

Communique

Cape York Region Package Taskforce



March 2018

The Cape York Region Package (CYRP) Taskforce met on the 11th of December 2017 in Cairns, welcoming the attendance by the Hon Warren Entsch MP, Member for Leichhardt.

The last Taskforce meeting was held in Coen in July 2017, with the Sub Working Group meeting held in May 2017. Both groups continue to support and provide input and feedback to the Cape York Region Package (CYRP) into its final phase of delivery, and promote the need for further funding to complete sealing of the Peninsula Developmental Road (PDR) in a reasonable timeframe. The \$260.5M CYRP package is due for completion by June 2019, with the final works packages on the PDR to commence construction in 2018.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) provided an **update of progress** on delivery of 2016 PDR projects, now all at practical completion, and the status of the four **2017 PDR projects**. Refer to tables below.

Design work has been completed for **three 2018 PDR projects**, with tenders to be released in 2018 for:

- Telecom Tower to Archer River - 6.7km
- Piccaninny Black Soil - 5.6km (*tender released 2 February 2018*)
- Fairview West (part A) - 6.4km

Interest was expressed in tracking PDR project specific expenditure to date, whereby TMR advised overall project allocations are outlined in QTRIP and, should any savings be realised, they would be reinvested in further PDR upgrades. The key message from TMR is **the remaining approved program of PDR projects are on track for delivery by June 2019**, noting also the strong performance of contractors to date in achieving the Key Result Areas relating to Indigenous and Non-Indigenous training and employment, building Indigenous business capability and local industry participation.

The CIMA (Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance – now established as the Torres Cape Indigenous Councils Alliance – TCICA) program of works in Cape communities is also well progressed. A number of **community infrastructure projects** have been completed under budget and ahead of schedule, with Federal and State Government approval obtained to reinvest savings in other priority Indigenous community infrastructure. Detailed updates are provided below.

Other matters discussed:

- The importance of building a **CYRP business case demonstrating the significant economic and wider benefits of the current CYRP** to inform efforts to secure further funding were discussed to:
 - complete the seal of the PDR to Weipa, and
 - progressively seal sections of Telegraph Road (PDR/ Northern Peninsula Road turn-off to Seisia).
- The Hon Warren Entsch MP, reiterated his support for future investment to deliver this critical economic and socially-enabling infrastructure to the Cape – for the benefit of Cape and Torres communities and the regional economy.

- Cross-agency and stakeholder group support and interest was expressed in taking forward the development of a **West Cape York economic strategy** or blueprint to maximize the opportunities presented by the sealing of the PDR and manage impacts from increased tourism and other traffic.
- **Maintenance of the PDR** was a key issue with significant deterioration in some areas of the road impacting on locals, business, industry and tourists which flagged the broader issue of sufficiency of funding for road maintenance in the long-term, and further reinforced the benefits of fully sealing the PDR.
- In relation to the **PDR Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA)**, the Cape York Land Council and TMR noted the regular, positive and productive meetings of the **ILUA Project Committee** in resolving any emerging issues and tracking progress of delivering the Indigenous Economic Opportunities Plan.
- The non-government Taskforce members **supported the revised Terms of Reference and CYRP** for the Taskforce and the Sub-Working Group – which will now be considered by the CYRP Board (the government agency governance mechanism).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next SWG meeting – 22 March 2018 - Cairns • Next Taskforce meeting – 31 May 2018 – Weipa (Tentative) |
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Update on 2016 PDR Projects

Project	Contractor	Completed Length	Progress
Coen South	Koppens Developments	22.0 km	Practical completion reached 31 October 2017.
Archer to Wolverton	Robinson Civil Group	13.6 km	Practical Completion 19 September 2017.
Musgrave	RoadTek	12.3 km	Practical completion reached Dec 2016.
Little Laura to Fairview	NQCEC	5.1 km	Practical completion reached Dec 2016.
	TOTAL	53.0 km	

Update on 2017 PDR Projects

Project	Contractor	Length	Progress
Myall Creek to Rio Boundary	NQCEC (14/7/17)	8.8 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commenced work early October 2017 • 4km sealed prior to Dec 2017 shutdown, weather permitting • Completion expected 2nd Quarter 2018 • Works continuing in 2018

South of Duck Holes Creek	Bama Civil (10/11/17)	4.1 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works planned to commence after the wet season in 2018
10 Mile Creek	Bama Civil (29/9/17)	1.6 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction works are in progress. • Works continuing in 2018 after the wet season
Laura Racecourse to Little Laura	RoadTek (July 2017)	8.5 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commenced work early July 2017 • Practical completion reached December 2017
	TOTAL	23.0 km	

Update on TCICA Indigenous Community Infrastructure Projects

Community	Funding	Projects	Status
1. Aurukun	\$8.80m	Access road – drainage and sealing	Works to begin again after wet season in 2018.
2. Kowanyama	\$14.70m	Topsy Creek – barge ramp, road upgrade, access road drainage and sealing	Tenders to be called in March 2018. Works to begin in July 2018.
3. Lockhart River	\$5.80m	Replace bridge	In design.
4. Mapoon	\$3.1m	Roads, drainage and airport sealing	Works to begin again after wet season in 2018.
5. Napranum	\$4.40m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade/construction boat ramp and esplanade road/park • School/tourist motel access road 	TMR seeking further advice, due to recent staff changes at Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council.
6. Nthn Peninsula Area	\$7.50m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seisia jetty and barge ramp works • Access road drainage and sealing 	In planning.
7. Wujal Wujal	\$2.00m	Water, solid waste facility and boat ramp	Boat ramp and water treatment plant complete. Works on waster transfer station upgrade will begin after July 2018.
8. Pormpuraaw	\$4.10m	Access road - drainage	Completed.
TOTAL	\$50.4M		

Summary of PDR delivery to date

Calendar Year	Total Kms sealed	Packages of works
2014	34 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rocky Creek to Koolburra (10.9 km) South of Sudley (16.2 km) Kalinga to Healys (7.2 km)
2015	34 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mein Deviation, north of the Archer River (18.9 km of 28.8 km) South of Hann River (6.1 km) Sourayas Hill (north of Coen Airport) (4.5 km) South of Morehead River (4.4 km)
2016	36 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mein Deviation, north of the Archer River (remaining 9.9 km of 28.8 km)</i> Coen South (4 km of 22 km) Archer to Wolverton (4.4 km of 13.6 km) Musgrave (12.3 km) Little Laura to Fairview (5.1 km)
2017	40 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Coen South (remaining 18 km of 22 km)</i> <i>Archer to Wolverton (remaining 9.2 km of 13.6 km)</i> Myall Creek to Rio Boundary (4.5 km of 8.8 km) South of Duck Holes Creek (<i>no sealing commenced</i>) 10 Mile Creek (<i>no sealing commenced</i>) Laura Racecourse to Little Laura (8.5 km)
	144 km	Total km sealed under CYRP to December 2017
2018	29 km <i>Assuming completion of 2017 projects and 2018 projects</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Myall Creek to Rio Boundary (to complete 4.3 km of 8.8 km)</i> <i>South of Duck Holes Creek (to complete 4.1 km)</i> <i>10 Mile Creek (to complete 1.6 km)</i> Telecom Tower to Archer River (6.7 km) Piccaninny Black Soil (5.6 km) Fairview West (part A) (6.4 km)
	173 km	Total PDR km proposed be sealed under CYRP by June 2019

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