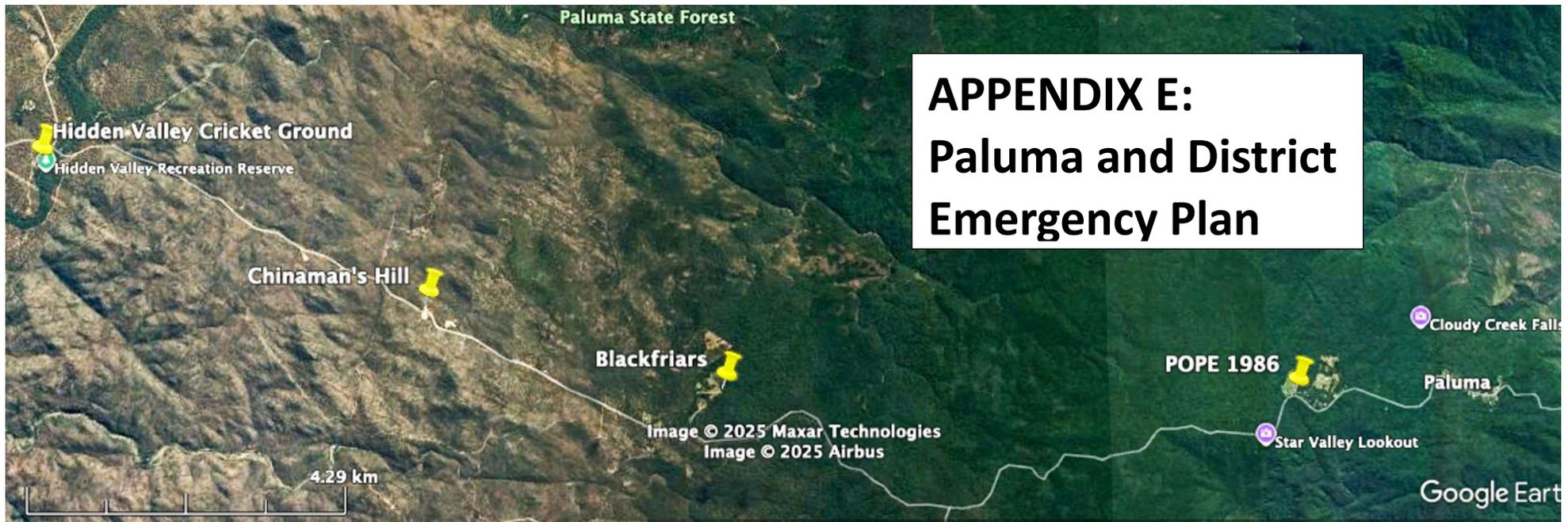


HELICOPTER LANDING SITES

PALUMA...BLACKFRIARS...HIDDEN VALLEY



In extreme weather cloud cover and heavy rain restrict and often preclude helicopter access to Paluma Village.

Conditions tend to be better at sites further west in such conditions.

This document identifies and describes four sites between Paluma and Hidden Valley suitable for rotary aircraft.

Road access may be constrained by fallen trees, especially after a cyclone event, and clearing roads will be a high priority for local action via RFS/SES and other volunteers.

Evaluation of access to and landing site conditions (post extreme event) should occur with road clearing and be reported asap to emergency response managers at Paluma.

Graham Pope 1986 Mt Spec Road

19°0'32.66" S 146°11'7.76" E



**Delivery of diesel Feb 2025 at Lot 1986 —
grassed area north of buildings**



Permission: Owner Graham Pope 2025.

Access: front gate is secured with a shielded padlock and can be opened only by key. The SES or RFS local coordinator can arrange access to this key

Conditions: stay on access track to avoid lawn damage.

Location: approx 2km west of Paluma Hall.

Surface: grassed area north of buildings.

Blackfriars 65 Chick Rd location 1A



Blackfriars location



Permission: owner Charles Allen 2025 (SES group leader).

Access: dummy locked gate from Chick Road (see Google image next page)

Location: approx. 14 km from Paluma to gate on Chick's Road

Conditions: medium slope.

Location: grassed area next to derelict orchard .

Surface: grassed area north of buildings.

Caution: stay away from dwelling and loose materials nearby, cows may be present. Secure gate (dummy locked) after entry and exit .

Blackfriars 65 Chick Rd location 2



Permission: owner Charles Allen 2025 (SES group leader).

Access: dummy locked gate from Chick Road (see right) approx. 14 km from Paluma to gate on Chick's Road

Conditions: slight slope.

Location: grassed area next to derelict orchard.

Surface: grassed area with some flat rock under grass.

Caution: presently (2025) has stack of felled timber in centre ... cows may be present. Secure gate (dummy locked) after entry and exit



Chinaman's Hill (road base storage)



Chinook water delivery Feb 2025

Permission: public access road base and gravel storage bay (for Charters Towers Council).

Access: bitumen road from Paluma (approx 16km).

Conditions: flat, stable, road base and gravel.

Caution: higher topo features between pad and Townsville, avoid rough dwelling and loose materials downslope beside creek to north....cattle may be present.

Hidden Valley Recreation Reserve aka Cricket Pitch



Permission: public access recreation reserve also known as the Hidden Valley cricket pitch.

Access: dirt track west of Hidden Valley bridge over Running River.

Approx 24km from Paluma.

Conditions: Slight slope, surface is grassed area with cement cricket pitch in centre.

Caution: access may be subject to flooding over bridge. COWS



Notes:

Context cam decimal degrees data converted to DMS on conversion app latlongdata.com (checked by PC Oct 2025)

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