

MINUTES

Meeting No.	6
Meeting	Economic Development Advisory Committee
Date	25 August 2017
Time	10 am
Venue	Cairns Regional Council, Level 3 Committee Room Call in details – 02 8355 1050 – Code 956 756 949
Meeting Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussions around training needs for the economy & profile .id 2. Update from WTMA on the Wet Tropics Management Plan review 3. Update from Pip Close, CEO TTNQ 4. General information/knowledge share and catch up between council officers, DSD and RDA

The meeting opened at 10:00am.

1. Attendance

Name	Organisation
Darlene Irvine	FNQROC
Teresa Schmidt	FNQROC
Angelo Finocchiaro	Cairns Regional Council
Belinda Hutchinson	Cairns Regional Council
Nick Masasso	Cairns Regional Council
Norm Garsden (teleconference)	Croydon Shire Council
Kerrie Hawkes	Douglas Shire Council
Susan Parsons	Mareeba Shire Council
Nicole Van Beuningen	Tablelands Regional Council
Virginia Berry	Department of State Development
Chris LeServe	Department of State Development
Lorriane Briggs	Wet Tropics Management Authority
Pip Close	TTNQ
Sarah Palmer	TTNQ

2. Apologies

Name	Organisation
Richard Blanchette	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Jann Crase	RDA FNQ&TS

3. Presentation via teleconference by Jim Myhill, .id the population experts

- Jim provided a brief overview of the FNQROC profile .id and economy .id site.
- The site is now available on line, <http://profile.id.com.au/fnqroc/home> and <http://economy.id.com.au/fnqroc>
- There are a number of bugs in the site that need to be resolved.
- Everyone is encouraged to commence using the sites and if any issues are found please advise Teresa.

- Access to the economic impact model tools – access via password, Teresa to provide to key users within each Council.
- Once major issues are resolved with the sites, FNQROC intends to do a media release

Action 6.1: Teresa to contact the key .id users within each Council to discuss the new sites and training requirements

4. Presentation from Pip Close, CEO TTNQ – Tourism direction in FNQ

Presentation to be distributed with the minutes.

Key message

- Strategic Themes – need sustainable funding
- Critical issues – digital disruption, access to technology – operators on the web
- Areas to focus and strategies
- Importance of working together
- Work with LTO's – to work together
- Value of Tourism
- TTNQ website – TTNQ request to share images
- Need support from Councils
- Work with Councils for key events
- TTNQ Drive Strategy

Action 6.2: TTNQ to share with FNQROC TTNQ strategies

Action 6.3: TTNQ and FNQROC to discuss TTNQ Drive Strategy

5. FNQROC Strategic Goals and operational changes – update from Darlene

Presentation to be distributed with the minutes.

Western Councils forum – 13 & 14 November 2017

- Topics to be discussed (with an agenda closer to the date) includes:
- Economic Development
 - Common approach to roadside (free) camping
 - Strategies to build on the tourism industry in FNQ
 - Economy & Profile i.d
- Planning
- Biosecurity
- Water and Waste or Landfill.
- Planning to hold 2 day forums every three months
- Everyone will be invited to attend but they will be focussed on areas of interest for the western and remote Councils

Action 6.4: FNQROC to share the Agenda for the FNQROC Western Councils forum with the group.

FNQROC Board directed projects

- NDRRA Economic and Social Impact Study – awaiting report from Cummings Economics to present to FNQROC Board meeting
 - Wildlife Management and Stewardship Policy
 - FNQ weed spread prevention network
- * project plans and workshop summaries for Wildlife Management and weed spread projects will be available from the FNQROC website

6. Actions from Previous Meeting No. 5, 20 February 2017

No.	ACTION	OWNER	COMPLETED?
4.5	A copy of the draft FNQROC Strategic Economic Infrastructure and Policy Plan to be distributed to the group when available.	FNQROC	Emailed to group with Update No. 1 – 26 May 2017
5.1	FNQROC to continue discussions with FNQROC member Councils, RDA FNQ&TS and Jim Myhill to finalise a proposal for consideration by Councils.	FNQROC	Complete
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.	FNQROC	Complete. Email sent to group 28.2.2017

Actions from FNQROC update no. 1, 26 May 2017

No.	ACTION	OWNER	COMPLETED?
1.1	FNQROC to update group on outcome of strategic documents following the Board meeting in June.	FNQROC	Darlene provided an update, refer 5
1.2	Group to review ToR and provide any feedback.	Councils	To be on next meeting agenda
1.3	Group to agree on the preferred geography for the FNQ benchmark for the .id proposal.	Councils	Complete
1.4	Following the Board meeting on 12 June 2017, FNQROC to update group on decision regarding the proposal from .id.	Group	Complete.

7. Update on Review of Wet Tropics Management Plan – Lorriane Briggs

- Lorraine recently provided an update to the FNQROC Planners Group meeting – *powerpoint presentation from that meeting to be distributed with the minutes*
- Feedback during the consultation period highlighted the confusion around how roads were proposed to be treated under the plan, Local Govt recommendation for additional investigation zone and TTNQ concern re change of zoning of some visitors centre sites
- Consultation report prepared by WTMA
- Looking at bringing together the document into a framework document including other WTMA strategies

8. Introduction – Nick Masasso, CRC Executive Project Officer

- Nick recently commenced employment with CRC
- Economic Development will be under Nick
- Focussing on CRC approach on applications for grants funding and Smart communities action plan

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

Jann sends her apologies as she is unable to attend the meeting.

A copy of the RDA FNQ&TS update will be distributed with the minutes addressing:

- RDA Review outcome
- Building Better Regions Fund – successful projects round 1 announced 4 Aug
- RDA Charter
- ‘Snapshot’ of RDA FNQ&TS Achievements

10. Update from Department of State Development, Virginia Berry

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

- Regional Projects Forum – 31 October 2017
- Defence Industries – industry briefing held in July
- Building our Regions – contracts being finalised. First payments by 1 Nov 2017
- Made in QLD – 17 applications in FNQ
- Back to work
- Bio Medical Roadmap
- Jobs and Regional Growth – Virginia introduced Chris LeServe, Director Jobs & Regional Growth to the meeting.

11. Update from Sarah Palmer – TTNQ

- TTNQ Destination Tourism Plan – events, aviation and drive market
- Drive Strategy meeting planned
- TTNQ recent trip to Tablelands, Atherton
- Unveiling of the Citizens Gateway structure next week
- GBR marathon – working with DSC
- Destination Q events meeting – in Toowoomba
- Best of Queensland – TEQ – will be region 4 October 2017

12. Update from LGAQ Advisory Committee representatives, Nicole Van Beuningen and Angelo Finocchiaro

- No recent Advisory Committee meeting held. Last meeting was in April

13. General Business

13.1. Advancing Regional Queensland Innovation program – IgniteFNQ – update from Belinda Hutchinson

- Initial board established
- Next step – hire innovation coordinator – will be point of contact for communication
- Next step – advertise for independent chair for the Board – if you have any ideas pass onto Belinda
- Can subscribe to Ignite eNewsletter or Ignite FNQ facebook - info@ignitefnq.org
- Belinda to get back in touch with Brendan (DSC)
- At the stage where there is an opportunities to re-engage with councils again

Action 6.5: Belinda Hutchinson to contact Brendan Leishman (DSC) regarding IgniteFNQ.

13.2. **Unconvention – 16 September 2017 – update from Belinda Hutchinson**

<https://www.the-entourage.edu.au/unconvention-2017-cairns>

Cairns will become the first regional city to ever host the The Tntrepreneurs' Unconvention on 16 September. The event will be headlined by keynote speaker Michelle Bridges.

13.3. **Update from Cairns Regional Council**

- Babinda and Gordonvale Economic Developments Plans completed
- CCIQ small business workshops in Babinda – 18 attendees
- Major projects – Cairns Shipping EIS and proposed State Development area in Gordonvale – recently lodged submissions to both projects)
- Cairns Investment Prospectus completed – if you have anything to add, contact Angelo
- CRC did a snapshot of the community – based on census data
- TTNQ innovation awards to be held next year
- National Cities Performance Framework Interim Report – contributed to LGAQ submission on the interim report making a recommendation that the use of SA4 provides a more realistic representation of a regional economy rather than SUA. *A copy of the LGAQ submission to be provided with the minutes.*
- There is no Event Bootcamp scheduled at the moment. If anyone is interested in receiving details about the next one, contact Belinda Hutchinson if you want to be added to the notification list.

13.4. **Advance Cairns – new contact Danielle Carey who will be commencing on 4 September 2017**

13.5. **Update from Mareeba Shire Council**

- Mareeba also doing a submission to proposed State Development Area
- MSC invited to hearing in the rollout of the NBN – raised issues in relation to the agricultural sector
- Recent Qld Treasury Corporation executive delegation to Mareeba
- Northern Australia investment forum in November
- Focus in improving business cases on what they are working on
- Working on capacity building of the not for profit sector

13.6. **Update from Douglas Shire Council**

- Queried if FNQROC Cross Region Events group still meeting as a recent event has been proposed that involves multiple Councils. FNQROC will disseminate any information across the cross regional events group about proposed events and it is up to the group if a meeting/teleconference is required to be held to share information around the event and address opportunities to work together.

Action 6.6: Kerry to forward information on proposed cross regional event to Teresa to follow up.

- Marina sale not completed
- Success in securing significant funding for a number of projects which has generated Project Manager positions within Council

- Out to tender on a number of large projects

13.7. Update from Tablelands Regional Council

- TRC doing a submission to proposed State Development Area
- Enquired about any interest in IAP2 training, TRC has staff wanting to do training

Action 6.7 – Teresa and Nicole to discuss contacts for trainers and expressions of interest in IAP2 training

- NQLGA - Cr Paronella is on the Board
- New Economic Development Officer – Andrew Powell commences 4 September
- Still recruiting for Manager Enterprise position

14. Points for noting to the FNQROC Board

15. Next meeting

Next meeting will be 24 November 2017.

No.	ACTION	OWNER	COMPLETED?
6.1	Teresa (FNQROC) to contact the key .id users within each Council to discuss the new sites and training requirements	FNQROC	Training to be rolled out throughout October and November
6.2	TTNQ to share with FNQROC TTNQ strategies	TTNQ	
6.3	TTNQ and FNQROC to discuss TTNQ Drive Strategy	TTNQ & FNQROC	
6.4	FNQROC to share the Agenda for the FNQROC Western Councils forum with the group.	FNQROC	
6.5	Belinda (CRC) to contact Brendan Leishman (DSC) regarding IgniteFNQ.	CRC	Complete
6.6	Kerry (DSC) to forward information on proposed cross regional event to Teresa to follow up.	DSC	Complete – information on two proposed cross regional events sent to FNQROC Cross Regional Event Group
6.7	Teresa (FNQROC) and Nicole (TRC) to discuss contacts for trainers and expressions of interest in IAP2 training	FNQROC	Underway – TRC working with training provider to develop a proposal for IAP2 training. FNQROC to distribute to group seeking any EOI's to participate in the training