Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance program update

A package of priority community infrastructure works were identified by the Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance (CIMA), which represents the following Local Indigenous and Council Authorities: Aurukun, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Mapoon, Naparima, Northern Peninsula Area, Wujal Wujal and Pormpuraaw.

In determining priorities for their communities, the CIMA considered each project on its economic impact, creation of training and employment opportunities, impact on social well-being of the community and cultural significance.

Planning and design will start on some projects in all eight communities this year. Works began in Pormpuraaw on 5 June 2016 with the installation of detours.

Further information on the CIMA works, including a fact sheet, is available on www.tmr.qld.gov.au.

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Further Information

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**Endeavour Valley Road update**

RoadTek and Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council (HVASC) officers have commenced a third year of road construction works on the Endeavour Valley Road (EVR).

Work resumed on 18 April 2016 with a project to upgrade and seal a 900m section of the road between Endeavour Falls and Paw Paw Gully. Bitumen sealing of this section of road is scheduled to take place in June 2016, weather permitting.

Work is scheduled to start in July 2016 on the sealing of a 4.5km section between Old Dairy Road and Ryder Road.

In 2015, a further project to seal a 3.9km section of the EVR, between Ryder Road and Endeavour Falls, is programmed for delivery subject to funding.

In September 2014, Transport and Main Roads signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the HVASC for the provision of road construction and maintenance services to assist in the delivery of a four year sealing project on the EVR.

**Cape York Region Package briefings hit the road**

Stage two of the tender process (Shortlisted Applicants Invited to Tender) for the 2016 Coen South and Archer to Wolverton projects commenced on 8 June 2016. Industry Briefings for prequalified contractors took place in Coen, Weipa and Cairns from 30 - 31 May 2016. The opportunity for potential sub-contractors to meet with the shortlisted applicants for the Coen South and Archer to Wolverton projects took place in Coen and Weipa on 14 June 2016. If you were unable to attend the meetings and / or would like to know more about the CPRA, please visit Transport and Main Roads’ website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Projects/Name/C/Cape-York-Region-Package-Peninsula Developmental Road. Information recently uploaded under ‘Latest News’ includes:

- 2016 Tender Processes Fact Sheet
- Prequalifications Level Fact Sheet
- 2016 Key Result Areas Fact Sheet
- CIMA Fact Sheet
- Cape York Region Package Update PowerPoint Presentation.

**Mein Deviation sealing nears completion**

In 2015, 18.9km of the 29km Mein Deviation project was sealed. Work was suspended in January 2016 due to the effects of the wet season. Work resumed on 2 May 2016 with the project expected to reach completion in early July 2016, weather permitting.

Indigenous trainees Tristin Bowie and Linda Jawai (left) have returned to the Mein Deviation project in 2016 for further on-the-job training.

**2016 Coen South project**

The Coen South pave and seal project is the largest project being delivered on the PDR this year. In 2015, 22 indigenous trainees worked on the PDR, and 39 local businesses, 15 of which were Indigenous-owned, were employed to help deliver the projects. A continuing aim in 2016 is to provide economic opportunities to local industry, including Indigenous-owned businesses, as well as training and employment opportunities for Indigenous people.

Coen is located 258km south of Weipa and 536km north of Cairns. The Coen South project extends 22km south from Coen. At project completion, there will be a 51.7km long sealed section of the road. The rehabilitation of six (6) culverts will improve drainage. Understandably, this project is highly anticipated by regular road users, including Coen residents and transport operators.

Transport and Main Roads currently expects to announce the successful tenderer for the Coen South project in August 2016. Work is anticipated to begin in early September 2016.

The PDR extends for 570km between Lakeland and Weipa. It is the main transport link within Cape York Peninsula and to the rest of the Australian mainland.

**Cultural Heritage Survey Officer finds family relic during PDR sealing works**

During a heritage survey for the Mein Deviation Project, an Aboriginal elder in Cape York had an unexpected find - a scar tree from her childhood. Patricia Clarmont - a Traditional Owner and community elder of the Coen area in Cape York - was engaged by Transport and Main Roads to carry out a heritage survey north of the Oyala Thumotang National Park.

The survey was in conjunction with local gravel and water supply investigations for road construction associated with sealing works on a section of the PDR known as Sourayas Hill.

In the 1960’s when Mrs Clarmont was a child, her father would take her and her siblings hunting and fishing in the area. Mrs Clarmont said she came across the tree which was cut by her father for the sugabag - or native honey - inside.

“As soon as I saw the tree I got a strong feeling and I knew straight away it was my father's tree. I felt as if my father was there with me saying, ‘Do you remember this tree?’” Mrs Clarmont said.

Transport and Main Roads has registered the tree as an artefact and will protect it in its existing location.

“It stays where it is and my children and my grandchildren’s children will see it. It’s been there for the last 50 years and it’s still standing strong. I reckon it can do another 50 years,” says Mrs Clarmont.

District Director (Far North), Sandra Burke said she was committed to ensuring the projects being delivered on the PDR are respectful of, and compliant with, cultural heritage obligations. This is being assisted through the implementation of a Cultural Heritage Protection Agreement which was developed in consultation with Traditional Owners in 2015. It includes a requirement for a cultural heritage survey of a ‘Disturbance Footprint’ to be carried out.

“Patricia’s discovery is an example of the benefits of using local Traditional Owners to conduct our heritage surveys. In addition to the huge benefits of better road access, we are focused on providing local social and economic opportunities throughout the construction phase of the Cape York Region Package,” Ms Burke said.