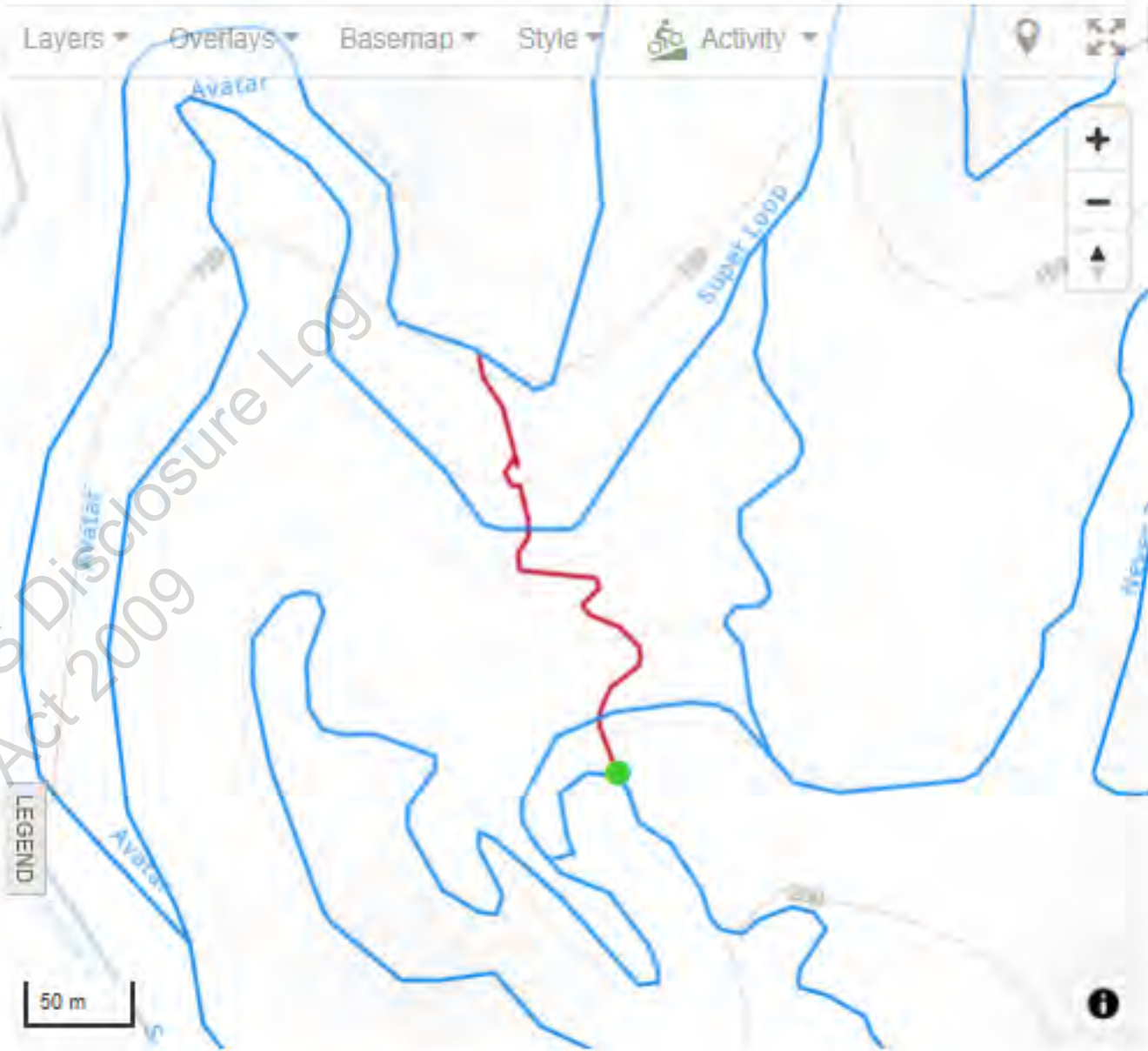


## Mozzies Details

|                    |                                           |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Activities:        | <a href="#">Mountain Bike</a>             |
| Riding Area:       | <a href="#">Nerang National Park</a>      |
| Difficulty Rating: | <a href="#">Double Black Diamond rate</a> |
| Trail Type:        | Singletrack                               |
| Bike Type:         | DH, AM                                    |
| Trail Usage:       | Biking Only                               |
| Direction:         | Downhill Only                             |
| Climb Difficulty:  | <a href="#">Double Black Diamond</a>      |
| Physical Rating:   | Hard                                      |
| Trail Visibility:  | Always easy to follow                     |
| eBike Allowed:     | Yes                                       |
| Year Opened:       | 2020                                      |
| Land Manager:      | Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service     |

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**Access Info**  
The top starts from the [Never Ending Story](#) fire road connection.



Directions to trailhead | [27.97488](#), [153.300621](#)

## Mozzies Trail Reports

[update trails status or condition](#)

*no reports have been added for Mozzies yet. [add a trail report](#)*  
Trail reports are used to indicate a trail's current condition and inform bikers and other riders about any issues on a trail.

## Recent Ridelog Activity on Trail

Past Week

0 rides

6 Months

0 rides

More Stats for [Mozzies trail](#)

|                 |        |              |       |           |        |
|-----------------|--------|--------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Altitude change | 20-081 | Altitude end | 141m  | Grade min | 3.7%   |
| Altitude start  | 161m   | Grade max    | 12.5% | Distance  | 0.27km |



Date : 20/01/2020 11:52:19 AM  
From : "GRAYSON John"  
To : "WATERMAN Henry"  
Cc : "ROSEWELL Jessica" , "CARTER John (DES)"  
Subject : FW: Nerang trail damage  
Attachment : FD3429D5668A4A0B8BC3BB8D835804E3[76605602].jpg;

Henry – I'll be over in 15min..

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From: s78B(2) <secretary@gcmtb.com.au>  
Sent: Monday, 20 January 2020 11:45 AM  
To: GRAYSON John  
Cc: Dave Hobson  
Subject: RE: Nerang trail damage

Hey John,

Dave Hobson. cc'd on this email. Don't have a phone number for him yet. I would also like to be part of the meeting please.

Regards

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Secretary | Gold Coast Mountain Bike Club Inc.  
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From: GRAYSON John  
Sent: Monday, 20 January 2020 11:39 AM  
To: s78B(2)  
Subject: RE: Nerang trail damage

Hi s78B(2) – im keen to get out there – just a matter of finding the time right now..

As below - can you send me through Dave's details please – an email would suffice - I'll arrange to meet up with him some time in the future when he's free..

Rgs  
jg

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From: s78B(2) <secretary@gcmtb.com.au>  
Sent: Monday, 20 January 2020 9:12 AM  
To: GRAYSON John  
Subject: Re: Nerang trail damage

Hi John,

New guy is Dave Hobson. Shane and I will be meeting him to do a handover this Saturday. I've had so many enquires from members wanting to start maintenance but I'll ask them to hold off.

Would really like Dave to take control of Trailcare and run with it. I'll email him and ask if he is free. Any idea when you'll be going to inspect? I can try and tee something up.

Regards,

s78B(2)  
Secretary - GCMTB

On 20 Jan 2020, at 08:03, GRAYSON John <[John.Grayson@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:John.Grayson@des.qld.gov.au)> wrote:

Hi s78B(2) – Thanks for the heads up - just hold off on any immediate repair works – I'll be inspecting trails asap and will get back to you/ trail coordinator on where we are heading.

I'm pretty keen to meet the new NTCA trail coordinator also. Can you please send through their contact details?  
It will be good to set up the 'operational' line of communication between the two of us regarding volunteering and the how, when and where for the delivery of the approved maintenance program.

Regards

jb

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**From** s78B(2) <[secretary@gcmtb.com.au](mailto:secretary@gcmtb.com.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 January 2020 7:41 AM  
**To:** GRAYSON John; WATERMAN Henry; [vicepresident@gcmtb.com.au](mailto:vicepresident@gcmtb.com.au)  
**Subject:** Nerang trail damage

Hi Henry and John,

I went out to inspect some of the trails after the deluge. Good to see the culverts hadn't moved however there wasn't much dirt around them. Wanted to know where we stand on the maintenance? Should we arrange volunteers to fix these up? Am I ok to circulate the volunteer forms and start handing out shovels?

We were supposed to meet with our new Trailcare coordinator on Saturday but had to postpone it. He keen to get going.

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Regards,

s78B(2)  
Secretary - GCMTB

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Date : 7/02/2020 11:00:36 AM

From : "WATERMAN Henry"

To : "CARTER John (DES)"

Cc : "GRAYSON John" , "ROSEWELL Jessica"

Subject : FW: Trailworx site inspection track damage

Attachment : Happy Valley 1.JPG;Happy Valley 2.JPG;Happy Valley 3.JPG;Happy Valley 4.JPG;berm 2 runoff.JPG;berm elevator.JPG;berm runoff elevator.JPG;lower baileys runoff.JPG;lower elevator.JPG;rock crossing scouring 2.JPG;rock crossing scouring elevator.JPG;image001.png;image003.png;image002.png;

John

FYI – details of Nerang MTB storm damage. My understanding is Trailworx repair quote will be forthcoming, with repair cost funded from residual \$\$ in capital budget or BCR.

Rgds

Henry

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From: TARDENT Murray <Murray.Tardent@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 5 February 2020 9:26 AM

To: GRAYSON John

Cc: WATERMAN Henry; ROSEWELL Jessica

Subject: Trailworx site inspection track damage

Hi John,

Regarding onsite walkthrough of Elevators and Happy Valley with Pete from Trailworx yesterday;

**Happy Valley** – all crossings that were installed (culverts) by Trailworx have suffered significant damage following the Jan rain event, however it was noted that the culverts themselves have not moved but soil has washed out around them (see attached photos).

Given the amount of rain that fell during this event (276mm 24hrs - 18<sup>th</sup> Jan.) it is not surprising. The water level shown by debris and damaged shrubs from overflow is easily seen up to 1 metre above the culvert at one crossing. I believe that the first 2 crossings were sufficiently built to handle expected flow, the third however had little rock armouring on the upstream banks and could have done with more armouring/batter.

Works required -

- Rock armouring both sides of culverts upstream, import larger (400mm) rock upstream of culverts to slow flow.
- Reinforce rear edge of culverts with rock armour and concrete to reduce scouring, batter banks and rock armour to suit.
- Install spoon drains across track above culverts as overflow diversion

Good opportunity here for NTCA to plant banks out with Lomandra as well as regularly check/clear culverts following rain events as they were all blocked with debris.

**Elevators** – We walked Elevators from bottom to top, most of the track had handled the rain event considerably well with the rock crossings intact and the track itself in good condition.

Works required -

- Most of the rock crossings require re installation of rock below them due to scouring.
- There are issues of brake rutting that Pete will address with slow bends before these fast points.
- The first & third large berm heading uphill has erosion issues which will be addressed with diversion drainage above and scouring repair below.
- Lower Baileys junction onto Elevators has significant flow coming down it, this requires closure which Pete can do.

There are also drains that require attention at the top of elevators that have had riders accessing the track from Centre road, these (the ones installed by Trailworx) will be addressed, drains originally in place that are being accessed can easily be repaired in house.

Rgds

Murray



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Date : 16/06/2020 3:53:06 PM

From : "TARDENT Murray"

To : "GRAYSON John"

Cc : "WATERMAN Henry" , "CARTER John (DES)"

Subject : Illegal track building - Nerang NP

Attachment :

IMG\_5590.JPG;IMG\_5591.JPG;IMG\_5595.JPG;IMG\_5601.JPG;IMG\_E5603.JPG;image001.png;image003.png;image004.png;

Hi John,

Attached are images I captured on Friday (12<sup>th</sup> June) within Nerang National Park at approx.. 12pm/midday. I discovered these 2 individuals in the act of constructing a new illegal trail opposite 'Norco Flow' MTB trail which runs downhill on the eastern side of Billabirra Break. They were working on jumps along the new illegal trail. I intercepted both individuals on the edge of the fire trail as I was driving uphill, they made no attempt to leave the scene. On stopping I exited the vehicle and approached them, I introduced myself and asked them for their names, they were not forthcoming with any information and also claimed they had no ID on them. One of the individuals was quite aggressive in his mannerisms and speech so I did not pursue any further compliance due to being without a partner. I did however manage to get some good photos of them both in the act (see attached). I also informed both individuals that what they were doing was an offence under the NCA, I also informed them that the track and others like it will be dismantled and compliance patrols take place within the park targeting these activities. They argued that they were not doing anything wrong... I instructed them to leave the park immediately and that the offence would be reported.

As discussed I believe we could have some success with following the compliance strategy formed last week with the install of signage through this area. I ran into some other MTB riders further up the track who said they had seen the illegal trail builders in here on the weekends in the afternoon.

Perhaps a weekend compliance patrol targeting these pair and others in the near future would be effective in securing at least a PIN. I will file as much as I can on CIMS asap.

Regards

Murray



**Murray Tardent**

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## QPWS Meeting to discuss illegal MTB trail construction in Nerang NP

### Meeting Minutes

|                   |                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Location:</b>  | Nerang National Park and Nerang base (Banyula Drive)                                                       |
| <b>Date:</b>      | 29 June 2020                                                                                               |
| <b>Time:</b>      | All day                                                                                                    |
| <b>Attendees:</b> | QPWS - John Carter, Henry Waterman, John Grayson, Jessica Rosewell, Murray Tardent, Mick Devery, Kate Ross |
| <b>Apologies:</b> |                                                                                                            |

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Billabirra <del>Fireline</del><b>Break</b>: Inspect illegal duplication of Norco flow trail.</li> <li>2. Centre Road: Inspect starting points of illegally constructed downhill trails in Section 3.</li> <li>3. Section 4: Inspect illegal trail construction and route flagging. Walk section of Coombabah Creek headwaters to improve appreciation of ecosystem values.</li> <li>4. Meeting at Nerang base to develop strategies addressing increasing levels of illegal trail construction in the NP. Outline of strategies follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Stage One of Response Strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace missing No illegal Trail Building signs installed in Section 4. Replacement signs will be a mix of permanent steel and temporary corflute materials from existing duplicate stock. Signs to be installed at key entry points to NP and reinstated in Section 4 in areas of known illegal trail construction activity.</li> <li>• Increase on ground checks for evidence of illegal trail building in Section 4. Increase frequency of patrols in Nerang NP.</li> <li>• Cut bridges on illegally constructed trails in Section 3 and Section 4 where B lines exist and/ or where the absence of bridges will be readily apparent to approaching riders with signage / other warnings and clear lines of sight.</li> <li>• Email to President of Gold Coast MTB Club informing President, QPWS will be implementing a compliance strategy to counter ongoing illegal MTB trail construction in the NP.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Stage 2 of Response Strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop No Entry sign (Regulatory Notice) for designated area of Section 4 to augment existing No Illegal Trail Building signs. Regulatory notice will provide foundation for compliance enforcement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol> | <p><u>GCMU -</u><br/>Illegal duplication and existing Norco flow trail to be graded flat by earthmoving contractor w/c 29 June 2020<br/><u>1/7 - Works completed – 1500 metres of trail closed/ rehab.</u></p> <p><u>Complete a new compliance operation plan for use of cameras for monitoring</u></p> <p><u>GCMU – complete sign audit to manage illegal activity.</u></p> <p><u>GCMU – undertake regular patrols, at least weekly</u><br/><u>-Engage contractor to remove the other 3 downhill trails near Billabirra fireline.</u></p> <p><u>GCMU – remove illegal structures, flagging tape, seize any tools found.</u></p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop media communications plan to support compliance strategy. Strategy to include community awareness meeting ?</li> </ul><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate joint compliance patrols with Nerang Police following installation of No Entry signs and approval of communications plan.</li> </ul><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare Briefing Note outlining compliance strategy and proposal to close illegally constructed MTB trail in Sections 3 &amp; 4.<br/>Primary justifications for recommended closures:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asset Services recommendation that QPWS shouldn't formalise unauthorised trails; Asset Services review also recommends Executive sign off on project plan</li> <li>Findings of Dirt Art report: many trails are recommended for Closure or identified as requiring significant remediation (cost of remediation works)</li> <li>Ongoing Illegal trail construction and trail wear in Section 4 will adversely impact health of the Coombabah Creek catchment and RE 12.11.10 (notophyll vine forest):                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coombabah Creek drains into Coombabah Wetlands – a RAMSR listed wetland of international significance and part of Southern Moreton Bay Marine park</li> <li>RE 12.11.10 supports vulnerable and near threatened plants and is identified in the EPBC Act as Lowland Rainforest of Subtropical Australia – a critically endangered ecological community.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Additional Response strategies</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase NWU <u>work program</u> presence in Nerang NP.</li> </ul><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliance training / refreshers for NWU staff.</li> </ul><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider approaching community groups to determine group interest in undertaking / supporting rehabilitation projects in the NP.</li> </ul> | <p>HW to draft text for email sent by JC</p> <p><u>GCMU</u></p> <p>JR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kate Ross to fwd plan template.</li> <li>- Plan to be developed in consultation with SEQ Parks Communication Team (JR to coordinate)</li> <li>- Mike Devery offer to speak at proposed community meeting</li> </ul> <p>JG. Mike Devery to assist coordination of Police support.</p> <p>HW</p> <p><u>MK</u></p> <p>Coordinated by HW / JG.<br/>- discuss intent with Sergio</p> <p>HW / Mike Devery</p> <p>JG / HW / JG</p> |



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# QPWS meeting with GCMTBC - MTB management in Nerang National Park

## Meeting Minutes

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| <b>Location:</b>  | QPWS Gold Coast Area Office                                |
| <b>Date:</b>      | 9 January 2020                                             |
| <b>Time:</b>      | 1000 - 1145                                                |
| <b>Attendees:</b> | QPWS - John Carter, Henry Waterman, Chris Thompson s78B(2) |
| <b>Apologies:</b> |                                                            |

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Action:                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>1.0 Preceding meeting on 22/10/19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outstanding action items:</li> <li>- nil: review of agenda items from 22/10/19 Peggs Rd meeting deferred to Gold Coast Area Office meeting in New Year.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>2.0 Meeting introductions</b> <p>Participants confirmed their roles as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Carter – Principal Ranger, Gold Coast Area</li> <li>Henry Waterman – Senior Ranger, Gold Coast Area</li> <li>Chris Thompson - Acting President, GCMTBC</li> <li>s78B(2) – Secretary, GCMTBC</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>3.0 Update on 22/10/19 agenda items as follows:</b> <p><b>3.1 Contracted trail maintenance on approved trails</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- subject to onsite discussions / agreement on maintenance requirements</li> <li>- QPWS will initially seek internal maintenance funding for agreed works</li> <li>- In the absence of internal funding QPWS can approve external project funding through GCMTBC; QPWS will keep GCMTBC updated re probability / timelines for internal funding</li> <li>- External project funding would be managed with a QPWS Collaborative Agreement</li> <li>- Each agreement / funding package can cover multiple works locations.</li> </ul> <p><b>3.2 External funding sources / options</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GCMTBC may be able to secure funds from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, Activate Queensland program (Sport &amp; Rec) or similar initiatives</li> <li>- QPWS can provide letters of support for external funding submissions.</li> </ul> <p><b>3.3 Trail works outside approved trail network</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Factors currently constraining decision making on trail works beyond the approved trail network were identified as follows:</li> <li>a) Ministerial response to GCMTBC representations has not been provided to date</li> <li>b) Outcome of capital works proposal for upgrade of remainder of trail network unknown at this stage (may not be known until mid 2020)</li> <li>c) Current compensation claim for accident on unapproved bridge (Lost World trail); legal advice is being obtained.</li> <li>- Decision making further informed by the 2019 Dirt Art report, Operational Policy for mountain biking in QPWS managed areas and the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>.</li> </ul> | <p>GCMTB to nominate inspection date / location for onsite maintenance meeting</p> <p>QPWS to finalise Collaborative Agreement template for local area</p> |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Other factors influencing decision making identified as:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) amount of trail available in other areas of park</li> <li>b) density of trail development in the various sectors</li> <li>c) duplicate trails</li> </ul> </li> <li>- GCMTBC: Dirt Art report does not adequately identify local riding patterns / Preferences</li> <li>- Upgrades of Wimps and Norco Flow trails previously proposed by GCMTBC are not a good fit with QPWS MTB Operational Policy however connectivity of trails in this area to popular return routes requires consideration</li> <li>- Opportunities for downhill riding off Gold Coast Area protected area estate - GCMTBC cited access and cost constraints</li> <li>- GCMTBC flagged examples of significant MTB trail development on other public reserves in Queensland (Mt Archer, Eungella Tewantin examples)</li> <li>- QPWS will consult with GCMTBC re trail management planning / decision making.</li> <li>- GCMTB inquired about the Values Based Management Framework (VBMF).</li> <li>- GCMTB asked about the option of Tenure change to Conservation Park. QPWS advised of the long and difficult process to achieve a tenure change.</li> </ul> <p><b>3.4 Trail closures and notifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- QPWS decision making based on factors identified in 3.3</li> <li>- QPWS will consult with GCMTBC re proposed trail closures</li> <li>- GCMTB raised issues with function of trail signage and updating of information on Trailforks</li> <li>- GCMTBC suggested onsite signage for trail closures; QPWS will consider on a case by case basis.</li> </ul> <p><b>3.5 Unauthorised trail construction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GCMTBC suggested most unauthorised trail construction is undertaken by youths</li> <li>- QPWS requested GCMTBC assistance with curtailing / reporting illegal trail building activity. There is no tolerance for illegal trail construction.</li> </ul> <p><b>3.6 Volunteer trail care program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dave Hobson is new NTCA coordinator for GCMTBC</li> <li>- QPWS requires registration of volunteers</li> <li>- Volunteer trail care program should focus on approved trail network</li> <li>- Ranger in Charge John Grayson is contact for approval of NTCA works program and other minor maintenance matters</li> <li>- NTCA works program can extend into Section 4 (attached map) in accordance with previously agreed objectives.</li> </ul> <p><b>3.7 Meetings and communication protocols</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- QPWS proposed formal meetings with GCMTBC every six months</li> <li>- Formal meetings can also be arranged in response to emergent / urgent issues</li> <li>- Formal communication from GCMTBC President required if GCMTBC wishes to vary proposed arrangements</li> <li>- Informal communication with Ranger in Charge John Grayson OK for day to day maintenance matters.</li> </ul> | <p>Henry to investigate tenures of identified public reserves</p> <p>Jess Rosewell to attend next meeting</p> |

Next meeting date: tbc



Date : 2/07/2020 10:26:22 AM

From : "TARDENT Murray"

To : "CARTER John (DES)"

Cc : "WATERMAN Henry" , "GRAYSON John" , "ROSEWELL Jessica" , "DEVERY Michael" , "ROSS Kate"

Subject : MTB track closure

Attachment : Billabirra 29.06.20.JPG;jumps after1.JPG;jumps after2.JPG;jumps after3.JPG;jumps before.JPG;new trail closure.JPG;new trail closure2.JPG;new trail closure3.JPG;new trail closure4.JPG;Norco flow closure.JPG;Norco flow closure2.JPG;image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;

Hi all,

Just an update and some photos of yesterdays MTB closures of the recently discovered illegal trail construction as well as the closure of 'Norco Flow'. After meeting contractor Doug Bray onsite we assessed the areas for closure, set up safety barriers, signage and witches hats across all relevant tracks and had staff in Hi Vis with radio comms uphill on the track to monitor/control any MTB activity. Work commenced on the new illegal track first and following its closure we proceeded to close Norco Flow. Very few MTB riders were seen on the day, with a small group briefly appearing further uphill which rapidly dispersed when I approached them (to discuss closures). All jumps, berms and features were removed, drainage was reinstated where possible and available dead wood was pulled across tracks. The machine used was a 2 tonne excavator which was the ideal size for the job, small enough to manoeuvre along the MTB trails with enough power for the placement and removal of large rocks and logs. After witnessing the work carried out by Doug on mostly steep, sloping uneven ground it is critical to have an highly experienced operator in this kind of terrain. He removed jumps etc. but also reinstated/improved drainage, broke up long term soil compaction, all within a day. Approx. 1500m of MTB trail was shut down.

GCMU will continue to have an increased presence throughout these areas monitoring and responding to any further illegal trail construction and shutting down any attempts at re-instating closures. Permanent regulatory signage is being installed at key entry and MTB focal points today.

Just a side note, on checking the 'Trailforks' website for Nerang NP MTB trails this morning I noticed a member of the public has already updated the status of 'Norco Flow' as CLOSED. This was updated before 2pm yesterday while we were still in there..

Kind Regards

Murray



**Murray Tardent**

A2IC Ranger – Gold Coast

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Date : 23/10/2019 11:26:33 AM  
From : "WATERMAN Henry"  
To : "GRAYSON John" , "ROSEWELL Jessica"  
Cc : "CARTER John (DES)"  
Subject : RE: Baileys B realignment  
Attachment : image001.png;image002.jpg;

John and Jess. Need to better understand extent / impacts of current closures.. might be best achieved by having a look at how its all working or not working now on the ground. Also to discuss Cory's points.

A few comments in red below. I thought Upper Baileys had in effect become an extension of Elevator. Have the sections of trail with x x on them on s78B(2) map below already been closed etc. The section of Lower Bailey's that goes upslope from Elevator intersection is in really bad condition and I don't see repairs as being overly practical. Yes Trailworks did offer to remediate this section for no charge, but the potential for gratis works being perceived as an 'inducement' (Trailworks doing us 'favours') also came in to play. s78B(2) plan also involves construction of more new trail. We may not need to go on site to finalise our updated thinking / response, but probably prudent to double confirm everything on the ground ? Having Shane on site might help moderate site meeting dialogue ?

Henry

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From: GRAYSON John <John.Grayson@des.qld.gov.au>  
Sent: Wednesday, 23 October 2019 6:51 AM  
To: s78B(2)  
Cc: vicepresident@gcmtb.com.au; president@gcmtb.com.au  
Subject: RE: Baileys B realignment

Thanks s78B(2) – I'll put your request to my supervisor and get back to you.  
jg

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From: s78B(2) <secretary@gcmtb.com.au>  
Sent: Wednesday, 23 October 2019 6:46 AM  
To: GRAYSON John; ROSEWELL Jessica  
Cc: vicepresident@gcmtb.com.au; president@gcmtb.com.au  
Subject: Baileys B realignment

Hi John,

As per discussions today, the GCMTB club feels strongly about keeping the Lower Baileys trail open and would like to realign it so it connects to the trail head at the top. See image below. We would like to explore all avenues to make sure this valuable riding asset remains part of the Nerang Trail network.

- With Elevator now coming to the top, constructing a link down to Lower Baileys would create an option for riders to return back down and avoid collisions on Elevator – convenient statement, ... there are other options for returning
- Removing Lower Baileys creates a bottleneck, There is more than one way to look at this which was identified as a problem around Wombats and the reason Elevator was created. Since Elevator has been opened the traffic at the top has gone up significantly putting pressure on the only two trails going past this point.
- As per onsite meeting during the construction of Elevator, Henry offered to discuss the future of this trail. Trailworks offered to remediate this trail and improve its condition to avoid erosion and keep the trail open. The club would assist with this and maintain it going forward.
- Mountain bike trails generally have options for all levels in all areas, similar to ski fields. By providing a blue option, it would lessen the traffic 'bombing' down green trails avoiding potential accidents.
- Lower Baileys provides a good climbing challenge for advanced riders looking for something harder than Elevator. Plenty of other challenges elsewhere
- Lower Baileys is of similar stature to the 3 Hills trail. Both of these are an important asset for the club to run events as events make up over 50% of the clubs revenue. Events are important in bringing the riding community together (See the latest Divas on the Dirt) and funds are invested straight back into trail maintenance.
- The 'Enduro World Series' qualifier last year wanted to use Baileys in their event showing its attractiveness to international promoters.
- Lower Baileys wasn't identified as being closed as per the Dirt Art audit map. If trail closures are required to allow for new trail, the club would like to nominate 'other' trails that are less used. Upper GGs and Pitts Folly would be the first two that come to mind but should be discussed by the club.
- A variety of trails are imperative to keep riders interested and continuing to exercise day after day. Most advanced riders will ride 20km a day, 3 to 4 times per week adding up to 60-80km of trail each week. Road riders simply choose a different route, mountain bikers don't have that option.
- If needed, the club can start a petition so show the level of support for this trail.





Regards

s78B(2)

Secretary | Gold Coast Mountain Bike Club Inc.

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Date : 15/07/2020 11:27:43 AM

From : "GRAYSON John"

To : "CARTER John (DES)"

Cc : "WATERMAN Henry"

Subject : RE: DUE 1PM - URGENT: Destruction of Nerang mountain bike trails

Attachment : image003.png;image005.png;image001.png;image002.png;

Hi JC – a quick synopsis of Nerang NP over the last 6 months;

Approved trails; (Zones 1 & 2)

Significant investment over the last months with repair to Pete's, Mongrel's, Goanna, Exit, Happy Valley Trails.

Unapproved trails; (Zones 3)

- Gravity Rides/Black Diamond (Formally known as Norco flow & Whimps)
- Significant recent illegal trail expansion/duplication of both gravity trails
- Removal of 3 x cached hand tools & equipment - 11 hand tools/equipment (hand saws, shovels, rakes, hoe's and wheelbarrow)

Illegal Trails; (Zone 4)

Significant new illegal trail construction within un-developed section of the National Park (3+ Km's to date)

- Removal of 2 x cached hand tools & equipment - 13 hand tools/equipment (hand saws, shovels, hoe's & rakes)
- New foot trails cut through thick rain/vine forest vegetation with machete's and trails 'flagged' with Hi-vis tape for future MTB trail construction

- Note: Although QPWS have removed illegal trail construction tools when discovered – the above were removed in a six week period between 2/06/2020 – 17/07/2020

jg

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From: CARTER John (DES) <john.carter@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 15 July 2020 10:03 AM

To: DLO DES; BRITTINGHAM Geoff

Cc: Corro DES QPWS Southern; Corro DES QPWS DDG

Subject: RE: DUE 1PM - URGENT: Destruction of Nerang mountain bike trails

Hi

I will provide advice

John



**John Carter**

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From: DLO DES <[DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:DLO.DES@des.qld.gov.au)>

Sent: Wednesday, 15 July 2020 9:58 AM

To: BRITTINGHAM Geoff; CARTER John (DES)

Cc: Corro DES QPWS Southern; Corro DES QPWS DDG

Subject: DUE 1PM - URGENT: Destruction of Nerang mountain bike trails

Good morning

Could we please have some urgent advice back by 1pm today.

Regards

Regula Uhlmann

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From: Taylor Seawright <[Taylor.Seawright@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Taylor.Seawright@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>

Sent: Wednesday, 15 July 2020 9:53 AM

To: DLO DES

Cc: Angus Sutherland

Subject: FW: URGENT: Destruction of Nerang mountain bike trails

Hi DLOs

I am seeking an urgent update on the works being done by QPWS on the unsanctioned trails. I understand that there is work to make them safe



or remove them as a hazard from the park, however if we can get an understanding of what work has been done and what is coming up that would be much appreciated. We are looking for this information quite urgently, so if we could have this back by **1pm today** that would be much appreciated.

Kind regards



**Taylor Seawright**

Assistant Advisor/Caucus Liaison Officer

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**From:** Gaven Electorate Office <[Gaven@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:Gaven@parliament.qld.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 July 2020 7:04 AM

**To:** Taylor Seawright <[Taylor.Seawright@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Taylor.Seawright@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Fwd: URGENT: Destruction of Nerang mountain bike trails

Hi Taylor,

I've had lots of complaints from mountain bikers angry that rangers are removing one of their trails. I haven't been told about this so the first I've heard of this was angry emails from constituents. Could this please be stopped while I speak with Kate's office around a master planning process through either tourism or state development if this isn't something QPWS can do?

Cheers,

Meaghan Scanlon

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** sch4p4( 6) Personal information gmail.com>  
**Date:** 14 July 2020 at 8:34:49 pm AEST  
**To:** Gaven Electorate Office <[Gaven@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:Gaven@parliament.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** URGENT: Destruction of Nerang mountain bike trails

Hi Meaghan,

Currently a QPWS commissioned contractor is removing/ destroying mountain bike trails in the Nerang National Park. These trails are ridden by hundreds of people every week.

These trails are unsanctioned trails that have been hand built by locals over the past 20 years. They are a major draw card for locals and tourists who ride them weekly.

The sport of mountain biking is taking off in Australia and on the Gold Coast. It is a major source of revenue for many locals businesses. If these trails are removed the number of visitors will decrease dramatically.

With an election scheduled for later this year, your support of the grass roots community groups who access these trails such as the local high school, local mountain bike club and small time instructors could be a massive selling point for your campaign. These groups along with the three local bike shops, local cafes and hundreds of local riders and tourist could become an important voter base.

Without your support to save these trails they will be lost and our community will have lost years of hard work and thousands of dollars of revenue from the riders who visit the area.

If you need any more information on how mountain biking can unite a community and be profitable please look up what has occurred in Derby in Tasmania.

As I mentioned the trails are being destroyed right now so we need your help and action now. If you wait they will be lost.

Please take this issue seriously

Regards

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Date : 5/06/2020 5:06:11 PM  
From : "WATERMAN Henry"  
To : "Chris Thompson"  
Cc : "CARTER John (DES)"  
Subject : Re Follow up on Trail diversions  
Attachment : Jumping to finish diversion.jpg;B-line\_1.jpg;B-line\_2a.jpg;ATT00001.jpg;

Hi Chris

The suggested realignment of Lower 3 Hills, with merge into GC2018 Loop 1 has merit and we will assess / confirm merits of the proposal on the ground in the near future when time permits.

The proposed GC2018 Loop 2 B-line diversions are not supported at this stage due to the length of diversions proposed, the existing high density of trails in the area and the amount of trail available for riding elsewhere in the park.

Rgds

Henry

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**From:** Chris Thompson <president@gcmtb.com.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 1 June 2020 10:56 PM  
**To:** WATERMAN Henry; TARDENT Murray  
**Cc:** liaison; secretary  
**Subject:** Follow up on Trail diversions

Hello Henry  
cc Murray,

I am following up on a discussion with Murray on the 7th at the velodrome regarding request for 2 trail alignment variations on the Commonwealth Games Technical Loop. Firstly however, another more urgent issue has been raised to GCMTB regarding trail alignment and rider safety.

**Safety trail realignment. Jumping to finish (or lower 3 hills) join to casuarina circuit.**

Jumping to finish trail popularity has sky-rocketed and is *almost* exclusively a descending trail now. However, Casuarina circuit which intersects Jumping to the finish has also increased rider usage, particularly with the large number of new mountain bikers. There are many reports of near misses from fast descending riders on Jumping to the finish merging onto Casuarina trail and nearly hitting riders heading out on Casuarina trail.

**Proposal:** GCMTB would like to propose that Jumping to the finish be rediverted near its confluence with Casuarina onto the Comm Games loop 1 descent as illustrated in attachment (Jumping to finish). We propose 3 berms be created to re-direct descending riders across and merge onto Comm Games loop 1. The distance, including berm alignment is approximately 20m. The first berm needs to be constructed to prevent descending riders from trying to jump across the back of the berm and onto Casuarina. The second berm allows visibility of riders descending Comm Games loop and the third berm forces the merge. We envisage this trail diversion requires machine work to complete.

**Outcome:** Increased rider safety near the entry point to the mtb trails where higher density of newer riders

**Comm Games Tech loop trail diversions:**

The Commonwealth Games Technical track serves as an important asset for GCMTB with sections of the Technical loop incorporated into almost every racing event held at Nerang. While the top 30% of racers can navigate all the technical features, a couple of the technical features are known to deter some racers and cause bottlenecks during events as many racers need to stop and push their bikes. GCMTB would like to propose two diversions as "B-lines" around these technical features. The "B-lines" have gentler gradients but take longer to ride (time penalty) than tackling the main line ("A-line"). The additional of B-lines to the hardest technical features will allow greater use of this commonwealth games legacy asset.

**B-line #1:** The first B-line diversion proposed is around the first rock ramp on the Tech loop. We propose a narrow hand cut line that deviates left at the base of the rock ramp as shown in the attached (B-line\_1). The diversion length is approximately 35m and follows a gentle gradient across aside slope and a switchback to return riders to the main trail.

**B-line #2:** The second B-line diversion proposed is around the twin rock ramps on the back half of the Tech loop. There are two options for B-lines, a shorter 30m diversion to avoid the twin rock ramps only but riders still need to navigate the pre and post-ceeding steep segments (attachment: B-line2a) or a longer 100m option which provides a gentle climb suitable for trail/gravity riders as well as cross country riders (attachment: B-line2b). The longer diversion option deviates right off the current alignment after reaching the bottom of the Tech loop and represents a long arc on the inside of the existing Tech loop as depicted on the annotated map in yellow. Similar to B-line #1, this trail diversion is proposed to be hand built to minimise disturbance and outslopped to minimise runoff. Preference is for the longer diversion to enable greater participation on the trail for events. I envisage these diversions could be carried out by GCMTB and NTCA.

I would be happy to meet on site for a walk through and discuss further.

Kind regards,  
Chris

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From : "ROSEWELL Jessica"

To : "CARTER John (DES)" , "WATERMAN Henry" , "GRAYSON John"

Subject : RE: Forestry files

Attachment : Nerang Scientific Area 1997\_FSM46.pdf;Nerang FR.xls;image001.png;image003.png;image005.png;image007.png;

Hi All,

Please find attached map of Nerang Scientific Area from 1997.

Located this file in Sylvia's folders labelled as FSM46 (the plan no.). Also located the attached species list in her folders. Plan to submit this to WildNet for uploading. Still doesn't include the *Syzygium macdonaldii* that Wil mentions—can't find any mention of this species on WildNet or the web in general...

Cheers

Jess



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**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 July 2020 3:55 PM

**To:** WATERMAN Henry; GRAYSON John; ROSEWELL Jessica

**Subject:** FW: Forestry files

Fyi

Jess

Can you email a copy of the SA57 survey map.

All old forestry files may have gone to Iron Mountain – a request can be sent via corporate services

John – ask Mick tomorrow if he knows where files might be.

John



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**From:** CARTER John (DES)

**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 July 2020 3:08 PM

**To:** AUSCHRA Peter; THOMPSON Peter (DES)

**Subject:** Forestry files

Hi Peter/s

I was wondering if the old QFS forestry files are still stored at Daisy Hill. In particular Nerang SF (pre 2002)

Thanks

John



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Date : 25/10/2019 4:17:16 PM

From : "WATERMAN Henry"

To : "CARTER John (DES)"

Cc : "GRAYSON John" , "ROSEWELL Jessica"

Subject : RE: Nerang MTB meeting and Friday inspection

Attachment : Minutes of Meeting between QPWS and GCMTB 20191022.pdf;RE: Baileys B realignment;RE: Nerang MTB meeting ;9.2 Proposed Trails Map.pdf;7.2 Existing Trails Map.pdf;image001.png;image002.png;image004.jpg;

Thanks John

Looking forward to united voice / further dialogue on Nerang MTB management i.e internal meeting sometime over next few weeks.

Summary of observations and resolutions from today's inspection:

- Some of the trail closures effected by NWU to date are excellent and others require extension / reinforcement
- We will definitely close the section of Lower Baileys (Baileys B) between the new lower and upper Elevator trail intersections on Baileys - despite request from s78B(2) in attached Baileys B realignment email
- Wimps trail and associated trail braiding and sections of alternative Wimps alignment are a disgrace. Good case for closing both Wimps and adjacent Norco Flow; GCMTBC proposal to upgrade these trails not supported; JG will confirm this back to s78B(2) with advice full QPWS response to the GCMTBC minutes will be forthcoming at later date
- MTB meeting e mail attachment (from Jess) includes extracts from Dirt Art report that inform / support / justify above decision making
- If our \$750K Stage 2 Nerang MTB capital project is approved, suggestion is we use funds to close rather than upgrade Wimps and Norco Flow.
- Clear evidence of ongoing illegal trail building in Wimps / Norco Flow area. GCMU to install surveillance cameras.

See also attached Nerang MTB catch up e mail from Jess to Shane Cresser which provides excellent compliance related advice to Shane. Dirt Art trail maps also attached if you have time to orientate on detail. FYI Trailworx recommended / constructed an alternative alignment to N4 (the new 'Elevator' trail) than that depicted on the attached **Proposed Trails Map**, both above and below Bailey's intersection. Norco Flow is trail C3 'Recommended for closure' on the **Existing Trails Map** attachment.

Rgds

Henry

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Sent: Friday, 25 October 2019 8:29 AM

To: WATERMAN Henry

Cc: GRAYSON John; ROSEWELL Jessica

Subject: RE: Nerang MTB meeting

Thanks henry

Agree to meeting & short emails. Obviously I don't know the trail network well (approved & unapproved trails).

The preparation of a mgt plan for Nerang NP will guide, direct & delay any significant / contentious decision making. GCMTB club will need to understand that.

I appreciate their involvement but it is a NP.

John



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Cc: GRAYSON John; ROSEWELL Jessica

Subject: FW: Nerang MTB meeting

John

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Rgds

Henry

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**Sent:** Thursday, 24 October 2019 6:46 AM

**To:** WATERMAN Henry

**Cc:** ROSEWELL Jessica

**Subject:** FW: Nerang MTB catch up

Hi Henry – attached are the meeting minutes from our meeting with GCMTB from last Tuesday.

I surmise the attendance of Chris Thompson and the need to formalise the meeting through minute taking is a result (in part) of Cory Edwards position that QPWS has agreed to not close Bailys – he believed that a commitment was made to keep it open.

Happy for our meeting to become more formalised but we are likely to loose the informal discussions as a result.

We will need to rebuild trust with the committee over their current lack of support for notifying QPWS of their knowledge of illegal trail construction.

jg

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**From:** s78B(2) <[secretary@gcmtb.com.au](mailto:secretary@gcmtb.com.au)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 October 2019 9:16 PM

**To:** Shane Cresser | GCMTB; ROSEWELL Jessica

**Cc:** GRAYSON John; Chris Thompson

**Subject:** RE: Nerang MTB catch up

Hey Everyone,

Minutes from our meeting yesterday for reference.

Regards

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**From:** [Shane Cresser | GCMTB](#)

**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 October 2019 8:46 AM

**To:** [ROSEWELL Jessica](#)

**Cc:** s78B(2) [GRAYSON John](#); [Chris Thompson](#)

**Subject:** Re: Nerang MTB catch up

Hi Jess,

In light of our discussion re: Illegal Trail Building and the intention of QPWS to install cameras etc. Do you think you could prepare a statement outlining the laws being broken, the damage it causes, the actions you intend to take and the penalties applicable to individuals if caught.

We can then publish this to our members and wider social media audience. I think it holds more weight if it comes from you.

Regards

[Shane Cresser](#)

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On 23 Oct 2019, at 8:32 am, ROSEWELL Jessica <[Jessica.Rosewell@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:Jessica.Rosewell@des.qld.gov.au)> wrote:

Thanks for the update s78B(2) I'll pass this on to the Southern Permits Team so they can update their database.

Cheers  
Jess

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 October 2019 8:09 AM  
**To:** ROSEWELL Jessica; Shane Cresser | GCMTB; GRAYSON John  
**Cc:** Chris Thompson  
**Subject:** RE: Nerang MTB catch up

Hi Jess,

Shane and I have been looking at the clubs CAP and noticed the address 3 Saltmarsh Court, Coomera. This was the address of a former Secretary. Can you please check that address is no longer used and all of our correspondence is going to PO BOX 1274, Nerang, QLD. 4211.

Regards

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**From:** ROSEWELL Jessica  
**Sent:** Monday, 21 October 2019 9:55 AM  
**To:** Shane Cresser | GCMTB; GRAYSON John  
**Cc:** s78B(2) Chris Thompson  
**Subject:** RE: Nerang MTB catch up

Hi Shane,

John's not actually in today but the below sounds pretty good. The only other thing we'd like to add is illegal trails – more have been popping up.

Was also hoping to have the draft of the Collaborative Agreement ready for you to have a look at but it's still with others for comment so it might have to wait until next time...

Thanks  
Jess

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**Sent:** Monday, 21 October 2019 9:43 AM  
**To:** GRAYSON John  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] ROSEWELL Jessica; Chris Thompson  
**Subject:** Re: Nerang MTB catch up

Hi John & Jess,

Just wondering if you had an agenda for our meeting tomorrow or if you would like me to put one together? I just want to make the most of our time together.

Our topics for discussion are as follows:

1. Contracted trail maintenance on most heavily used trails prior to storm season (GCMTB club funded)
2. Trail Care volunteer program – make rectifications to trails to bring them to standard to be authorised
3. Gambling Community Benefit Fund trail project – discuss possible project scope
4. GCMTB Club consultation on any changes happening in the Park.

Regards

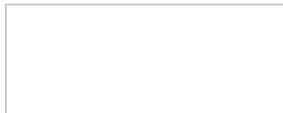
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On 16 Oct 2019, at 3:25 pm, GRAYSON John <[John.Grayson@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:John.Grayson@des.qld.gov.au)> wrote:

Hay all – I think I've spoken to every one today at some stage – so the most promising time is .. 1:30pm here at Peggs Road base next Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Can you let me know if this is ok with you Shane – apologies for the confusion/change – Cory & Jess are good.  
jg

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## Minutes of Meeting between QPWS and GCMTB

Tuesday 22 October 2019

### Attendees

John Grayson, Jess Rosewell, Murray , Shane Cresser s78B(2) Chris Thompson

### Items discussed

#### 1. Unauthorised trail construction

Issue raised by John as his (QPWS) highest priority for tackling.

Wants help from GCMTB to stop unauthorised trail construction

GCMTB agreed to assist with communication around issue but noted GCMTB members are still a small percentage of riders accessing the Park. Email John of any known unauthorised trail construction

#### 2. Contracted trail maintenance on most heavily used trails

Shane described the need to tackle some trail work on Pete's with a short section requiring realignment around a problem corner and other drainage issues on Pete's, Casuarina etc..

John agreed to support the general plan of allowing GCMTB to engage Trailworks to complete this.

John indicated that the Collaborative agreement is basically complete and it will simplify the process for GCMTB of doing this sort of maintenance work

#### 3. Trail Care Volunteer Program

Shane asked if the Trail Care Volunteer program could be re-activated so as to make rectifications to trail to bring them to standard to be authorised

John supportive and will do up a package of forms for volunteers to sign to meet legal and insurance requirements for conducting work-like activities. John asked if GCMTB have stickers that could join QPWS on trail work signage.

As part of #1 above it was noted that more unauthorised trails have sprung up since the cessation of Trail Care. Its reactivation may therefore also assist with #1.

GCMTB will need a Trail Care Coordinator committee position

#### 4. Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Shane asked if QPWS would support in principle a GCMTB application for funds to do work to upgrade Norco Flow and Wimps trails.

John agreed and said QPSW will provide a letter of support. However, a more detailed proposal would be required before any on ground work can commence

John indicated that a trail like Norco is lucky because close to fire trail with road runoff sediment in drains that is readily available for reuse

Shane will start the grant application process so we can make the End of October deadline



## 5. Trail closures and notifications

s78B(2) asked about trail closures happening which are not evident on plans and also what capacity there is for communication and discussion on some of the proposed to be closed trails.

John said a course of action would be first to notify them (assuming we know what their intentions are) and provide reason to suspend closure work. This could include Member petitions, etc. Second would be to develop a proposal as to what other solutions or options are available to mitigate issue.

Examples provided include

- i. Pipeline: could do up plan for fixing top 1/3 and closing bottom 1/3 to finish on Casuarina. However, John suggested it would still have low likelihood of being accepted based on
- ii. Lower Baileys: provide a proposal/plan. Murray will visit trail with s78B(2) to check works and look at possibilities

## 6. Tenure options

John raised a possibility of working towards a change in tenure of the section of National Park currently containing all the MTB trails.

A change to Conservation Park status changes the level of regulation on Park use enabling more options for managing MTB activities in the Park

GCMTB plan to discuss with/lobby State Government ministers for action on this.

## 7. Other business discussed

Jess will email a copy or link to the QPWS Operational Management document for Mountain Biking

John is currently doing up Hazard Reduction Burns for a significant part of the Park next winter. This has the capacity to conflict with some significant events such as the MTBA Schools National MTB Championships. NEED to keep communicating event dates to QPWS

Chris introduced concept of Trail Filters to conversation. Trail Filters are becoming common features at the commencement of harder trails. Filters are designed to represent the style and technical difficulty of the remaining track so riders can make their own decision to proceed based on ability to tackle the trail filter. Only a tool on Black and harder trails



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From : "GRAYSON John"  
To : s78B(2)  
Cc : "vicepresident@gcmtb.com.au" , "president@gcmtb.com.au"  
Subject : RE: Baileys B realignment  
Attachment : image002.png;image004.jpg;

Thank s78B(2) – I'll put your request to my supervisor and get back to you.  
jg

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To: GRAYSON John; ROSEWELL Jessica  
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Subject: Baileys B realignment

Hi John,

As per discussions today, the GCMTB club feels strongly about keeping the Lower Baileys trail open and would like to realign it so it connects to the trail head at the top. See image below. We would like to explore all avenues to make sure this valuable riding asset remains part of the Nerang Trail network.

- With Elevator now coming to the top, constructing a link down to Lower Baileys would create an option for riders to return back down and avoid collisions on Elevator.
- Removing Lower Baileys creates a bottleneck, which was identified as a problem around Wombats and the reason Elevator was created. Since Elevator has been opened the traffic at the top has gone up significantly putting pressure on the only two trails going past this point.
- As per onsite meeting during the construction of Elevator, Henry offered to discuss the future of this trail. Trailworks offered to remediate this trail and improve its condition to avoid erosion and keep the trail open. The club would assist with this and maintain it going forward.
- Mountain bike trails generally have options for all levels in all areas, similar to ski fields. By providing a blue option, it would lessen the traffic 'bombing' down green trails avoiding potential accidents.
- Lower Baileys provides a good climbing challenge for advanced riders looking for something harder than Elevator.
- Lower Baileys is of similar stature to the 3 Hills trail. Both of these are an important asset for the club to run events as events make up over 50% of the clubs revenue. Events are important in bringing the riding community together (See the latest Divas on the Dirt) and funds are invested straight back into trail maintenance.
- The 'Enduro World Series' qualifier last year wanted to use Baileys in their event showing its attractiveness to international promoters.
- Lower Baileys wasn't identified as being closed as per the Dirt Art audit map. If trail closures are required to allow for new trail, the club would like to nominate 'other' trails that are less used. Upper GGs and Pitts Folly would be the first two that come to mind but should be discussed by the club.
- A variety of trails are imperative to keep riders interested and continuing to exercise day after day. Most advanced riders will ride 20km a day, 3 to 4 times per week adding up to 60-80km of trail each week. Road riders simply choose a different route, mountain bikers don't have that option.
- If needed, the club can start a petition so show the level of support for this trail.





Regards

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Attachment : Baileys & Upper Baileys.pdf;Wimps & Norco Flow.pdf;image001.jpg;

Hi Henry,

Following on from discussions today...

Went back over the files in the Audit & Design and Map folders and all are the final versions.

In relation to the final Dirt Art report it mentions the following:

- Baileys B – This section of trail is characterised by steep undulations with prolonged sections of trail trending along **unsustainable gradients**. A number of realignments would be necessary in order to make this trail sustainable.
- Baileys C – The eastern half of this trail requires a number of **significant realignments and drainage works** to make the trail sustainable. It would be worthwhile exploring the Upper Baileys alignment to the north as a more suitable/sustainable alternative.
- Upper Baileys – The eastern half of the trail is recommended for significant remediation works to make it sustainable. Works should primarily focus on realigning the steeper sections of the trail and **exploring an amalgamation of the lower Baileys track into a single trail through this zone**.
- Wimps – The trail is in an area of highly erodible soils with signs of **severe erosion and damage evident throughout the trail**. Several dangerous trail features have been identified along the trail, primarily unsafe gap jumps that are in poor condition. The trail has been identified as **requiring major upgrades** to make existing technical trail features safe and the installation of proper drainage throughout the trail to ensure adequate water dispersion. **Sections of the trail may need to be closed and/or rehabilitated with a suitable realignment to be established**.
- Norco Flow – The trail is in an area of highly erodible soils with severe erosion and damage evident throughout the trail. Several dangerous trail features have been identified along the trail, primarily unsafe gap jumps that are in poor condition. **The trail is recommended for closure**.

Think I got mixed up with what was changed from remediation to closure following the community meeting...

- Wimps and Norco Flow were both originally closures
- Wimps changed to significant remediation
- Norco Flow stayed at close but N7 was added to the new trail suggestions and uses part of the original trail alignment

Have attached exerts relating to Baileys/Upper Baileys and Wimps/Norco Flow/N7 to save wadding through the report.

I've also gone into Trailforks and removed the old Baileys and Upper Baileys alignments.

Any questions let me know.

Thanks  
Jess

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**Cc:** ROSEWELL Jessica  
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Thanks Henry for the synopsis below...

I totally agree that we are/have approached something of an impasse regarding the agency's/south coasts position and the clubs aspirations.

The foundation issues for GCMU/QPWS – Nerang MTB Trails, in my opinion are:

- Tenure – The trail network resides in NP. (There is a distinct difference between NP & CP – and, how does this frame our operational response/support for use. If we don't differentiate between the tenures then why?  
&
- Position; Is it possible to develop an overarching QPWS Recreation Strategy that includes MTB/multi/exclusive use areas within SEQ? – and if not, can we have one developed..? (Do we not have a policy in this area because MTB use in NP is in conflict with the primary intent of the NCA..?)

Current issues/consequence:

- Little trust between GCMTB Club and QPWS due to the lack of an agreed position on what constitutes differing MTB trails (downhill, cross country, trail features, grades, 'A&B lines vs trail duplication', trail maintenance and construction principles etc) and the overall direction of the asset.



On a side note – if the MU is required to recommence removing fallen trees within the precinct we will be back under further significant operational pressure...

jg

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Numerous considerations and points of view in play. Argy bargy becoming more time consuming / increasingly hard to manage without clearly articulated long term vision / direction for Nerang. Contradictions such as our downhill firetrails (with significant drainage / erosion issues) and statements in the QPWS policy which allow for "previously disturbed areas being assessed as suitable" (for downhill) add to decision making challenges. As does the NP tenure. Also in the debate is our position on no new trail, and the extensive existing network. This could be a very long e mail, instead can I request we (you, I, Jess and JG) have a meeting before we respond back to matters raised in the club minutes.

Rgds

Henry

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**From:** GRAYSON John <[John.Grayson@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:John.Grayson@des.qld.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Thursday, 24 October 2019 6:46 AM

**To:** WATERMAN Henry

**Cc:** ROSEWELL Jessica

**Subject:** FW: Nerang MTB catch up

Hi Henry – attached are the meeting minutes from our meeting with GCMTB from last Tuesday.

I surmise the attendance of Chris Thompson and the need to formalise the meeting through minute taking is a result (in part) of Cory Edwards position that QPWS has agreed to not close Bailys – he believed that a commitment was made to keep it open.

Happy for our meeting to become more formalised but we are likely to loose the informal discussions as a result.

We will need to rebuild trust with the committee over their current lack of support for notifying QPWS of their knowledge of illegal trail construction.

jg

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**From:** s78B(2) <[secretary@gcmtb.com.au](mailto:secretary@gcmtb.com.au)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 October 2019 9:16 PM

**To:** Shane Cresser | GCMTB; ROSEWELL Jessica

**Cc:** GRAYSON John; Chris Thompson

**Subject:** RE: Nerang MTB catch up

Hey Everyone,

Minutes from our meeting yesterday for reference.

Regards

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**From:** [Shane Cresser | GCMTB](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 October 2019 8:46 AM  
**To:** [ROSEWELL Jessica](#)  
**Cc:** [s78B\(2\)](#); [GRAYSON John](#); [Chris Thompson](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Nerang MTB catch up

Hi Jess,

In light of our discussion re: Illegal Trail Building and the intention of QPWS to install cameras etc. Do you think you could prepare a statement outlining the laws being broken, the damage it causes, the actions you intend to take and the penalties applicable to individuals if caught.

We can then publish this to our members and wider social media audience. I think it holds more weight if it comes from you.

Regards

**Shane Cresser**  
President | Gold Coast Mountain Bike Club Inc.

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On 23 Oct 2019, at 8:32 am, ROSEWELL Jessica <[Jessica.Rosewell@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:Jessica.Rosewell@des.qld.gov.au)> wrote:

Thanks for the update [s78B\(2\)](#) I'll pass this on to the Southern Permits Team so they can update their database.

Cheers  
Jess

<image004.png> **Jess Rosewell**  
**Project Ranger (Gold Coast)**  
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**From:** [s78B\(2\)](#) <[secretary@gcmtb.com.au](mailto:secretary@gcmtb.com.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 October 2019 8:09 AM  
**To:** ROSEWELL Jessica; Shane Cresser | GCMTB; GRAYSON John  
**Cc:** Chris Thompson  
**Subject:** RE: Nerang MTB catch up

Hi Jess,

Shane and I have been looking at the clubs CAP and noticed the address 3 Saltmarsh Court, Coomera. This was the address of a former Secretary. Can you please check that address is no longer used and all of our correspondence is going to PO BOX 1274, Nerang, QLD. 4211.

Regards

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**From:** [ROSEWELL Jessica](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, 21 October 2019 9:55 AM  
**To:** [Shane Cresser | GCMTB](#); [GRAYSON John](#)  
**Cc:** [s78B\(2\)](#); [Chris Thompson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Nerang MTB catch up



Hi Shane,

John's not actually in today but the below sounds pretty good. The only other thing we'd like to add is illegal trails – more have been popping up.

Was also hoping to have the draft of the Collaborative Agreement ready for you to have a look at but it's still with others for comment so it might have to wait until next time...

Thanks  
Jess

<image006.png> **Jess Rosewell**  
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**From:** Shane Cresser | GCMTB <[president@gcmtb.com.au](mailto:president@gcmtb.com.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 21 October 2019 9:43 AM  
**To:** GRAYSON John  
**Cc:** s78B(2) ROSEWELL Jessica; Chris Thompson  
**Subject:** Re: Nerang MTB catch up

Hi John & Jess,

Just wondering if you had an agenda for our meeting tomorrow or if you would like me to put one together? I just want to make the most of our time together.

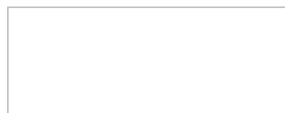
Our topics for discussion are as follows:

1. Contracted trail maintenance on most heavily used trails prior to storm season (GCMTB club funded)
2. Trail Care volunteer program – make rectifications to trails to bring them to standard to be authorised
3. Gambling Community Benefit Fund trail project – discuss possible project scope
4. GCMTB Club consultation on any changes happening in the Park.

Regards

**Shane Cresser**  
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On 16 Oct 2019, at 3:25 pm, GRAYSON John <[John.Grayson@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:John.Grayson@des.qld.gov.au)> wrote:

Hay all – I think I've spoken to every one today at some stage – so the most promising time is .. 1:30pm here at Peggs Road base next Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Can you let me know if this is ok with you Shane – apologies for the confusion/change – Cory & Jess are good.  
jg

<image002.png> **John Grayson**  
A/Ranger in Charge  
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From : "WATERMAN Henry"  
To : "CARTER John (DES)"  
Subject : RE: Removal of illegally constructed trails in Nerang NP  
Attachment : image001.png;image002.png;image004.jpg;

John

JG is coming over between 1330 – 1400. Fyi I still haven't seen a copy of s78B(2) e mail.

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**From:** CARTER John (DES) <john.carter@des.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 July 2020 8:24 AM  
**To:** GRAYSON John; WATERMAN Henry  
**Subject:** FW: Removal of illegally constructed trails in Nerang NP

Hi  
To discuss

John



**John Carter**  
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**From:** Chris Thompson <[president@gcmtb.com.au](mailto:president@gcmtb.com.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 July 2020 9:43 PM  
**To:** CARTER John (DES)  
**Subject:** Re: Removal of illegally constructed trails in Nerang NP

Hello John,

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nd I have been following up on recent correspondence.

I have emailed the Honourable Leeanne Enoch MP, Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts regarding there letter to GCMTB on 3 June 2020 which mentions Gravity trails. The Ministerial letter provided no reference to support there claim regarding the definition of Gravity trails and riding which is in total contrast to the definition provided in the recently published Australian Mountain Bike Trail Guidelines (MTBA, 2019) funded by the Queensland Government and independently reviewed document (including by Department of Environment and Water South Australia and Parks Victoria), and is being adopted as the guidelines by the Western Australian Department of Parks and Wildlife. Gravity trails are not Downhill trails nor a more extreme version of Downhill trail. Gravity trails are classified as "Generally Compatible" with National Parks in the Australian Mountain Bike Trail Guidelines.

Secondly, these trails were classified as unsanctioned trails in the Dirt Art report. We have now ascertained that Norco trail was built after approval was given by QPWS seven years ago. While not a sanctioned trail it was not an illegal trail.

Based on unreferenced misinformation from the minister, we have called on the minister to place a moratorium on QPWS operations of decommissioning trails in Nerang National Park until a comprehensive meeting with priority stakeholders and user groups is held whereby an appropriate set of management actions agreed upon by all stakeholders that can provide a clear path forward for improving the management of mountain biking in Nerang National Park are developed. Additionally, we are exploring mechanisms for redress regarding the destruction of Norco one of the popular trails in Nerang National Park.

Finally, I would also like to check see if you have addressed a trail safety issue I raised with Henry on 1 June 2020? This was regarding realignment of the lower 3 Hills trail into Comm Games Loop 1 down; to prevent fast descending riders impacting slower riders heading our on Casuarina Circuit.

Kind regards,  
Chris

Quoting "CARTER John (DES)" <[john.carter@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:john.carter@des.qld.gov.au)>:

> Dear Chris

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> Further to my email of 3 July, regarding unauthorised trail

> construction works outside the approved MTB trail network in Nerang

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> National Park, I am advising that the three remaining illegally  
> constructed gravity trails in Section 3 will also be decommissioned  
> over the next several weeks.  
>  
> QPWS is equally concerned about ongoing illegal trail construction  
> works in Section 4 of the national park and the adverse impacts on  
> the significant natural values of this area. These values include  
> the riparian and subtropical rainforest communities within the  
> Coombabah Creek catchment. I will provide further updates on the QPWS  
> management intent in Section 4 in due course.

> Yours sincerely  
> John

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> From: CARTER John (DES)  
> Sent: Friday, 3 July 2020 4:11 PM  
> To: [president@gcmtb.com.au](mailto:president@gcmtb.com.au)  
> Subject: Removal of illegally constructed trails in Nerang NP

> Dear Chris

> I am emailing you to provide an update on several matters related to  
> unauthorised trail construction and trail works outside the approved  
> MTB trail network in Nerang National Park.

> As per the minutes of our last meeting on 9 January 2020, QPWS will  
> not tolerate ongoing illegal trail construction. Consistent with this  
> intent, illegal MTB trail structures either side of the Billabirra  
> firebreak were recently decommissioned; during required maintenance  
> work on the firebreak. This included removing a newly constructed  
> section of illegal gravity trail on the southwestern side of the  
> firebreak.

> Removal of these structures is consistent with advice provided to the  
> Gold Coast MTB Club by the Minister's office in the letter dated 3  
> June 2020, which states gravity riding is inconsistent with the  
> intent of the current Operational Policy for Mountain Biking in QPWS  
> managed areas. The letter further states more active riding  
> opportunities (such as gravity riding) are usually provided on  
> tenures other than national park.

> QPWS is developing a compliance strategy to address the increased  
> level of illegal trail building observed in the national park, which  
> is impacting its significant natural values.

> As always, we would welcome any assistance the club may be able to  
> provide to help curtail illegal trail building activity. If you  
> require any further information, please contact Henry Waterman,  
> Senior Ranger on telephone (07) 5669 2015 or by email at  
> [henry.waterman@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:henry.waterman@des.qld.gov.au)<<mailto:henry.waterman@des.qld.gov.au>>

> Yours sincerely

> John

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Date : 14/07/2020 12:19:00 PM

From : "GRAYSON John"

To : "ROSEWELL Jessica" , "WATERMAN Henry" , "CARTER John (DES)" , "TARDENT Murray" , "DEVERY Michael" , "ROSS Kate"

Subject : RE: Updated Nerang map

Attachment : image001.png;image004.jpg;image002.png;

Thanks Jess – we'll have some more to add by then end of the week..

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From: ROSEWELL Jessica <Jessica.Rosewell@des.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 14 July 2020 12:03 PM

To: WATERMAN Henry; CARTER John (DES); GRAYSON John; TARDENT Murray; DEVERY Michael; ROSS Kate

Subject: Updated Nerang map

Hi All,

Have created the attached updated map of Coombabah Creek catchment that also shows park boundary, creeks/gullies and lowland rainforest outline.

Key to trails:

- Black – approved
- Yellow – illegal, appeared on Dirt Art report, those with attached newly constructed trails may have had recent work done to them
- Pink – illegal, newly constructed
- White – flagged, uncut (within the green outline – a little hard to see but contrasting colours limited)

And to give you some idea of kms...

- Pink – 2.741km
- White – 0.308km
- Yellow (recent work) – approx. 2.519km

Any questions let me know.

Cheers

Jess



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I acknowledge that Aboriginal Peoples and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are the Traditional Owners of this country and they retain their relationship and connection to the land, sea and community.

I pay my respects to all Traditional Owners, and to the Elders past, present and the future for land and sea on which I work, live and walk.





**Date :** 3/07/2020 4:10:59 PM  
**From :** "CARTER John (DES)"  
**To :** "president@gcmtb.com.au"  
**BCc :** "WATERMAN Henry" , "GRAYSON John"  
**Subject :** Removal of illegally constructed trails in Nerang NP  
**Attachment :** image001.png;image003.png;

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Yours sincerely

John



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## SEQR capital works assessment meeting 27 February 2020 notes

Price Waterhouse Coopers auditors present at meeting who are reviewing six capital projects throughout the state and their documentation.

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#### Nerang MTB Trail Upgrade

Clubs need to be doing more work with department to maintain the trails and we shouldn't be formalising unauthorised ones. Project needs a plan that has Executive sign off and outlines QPWS and club obligations.

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Date : 13/07/2020 8:46:40 AM

From : "TARDENT Murray"

To : "GRAYSON John" , "CARTER John (DES)" , "WATERMAN Henry" , "ROSEWELL Jessica"

Subject : Wimps MTB trail closure

Attachment : image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;

Hi all,

Just a quick FYI, the closure of 'Wimps' MTB trail is tmrw (14/07). I noticed in the email thread it was mentioned for today.

Regards

Murray



**Murray Tardent**

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**Date :** 5/08/2020 2:27:45 PM  
**From :** "GRAYSON John"  
**To :** "WATERMAN Henry" , "CARTER John (DES)"  
**Subject :** RE: NTCA 9 August  
**Attachment :** image001.jpg;

Well that didn't take long....

Not really – I'd only say that:

'I'm sure that any prospective attendees of the QPWS/NTCA volunteer day – would understand that given the current climate of concern around illegal trail construction within the NP and the hostility being directed to QPWS employees on public social media platforms it would be prudent not to have any members of the public working within a National Park without formal and recognisable supervision – we care for their safety also and will not expose anyone to potential conflict'

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**From:** WATERMAN Henry <Henry.Waterman@des.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 August 2020 2:19 PM  
**To:** CARTER John (DES)  
**Cc:** GRAYSON John  
**Subject:** RE: NTCA 9 August

[Any suggestions for reply text ?](#)

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**From:** Chris Thompson <[president@gcmtb.com.au](mailto:president@gcmtb.com.au)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 August 2020 2:15 PM  
**To:** WATERMAN Henry  
**Subject:** NTCA 9 August

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My understanding from the last meeting on 23 July was Trail care can resume and that QPWS Rangers would like to attend if they can, but they cannot always attend and it is not compulsory to attend. If Murray does not feel comfortable attending this weekend's Trail care day due to his personal safety concerns then that is totally acceptable and understandable. I am not aware of what the safety concerns are.

I believe that this should NOT prevent NTCA doing the volunteer work that is urgently required on some of the Sector 1 trails. GCMTB & NTCA would like to be able to go ahead with Plans for this Sundays trail care day. I would like approval to continue with the event on 9 August.

Kind regards,  
Chris

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**Date :** 6/08/2020 12:38:04 PM  
**From :** "WATERMAN Henry"  
**To :** "Chris Thompson"  
**Cc :** "CARTER John (DES)"  
**BCc :** "GRAYSON John"  
**Subject :** RE: NTCA 9 August  
**Attachment :** image001.jpg;

Hello Chris

QPWS is keen to maintain some presence at Trail Care days however we do not feel this coming Sunday is ideal timing for a trail care day in the contexts of the current hostility being directed towards QPWS and the ongoing trail management controversy. We do not believe it would be prudent to have any members of the public working within a national park without formal and recognisable supervision at present. We care for the safety of all and we do not want to expose anyone to potential conflict. Our safety concerns are based on the potential for this to occur.

Regards

Henry

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 August 2020 2:15 PM  
**To:** WATERMAN Henry  
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Proposed alignment of new mountain bike trail (N4) Nerang National Park



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Record of Procurement Activity (Operational and Routine)

Part A – Procurement Planning

DES18163 for the purchase of Nerang National Park mountain bike trail  
audit and upgrade



1. Approvals

Evaluation Panel Declaration

| Evaluation Panel Chair (cannot be the Financial Delegate or the Procurement Officer)                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| I declare that I am aware of my evaluation responsibility and confidentiality obligations and that I have no conflicts of interest relating to this procurement process (where a conflict is present, a Disclosure Statement will be completed and provided to the Procurement Officer). | Name: Jessica Rosewell<br>sch4p4( 6) Personal information<br>Signature: _____ Date: 9-8-18 |
| Evaluation Panel (cannot be the Financial Delegate or the Procurement Officer)                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                            |
| I declare that I am aware of my evaluation responsibility and confidentiality obligations and that I have no conflicts of interest relating to this procurement process (where a conflict is present, a Disclosure Statement will be completed and provided to the Procurement Officer). | Name: John Grayson<br>sch4p4( 6) Personal information<br>Signature: _____ Date: 9/8/18     |
| I declare that I am aware of my evaluation responsibility and confidentiality obligations and that I have no conflicts of interest relating to this procurement process (where a conflict is present, a Disclosure Statement will be completed and provided to the Procurement Officer). | Name: Henry Waterman<br>sch4p4( 6) Personal information<br>Signature: _____ Date: 8-8-18   |

Procurement Endorsement

| Procurement Officer Endorsement:                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| I certify that this Plan meets the requirements of the QPP and the departmental Policy and Procedures<br>(Refer to Procurement Authorisation) | Name: Michael Melit<br>Procurement Authorisation: Level 3<br>sch4p4( 6) Personal information<br>Signature: _____ Date: 7/8/18 |



## 2. Value Risk Classification

| The Value Risk Assessment classifies this requirement as: | Product / Service Description                                               | Product / Service Value                                                                                                                                                                                  | Cost centre |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Routine (non-professional \$150,000 - \$250,000)          | ICT <input type="checkbox"/><br>Non-ICT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Stage 1 - review unauthorised trails and provide recommendations for upgrades or otherwise (2018-2019)<br>\$45,000 ex. GST<br>(Total budget of project \$100,000 in 2018-2019 and \$80,000 in 2019-2020) | 30005960    |
| Routine (non-professional \$150,000 - \$250,000)          | ICT <input type="checkbox"/><br>Non-ICT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Stage 2 - trail upgrade works over two financial years (2018/2019 and 2019/2020):<br>\$120,000 ex. GST<br>(Total budget of project \$100,000 in 2018-2019 and \$80,000 in 2019-2020)                     | 30005960    |
| The Value Risk Assessment is attached                     |                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |             |

## 3. Financial Endorsement

Financial endorsement for \$180,000 has been confirmed via Briefing Note by Ben Klaassen, Deputy Director-General (L1). The financial endorsement Briefing Note is attached.

## 4. Demand (what do you need?)

### Demand Background and Specifics

Nerang National Park is a popular mountain bike venue within South East Queensland with over 300,000 visitors in 2017. The park also recently hosted the mountain bike competition of the 2018 Commonwealth Games, generating further interest in the park.

The park currently has 10 approved mountain bike trails, totalling 20.16km and approximately 30km of shared multiuse/fire trail. There is a further 45km of illegally constructed mountain bike trails yet to be formalised and approved by QPWS. The current extent of approved and formalised trails cannot satisfy existing demand and QPWS is looking to upgrade a high percentage of the remaining unapproved trails to address sustainability and demand related issues.

The project will be completed over 2 financial years in 2 stages:

#### Stage 1:

- First half of 2018–2019: engage contractor to review all illegal mountain bike trails within Nerang National Park and provide recommendations on trail upgrades and re-routes and provide technical designs to achieve recommendations

#### Stage 2:

- Second half of 2018–2019: engage contractor to undertake part A of recommended works
- 2019–2020: contractor undertakes part B of recommended works

Other minor works associated with the project include:

- Signage for the trails—developed intermittently throughout the project as the trails are upgraded.
- Installation of mountain bike counters to monitor usage.

### Stage 1

**Mandatory Requirements (Mandatory Requirements are non-negotiable – suppliers are compliant or non-compliant)**

Public Liability Insurance (\$10M)

Workers' Compensation insurance in accordance with the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003 (Qld)



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| Professional Indemnity Insurance (\$1M)                                                                                                                                                                         |                          |
| <b>Stage 2</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |
| Mandatory Requirements (Mandatory Requirements are non-negotiable – suppliers are compliant or non-compliant)                                                                                                   |                          |
| Public Liability Insurance (\$10M)                                                                                                                                                                              |                          |
| Workers' Compensation insurance in accordance with the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003 (Qld)                                                                                                  |                          |
| <b>Stage 1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |
| Complete requirements are outlined in the attached:                                                                                                                                                             |                          |
| Request for Quote (Routine) and Contract Details (Routine)                                                                                                                                                      | ✓                        |
| <b>Stage 2</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |
| Construction requirements will be identified / prioritised following receipt of Stage 1 report.                                                                                                                 |                          |
| Request for Quote (Routine) and Contract Details (Routine)                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Minor Works Contract                                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Request for Quote (SOA) and relevant SOA Order (if applicable) and/or specification (required for purchases under a Supply Arrangement - refer to the SOA instructions for the relevant Order Form and process) | ✓                        |

#### 5. Supply Market (who can supply it?)

The proposed procurement strategy is:

1. Non-competitive (sole supplier) ☐
2. Competitive (multiple suppliers) ☒

Suppliers listed below were selected as they all have experience with Nerang National Park and/or extensive mountain bike trail building and auditing experience.

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| <b>Stage 1</b>                                                                               |
| Based on the above it is recommended that the following supplier/s will be invited to quote: |
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| <b>Stage 2</b>                                                                                              |
| Based on the above it is recommended that the following SOA accredited supplier/s will be invited to quote: |



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| Stage 1                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Recommended Procurement Strategy</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Competitive Process                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RFQ to limited suppliers<br><input type="checkbox"/> RFQ to open market (advertised via Qtender Website)                                                                            |
| Non-competitive Procurement Process     | <input type="checkbox"/> RFQ to one supplier                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Supply Arrangement                      | <input type="checkbox"/> RFQ to one supplier on panel (Note: this is not considered a non-competitive strategy for the purposes of approvals)<br><input type="checkbox"/> RFQ to multiple suppliers on panel            |
| Stage 2                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Recommended Procurement Strategy</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Competitive Process                     | <input type="checkbox"/> RFQ to limited suppliers<br><input type="checkbox"/> RFQ to open market (advertised via Qtender Website)                                                                                       |
| Non-competitive Procurement Process     | <input type="checkbox"/> RFQ to one supplier                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Supply Arrangement                      | <input type="checkbox"/> RFQ to one supplier on panel (Note: this is not considered a non-competitive strategy for the purposes of approvals)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RFQ to multiple suppliers on panel |

## 6. Evaluation Strategy

The identified evaluation officer/s will review the quote to confirm compliance with mandatory requirements.

Quotes will be evaluated using the following criteria:

| Stage 1: Trail review and recommendations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                    |
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| Evaluation Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Criteria Weighting |
| <b>Criteria 1 Availability</b><br>The Supplier's availability to complete the project within 9 weeks of contract execution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 40%                |
| <b>Criteria 2: Demonstrated past experience and performance of the Supplier.</b><br>The Supplier's demonstrated capability and experience providing the audit / design service - in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrated experience conducting trail audits and providing mountain bike trail design specifications.</li> </ul> | 30%                |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrated experience in completing projects of a similar scope for QPWS or other government land management agency.</li> <li>• Experience of key personnel and subcontractors (and their appropriate qualifications, licences, and/or tickets) to complete the Service.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |
| <b>Criterion 3: Supplier Methodology and Service Delivery</b><br>The Supplier is to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A methodology that demonstrates its knowledge and understanding of audit / design expectations and timelines;</li> <li>• A clearly detailed timeline (Gantt chart, Schedule of Work Program, or similar) that identifies its capability to successfully deliver the requirement within the proposed timeframe;</li> <li>• Documented evidence of its resourcing considerations and requirements to successfully deliver identifies tasks throughout the term of the Contract – includes human and other resourcing responsibilities to ensure successful completion</li> </ul> | 30%                  |
| <b>Total Weighting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>100%</b>          |
| <b>Value for Money</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Weighting N/A</b> |

| <b>Stage 2: Trail Upgrades</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                           |
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| <b>Evaluation Criteria</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Criteria Weighting</b> |
| <b>Criteria 1: Availability</b><br>The Supplier's availability to complete the project by dates specified in Schedule 1 of Contract Details.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 40%                       |
| <b>Criteria 2: Demonstrated past experience and performance of the Supplier</b><br>The Supplier's demonstrated capability and experience to complete site works - in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrated experience/awareness of working in protected areas and has established safe work practices for working in such environments.</li> <li>• Demonstrated experience in completing projects of a similar scope for QPWS or other government land management agency.</li> <li>• Experience of key personnel and subcontractors (and their appropriate qualifications, licences, and/or tickets) that will be used to project manage the activity in a safe, efficient, and environmentally considerate manner;</li> </ul> | 30%                       |
| <b>Criterion 3 - Supplier Methodology and Service Delivery</b><br>The Supplier is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit a proposed project plan/methodology for the project;</li> <li>• Provide project schedules identifying timelines/schedule of work programs, or similar for the project;</li> <li>• Outline resourcing considerations for the project;</li> <li>• Provide details on its available plant and equipment (hire or owned) to successfully deliver the requirement for the project;</li> <li>• Provide an example of Quality Management Plan implemented on a successful similar project;</li> <li>• Demonstrated safety management systems in place; and</li> </ul>                                                       | 30%                       |



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| • Demonstrated Environmental management system in place. |               |
| Total Weighting                                          | 100%          |
| Value for Money                                          | Weighting N/A |

The Evaluation will be undertaken in accordance with the Supplementary Guideline – Evaluations and the outcome summarised in the RoPA Part B and submitted for procurement and financial approval. A Routine Evaluation Matrix will be developed to determine value for money and document evaluation outcomes. The matrix will be submitted with a RoPA Part B.

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