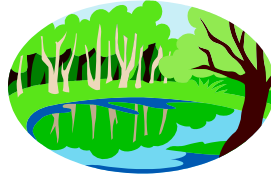


HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

***Thursday 5th March 2026
at 9.00 am***



A. IN ATTENDANCE – Mr WG Skinner (Member), Ms TL Olsen (Member) via TEAMS, Cr AD Carr (Member), Cr KS Milton (Member), Ms LF Carr (Secretary) and Mr Brett Langtree (Trust Engineer).

B. APOLOGIES – Mr RA Bosworth (Member).

C. MINUTES - Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on 5 February 2026.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be approved.
(Cr AD Carr and Cr KS Milton - carried)

D. WORKS REPORT – The Trust Engineer, Mr Brett Langtree, provided an update of works for the months of December, January and February:

1. 2025 Flood Damage

- QRA REPA submission is at 94% approval stage, to the value of \$994,460.50 approved. Awaiting final approval from QRA.
- Mr David Goode has requested an update on the proposed works.
- Held a meeting with QRA on 11/02/2026.
- Awaiting a response regarding the five (5) applications for the 2024-25 Environmental Recovery Package: Environmental Cleanup and Local Conservation Program North and Far North Tropical Low, 29 January 2025 – 28 February 2025, that were completed and lodged through the Smarty Grants portal. We have been advised that we will not find out until at least January 2026 if we have been successful.

2. Reprofiling of Castorina Island

- Prescribed Tidal Works Application is being completed and is planned to be lodged with HSC by 16/03/2026.
- Mr Steven Castorina has reminded the trust regarding his contribution with respect to reinstating their bank washout and the north channel shifting through their riparian zone.
- Langtrees provided QRA with the monthly report on 25/02/2026.

3. Sheahan Pile Field Site

- Nothing to report this month.

4. Hinchinbrook Drainage Advisory Group

- Letter sent to Minister Dale Last MP.

5. Complete the Attachment B: 2025-26 RIT project reporting (Project Plans)

- Langtrees and Ms Olsen to complete the required paperwork.

Ms Sharon Marks (Program Specialist, Greening Australia) joined the meeting via TEAMS at 10.08 am and outlined the Reef Aid Program. Ms Marks left the meeting at 10.32 am.

6. Lyons and Exelby's Pile Fields Clean-up

- Nothing to report this month.

7. Marine Cove Moorings

- Ongoing discussions with the Body Corporate.

8. Lagoon Creek works

- It is understood that these works have been completed.

9. Ripple Creek Stream Restoration

- It is understood that these works have been completed.

10. Blue Butterfly Creek Annual Works

- It is understood that these works have been completed by Timrith.

11. M and B Ingegneri

- Langtrees inspected the site on 06/11/2025.
- Mr Skinner to confirm if this is a double up on their February 2025 QRIDA claim.

12. Mr Michael Carey Site Inspection

- Langtrees inspected the site on 06/11/2025.
- Nothing to report this month.

13. Mr Ciano Mammarella, Waterview Creek

- Langtrees inspected the site on 06/11/2025. Mr Mammarella was requested to send through the quote that was obtained for these works. This has not been received to date. He has applied for QRIDA funding, however it is understood he was requesting HRIT to fund any works above the QRIDA grant funding.
- Nothing to report this month.

14. Clerk, Waterview Creek

- Langtrees inspected the site on 06/11/2025.
- Nothing to report this month.

15. Mr Laurie Spina, Lagoon Creek Slump

- Langtrees inspected the site on 06/11/2025.
- It is understood these works have been completed.

16. Mr Glen Cristaudo, Herbert River Sedimentation

- Trust to advise if this site is required to be inspected.
- Nothing to report this month.

17. Mr Wolfie Williamson (Mr Mario Porta), 192 Capras Road, Abergowrie (QRIDA)

- Nothing to report this month.

18. Ms Carol Mackee, Herbert River (Long Pocket School to Wilmar Rail Line)

- Ms Mackee has requested an inspection of her site.

19. Mr Rodney Robino

- Mr Robino has requested an inspection of his site.

20. Mr Lawrence Tonto

- Mr Tonto has requested an inspection of his site.

21. Marino (Site 3)

- It is understood that these works have been completed.

22. Mr Rino Zatta

- Mr Zatta has requested a 50:50 cost sharing arrangement from the HRIT.

23. Frances Creek Levee

- Langtrees provided HRIT with a contact within the DTMR corridor management team.

24. Mr Shaun Bona, 1670 Stone River Road (two (2) sites)

- Mr Bona has requested assistance from HRIT.

25. Mr Tony Hardy, 113 Exelbys Road, Stone River

- Mr Hardy has requested assistance from HRIT.

26. Skinner/Chapman, 387 Lannercost Extension Road

- Requested a 50:50 cost sharing arrangement from the HRIT.

27. Mr Santo Lamari

- Mr Lamari has requested assistance from HRIT.

28. Mr Max Brownlow (Terrain NRM) meeting request

- Mr Brownlow has requested to attend the next HRIT meeting.

29. Mr Wayne Blanco

- Mr Blanco has requested an inspection of his site.

30. Mr Lino Tomba, 118 Rosevale Road

- Mr Tomba has requested an inspection of his site.

31. Mr Trent Locastro (DLGWV)

- Mr Locastro has asked if the trust has any objections to concrete being used to stabilise the existing water sampling location on Gowrie Creek.

32. Mr Frank Scardamaglia (Canegrowers)

- Mr Scardamaglia has requested a meeting with the trust to discuss the Lower Herbert Flood Impacts and Future Planning.

33. Digital Systems Usage

- HRIT requested to respond to the State Council's attempt to develop some consistency across the trusts.

34. Stream re-alignment Stone River

- It is understood that these works have been completed.

Regards



Mr Brett Langtree
Director/Principal Civil Engineer

RESOLVED – That the trust will inspect the following sites: Cristaudo, Mackee, Robino, Tento, Tomba, Blanco and Stokes.

That the Trust Engineer will inspect the following sites: Lyons, Exelby, Ingegneri and Lamari.

All inspections will be done when weather permits.

That the Trust Engineer document the permit process for Seymour River (downstream of the highway) and obtain quotes for the Carey site.

(Mr WG Skinner and Ms TL Olsen - carried)

E. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. EMAIL RECEIVED FROM MR WAYNE BLANCO RE: DAMAGE

Consideration of email received 5 February 2026 requesting an inspection by the trust.

RESOLVED – That the trust visit the site and conduct an inspection.

(Cr KS Milton and Cr AD Carr - carried)

2. EMAIL RECEIVED FROM MS AMANDA HOCKLEY (SCRTQ)

Consideration of email received 22 February 2026 updating key highlights from the 18 February 2026 meeting.

RESOLVED – That the email be received and noted.

(Mr WG Skinner and Cr AD Carr - carried)

3. EMAIL RECEIVED FROM MR FRANK SCARDAMAGLIA (MANAGER, HERBERT RIVER CANEGROWERS)

Consideration of email received 25 February 2026, writing on behalf of affected Lower Herbert landholders, seeking a formal meeting with the Herbert River Improvement Trust.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Chair summarise the issues raised and present them to Mr Scardamaglia.

That Mr Scardamaglia be advised (by the Trust Chair) of the formal meeting date of 30 March 2026 at 9.00 am, Council Chambers.

(Cr KS Milton and Ms TL Olsen - carried)

4. EMAIL RECEIVED FROM MR LAWRENCE DI BELLA (QCAR) RE: HALIFAX RIFLE RANGE DRAIN, DRAFT PROPOSAL

Consideration of email received 4 March 2026 seeking approval from the trust to accept the position as the project manager and any comments that add value to the project proposal.

RESOLVED – That the trust agrees in principle to accept the position of Project Manager for the Halifax Rifle Range Drain, subject to funding approvals.

That the Trust Engineer complete a scope of works and costings to enable a permit to be obtained for Rifle Range Drain, Swampy Creek and Alligator Ponds.

(Cr KS Milton and Ms TL Olsen - carried)

5. EMAIL RECEIVED FROM MR MAX BROWNLOW (TERRAIN NRM)

Consideration of email received 4 March 2026 regarding setting up a meeting time with Terrain NRM and the trust in the coming weeks to discuss developments at the Sheahan site.

RESOLVED – That the Trust Secretary invite Mr Brownlow to the next meeting and request that the latest design documentation be forwarded to the trust a week prior (at least) to the meeting.
(Cr KS Milton and Mr WG Skinner - carried)

F. BUSINESS –

1. MILEAGE - CR CARR

254 kilometres travelled December 2025 to February 2026 conducting inspections, mainly in the Lower Herbert area.

Total claim: 254 klms @ 74c = \$187.96.

RESOLVED – That the claim be approved.
(Ms TL Olsen and Mr WG Skinner - carried)

2. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

RESOLVED – That the Trust Secretary has forwarded the Audit Financial Statements 24/25 to the Queensland Audit Office.
(Cr KS Milton and Mr WG Skinner - carried)

G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –

1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as of 5 March 2026:

Payee	Amount (\$)	Details
Mr RA Bosworth	344.40	Meeting 5/2
Mr WG Skinner	403.32	Meeting 5/2
Cr AD Carr	322.20	Meeting 5/2
Cr AD Carr	187.96	Mileage December to February
Ms TL Olsen	300.00	Meeting 5/2
Cr KS Milton	322.20	Meeting 5/2
Ms LF Carr	1 045.00	Administration and accounting February
Ms LF Carr	125.40	Super guarantee February
Mr WG Skinner	30.00	Reimburse SIM (Telstra) floodgates February
Langtree Consulting Engineers	10 783.96	Services February
Australia Post	192.00	PO box renewal
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	344.28	Levies (3 @ \$114.76)
JD's Fluid Connectors	2 714.19	Repair flood gates
L Rosadi	1 012.50	Mowing Halifax levee February
Wild Local Pty Ltd	102.85	HRIT function 5/2
Core Publishing	220.00	Advertising - recruitment
Lyons North	9 900.00	Excavator hire (Stone River steam re-alignment)
Lahtinen Electrical	550.00	Check fault with gates
Ergon	212.99	Electricity floodgates Pd 11/2

RESOLVED – That the accounts be passed for payment.
(Cr AD Carr and Ms TL Olsen - carried)

H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 1.47 pm with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, 2 April 2026 at 9.00 am, Council Chambers.

Action Item	Assigned to	Deadline
Document the permit process for Seymour River (downstream of the highway) and obtain quotes for the Carey site.	Brett	2 April
Summarise the issues raised and present them to Mr Scardamaglia. Mr Scardamaglia to be advised of the formal meeting date.	Wallis	2 April
Complete a scope of works and costings to enable a permit to be obtained for Rifle Range Drain, Swampy Creek and Alligator Ponds.	Brett	2 April
Invite Mr Brownlow to the next meeting and request that the latest design documentation be forwarded to the trust a week prior (at least) to the meeting.	Leigh	ASAP

Mr Wallis G Skinner
Trust Chair