



MINUTES OF THE 125TH BOARD MEETING

MONDAY 7 August 2017

Rural Transaction Building, Noble Street, Yarrabah

REPRESENTATIVES:	Cr Bob Manning, Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr Jack Bawden, Mayor	Carpentaria Shire Council
	Cr John Kremastos, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Julia Leu, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Warren Devlin, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
	Cr Mary Brown, Deputy Mayor	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Chair	Cr Tom Gilmore, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Joe Paronella, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
	Cr Ross Andrews	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
CEO'S:	Mr John Andrejic, CEO	Cairns Regional Council
	Mr Mike Hayward, CEO	Carpentaria Shire Council
	Mr James Gott, CEO	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Mr Tim Cronin, CEO	Cook Shire Council
	Mr Bill Kerwin, Interim CEO	Croydon 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

Mr Lachlan Rankine

Regional Strategic Infrastructure
Coordinator

Ms Teresa Schmidt

Office & Project Coordinator

OBSERVERS:

Ms Jo Stephenson

DILGP

Ms Sarah Buckler

LGAQ

Cr Ramon Jayo, Mayor

Hinchinbrook Shire Council

Cr Colin Cedric

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

Cr Nadine Cannan

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

Cr Michael Sands, Deputy Mayor

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

Cr Jeff Baines

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

Cr Jeff Norman, Deputy Mayor

Croydon Shire Council

APOLOGIES:

Deputy Chair Cr Peter Scott

Cook Shire Council

Mr Norm Garsden, CEO

Etheridge Shire Council

Cr Greg McLean, Mayor

Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council

Cr Desmond Tayley, Mayor

Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

Ms Linda Cardew, CEO

Douglas Shire Council

Mr James Stewart

Hinchinbrook Shire Council

Ms Eileen Demaal-Hall, CEO

Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

2400 Chair's Welcome & Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The meeting commenced at 10:30am. Chair, Cr Tom Gilmore, Mayor Mareeba Shire Council welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cr Gilmore invited Cr Andrews to welcome everyone to the Shire.

2401 Apologies

As noted above.

2402 Presentation – Mr Craig Carpenter, Executive Director, Department of Housing and Public Works – Policy and processes around Government employee housing

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

The key message:

- The Department would like to be more engaged with Local Government to understand what Local Government issues and needs are. The Department are in the process of putting together Regional Plans

- The Department keen to work with Local Government to understand challenges for Local Government and potential to access some of the vacant housing to meet local needs

Cr Andrews raised the social housing issues experienced by Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council with some 700 people on the waiting list. Yarrabah not considered part of the remote status that most of the Cape and Gulf are and seem to miss out due to the proximity to Cairns.

Cr Leu raised social housing issue in Mossman. Mr Carpenter confirmed that they don't have much Employee Housing in Mossman but will take the concern back to his colleagues.

2403 Presentation, Lindsay Delzoppo, Acting Executive Director, Conservation and Biodiversity Operations Branch, Mr David Cook, Acting Director – Wildlife Assessment, Strategic Compliance and Northern Operations, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and Ms Beth Clouston, Director Conservation and Biodiversity Policy – Crocodile Management

A copy of the presentation and information sheet on the Queensland Crocodile Management Plan will be distributed with the minutes.

- previously had different plans and approaches, now have a State-wide Queensland Crocodile Management Plan
- the plan is a flexible plan with a number of approaches
- want to work with communities and Councils
- helicopter monitoring is being undertaken
- would like to work with Council regarding croc safety and messaging
- management of crocodiles will still occur in general management zone

Cr Leu and Cr Gilmore noted that they were pleased with the process and changes to the plan for their respective Councils.

Cr Andrews noted that it appears that numbers are increasing in the Yarrabah area.

Bill Kerwin left at 10.15 am

2404 Presentation, Jimmy Scott, General Manager Operations, Queensland Reconstruction Authority - Funding reform

Mr Scott apologised for Mr Brendan Moon who was unable to attend.

Bill Kerwin returned at 10.25pm

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

Key message:

- Local Government's next steps – Readiness for reform
 - o Benchmark rates
 - o Evidence: pre-disaster (with pre-condition photo/video evidence no older than 1 year)
 - o Asset registers
 - o Maintenance registers

- o Financial systems

2405 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED: Cr Julia Leu

SECOND: Cr John Kremastos

“That the minutes of the 124th FNQROC Board Meeting held on 12 June 2017, be confirmed.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

2406 Minute 2369 & 2345 - Councils to nominate appropriate personnel from Natural Asset Management, Local Laws and Community engagement for a one off workshop to develop the draft FNQROC policy “Strategic Approach to wildlife and Animal Management across the region”.

Ms Irvine advised that this has been completed and Mr Sydes will give an update later in the meeting.

(Action closed)

2407 Minute 2374 & 2350 – Council CEO’s to confirm that the Council Officers currently sitting on technical committees are the appropriate officers to represent their council on these committees to undertake the projects identified

Ms Irvine advised that she has received limited responses and FNQROC will include meeting objectives in email with the agenda and as requested, will advise CEO’s if representatives are not attending or wrong individuals are attending.

(Action Closed)

2408 Minute 2375 & 2353- FNQROC to send a follow up request to those Councils currently not participating in Economy i.d. and commence coordinating regional arrangement with Economy .id

Ms Irvine advised that this is progressing and waiting on a number of Councils to sign and return agreements to enable the build to commence and be finalised.

(Action Closed)

2409 Minute 2376 & 2354 – LGAQ to follow up with any information to share with FNQROC on the issue of telecommunications facilities and retail service providers building their own rather than sharing infrastructure

Ms Irvine advised consultation paper recently released which both LGAQ and FNQROC lodged a submission. Noted that the matter of co-location was again raised recently at the 2017 ALGA National General Assembly and she will follow up on any outcomes from that motion.

(Action Closed but on watching brief)

2410 Minute 2377 & 2357 – Member councils to consider relevance of participating in QWRAP post 30 June 2017 for discussion at next meeting

Discussion around FNQROC participation in QWRAP:

- Cr Paronella and Ms Babacan advised TRC officers have indicated that they want to stay in QWRAP as it enables a regional approach and information sharing. Considered a risk not being involved.
- Ms Buckler – LGAQ sees it as a successful initiative. Funding stream for projects is attached for participation in four areas (Ms Buckler to advise what those four project types are). Supports councils to work together across a major infrastructure class. Wide Bay had joint maintenance work and joint procurement. LGAQ believe the government is taking notice. Rationalised approach to water delivery.
- Mr Franks – FNQROC already work together.
- Mr Andrejic – option to have smaller groups for QWRAP? Mr Andrejic asked about the size of the QWRAP regions working well. Is there an option to have a sub catchments under the auspice of the ROC? Ms Buckler doesn't see a downside for the group; sensible commonality.
- Cr Manning – CRC would do whatever they can to help anybody. Willing to be involved.
- Ms Irvine discussed the role of FNQROC in the past for pilot projects, our recently adopted Goals and opportunities, our 15 technical committees and the decision by the Board to continue these at a minimum to share information, knowledge and resources and the resourcing impact on member councils to participate in these committees.
- Mr Andrejic proposed an alternative solution - two committees option to have two QWRAPs. QWRAP reports to the Board and approves the projects with two lots of x \$30,000.
- LGAQ is limited to the funding that is available from the State, funding to support the projects and the ability to access additional funding. Funding attached to QWRAP can be any sub-cluster of groups.
- Cr Gilmore suggested deferring a resolution to the next meeting with Ms Irvine to follow up with Ms Buckler.

Decision held over.

ACTION: Ms Irvine to follow up with Ms Buckler to get a resolution on QWRAP participation back to the FNQROC Board for October 2017

2411 Minute 2379 & 2361 – Mr Sydes to redraft correspondence to the State incorporating an invitation to collaborate on a proposed region-wide approach to address the issues with regard to weed spread prevention, wash down facilities and biosecurity management across the region

Ms Irvine advised that this has been completed and Mr Sydes will give an update later in the meeting.

(Action Closed, now sits in board directed projects)

2412 Minute 2383 - Ms Irvine to forward a copy of FNQROC Strategic Plan and Strategic Regional Opportunities to LGAQ

Ms Irvine advised this has been completed and correspondence also to be sent to State and Federal representative and members.

(Action Closed)

2413 Minute 2385 – Ms Irvine to send the Heavy vehicle and freight network draft specification to Councils for feedback when drafted

To be held over to next meeting.

2414 Minute 2396 – Member councils requested they be advised when representatives decline, decline last minute or do not turn up

Ms Irvine advised that a new process will be adopted in the minutes – if they accept and don't turn up or decline within 24hrs there will be a strike through their attendance. Continued non-attendance, CEO will be informed.

(Action Closed)

2415 Minute 2397 – Cr Scott to follow up with the Queensland Electricity Users Network on the request for funding

Discussions held:

- Is this setting a precedence?
- Are we a funding body for all groups like this? Would we do the same for filming?
- Do we have a process for these types of request to assess against?
- FNQROC is not, nor do we want to be a funding body
- This is a group working on an identified FNQROC priority

MOVED: Cr Bob Manning

SECOND: Cr Jack Bawden

“That FNQROC support Cummings Economics funding application to Energy Consumers Australia on behalf of the Queensland Electricity Users Network and commit a co-contribution of \$15,000 should the funding be successful.”

CARRIED

BOARD STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

2416 Advocacy update from FNQROC and member councils

1. FNQROC arrange meeting with Premier and Minister for Local Government
2. FNQROC Strategic Goals and opportunities to be sent to State and Federal local members, ministers, shadow ministers, regional directors and key regional stakeholders

BOARD DIRECTED PROJECTS

2417 Strategic Approach to Wildlife and Animal Management

Mr Sydes provided an update on the project and briefly discussed the timeline and workshops.

A summary of the outcomes from workshop one will be distributed with the minutes.

Workshop two to include external agencies will be held on 24 August 2017.

2418 FNQ Invasive Species Network

Mr Sydes provided a brief outline of the proposal.

RESOLVED:

That the FNQ Weed Spread Prevention network project proposal be progressed.

2419 Cummings Economics – Social and Economic Impacts of NDRRA

Ms Irvine advised that the draft has not been received from Cummings Economics however it should be available in September 2017.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Nil this meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted

FNQROC POLICY REVIEW

Nil this meeting.

FNQROC REPORTS AND MOU'S

2420 B 69 – Regional Tramp Ant Response Plan

Mr Sydes provided an update on the Regional Tramp Ant Response Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the Regional Tramp Ant Response Plan be adopted.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2421 Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet for the financial year to date.

MOVED: Cr John Kremastos

SECOND: Cr Julia Leu

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

CARRIED

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

2422 Meetings Attending by Executive Officer

Noted.

2423 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Noted.

LGAQ POLICY EXECUTIVE UPDATE

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

Ms Sarah Buckler provided an update.

Cr Paronella left at 12.43 and returned 12.47 pm

Noting:

- Works for QLD funding – supported by Councils across the State. LGAQ working at documenting the successes of this funding program

Cr Bob Manning queried the 2 week extension of the application period for the Regional Jobs and Investment package for Tropical North Queensland. Ms Buckler was unaware of a reason for the extension.

In relation to the Waste Management Services and utility Charges, Mr Peter Franks asked if LGAQ are looking at developing a proforma Local Law for all councils. Ms Buckler confirmed that it would be likely.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2424 Request for presentation from the Office of the Information Commissioner

Noted.

Cr Gilmore invited all Councils to advise FNQROC if they would like a particular presentation.

2425 Traffic management plans

Cr Ramon Jayo raised ongoing issues around accreditation process for Traffic management plans. Ms Irvine advised that there was a regional group looking at this.

If Councils have particular issues to let FNQROC know.

2426 Support for Tully Millstream Hydroelectric Scheme

Cr Bob Manning advised that discussions have been held regarding the Tully Millstream Hydroelectric Scheme and is seeking FNQROC letter of support to be sent to the Queensland Treasury Corporation.

RESOLVED:

FNQROC to send letter of support for the Tully Millstream Hydroelectric Scheme to the Queensland Treasury Corporation.

2427 Roadside Camping in State Government Reserve

Cr John Kremastos is seeking support from FNQROC regarding a recent issue with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and Cassowary Coast Regional Council over roadside camping in a reserve.

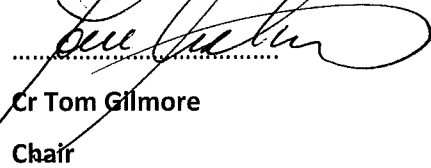
Tablelands Regional Council and Mareeba Shire Council have current agreements in place for camping in road reserves which will be provided. Cairns Regional Council would like a copy.

Cr John Kremastos clarified that they don't want to take responsibility for camping on road reserves, the issue was TMR publically advising it was council's responsibility and they have been unable to justify this statement to date.

2428 Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date: - 9 October 2017 in Cairns commencing at 10am

Meeting Close: 1:15 pm


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Cr Tom Gilmore
Chair

ACTION ITEMS

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)
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2413 & 2385	Ms Irvine to send the Heavy vehicle and freight network draft specifications to Councils for feedback when drafted	Ms Irvine
2426	FNQROC to send letter of support for the Tully Millstream Hydroelectric Scheme to the Queensland Treasury Corporation.	Ms Irvine