



**MINUTES**  
**of the 117th Board Meeting of the**  
**FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS**  
**MONDAY 18 APRIL 2016**  
**Cairns Regional Council, Civic Reception Room, 119-145 Spence Street, Cairns**

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cr Terry James, Deputy Mayor Mr Peter Tabulo, CEO Cr John Kremastos, Mayor Mr Terry Brennan, CEO Cr Peter Scott, Mayor (Deputy Chair) Tim Cronin, CEO Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor Mr Bill Kirwin, Interim CEO Cr Julia Leu, Mayor Ms Linda Cardew, CEO Cr Mary Brown, Deputy Mayor Mr James Stewart, Executive Manager Engineering Services Cr Tom Gilmore, Mayor Mr Peter Franks, CEO Cr Joe Paronella, Mayor Mr Ian Church, CEO Cr Ross James Andrews, Mayor Ms Janelle Menzies Mr Jeff Jenkins, CEO Cr Desmond Tayley, Mayor Ms Darlene Irvine Ms Teresa Schmidt Mr Steven Cosatto Ms Amanda Hancock Mr Travis Sydes	Cairns Regional Council Cairns Regional Council Cassowary Coast Regional Council Cassowary Coast Regional Council Cook Shire Council Cook Shire Council Croydon Shire Council Croydon Shire Council Douglas Shire Council Douglas Shire Council Hinchinbrook Shire Council Hinchinbrook Shire Council  Mareeba Shire Council Mareeba Shire Council Tablelands Regional Council Tablelands Regional Council Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council FNQROC FNQROC FNQROC FNQROC FNQROC
<b>OBSERVERS:</b>	Cr Katrina Spies Cr Annette Haydon Cr Warren Devlin Mr Paul Taylor  Mr Rob Giason Ms Linda Richardson	Tablelands Regional Council Tablelands Regional Council Etheridge Shire Council Acting Commissioner – North, Queensland Police Service Advance Cairns Advance Cairns
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Cr Bob Manning, Mayor	Cairns Regional Council

<b>2152</b>	<b>CHAIR'S WELCOME &amp; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS</b>
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The meeting commenced at 10.00am. Deputy Chair, Cr Peter Scott, Mayor of Cook Shire Council, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cr Scott extended congratulations to all new Mayors and acknowledged importance of staff within each Council and the value for money FNQROC delivers to the Councils.

Cr Scott acknowledged the traditional owners, past and present, on whose land we met and acknowledged partnership opportunities with the traditional owners.

<b>2153</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
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As noted above.

<b>2154</b>	<b>ROUND TABLE INTRODUCTION</b>
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Brief round table introduction from each member.

<b>2155</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION OF PAUL TAYOR – ACTING COMMISSINER – NORTH, QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE</b>
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Cr Peter Scott welcomed Mr Paul Taylor to the meeting. Mr Taylor introduced himself and provided a brief summary of his role and the opportunity for collaborative relationships between the Queensland Police Service and Local Government.

*Paul Taylor left at 10.10am*

<b>2156</b>	<b>10.10am - PRESENTATION BY ROB GIASON</b>
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Cr Scott introduced Mr Rob Giason to the meeting. Mr Giason and Cr Scott signed the memorandum of understanding between Advance Cairns and FNQROC.

Mr Giason and Ms Richardson presented FNQROC and each Council (excluding Cairns) with a certificate of membership.

Mr Giason provided an overview of Advance Cairns and the role it plays in the region.

Cr Scott noted that NDRRA was not included in the draft 8+8 advocacy document.

*Mr Rob Giason and Ms Linda Richardson left at 10.25am.*

<b>2157</b>	<b>10.20am - PRESENTATION BY DARLENE IRVINE</b>
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Darlene provided an overview of the role and activities of FNQROC.

More detailed information is contained within the FNQROC 2016 Information Guide distributed to the Mayors and CEO's at the meeting and sent via mail to all elected members.

A spreadsheet of all FNQROC Technical Committees and council representatives were distributed to Mayors and CEO's .

<b>2158</b>	<b>ELECTION OF CHAIR</b>
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The Board position of Chair was declared open.

**Cr Peter Scott**

NOMINATED by Cr Trevor Pickering  
Cr Peter Scott declined

**Cr Tom Gilmore**

NOMINATED by Cr Julia Leu  
SECONDED by Cr Joe Paronella

Cr Tom Gilmore accepted the nomination for Chair.

There being no further nominations, Cr Tom Gilmore was declared elected as Chair of FNQROC.

2159	<b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</b>
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The minutes of the 116th FNQROC Board Meeting held on 8 February 2016, were adopted by flying motion on 25 February 2016.

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

2160	<b>MINUTE 2130 –REALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR GAIRLOCH WASHAWAY AND INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TOURISM DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE</b>
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Mr James Stewart confirmed that a response from Mr Sanjay Ram from DTMR has not been received.

**ACTION: Ms Irvine to follow up with Mr Ram.**

2161	<b>MINUTE 2138 &amp; 2120 – DISCUSSIONS WITH MS SANDRA BURKE, DISTRICT DIRECTOR FN DTMR REGARDNG ATSI FUNDS</b>
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Mr Jeff Jenkins confirmed a response from DTMR has been received.

*Cr Warren Devlin arrived at 11.06 am*

2162	<b>MINUTE 2143 – WET TROPICS HEALTHY WATERWAY PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL</b>
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Mr Travis Sydes advised that meetings will be arranged at each individual Council to discuss the partnership proposal once the budget and details had been refined.

**ACTION: Mr Sydes to arrange meetings with each council to discuss the Wet Tropics Healthy Waterway Partnership proposal.**

2163	<b>MINUTE 2147 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS OF CATTLE WANDERING ON ROADS</b>
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A discussion paper prepared by Cr Scott and an e-Research Brief from the Queensland Parliamentary Library 'Livestock Straying on Highways: Civil Liability for Damages' were distributed.

**ACTION: Cr Scott to discuss the issue of livestock straying onto roads at the next board meeting.**

2164	<b>MINUTE 2147 – FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR YELLOW CRAZY ANTS</b>
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Mr Travis Sydes advised that no formal notification has been received.

**ACTION: Mr Sydes to confirm current position of the Federal Government regarding funding for Yellow Crazy Ants.**

2165	MINUTE 2147 – RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING FLYING FOXES
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Ms Darlene Irvine advised that no action has been taken.

**ACTION: Ms Irvine to retrieve the original paper on Flying Foxes and Wallabies.**

2166	DISCUSSION TOPIC NO. 16 – TRAINING COSTS AND POLICY NO. 10 – TRAINING
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General discussion regarding the Training Policy.

**MOVED: Cr Peter Scott**

**“That the policy be adopted with the following amendment:**

**Delete no. 5 and amend No. 4 to read ...”Registration will be via FNQROC training form being submitted to FNQROC. Upon registration an invoice will be issued. Once the invoice has been issued, no refund is available to the council. Council can substitute the registered attendee with another staff member.”**

**SECOND: Cr Trevor Pickering**

**CARRIED**

2167	FNQROC REPORT – ADVANCE CAIRNS AND FNQROC MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
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Refer minute no. 2155.

2168	INWARD AND OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE
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Inward and Outward correspondence was noted.

Cr Leu queried the Advance Cairns correspondence regarding Royalties to the Regions. Ms Irvine advised that she would keep members updated as further information came to light.

**MOVED: Cr Terry James**

**“That the inward and outward correspondence be received.”**

**SECOND: Cr Julia Leu**

**CARRIED**

2169	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**MOVED: Cr Peter Scott**

**“That the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet for the current financial year to date be accepted.”**

**SECOND: Cr John Kremastos**

**CARRIED**

2170	MINUTES OF MEETINGS
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Noted.

2171	<b>BOARD'S STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS</b>
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Update provided within the presentation given at the commencement of the meeting.

2172	<b>COUNCILS' REGIONAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES</b>
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A general discussion was held.

Indigenous investment forum

Cr Scott discussed the recent Indigenous investment forum held in Cairns.

Developing Northern Australia Conference

Cr Scott raised the upcoming Developing Northern Australia conference to be held in Darwin on 20-22 June 2016. Cr Scott and Cr Leu advised that they will be attending. Cr Scott requested that FNQROC consider funding 1/3 of the cost to attend the conference. Cr Scott will be requesting 1/3 funding also from Regional Development Australia FNQ&TS.

*Mr Peter Franks left at 11.47 am*

*Mr Ian Church left at 11.50 am*

A general discussion was held regarding the request and it was felt the more this region is represented the better we will be for it. It is also noted that Cairns Regional Council will be represented but is not seeking financial support.

**Moved: Cr Trevor Pickering**

**“That FNQROC subsidise 1/3 of the cost (estimated to be around \$800) for Cr Scott and Cr Leu to represent the region and attend the Developing Northern Australia Conference in Darwin from 20-22 June 2016”.**

**Seconded : Cr Terry James**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION: Councillors to provide information to Cr Scott on any matters they would like him to raise at the Developing Northern Australia Conference.**

*Mr Ian Church and Mr Peter Franks returned 11.55 am*

*Cr Annette Haydon arrived at 12 pm*

*Mr Travis Sydes left 12.15pm*

2173	<b>LGAQ POLICY EXECUTIVE REPORT</b>
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Received and noted.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Gilmore requested that presenters are specifically invited to attend FNQROC Board meetings.

2174	<b>NQLGA 2016 Conference – Cloncurry</b>
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Cr Gilmore enquired who will be attending the conference and discussed transport options.

<b>2175</b>	<b>Impact on aviation industry in the region</b>
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Cr Brown raised the issue of the decline in the general aviation industry and the impact on rural and regional areas.

*Cr Pickering left the meeting 12.27pm*

Cr Scott advised that this is the type of issue that can be raised at the Developing Northern Australia conference. Cr Brown to provide further information to Cr Scott.

Ms Irvine mentioned that FNQROC has an Advocacy Policy for this purpose and if a brief detailing the issue and impact could be completed we could consider the matter at the next FNQROC Board meeting.

*Cr Pickering arrived back at 12.30pm*

<b>2176</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>
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The next board meeting will be held at Cairns Regional Council on Monday 20 June 2016.

<b>2177</b>	<b>CONCLUSION</b>
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There being no further business the Chair, Cr Gilmore declared the meeting closed at 12.31 pm.

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**Cr Tom Gilmore**  
**Chair**

**ACTION ITEMS**

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>
2160 & 2130	Ms Irvine to follow up with Mr Ram regarding reallocation of funding for the Gairloch washaway and the installation and maintenance of tourism directional signage.	FNQROC
2162 & 2143	Mr Sydes to arrange meetings with each council to discuss the Wet Tropics Healthy Waterway Partnership proposal.	FNQROC
2163 & 2147	Cr Scott to discuss the issue of Livestock straying onto roads.	Cr Peter Scott
2164 & 2147	Mr Sydes to confirm current position of the Federal Government regarding funding for Yellow Crazy Ants.	FNQROC
2165 & 2147	Ms Irvine to retrieve the original paper on Flying Foxes and Wallabies.	FNQROC
2172	Councillors to provide information to Cr Scott on any matters they would like him to raise at the Developing Northern Australia Conference.	All Councillors