



MINUTES OF THE 128TH BOARD MEETING

MONDAY 12 February 2018

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

REPRESENTATIVES:	Cr Bob Manning, Mayor	Cairns Regional 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 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, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
CEO'S:	Mr John Andrejic, CEO	Cairns Regional Council
	Mr Ray Burton, Interim 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 & Sustainability Coordinator
	Mr Lachlan Rankine	Reg. Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
	Ms Amanda Hancock	Procurement Coordinator
	Ms Teresa Schmidt	Office & Project Coordinator
OBSERVERS:	Cr Jeff Norman	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Tony Gallagher	Etheridge Shire Council
	Cr Jeff Baines	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Cr Samantha Banks	Tablelands Regional Council
	Mr Paul Cranch	LGAQ
	Ms Diana Lollato	Queensland Treasury Corporation
	Ms Catherine Black	Queensland Treasury Corporation
APOLOGIES:	Cr Jack Bawden, Mayor	Carpentaria Shire Council
	Cr Desmond Tayley, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Cr Greg McLean, Mayor	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mr Mike Hayward, CEO	Carpentaria Shire Council
	Mr James Gott, CEO	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Mr James Stewart (Executive Manager Engineering Services)	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
	Ms Eileen Demaal-Hall, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

2480 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, present and emerging.

2481 Apologies

As noted above.

2482 Presentation – Dr Michael Kane – Director Innovation and Economic Strategies, Economic Development Queensland – Electric Vehicle Destination Charging

Cr Gilmore introduced Dr Kane to the meeting.

Dr Kane provided a presentation on Electric vehicle destination charging.

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

General discussions:

- Economic Development Queensland – commercial business unit within Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
- ‘Affordable’ EVs coming soon - 2018/19 release of a number of electric vehicle to the market
- The Future is Electric – Queensland’s EV Strategy
- EV superhighway – to enable long distance travel, Phase 1 complete. 17 sites from Gold Coast to Cairns – all operating by January 2018
- Destination EV charging strategy
- EV infrastructure planning guidelines and Practice Note for EV charging infrastructure also being developed
- Destination charging stations – seeking Cairns hinterland as pilot for slower destination charges
- Seeking locations where EVs parked for several hours
- Working on Phase 2 of the EV superhighway – average charger 70km between Cairns and Coolangatta

Cr Ross Andrews arrived 10.20 am

2483 Presentation – Mr Bill Cummings – Cummings Economics

Cr Gilmore introduced Mr Cummings to the meeting.

Mr Cummings has been engaged to undertake a NDRRA Social and Economic Impact Study. Mr Cummings provided a presentation on the FNQROC Economic profile.

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

Cr Manning left at 11.02am

2484 Presentation – Mr Jimmy Scott, Queensland Reconstruction Authority – NDRRA funding reform

Cr Gilmore introduced Mr Scott who presented on NDRRA funding reform.

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

General discussions:

Cr Manning returned at 11.05am

- Key elements of Commonwealth NDRRA Reform – draft proposal model
 - Shift to estimate-based funding
 - Retain a reimbursement model for eligible community relief and recovery expenditure
 - Potential to provide mitigation funding from savings in the state’s restoration program

- DRFA Capability Assessment & Development
 - Road Data
 - Asset Registers
 - Benchmarking
- Pre-disaster condition - Commonwealth becoming stricter.
- Reconstruction works – working towards estimates model. Following event – remaining financial year plus one year to have estimates complete no time line after that.
- Damage estimates – procurement obligations – preferred panel or tender
- Benchmark prices will become much more important
- Submission approval – payment of 30% on initial submission
- Special circumstances to revise estimates
- Savings will fund potential mitigation works
- Three key markers before 1 July – road data, asset registers and benchmarking
- Asset registers - Not a core requirement but will become increasing an important requirement
- Benchmarking – quarterly review information required. Information required to validate the benchmarks
- Timeframes - could have a period of two years where council is running under two different arrangements.
- Question from Peter Franks. If Council goes down tender pathway, could Council tender if it complies with procurement process. Mr Scott to confirm and follow up with Peter.

ACTION: Mr Jimmy Scott to clarify if LG is permitted to submit its own tender for consideration under the market response method for establishing an Estimated Reconstruction Cost under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

2485 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED: Cr Joe Paronella

SECOND: Cr Peter Scott

“That the minutes of the 128th FNQROC Board Meeting held on 11 December 2017, be confirmed.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

2486 Minute 2472 - The Western Road Upgrade program to be included in the FNQROC Strategic Opportunities document

Completed

2487 Minute 2473(a) - That FNQROC send correspondence to Queensland Government Ministers when announced advising that FNQROC is the advocacy body for local government issues

Completed

2488 Minute 2473(b) – FNQROC to write to the Premier recommending that an Office of Northern Queensland with resourcing be established in Cairns

Correspondence outstanding as there was no office of northern Queensland as part of the new ministry. Amend the push to get an office of northern Queensland reinstated with resourcing.

ACTION: FNQROC to write to the Premier recommending that an Office of Northern Queensland with resourcing be established in Cairns

2489 Minute 2475 – FNQROC to write to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Senator The Hon. Arthur Sinodinos MP and the local Federal Minister, The Hon. Warren Entsch MP to express concerns regarding the planned closure of the CSIRO Atherton and Cairns offices

Completed

BOARD STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

2490 Advocacy update from member Councils

No issues or additional items raised.

2491 Advocacy update from FNQROC

Cr Gilmore advised that a delegation comprising of himself, Cr Scott, Cr Manning and Ms Irvine is being organised for a trip to Canberra for March sitting week (26-28 March). This initial delegation is designed to introduce FNQROC, identify areas of interest to our region and set the path for two full Mayoral (13) delegations in the upcoming financial year.

Two delegations to both the Federal and State Governments comprising of all Mayors has been included in the strategic operational plan and budget for the 2018/19 financial year.

Cr Gilmore requested Councils to provide a list of any matters they wish to be discussed with the relevant Ministers.

ACTION: Councils to provide details to FNQROC on any matters that they wish to be raised in the meetings with Commonwealth Government Ministers during the delegation trip to Canberra on 26-28 March 2018.

BOARD DIRECTED PROJECTS

2492 NDRRA Social and Economic Impact Study – Cummings Economics

Mr Bill Cummings provided a review of the Economic profile earlier in the meeting.

The final report is being finalised by Mr Cummings and will be distributed when complete.

2493 Animal Management and Wildlife Stewardship Policy

Ms Irvine advised that actions for the Board directed projects are outlined in the FNQROC Strategic Operational Plan.

Mr Sydes provided a brief update on engagement to date and noted that engagement with Council Local Laws officers will be commencing soon and encouraged Councils to ensure representation on this group.

2494 FNQ weed spread and prevention network

No update provided

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

Cr Gilmore noted the correspondence from the PHN Northern Queensland and the availability of Active Healthy funding.

FNQROC POLICY REVIEW

Nil

FNQROC REPORTS AND MOU

2495 B71 – FNQROC Operational Plan and Budget report 2018-2019

MOVED: Cr John Kremastos

SECONDED: Cr Warren Devlin

That FNQROC Strategic Operational Plan and Budget report 2018-2019 (B71) be adopted as recommended with the following amendments:

- *Recommendation 2 (c) that the procurement contributions for Croydon Shire Council, Etheridge Shire Council, Hinchinbrook Shire Council, Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council, Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council be capped to a maximum of \$25,000.*
- *Page 6 of the report B71 be updated to include the missing figure of \$300,000.*
- *Change the timeline of the Social Infrastructure scope development to December 2018 in the Strategic Operational Plan.*

Cr Kremastos left 11.50 am

CARRIED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2496 Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet for financial year to date

MOVED: Cr Bob Manning

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

2497 Meetings Attending by Executive Officer

Noted

2498 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Noted

LGAQ POLICY EXECUTIVE UPDATE

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

Mr Paul Cranch provided an update.

- Trade & Investment portfolio is now the responsibility of the Premier. LGAQ signed MOU with TIQ incorporating a mentorship and training program targeted to elected members
- Cr Ross Andrews noted that there will be impacts upon the FNQ economy and wider social impacts as a result of the Federal Government's intention to walk away from funding Indigenous housing.
- Mr Steven Linnane noted the loss of employment in the Hope Vale community as a result of these pending changes.

UPCOMING TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

2499 Australian Local Government Association – 2018 National General Assembly – Call for motions

Noted

2500 Accommodation options Ingham – FNQROC Board meeting 9 April 2018

Anyone interested in securing the pre-booked accommodation to contact FNQROC.

Cr Gilmore noted that partners we welcome to attend.

2501 Travel options to Karumba – FNQROC Board meeting 8 October 2018

A bus will be arranged for the FNQROC Board meeting in Karumba.

2502 State and Federal Parliamentary Sitting Dates

Noted.

Cr Leu noted the issues surrounding Indigenous housing and Closing the Gap key indicators and suggested that these issues should be included in the FNQROC Strategic Regional Opportunities document. Ms Irvine noted that the document does include information from Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council around housing requirements and telecommunication issues in Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council. If councils provided additional information this could be included as well.

ACTION: Councils to review and provide information to FNQROC to amend/include in the FNQROC Strategic Regional Opportunities document.

Next meeting date: - 9 April 2018 in Ingham commencing at 9am.

Meeting Close: 12:15 pm

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Cr Tom Gilmore

Chair

ACTION ITEMS

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)
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2491	Councils to provide details to FNQROC on any matters that they wish to be raised in the meetings with Commonwealth Government Ministers during the delegation trip to Canberra on 26-28 March 2018.	All Councils
2502	Councils to review and provide amended/new information to FNQROC to include in the FNQROC Strategic Regional Opportunities document.	All Councils