

Cultural heritage

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Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade – Stage 1

The Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade (B2N) – Stage 1 project footprint covers about 40km of the North Coast Line and will provide additional track capacity and reliability, creating travel time savings and increased passenger and freight services to the growing Sunshine Coast region.

The full scope of the business case for B2N includes a duplication of the North Coast Line between Beerburrum and Landsborough stations (around 20km in length) as well as station upgrades, new park 'n' ride facilities and new rail passing loops between Landsborough and Nambour.

The project will be delivered in stages, with Stage 1 preconstruction activities now underway.

Cultural heritage management

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is developing a Cultural Heritage Management Agreement (CHMA) for the B2N project in consultation with the Kabi Kabi First Nation Traditional Owners Native Title Claim Group (the Kabi Kabi People).

This agreement outlines the project's management process in relation to cultural heritage matters, including how the Kabi Kabi People will be involved in cultural heritage monitoring and protection activities.

The CHMA will be registered with the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and will be placed on the Cultural Heritage Register for Queensland.

Saving the trees and the bees

The recent cultural heritage field assessment (CHFA) provided an opportunity for the Kabi Kabi People to record culturally significant places and plants found within the project footprint and surrounding buffer zone, and recall traditional skills and activities.

As ecological stewards of their Country, the Kabi Kabi People recorded 399 mature habitat trees. This valuable information will be used in future planning and project design to help reduce impact on mature habitat trees.

The cultural heritage team also recorded a number of native bee nests. As prolific pollinators of Australia's unique flora, native bees have a vitally important role in the Australian bush as part of our natural ecosystem.

The recording of a swamp mahogany at Coonawrin Creek also prompted the Kabi Kabi People to discuss the use of this tree in the building of canoes and to consider how their traditional knowledge and skills are being kept alive.



Kabi Kabi cultural consultant Kerry Jones surveying significant trees.



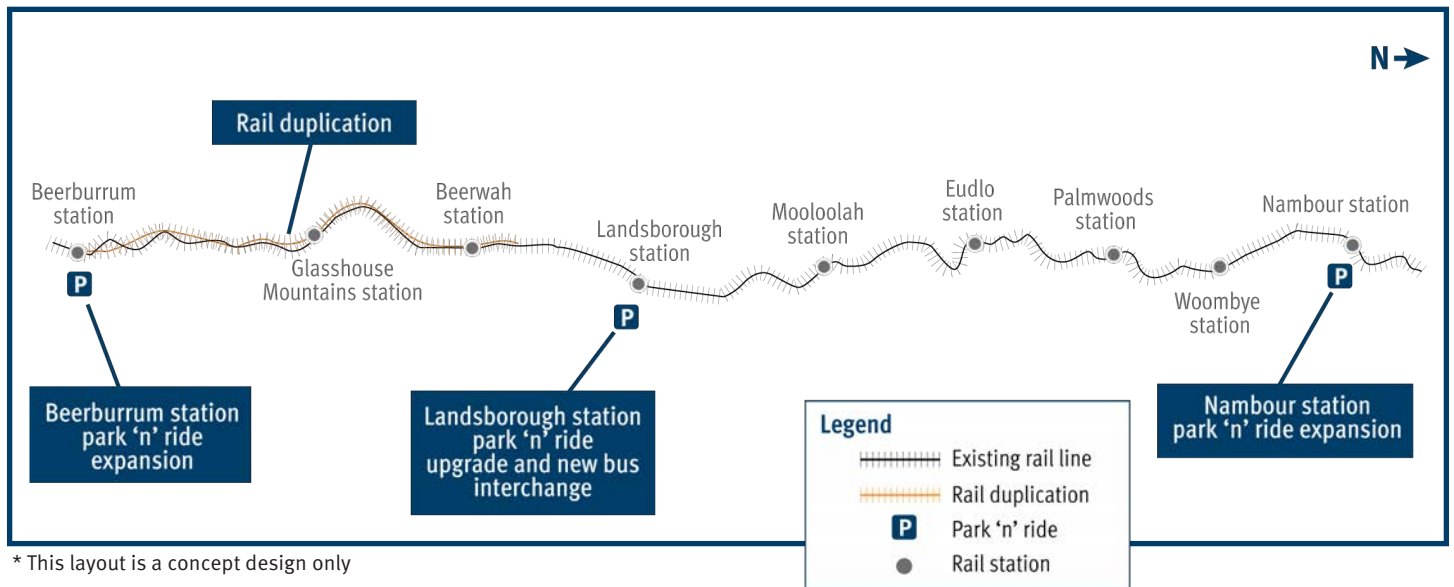
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Historical and cultural heritage

TMR recognises the significance of different cultures and the importance of managing Indigenous, historical, shared and natural heritage.

A range of archaeological, anthropological, ground penetrating radar surveys, cultural heritage surveys and investigations are in progress to inform the development of a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the B2N project.



Specialists carefully locate, record and assess historical artifacts across the B2N project footprint and surrounding buffer zone.

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