

Speewah update				
#	Community Priority	Timeframe	Partners	Council Actions
3.25.1 Off road trails				
1	(i) Develop Douglas Track as an off road non-motorised trail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear and maintain trails • Map trails • Investigate heritage values of trails • Promote trails locally • Signage to protect wildlife • Identify funding. 	2012 - 2013	Council, Community, Queensland Government	a) Department of National Parks are responsible for the management of the Barron Gorge National Park which includes the Douglas Track. B) Council supports the efforts of clubs and groups to develop and promote off road trails throughout the shire. Grants are required to develop and promote these trails.
2	(iii) Prepare a regional strategy to map and develop off road trails for walking, cycling and horse-riding and include trails to link Speewah to regional network.	2013 - 2016	Council, Community, Queensland Government, Australian Government	Council supports the proposal by the Mareeba Mountain Goats Mountain Bike Club to develop the "Savannah Trail", an off-road trail connecting Kuranda, Mareeba, Mt Molloy, Julatten and Port Douglas. Grants are required to develop and promote the trail.
3.25.2 Road infrastructure				
3	(i) Inform Department of Transport and Main Roads of identified community priorities for maintenance and upgrade of state controlled roads especially flood proof to 1 in 10 year standard for bridges and stream crossings.	2012 - 2021	Council, Dept of Transport and Main Roads	Council prepared a submission of community priorities for the maintenance and upgrade of state controlled road infrastructure that was sent to Department of Transport and Main Roads for consideration.
4	(ii) Community priorities to inform Council decision-making for maintenance and upgrade of Council roads identified, especially flood proof to 1 in 10 year standard for bridges and stream crossings.	2012 - 2021	Council	a) Council has developed a five year road works program and used community feedback to influence the prioritisation of road infrastructure maintenance and upgrades. b) Essential infrastructure for roads is a Council priority. Renewal of Grove Creek Bridge was completed in 2015/16.
3.25.3 Telecommunications				
5	(i) Request information from Optus and Telstra about their respective infrastructure priorities for Speewah and lobby for improved infrastructure.	2012 - 2013	Council, Community	A base station to improve mobile phone coverage will be installed in the Speewah area as a result of Council and community lobbying and as part of the NBN roll-out
6	(ii) Request information about plans to improve TV reception and coverage.	2012 - 2013	Council, Community, Optus, Telstra, Australian Government	Council upgraded the Speewah retransmission tower from 25 to 60m to improve TV coverage, NBN access and mobile coverage.
3.25.4 Natural environment				
7	(i) Lobby government for increased incentives for landowners and farmers to eradicate weeds.	2012 - 2013	Council, Community, Queensland Government, Australian Government	a) Council has prepared a submission of natural environment issues in the community plan which has been provided to the Queensland Government for consideration and action. b) Council has provided the community's environment priorities to Terrain for consideration in the development of its strategic plans. c) Council works with landowners to manage pest plants or animal problems. Council Biosecurity Officers are able to identify pests, describe how to manage the problem, assist the landowner with preparing a property pest management plan and, in the case of a major incursion, will offer some cost recovery to manage the infestation.
8	(ii) Enforce regulations for domestic animal control and increase penalties and monitor the management of on site effluent disposal systems.	2012 - 2013	Council	a) Penalties increase each year when the penalty unit is increased by the State. b) There is currently an Approved Inspection Program (AIPs) approved for Mareeba and Council is considering extending the program to other areas in the shire. c) Council is developing an Animal Management Strategy to detail how Council will promote and enhance responsible pet ownership in the community and advise of Council's role in animal management.
9	(iv) Investigate options for an affordable sustainable water supply.	2016 - 2021	Council, Community	Council has no plans to establish water infrastructure in the Speewah district.
3.25.5 Land use planning				
10	(i) New Planning Scheme to consider applying the following conditions to new development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underground power in new developments • Enforce minimum clearing around buildings for fire protection • Enforce camlock rural fire fitting on water tanks for fire management • Fencing of buildings and not the entire block to secure domestic animals but allow wildlife movement 	2012 - 2013	Council	a) The Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme commenced on 1 July 2016. b) This planning scheme appropriately reflects all relevant aspects of the Queensland State Planning Policy including Hazards and Safety (Natural Hazards - Bushfire); and Environment and Heritage (Biodiversity). c) These aspects are reflected in the Planning Scheme through the use of multiple overlay maps and overlay codes. d) The Planning Scheme includes sufficient provisions to achieve this land use planning objective.
11	(ii) Retain the Rural Living Area land use category for Speewah in accordance with the FNQ Regional Plan 2031 and include this land in a rural residential zoning in the new Council Planning Scheme	2012 - 2021	Council, Dept of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning	The Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme retains the rural residential zoning in Speewah, for those allotments that were previously zoned rural residential under the superseded planning scheme.