

Julatten update

#	Community Priority	Timeframe	Partners	Council Actions
3.9.1 Telecommunications				
1, 2	(i) Ensure continuity of electricity supply to improve telecommunications. (iii) Request information from Ergon Energy, Optus and Telstra about their respective infrastructure priorities for Julatten and lobby for improved infrastructure.	2012 - 2016	Community, Council, Ergon Energy, Julatten and Mt Molloy Association of Residents and Ratepayers (JAMARR), Telstra, Optus	a) A base station to improve mobile phone coverage has been approved by the Federal Government to be installed in the Julatten area as a result of Council and community lobbying and submissions. b) Council wrote to Ergon Energy, Optus and Telstra drawing their attention to these issues and requesting information about their respective infrastructure priorities for the Julatten district. Ergon Energy replied stating that a review of the configuration of the network in the Mt Molloy and Julatten areas identified the need to install additional protective devices along the network to improve reliability. This work was completed in 2013/14. Telstra replied explaining the back up plans in place for telecommunications outages during natural disasters: Site is assessed to determine cause of the outage; Generators can be moved to some sites if mains power is lost and battery back up is exhausted and it is deemed safe for workers to enter the site; Damage to cables and equipment is repaired by workers when it is deemed safe to enter the site.
3.9.2 Road infrastructure				
3	(i) Inform Department of Transport and Main Roads of identified community priorities for flood proofing of state controlled roads and widening of Rifle Creek bridge.	2012 - 2021	Council, Dept of Transport and Main Roads	a) Council prepared a submission of community priorities for maintenance and upgrade of state controlled road infrastructure that was sent to Department of Transport and Main Roads for consideration. The need to flood proof roads in the Julatten area and widen Rifle Creek bridge were included as community priorities.
4	(ii) Community priorities for flood proofing of Council roads identified to inform Council decision-making	2012 - 2021	Council	a) Community feedback is included in Council's Project Prioritisation Tool for road works. Council has upgraded essential infrastructure for roads and further road works will continue across the shire, subject to budget approvals. Recent road works in the Julatten area include renewing the Bump Track Causeway and upgrading McLeans Bridge Road.
				b) Priorities for 2016/17 include resheeting of gravel roads - section of Mt Perseverance Rd, Norris Rd, Black Mountain Rd and the upgrade of Euluma Creek causeway.
3.9.3 Community precinct in Julatten				
5	(i) Investigate feasibility of establishing a community precinct at Geraghty Park to include: • Multipurpose sport and recreation area • Extended Library • Upgraded hall (commercial kitchen, internal lining) • Community meeting rooms • Precinct linked to school and community centre via cycle and walk way.		Council, Community, Julatten and Mt Molloy Association of Residents and Ratepayers (JAMARR)	a) These issues were considered in the development of the new Council Planning Scheme and the approved scheme will allow the establishment of a community precinct at Geraghty Park. However, investigating the feasibility of establishing a multipurpose sport and recreation area needs to be a community initiative. b) The Julatten Library is owned and managed by the local community and is not a Council Library. Council provides annual support to the Julatten Edna Head Community Library through the Community Partnerships Program. Residents can reserve council library books and resources on line for collection from a Council Library. c) The Hall has been upgraded, including the kitchen, and hire rates have been reviewed. d) Funding provided to the Julatten Community Centre to deliver face painting and balloon modelling workshops to provide the opportunity for young people and other residents to learn new skills for part-time employment at festivals and community activities. e) Through the Community Partnerships Program, Council supports the Julatten Men's Shed to continue to provide a range of community services and support, including the enhancement of Geraghty Park. f) Council supported the Rural Fire Brigade, Julatten, to install an awning at Geraghty Park. g) 2016/17 Council has allocated funds for new playground equipment in Geraghty Park. h) Council partnered with Jobfind to maintain and upgrade Geraghty Park Hall and grounds.

				i) JAMARR, Jobfind and Council partnered to replace the abattoir swamp walkway and repair the bird hide.
	3.9.4 Sport and recreational facilities			
6	(i) Connect Geraghty Park with the school by building a safe walk/cycle path.	2012 - 2013	Community, Dept of Transport and Main Roads, Council	a) This cycle path is on a state-controlled road. Council included the issue in submissions to the Dept of Transport and Main Roads outlining the community road infrastructure issues and priorities gathered during the community planning process and has advocated for this cycle path to connect Geraghty Park with the school in subsequent discussions with the Department. The route along the highway in the Julatten area has been endorsed as a priority cycle route in the FNQ Principal Cycle Network Plan which will guide future planning, design and investment in the principal cycle network by both council and the state government.
7	(ii) Investigate feasibility of developing innovative sport and recreational facilities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMX track and small skate park • Swimming hole for public access • Driving practice area for learners, especially young drivers • Disability access to Geraghty Park Hall and toilets • Designated bike paths for safe cycling around the community. 	2013 - 2016	Community, Council	b) Creating a swimming hole or BMX track need to be community initiatives. c) Improving disability access to key council facilities is a consideration for upgrading facilities including halls and parks. d) Council located the skate park at Geraghty Park and has no plans to remove it.
8	(iii) Develop a regional strategy for network of off road trails to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect Mt Molloy and Julatten • Black Mountain Road • Disused roads and stock routes. 	2013 - 2016	Council, Julatten and Mt Molloy Association of Residents and Ratepayers (JAMARR), Community	a) 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.