



MINUTES

Meeting No	29
Meeting	Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee
Date	23 February 2017
Time	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Venue	C4 Theatrette, Visitor Info Centre, 535 Porters Promenade, Mission Beach

The meeting opened at 9:00am.

1. Attendance

Name	Organisation
Michael Graham	BQ
Damon Sydes	CCRC
Darryn Higgins	CSC
Cr. Kate Milton	HSC
Brian Wienert	TRC
Matt Buckman	HSC
Dave Vettoretto	HSC
Steve Bailey	CRC
Brett Kilpatrick	DSC
Pete Logan	DSC
Jade Monda	CRC
Kirsty Lamperd	TRC
Travis Sydes	FNQROC
Dave Green (Guest)	BQ
Richard Hunt	WT Healthy Waterways Partnership

2. Apologies

Name	Organisation
Cr. Jeff Baines	CCRC
Cr. Rick Taylor	CCRC
Rob Cobon	BQ
Evizel Seymour	Terrain NRM
Bart Dryden	Terrain NRM
Darlene Irvine	FNQROC

3. Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

ACTION	Owner	Completed?
28.1 - Action: Travis and Kristy compile outcomes of co-investment workshop for councils to make final comment on the regional	LGAQ,	yes

priorities and targets identified.	FNQROC - All	
28.2 - Action: Develop a short document mapping or defining the jurisdiction and limits of local government in regard to the responsible management domestic/feral animals in relation to their impact on wildlife (FNQROC on collaboration with LG's and relevant authorities)	FNQROC, LGs	Yes item 17 (attached to minutes)
28.3 - Action: Wildlife management and stewardship policy. Facilitate a regional workshop across LG departments including local laws, natural assets/area management, community services/engagement, regional NRM, and relevant state departments. The key outcomes of the workshop are to be the identification of, or proposal for development of, solution based outcomes. These will include a clear recommendation for consistent messaging, resourcing and education and deliver a regional policy for adoption which can be adapted locally to suit all participating councils.	FNQROC, BQ	No. see item 17 (in development)
28.4- Action: (regional pest management strategy) Progress the review workshop when the FNQROC Strategic Directions project is complete (expected end February)	FNQROC, all	No (see item 16 for scheduling)
26.7 - Table final Regional Tramp Ant Response Plan to FNQROC board (provide date to group)	FNQROC	Pending (2017)
26.8 (regional pest management strategy) Send scope and terms of reference for the Regional Pest Management Strategy review process. Include scope of stakeholders to be engaged in review.	FNQROC	N (see item 16 for scheduling)
26.9 - (regional pest management strategy) Confirm date and venue for RPMS review and send invite to CEO, Cr. Reps and external stakeholders	FNQROC	N (see item 16 for scheduling)
26.10 - (regional pest management strategy) Develop pre workshop (RPMS) survey based on review materials	FNQROC/ NAMAC/BQ	N (see item 16 for scheduling)
26.12- Proponents for regional taskforce on rubbervine or bellyache bush consider proposal further and report back to the group	CSC, MSC, FNQROC	Y

4. Acceptance of previous minutes: Moved Jade Monda, Seconded: Damon Sydes

5. Correspondence: incoming (LGAQ request for nomination of State Oversight Group representative and final recommendation for research/co-investment priorities).

6. Wet Tropics Healthy Waterways Pilot Report Card and Partnership

6.1. Overview of report card and key reporting indicators (Richard Hunt).

Richard provided an overview of the report card process and the reporting products captured in the pilot report card. Considerations in the interpretation of the report card were discussed including; the time lag between data compilation and report, i.e. one full year behind; challenges in the development of the report card and the simplified representation of information at a basin scale. Richard highlighted the supporting data resource available via the website <http://wettropicswaterways.org.au/>

6.2. Discussion and demonstration of development of invasive aquatic weeds indicator (Travis Sydes).

- The indicator has been developed using products from regional pest planning tools and draws directly from LG pest/biosecurity management plans.
- Has been developed in consultation with the Wet Tropics partnerships Technical Working Group (TWG)
- Second stage of development has resulted in consultation with Mackay Whitsunday Pest Management Working Group and TWG
- Details of the mapping and collation process were circulated with the agenda
- Key points for discussion were; suitability/eligibility of species selected (see criteria in method); inclusion of additional measures to the impact score from prioritisation framework currently used; workshopping with Mackay Whitsunday group progress comparative results;

Action: Develop an additional index to compliment the impact score from biosecurity plans. Ideally this should capture a management effort/cost numeric. Individual councils will then be required to contribute feedback to this score.

Action: Run an analysis which compares true aquatic to riparian weeds. Consider a weighting to capture true water quality impacts

Richard Hunt left the meeting following morning tea

7. Siam Weed Management Strategy Review (Dave Green, BQ)

7.1. Dave Green provided an overview of the review process and timelines for the Siam Weed Management Strategy. General conversation and recommendations provided to Dave included making a specific reference to genotype 2 in the Koombaloo area; providing support to local management efforts; progressing biocontrol agent/s

8. Update from LGAQ Advisory Committee representative

8.1. Update on progress of Co- investment model and establishment of the State Oversight Group circulated by Kristy Gooding prior to meeting

9. Biosecurity Act rollout update (Michael Graham BQ)

9.1. Authorisations under new Act

9.2. Surveillance programs development and progress

9.3. Prevention and control program development and progress

Action: Individual councils must update authorisation under Biosecurity Act if applying 1080 as Health Act which administers 1080 has not included the same grace period which applied to Biosecurity Act transition

Action: TRC provide details of legal service provided by subscription for maintaining delegations (MacDonalds Law) they use for upkeep of authorisations. Also try <http://www.lgaq.asn.au/group/guest/delegations-register-sort>

Action: Surveillance programs are necessary for routine work involving entry to private property and should be compiled and adopted by councils as soon as possible.

10. 1080 pesticide permitting and product availability update (Michael Graham BQ)

10.1. New conditions will apply to the availability and distribution of 1080 pesticide. This will include the use of canid pest ejectors (CEPs); the permitting of suitably qualified landholders to access and distribute commercially manufactured baits and CEP capsules; altered guidelines for placement of baits, notifying neighbouring properties. These updates will be rolled out with new training package.

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0017/75140/IPA-1080-PA5.pdf

Action: Investigate/confirm the commercial cost of 1080 when the State stockpile runs out

11. Co-investment model

11.1. LGAQ provided an update on progress of co-investment model as a circular

12. Final recommendation from regional workshop (November 2016)

12.1. The final recommendation was circulated prior to meeting. General agreement that it captures the outcomes of the workshop

Action: circulate final recommendation for last comments prior to submitting through SOG

State Oversight Group representative

12.2. A communication was circulated prior to the meeting seeking recommendation for representative for SOG.

Action: The regional representative will be FNQROC (Travis Sydes)

13. Regional compliance workshop

13.1. Scheduling and content

In relation to matters raised in item 9 it was determined the first deliverable of the compliance training workshop is for councils to have all of legislative requirements in place (Authorisations and Surveillance Programs). CRC has begun mapping a compliance process. The workshop will be scheduled

14. Taskforce scheduling

14.1. Cook Shire Calotrope taskforce will be postponed until aerial surveys are completed. Taskforce will then be used to target on-ground controls works.

14.2. Mareeba Shire Councils rubbervine and bellyache bush taskforce is scheduled for September. A date will set shortly

14.3. Yellow crazy ant taskforce is scheduled for week of July 17-20th (the week of the Cairns Show). The TF will run over 4 days and administer treatment in the lowland riparian areas not able to be treated by air.

Note – WTMA has expressed their support for regional taskforces and requested to be kept informed so they can assist.

15. Planning scheme and local law references to biosecurity

15.1. A general discussion around the inclusion/updating of Biosecurity Act references to replace references to Land Protection Act in planning schemes and local laws was held. No planning schemes are as yet updated, some suggested wording is in development

Action: individual councils should seek to update references to Biosecurity Act in Planning scheme and local laws as soon as possible.

15.2. As a component of the scheduled biosecurity compliance workshop individual councils are advised to become familiar with the wording and status of their locally declared weeds. On closer inspection of some council Local Laws the subordinate laws were not adequate to deliver the intent of their biosecurity plans. LGAQ currently has communications in train in relation to locally declared weeds. Concerns at legislative and process duplication was raised by FNQROC and others in recent submissions to the Agriculture and Environment Parliamentary Committee

Action: individual councils are advised to review their locally declared weed provisions in local laws to ensure they deliver the intent of their biosecurity plan

16. Regional Pest Management Strategy Review 2017

The regional pest management strategy review will be conducted as a 2 day workshop in August. Hinchinbrook Shire (Cr. Kate Milton) offered the Tyto conference facilities for the process. The agreed outline of proceedings will include an external stakeholder engagement on the first day and a local government/BQ synthesis on day two

Action: consolidate action items (26.8, 26.9, 26.10) into single action to progress strategy review. Report on progress at next meeting

17. Regional wildlife management and stewardship policy

17.1. The first stage of this process is complete. See draft wildlife management jurisdiction guideline (attached for comment).

17.2. The terms of reference for the regional workshop are in development and will be circulated shortly to organise scheduling of workshop.

18. Business arising

18.1. BQ staffing levels and staff movements.

Following an overview of staff movements, secondments and vacancies in BQ, concerns were raised at the resourcing of essential positions across the region. Summarised by region:

- Cape York and Torres Biosecurity Officer currently vacant – internal EOI expected to fill this position

- Charters Towers Biosecurity Officer currently vacant – will be filled by officer from Cloncurry, Cloncurry vacancy advertised
- Mareeba Senior Biosecurity Officer currently vacant – not advertised as yet
- 50% IP&A position Mareeba on secondment till July 2017 and will not be back filled
- Cairns Biosecurity Officer on secondment April-June

19. Items for noting to FNQROC Board

Staffing levels of Biosecurity Officer which usually number 5.5 are currently at 2 officers. Whilst 1 position is expected to be filled shortly, one is a short term secondment, the 0.5 and senior position out of Mareeba will not be filled in the near future leaving a capacity gap.

Vacancies in BQ have direct impacts on LG capacity in routine program such as 1080 bating and rapid response to new issues. All service levels are diminished by remaining staff attempting to service all the region's needs.

20. Next meeting

Next meeting will be May 25 – host and venue to be confirmed in invite

The meeting closed at 2:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Travis Sydes, FNQROC Natural Asset Management & Sustainability Coordinator.

ACTION ITEM(S) –

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