

Koah update				
#	Community Priority	Timeframe	Partners	Council Actions
	3.11.1 Land use planning			
1	(ii) Subject to successful lobbying to amend the FNQ Regional Plan, consider allowing low density subdivision or small family subdivisions in the development of the new planning scheme	2012 - 2013	Council	The Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme - July 2016 commenced on 1 July 2016. The creation of small rural allotments for rural lifestyle purposes remains inconsistent in most circumstances; however Council retains the ability to assess each development application on planning merit and compliance with relevant legislation.
2	iii) Prepare a submission of land use planning issues arising from FNQ Regional Plan 2031 that have been raised in Tablelands Community Plan including those at Koah (allow low density subdivision or small family subdivisions in Koah district)	2012 - 2013	Council	The Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme - July 2016 allocates additional rural residential land around Koah township and along Koah Road. Council at its 15 June 2016 ordinary meeting further requested that Council officers progress an investigation into a potential rural precinct area centred around Koah Road and to encompass all land within Preferred Area No 3 - Clohesy River Area of the Mareeba Shire Planning Scheme 2004, and report back to Council with a recommendation on the preferred minimum lot size for the rural zone in this area.
	3.11.2 Road infrastructure			
3	(i) Inform Dept of Transport & Main Roads of identified community priorities for maintenance and upgrade of state controlled roads	2012 - 2021	Council, Dept of Transport and Main Roads	a) 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 for maintenance and upgrade of Council roads identified to inform Council decision-making.	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) The Koah Road has been widened and sealed.
	3.11.3 Telecommunications			
5	(i) New Planning Scheme to consider requiring subdivisions to include underground fibre-optics.	2012 - 2013	Council, Developers	The Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme requires new lots to be provided with telecommunication services or a connection to the NBN. NBN Co establishes which areas will be serviced by fixed line or fixed wireless. To date, NBN Co has provided fixed wireless to parts of Koah.
6	(iii) Request information from Telecommunication companies about their respective infrastructure priorities for Koah and lobby for improved infrastructure.	2013 - 2016	Council,Community, Telecommunications Companies	Telecommunication infrastructure is now in place in Koah as a result of the NBN roll-out.
	3.11.4 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. 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.	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) New Planning Scheme to consider requiring new developments to install sufficient water tanks for domestic supply.	2012 - 2013	Council	The Works, Services and Infrastructure Code of the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme - July 2016 includes the use of 90,000L on site water storage tanks as an acceptable outcome for water supply in areas not serviced by a reticulated water supply.
10	(vii) Check former dumps for possible water leaching into Grove Creek.	2012 - 2013	Council	Council has no water infrastructure in the Koah district but referred the issue to the Dept of Natural Resources and Mines.
11	viii) Conduct community education to inform community about: • How weeds are spread and actions to take to eradicate them • Effective fire management practices • Control of dogs.	2013 - 2016	Council,Community, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service	a) As identified at Section 7c), Council Biosecurity Officers work with the community to provide information on the identification and eradication of pests. b) Queensland Fire and Rescue Service and Rural Brigades conduct community education on fire management.
	3.11.5 Upgrade Koah hall			
12	(i) Investigate the feasibility of installing children's and youth sport and recreational facilities at the community hall.	2013-16	Council, Community	a) Council is committed to transferring the Hall to community management and has been working closely with the local community hall committee towards this goal.