

DDRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

23 SEPTEMBER 2025



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AGENDA ITEM 1

Welcome

✓ **Welcome to our guests:**

- Local Member for Darling Range: Mr Hugh Jones, MLA
- President of the Shire: Cr Rob Coales
- Councilors: Cr Tricia Duggin, Cr Nathan Bishop
- Candidates for NW Ward: Mr Joel Chan & Mr Philip Pettis

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AGENDA ITEM 1

Our prime objectives

- ✓ Discuss some key challenges
- ✓ Describe progress towards achieving objectives
- ✓ Explain current plans
- ✓ Get your ideas on what should be done
- ✓ Cover these issues in a reasonable timeframe

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AGENDA ITEMS 2 & 3

2. Presentation of apologies
3. Discuss/ratify the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (AGM) and any business arising from those minutes (Bruce)

DDRA AGM Minutes	29 August 2024
Darling Downs Residents Association Minutes from the AGM Conducted on 29 August 2024	
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Proposed by:	Eugene Kestel
Seconded by:	Carol Fawcett
Vote outcome:	Carried unanimously
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ISSUES FROM THE MINUTES

- A. Drainage & Flooding**
- B. Opening the area to the east of the 70 Acres for subdivision –
(Change Lot 9009 should be Lot 9005)**
- C. Thomas Road Upgrade & Safety Wall**
- D. Other workstream – Will be covered in the Workstreams**

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VOTE ON AGENDA ITEM 3

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Vote

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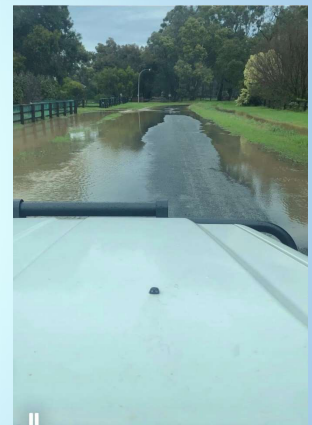
4 – Some key challenges



1. Flooding and drainage in Byford & Darling Downs
2. Build up in the area to the east of the 70 Acres
3. A safety wall on Thomas Road – Protecting equine users

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FLOODING & DRAINAGE



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FOUR KEY COMPONENTS TO THE PROBLEM



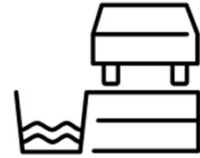
WATER FROM THE EAST



WATER FLOWING TO
THE MIDDLE OF NEW DRAIN



BLOCKED DRAINS



THOMAS ROAD DRAINS

- ✓ Today is just a short summary (some sections have also been removed)
- ✓ The [interim report](#), [summary](#) and [presentation](#) are at these links

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WATER FROM THE EAST

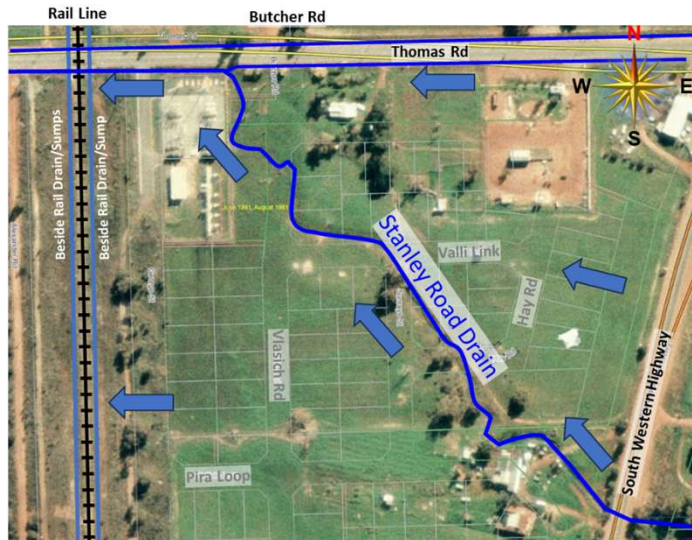


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FLows FROM THE EAST – BEFORE DEVELOPMENT



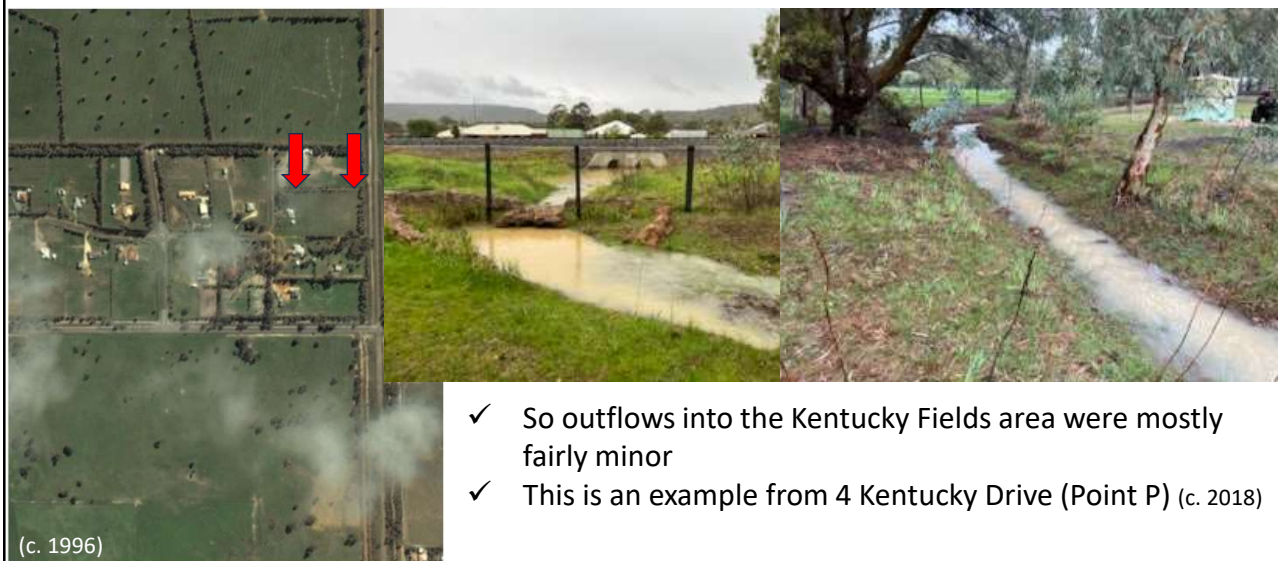
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- ✓ Flowed into a long sump alongside the railway line
- ✓ Formed a **Retention** and **Detention** basin to slow flows to the west

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FLows FROM THE EAST – BEFORE DEVELOPMENT



- ✓ So outflows into the Kentucky Fields area were mostly fairly minor
- ✓ This is an example from 4 Kentucky Drive (Point P) (c. 2018)

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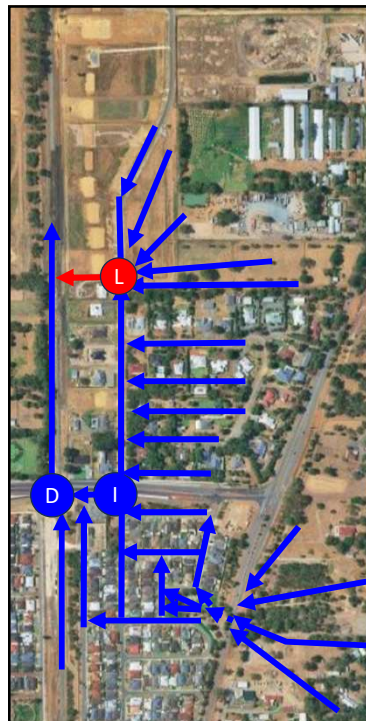


FLOWS FROM THE EAST – NOW

- ✓ Large flows into Sunrays Park – overwhelms drains
- ✓ Floods the streets in this area and joins catchment water
- ✓ Most flows down roads to Point I and then Point D



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FLOWS FROM THE EAST – NOW

- ✓ A lot of water flows into Butcher Rd from the south
- ✓ It is joined by water flowing downhill (from east and northeast)
- ✓ Some goes into adjacent properties but a lot goes to Point L



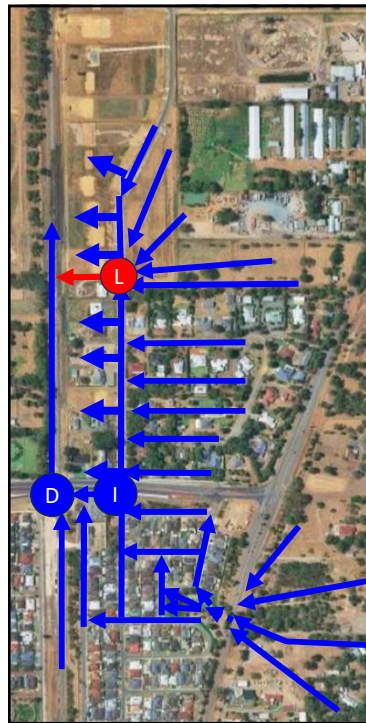
- ✓ This should flow into the drain to the east of the rail line but this drain is mostly blocked



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FLOW FROM THE EAST – NOW

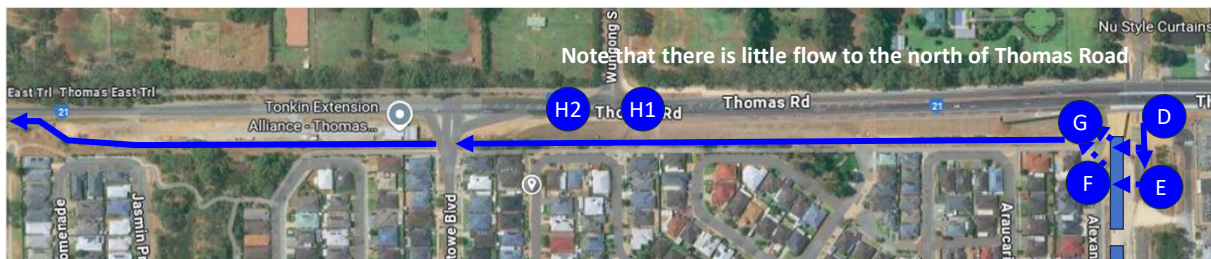
- ✓ And it floods the properties to the west
- ✓ Water flows into the rail line drain to the west are blocked
- ✓ So some owners are digging their own drains
- ✓ But these don't seem to be working well (see the full report)



A range of solutions have been proposed. Remember, fixing these will just push the problem further west

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FLOW FROM THE EAST – FROM POINT D



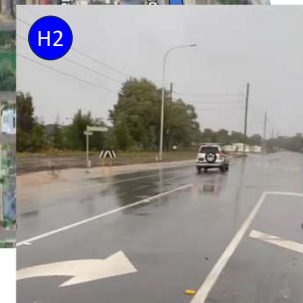
Direct Run-off & from sumps
(Already connected)



Large channel running west
from Point G



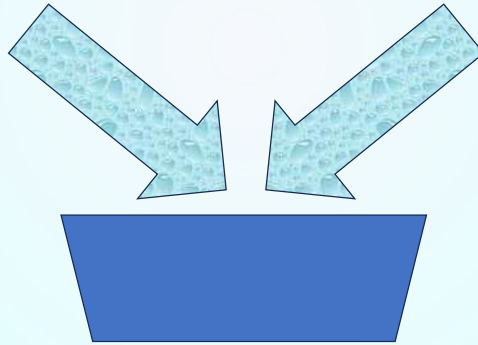
Going into a narrow channel
(Flooding Thomas Road)...



... and flooding
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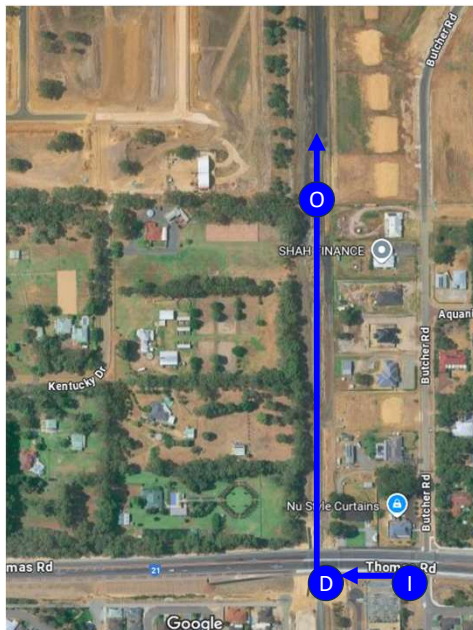
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WATER FLOWING TO THE MIDDLE OF THE NEW RAIL DRAIN



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FLOWS TO THE NORTH OF POINT D



✓ Weirs have been inserted but they are not high enough (The Shire has asked PTA to build this up)

✓ And the grade on this drain is still very steep

✓ And is already causing substantial erosion



Why was the grade so steep?

Why is it pooling around Point O?

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FLOWS TO THE NORTH OF POINT D



View from the East Side

But the real surprise was finding this massive culvert at Point W. Virtually no water goes through this culvert



View from the West Side

- ✓ Water flows from the south to north from about Points D to O.
- ✓ Water flows from the north to south from about Points W to O.

Why would they build such a huge culvert – that is dry because the water flows away from it?

- ✓ The logical answer is that the original plan was to have the **water run from south to north** consistently and out **through the Birrega Brook** (this is to be confirmed)

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MANAGING FLOWS TO THE NORTH OF POINT D



View from the East Side



View from the West Side

- ✓ Because the grade is not correct on the railway drain the **water pools just to the east of the Darling Downs** area
- ✓ It then has **nowhere else to go** with the current implementation **except** into the middle of **Kentucky Fields** – for the reasons discussed shortly

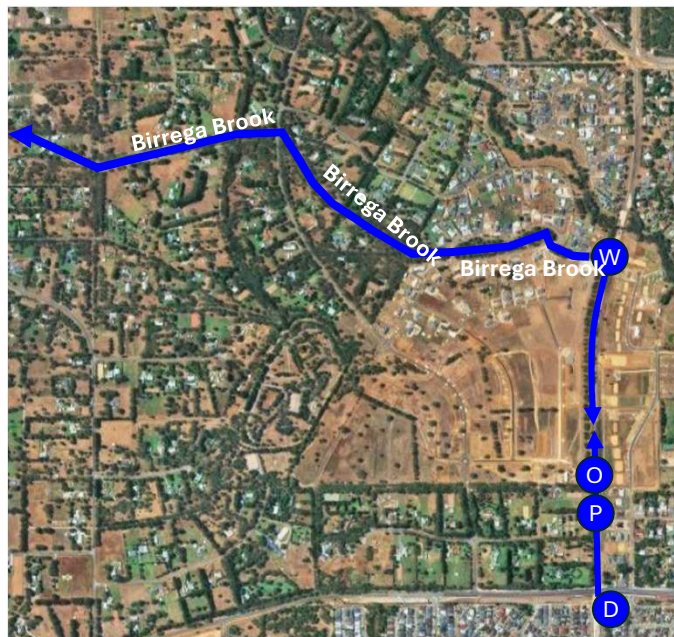
It will be worth investigating this and getting PTA to rectify problems if the design contention is correct

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MANAGING FLOWS TO THE NORTH OF POINT D



- ✓ The water could then be channelled out through the Birrega Brook
- ✓ However, in designing this solution, care must be taken with:
 - ✓ water flow to the east and west of the Darling Downs area (the drain gets shallow/disrupted in places); and
 - ✓ the area to the west of Hopkinson Road where suburbia is being developed and extra water would need to be channelled appropriately

But it could resolve many of the current problems effectively

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IF MOST OF THE WATER CANNOT GO TO PT W



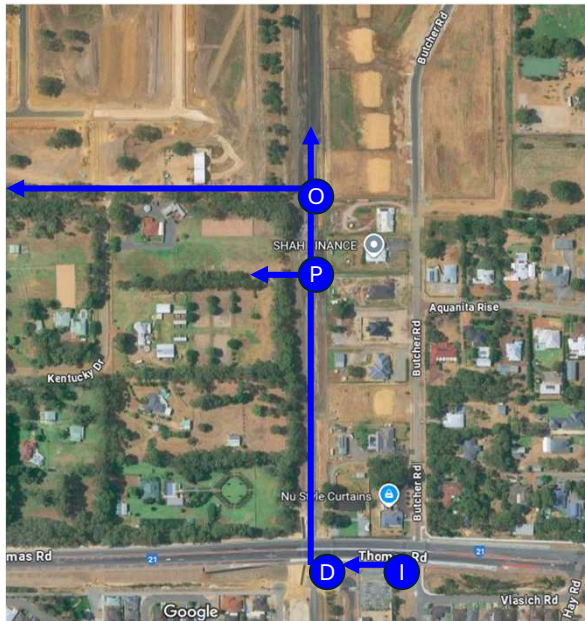
- ✓ Last year the contractor promised to create a drain at Point O, so water can drain out through the swale to the north of Kentucky Fields
- ✓ This would take a lot of the pressure off the flows at Point P (4 Kentucky Drive)
- ✓ The drain was created, but they could not get authorisation to have it flow into the area to the north of Kentucky Fields
- ✓ Consequently, the drains at Point O were blocked and will not be able to be opened until the subdivision is authorised.

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FORMALLY BLOCKED DRAINS



EAST SIDE



Note the water still sitting in the low area

WEST SIDE

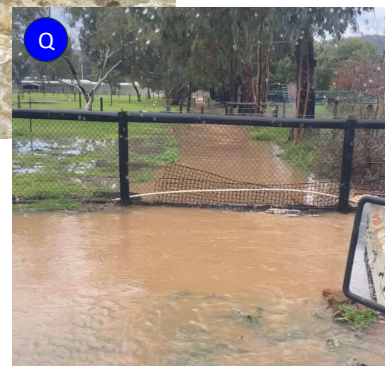
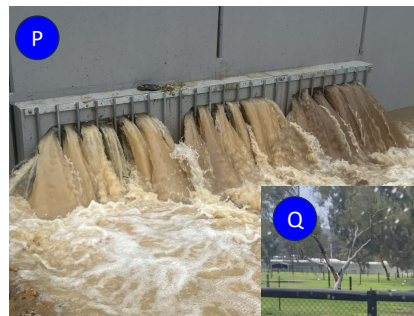


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THE EFFECT OF BLOCKING THIS DRAIN



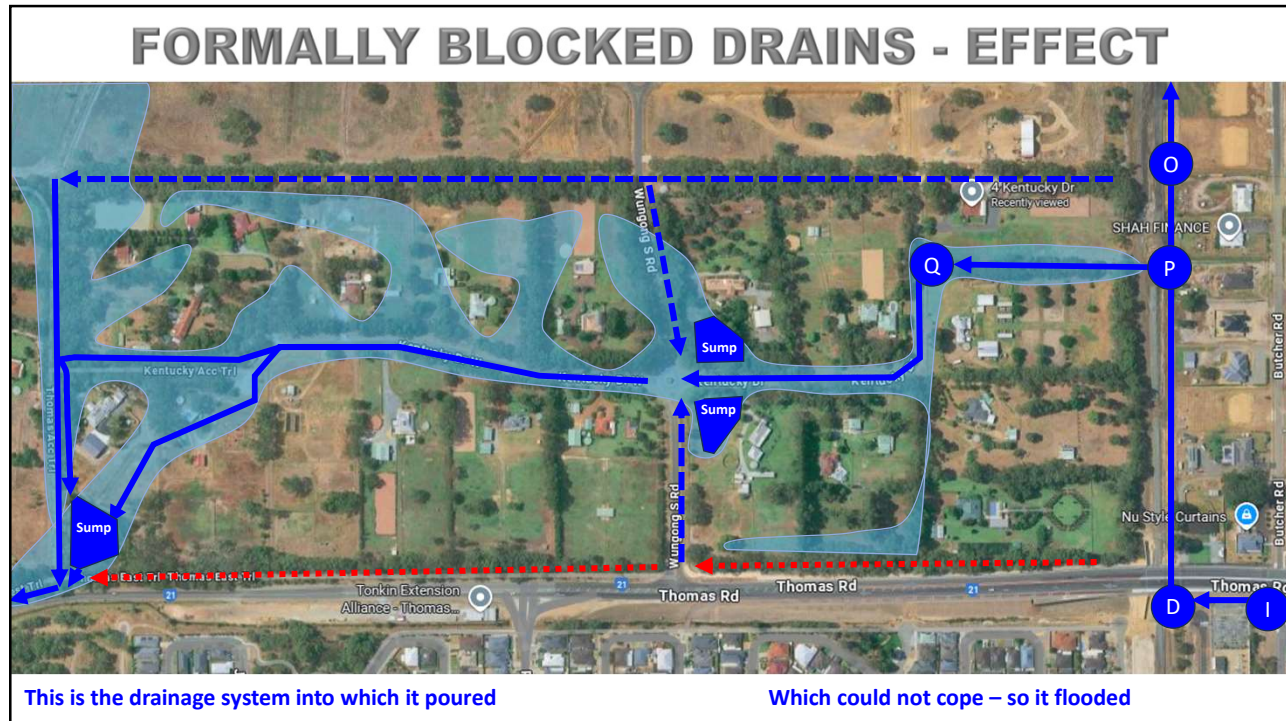
✓ This left all of the water to flow through Point P, then Point Q, & into Kentucky Fields



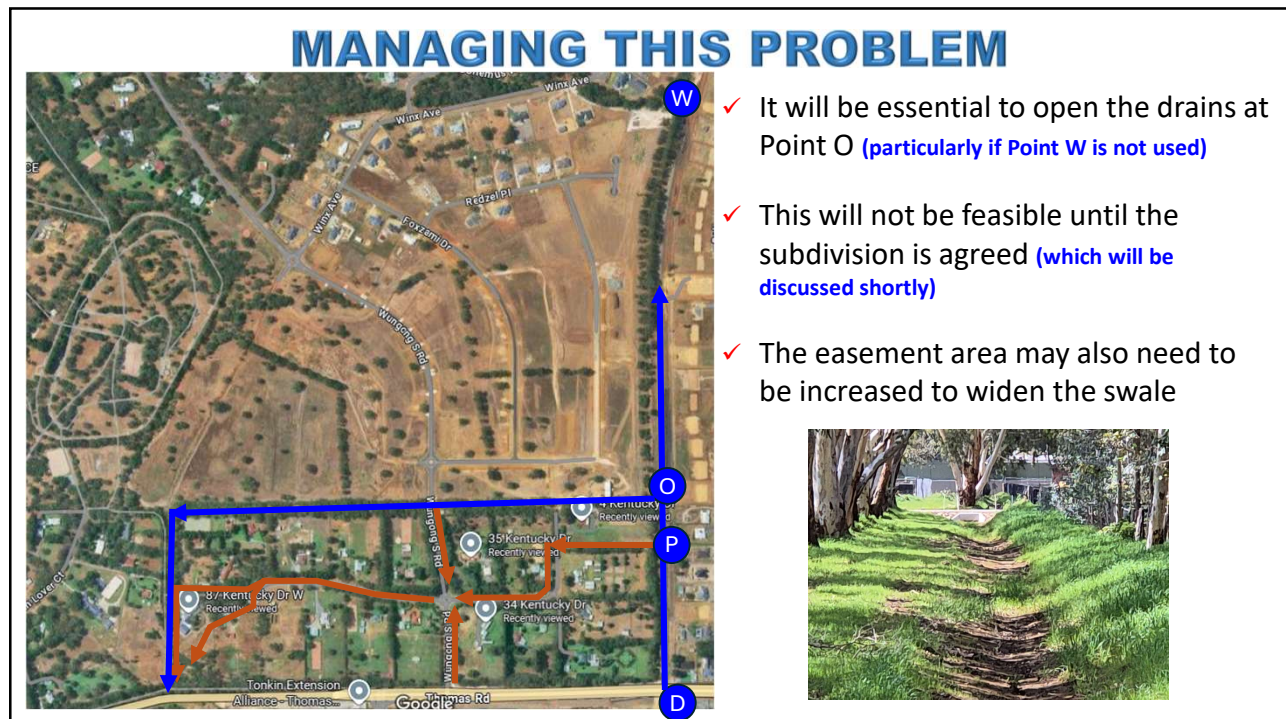
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MANAGING THIS PROBLEM



- ✓ There is also a **detention** sump being proposed in the southwestern corner of Lot 9005 Wungong South Road
- ✓ Aims to help avoid backups where the flows from the north and middle of Kentucky fields join near Thomas Road
- ✓ It is only 0.75 m deep (~4 M litres < 2 x **Olympic Swimming Pools**) and this could fill up quickly

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MANAGING THIS PROBLEM



- ✓ If it overflows it can currently only flow south – so it will back up where it joins the other flow at Thomas Road
- ✓ Because the ground rises to the north
- ✓ Therefore, a deeper drain to the north is required, which could include:
 1. Creation of a **vegetated easement** with a longer sump along the western boundary of Lot 9005, and
 2. **Overflow** drainage into an underground pipe to the **70 Acres wetlands**

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BLOCKED DRAINS

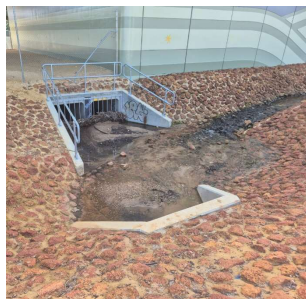


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BLOCKED BY SILT/DEBRIS



Many Shire drains were blocked



Many PTA Drains were Blocked

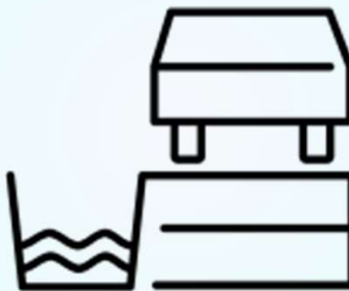
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MANAGING SILT/DEBRIS BLOCKAGES

- ✓ The Shire is developing an approach to **manage the drainage** in this area **holistically**
- ✓ This includes **implementing an MOU with the PTA**
- ✓ This approach should include:
 - **Proactive maintenance schedules** (e.g. prior to winter)
 - **Reactive widening and clearance** **based on lessons learnt** each year
 - **Reactive clearance after storms**

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THOMAS ROAD DRAINS




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ORIGINAL FLOWS



KEY DIFFERENCES THAT WILL AFFECT DRAINAGE

- ✓ Water doesn't lay in built up areas – increasing flow
- ✓ **Winter wetland areas are being built out**
- ✓ Rail line retention sumps removed - More flow to the west
- ✓ Drain to north of Thomas Rd near rail line is not getting flow from east
- ✓ Drains on Thomas Road will need to be deep enough to support flows

The Shire will be working with the Alliance Partners & PTA to address drainage issues

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What are your thoughts?



Vote on options as required

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LOT 9005 WUNGONG SOUTH RD PLANNED SUBDIVISION IMPLICATIONS



AVOIDING THESE TYPES OF RISKS

As small lot owners may not be aware of equine safety issues

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SUBDIVISION – EAST OF THE 70 ACRES



- ✓ The western side of Lot 9005 is being subdivided
- ✓ The Phase 6 Plan for the subdivision is currently being contested by the Shire

For some critical reasons

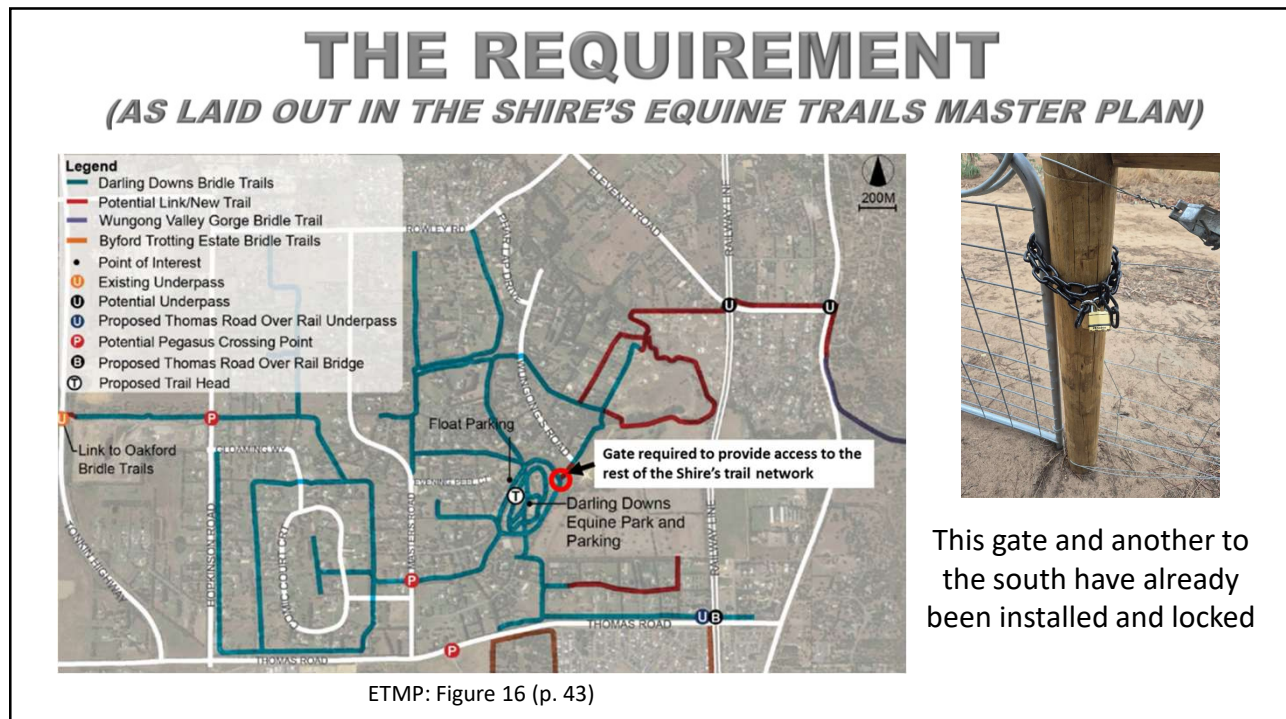
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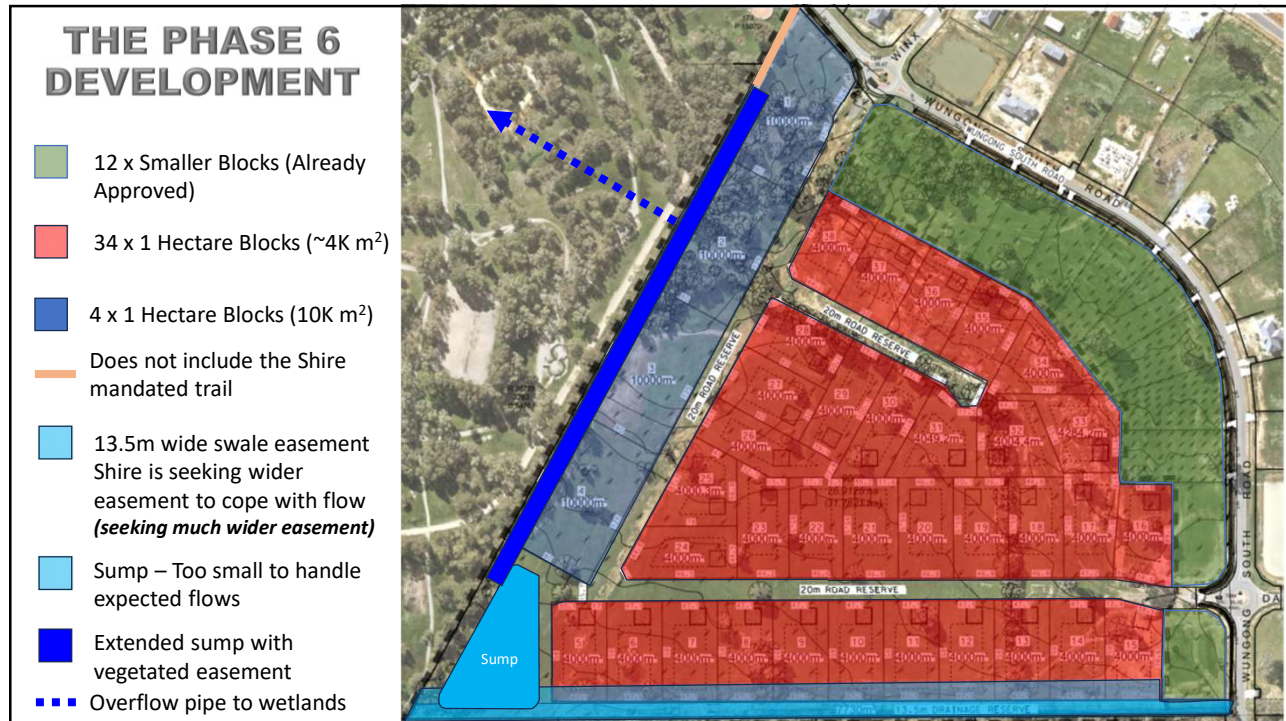
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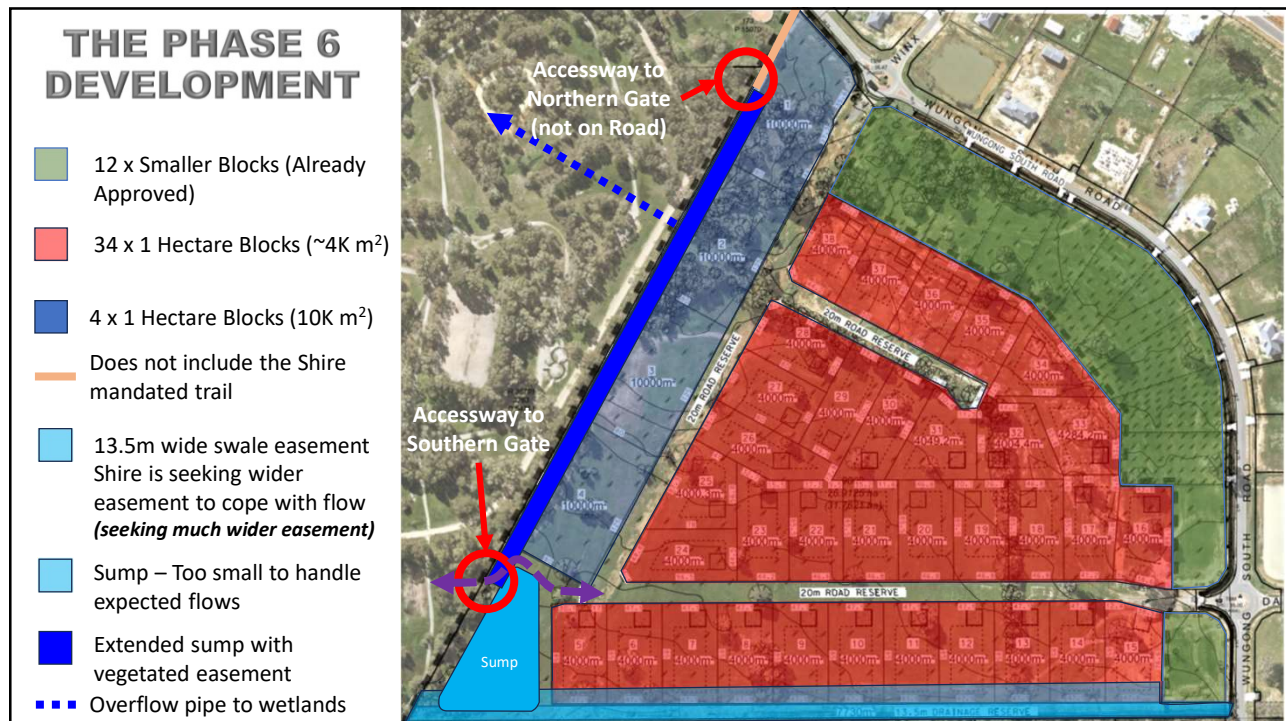
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SAFETY WALL ON COMIC LOOP SOUTH TRAIL

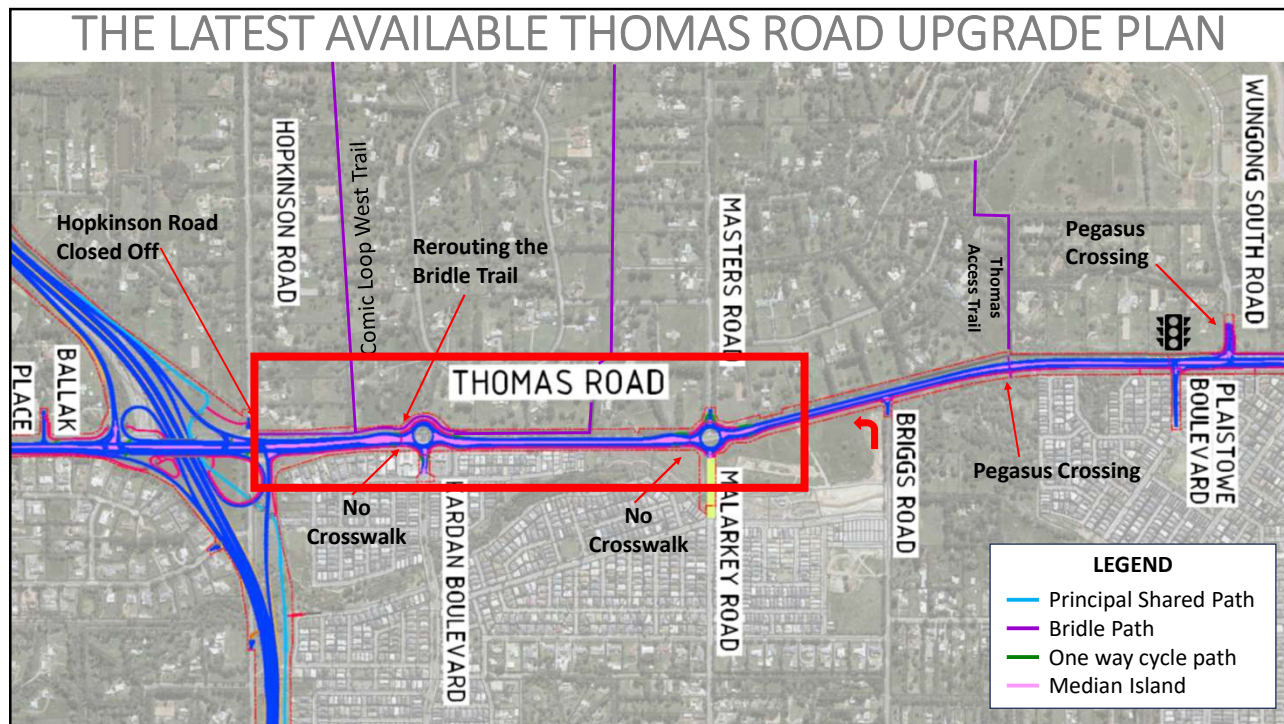


AVOIDING THESE TYPES OF RISKS

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THE ROUNDABOUTS – NOISE IMPLICATIONS

Currently, Thomas Road is **relatively unimpeded** so traffic *(including large trucks)* move through this area at a steady speed and noise level

Experienced horses can typically cope with this *(particularly as trees form a partial barrier)*

Therefore, the Comic Loop South Trail can be used *(and it has been used a lot)*



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THE ROUNDABOUTS – NOISE IMPLICATIONS

The Roundabouts change this – trucks will need to brake/accelerate!

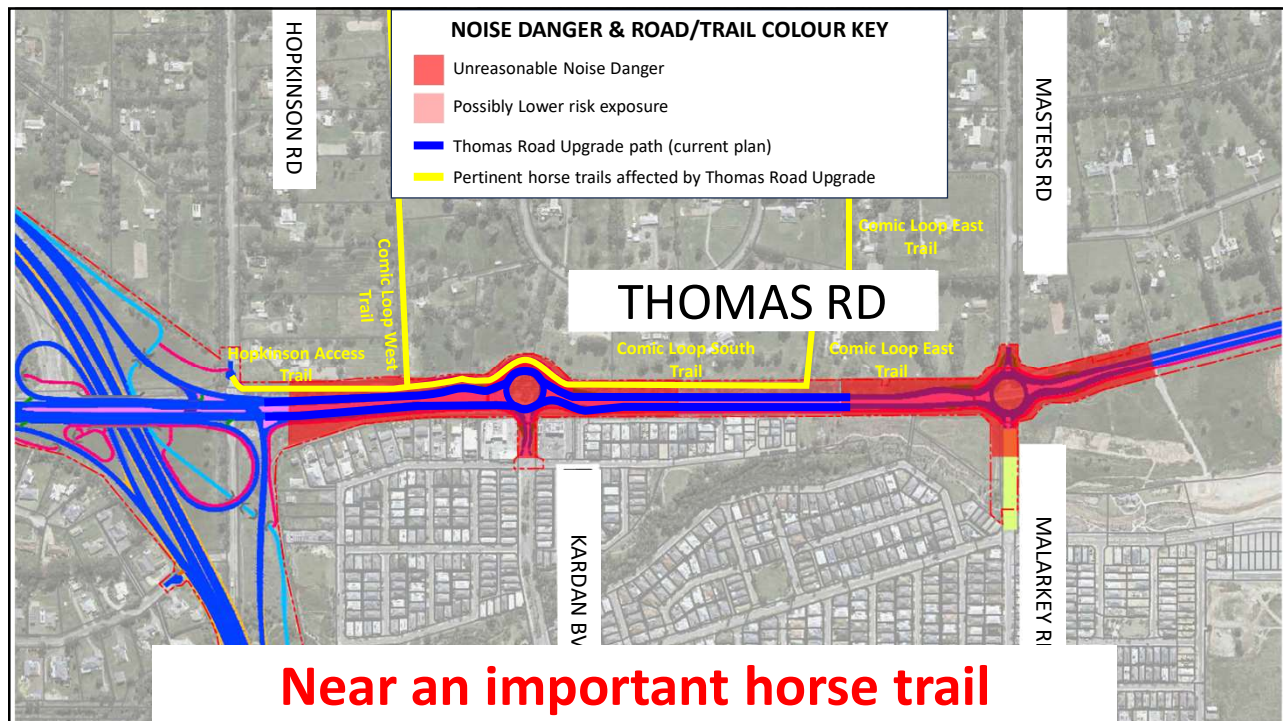


Malarkey Road/Masters Road Roundabout

Kardan Boulevard Roundabout

Generating unpredictable noise spikes >100 dB(A) & creating a long area of dangerous noise

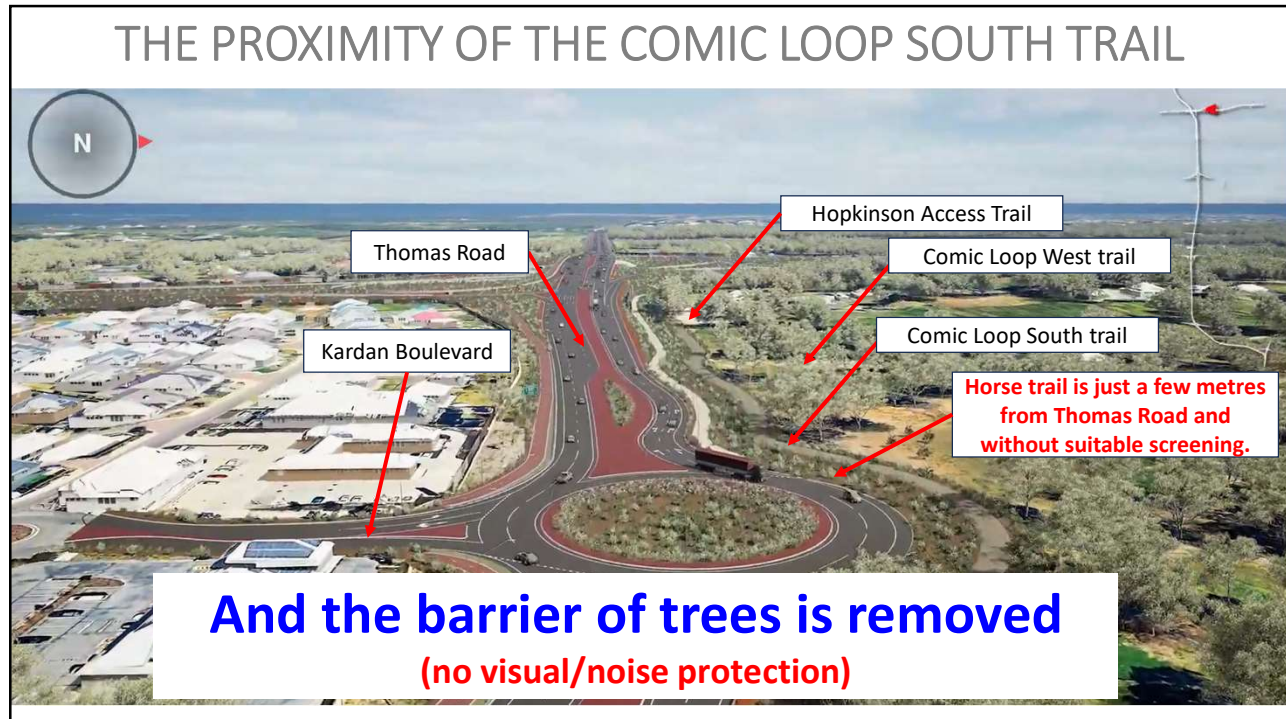
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WHICH CAN LEAD TO CATASTROPHIC ACCIDENTS

- Horses spooked and bolting
(killing/injuring horses, riders, bystanders and even people in vehicles)
- Making the area unusable!
- The State Government and Shire have mandated this reserve for equine use

See: [Taking the Reins](#), [WA Horse Trail Management Guidelines](#), [SJ Trails Master Plan](#), [Equine Facilities Master Plan](#), [Equine Strategy](#)

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WHY IS A SAFETY WALL NOT BEING INCLUDED?

- The risks are not even being assessed by the Alliance Partners
- Because they have taken a very narrow view of the term 'sensitive land use' – Which does not formally include recognition of Public Open Space in [SPP 5.4](#)
- However, other State Government Policies (such as [SPP 4.1](#) – Land use interfaces) **mandate the need to assess the risks in relation to Public Open Space reserves** like the DDEP trails

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ADDRESSING THIS IMPORTANT RISK

- The legal principal of **Statutory Interpretation** mandates that the broader interpretation be applied
- And [SPP 5.4](#) mandates that when designing roads, they must provide suitable 'amenity' – ***They are obliged to do something about the noise risks***
- Consequently, the DDRA has escalated the resolution to the Local Member in a [letter](#) (**Hugh Jones, MLA, Member for Darling Range**)



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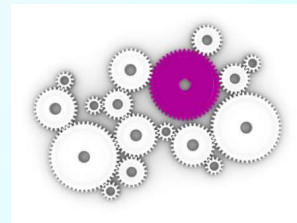
5 - Strategic Development Plan



1. Snapshot of effort



2. Workstreams



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ANNUAL EFFORT



Summary of Activity for the Period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

Approximate number of hours of volunteer work over the period: **2,480** hours

Covering the workstreams that we will discuss shortly

Approximate value of the hours of volunteer work provided (@ \$48 per hour): \$ 119,054

Approximate value of the hours of volunteer work provided (@ \$79 per hour): **\$ 195,944**

Target Hours for this FY: **2,200** hours

Percentage of Target Effort completed: 112.7%

Funds spent over the period supporting these activities: **\$17,681.65**

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SNAPSHOT UP TO TODAY



Summary for the period 1 July 24 to 22 Sept 25 (Last night)

Approximate number of hours of volunteer work over the Financial Year (FY) to date: **752 hours**

Approximate value of the hours of volunteer work provided (@ \$48 per hour): \$ 36,096

Approximate value of the hours of volunteer work provided (@ \$79 per hour): **\$ 59,408**

Target Hours for this FY: 2,200 hours

Percentage of **Target Effort completed: 34.2%** vs **Percentage of the FY completed: 23.1%**

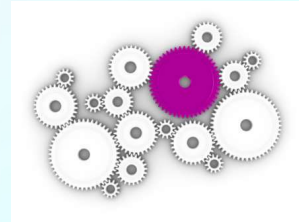
About 243.6 hours ahead of requirement

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5 - Strategic Development Plan



2. Workstreams



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THE WORKSTREAMS

- Discussion of the DDRA Strategic Development Plan (SDP) (Bruce, David & Eric)
- The objectives are:

- A. Provide an update on progress*
- B. Talk about current future plans*
- C. Let you have your say on future works/developments*



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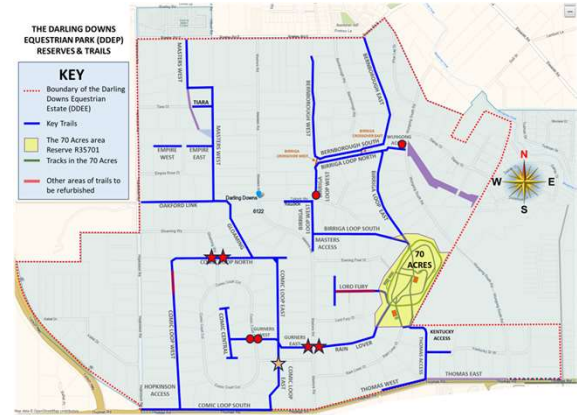
WS1 – TRAILS

CHICANE/CROSSOVER SURFACE REFURBISHMENT

Chicanes & Trail Surfaces

- ★ Surfaces completed
- ☆ Surfaces partially completed
- Surfaces yet to be filled

The plan is to **complete** these remaining chicanes/crossovers will be filled and levelled prior to the **end of November**



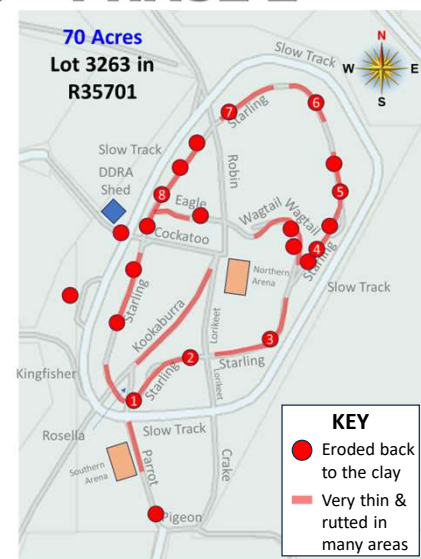
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1.2	SDP-Task 1.2	28/11/2023	WS1	2	DDRA	Chicane/Crossover trail surface refurbishment	1/12/25		Making progress – aim to finish this year	In Progress

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WS1 – TRAILS

TRAIL REFURBISHMENT – PHASE 2

- The trail surface problems are worse
- The surface has **broken through to the substrate (clay)** in many places
- In surfaces is now very **thin, rutted** and **pools with water**



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WS1 – TRAILS

SOME EXAMPLES OF THE PROBLEM



You can see where it puddles at the low points, and it has broken through to the clay
All photos taken Monday PM – After no rain for more than 12 hours

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WS1 – TRAILS

SOME EXAMPLES OF THE PROBLEM

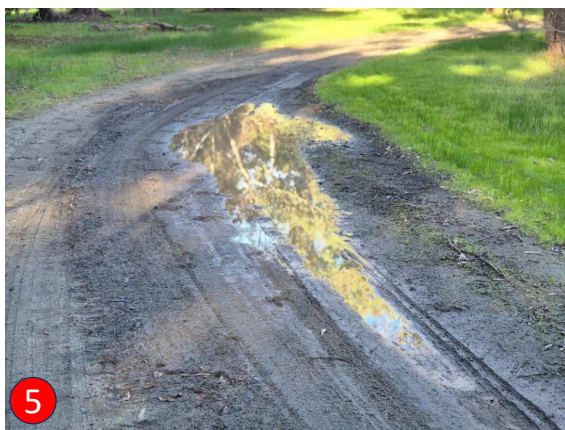


Deep puddles and exposed clay base – this is likely to get worse quickly if a new surface is not laid

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WS1 – TRAILS

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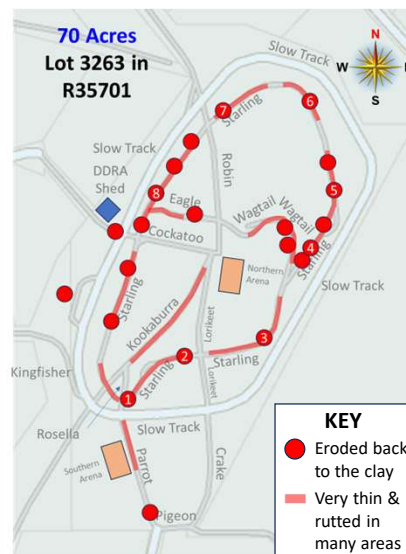
The sides of the track are just eroded clay, and it is getting worse

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WS1 – TRAILS

TRAIL REFURBISHMENT – PHASE 2

- ✓ The **Shire** has agreed to **fund the refurbishment** of these trails
- ✓ We expect the **project to commence in mid-October**
- ✓ Bruce will keep you informed on which sections are being addressed through Facebook – **Please monitor FB if you use the 70 Acres**




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1.3	SDP-Task 1.3-1.5	28/11/2023	WS1	1	SJ/ DDRA	Refurbish key trails	30/10/25		8/7/25: Rod Manning committed to provide funding for the 70 Acres	Awaiting Funds

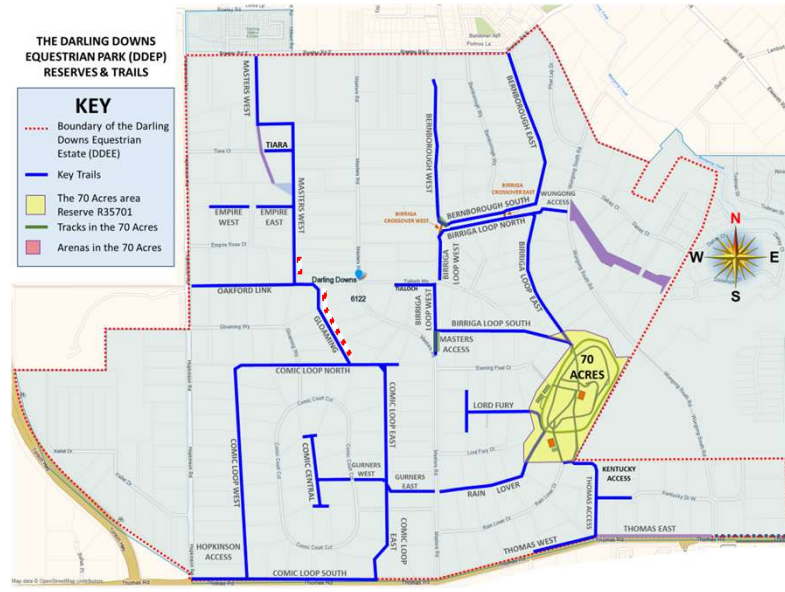
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WS1 – TRAILS (Other Trail Erosion)

Some of the trails
upgraded in Phase 1 are
also eroding

 Trail erosion

We are monitoring these



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Is anything
else
needed?

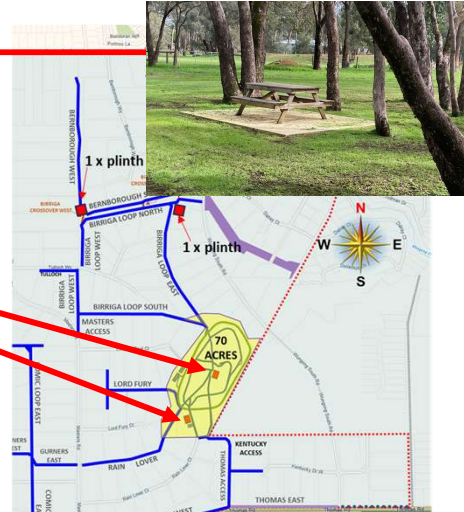


Vote on options as required

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WS 2 – REST AREAS – NEXT PHASE

- ✓ Second table has been repaired and will be installed soon
- ✓ The focus will then turn to providing the tables on the plinths



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Is anything
else
needed?



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WORKSTREAM 4 – VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

- A lot of trees and branches have come down this year



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WORKSTREAM 4 – RAPID RESPONSE

Reporting these on Facebook, means that we can address them quickly – often within just a few hours of the report



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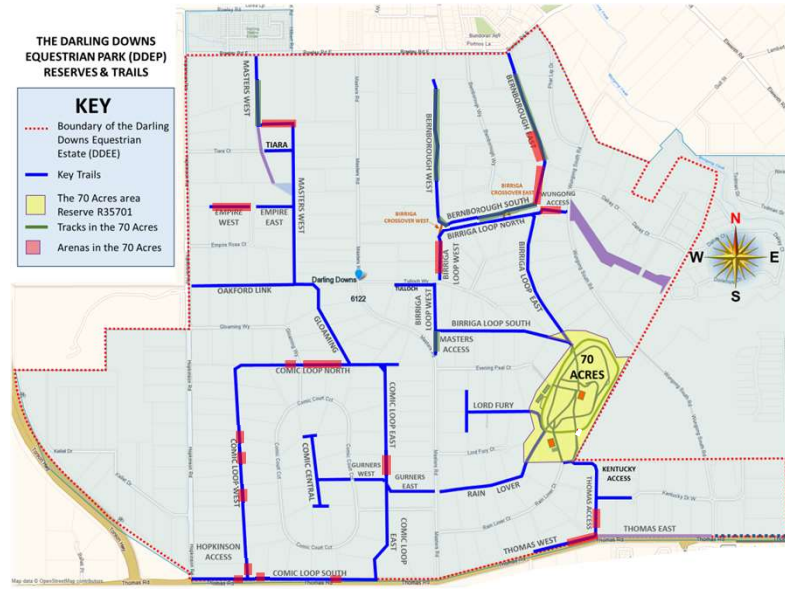
WORKSTREAM 4 – VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Areas needing most work

Most areas have been cleared (DDRA & Shire)

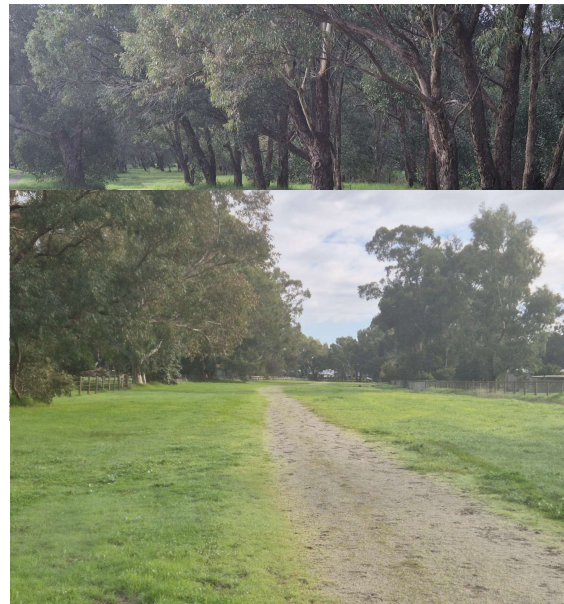
Some areas need some more work

Mowing is ongoing



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WORKSTREAM 4 – MOWING



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WORKSTREAM 5 – NEW VEGETATION

NEW PLANTING

✓ 1164 native trees/bushes were planted on 12 Jul 25

THE 70 ACRES AREA IN THE DDEP

KEY

- Red # Area number
- Black ### Number of plants

W N E S

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5.10	SDP Tasks 5.1 – 5.4	28/11/2023	WS5	2/3	DDRA/SJ	Planting new plants in the DDEP	13/7/25		Next round of planting successfully completed on 12 July 25 – 1164 plants	Closed

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WORKSTREAM 5 – NEW VEGETATION

WE HAD A GOOD TURNOUT – DESPITE THE WEATHER



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WORKSTREAM 5 – NEW VEGETATION

MULCH DISTRIBUTION



- ✓ A lot of mulch is being provided – and this is much appreciated
- ✓ Now that the rains have eased, DDRA volunteers will be **spreading this** (control weeds, improve growth of the new plants)
- ✓ DDRA volunteers will distribute this over the next two months

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WORKSTREAM 5 – NEW VEGETATION

MULCH DISTRIBUTION



- ✓ We also need people to rake it out
- ✓ Please come to the Busy Bees on 18/19 Oct & 8/9 Nov 25 – **We need your help** with this, and **other work needed to prepare for summer**

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Is anything
else
needed?



Vote on options as required

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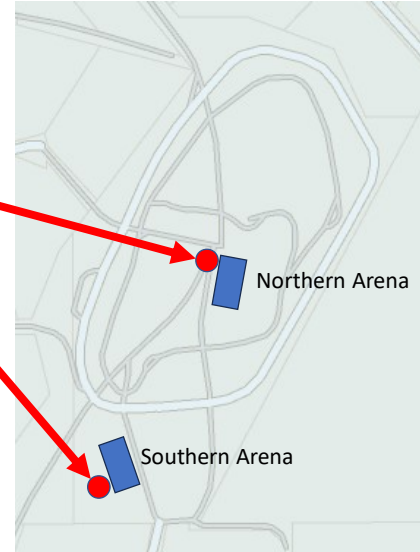
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WORKSTREAM 6 – FENCES, GATES, ETC

PROVIDE DEDICATED HITCHING POINTS AT THE TWO ARENAS



- ✓ Provide hitching rails at the northern and southern arenas – Aim to complete during this FY

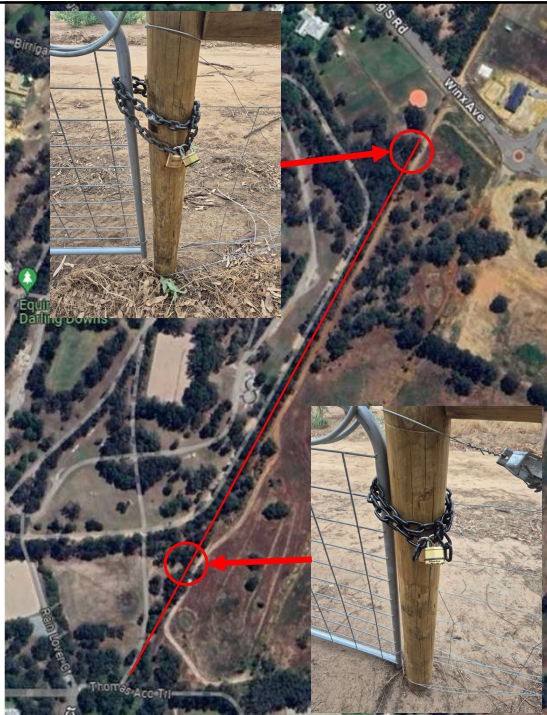


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WS6 FENCES

Many fences have been installed and repaired

With thanks to
Matelan Pilgrim
(Mates Rates
Fencing) &
Chris Eden Street
(Rods Equine
Solutions)



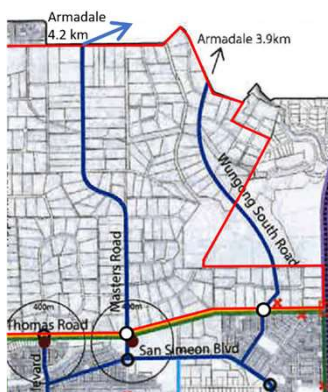
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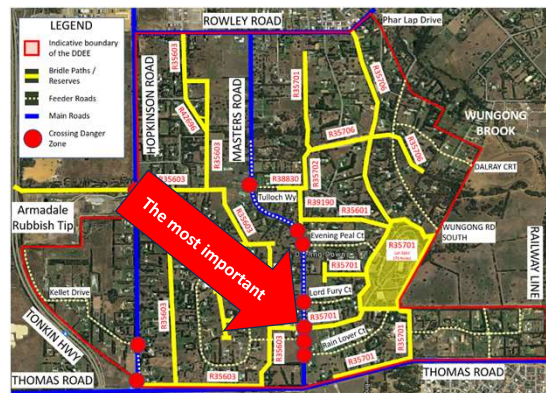
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WORKSTREAM 7 – SAFETY CONTROLS

BACKGROUND - MASTERS ROAD – PEGASUS CROSSING



Byford Local Development Strategy Figure 19



Key Danger Areas

- ✓ *Masters Road will be taking a lot more traffic (Linked to Malarkey & with the closure of Hopkinson Road)*
- ✓ *There are numerous places where horses use Masters Road*

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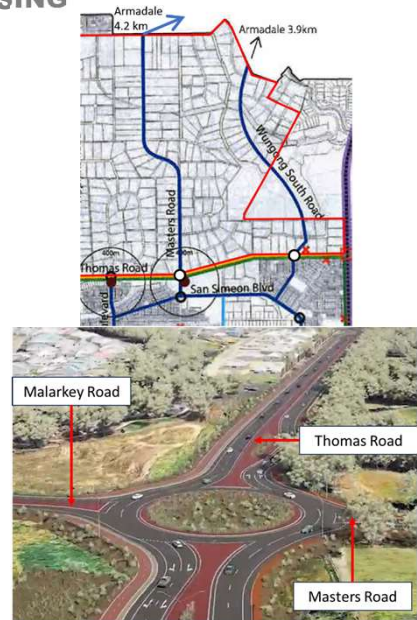
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WORKSTREAM 7 – SAFETY CONTROLS

MASTERS ROAD – PEGASUS CROSSING

- ✓ However, *Main Roads WA is unwilling to proceed*, currently insufficient traffic flow volume
- ✓ Missing the fact that closing Hopkinson Road and opening the Masters/Malarkey roundabout will *increase traffic flows rapidly*
- ✓ *Exposing horses* using this crossing to *much more risk*
- ✓ The DDRA is working with the Shire to address this ([see this presentation](#))
- ✓ *State Government support is also needed*



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WORKSTREAM 7 – SAFETY CONTROLS

SPEED LIMITS – MASTERS ROAD



- ✓ Masters Road has a **70 kph** limit
- ✓ Many cars go much faster
- ✓ The main crossing in the DDEP is here
- ✓ Quickly moving vehicles *increase the chance of a horse being hit* (this has happened before)
- ✓ With the increase in traffic this risk rises significantly

Main Roads WA is unwilling to change the current speed – State Govt Support is needed

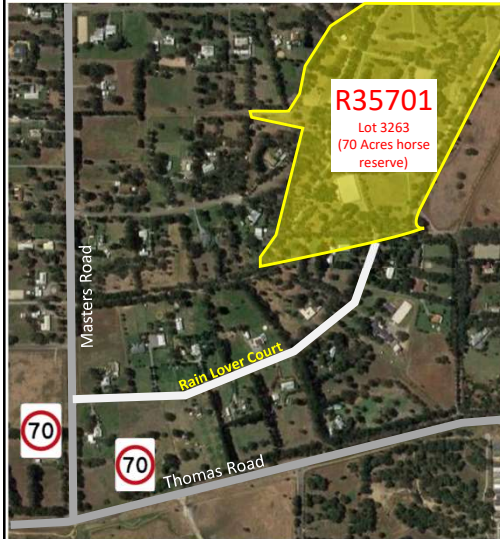
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WORKSTREAM 7 – SAFETY CONTROLS

SPEED LIMITS – OTHER KEY ROADS - SIGNAGE



- ✓ *Thomas Rd & Masters Road have 70 kph speed limits*
- ✓ *Other roads have no speed signage*
- ✓ *And people speed on these roads*
- ✓ *Rain Lover Court is a good example...*



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WORKSTREAM 7 – SAFETY CONTROLS

SPEED LIMITS – OTHER KEY ROADS - SIGNAGE

- ✓ *It is understandable that people might not know the speed limits because they might not equate side roads in the DDEE as 'built up areas'*



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WORKSTREAM 7 – SAFETY CONTROLS

SPEED LIMITS – OTHER KEY ROADS - SIGNAGE

- ✓ *It is understandable that people might not know the speed limits because they might not equate side roads in the DDEE as 'built up areas'*



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WORKSTREAM 7 – SAFETY CONTROLS

SPEED LIMITS – OTHER KEY ROADS - SIGNAGE

- ✓ *Can you spot the difference – not-built-up/built-up?*
- ✓ *Can someone who comes off Masters Road at 70kph be expected to see Rain Lover Court as being a 50 kph zone*
- ✓ *The DDRA and Shire have raised this point with Main Roads WA twice*
- ✓ *They have rejected speed signs – **completely missing the risks***



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WORKSTREAM 7 – SAFETY CONTROLS

SPEED LIMITS – OTHER KEY ROADS - SIGNAGE



- ✓ *This exposes horses using the road to substantial risk*
- ✓ *Main Roads WA have rejected installing speed signs (they have been approached twice now)*

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WORKSTREAM 7 – SAFETY CONTROLS

SPEED LIMITS – OTHER KEY ROADS - SIGNAGE



- ✓ *Although speed signs can't be procured*
- ✓ *The Shire has agreed to investigate and install appropriate signs*
- ✓ *The priority is Rain Lover Court and Evening Peel Court*



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WORKSTREAM 7 – SAFETY CONTROLS

SPEED LIMITS – ROAD MAINTENANCE

- ✓ *The roads in the Darling Downs area are getting hammered and there is a lot of wear and tear*
- 👍 *The Shire team is doing a lot of work to try to fix these*
- ✓ *But high-volume roads (e.g. **Masters Road**) are being fundamentally damaged*
- ✓ *The Shire is investigating getting funding under the Act to repair the damage done*



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Is anything
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needed?



Vote on options as required

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WORKSTREAM 8 – MAINTENANCE

NORTHERN & SOUTHERN ARENAS IN THE 70 ACRES



- ✓ The two arenas are being upgraded and repaired this FY
 - Fencing repairs
 - Gate repairs
 - Clearing overhanging trees
 - Adding more sand (**particularly southern arena – address hard spots**)
 - Raking in and levelling the sand
- ✓ The equipment in each arena will be upgraded and rationalised

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WORKSTREAM 8 – MAINTENANCE

NORTHERN & SOUTHERN ARENAS IN THE 70 ACRES



- ✓ **Northern Arena – Multi Use**
 - Set up 60 x 20 dressage arena (Eastern side) – dressage markers on fence & cones with markers
 - Provide more jumping facilities on the western side (**2 x cavalettis & poles for flatwork space**)
- ✓ **Southern Arena – Multi Use**
 - Jumps can be cleared easily
 - Provide more jumping facilities in this arena (**Jumps & wings, 3 barrels, short poles for flat work**)

This project has commenced

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This has been made feasible by donation of:

- The wings – donated by *Peter Benson*
- The poles - donated *Gosnells Riding & Pony Club* – with thanks to *Robyn Vale*
- The delivery of the poles at no cost by *Daryl & Brian Vale*
- With thanks to everyone involved

Once the poles are painted/marked, they will be provided – **does anyone want to help with this project?**



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Is anything else needed?



Vote on options as required

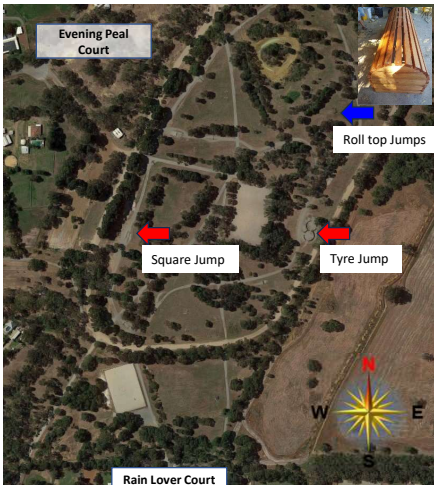
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WORKSTREAM 10 – JUMPS

CROSS COUNTRY JUMP PROJECT



✓ Refurbish all jumps



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WORKSTREAM 10 – JUMPS



The previous tyre jump was in a poor state

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10.2-10.3	SDP Task 10.2 – 10.4	28/11/2023	WS10	2/3	DDRA	Complete plan for the cross-country jumps & then upgrade	31 Dec 25		First three repaired/installed 16 Apr 25. Others as time is available	In progress

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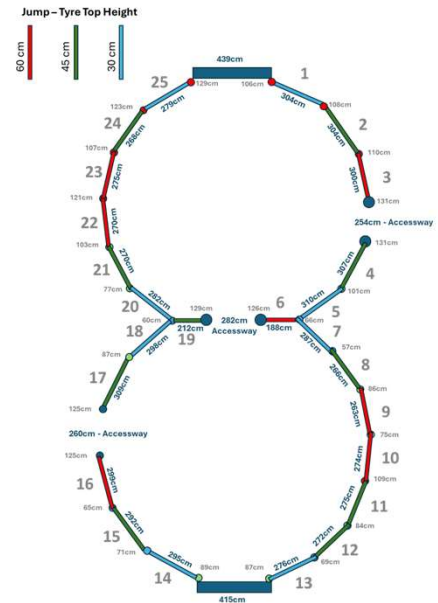
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WORKSTREAM 10 – JUMPS



This is being completely refurbished and built to be more practical & last for a long time



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WORKSTREAM 10 TYRE JUMPS



- We have had free contractor help provided Kevin Cox & Ross Stewart & Tristan Merrick (Merrick's Maintenance) – Thank you

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WORKSTREAM 12 – SIGNAGE

TRAIL SIGNAGE



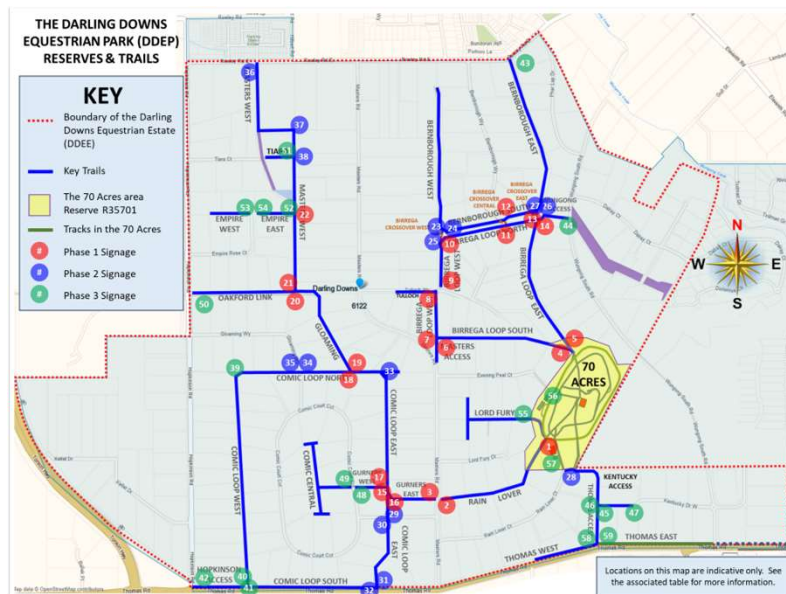
- ✓ \$25,000 - State Government Grant – Available by 4/10/25
- ✓ \$11,000 - Bendigo Bank Funds already provided
- ✓ The DDRA has budgeted the remainder (\$1,421)
- ✓ Aim to implement at least Phases 1 & 2 this year

Ref #	Origin	Date Raised	WS	Priority	Action by	Action Description	Due Date	Closed Date	Comments	Status
12.4	SDP Task 12.3	28/11/2023	WS12	2	DDRA	Develop costed plan for provision of trail signage	30 Jun 25		The plans were completed and forwarded for grant request	Closed
12.5	SDP Task 12.3	28/11/2023	WS12	1	DDRA	Source funding for trail signage	4/10/25		Bendigo Bank & State Gov	Pending
12.6	SDP Task 12.3	28/11/2023	WS12	1	DDRA	Implement trail signage	30 Oct 25		Phases 1 and 2 before end 2025	

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WORKSTREAM 12 – SIGNAGE

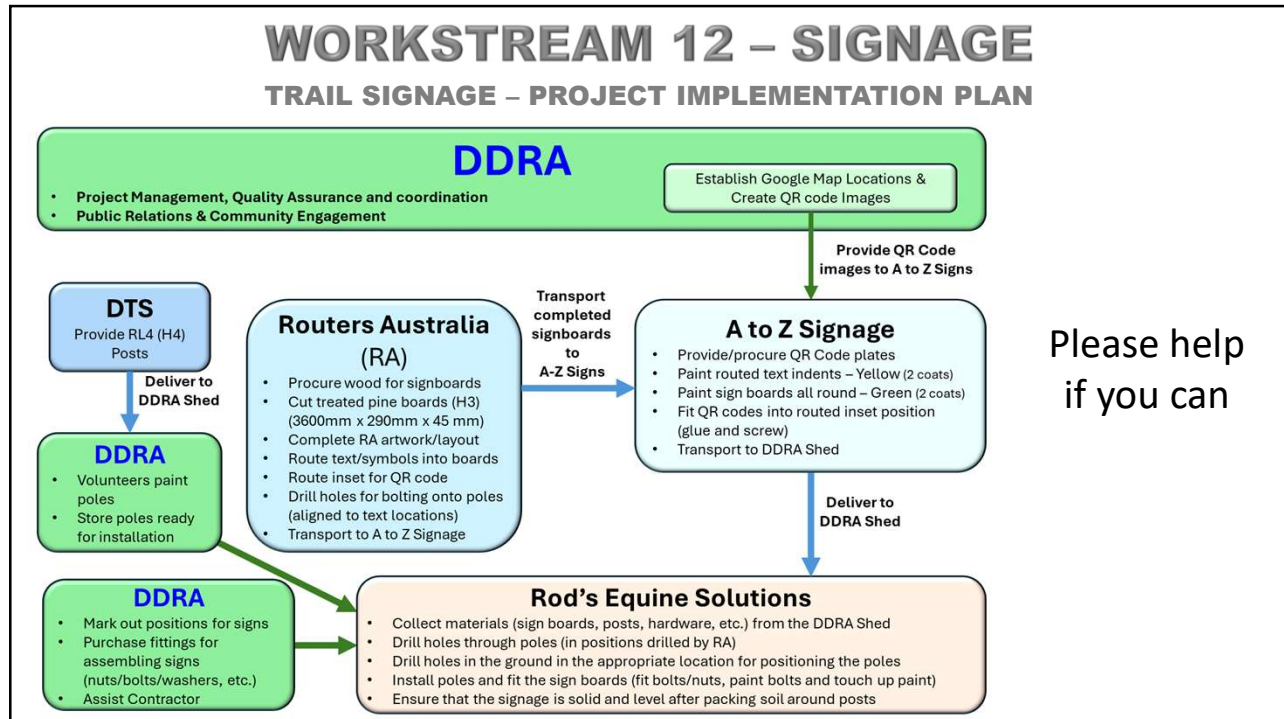
TRAIL SIGNAGE



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Proposer **Secunder** **Vote**

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Thank You to the Volunteers

So much work done behind the scenes

DDRA Committee

- Planning & coordination of works and management
- Coordinating with the Shire and other stakeholders
- Implementing actions to achieve the various goals identified

DDRA Stalwarts

- Mowing, clearing trees, planting and doing much of the other work described for the workstreams
- Being on call to help and working hard to help achieve the goals

Other volunteers

- Many people have participated in one or more busy bee – their help is invaluable as we need assistance to achieve the objectives

WE CAN DO EVEN MORE WITH ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS. COME AND JOIN!
YOU ARE WELCOME TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY PART OF THE TEAM

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VOTE ON AGENDA ITEM 6

Resolution:

To accept the DDRA Committee's Report.

Proposer

Secunder

Vote

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7. FINANCIAL REPORT: 24/25 FY

Main Account

Funds in working account 1st July 2024	\$ 194.77
Income/Revenue	
Revenue received from beginning of FY to date	\$ 20,905.00
Expenditure	
Total Expenditure to date	\$ 17,681.65
Bank Fees	\$ 14.40
Bridle Path/ Track Improvements	\$ 1,389.68
Consumables	\$ 232.78
Fuel	\$ 1,490.09
Equipment & tools	\$ 1,203.02
Shed	\$ 1,149.56
Jumps	\$ 2,054.94
Shire payment for free slasher – Get Grapple	\$ 3,300.00
Support Costs	\$ 1,139.56
Insurance	\$ 2,151.03
Tractor/Equipment & Maintenance	\$ 3,556.59
Balance at bank working account 30/6/25	\$ 3,418.12

WS20 Account

Funds in WS20 1st July 24	\$ 2524.79
Income/Revenue	
Interest received	\$ 41.73
Advertising/sponsors	\$ 1000.0
Expenditure	
Signs	\$
Closing balance at bank	\$ 3,566.52

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7. FINANCIAL REPORT 25/26 FY

Main Account

Funds in working account 1st July 2025	\$ 3,418.12
Income/Revenue	
Revenue received from beginning of FY to date	\$ 18,660.00
Bendigo Bank Signage Grant	\$ 11,000.00
Expenditure	
Total Expenditure to date	\$ 2,226.34
Bank Fees	\$ 4.80
Bridle Path/ Track Improvements	\$
Consumables	\$ 43.60
Fuel	\$ 159.36
Equipment & tools	\$ 267.98
Shed	\$ 24.99
Jumps	\$ 1,270.18
Support Costs	\$ 246.93
Insurance	\$
Tractor/Equipment & Maintenance	\$ 208.50
Balance at bank working account 18/09/25	\$ 30,851.78

WS20 Account

Funds in WS20 1st July 25	\$ 3566.52
Income/Revenue	
Interest received	\$ 8.25
Advertising/sponsors	\$
Expenditure	
Signs	\$
Closing balance at bank	\$ 3,574.77

Total funds at present	\$ 34,426.55
State Govt Grant (signage)	\$ 25,000.00
Total Funds in Oct 25	\$ 59,426.55
Minus Signage Project funds	\$ 37,421.00
Available for Projects	\$ 22,005.55

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VOTE ON AGENDA ITEM 7

Resolution:

To accept the DDRA Financial Report.

Proposer

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Vote

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AGENDA ITEM 8

**Committee
Members**

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AGENDA ITEM 8 – COMMITTEE STATUS/VOTE

Role	Incumbent	Status
President	Bruce Hilliard	Confirmed at AGM
Vice President	David Ransom	Elected by Committee – Needs AGM confirmation
Secretary	Pam Hilliard	Confirmed at AGM
Treasurer	Carol Fawcett	Confirmed at AGM
Works Manager	Eric Chabros	Elected by Committee – Needs AGM confirmation
Ordinary Member	Brian Vale	Confirmed at AGM
Ordinary Member	Robyn Vale	Confirmed at AGM
Ordinary Member	Amanda Smith	Confirmed at AGM
Ordinary Member	Dave Emery	Confirmed at AGM
Ordinary Member	Matt Emery	Confirmed at AGM
Ordinary Member	Eugenie Kestel	Confirmed at AGM
Ordinary Member	Charlotte Boyes	Elected by Committee – Needs AGM confirmation
Ordinary Member	Emily Dagnall	Volunteer – Needs confirmation at the AGM

Are there any additional volunteers?

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VOTE ON AGENDA ITEM 8

Resolution:

To accept the **new** members/nominees to become members of the DDRA Committee for a period of up to three years (as per RoA Clause 11.4(2)).

Proposer

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Vote

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AGENDA ITEM 9

Discuss and vote on other Agenda items raised by DDRA members, in accordance with Clause 18 of the DDRA Rules of Association ([Bruce](#))

Additional points for discussion were already covered in the SDP discussion

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AGENDA ITEM 10 General Business

Does anyone have any matters they want to raise now?

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Close the meeting (Bruce)



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Thank you for your time and support

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