

# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT

## TOWNSVILLE MOUNTAIN BIKE STRATEGY



### 1. About the project

Townsville City Council is committed to supporting parks, sporting fields and recreational areas that promote active lifestyles, bring people together and contribute to the wellbeing of our city. To deliver on this commitment, Council is preparing a holistic **Townsville Mountain Bike Strategy** that is community centric and evidence-based, and that is aimed at increasing the liveability of our city through improving health, wellbeing and economic capacity.

The Townsville Mountain Bike Strategy objectives are:

- Improve the liveability of Townsville and the health and wellbeing of the Townsville community;
- Create a sustainable mountain bike tourism market in Townsville;
- Provide a multi-stage 10-year Masterplan for mountain bike trail development in Townsville; and
- Provide sustainable management guidelines for mountain bike infrastructure.

### 2. Introduction – Public Consultation

A round of public consultation regarding the Townsville Mountain Bike Strategy ran from **Wednesday 29 July 2020** to **Wednesday 19 August 2020**, which gathered valuable community feedback on the core objectives of the strategy. Respondent submissions were received by Council via the Have Your Say Townsville (HYST) online platform, which was supported by a boosted social media effort and collateral install at Douglas MTB Tracks and Pallarenda Trails.

This report identifies and captures all feedback associated with the project and serves as a public document to close the loop on the engagement process. The findings contained herein are presented in their entirety and draw no recommendations on project or strategy outcomes going forward.

### 3. Public consultation outcomes

This consultation was based around the Have Your Say Townsville (HYST) online platform, whereby respondents could register and provide opinions and additional comment on this project.

Through the HYST platform, Council received **567** respondents to the Survey, with an additional **67** Points of Interest marked on the 'Places' mapping tool.

**Key findings** that Council received from this consultation were:

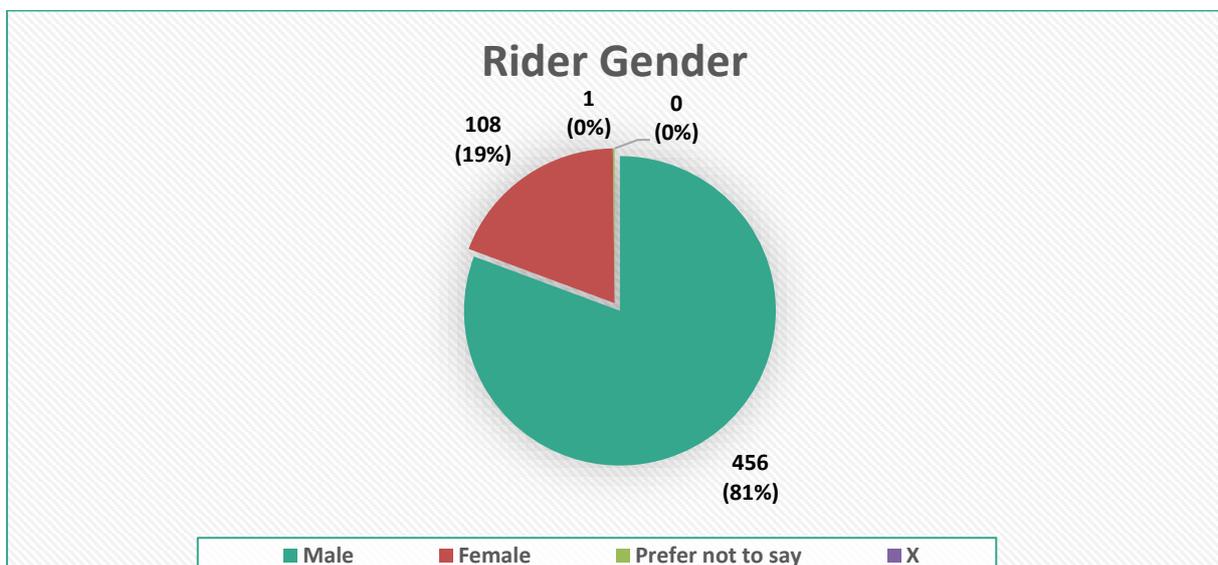
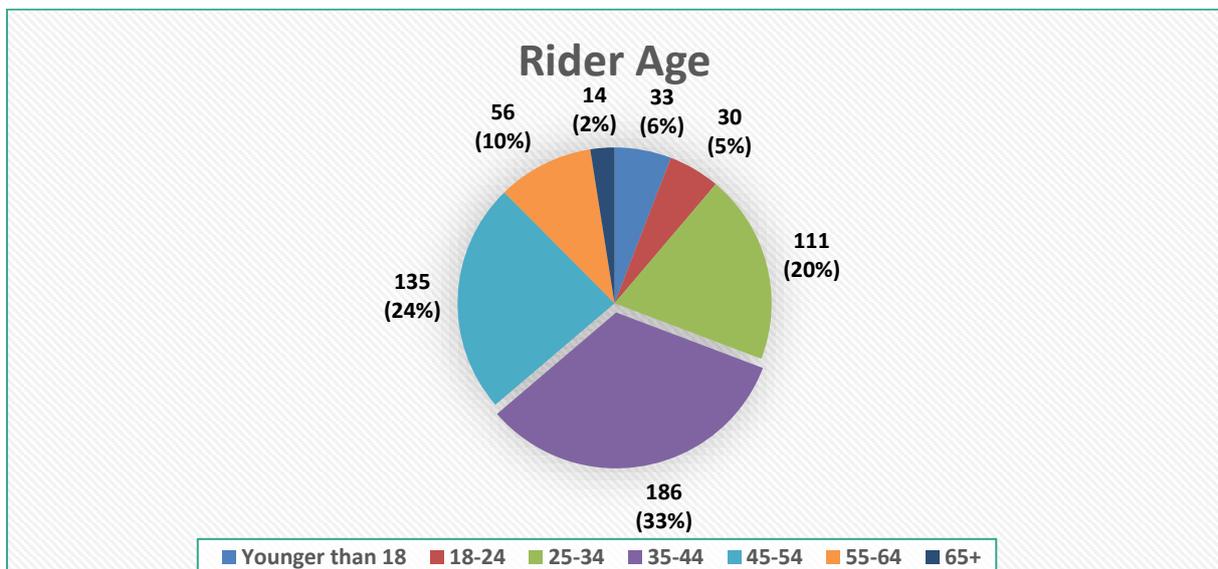
- Significant support for development of future mountain biking opportunities within the Townsville LGA;
- Support for development of associated supporting infrastructure (carparking, amenities etc) at trail locations;

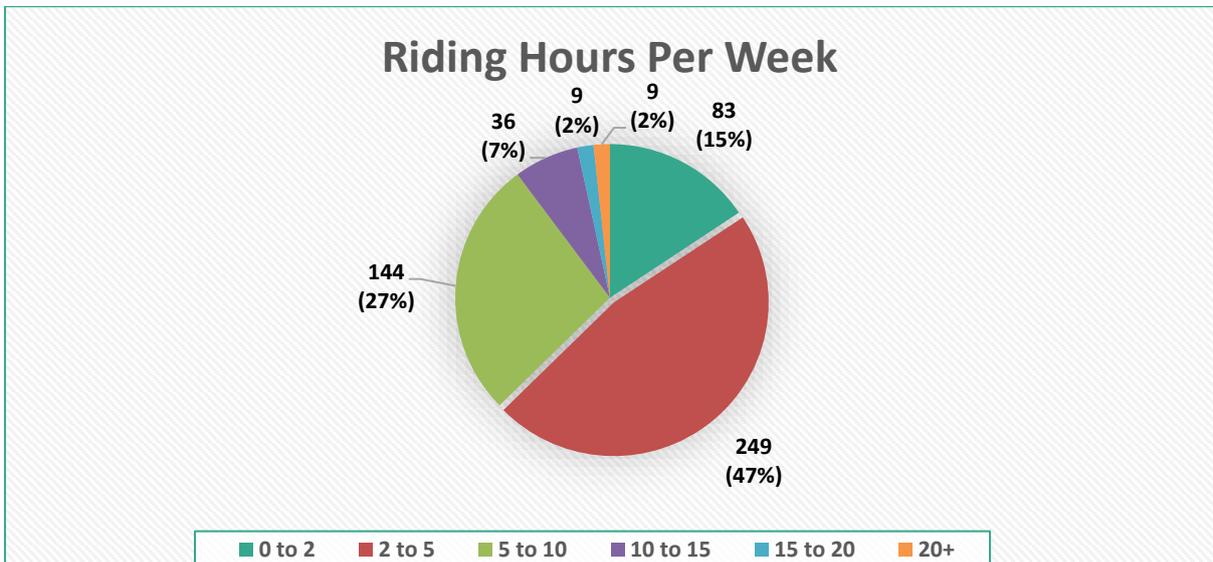
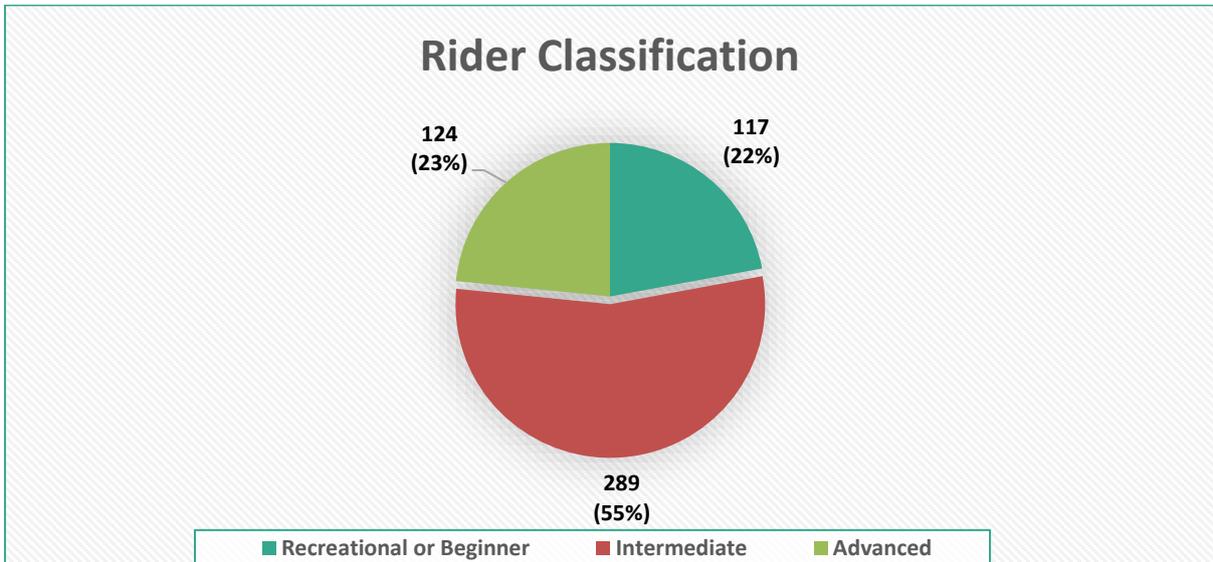
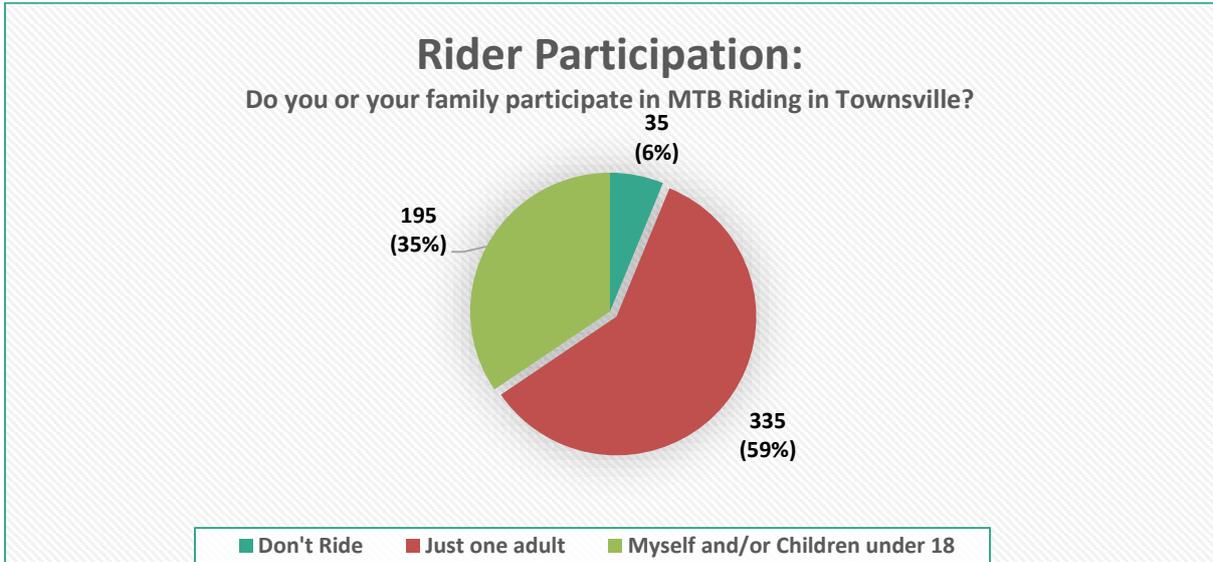
- Some concerns around logistics of making trails shared spaces between riders and walkers / hikers; and
- Strong community belief in the economic benefits of sports and adventure tourism.

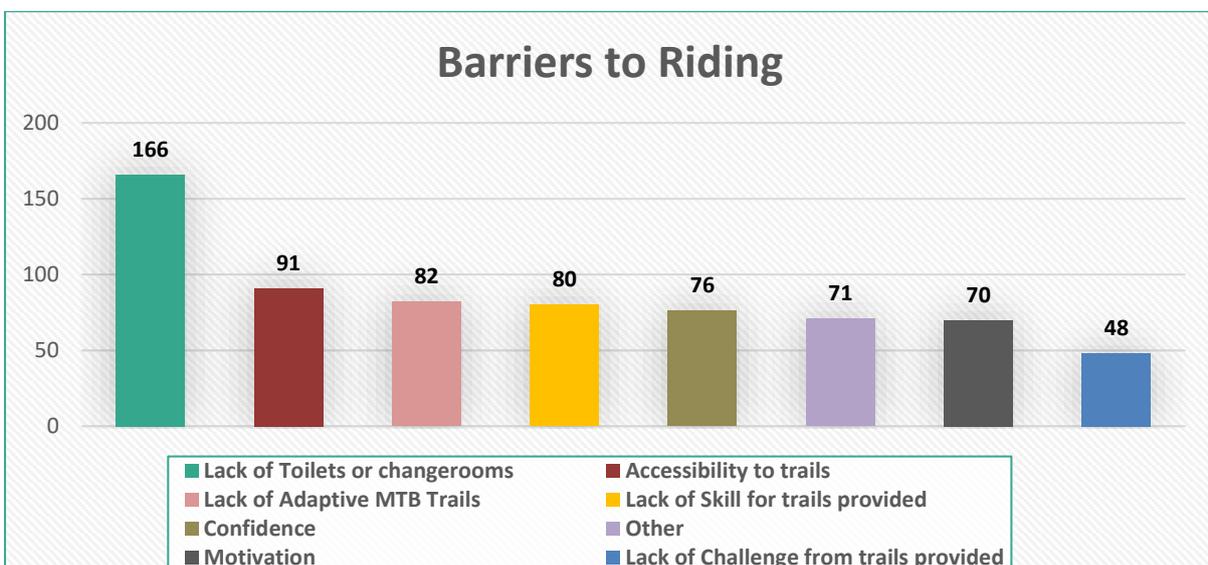
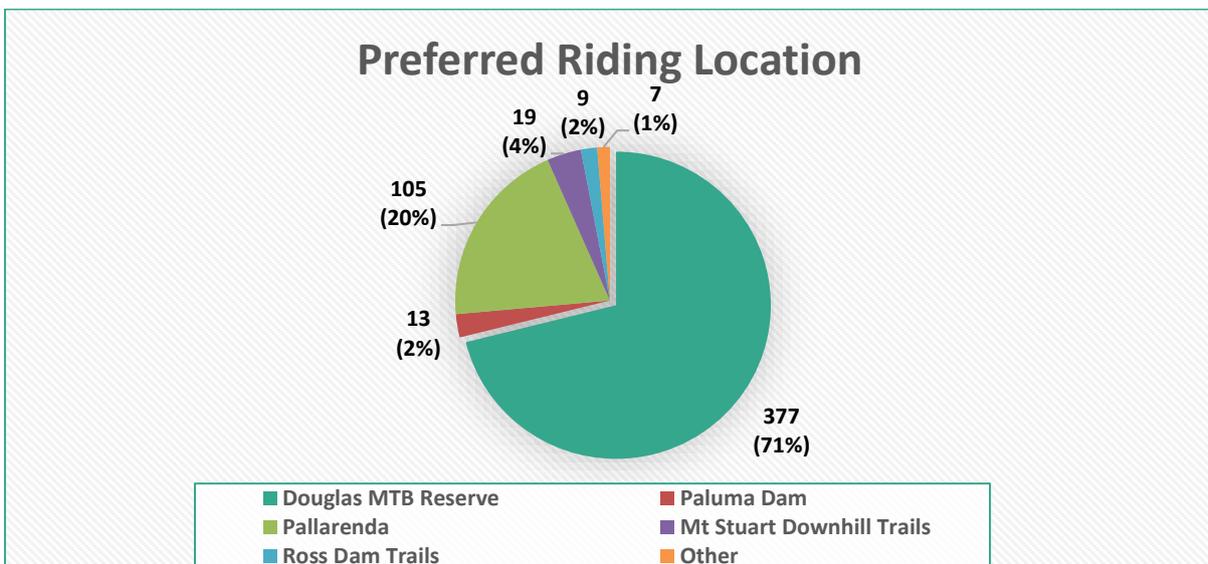
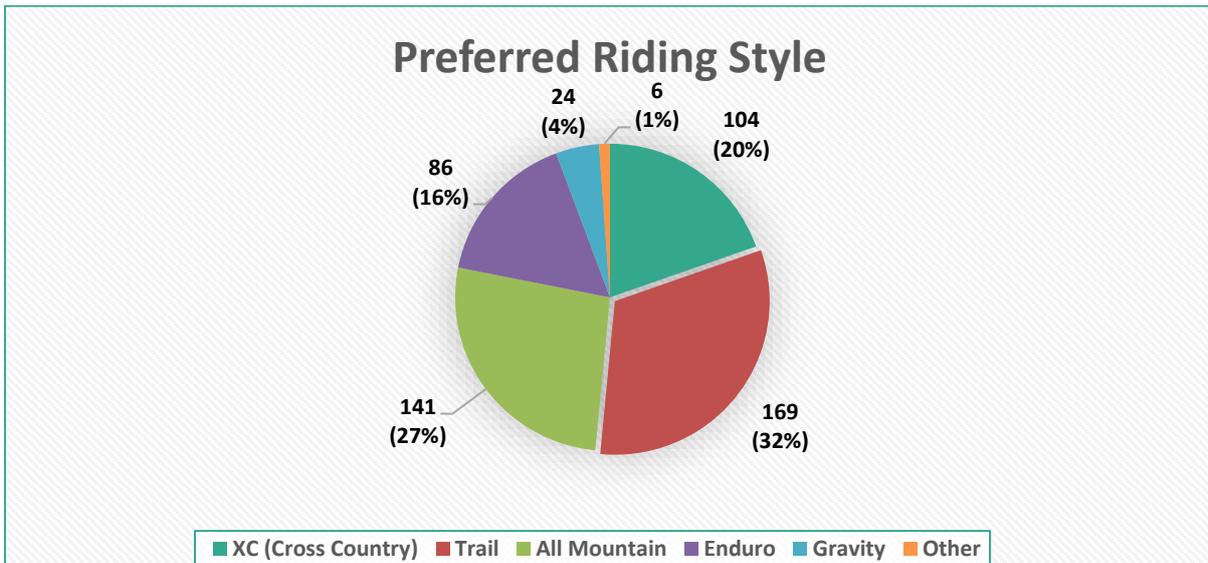
Overall, this consultation gathered significant community buy-in and generated a high level of interest, particularly through social media channels. Participant responses were primarily positive in nature and showed a forward-thinking and informed approach to future mountain biking opportunities within the region; similarly, community appetite for a considered and effective Mountain Biking Strategy is strongly evident within these responses.

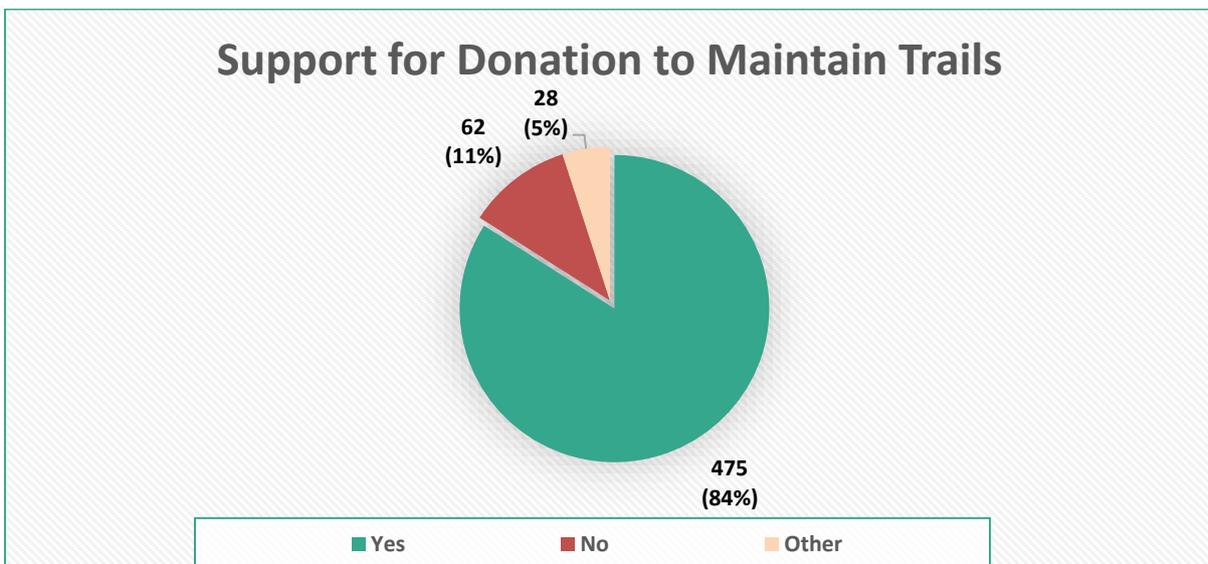
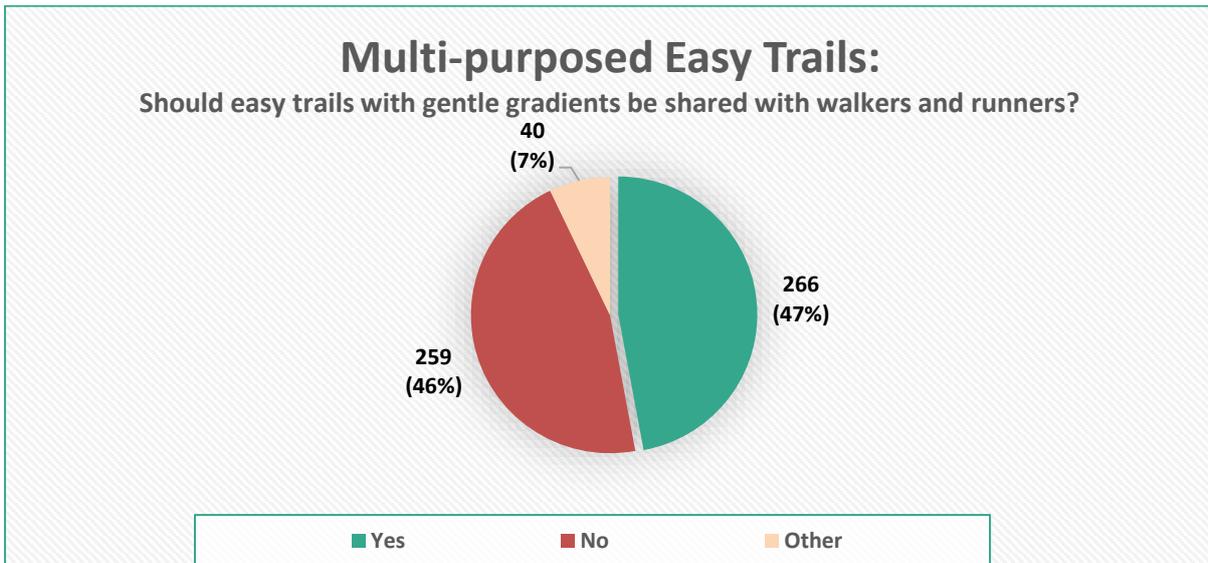
### 3.1 Overview of key findings

During the public consultation period Council received a total of **567** respondents. The following key questions were asked of participants, resulting in the below ( $n=567$ ):









The full HYST report with all raw data can be found at [HYST Townsville Mountain Bike Strategy - Documents](#).

### 3.2 Analysis of opportunities

In the analysis of the feedback including all additional comments, **423** participants provided responses to the following question:

**“What do you believe are future mountain biking opportunities for Townsville?”**

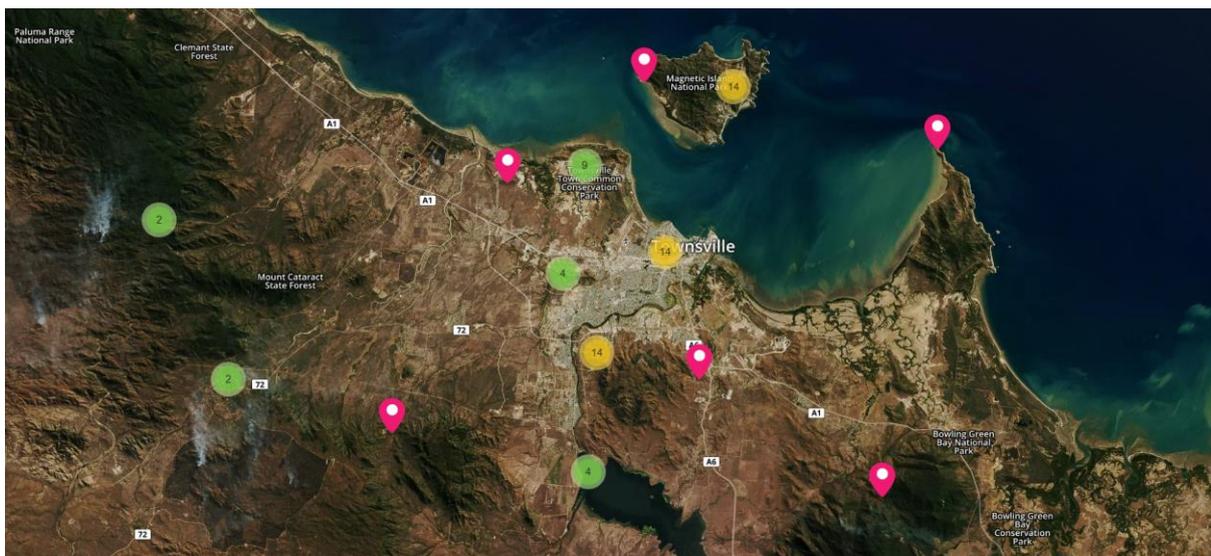
Responses to this question were found to be mostly very well-considered and thought out, and importantly, very positive in nature. A word density summary of the responses resulted in the below (*n=423*):



Please see *Appendix 1 – Text Analysis of Opportunities* for the full comments. Any additional responses that Council has received through Darzin are attached in the Appendixes below for a holistic approach to public consultation on this project.

### 3.3 Places Map Tool

In the integrated mapping tool within HYST, **67** pins were placed by participants which provided further contextual and visual feedback on places of interest relevant to mountain bike riding within the region. A snapshot of these pins can be found below:



For further information, the interactive tool can be found at:

<https://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map>

Alternatively, a summary of the data pins including longitude, latitude and associated comments can be found in *Appendix 2 – Places Tool Map Data*.

## 4. Have Your Say Townsville results

Through HYST and associated engagement platforms, the following synopsis of engagement highlights the range of interactions made with this project:

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- Total visits through HYS – **1,815**
- Unique Visitors – **1,549**
- Informed Visitors – **990**
- Completed a feedback form – **567**
- Downloaded a document – **182**

A quick overview of key HYST statistics are as follows:

Figure 1: HYST Visitors Summary



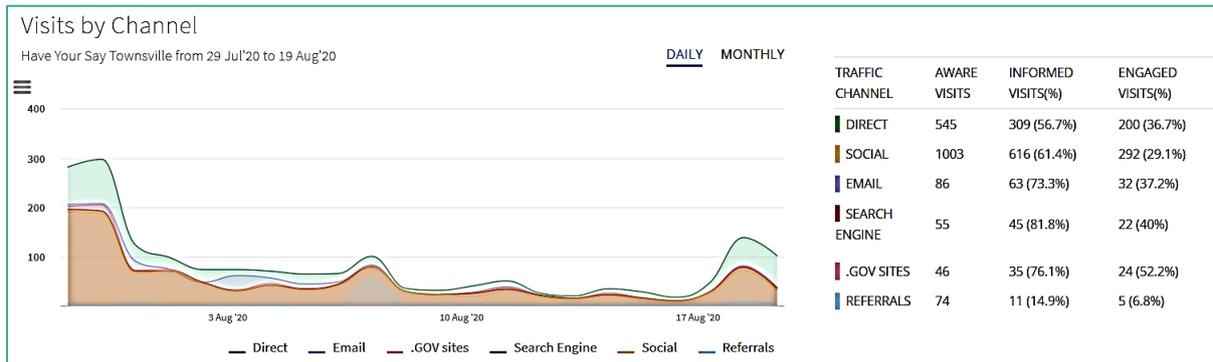
Where:

- "Aware" is to visit at least one project page, typically the project landing page;
- "Informed" is to visit multiple project pages, download a document, view a photo or video, or contribute to a project tool; and
- "Engaged" is to actively participate in engagement tools including Surveys, Forums, Polls, and Places within Interactive Maps.

Further, multiple channels were utilised to drive engagement with the HYST platform, including:

- Direct Visits
- Social Media
- Email Links
- Search Engines
- .GOV Sites
- Referrals

Figure 2: HYST Channel Summary



### 5. Social media statistics

As part of this public consultation campaign, Council has taken an integrated marketing approach by utilising multiple channels to ensure a wider reach and more accurate representation of public opinion. Key figures related to the social media boosted post are as follows:

- Impressions – **87,369**
- Reach – **19,588**
- Results – **666**

Where:

- “Impressions” is the number of times the article showed on a device;
- “Reach” is the number of people who spent time reading the article; and
- “Results” is the number of people who clicked a link and interacted with the post.

### 6. Additional Collateral

In addition to the above engagement methods, Council placed large corflute signage at multiple mountain biking locations throughout the region including Douglas MTB Tracks and Pallarenda Trails.

### 7. Next steps

Providing feedback to the community and closing the loop on the public consultation process has been identified as an important aspect of Council accountability and transparency. Pending consultation with senior Townsville City Council management, the following actions will be taken:

- HYST platform updated to inform the community of the outcome of the public consultation;
- A newsletter will be sent to all registered participants ensuring their investment of time and effort into the consultation has been acknowledged; and
- Survey results will be assessed and used to inform the development of the **Townsville Mountain Bike Strategy**.

### **8. Acknowledgement**

This document has been prepared by Townsville City Council – Stakeholder Engagement on behalf of the Project Manager. All information presented in this report has been presented in an accurate and unbiased manner and makes no recommendation on any project actions going forward. This report has been approved by the Project Manager, and the Head of Stakeholder Engagement. For further information, please contact Townsville City Council at [haveyoursay@townsville.qld.gov.au](mailto:haveyoursay@townsville.qld.gov.au).

### **9. Appendixes**

#### **Appendix 1 – Text Analysis of Opportunities**

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Response	What do you believe are future mountain biking opportunities for Townsville?
1	Magnetic Island.
2	<p>The future of MTB could be great.</p> <p>Pallarenda has the potential to be one of the best MTB Parks on the east coast of Australia. It already has toilet facilities but could have bike wash down facilities. Also a coffee shop would be great but there is a van for some of the week. The alignment of the trails are great in that they "roller coast" around the mountain providing continual reward for effort as you ride the 17klm UTR trail. Most other trails around Townsville are basically all up and all down. The views at Pallarenda UTR and Smedley's are world class overlooking such views as Magnetic Island, Palm Group of islands, on a good day to Hinchinbrook Is, Town Common Wetlands, Bohle River, Rowes Bay, Shelly Beach and other isolated bays along the coastline. If you have never ridden the trails you can't image how great the views are from so many locations along the trails. The site is spectacular however the maintenance of tracks is woeful and the tracks are often dangerous due to the amount of loose rock on and adjacent the trails along with overgrown trail edges. The trails should be generally duplicated with link trails so the trails can be regularly maintained while sections are closed down whilst keeping the overall trail network open. The trails should be made one way with trail runners going in the opposite direction. Lookouts should be built at key lookout points with bike racks provided so riders are encouraged to stop and take photos which will inevitably find there way onto social media and improve the popularity of the trails. I have ridden the trails for many years and seen many beginners of all ages come and try out the trails only to not return due to the poor condition of the trails, not because the alignment and terrain is too difficult. If in good condition it would be a green / blue rated trail. The number of trails at Pallarenda could easily be 4 times the number and could easily compete with such iconic trails as Atherton MTB Park and Blue Derby and St Helens in Tasmania. The trails (not the alignment) need to be totally rebuilt as the existing ground conditions are very rocky and this needs to be taken into account when building the trails. Also native trees need to be planted in the vicinity of the trails to provide natural canopy shade to combat the NQ climate. The fire trails around the wetlands could also be improved to be more suitable for MTB riders with offshoot trails that require higher skill levels. Also the the link between the Shelly Beach trail and Pallarenda Park should be realigned to be a MTB trail along the foothills rather than just ride the fire trail for 10klm. If done properly the trails would attract significant numbers of both interstate and international visitors (in better times). This would lead to increased business for bike shops, bike hire, accommodation, food outlets, tourism etc. You could link it to trail development on Castle Hill and Magnetic Island and it would be a boom industry for Townsville, for not a too much monetary investment. Magnetic Island lends itself for an around the island trail with overnight glamping accommodation location. Castle Hill lends itself to including cross country and downhill MTB trails as part of an adventure tourism hotspot in the centre of Townsville.</p> <p>I believe a chairlift should be installed between The Cutting carpark and the old Panorama House site. There are two very distinctly different groups of mountain bikers that would potentially use Castle Hill. There are downhill riders</p>

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	<p>and there are cross country riders. They use different bikes and different levels of equipment for riding and have different abilities. Both groups are very popular on a worldwide basis and have the potential to attract thousands of users each year. The downhill tracks, with a minimum of four alignments to suit various abilities, needs to start at the top chairlift station and finish at the bottom chair lift station. Downhill riders don't ride uphill and will use the chairlift to circuit from bottom to top. They wear full face helmets and protective armour, they have downhill specific bikes and go fast. Visiting riders would mostly hire their equipment and bikes. Protective gear would be mandatory to ride the downhill tracks. In Queenstown NZ a number of bike shops make significant income from hiring out bikes and equipment. They are primarily hiring the equipment to visitors to the town who are also renting accommodation, eating out at local eateries and generally spending their money in the town.</p> <p>Cross country riders wear traditional helmets and ride different bikes and are more suited to a location like the western ridge of the hill towards West End. This allows the trail to traverse up and down and have a number of different alignments to get some decent length into the trail network. The western ridge would have minimal conflicts with pedestrian trails reducing the number of grade-separated crossings required. This trail system would need a trail link to the top chair lift station to enable those hiring bikes to easily access the trail network. It would be preferable if all the trails were constructed to be ridden as one-way trails with a single-track downhill link from the chair lift station to the western ridge trails and allowing the riders to link with and ride uphill along the road back to the upper chair lift station. The location would also allow those walking the hill along the road to look down over the MTB trails and, seeing the riders, hopefully inspire others to try it.</p> <p>But adventure tourism needs to be more than just mountain bikes as this activity is not going to appeal to everyone wanting a bit of adventure. I believe the chair lift needs to provide access to a range of easily accessible and diverse activities that will be attractive to a broad range of participants. Those activities would also provide great viewing for those who do not want to participate but will happily pay to ride the chair lift to the summit to take in the views of not only the surrounding vistas but also the adventure activities on the hill. It would be preferable if the activities tie in with the chair lift operation and also are visible on the hill from the CBD. Happy to discuss further if required.</p>
3	Develop MT Stuart to a MTB mecca with 100km of trail
4	Magnetic Island- a trail that connects with the old ergon track that runs adjacent to Armand Way towards Horseshoe Bay Road. Where the intersection at the forts walk connects there would be a great opportunity to develop a trail that runs along the mountain edge in Horseshoe Bay finishing at the northern end and linking back with the beach front and retail/hospitality precinct. Ill get on the map to show more detail.
5	The Ross Dam trails are a great option for Rockwheelers Events. Can't wait for them to reopen.
6	Mt Louisa
7	Reinstated trails at Lake Ross with improved accessibility. Supported maintenance of Douglas trails. Regular maintenance of Pallarenda trails. MTB specific trails on Magnetic Island. Trail facilities.

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8	i think that the Douglas tracks are getting loved to death insofar as they are very popular. suggest establishing another set of tracks in another part of the city.
9	Alligator creek area Bluewater Mount Louisa area
10	Developing a wider range of trails to attract riders from interstate to North Qld and to allow elite riders to grow their skills here
11	<p>MAGNETIC ISLAND is a major one. This would be a massive draw card to have a round the island adventure trail similar to the new Wangetti trail from Palm Cove to Port Douglas. Why not have the trail take you to different beaches and waterfalls around Maggie. Plus do multiple shorter trail networks around maggie for people who don't want to do 1 big ride this will draw the local riders over there more often as well. People would travel from all around Australia to the Island as a destination Mountain Biking point IF IT WAS DONE PROPERLY. Look at the success of Tasmania and I can guarantee the new Wangetti Trail up North will be a massive draw card for Cairns when it is finished. This would support local tourism, the Ferries, Accomodation and eating places on the Island. People would come to ride here for the scenery alone.</p> <p>CAPE CLEVELAND. Why not a trail out to the lighthouse and back this too would be a fantastic adventure mountain bike trail ride. ALLIGATOR CREEK is another untouched gem for Mountain Biking there are already walking tracks why not add in some Mountain Biking trails as well.</p> <p>HERVEY RANGE could very possibly be another destination for Mountain Biking Trails. BACK OF BLUEWATER up to the range, this existing fire road/trail that goes from the huts pretty much up to Paluma range, why not maintain this existing road as a Mountain Biking adventure trail.</p> <p>If we were to provide a range of Mountain Biking choices close to Townsville for out of town visitors this would encourage more riders to come and spend the time in Townsville as all of these spots would mean people would have to stay for days to experience the whole Mountain Bike experience.</p>
12	Mount Louisa or Castle Hill
13	Yes - Magnetic Island
14	I'd like to see an active transport bridge over the Bohle River near the mouth to connect a trail from Pallarenda to Marina Drive. This would open up opportunities for addition trails while increasing cycle commuters from the northern beaches.
15	Castle hill for its iconic location and publicity. Mt Stuart for the potential. Behind the uni/laverak would also be an impressive area to open up potentially linking Mt Stuart dh to Douglas.
16	If trails were developed on magnetic island it would provide excellent tourism opportunities and benefit the hospitality industry on the island.
17	Around castle hill and finishing ride down to Gregory St or the strand.

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18	Mount Louisa, Castle Hill, Douglas
19	I believe the future MTB opportunities are good however could be better than just 'good' if more beginner and immediate trails were created and maintained to capture the interest of others not just individuals like myself who love mtb'ing. The rockwheelers club is well supported by members compared to other clubs Australia wide however with in recent years mtba event being moved from Townsville due to various reasons it highlights that maybe other clubs/regions are doing mtb'ing better than Townsville which is a real shame.
20	See Tasmania
21	More development at Mount Stuart for gravity trails. cross country trails on Mount Louisa
22	Easy access to shuttle companies etc more involved bike shops that open up more stock
23	More tracks on mt Stuart and Castle Hill, easy tracks on mt Louisa.
24	Point to point adventure rides. Paluma to wallaman falls
25	Expansion of the Douglas mtb trails and allowing non members to ride the Ross dam trails
26	Alligator creek
27	There needs to be a big area which include biking, swimming, camping and fishing so that everyone has good family access close to Townsville.
28	We need an area where we can do shuttle runs down the mount Stuart downhill track with safe parking and turn around areas. And tracks there suitable for people with hard tails
29	Pallarenda needs to be handed over to Rockwheelers to maintain as the stare government should be ashamed of the job or lack thereof they are doing at the moment. It reflects poorly on Townsville; adventure seekers no a well maintained trail and one that is not. It is one of the worst maintained trails in Australia and New Zealand.
30	Development of more technical gravity tracks. I would like to see dirt jump park back as it develops essential skills in a controlled environment to then take to technical tracks. This will make North Queensland more competitive when competing in state and national competition down south.
31	It would be great to have trails on mount Louisa and Castle Hill, but I believe the priority should be to improve the condition and design of the existing trails before expanding with more sub-par, poorly maintained trails.
32	More all mountain / enduro trails as it has the greater interest from a greater cross section of the community. Would like to see Douglas expanded and ideally linked to Stuart to enable shuttles and therefore access to trails for young riders and adults that don't want to pedal for every run. Such platforms have been very successful in other regions (NZ, Tassie etc) and is not only utilised by highly skilled riders, but a variety of skill levels. Would happily pay an annual fee in order to extend trial network and to assist in maintenance of same
33	Castle Hill
34	Mt. Stuart but for xc bikes

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35	I believe that current trails and features require more regular maintenance, instead of building more trails that will only rut out and be dangerous for riders who try them for the first time trying to advance their skill level. Put the money and time into keeping regular maintenance up to the current trails before we build anymore, making it safe for riders of all skill levels to continue riding and advancing.
36	Organised shuttles to a distant point to point ride longer ride. Ie drop off at Paluma and ride back to Townsville. Get Ross dam up and running again as a more beginner friendly area. Development of xc and trail trails near the gun club on Mt Stuart
37	Mount Louisa, cosgrove, liberty rise area
38	More trails in the surrounding hills. Mt Stuart could have heaps more enduro type trails like Douglas but on a bigger scale with commercial type shuttle company bringing more tourism to the area
39	extend Douglas tracks to back hill and add more facilities at bottom. Better access for trail maintenance or emergency services. Extend mountain bike tacks at other areas like Stuart and Pallarenda to help ease congestion at Douglas
40	Having an adventure trail network built from top of mount Stuart to Douglas Mountain bike park would be awesome. Also a trail network at Magnetic Island would be a great tourist attraction. Grow the Pallarenda/ smedley trail network to encourage more nation events.
41	I think it would be safer if mountain bikers and walkers were separated, I have nearly been run over walking on a shared track in Pallarenda.
42	More jumps lines and areas to work on progressive and high level skills.
43	Walking trails more important
44	Expand My Stuart, expand Douglas, Expand Pallarenda trails. Some trails at Harvey's Range/ My Cataract forrest reserve. Trails at Paluma range national park and Paluma state Forrest. A Trail network at Bluewater area
45	Magnetic Island. Expand Douglas to uni side and perhaps army land. Expand trails at Pally. Locate more trail areas to make TSV A MTB destination that encourage people to travel to TSV for numerous nights (mtb tourism)
46	Forestry road, Bluewater, behind Oakdale heights and Deeragun.
47	Link Douglas to the Dam. Develop the Dam trails. More advanced trails at Mt Stuart. Build trail on Harvey's Range
48	Castle hill, alligator creek, Hervey range rail line.
49	Any where with a hill. Especially if you can get shuttles going. Douglas is amazing keep that going.
50	Developing facilities at Douglas car park as well as a trail loop that links Douglas to Mt Stuart
51	Castle Hill and Mt Stuart has heaps of potential with much of the terrain not used by the public would be perfect for trails
52	Water availability at trails, more maintenance needed on existing trails, and not just new trails
53	Townsville has a real opportunity to become a destination of choice for the Australian mountain bike community. With a little investment mountain biking in Townsville could thrive. See the derby trails in tas for an example of it done right.

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54	Some longer trails.
55	Though space is a limiting factor, there is room at Douglas MTB park for more trails. Ross dam needs to be reopened and further developed. Castle hill would be ideal given central location and views but needs to be separate from walkers
56	Future opportunity include developing more trails at mt Stuart and alligator creek both for recreational use and inclusion in state and national competition. Townsville is an accessible destination with accommodation and entertainment facilities which will attract many mountain biking visitors if fun and challenging trails are here to be ridden. We already get interstate visitors coming to ride here.
57	There is many opportunities to build and develop our riding community, speaking to people out of town. They don't like riding here as trails are poorly maintained and this is exacerbated by our slippery, dusty conditions. Would be better if trails were maintained. Less trails need to be built, current ones just redesigned to promote a better downhill experience with less peddling required
58	Current are ok.. what's with the question about numbers of people you meet on the trails being ok or not enough?. What's that mean?. That's not quantitative at all? Walkers should not be on blue diamond and above. Simple
59	Increased trail networks at Douglas. More technical and flow trails for Douglas. Larger Flowy pump track and skills area for Douglas mtb reserve. Toilets/change rooms and bike wash facilities at Douglas. Government/Council and organization funded dedicated trail maintenance personnel.
60	The amount of hills around Townsville that could be developed into Mountain Bike Trails to attract more tourists and National/International Level Events would be something worth pursuing
61	Seems like more and more people are starting to ride. Definitely need more trails and or the up keep and changing of current tracks.
62	Not really sure, sorry! Truth be told I love Douglas MTB reserve! Every time I ride I'd I don't end up eating shit it's a great day!
63	More tourists
64	Magnetic island has enormous potential and natural terrain to develop more track, same applies to Pallarenda and Mt Stuart
65	Mount Louisa, Herveys Range, Blue Water, Alligator Creek.
66	More trails at Mt Stuart.
67	Pushing to the hill on Douglas more in co-operation with the army
68	Finish the UTR trail so you don't have 5km of fire road after the single trail ends. Maintain the UTR and Smedleys better, I rarely ride Douglas unless it's just some downhill fun - I prefer long single trail Enduro efforts - 5+ hours on the road bike is a normal ride, when using the MTB would be awesome to have trails that can adapt to that. (like the new proposed one from Paluma North). UTR isn't maintained well at all, rockwheelers don't look after it, I have heard it's up to DPWS - and last time i spoke to a ranger from DPWS he said it's a public liability issue to let us maintain it, we just wanted to whipper snip the grass. After the rain it takes 3-4 months for them to mow it, after the grass is already 6+ feet. The trail itself isn't too bad for experienced Enduro riders, but the lack of maintenance makes it unfriendly terrain for novices, it's too rough and people don't like doing it. Which is better for me...But getting more people active is probably better.

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	Multi-day adventures would be pretty good, but you need 100's of Km's for that. Maybe redo the Bluewater logging road all the way to Paluma... make it a hikers / MTB trail.
69	Castle Hill, mount Louisa, Paluma, Harvey's range.
70	Opportunities are huge given the rate at which MTB is spreading and being taken up as a social and competitive sport. Car park and or on site amenities are a must at these locations
71	It would be great for all Townsville people to have the hole UTR track maintained on a regular basis
72	Offer a winter MTB venue nationally and internationally and connect trails to create a chain of trails covering hundreds of kilometres
73	Mt Stuart has a lot of potential
74	Really would like more flowing single track Douglas side of the city. Long, in bush, not too difficult or too easy, or too full of 7 year olds
75	Linking trails between ride locations. Addition supporting facilities around the trails. Magnetic island as an adventure and tourist destination and the community would benefit from trails both mtb ridding and hiking in the region.
76	Elliot springs or even a track on Maggie island
77	Magnetic Island Mount Louisa How about a survey and some action for the road riders too?
78	Mt Louisa
79	boost the local economy through tourism opportunities and creation of local jobs; > increase the liveability of the city with facilities and recreational opportunities; > create healthy communities through participation in fun physical activities and; > offer appreciation of our unique natural environment through immersion in the outdoors.
80	I have seen the sport go through a huge growth over the last several years along with personal fitness. Townsville weather allow people to get out and enjoy sports all year round and I can see Townsville becoming a tourist adventure sports capital with bike trails, running trails, road cycling, water sports, given the right promotion and investment.
81	Expanding on the Pallarenda, Smedley Trails, with world class views, would attract riders from all over. My Marlow is the Jewel in the Crown. Douglas is now getting limited by space. Water would be an asset to have on site.
82	Frederick's peak, bullocky toms and rockets as downhill trails at paluma. Alligator creek to the falls 17 klms trail.
83	Magnetic Island, in collaboration with NP, There is a lot of NP fringing the developed bays of the island that will be suitable for trails from White to Black. The facilities will enhance the island as a premier tourist location, and go some way to ameliorating the lack of safe on road cycling opportunity on the island
84	Possibly on Castle Hill
85	Mt Marlow and Mt. Stuart and Mt Louisa
86	Trails in the Paluma range, could be used as a tourist destination similarly to Derby in Tasmania.

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87	MOUNT LOUSIA, HARVEYS RANGE, MOUNT MARGERAT
88	Chair lifts up to the gravity line 😊
89	<p>I would love to see inner city MTB trails built on Castle Hill. These trails would be in view of walkers and tourists, increasing the popularity of Mountain Biking. The camera views from tracks on Castle Hill would be a huge drawcard for televised races - imagine an aerial shot of a downhill MTB race that zooms out over the Townsville City and The Strand.</p> <p>As someone has pinned on the map, Castle Hill could benefit greatly from a chairlift that is open to both bikes and pedestrians. This would provide visitors to our city easy and direct access to our best viewpoint and put Townsville on the map as an international MTB destination (such as Queenstown NZ and Whistler Canada).</p> <p>Magnetic Island also has a huge amount of potential for world class trails! Mountain biking is an exciting and rapidly growing sport and Townsville is in a great position to attract riders and spectators alike.</p>
90	Mountains around Cape Cleveland
91	I think there are plenty of opportunities to put in good new tracks that would attract people from all over the state and even the country. We have the landscape for tracks as well. Believe the climb to the top of the tracks are sometimes a deterrent for people who want to try for the first time.
92	Trails should be managed within reason so that multiple users and activities are possible. I.e. green trails should be open to responsible trail runners. Engaging with broader groups, including running groups (non-profits such as Townsville road runners) and/or leasing areas for trailing running events (such as existing Outer Limits Trail series events) would provide additional revenue streams to the primary lease holders and also allow further tourism opportunities in a rapidly growing sector.
93	It would be great if there was a Magnetic Island course. But better facilities at Douglas would be excellent too!
94	Paluma Adventure festival Magnetic Island
95	Adding Bathroom and Water facilities, and extending / improving the carpark at the Douglas Mountain bike reserve. Adding to the skills park area, for intermediate riders to learn jumps and other skills safely. Building new trails to extend a thriving and busy network. Adding Trails to Mount Louisa and castle hill would also be a great initiative.
96	Need to expand greatly the trails for high level cyclists like they've done In Tasmania. Just not enough long trails and challenges
97	Magnetic Island Trails are Paluma open more, especially during the heat of summer when it's too hot to ride Pallarenda/Douglas
98	Expansion of Douglas trails to incorporate more green/blue trails from summit. Re-instating of Mt Louisa trails. Trails from Paluma to Wallaman Falls established and well promoted, boosting tourism and interested from riders residing in other cities
99	Magnetic Island would be a great location due to the elevation though the terrain would be difficult to build them. I believe once built (properly) they should be self maintaining (mostly) while being ridden (see Rotorua, blue derby etc) improve tourism over

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	there also. Getting riders from ferry to trail hub would need addressing as a lot of riders would want to "save the legs" for the trails, maybe buses with bike rack on the front like they have in major cities? also need a pub close by for post ride feed and beers. I have seen Cardwell is setting up a MTB park. Townsville will need to do something to make us the first choice for any Cairns, Mackay would be mtber looking for something different. I know a lot of Townsville riders do a weekend trip to Atherton to do the mtb park up there.
100	Alligator creek - bowling green national park Ross river dam Castle hill Cape Cleveland
101	Single-track along Ross River linking to Douglas trails
102	The trails are in poor- average condition and that's because there are so many people riding the same trails that they erode and become dangerous faster due to the poor soil quality for mtbing. This can be mitigated by investing more into the structure of the trail as there will never be enough volunteers to constantly fix the wash outs, ruts and breaking bumps that form. More importantly, due to the lack of jump trail options to prevent the constant influx of serious injuries on the current main jump other beginners and intermediate jump lines need to be seriously considered. I have seen way to many people ride the 'smaller jump line' that shouldn't be attempting them.
103	Stuart expansion as Douglas full
104	Castle Hill Pinnacles Bluewater to Paluma
105	A trail around the entirety of Magnetic Island with campsites at set locations to open up the island to bikepacking tourism. Mtb trails linking the various bays of Magnetic Island. The proposed Paluma to Wallaman falls trail would be awesome, lets make it happen The Old Greenvale rail line opened up as a Rail Trail is another bikepacking opportunity that could also provide access to other bush trails in Hervey Range.
106	A big opportunity is the fast growing "bike packing" multi day mtb/adventure bike touring trails like the proposed Paluma to Wallaman falls. I have many overseas riding friends that I have met on O/S tours who would come Nth Queensland to "bike pack, tour, if we had the multi day trails available. Quite a few have already toured NZ.
107	As mentioned in the response to previous question, it would be good to create a super-network of trails including joining Mt Stuart to Douglas & Ross Dam, Douglas to Ross Dam, & Douglas to Pallarenda via Mount Louisa. Permanency of Douglas as a ride destination is important given it's central/prominent position within Townsville. Skills learnt at Douglas can then be applied in more risky/adventure orientated rides at Paluma etc. Also some method of easily advertising when the trails are closed for Wet-weather and race-day events would be good i.e. electronic notice board at the carpark for example.

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108	Develop Castle Hill
109	A bike park built on old Jenson dump site like Bare Creek bike park in Sydney <a href="https://youtu.be/J-bMc2Rketg">https://youtu.be/J-bMc2Rketg</a>
110	Trails like the new Ridgeline Gravity, aimed at beginner to intermediate riders, but with lines for more advanced. I think we need to work in shuttling to trail-heads and do everything possible to make Townsville an international MTB destination. ie more world class trails - we have the advantage of all-year-round trail riding, so we need people to be coming here when their home trails are closed for winter. Long fast descents like A-Line in Whistler are the one thing Townsville is missing. If we can achieve that, and advertise it effectively to the mountainbiking world I think Townsville will receive a very large boost to the tourism economy. Thanks
111	Pump Tracks, Dirt Jumps, more trails possibly at Mount Louisa.
112	Mount Stuart could potentially be an amazing location for more advanced trails to be added to as well as facilities and businesses surrounding it such as cafes, shuttle services etc. As already stated for a location based trail option, Mount Louisa would be well-worth considering too.
113	<p>What were you thinking??? Mountain biking and trail-building destroy wildlife habitat! Mountain biking is environmentally, socially, and medically destructive! There is no good reason to allow bicycles on any unpaved trail! Bicycles should not be allowed in any natural area. They are inanimate objects and have no rights. There is also no right to mountain bike. That was settled in federal court in 1996: <a href="https://mjvande.info/mtb10.htm">https://mjvande.info/mtb10.htm</a> . It's dishonest of mountain bikers to say that they don't have access to trails closed to bikes. They have EXACTLY the same access as everyone else -- ON FOOT! Why isn't that good enough for mountain bikers? They are all capable of walking....</p> <p>A favorite myth of mountain bikers is that mountain biking is no more harmful to wildlife, people, and the environment than hiking, and that science supports that view. Of course, it's not true. To settle the matter once and for all, I read all of the research they cited, and wrote a review of the research on mountain biking impacts (see <a href="https://mjvande.info/scb7.htm">https://mjvande.info/scb7.htm</a> ). I found that of the seven studies they cited, (1) all were written by mountain bikers, and (2) in every case, the authors misinterpreted their own data, in order to come to the conclusion that they favored. They also studiously avoided mentioning another scientific study (Wisdom et al) which did not favor mountain biking, and came to the opposite conclusions.</p> <p>Mountain bikers also love to build new trails - legally or illegally. Of course, trail-building destroys wildlife habitat - not just in the trail bed, but in a wide swath to both sides of the trail! E.g. grizzlies can hear a human from one mile away, and smell us from 5 miles away. Thus, a 10-mile trail represents 100 square miles of destroyed or degraded habitat, that animals are inhibited from using. Mountain biking, trail building, and trail maintenance all increase the number of people in the park, thereby preventing the animals' full use of their habitat. See <a href="https://mjvande.info/scb9.htm">https://mjvande.info/scb9.htm</a> for details.</p> <p>Mountain biking accelerates erosion, creates V-shaped ruts, kills small animals and plants on and next to the trail, drives wildlife and other trail users out of the area, and, worst of all, teaches kids that the rough treatment of nature is okay (it's NOT!). What's good about THAT?</p> <p>To see exactly what harm mountain biking does to the land, watch this 5-minute video: <a href="http://vimeo.com/48784297">http://vimeo.com/48784297</a>.</p>

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	<p>In addition to all of this, it is extremely dangerous: <a href="https://mjvande.info/mtb_dangerous.htm">https://mjvande.info/mtb_dangerous.htm</a></p> <p>For more information: <a href="https://mjvande.info/mtbfaq.htm">https://mjvande.info/mtbfaq.htm</a></p> <p>The common thread among those who want more recreation in our parks is total ignorance about and disinterest in the wildlife whose homes these parks are. Yes, if humans are the only beings that matter, it is simply a conflict among humans (but even then, allowing bikes on trails harms the MAJORITY of park users -- hikers and equestrians -- who can no longer safely and peacefully enjoy their parks).</p> <p>The parks aren't gymnasiums or racetracks or even human playgrounds. They are WILDLIFE HABITAT, which is precisely why they are attractive to humans. Activities such as mountain biking, that destroy habitat, violate the charter of the parks.</p> <p>Even kayaking and rafting, which give humans access to the entirety of a water body, prevent the wildlife that live there from making full use of their habitat, and should not be allowed. Of course those who think that only humans matter won't understand what I am talking about -- an indication of the sad state of our culture and educational system.</p>
114	I believe due to the weather a dedicated Cycling network both MTB and Road could improve townsvilles livability and generate income for the city through events.
115	Mount Louisa and just maintain the trails we already have
116	State and National Champs
117	<p>Mt Stuart trails from Top of Mt Stuart to back of Douglas MTB Reserve.</p> <p>Mount Louisa</p> <p>Castle Hill would be amazing as easily accessible and can do shuttles, additionally as an idea for the drawing board, a gondola (chair lift) ability really super charges any MTB community and can be used by both tourism (which would reduce road traffic) as well as the MTB community - Look at Rotarua <a href="https://www.riderotorua.com/">https://www.riderotorua.com/</a> and Queenstown NZ <a href="https://www.skyline.co.nz/en/queenstown/things-to-do/queenstown-mountain-biking/">https://www.skyline.co.nz/en/queenstown/things-to-do/queenstown-mountain-biking/</a></p> <p>Derby in TAS is a great example of a MTB Destination without a Chair Lift that has flourished.</p> <p>Additionally with the Advent of E-Bikes more trails are more accessible to all levels of riders.</p>
118	Mt Louisa
119	Mount Louisa would be good. As would the southern part of Townsville.
120	I just think we need more places to ride, Douglas is great but it's way over crowded
121	Tracks on mt Louisa
122	To grow mount Stuart into a gravity park
123	Magnetic Island. Castle Hill.
124	Mount Louisa

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125	It is a growing sport along with being a healthy, Fitness and family oriented sport. It's opportunities for improvement and expansion are limitless.
126	Mount Louisa
127	Long flat trails around ross dam, so much scope with better soils, less rocks. Clement state forest for same reasons as Ross dam. Greenvale railway. Downhill trail on old stockroute at Hervey's range. Various sites in bowling green bay national park, cape Cleveland loop would have epic views. A walking track/ mountain bike trail from west point to horseshoe bay on magnetic island could attract tourism particularly if an island circuit could be created utilising the Telstra track to arcadia and or over the hill along the water pipeline from horseshoe bay nelly bay and then to picnic bay.
128	Develop more trail options at Pallarenda. Duplicate what Pallarenda currently has in other locations, easily accessible without long drives (Kelso area, Mt Louisa, Wulguru). Doesn't have to be Douglas level of trails, just something. Then develop tourism opportunities from it.
129	Opening up more land for trail riding around the foothills of Mount Stuart and JCU
130	Hills behind top of Backside, Trail in Douglas towards Ross River Dam
131	You could be very successful if you made more flow and jump trails that are black or double black rated but otherwise I see it going far.
132	Mount elliot / bowling green bay national park. Mt Stuart but more intermediate and beginner trails. Bushland beach xc.
133	I think if Townsville setup Mt Stuart properly to cater for DH and Enduro Shuttle runs, and XCountry loops it would rival the best riding spots in Australia easily, (I have been to a few) I was heavily involved in the Rockwheelers club in the early 2000's but we never seen the interest in mtb riding like I see today. It has exploded and no one bats an eyelid at spending a small fortune on a bike and associated equipment, which supports a lot of local businesses.
134	More tracks
135	Magnetic Island Harvey's Range - Rail trail
136	Pallarenda and Many Peaks Mountain Range (Mount Marlow) have huge potential that could be unlocked by building more trails. This area is massively under-utilised and trails could be put in place that are environmentally-friendly and low-impact, while still attracting more visitors to this area and Townsville in general.
137	More trails around Pallarenda and city area for different skill levels.
138	Trail riding with camping opportunities, possibly provide amenities . This is common in NZ often with huts available for camping.
139	A network of Trails on Magnetic Island.
140	Along the freeway in Deeragun and along the Black River
141	Better maintained and a more diverse trail network at Stuart. Trails stretching higher up the mountain at Douglas.

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	Castle hill track becoming an official track	
142	Riding Castle Hill, riding My Louisa, accessing National Parks and crown land. To be able to camp at the site.	
143	Derby and Maydena, both success stories. Paluma has the topography, climate, location and more. Paluma could be the next Derby!!	
144	Townsville to Ingham trail via Hidden Valley and Mt Fox	
145	Longer trails could provide the opportunity to host national and international race events much like what Cairns has achieved. It's overly evident the great economic benefits which are created through the sport. By diversifying the number of locations available to ride across the city they sport can grow and host a range of events. Further locations could include redevelopment of the trails at Mt Stuart, Mt Louisa and also the land at the base of Herveys range where there are already a number of access tracks.	
146	We need more bike paths to connect the city and get bikes off the roads.	
147	A shared contour trail around Castle Hill and Mt Louisa are both desperately needed for both runners and MTB riders.	
148	Remove walkers/runners from trails. Remove dual direction option on trails. The capacity to hold National Championship level racing is close now, so increased maintenance will afford the region tourism opportunities and subsequent budgetary boost. More trails would be amazing but making the existing network better would be equally as good.	
149	Further development of existing sites and possible future development at Mt Louisa and/or the pinnacles. Main focus remaining on Douglas and Mt Stuart.	
150	Mount Louisa	
151	Better facilities and signage at Douglas	
152	Castle Hill Enduro Tracks	
153	A Hub at Pallarenda, to include easy & harder tracks, and facilities to run major competitions.	
154	Mount Fix and maintain the Ross River Dam trails	Louisa
155	Bluewater & the Pinnacles	
156	Ross River dam loop should be fixed and expended to include longer XC style trails. This would encourage riders to travel to Townsville to ride.	
157	Magnetic Island	
158	As a keen mountain biker and hiker. It has been disappointing to see the closure of the Douglas tracks to Hikers. I understand the risk but the initial funding applications for this area was always Shared Use trails. The popularity of it though I can understand.	
159	Mount Louisa, Castle Hill	
160	Castle hill & Mount Louisa	
161	Mount Louisa Bluewater	

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162	Pallarenda has huge potential. There is so much unused mountain which could be better utilised. When these trails were first opened they were incredible. The mountain bike club is not allowed to maintain them and the Parks and Wildlife guys out there do a lousy job in comparison. If better maintained, these trails would be THE drawcard for recreational mountain biking on Townsville. This trail is able to be ridden fast for fun, but is also easy enough for a beginner to learn on - exactly what this town needs. The views are spectacular and mountain bikers are happy for walkers to also enjoy the loop.
163	Harvey's Range, Paluma and Mt Louisa.
164	1st: Magnetic Island is an obvious opportunity, being completely hilly, what better opportunity to attract more visitors to the Island while promoting outdoors and healthy lifestyles. 2nd: The cable car proposition for Castle Hill presents an opportunity to create a network of trails where you can utilize the cable car as an uplift service for the mountain bikers, such as found at the Skyline Gondolas in Queenstown and Rotrua in New Zealand.
165	Places close to houses to build independence in teenagers
166	Should be more trails at Pallarenda and Maggie Is.
167	Trails between Bluewater forestry road And Palma. Mt Elliott
168	Rail trail towards Stuart & south of the city. Alligator creek trails. Cross country trails at Mt Stuart.
169	Townsville has so much to offer I'd like to see Douglas become 100% mountain biking only. I would like to see shared trails on Magnetic Island, blue water and more at Paluma. Would be great to see Ross Dam open again for shared use. I think making Douglas mtb only is critical runners and walkers have plenty of other trails that mtb don't use. Plus the Rockwheelers have spent so much time and money creating great trails for the mtb community.
170	Get some land back off the army that they never use and develop trails in there.
171	While I consider myself an intermediate rider I believe there should be more beginner trails and jump lines for other riders to comfortably progress. A dirt jump park not just a pump track at the bottom would be nice with a variety of difficulty. More flow trails would be nice too. The new rideline gravity trail is great more options like this trail in different areas of the park would add to the appeal.
172	Douglas new long cross country trails
173	We already have a very well established MTB park at Douglas however, there are not enough trail features to keep riders tested and offer the opportunity to progress with their riding skills. I would like to see another park open maybe on the outskirts of town that offers higher elevation and choice of destination when wanting to ride instead of just the same place over and over again
174	Magnetic island. Possibly alligator creek
175	Yes, opportunities on Castle Hill, Maggie Island, and opportunities to further develop and expand on areas that have tracks that already exist
176	Magnetic island....such a tourist draw card

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	Mt Stuart Rail trails (they are huge down south and bring in heaps of tourist \$\$\$\$)
177	Need to secure the current trails from estate development and add to mount Louisa
178	Ross dam needs work. Not sure what the issue is with access but the trails are no longer even usable following the floods. Work needs to be done to get peopl out there again. Its a great area
179	A trail linking lagoon trail back to Pallarenda road rather than riding along road
180	Connect Stuart with Douglas. Have a teleferique with bike racks
181	More trails, good parking, accessibility, need a good well maintained skills park with drops/jumps/rock obstacles/ramps, varying height pump tracks with tabletops.
182	More trails with varying locations to spread out riders. Definitely need a skills park to help prepare for the trails. This should include various drop heights, jumps practice, rock gardens. Table tops, longer and varying height pump track.
183	More trails where beginners have easier climb trails to access the top summit. Far to many beginners climb on way one trails.  Toilets, water fountains would be good as well
184	Better access to tracks like fire roads
185	Using the network of gravel roads to link areas and allow for longer distance off road riding
186	Continued development of Douglas.  Ross dam trails were horrible and overgrown last I tried to ride them. Were unrideable at that time. Also, smedleys trail at Pallarenda was left uncut for way too.long and was not rideable for many months.
187	Mount Louisa
188	Expanding and maintaining more enduro orientated trails
189	Longer trails like Pallarenda would be great. Maybe a trail along the pinnacles ranges to Harvey range or a trail that can be ridden along mt Stuart longer undulating trails are needed Douglas is either up or down sure it has its place but something with a destination a view and a good workout is needed riders won't mind travelling to ride more trails
190	A shuttle facility for Douglas plus expansion of more trails
191	More trails along mt Stuart , more at Ross dam , linking more trails to cover more areas in places such as Pallarenda. Mountain bikers spend a lot of money and travel long distances to bike ride,
192	Mount Stuart starting at the tea house. Using the powerline trail. Also castle hill would be good. Think about mount Louisa too
193	Having a variety of trails to choose from and accessible for everyone of all levels.
194	Mount Louisa and bushland beach
195	Open up magnetic island and build a loop trail around the island. It has the potential to be another Derby if managed correctly. It the southern winter people are restricted in their riding so let's use our weather and locations to attract them.

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	Open up the old railway line from Yabulu to the Hervey Range Tearooms to provide a long trail which would create Townsville's first long range path which it lacks.
196	Mount Louisa
197	I believe mount Louisa would be great if adding more trails to Pallarenda
198	More public mtb trails on Magnetic island and Pallarenda
199	Castle Hill needs tracks and chairlift, Mt Stuart needs more tracks with carpark in a central location, Pallarenda needs to be expanded, more funding to rockwheelers to expand Douglas MTB tracks. Herveys range could have a track.
200	<p>It would be great to see more trails established around the region. It has so much potential . The areas that could be developed are - alligator creek, Ross dam, blue water and even Harvey's Range trails.</p> <p>The benefits of these trails are tourism , improved resources for locals and job creation. You hear the success stories of Tasmania (Derby) and Atherton. Townsville has the potential to be a success story too.</p> <p>Also - what about developing a program in which indigenous kids can go ride on the trails. Exhaust them with mountain biking and allow them to connect with their country. So so much potential .</p>
201	Build quality paths of varying skill and also connection of paths to access by bike safely
202	Open up and develop more trails around Ross Dam and surrounding are
203	Alligator creek
204	Ross Dam, Mt Louisa
205	Do not waste money on walking tracks, build a mountain bike trail that matches Cairn's world class Smithfield Trails. Mt Louisa has this potential and is a blank canvas.
206	Douglas is so busy which is awesome but really needs some toilets , especially for the race events , the car park also needs maintaining
207	Need a shuttle or chairlift. best place would be at the back of the uni to the top of mt Stuart. have new trails linked in with Douglas and make a social hub (coffee shop e.g. handlebar coffee shop at the base of mt stromlo canberra) at the base of the mountain (or a uni bar) with this i'm sure lots uni and defence members will mingle there. Make a steep road purpose built for some sport (motor or luge-ing) near the face of mt Stuart to complete the loop for road cyclists.
208	I believe it could be the MTB capital of Queensland. If tracks were put in at mt lousia. Easy climbs and harder descents. A chair lift at mt Stuart would be great. But would be extremely exp to build and costly to maintain. Also Townsville does not currently have enough riders for it to be viable unlike places like in Canada
209	Within the next 10 years I wish to see permanent shuttles. Mtb is extremely popular and is something that would get a lot of use
210	A network of trails on the back side of Castle Hill. The central location and shuttle options would be great.

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211	Mount Louisa, plenty of room to have separate mountain bikes and walking trails, would allow those in nearby suburbs to ride directly to trails instead of driving.
212	Mt Louisa
213	I think it would be great if there was a way that common riders at Douglas mtb reserve could get to the top summit without having to ride to the top, for example and lift
214	I believe that more trails and maintenance should be focused on Mount Stuart as it is more accessible for vehicles for shuttle runs and would be an awesome location for future enduro and Downhill events
215	Bluewater to Paluma
216	Harveys Range
217	<p>1) Extensive growth driven by better facilities, particularly to help with heat. This includes a) water at trailheads, b) shade huts at strategic locations such as JCU summit, Douglas Summit).</p> <p>2) Ebikes are likely to add some pressure to the trails, particularly Pallarenda. This is great because it allows more people to visit an amazing area. However, more diverse trails would promote even more riders out there, and facilities like showers to cool off afterwards would enhance the experience.</p> <p>3) More community events and races, including things like short afternoon races to attract kids over winter.</p> <p>4) I think night-riding will become more popular, particularly during summer. I ride extensively at night and it's an excellent way to deal with heat.</p> <p>5) Huge tourist potential in winter. Places like Derby (Tasmania) have capitalised on investment in their trails and I think Townsville offers a great winter alternative for riders from southern states.</p> <p>6) I think a wilderness/backpacking trail starting at Bluewater and going to Paluma, with a long downhill section at each end would be terrific to help people access the outdoors near to Townsville.</p> <p>7) A trail around the base of Castle Hill would be terrific, allowing people to go for a ride and then to dinner/pub afterwards.</p>
218	<p>More trails at Paluma</p> <p>Cross Country at Mount Stewart</p> <p>Rail alignment, upper Black River, rail tunnels and Harveys Range</p>
219	Mt Louisa, Bushland Beach, Harveys range
220	expansion of under the radar trails
221	We need access back to the Ross Dam trails. The riding and events were great. I miss being able to do the trails out there, and the events as well. For example the Dam Dark 12 hour, and the Hotrock 24 hour.
222	Mount Louisa
223	More trails
224	Would be great to have some trails over on Magnetic Island to encourage visitors from both Townsville and out of the area. As a beginner, I would love to be able to enjoy some sort of rail trail type trails that I could maybe head off on a overnight trip on.

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225	i believe a more child and beginner area is need to transition from complete novice to going up the hill as both fitness and skill level is on a much higher scale as soon as you start heading up the hill.
226	With so many locations to ride in Townsville more should be done to advertise Townsville as a ride destination. Rockwheelers do a great job of maintaining Douglas. The trail at Pallarenda needs regular work and if we could add trails on Magetic Island it would only enhance the city as a MTB destination. The trails at Ross Dam have fallen into disrepair - difficult access (restrictions by Townsville Water) affect the ability to run events and even access. Building suitable picnic and family areas with MTB trails attached for riding/walking and trail running would better utilise an underused resource of Ross Dam.
227	Magnetic island
228	Pallarenda needs to have more challenging features and the trail needs to be properly designed and rebuilt with regular maintenance.
229	Army land over the back of the Douglas MTB reserve?
230	Cocoa Creek has wonderful coastal trails. Magnetic Island may be an opportunity for further development. Mount Elliott also has potential.
231	Mtb/Bmx dirt jump trail park. <a href="https://www.instagram.com/hostalrictrails/?ig_mid=42E652FE-8BD3-42FD-A014-D651DD318FD9&amp;utm_source=igweb&amp;fall_back_to_web=false">https://www.instagram.com/hostalrictrails/?ig_mid=42E652FE-8BD3-42FD-A014-D651DD318FD9&amp;utm_source=igweb&amp;fall_back_to_web=false</a>  These are in Spain but there is Stromolo park in aus. There is lots of mtb and Bmx riders who would enjoy well maintained jumps on Townsville
232	Alligator creek
233	Trail options are good
234	Driving up Mt Stuart I was disappointed to see significant gully erosion in a bike trail, with silt running toward Ross Dam, and possibly the reef. I last visited Douglas MBT October 2018. It was a fire trap, needing some mowing and some prophylactic burning.
235	Utilise the Stuart area for a new type of mountain biking reserve, a managed and pay to ride style facility that is maintained by paid workers, opportunity to build world standard trails and attract more riders and major competitions to Townsville.  Murray dirt jumps need to be re built properly with multiple sets of jumps that vary in difficulty, we need to cater to both beginners and advanced riders, not a middle ground that doesn't appease either.  Murray pump track should be re-visited as it was a failure and is very poorly built, TCC needs to put more effort into engaging contractors with a trick record of delivering the type of project that is intended. Eg-world trail. More research needs to be done before money is spent to ensure the correct facility is being built. Otherwise money is wasted and the facility will not be used.
236	Develop Elliott springs into proper trails too like that said they would

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237	Castle hill presents a very unique place for Townsville to have trails. Just look at the views and ease of access. Trails there would bring mountain bikers here for holidays. Magnetic island would be the same as far as opportunity goes. Great location with plenty of scope for good trails.
238	Townsville has the perfect geographical features and access to be a mountain biking mecca. Mt Stuart could be transformed into a world-class mtb site. There are also plenty of other locations that could be used in a sustainable and eco-friendly way e.g. Magnetic Island, Harvey's Range etc. Rockwheelers is one of the biggest mtb clubs in Australia, so there is certainly local support. There is also an excellent opportunity for mountain biking to bring tourism into the region (e.g. Blue Derby in Tasmania). No towns in Qld have yet exploited this niche market, so Townsville has an opportunity to corner this market!!
239	Trails on castle hill or a water tap at Mt Stuart and Douglas
240	I would question the future for MTB in Townsville without a stronger commitment to making better what Townsville currently has to offer. Riders primarily want well maintained trails. The effort put into maintaining a riding site pays off in the rider experience. A good riding experience results in people taking up the sport initially, buying a bike, upgrading their bikes, riding more often and sticking to the sport. The 'future' for MTB in Townsville is probably best viewed from the lens of the UTR site at Pallarenda which has the potential of becoming a better MTB destination. This site offers so much to the local rider already but has opportunity writ all over it. An undulating trail where the rider can also soak in views of beaches, isolated bays, islands etc all there on the UTR and Smedley trails but let down by the rider having to cope with an at times dangerous and poorly maintained trail. The question implies that scope exists for more trails to be developed. Moving down this path before ensuring what we already have represents the best that can be done for 'rider experience' does not make any sense and limits opportunity to grow and develop the sport .
241	Townsville has fantastic potential for mountainbiking opportunities and lots of people willing to assist in maintenance.
242	Douglas is awesome but the town is out growing it, we need a dedicated high level facility to cater for more riders with facilities. This can benefit the town by bringing would class events to the town. Stuart is prime for this use!
243	Castle hill! Better connecting bicycle routes To reduce dependence on cars
244	Building more trails to bring more races here
245	City to Douglas via River
246	We need to build more trails so more people can ride
247	mt Louisa
248	<p>I feel there is a huge scope for Townsville to lead the way with MTB in North Queensland. There is many areas at Douglas and Mt Stuart that could be used for quality trails to be built catering for all skill levels and age groups.</p> <p>There are many other areas that would be suitable as well for future use EG MT Louisa, MT Elliot, Ross River Dam area.</p> <p>The council could work in collaboration with Rockwheelers MTB Club as well as local trail builders and design businesses and come up with a plan to improve as well as build new infrastructure around Townsville for MTB in the area.</p>

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	I believe this would allow many more events of a national level to be held here bringing in competitors and spectators from around Australia.
	Not only will that bring in people and money but also help promote and highlight Townsville and the surrounding areas.
249	Mount Louisa
250	My Louisa
251	I would like to see trails on Mt Louisa , Castle Hill and more trails on Magnetic Island
252	Develop at trail from Bluewater ( Forestry Rd) across to Paluma through the rainforest, with overnight accommodation and facilities - potential for tourism and job opportunities for locals
253	Lengthier trails, old rail line from Yabulu to Herveys Range?
254	magnetic island a track that encompasses the whole island and is shared between walkers and mountain bikers, more trails at Pallarenda and the town common even out as far as the Bohle and Sheely beach, these should be family orientated fire roads or green trails, the Douglas mountain bike trails need to link up with the dam along the ross river banks on the army side, There also needs to be link across to Mount Stuart ,more trails built on the james cook university side of Douglas these being easy green climbs and blue descents ,Paluma should join to wallerman and be a shared trail of walking and mountain biking. The problem in Townsville is Douglas mountain bike trails are landlocked and dont have any facilities and as a result alot of the trails are to hard for the average person and people just getting into the sport,to ride Douglas you need a high level of fitness and skill
255	Mountain biking should be restricted to paved roads.
256	Mt Louisa, Magnetic Island
257	Mt Stuart has two challenging tracks, however the area has so much more potential and could be developed with relatively small cost to be and exceptional destination that would attract riders from across the state to Townsville.
258	Mount Louisa
259	For beginner and recreational riders I would love to see more: - flowy trails with less technical sections. Coming down Easy Street = meeting lots of people riding up. Backside = up only (during daylight). - longer trails (eg Ferny Forrest on Sunshine Coast) that are suitable for all level riders. At present, most of the Douglas green trails can be done relatively quickly.  Having recently moved from the Sunshine Coast the trails that I love most are: Woorai - flowy

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	<p>Ferny Forrest - longer, easy to just do a loop or two and feel like you've been for a ride. Increasing riding speed for more experienced and fitter riders is an easy way to cater for all riding abilities</p> <p>Gympie - a compact site with a really good mix of trails and easy to loop via centrally located hubs (with water supply! - bonus!)</p> <p>I would also love to see trails suitable for PWD/Adaptive riding. As someone working in the disability sector, I think there is interest and a need. Need a suitable location before the rest can happen.</p> <p>If there is opportunity for long loop forrestry type trail rides (with shade) would be a nice outing. Bluewater is too rough according to Trailforks.</p> <p>I would also be interested in a multiday route, ?shared with walkers? that would be an attraction and bring people to the region, particularly if there was connection with accommodation options (ie options for bike packing or staying in accom etc).</p>
260	Bikepacking, long distance mtb trails between destinations. Ie overnight rides. Trails that link up to Paluma etc.
261	Areas of Castle Hill perhaps.
262	Pallarenda has a lot more potential, could bring big events with the scenery available.
263	Massive amounts of opportunity to grow tourism, an eco-friendly community, and a healthier city.
264	More parking required on Angus Smith Drive. Discourage vehicles from using Windarra Avenue and parking at the top area because of noise and pedestrian traffic.
265	I don't think MTBing should happen at Castle Hill. I think with limited budget, focus should be on existing facilities. As a runner I would also like to see MTBing and trail running co-exist. There seems to be more trail runners than MTBers.
266	<p>Council funding for MTB Trail investment. Alot of rate payers and community members use the limited MTB facilities in Townsville.</p> <p>Invest to build trails and infrastructure capable of hosting world class MTB events, this would also promote MTB Tourism to the area.</p> <p>Reopen Mt Louisa trails.</p>
267	link Mt Stuart to Douglas MTB park, build enduro style trail Castle Hill with shuttle service, trail riding track around Magnetic island similar to Pallarenda
268	Castle hill, magnetic island, mount Louisa
269	I am not that into it that I have given any thought to future opportunity. So better with what's available first.
270	Magnetic island and mt Louisa need to be developed for all of Townsville and the council need to get on board with this event the money that can be made is out for all.
271	No
272	<p>Long distance ecotourist adventure rides like Townsville, Paluma, Mt Fox Cardwell Range, Blanko Falls, etc through to Atherton Tablelands.</p> <p>Magnetic Island, Paluma and Alligator Creek areas could use more trails to attract people to the area and promote the region.</p>

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273	Mount Louisa and Hervey range historic trail
274	Better maintained national park trails at pallaranda to make more suitable for beginners. Opening up Buewater, Alligator creek trails to explore forested areas in our region.
275	mount lousia would be an awesome location
276	Mount Louisa would be great also more trails at Paluma would be great opportunity and being cooler would get a lot of use in summer
277	<p>Ross Dam trail network needs to be reopened as it is the best flat track / beginners trail in Townsville. Also the best location for multilap and xc race events.</p> <p>Pallarenda trail needs improved maintenance - trail surface is in poor condition and is a disincentive to a lot of potential riders. Douglas needs to remain a MTB hub - some sharing of trail access for walking running may be acceptable, but not at the expense of MTB access. Rockwheelers built these trail for MTBing.</p> <p>Access to Mt Stuart XC/All mountain trail (known as Tai Chi) needs to be resolved as this is an excellent low maintenance network that provides diversity of trails not available at other locations.</p> <p>Trail design, construction and maintenance needs to be more aligned to Townsville soil and climate conditions. We CANNOT copy trail designs from DERBY or ATHERTON and expect build trails to be sustainable and long lasting. Trails need to strictly comply to IMBA standards or expect severe erosion and maintenance costs.</p>
278	Extension of the current Douglas mountain bike park
279	I think we need a long trail, such as connecting Douglas with Mt Stuart it could be a tourist attraction or even a fun race
280	I would like to see tracks in less rocky areas for a gravel path style of ride with wild life experience, away from traffic.
281	Continue to expand Douglas and Pallarenda. It would be great to see one of those bike parks.
282	Long distance multi-night adventure trails with shelters. The Munda Biddi Trail in southwest WA is a fantastic example. 1000km of mixed dirt backroads and singletrack sections. I've ridden it a bunch of times when i lived over there. was suitable for all riding types from nutjobs who want to thrash out the whole trail in 40 hours to family groups with kids in bob trailers. the shelters are fairly basic steel construction with an awning, sleeping platforms, rainwater tank, and picnic table. shelters positioned discreetly in bush with only ride-in or walk-in access to keep the bogans and vandals away. Needs to be NON-COMMERCIAL. Potential Route: Bluewater > Forestry Rd > Paluma > Mt Fox >Wallaman > Princess hills > Goshen > Blencoe > Kirrama range rd > Cardwell
283	More very easy & easy trails to encourage new riders.. some trails that used to be OK have had obstacles added to make it more challenging for advanced riders, but it has meant not inviting friends to join our ride as I know it would not be enjoyable for inexperienced riders
284	A pay to use bike park with shuttle access and the features to bring Townsville to the world stage.
285	Shuttles

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286	A trail between Oonoomba and the port access road
287	Mount Louisa. Castle hill. Mount Margaret.
288	They already have too many trails which they refuse to share with pedestrians even though it is public land. Thousands of rare-payers pay rates towards the upkeep of national parks and reserves, yet we are prevented from accessing many kilometres of public land, by aggressive and threatening mountain bike and trial bike riders. The reserve behind River-view Heights, Douglas goes for many hills and is very extensive. Rock-wheelers bike club was originally given some deal with the Council to access these lands, on the agreement that they would share with pedestrians. But they will not. They put up more and more signs banning us. Only one path remains to us, in poor condition. Yet we are rate-payers too. I have offered to join Rock-wheelers as an Associated Pedestrian member, pay their fees and help maintain the trails. They refused. Yet by making the trails one way for riders and the opposite direction for pedestrians the trails can be safe for all.
289	See previous comment
290	More nature based trails - linger nature based trails linking Bluewater to Paluma
291	Mount Louisa
292	Mount Louisa
293	Mount Louisa The hills at bushland beach
294	A link to north shore instead of dicing with death across the Bohle bridge. Also a flat land trading in the North Shore and Bushland Beach area.
295	In order of preference; 1. Castle hill downhill trails with chairlift access (Shared with tourists) 2. Magnetic island cross country trails 3. Bluewater / Forestry road adventure trails to Paluma
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297	Toilets and club house at Douglas MTB Park, lights for skills park and car park, More locations like Castle Hill or Mt louisa to have trails
298	I have ridden the Atherton MTB trails on several occasions and this is the gold standard for all levels of riders.. The trails are maintained in superb condition and the climate is more than suitable year round. Easy accessibility from town and caravan parks make it a very enjoyable outing. Family involvement is also a big draw card to this complex.
299	MAGNETIC ISLAND, CASTLE HILL, MORE TRAILS AT PALLARENDA
300	Reopen existing Ross Dam Trails and construct additional new trails. Construct more trails at Pallarenda - Mt Marlow summit and Smedley Hill summit. Construct Paluma to Wallaman multi day shared trail (MTB and Hiking)
301	Gradient of drops for practicing drops at different heights so people can progress their drops safely. :)

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302	“Ski lift” access Upgrading of trails
303	I do believe you could remake/expand some of the old trails made out 19°18'42"S 146°45'27"E and 19°18'55"S 146°44'27"E. Though only if you could do it in a low impact way though.
304	Working with QPWS for trails at Alligator Creek and Magnetic Island
305	Mount Stuart to Douglas trail if you can get through army land. Paluma to Forestry Road Bluewater adventure trail. Develop magnetic Island network for tourism and option for townsville residents.
306	don't want to many trails that are just left to go to waist. need more people to realise what Rockwheelers has done for mountain biking in Townsville and join. Make sure we keep technical trails and not make it too easy making MTB boring like some trails in bigger city's. would like to see a progression trails for skills (like Technical rock gardens drops and jumps)
307	Water taps, jump lines
308	A big race that is advertised a lot
309	Alligator Creek and other national parks around Townsville have plenty of great scenery and trails that would be great to ride. Keen to keep my children involved and Alligator Creek would be amazing as we live out this way
310	Better shuttling services for down hill tracks.
311	The pinnacles area. Bluewater mountain area. Magnetic Island is an amazing place and is ideal for an extensive series of trails. Combinations of cross country and a mountain biking complex. Ideal destination point.
312	From MT Stuart look out to the Douglas Tracks. This would be a fantastic ride and would make Townsville an international Mecca for mountain biking. Please seriously consider this option.
313	There should be opportunity to develop Mount Louisa, currently developing walking trails, but to ensure mountain bike riders are not using these, separate bike trails should be developed at variety of levels, maybe opportunity to attract world class riders to Townsville, also I used to love using walking trails but since being limited to a wheelchair I am now unable to use them, and disappointed that I can't use the new mount Louisa walking trails when they open
314	having only moved back to Townsville in the past 2 months, I do not have a strong opinion about future opportunities in Townsville
315	I think the current trails are fantastic but, if possible, I would like the opportunity to do long rides. I think the Alligator Creek option looks great.
316	MTB tourism on magnetic Island with development of trails. Further development of Douglas trails progressing towards a one way trail network. Develop better trails at Ross Dam to be integrated with opening Ross dam for recreational activities.
317	extend the trails in Douglas and Pallarenda. Upgrade Pallarenda trails and built link trails. magnetic Island has great potential if the community would get behind it and accept it. Paluma is an untouched gold mine for mountain biking. Prime example is the new

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	trail being built in Mackay (Eungella to Finch Hatton Trail). The Paluma-Rollingstone-Bluewater Trail would also be great potential for dual use trail
318	As Written the 4WD tracks around the Bohle Wetlands / Mt Low could be further developed. As well as more Tracks on Mt Low itself.
319	There is many sites but pack of areas where you can fill up drink bottles
320	Castle Hill, expand Mt Stuart
321	Castle hill
322	I Believe they need to put more work into Pallarenda and creating a better riding place as this will contribute to the people in Pallarenda and North Ward
323	More trails at hidden valley, and Paluma, more accessible trails at Ross dam, more trails at mount Louisa, easier trails at mt Stuart, toilets and water at Douglas, maybe trails out at the Pinnacles
324	I would love to see the trails up at Ross Dam to be fixed up and become rideable again.  new riding trails at Mount Louisa, and easier trails to ride at Mount Stuart. Water to be available at Douglas. More riding trails up at Paluma and Hidden Valley. A possible link trail from Blue water to Paluma.
325	Magnetic Island. So beautiful would be a good tourist draw to our region. It would be great to see longer walking and MTB trails in the less populated parts of the island which would encourage people to stay longer in the region. Eg with campsites.
326	Lots of opportunities on Maggie and would be well utilised by day trippers and locals
327	Please open up the Ross Dam to MTB; trail runners and walkers.
328	More around the Bluewater area or alligator creek
329	MTB Trails on Magnetic Island would be great, eg Horseshoe Bay to West Point. Pallarenda trails are overdue for repair - but a very big job.
330	Mount Louisa
331	Castle Hill or mount Louisa would make more trails easier to access by bike and reduce the need to drive to them, as well as providing opportunities for more diversity of trails
332	Magnetic Island For Eco Tourism & Develop Tourism on Magnetic Island. Scenic & Area for Skills Park, Green, Blue & Black Trails. Townsville people would come to ride too
333	Larger bike parks at Douglas
334	Larger amounts of mountain bike tracks.
335	Castle Hill
336	Great opportunity to capitalise on Westies track castle hill,it presents an awesome base for a national spec downhill race track that could be a massive positive for Townsville.
337	move facilities away from the army training area at mt stuart

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338	not sure
339	Mt Louisa, Ross Dam
340	Complete a mountain bike trail from Ross Dam through the Pinnacles Gap to Mount Margaret. Also connect Bushland Beach to Rowes Bay (trail via Northshore to get over the Bohle River), and connect Forestry Road to Paluma trails.
341	Please build some tracks on mount Louisa
342	Adding designated mtb connections/corridors between suburbs (especially north). They are mostly there just need mapping and some minor bridge works.
343	I believe Rockwheelers do a great job developing, maintaining and expanding the scope of mountain biking here. I think it's important to develop easier recreational trails to encourage newcomers and more casual mountain bikers and to be shared with trail runners and walkers.
344	Shade for the carpark area, Water Tap and Toilets, big map of the MTB tracks instead of 1 small one, resting station, wash down station after a ride and a pump maybe for people can check if he/her/they have the right tyre pressure and last of all cameras and lights around the area. Please add these in TCC. This would be an amazing features to have. :)
345	Cape bowling green park ( Alligator Creek Falls track ) .. Seems a pity to not utilise this track particularly fire trail for bikes as well as walkers
346	There should be more walking tracks/running trails for us more mature people who love to get outdoors. I think there are enough trails for bike riders but not enough walking trails or running trails.. At Pallarenda you have to share the trails with riders who sometimes do not show respect walkers or runners.
347	Magnetic Island - the land between the transfer station & the golf course could be made into Green, bush trails. Horseshoe Bay Oval - service road for Telstra tower, fringing bush. Develop a Pump track to complement the existing Skatepark
348	Add to the gravity network of trails at mount Stuart and also continue with good jump lines in Douglas. There are loads of good riders wanting more technical features.
349	Trails at Mt Louisa
350	Pinnacles
351	Develop additional trails at Mount Louisa in conjunction with the new walking tracks being established.
352	Douglas has huge potential but legacy of 'trail committee' has led to poor designs and builds. They think they know what they're doing but it's pretty average. Council investment would need to come with a plan and oversight. Rockwheelers is a boys club so a lot of people avoid the hassle. Development of the precinct could be amazing if investigated thoroughly, planned and done correctly.
353	Mount Louisa trails. More marketing of the trails to tourist.
354	Magnetic Island
355	Magnetic Island would be a fantastic location for additional trails
356	Paluma
357	Advanced locations, freestyle areas would also be enjoyed by the greater community.

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358	The Rockwheelers need to get better facilities at Douglas. For example club house, toilet, power, drinking water, carpark upgrade, shade
359	Linking trails together (tea house to Paluma to Cardwell for e.g.) More trails at Pallarenda!
360	Bring official mountain bike paths and trails to bushland beach
361	I think we need a strategy to engage older LGBT riders - the nature and scope of riding has evolved tremendously and its an area that Council should consider.
362	My Louisa
363	building a trail network on Mt Stuart
364	Alligator Creek, Magnetic Island, Ross Dam
365	Old Greenvale Rail Line could be opened up to mountain biking/touring from Yabulu to Hervey Range. This would give access to historical and cultural sites, waterfalls, scenic landscapes and the Hervey's Range Tearooms. The collapsed rail tunnel could be bypassed. Magnetic Island National Park, ride from Nelly Bay to Horseshoe Bay, Picnic Bay and West Point. Cape Cleveland. Mt Stuart could be opened up to all types of Mtb.
366	Lift access downhill
367	I would like to see more trails that are difficult - both tech and jump lines. I would also like mostly flow trails, and a progressive jump I believe would be suitable.
368	Paluma and Cardwell areas would have massive potential,
369	Could become a MTB tourist destination with a few more trails and areas to ride
370	Expansion at Douglas but running out of room for too many more trails. Castle hill, Pallarenda/ mt marlow/many peaks range
371	Riding paths between suburbs including to Alice river. More tracks. More practice jumps. There seems to be a lot of small jump and a lot of large jumps but nothing in between.
372	1) Having a world-class MTB facility to attract international MTB events and championships and make Townsville a hub for Adventure Tourism in North Queensland. Mt Stuart would be a great location as proposed by the Rockwheelers MTB Club (see their website). 2) Better development of trails at Elliot Springs, they are not really well-built MTB trails. 3) Re-opening the Hervey Range Tunnels - there is some great MTB trails as well as hiking trails 4) Forestry Road is a great track, should be developed for shared use between 4WDs, MTB, and Hiking. Should look to link it up all the way to Paluma. This will attract the adventure tourist who likes to ride and camp as well as draw the 4WD market 5) Need to attract more high profile MTB events to Townsville

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373	Fix up the Murray dirt jumps or create new ones so we have a place to practice and learn jumps
374	Expanding Douglas with purpose built and designed trails. Heaps more maintenance required there. Complete revamp of Pallarenda trails so they are fast and flow well. The surrounding area and views this would be a great tourism opportunity being able to ride to or from the strand, which makes easy access to coffee, food accommodation and everything the strand/cbd has to offer.
375	Construction and maintenance of mountain bike trails on Magnetic Island seems like an obvious way to increase local user visitation and create new tourism opportunities for Townsville. Might also help to improve safety for those wishing to ride bikes on the island by getting them off the narrow winding roads between main settlements on the island.
376	Castle hill would be a great location if the track could be official and maintained with signage to keep walkers from danger of collisions. The location is central and the hill is already shared use with riders and walkers/runners as a fitness/social location in Townsville
377	Maybe more xc type tracks at Douglas
378	More adventure trails at Paluma and Wallaman Falls and links between, possible development of Mount Stuart, Additional trails or links at Pallarenda.  I was sad to see MTB excluded from the new walking tracks on Mount Louisa.
379	The old land fill site at bicentennial park could provide some short easy trails with intermediate features and links to the ross river bikeway More easy/intermediate options on the Stuart side of town
380	Magnetic island would be the obvious choice for easy shared use trail that links all the bays not acceptable by road in a loop of the island. Riders could catch the ferry out, do a lap of the island, have a swim, grab a feed and beer and catch the ferry home as a trip.  Mount Stuart should be opened up with a flanking climbing and access trail with descending trails dropping into the valley from the flank. This would cater for more technical gravity based styles of riding.  Keep Douglas going as it is. It is the best location and super convenient for after work rides and close to town with a great view. Just help keep the maintenance up to it.  Build proper asphalt pump tracks. Built by pump track professionals and not landscapers  Open up castle hill to bikes and legitimise Westies trail as a bike only MTB trail

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	Add a MTB loop to the mount Louisa master plan with access from both sides.
381	Alligator creek falls
382	There are massive hills all around Townsville, there are plenty of opportunities to make a large network of trails comparable to Maydena in Tasmania with shuttle access.
383	Linking the City to Douglas/ Pallarenda with better/safer bike routes Open an All Bike Park similar to Atherton Tablelands (Douglas or Stuart) Access Hervey's Range
384	I think we have a really good bike reserve. I would like to see the bottom skills area be more family friendly. A bbq area and shelter, irrigate the grassed areas to keep the carpark / skills area looking neat and tidy. This will encourage parents to bring their kids out and feed the grass roots of this sport.
385	Big connected network with facilities and easy accessibility at all trailheads.
386	Reinstate lost MTB and trail running trail network at Ross Dam Improve opportunities along and off Bluewater Forestry Road More trail options at Pallarenda/Town Common Create trails around Paluma including down to Hidden Valley - some vehicle tracks already exist Create classic climbing trail from Paradise Waterhole (Crystal Creek) up to Paluma via Bullocky Toms track (an existing hiking track) - this has 2 waterfalls and lookouts along the way  Create trail options around Rupertswood, connect to upper Ross River Rd, incorporate Pinnacles National Park into this. Riders currently do this using the (ugly) powerline track Create trails similar to UTR, around Muntalunga Range (S of Townsville, nr Sun Metals zinc refinery) - good access from highway, would get good views over wetlands and saltpans there
387	Castle Hill to Strand, better access to Shelly Beach (or any of the beaches)
388	Bicentennial Park on Queens Rd would be hugely popular with some easy single tracks around the hillock there. It would be so good for beginners and families who would find even the flat green tracks at Douglas to be too difficult.
389	Would like to see Douglas trails link up with Ross Dam around the back/top of the firing range. Possibly develop Harveys Range somewhere but must have a hub of some sort so possibly back to the Tea Rooms would be a good option. I also think the Douglas trails need some sort of club house for services to riders- Toilets, water ect. Tracks around Mount Louisa would be a good option for intermediate and family riders to get them into the sport.
390	Reopen dam & tidy up paler Anda.
391	Mt Louisa
392	Development of trails closer to Idalia & Fairfield Waters would be helpful Also more provision of easier/beginner trails in Townsville

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393	More intermediate trails in different locations Long flowing intermediate trails that can utilize a shuttle	
394	Alligator Creek/Mt Elliot	
395	Mt Louisa	
396	Ross Dam to Hervey Range cross country marathon trail	
397	Alligator creek Houghton Ross Dam We should build an adventure trail from herveys range to Yabulu along old rail line	
398	If it were promoted the right way, ecotourism particularly at Paloma and magnetic island. World class events and more competition to bring racers to Townsville. It is a growing sport that has been fast tracked by covid.	
399	Ross Dam and Palma	
400	Bluewater. There are some trails that could be developed, however the problem would be the motorbike riders ruining the area.	
401	expand Mt Stuart - build a paid entry MTB park. Add a decent skills park. Build some trails on Castle Hill away from walkers. Build an elevated green trail at Pallarenda. Build some linked xc trails on Maggie. Build facilities at Douglas and an access road to allow shuttling. Te establish the Ross Dam trails that we'd ride if they were open.	
402	My Stuart development	
403	The more locations the better, but not if it is at the expense of maintaining the existing trail network. Its no good having extensive trails if they are not maintained	
404	Elliot Mt Louisa	Springs
405	Cleveland Bay, Mt Louisa and Bohle look great areas for MTB development. While I do not mind sharing trails with hikers and runners, eg the UTR trails at Pallarenda , they are not compatible for both as they are too narrow and dangerous due to the necessary speed required to negotiate parts of the trails.	
406	adventure/destination riding/hiking . ie: trail from paluma to blue water, Paluma down the range.	
407	I think TVE has a great opportunity to open up more areas including Magnetic Island and more access to RR Dam and surrounding areas on both sides of the dam. Regular maintenance of all the tracks would encourage more riders.	
408	Alligator creek, ross dam catchment Castle hill (westies) Forestry road Bluewater better maintenance of the Pallarenda trails.	
409	Thorntin Gap, Mt Louisa, Mount Margaret, Mt Elliot	

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410	Townsville badly needs more mountain bike parks (with multiple trails). The current tracks at Douglas are very good, but due to the rapidly growing participation in the sport, the tracks are often overcrowded. Townsville has many suitable places for mountain bike parks (Mt Stuart, Harvey Range) that would be very well supported by Townsville MTB riders and could serve as a tourist attraction for people from all over the world.
411	Bluewater forestry road
412	Mt Louisa.
413	Overnight runs from Bluewater to Paluma via the old loggers roads
414	Expand on mt Stewart trails , can shuttle , or make adventure tracks.
415	Expansion of the Douglas mountain bike area onto land owned by the defence force would allow more trails to be built. The terrain on that land is suitable for the type of trails already existing at Douglas. Also a track from the top of Mt Stuart to link up with Douglas trail network would be awesome.
416	Herveys range Mount Louisa The Houghton Ross dam pipeline can be converted easily into a family friendly adventure ride Cape Cleveland near AIMS
417	Cross country connection from Mt Stuart to Douglas MTB Park Short tails on Castle Hill Mount Louisa Green/Blue trails on Mt Stuart More trails at Paluma
418	Winter carnival. Introduce into a master's sporting event. There are a large number of us over 45s that travel to and participate in Master's tournaments around the world. This demographic spend well
419	Between Oonoonba and Port Access Road and the coast for flat cross country experience. Castle Hill
420	Anywhere there are hills... Mount Louisa (used to have MTB trails but now closed); Pallarenda (trails to the main summit to add options and smaller loops); Magnetic Island ( it would be a tourism draw card to have trails that reach summits and access a circuit of the island. Could be dual purpose such as Pallarenda. Being National Park would mean the trails aren't volunteer maintained ie as per Under the Radar, which means trails become inaccessible during the wet / growing months. A regular maintenance program needs to incorporated if it is a tourism feature; Bluewater Range is a fantastic rain forest and whilst challenging terrain, it is a beautiful asset to the region and virtually unknown.
421	Would love to see more trails at Pallarenda but think that Maggie has a vast amount of potential.
422	My Louisa - could make many tracks at this location
423	The provision of more white and green trails would be helpful for beginner riders.

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### Appendix 2 – Places Tool Map Data

Response	Latitude	Longitude	Address	Comment
1	-19.14326779	146.8686837	Old Forts Road, Arcadia Queensland 4819, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70986">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70986</a>	This could be a trail head for MTB heading towards HB. Keeps riders off the road which is not a safe place to ride.
2	-19.13647177	146.8691933	Old Forts Road, Arcadia Queensland 4819, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70987">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70987</a>	this would be a natural junction for the trail
3	-19.13247308	146.868394	Forts To Horseshoe Bay Track, Horseshoe Bay Queensland 4819, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70988">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70988</a>	This would be a great place to establish a new trail head heading along the face of the hill towards to northern end of the bay.
4	-19.13403912	146.8585396	0 Parker Street, Horseshoe Bay Queensland 4819, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70989">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70989</a>	continuation of the trail
5	-19.11638106	146.8405151	42 Pollard Street, Horseshoe Bay Queensland 4819, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70990">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70990</a>	Trail head at end of bay to complete circuit. Link back to HB precinct shops/cafe/ toilets car park etc.
6	-19.25645411	146.8001974	1 Castle Hill Road, Castle Hill Queensland 4810, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70994">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70994</a>	Westies has been a staple DH trail for years, it was built by mtb'ers however is always hard to maintain since it has to be done in secrecy. The trail is a favourite for hardcore racers and represents

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				a real challenge for potential high level state/national events. Along with the unique and picturesque location this trail with moderate maintenance could be a drawcard for high level DH racing in Townsville.
7	-19.23854801	146.4069046	4818, Queensland, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70995">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70995</a>	Forestry Rd potential mtb trails
8	-19.39454615	146.5881243	825 Granitevale Road, Granite Vale Queensland 4815, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70997">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-70997</a>	mount Margaret potential mtb trail
9	-19.14091126	146.8437552	Nelly Bay To The Forts Via Arcadia, Nelly Bay Queensland 4819, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71001">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71001</a>	Natural saddle in range where connecting MTB trail could run parallel with walking track and link Nelly Bay with Horseshoe and beyond- with road access from Ferry Terminal along Mandalay Avenue.
10	-19.13551898	146.8648911	Arcadia - The Forts Walking Track, Horseshoe Bay Queensland 4819, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71058">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71058</a>	From the topo info available in Globe it is feasible to have a track paralleling the walking track from Curlew Flats then traversing downhill across the contours to ward Svensson St returning along the back of the properties fringing the NP returning to the 'Telstra' track and back to the parking at Curlew Flats. This is expandable to

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				extend across to an extension of Pollard St
11	-19.33191894	146.7370462	Fruit Loop, Mount Stuart Queensland 4811, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71059">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71059</a>	Green Trails (eg Easy Street) within the reserve should be open to multiple users, including trail running. Responsible users and common sense rules have allowed safe sharing of these areas until recent changes were implemented without broader public consultation.
12	-19.41446864	146.7471313	Lakeside Drive, Mount Stuart Queensland 4811, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71060">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71060</a>	Reinstated access to Dam trails for MTB and trail running.
13	-19.189677	146.7296541	Link Utr Mangroves To Shelly Beach Trail, Town Common Queensland 4810, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71199">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71199</a>	Add more trails to connect with Smedleys and UTR. Add some green trails with some elevation. Enable vehicle access by rockwheeler members to Bald rock car park. Or add more trails at the conservation park radar end to enable access to toilets and facilities. Add some more gravity trails to the radar hill.
14	-19.25949671	146.8050241	Goat Track, Castle Hill Queensland 4810, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71200">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71200</a>	Create a bike park and skills area on Castle hill. Add a gondola / chairlift for riders and public to access. Create a range of trails separate bikes and walkers this could become a premier tourism opportunity. Create a world class downhill track that can be

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				included in competitions. Have shuttle services up the road if a chairlift is not possible. Link with a zip lining treetops adventure park.
15	-19.33872206	146.7425287	4811, Queensland, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71201">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71201</a>	Build a proper skills park with progressive drop features and table tops, gaps for people to learn like Twisted Oaks bike park in the UK: <a href="http://www.twistedoaks.co.uk">www.twistedoaks.co.uk</a>  Make some easier green trails to the summit and back down.  Build a road to the summit to enable emergency access.
16	-19.41287492	146.7453128	Gravel Pit Road, Mount Stuart Queensland 4811, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71202">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71202</a>	Rebuild, and reinstate access to the Dam trails for mtb club members
17	-19.34333831	146.783309	Mt Stuart Scenic Lookout, Queensland 4811, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71203">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71203</a>	expand the Mt Stuart trails into a full bike park with a full range of trails green, blue and black. Skills park similar to <a href="http://www.twistedoaks.co.uk">www.twistedoaks.co.uk</a> Maintain the trails by charging a membership fee. Use the road as an access way for emergencies and for shuttle runs. Add restroom facilities
18	-19.35433254	146.8290859	4811, Queensland, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-</a>	Old trails in reserve. Although could be competing for

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			bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71209	resources of maintenance from Douglas
19	-19.25832215	146.8033808	Summit Loop Track, Castle Hill Queensland 4810, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71283">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71283</a>	entrance for going downhill
20	-19.27922562	146.7334199	11 Alpine Court, Mount Louisa Queensland 4814, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71400">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71400</a>	Do not waste money on walking tracks, build a mountain bike trail that matches Cairn's world class Smithfield Trails. Mt Louisa has this potential and is a blank canvas.
21	-19.18357701	147.0155883	1 Off Cape Cleveland Road, Cape Cleveland Queensland 4816, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71401">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71401</a>	a trail to the light house and back
22	-19.27916486	146.7255449	33 Adrian Rise, Mount Louisa Queensland 4814, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71419">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71419</a>	Suggestion for mountain bike trails as a part of the Mt Louisa developments, Green and Blue trails, separate tracks for walkers and mountain biking. Would be accessible to users from Kirwan/Heatly/Mount Louisa areas without driving to established tracks in Douglas/Pallarenda
23	-19.19381109	146.754427	Lagoon Trail, Town Common Queensland 4810, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71435">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71435</a>	Provide single track all the way out from UTR to avoid riding on the Lagoon/Freshwater trail and close a full single track loop.

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24	-19.19259519	146.7463589	Lagoon Trail, Town Common Queensland 4810, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71436">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71436</a>	A cross-mountain trail could shorten up UTR and offer some more gravity/flow opportunities at Pallarenda. Cut from the 4wd clearing up over Marlow Saddle and down to Lagoon perhaps.
25	-19.23790156	146.7576885	4814, Townsville, Queensland, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71437">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71437</a>	Offroad connection between Pallarenda Trails and Mt Louisa or Rowes Bay - promote long flat rides for those wanting to loop out to Pallarenda via the Pallarenda bike path and back via the trails in the Town Common.
26	-19.13475878	146.8701267	Arcadia - Horseshoe Bay Road, Arcadia Queensland 4819, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71438">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71438</a>	Off road MTB connection between Alma and Horseshoe to avoid having to ride up the main road (very dangerous at present).
27	-19.23551093	146.4032507	4816, Queensland, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71439">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71439</a>	Connection to Forestry Road - Paluma with stops for waterfalls etc. This would be similar to the Bump Track in Cairns, which is a major attraction for MTBers in Nth Qld.
28	-19.33390321	146.7442346	Ridgeline, Douglas Queensland 4814, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71440">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71440</a>	Shade and seating at Douglas Summit is needed. A large hut, shade cloth or covered area would help beat the heat in summer.
29	-19.33155448	146.7345679	143 Angus Smith Drive, Mount Stuart Queensland 4811, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-</a>	Water available at carpark is needed

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30	-19.33892453	146.7612934	JCU School of Engineering, James Cook Drive, Queensland 4811, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71442">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71442</a>	A connection between Stuart Summit and Douglas/JCU would allow a large traverse that is of the scale necessary to attract MTB tourists. Combine with an MTB park at Stuart and expanded trails on the JCU side of Douglas.
31	-19.41621918	146.7478716	Lakeside Drive, Mount Stuart Queensland 4811, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71446">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71446</a>	Allow family activities with MTB trails available for walking and trail running. Utilise this under used resource.
32	-19.33243525	146.740458	Ridgeline, Mount Stuart Queensland 4811, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71447">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71447</a>	Allow walking on suitable trails
33	-19.33159497	146.7355013	Fruit Loop, Mount Stuart Queensland 4811, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71481">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71481</a>	Provide alternative walking/trail running routes if required. As a hiker, trail runner and mountain biker I would say that bikes and pedestrians on the same trail is a recipe for disaster.
34	-19.13404292	146.8586237	0 Parker Street, Horseshoe Bay Queensland 4819, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71483">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71483</a>	Some decent linked-up MTB trails on Magnetic island would be excellent.
35	-19.33893023	146.7613159	JCU School of Engineering, James Cook Drive, Queensland 4811, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-</a>	A Mt Stuart-JCU-Douglas link would be an excellent way of expanding these options

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36	-19.44234159	146.9721603	4816, Queensland, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71485">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71485</a>	There is scope for utilising existing cleared trails under pylons to create good long touring MTB trails around Alligator Ck/Mt Elliot
37	-19.19180081	146.7372437	4810, Townsville, Queensland, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71509">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71509</a>	Smedley's trail
38	-19.2729734	146.7028865	131 Shaw Road, Cosgrove Queensland 4818, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71527">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71527</a>	Boyle River crossing and connecting trails to the expanding Northern suburbs. We need an alternative connection over the Boyle River rather than the current shared bike and cars Bohle River 'Death Trap'.
39	-19.25664048	146.7957544	21-25 Green Street, Castle Hill Queensland 4810, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71689">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71689</a>	Add a tracks to Castle Hill for MTBs. These tracks should allow a rider to join the tracks from different sides of the hill. Eg north Ward entrance. West end entrance. For safely these tracks should be sign posted as only MTB or combined walking/MTB. There should also be tracks that are only walking.
40	-19.2071955	146.7338705	Old Road To Bald Rock Car Park, Town Common Queensland 4810, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-</a>	A good next stage project for UTR would be a new track on the side of the hill adjacent to the wetlands. This new section would connect to the existing

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			bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71690	track (where this pin is located) and end at the park at Pallarenda so a rider can ride on a single hillside track all the way around UTR. Currently the track ends at the pin location and riders have only got access to flat tracks through the wetlands. This hillside track would complete UTR and be very popular I believe.
41	-19.13347149	146.7852831	11 West Point Road, West Point Queensland 4819, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71691">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71691</a>	Make a single track from West Point to Horseshoe Bay to be used by both walkers and MTB. Think of the popularity of these types of tracks in Tasmania. It would pay for itself through additional tourism, new business opportunities and ongoing jobs. Imagine being able to circumnavigate the island on foot or bike. A bold but very achievable project with guaranteed ongoing benefits to Townsville for generations to come.
42	-19.33378173	146.7442882	Ridgeline, Douglas Queensland 4814, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71822">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71822</a>	Shade shelter and bench seating at summit to get out of the heat for a bit and enjoy the view.
43	-19.33172152	146.7344318	319 Angus Smith Drive, Mount Stuart Queensland 4811, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-</a>	Shade shelter and drinking water tap near carpark / pump track

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44	-19.45598069	146.7249388	1-65 Ross Lake Drive, Pinnacles Queensland 4815, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71824">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71824</a>	Negotiate access so that you can go on a long gravel ride around the back of the Pinnacles. Linking Riverway Dr / Ross Dam with Granitevale Rd.
45	-19.01181328	146.2186933	Old Logging Road, Paluma Queensland 4816, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71825">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71825</a>	Maintain the overgrown trail from Paluma to Bluewater (PRB trail) as a mixed mtb/hike/run trail and build a camping shelter 1/2 way along for an overnight mtb ride option
46	-18.93620606	146.1198378	Benham's Track, Paluma Queensland 4816, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71826">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71826</a>	Basic shelter for overnight hike/bike options. would be great if there was a trail running all the way through from Bluewater > Paluma > Mt Fox > Wallaman. Check out <a href="https://www.mundabiddi.org.au/">https://www.mundabiddi.org.au/</a> for inspiration.
47	-19.2545793	146.8036857	Castle Hill Road, Castle Hill Queensland 4810, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71827">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71827</a>	Close Castle Hill Rd to private motor vehicles so it is a safer and more pleasant recreational experience for walkers/runners/cyclists. Replace with a regular minibus service to summit for elderly and mobility impaired. It was fantastic having the road closed to vehicles during COVID lockdown!
48	-19.24147731	146.7985868	Esplanade, North Ward Queensland 4810, Australia	Complete the foreshore path between Jezzine Barracks and

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			<a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71828">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71828</a>	Soroptimist Park so people can ride mtb's from Strand to Pallarenda trails without having to go on the road or scare the bejesus out of walkers on the narrow path
49	-19.17405798	146.8432242	Xbase To Picnic Bay Track, Picnic Bay Queensland 4819, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71852">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71852</a>	A dirt switchback track suitable for bikes to get from top of hill down into Nelly Bay to avoid riding on Nelly Bay Rd which is very narrow and dangerous.
50	-19.29108629	146.8176233	0 Abbott Street, Oonoonba Queensland 4811, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71927">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-71927</a>	A relatively flat trail could be built here
51	-19.21882956	146.7248726	4818, Townsville, Queensland, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72105">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72105</a>	A raised boardwalk trail to connect Bushland Beach to Pallarenda through the mangroves/tidal flats. Could also be a good tourism draw card.
52	-19.35601206	146.4592552	22 Hervey Range Road, Hervey Range Queensland 4817, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72107">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72107</a>	Repairs and renovation of the old Greenvale Rail Line in to a rail trail for easy mountain biking/touring from Yabulu to Hervey Range. This would give access to historical and cultural sites, waterfalls, scenic landscapes and the Hervey's Range Tearooms.
53	-19.35147716	146.7926216	Mount Stuart Road, Mount Stuart Queensland 4811, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-</a>	expand the Mt Stuart trails into a full bike park with a full range of trails green, blue and black. Maintain the trails by charging a

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			bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72155	membership fee. Use the road as an access way for emergencies and for shuttle runs. Add restroom facilities
54	-19.33165976	146.7344885	135 Angus Smith Drive, Mount Stuart Queensland 4811, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72156">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72156</a>	Toilet and drinking water would be good for the Douglas MTB carpark
55	-19.20867977	146.6783381	93 Garland Road, Bushland Beach Queensland 4818, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72370">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72370</a>	Mount Low is a fairly Easy but fun ride in Bushland Beach. Plenty of opportunity for more trails to be made here.
56	-19.11930055	146.8655777	1 Gifford Street, Horseshoe Bay Queensland 4819, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72426">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72426</a>	Horseshoe Bay
57	-19.12584556	146.8650842	2 Gifford Street, Horseshoe Bay Queensland 4819, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72670">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72670</a>	This area here above the flood/creek line could be made into a Pump track. It would be a great adjunct to the skatepark. Depending on where Council boundary is, but small, Green trail on the fringing Bush to help develop novice riders.
58	-19.17349092	146.8334341	West Point Road, Picnic Bay Queensland 4819, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72671">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72671</a>	This land owned by Council would be ideal to develop some Green trails for beginner riders. Some trail /road already exists. It unfortunately has attracted illegal dumping & abandoned cars. By having recreational Mtn Biking/shared walking trails, a

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				user presence would help prevent this. This could be the 1st step (Qld Govt funding) in developing a trail network for Magnetic Island. Some other great suggestion pins on this map could follow ie circumnavigate Maggie track. Developing link tracks. Using fire - break & service road networks.
59	-19.35601206	146.4592566	22 Hervey Range Road, Hervey Range Queensland 4817, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72686">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72686</a>	Great Idea to develop the old Yabulu - Greenvale track as a MTB trail.
60	-19.27916486	146.7255466	33 Adrian Rise, Mount Louisa Queensland 4814, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72689">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72689</a>	Lets develop with what is there.
61	-19.19259171	146.7463589	Lagoon Trail, Town Common Queensland 4810, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72692">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72692</a>	A trail over the top would be a great asset to the already existing UTR track.
62	-19.1896751	146.7296564	Link Utr Mangroves To Shelly Beach Trail, Town Common Queensland 4810, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72694">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72694</a>	Add more trails for all levels in this area, provide some basic facilities (drop toilets) at the more remote parts of the existing trails. Improve the maintenance overall of the current tracks.
63	-19.25968741	146.7998326	10 Castle Hill Road, Castle Hill Queensland 4810, Australia  <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-</a>	Castle Hill could have MTB trails. Easy access for city residents. Future amenities such as the

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			bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72733	CAFE on the hill and toilet facilities are easily accessed.
64	-19.2833372	146.8112791	127 Mckay Street, Hermit Park Queensland 4812, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72734">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72734</a>	The hillock here would make a great location for easy green single track for beginners and families.
65	-19.34402668	146.7316818	1029 Riverway Drive, Mount Stuart Queensland 4811, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72738">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72738</a>	Link Douglas track with Ross river dam via the old haul rd that runs parallel to Ross river.
66	-19.25603276	146.8016982	Castle Hill Road, Castle Hill Queensland 4810, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72761">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72761</a>	Castle Hill needs to be better utilised. Mountain bike tracks would complement the walking tracks. Further, tracks at Castle Hill would be convenient for a large part of the community. Tracks should include both an intermediate loop and some intermediate down-hill opportunities and be accessible from several streets around the hill
67	-19.29024362	146.8376827	0 Cleveland Bay, Stuart Queensland 4811, Australia <a href="http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72763">http://haveyoursay.townsville.qld.gov.au/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy/maps/townsville-mountain-bike-strategy-map?reporting=true#marker-72763</a>	The low open space adjacent the port access road and over to Oonoonba would make a great place for higher speed and longer cross country bike tracks providing a different experience to Douglas, Pallarenda, Paluma, Castle Hill.



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