



MINUTES

Meeting No	5
Meeting	Local Government Economic Development Group
Date	20 February 2017
Time	10 am – 2 pm
Venue	Cairns Regional Council, Civic Reception Room, Ground level

The meeting opened at 10:00am.

1. Attendance

Name	Organisation
Angelo Finocchiaro (part of meeting)	Cairns Regional Council
Belinda Hutchinson	Cairns Regional Council
Gary Scott-Holland (part of meeting)	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Richard Blanchette	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Kerrie Hawkes	Douglas Shire Council
Nicole Van Beuningen	Tablelands Regional Council
Victor Mills	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Kate Hams	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Jann Crase (part of meeting)	RDA FNQ&TS
Kevin Byrne (part of meeting)	Advance Cairns
Virginia Berry	Department of State Development
Sarah Palmer	Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ) and Tourism & Events Queensland (TEQ)

2. Apologies

Name	Organisation
Peter Boyd	Cairns Regional Shire Council
Vince O'Brien	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Brendan Leishman	Douglas Shire Council
Rebekah Hill	Etheridge Shire Council
Susan Parsons	Mareeba Shire Council
Ian McKirdy	Department of State Development
Kelsey Ormsby	Department of State Development
Gary Kerr	Cook Shire Council
Glenys Pilat	Mareeba Shire Council
Darlene Irvine	FNQROC
Stuart Cowen	Advance Cairns

3. Guests

Name	Organisation
Jim Myhill	.id – the population experts

4. Presentation by Jim Myhill from .id – the population experts

Jim gave a presentation of the economy .id and profile.id tools and how Local Governments can use them.

.id has put together a proposal for FNQROC member Councils which will enable reporting at the FNQROC level. In discussion with RDA FNQ&TS to consider opportunities to expand the area.

ACTION 5.1 – FNQROC to continue discussions with FNQROC member Councils, RDA FNQ&TS and Jim Myhill to finalise a proposal for consideration by Councils.

5. Acceptance of previous minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting No. 4 held on 4 October 2016 were accepted without amendment.

6. Actions from Previous Minutes

No.	ACTION	OWNER	COMPLETED?
4.1	Sarah Palmer to provide a copy of the TTNQ presentation to FNQROC to distribute to the group	Sarah Palmer	Distributed with the minutes
4.2	A copy of the TTNQ fact sheets to be distributed with the minutes	FNQROC	Distributed with the minutes
4.3	Presentation on transformation of the structures and funding of QLD tourism Industry by Mr Alex de Waal to FNQROC Board meeting on 10 October 2016 to be distributed with the minutes.	FNQROC	Distributed with the minutes
4.4	RDA FNQ&TS handout to be distributed with the minutes.	FNQROC	Distribution with the minutes
4.5	A copy of the draft FNQROC Strategic Economic Infrastructure and Policy Plan to be distributed to the group when available.	FNQROC	
4.6	Summary from Advance Cairns on Nullinga Dam and Cairns Airport Freight Opportunities to be distributed with the minutes.	FNQROC	Distributed with the minutes
4.7	AusIndustry update to be distributed with the minutes.	FNQROC	Distributed with the minutes
4.8	Nicole to distribute TRC report, when available, on itinerate workers to FNQROC	Nicole Van Beuningen	

6.1. Update on 4.5 – Draft FNQROC Strategic Economic Infrastructure and Policy Plan

Teresa advised that the FNQROC Strategic Plan will come in two parts, Part A Strategic Economic Infrastructure Priorities and Part B – Strategic Operational Priorities.

A draft Part A has been circulated to the Mayors and CEO's and will be further discussed at a workshop scheduled for 13 March 2017. With respect to Part B a discussion paper which includes all technical committees and issues/opportunities has also been circulated.

6.2. Update on 4.8 - TRC report on itinerate workers

Nicole advised that the report has not been finalised for public distribution.

7. **Update from Sarah Palmer, TTNQ – update on TNQ Destination Tourism Plan**

- Sarah provided an update on the TNQ Destination Tourism Plan.
- She is planning to contact Councils individually to seek input into the reporting component. The intention is that the reporting component will be a 'living' component to be updated regularly.

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

- TTNQ has lodged a submission into the inquiry into the opportunities and methods for stimulating the Tourism industry.
- At the LTO meeting in Cooktown last week, there was a suggestion that Councils consider the development of a template for investment attraction / or a regional approach to investment attraction.
- Teresa advised that LGAQ were considering and endorsed a Trade and Investment Attraction Initiative at the LGAQ Policy Executive meeting on 14 February 2017.
- The components of the proposed two-year LGAQ Trade and Investment Initiative are:
 - A trade and investment mentor to assist councils in strategically targeting their trade and investment efforts
 - Establishing a Trade and Investment Professional Development Program for councils
 - Employment of a LGAQ Trade and Investment Project Officer to improve coordination and communication between Trade & Investment Queensland (TIQ) and councils
 - An increased allocation of Advocate Stream resources to trade and investment policy issues, including finalising and implementing the Memorandum of Understanding between the LGAQ and TIQ

Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) will be holding a Tourism Industry Transformation Forum in Cairns on 23 February 2017. The forum will take a critical look at the industry, what the future of tourism networks in Queensland may look like and the mechanism for resourcing these.

A copy of the notes from the forum will be distributed with the minutes.

8. **Update from LGAQ Advisory Committee representative**

Nicole Van Beuningen (TRC) and Angelo Finocchiaro are on the LGAQ Economic Development Advisory committee.

Next meeting 6 March 2017 in Brisbane

9. Update from RDA, FNQ&TS, Jann Crase

- Not available for update

10. Update from Department of State Development, Virginia Berry

A copy of the update will be provided with the minutes

- Building our regions funding – two rounds currently open.
- Made in Qld funding
- Jobs and Regional Growth Fund
- Mt Emerald Wind Farm
- MSF Sugar – Tablelands Green Power Station
- Embracing 2018 Commonwealth Games Legacy Program
- Bio Future Acceleration Program

11. General Business

11.1. Regional Jobs and Investment package – Local Planning Committee

- Darlene Irvine was invited to be a member on the Regional Jobs and Investment Package (RJIP) Local Planning Committee through the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.
- Due to workload constraints Darlene has advised the Chair of the Committee that she will be unable to continue on the Committee
- The Local Planning Committee has been established with responsibility for developing a Local Investment Plan in consultation with the local community. The region comprises of Cairns Regional Council, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council and Douglas Shire Council. <http://regional.gov.au/regional/regional-jobs-investment-package/>

11.2. Cross Region Events

In line with the FNQROC Policy No. 7 – Funding of Cross Regional Events and actions from the previous FNQROC Cross Region Events meeting held on 15 July 2016) the group discussed two potential events this year that may need to be discussed as a group. Opportunity to address funding request prior to Council budgets being finalised.

Action 5.2: FNQROC to email relevant Council officers to obtain an update on any funding requests for events that have the potential to cross more than 2 local government boundaries.

11.3. LGAQ – Economic Development – Nurturing your local economy

Reminder that LGAQ runs an Economic Development – Nurturing your local economy course. The next course is scheduled for 7 March 2017 in Cairns. Contact LGAQ for further info
Alternative is to contact LGAQ to arrange the course to be run specifically for your Council (TRC has previously taken this approach)

11.4. Update from Councils

Tablelands Regional Council

- TRC host of NQLGA annual Conference – 26-28 July 2017
- Sponsorship opportunities

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

- Organisational structure review
- ED positive in Tourism sector
- Tully Gorge – Cardstone Village development proposal looking into partnerships with mountain bike group and holding rafting world championship events

Douglas Shire Council

- Adopted Economic Development Strategy – 14 February 2017
- Reef Marina – Development application approved
- Water Reservoir – about to go to tender
- Nursery Home in Mossman – primary construction contract been secured
- Business forum Tuesday 21 February

Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

- Capital works project – to develop own wifi system
- China camp – concrete section out to Tender
- New sewerage plant

Cairns Regional Council

- Advancing Regional Innovation Program workshop to be held 21 February

12. Next meeting

Next meeting will be 26 May, 2017

The meeting closed at 2.10 pm

Minutes prepared by FNQROC Local Government Economic Development Group Coordinator, Teresa Schmidt.

ACTION ITEM(S) –

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