



MINUTES
of the 120th Board Meeting of the
FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS

MONDAY 10 October 2016

Cairns Regional Council, Civic Reception Room, 119-145 Spence Street, Cairns

PRESENT:	Cr Bob Manning, Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
	Mr John Andrejic, Acting CEO	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr John Kremastos, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Mr James Gott, CEO	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Deputy Chair	Mr Peter Scott, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
	Mr Tim Cronin, CEO	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Mr Bill Kerwin, Interim CEO	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Julia Leu, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Ms Linda Cardew, CEO	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Warren Devlin, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
	Mr Michael Kitzelmann, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
	Cr Ramon Jayo, Mayor	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
	Cr Mary Brown, Deputy Mayor	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Chair	Cr Tom Gilmore, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
	Mr Peter Franks, CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Joe Paronella, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
	Ms Hurriyet Babacan, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
	Cr Ross James Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
	Ms Janelle Menzies, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
	Cr Desmond Tayley, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Ms Darlene Irvine	FNQROC
	Ms Teresa Schmidt	FNQROC
	Mr Steven Cosatto	FNQROC
	Ms Amanda Hancock	FNQROC
	Mr Travis Sydes	FNQROC
OBSERVERS:	Mr Luke Hannan	LGAQ
	Cr Ray Brown	Western Downs Regional Council
	Cr Greg McLean, Mayor	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mr Steve Linnane, CEO	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
	Cr Katrina Spies	Tablelands Regional Council
	Mr Victor Mills	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Cr Wayne Bing Chew, Deputy Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
APOLOGIES:	Ms Eileen Demaal-Hall, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

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CHAIR'S WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The meeting commenced at 10.00am. Chair, Cr Tom Gilmore, Mayor Mareeba Shire Council welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Victor Mills acknowledged the traditional owners, past and present, on whose land we meet.

2241	APOLOGIES
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As noted above. Apology for Cr Julia Leu and Mr Tim Cronin who will be arriving late.

2242	10.03am - PRESENTATION BY ALEX DE WAAL- CEO, TTNQ
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Cr Gilmore introduced Mr Alex de Waal to the meeting. Mr de Waal provided a presentation on behalf of QTIC on the tourism industry reform agenda. Mr de Waal encouraged everyone to look at the full KPMG report on the QTIC website, www.QTIC.com.au and provide feedback and suggestions to QTIC, transformation@qtic.com.au.

A copy of the powerpoint presentation will be distributed with the minutes.

2243	10.37am - PRESENTATION BY BILL SHANNON, NORTHERN AUSTRALIA INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY
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Cr Gilmore introduced Mr Bill Shannon and Ms Cecilia Tran to the meeting. Mr Shannon provided a background of the NAIF.

Mr Cronin arrived 10.41 am

Cr Manning left at 10.42 am

Cr Manning returned at 10.48 am

Mr Kitzelmann left at 10.49 am

A copy of the powerpoint presentation and a handout provided at the meeting will be distributed with the minutes.

2244	10.51 am - PRESENTATION BY Cr RAY BROWN, WESTERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL
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Cr Gilmore introduced Cr Ray Brown to the meeting. Cr Brown is nominated for the position of President of LGAQ and discussed the key issues impacting upon Local Government in Queensland.

Mr Kitzelmann returned at 10.57 am.

2245	11.14am - PRESENTATION BY GREG TONNER, CEO COWBOYS
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Cr Gilmore introduced Mr Greg Tonner to the meeting.

A copy of the powerpoint presentation will be distributed with the minutes.

Mr Franks left and returned at 11.20 am

Cr Leu arrived at 11.21 am

Cr McLean left a

Cr Devlin left and returned at 11.35 am

Offer of visit to region and see what Cowboys can do for the community.

2246	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
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MOVED: Cr Bob Manning
SECOND: Cr Julia Leu

“That the minutes of the 119th FNQROC Board Meeting held on 8 August 2016, be confirmed.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

2247	MINUTE 2207 – THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO MR RYAN AND MR WILLIAMS THANKING THEM FOR THEIR PRESENTATION AND ADVISING THAT BEFORE FNQROC CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE INITIATIVE IT SHOULD BE DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY ARE SUPPORTED BY THE STATE DISASTER GROUP AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT QUEENSLAND.
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Ms Irvine advised that a letter has been sent.

2248	MINUTE NO. 2212, 2185, 2160 & 2130 - CR JAYO TO ADVISE IF SUPPORT IS REQUIRED FROM FNQROC WITH REGARD TO DTMR REALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR GAIRLOCK WASHAWAY AND INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TOURISM DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE.
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Cr Jayo advised that the Hinchinbrook Shire Council is continuing discussions with DTMR and would like to keep the matter on the agenda.

2249	MINUTE NO. 2214, 2187, 2163 & 2147 - CR PETER SCOTT DEVELOP A DISCUSSION PAPER (WITH INPUT FROM MEMBER COUNCILS) ON THE SAFETY ISSUE OF LIVESTOCK ON ROAD NETWORKS AND HOW THIS COULD BE RESOLVED.
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Cr Scott advised that this issue was taken to the NQLGA meeting in Cloncurry in July 2016. The issue will remain with each individual Council to address.

2250	MINUTE NO. 2220 - MS IRVINE TO DISTRIBUTE DISCUSSION PAPER WITH FNQROC MINUTES AND FNPHN TO FOLLOW UP WITH COUNCILS PRIOR TO AN FNQROC DECISION.
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Ms Irvine advised that the discussion paper has been distributed and it is up to FNPHN to follow up with Councils.

2251	MINUTE NO. 2221 - MS IRVINE TO WRITE TO ADVANCE CAIRNS ADVISING THAT FNQROC HAS RESOLVED TO COMMIT TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP OF ADVANCE CAIRNS.
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Ms Irvine advised that a letter was sent and that Advance Cairns would write to each council asking if they would like individual council membership.

2252	MINUTE NO. 2221 - MS IRVINE TO COLLATE THE EXISTING SOURCES OF DATA AND RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO COUNCILS
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Ms Irvine advised that there is a lot of data available to Councils and is seeking feedback on what data Councils are looking for.

Given consideration of the scope of data councils may require, it was decided the best course of action would be to ask FNQROC where the data required could be found.

Post note: FNQROC will start to develop a spread sheet of data sources and will place it on the FNQROC website – this spreadsheet will continually be updated.

2253	MINUTE NO. 2224 - FNQROC DECLINE THE OFFER BY CAIRNS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BECOME A PLATINUM PARTNER
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Ms Irvine advised that correspondence has been sent.

2254	MINUTE NO. 2229 - INVITATION BE EXTENDED TO THE MEMBER FOR LEICHHARDT, THE HON. WARREN ENTSCH MP, THE SENATOR FOR QUEENSLAND, THE HON. IAN MACDONALD AND THE ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MS JENNIFER HOWARD MP TO BECOME 'CHAMPIONS' OF THE FNQROC.
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Ms Irvine advised that correspondence has been sent. Noted, responses received. A copy of which will be in the December agenda.

2255	MINUTE NO. 2234 - LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE TWO CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR ELECTION OF LGAQ PRESIDENT, CR MARK JAMIESON AND CR RAY BROWN REQUESTING THEM TO ADVISE HOW THEY, IN THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF LGAQ WOULD ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF REGIONAL QUEENSLAND COUNCILS.
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Ms Irvine advised that correspondence has been sent and their responses had been emailed to Mayors.

2256	MINUTE NO. 2236 - CR DEVLIN AND CR PICKERING TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE REQUEST FOR FNQROC ADVOCACY SUPPORT ON THE WIDENING OF THE GULF DEVELOPMENT ROAD
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Mr Kitzelmann advised that Croydon and Etheridge Shire Councils are working together on this issue. No further action.

2257	MINUTE NO. 2237 - CR DEVLIN TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE REQUEST FOR FNQROC ADVOCACY SUPPORT ON THE REQUIREMENT FOR UHF REPEATER STATIONS TO BE DELINKED.
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Mr Kitzelmann advised that Etheridge Shire Council is working on this issue and is awaiting a response from the Federal Government. Mr Kitzelmann will forward a copy of the response when received to FNQROC.

2258	MINUTE NO. 961 OF AGM - THAT A PAYMENT OF \$4,500 BE MADE TO THE FORMER CHAIR, CR BILL SHANNON FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2015 TO 19 MARCH 2016 AND A PAYMENT OF \$1,500 BE MADE TO THE CURRENT CHAIR, CR TOM GILMORE FOR THE PERIOD 20 MARCH TO 30 JUNE 2016."
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Ms Irvine advised that she had made an error with retrospective payment of the Chairs Honorarium in the AGM minutes at the meeting held on 8 August 2016. The Honorarium is paid in advance, accordingly the resolution is required to be amended.

MOVED: Cr Peter Scott
SECOND: Cr John Kremastos

“Amend the AGM minutes to show “That a payment of \$6,000 be made to the Chair, Cr Tom Gilmore for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017”.

CARRIED

2259	DISCUSSION TOPIC NO. – MEMBERSHIP REQUEST FROM HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
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Cr Paronella left and returned at 11.57 am

MOVED: Cr Desmond Tayley
SECOND: Cr Juila Leu

“That the request from Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council to become a member of FNQROC be accepted.”

CARRIED

2260	FNQROC ANNUAL REPORT
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MOVED: Cr Tom Gilmore
SECOND: Cr Trevor Pickering

“That the FNQROC Annual Report 2015/16 be adopted”.

CARRIED

2261	B66: UNDERSTANDING THE REGION’S INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL GAP
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Cr Tayley left 11.58 am

The paper was noted and comment was passed that it presents a scary picture.

2262	TERMS OF REFERENCE – FNQ WATER ALLIANCE
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MOVED: Cr Peter Scott
SECOND: Cr Joe Paronella

“That the Terms of Reference for the FNQ Water Alliance be adopted.”

CARRIED

2263	INWARD AND OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE
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Cr Kremastos left and returned at 12pm

MOVED: Cr Joe Paronella
SECOND: Cr Trevor Pickering

“That the inward and outward correspondence be received.”

CARRIED

2264	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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MOVED: Cr Ramon Jayo
SECOND: Cr Julia Leu

“That the audited financial statements be accepted.”

CARRIED

MOVED: Cr John Kremastos
SECOND: Mr Peter Scott

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

CARRIED

The cheque and credit card transactions lists were received and noted.

Cr Tayley returned at 12.02 pm.

2265	MINUTES OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS
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Noted.

2266	BOARD'S STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS
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Ms Irvine advised that this will be covered in the workshop to be held tomorrow.

2267	COUNCILS' REGIONAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
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Discussions to be held at tomorrow's workshop.

2268	UPCOMING TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS
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No discussions held.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2269	ANIMAL ATTACKS ON WILDLIFE
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Cr Kremastos raised the issue being experienced in Cassowary Coast Regional Council of problem dogs and the impacts of domestic animals on wildlife. He tabled a background of the issues. (A copy of this document will be attached with the minutes). Similar examples have been experienced by member Councils. Raised the opportunity for a regional approach to dog/animal management.

General discussion held on what issues Councils are experiencing and how they are dealing with it. Tablelands Regional Council are experiencing feral cat problems and Etheridge Shire Council is participating in feral cat eradication program with CSIRO.

The option of establishing a FNQROC guidance document was discussed.

Cr Manning left at 12.14 pm

Cr Scott left at 12.16 pm

Cr Manning and Cr Scott returned at 12.17 pm

MOVED: Cr John Kremastos
SECOND: Cr Julia Leu

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Cr Manning left at 12.20 pm

Mr Kitzelmann left at 12.20 pm

Cr Gilmore left at 12.20 pm

Cr Gilmore returned at 12.21pm

2270	LGAQ POLICY EXECUTIVE REPORT
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Received and noted.

Mr Luke Hannan provided an update.

A copy of the LGAQ Policy Executive report to be distributed with the minutes.

Ms Cardew left at 12.25 pm

Mr Kitzermann returned at 12.34 pm

2271	NEXT MEETING
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The next board meeting will be held at Mission Beach (Cassowary Coast Regional Council) on Monday 12 December 2016.

2272	CONCLUSION
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There being no further business the Chair, Cr Gilmore declared the meeting closed at 12.40 pm.

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Cr Tom Gilmore
Chair

ACTION ITEMS

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)
2248, 2212, 2185, 2160 & 2130	Cr Jayo to advise if support is required from FNQROC with regard to DTMR reallocation of funding for Gairlock Washaway and installation and maintenance of tourism directional signage	Cr Jayo
2252	FNQROC will start to develop a spread sheet of data sources and will place it on the FNQROC website – this spreadsheet will continually be updated.	FNQROC
2257	Mr Kitzelmann to forward a copy of the correspondence to FNQROC when received from the Federal Government on the requirement for UHF repeater stations to be delinked.	Mr Kitzelmann

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