

Mt Molloy update

#	Community Priority	Timeframe	Partners	Council Actions
3.21.1 Telecommunications				
1	(ii) Request information from Ergon Energy, Optus and Telstra about their respective infrastructure priorities for Mt Molloy and lobby for improved infrastructure.	2012 - 2013	Community, Council	Council has written to Ergon Energy, Optus and Telstra drawing their attention to these issues and requesting information about their respective infrastructure priorities for the Mt Molloy 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. Optus has installed new equipment at the existing telecommunications facility at Mt Molloy.
2	(iii) Investigate ways to improve television service coverage.	2013 - 2016	Community, Council	a) Broadcast Australia is responsible for television reception in the Mt Molloy area and Council does not have a re-transmission site. Council has written to Broadcast Australia asking for information about its plans to improve television service coverage in the Mt Molloy district. b) Broadcast Australia notified Council of plans for the provision of ABC digital television in Mt Molloy as part of a rollout project to regional areas across Australia. A 4.6m ground-mounted receive satellite dish was installed.
3.21.2 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 and other options to improve safety.	2012 - 2021	Dept of Transport and Main Roads, Council	Council has 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. Council continues to raise the importance of upgrading Rifle Creek bridge and improving signage during delegations with State Transport and other Ministers.
4	(ii) Community priorities for flood proofing of Council roads and other maintenance and upgrade works identified including footpath from town to Rifle Creek to inform Council decision-making.	2012 - 2021	Council	a) Council constructed a footpath from town part way to Rifle Creek and has no plans to extend it. b) 2016/17 capital works budget includes gravel resheeting of sections of Mt Perseverance Road, Black Mountain Road, Wetherby Road, Norris Road & Fraser Road
3.21.3 Water infrastructure				
5	(ii) Council to continue to negotiate with Queensland Government to retain untreated water supply for Mt Molloy residents.	2012 - 2013	Council, Queensland Health, Office of the Water Supply Regulator	Council has made Queensland Health aware of resident's views to retain an untreated water supply. The current water supply is deemed non-potable by the Queensland State Government.
6	(iii) Investigate options for improving town water supply pressure as part of the preparation of the Drinking Water Quality Management Plan for Mt Molloy.	2012 - 2016	Council	Council has made some changes to fittings and installed a new water main to improve water pressure.
3.21.4 Sport and recreational facilities				
7	(i) Investigate insurance cover for volunteers helping to maintain community areas eg. Babblers Hill.	2012 - 2013	Council, Community	Council insurance cannot be extended to volunteers unless working on a council project/service under the supervision of council employees.
8	(ii) Develop regional strategy for off road trails for walking, cycling and horse-riding.	2013 - 2016	Council, Community	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.

9	(iii) Investigate the feasibility of community organisations maintaining specific Council reserves as parks with a formal arrangement in place to enable funding opportunities to be accessed by the community.	2013 - 2016	Community, Julatten and Mt Molloy Association of Residents and Ratepayers (JAMARR), Council	Council has commenced discussions and will investigate further a possible formal agreement over the land to meet the community organisation's needs and volunteer insurance is a key issue to be resolved.
10	(iv) Upgrade lighting in park beside Memorial Hall.	2013 - 2016	Council	<p>a) To be investigated and placed in the Facilities Project Prioritisation Tool for future consideration.</p> <p>b) Council negotiated with Ergon Energy to complete an audit of street lighting and ownership of lighting infrastructure has been determined with Department of Transport and Main Roads. This will form the basis of a region-wide street lighting strategy to be developed which will include priorities for new and upgraded street lighting throughout the region.</p> <p>c) Through FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC), Council is investigating different types of energy efficient lights and cost effective ways to install these.</p>
11	(v) Upgrade and extend playground beside Memorial Hall to cater for older age groups up to 12 years and include skate park to cater for 12 - 16 years.	2013 - 2016	Council	a) To be investigated and placed in the Facilities Project Prioritisation Tool for future consideration.