



MINUTES OF THE 126ND BOARD MEETING

MONDAY 9 October 2017

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

REPRESENTATIVES:	Cr Bob Manning, Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr Jack Bawden, Mayor	Carpentaria Shire Council
	Cr John Kremastos, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Deputy Chair	Cr Peter Scott, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Julia Leu, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Warren Devlin, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
	Cr Ramon Jayo, Mayor	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
	Cr Greg McLean, Mayor	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Chair	Cr Tom Gilmore, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Joe Paronella, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
	Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
CEO'S:	Mr John Andrejic, CEO	Cairns Regional Council
	Mr James Gott, CEO	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Mr Tim Cronin, CEO	Cook Shire Council
	Mr Bill Kerwin, Interim CEO	Croydon Shire Council
	Ms Linda Cardew, CEO	Douglas Shire Council
	Mr Norm Garsden, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
	Mr Stephen Linnane, CEO	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mr Peter Franks, CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
	Ms Hurriyet Babacan, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
	Ms Janelle Menzies, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

FNQROC STAFF:	Ms Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer
	Mr Travis Sydes	Natural Asset and Sustainability Coordinator
	Ms Amanda Hancock	Procurement Coordinator
	Ms Teresa Schmidt	Office & Project Coordinator

OBSERVERS:	Cr Terry James, Deputy Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr Jeffrey Norman, Deputy Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Bronwyn Voyce	Tablelands Regional Council
	Ms Simone Talbot	LGAQ
	Mr Josh OKeefe	LGAQ

APOLOGIES:	Mr Mike Hayward, CEO	Carpentaria Shire Council
	Cr Mary Brown, Deputy Mayor	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
	Mr James Stewart (Executive Manager Engineering Services)	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
	Cr Desmond Tayley, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Ms Eileen Demaal-Hall, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mr Lachlan Rankine	FNQROC Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
	Ms Sarah Buckler	LGAQ

2429 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.

Cr Gilmore acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today and paid respects to Elders past and present.

Cr Gilmore thanked Ms Irvine and FNQROC staff for comprehensive annual report.

2430 Apologies

As noted above

2431 Presentation – Phil Green, Privacy Commissioner, Office of the Information Commissioner – Emerging Privacy concerns for Local Government

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

General discussion:

- LGAQ doing some great work in this area with Sherlock program
- Increased awareness of civil rights
- Emerging issues
- Need to manage the data
- RTI and Information Act under review
- Drones – treat the information like CCTV
- App Review - need to check if a privacy impact assessment is needed
- Gap in the legislation
- Need to consider privacy issues at the start of project development

2432 Presentation – Ross Hodgman, Regional Manager (Passenger Transport) Northern, Department of Transport and Main Roads – Public transport and Translink

General discussions:

- Customer expectations changing
- Opportunity for partnership between Councils and Translink
- Translink represents FNQ transport needs in Brisbane
- Needs support of the Councils in understanding the issues
- Responsible for school transport
- Local Fare Scheme – subsidized flights for communities
- Personalised transport such as Uber
- Taxi and limousine licenses
- Support of Public Transport Infrastructure
- Assist with Special Event management (anything over 5000 people)
- Current and future initiatives – Regional Transport Plans
- Autonomous vehicles – trials in Brisbane, Darwin, Perth and Sydney – how do we take advantage of it
- Electric buses – in discussions with Ergon Energy
- Opportunities with transport providers – how do we work smarter for our communities
- Regional Transport Plan – all information compiled and anticipate that it will be sent to Councils soon for comment
- Ms Babacan queried demand driven services for areas where population dispersed over a large area. Mr Hodgman advised previously taxis in these areas haven't been economically viable however booked hire options may open up opportunities in these areas. How do we make use of the fleet available to meet the needs of the communities?

ACTION 2432: Ms Irvine to share the contact details for Ross Hodgman, Regional Manager (Passenger Transport) Northern, DTMR.

2433 Presentation – Kev Allan, Regional Manager for Land Services, Cameron Venables Acting Senior Planner and Melissa Spry, Principal Planner, Department of Natural Resources and Mines – Connect Locally

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Apology from Andrew Buckley who was unable to present.

General discussions:

- Three times a year do road shows across the region
- DNRM support available to Councils
- Discussion of the services that they provide across the DNRM north region
- Connect Locally –service offered to Councils to build strong relationships with DNRM- Council responsible for setting the agenda
- North Queensland Agricultural Projects State Agency Committee – 7 state agencies involved – Councils can meet and present to the meeting
- Mr Cameron Venables did a brief presentation on Qld Globe
- Mr Linnane queried engagement with Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mr Franks queried roads off alignment. Mr Allan advised that DNRM working with Cloncurry Shire Council with roads off alignment process. Noted that the guidelines need updating. Survey marker requirements have been released. Mr Franks advised that MSC has issues with roads off alignment on both leasehold and freehold land.
- Cr Gilmore noted that the policy needs to acknowledge that the road is where it is.
- Mr Allan noted that it is a negotiation process involving local government, land owners and DNRM.
- Cr Scott queried the definition of coastal esplanade with respect to access to foreshore
- Cr McLean sought clarification of Native Title , crown land and access to beach - Planning Scheme completed for the area – rules and regulations and traditional owners that can override decision of the Council – need a resolution on who they need to consult with

ACTION 2433: Ms Irvine to share the contact details for Mr Kev Allan, Regional Manager for Land Services and Ms Melissa Spry, Principal Natural Resource Officer.

Break for morning tea 11.08 am

Cr Manning left the meeting at 11.08 am

Meeting recommenced at 11:21 am

2434 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED: Cr Joe Paronella

SECOND: Cr Trevor Pickering

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Cr Gilmore asked Cr Kremastos about the roadside camping issue and if it had been resolved. Cr Kremastos advised that it had not been resolved to date and has been advised that it is being considered for legal advice by DTMR. He will discuss with Ms Burke prior to the FNQRRTG meeting.

2435 Minute 2410, 2377 & 2357 –Ms Irvine to follow up with Ms Buckler to get a resolution on QWRAP participation back to FNQROC Board for October 2017

Mr Andrejic acknowledged the work Darlene has undertaken to resolve this issue and is supportive of the proposed outcome.

Ms Irvine advised that LGAQ have offered \$45,000 in funding for 17/18 financial year which represents \$30,000 initial funding and an additional \$15,000 from bid pool funding as a direct payment to support FNQROC water and sewerage projects (this does not exclude us from seeking further bid pool funding). Noted that LGAQ does not have any State Government funding commitment post June 2018.

MOVED: Cr Peter Scott

SECOND: Cr Joe Paronella

"That FNQROC continue to participate in QWRAP under amended terms for 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018".

CARRIED

2436 Minute 2426 – FNQROC to send letter of support for the Tully Millstream Hydroelectric Scheme to the Queensland Treasury Corporation

Complete. Cr Manning discussed this topic in further detail. It was agreed that more information is required from Federal and State members on this issue.

BOARD STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

2437 Advocacy Update from FNQROC and member councils

Opportunity for Councils to raise items for discussion. FNQROC actions are listed within the agenda.

Cr Andrews and Cr McLean arrive at 11.25 am

2438 Correspondence in response to FNQROC Strategic Goals and Opportunities

Noted

2439 Meetings with Queensland Treasury Corporation about opportunities within the region and how we can go about achieving them

Noted

BOARD DIRECTED PROJECTS

2440 NDRRA Social and Economic Impact Study – Cummings Economics

Ms Irvine advised that the draft is still outstanding as Cummings Economics have had some delays in receiving some information from Councils.

2441 Animal Management and Wildlife Stewardship Policy

Mr Sydes discussed the draft policy framework and is seeking feedback from the Board on the policy logic framework identifying the policy goal, long term, intermediate and short term outcomes.

Ms Babacan congratulated Mr Sydes on the policy.

MOVED: Cr John Kremastos

SECOND: Cr Julia Leu

That the draft FNQROC Animal Management and Wildlife Stewardship Policy be adopted for comment.

CARRIED

2442- FNQ weed spread prevention network plan

Progress of plan noted

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Nil this meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

FNQROC POLICY REVIEW

2443 Draft FNQROC Policy No. 12 – Financial Support for external parties

Cr Scott thanked the Board for the support to the Queensland Electricity Users Network at the previous Board meeting held on 7 August 2017.

Ms Babacan recommended that an additional reference be added to the proposed policy to ensure requests address alignment with the FNQROC Strategic Goals.

Cr Devlin sought clarification that requests will be voted on by the Board.

MOVED: Cr Peter Scott

SECOND: Cr Julia Leu

“That the proposed FNQROC Policy No 12 – Financial Support for external parties be adopted with additional reference to alignment with FNQROC Strategic Goals and standard vote process.

CARRIED

FNQROC REPORTS AND MOU

2444 FNQROC Annual Report 2016/17

Cr Manning returned 11.48 am

MOVED: Cr Tom Gilmore

SECOND: Cr John Kremastos

"That the FNQROC Annual Report 2016/17 be adopted."

CARRIED

ACTION 2444: *That a copy of the FNQROC Annual Report 2016/17 be sent to State and Federal Government Ministers.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2445 FNQROC Audit 2016/17 - Financial Statements

MOVED: Cr Trevor Pickering

SECONDED: Cr Ramon Jayo

"That the 2016/17 audited financial statements be accepted".

CARRIED

2446 Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet for the financial year to date

MOVED: Cr Ross Andrews

SECOND: Cr Warren Devlin

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

CARRIED

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

2447 Meetings Attending by Executive Officer

Noted

2448 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Noted

GENERAL BUSINESS

General discussion held on Tully Millstream Hydroelectric Scheme.

General discussion on the organisations responsible for the Great Barrier Reef.

Cr Manning & Cr Scott left at 12.40 pm

LGAQ POLICY EXECUTIVE UPDATE

A copy of the LGAQ Policy Executive distributed prior to the meeting.

An additional LGAQ Update on Operation Belcarra will be distributed with the minutes

Mr Josh O'Keefe briefly provided an update on:

- Operation Belcarra report – report makes 31 recommendations aimed at improving the transparency and accountability of local government elections and decision making. LGAQ supports all but two of the recommendations
- LGAQ State Election Policy Plan

Cr Scott returned 12.43 pm

- LGAQ recently appointed Paul Cranch to the position of Senior Advisor – Trade and Investment. Dedicated resource to assist facilitation in improved coordination between TIQ and local government.
- Cr McLean raised the issue of support for elected members who go through the court process and ultimately found not guilty.

UPCOMING TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

2449 .id training workshops, October/November 2017

Noted

GENERAL BUSINESS

2450 Northern Australia Investment Forum, 19-21 November 2017

Ms Irvine advised that no response has been received regarding a booth at the Northern Australia Investment Forum. If successful, Councils will be responsible in developing appropriate prospectus for display and distribution. Ms Schmidt will be handling the logistics of this booth, it will be up to councils to come forward with projects and prospectus's suitable for the 300 foreign investors. Paul Cranch (LGAQ) can be a support for FNQROC and member councils however it is noted we are very limited in time and the logistics still have not been released.

2451 Proposed FNQROC Board 2018 meeting dates

- 12 February
- 9 April - Ingham

- 11 June
- 13 August
- 8 October – Carpentaria
- 10 December

2452 Proposed Western Councils Forum 2018 meeting dates

- 27 & 28 February
- 29 & 30 May
- 28 & 29 August
- 27 & 28 November

2453 Darlene Irvine, Annual leave 12 October – 9 November

Noted

2454 Imminent State Government election – review of FNQROC opportunities document

Cr Gilmore requested that when the pending State Government elections are announced that the FNQROC Strategic Regional Opportunities document is sent to all candidates.

ACTION 2455: That all Councils review the FNQROC Strategic Regional Opportunities document and advise Ms Irvine of any changes.

2455 Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date: -11 December 2017 in Cairns commencing at 10am

Meeting Closed: 1:02 pm

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Cr Tom Gilmore

Chair

ACTION ITEMS

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)
2432	Ms Irvine to share the contact details for Ross Hodgman, Regional Manager (Passenger Transport) Northern, DTMR	FNQROC
2433	Ms Irvine to share the contact details for Mr Kev Allan, Regional Manager for Land Services and Ms Melissa Spry, Principal Natural Resource Officer.	FNQROC

2444	That a copy of the FNQROC Annual Report 2016/17 be sent to State and Federal Government Ministers.	FNQROC
2455	That all Councils review the FNQROC Strategic Regional Opportunities document and advise Ms Irvine of any changes.	All Councils

Unconfirmed