



MINUTES OF THE 129TH BOARD MEETING

MONDAY 9 April 2018

TYTO Conference and Event Centre, 73/75 McIlwraith Street, Ingham

REPRESENTATIVES:	Cr Brett Moller	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 Mary Brown, Deputy 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 Bill Kerwin, CEO	Croydon Shire Council
	Mr Darryl Crees, Acting CEO	Douglas Shire Council
	Mr Norm Garsden, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
	Mr Stephen Linnane, CEO	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire 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 Amanda Hancock	Procurement Coordinator
	Ms Teresa Schmidt	Office & Project Coordinator
OBSERVERS:	Cr Will Attwood	Etheridge Shire Council
	Cr Kim Gaynor, Deputy Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Wayne Bing Chew	Croydon Shire Council
APOLOGIES:	Cr Bob Manning, Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr Desmond Tayley, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mr Mike Hayward, CEO	Carpentaria Shire Council
	Mr James Gott, CEO	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Ms Linda Cardew, CEO	Cook Shire Council
	Mr Dan McKinlay	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
	Mr Peter Franks, CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
	Ms Hurriyet Babacan, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
	Ms Eileen Demaal-Hall, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	LGAQ Representative	LGAQ

2502 Chair's Welcome & Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The meeting commenced at 9:00 am. Chair, Cr Tom Gilmore, Mayor Mareeba Shire Council opened the meeting. Cr Jayo, Hinchinbrook Shire Council welcomed everyone to Ingham and the Tyto centre.

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

2503 Apologies

As noted above.

2504 Presentation – Richard Barwick, CEO & Gary Rebgetz, Director, Caravan & Motorhome Association of Australia (CMCA)

Cr Gilmore introduced Mr Barwick and Mr Rebgetz from the Caravan & Motorhome Association of Australia (CMCA) to the meeting.

Mr Barwick provided a background on the club and distributed resource materials on a USB. A presentation was provided and a site inspection of the RV park in Ingham was undertaken.

Key discussion points:

- RV sector is a growing market;
- Commercial caravan parks meet a need with the RV market;
- Partnership with Councils on RV low cost accommodation option;
- \$3 a night for members of CMCA. Vehicles must be fully self-contained. No amenities are provided on-site. One powered site only for the custodian of the site;
- Custodian on site collects spend figures (either copies of receipts or spend amounts) and information collected provided to the Council;
- CMCA lease site from the Council and become a rate payer;
- 85% of vehicles and vans manufactured now are self-contained;
- Camper trailers heading towards self-containment;
- The Wanderer (CMCA monthly magazine) – advertising opportunities for Councils;
- Cr Jayo confirmed that the tenure of the RV park in Ingham is a Reserve for Local Government purposes;
- Cr Scott queried if there is an option for Councils to collectively approach the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy on an approach that allows Councils to use reserves as the Council sees as the best use of the land;
- CMCA has an events portal were an RV friendly town is able to promote events and volunteer options.

A link of the presentation can be found on youtube ([link](#)).

Key points from Cr Brown:

- Council conducted a six month free trial site at the Tyto centre on council property first. Engaged with chamber and the businesses community to gauge their support for this site;
- Collected data and data demonstrated the economic benefits to the town. During this process, permits were issued by TYTO staff and local spend receipts were collected and surveys conducted. The results were correlated, with the key points identified being – local spend was above national average (approx. \$125 per unit/per stay); just under 90% of those surveyed identified that they would not have stopped in the shire, if had not been for the free RV trial site.

2505 Presentation –John Brisbin Northern Gulf Resource Management Group and Michelle Nouse, Corporate Nature

Cr Gilmore introduced Mr Brisbin and Ms Nouse to the meeting. Mr Brisbin extended an apology from Ms Emma Jackson who was unable to attend the meeting.

- Ms Nouse provided an overview of the new body, Corporate Nature.
- Mr Brisbin provided an overview of the Regional NRM and Local Government.

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

2506 Presentation – Nick Trompf, CEO Advance Cairns

Cr Gilmore introduced Mr Trompf to the meeting.

General discussion on:

- Role of Advance Cairns and how they can support Councils in the region;
- Would like to hear from Councils what are the key issues and opportunities to work with Advance Cairns. Mr Trompf plans to visit all the Mayors in the region;
- Advance Cairns works with all organisations and levels of Government;
- Advance Cairns has prepared a Federal Government budget submission;
- Tend to work on projects over a long period of time and on shorter term projects such as economic development investment attraction;
- Has a consultant focussing on agriculture exports through the airport. A report is due to be tabled to the Advance Cairns Board in the following weeks;
- Reinforce intention to work with the Local Governments. Need to work together as a region for better outcomes;
- In the process of framing an energy policy.

LGAQ POLICY EXECUTIVE UPDATE

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

Cr Gilmore noted the apology from LGAQ representative for being unable to attend the meeting. Mr John Andrejic provided an update on behalf of Cr Manning (LGAQ policy executive member):

- Operation Belcarra – The LGAQ Policy Executive will consider a paper at its next meeting on 27 April 2018 entitled ‘Beyond Belcarra’. Cr Manning will be distributing the paper to the councils and seeking feedback. Feedback via email or teleconference if required;
- Waste Levy - State Government announced its intention to reintroduce a waste levy. LGAQ’s policy statement does not support a waste levy on domestic municipal solid waste. LGAQ represents Councils on the State Government Recycling and Waste Management Stakeholder Advisory Group;
- Industrial Relations – noted a recent decision ruled that a proposed EB agreement could not go to a ballot of employees until every union in the bargaining process, regardless of level of participation, agreed;
- LGAQ Future Cities, Smart Communities Summit – 11-13 July in Cairns

2507 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED: Cr Ramon Jayo

SECOND: Cr Peter Scott

“That the minutes of the 123rd FNQROC Board Meeting held on 12 February 2018, be confirmed.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

2508 Minute 2323B FNQROC to engage Cummings Economics to complete NDRRA Social and Economic Impact Study

Ms Irvine advised the draft report was distributed to Councils in March seeking feedback before it is made public – no responses had been received to date.

2509 Minute 2484 – 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

Ms Irvine advised that the response from Jimmy Scott has been distributed.

2510 Minute 2488 & 2473(b) – FNQROC to write to the Premier recommending that an Office of Northern Queensland with resourcing be established in Cairns

Complete.

2511 Minute 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

Complete. Refer minute no. 2513 on delegation.

2512 Minute 2502 – Councils to review and provide amended/new information to FNQROC to include in the FNQROC Strategic Regional Opportunities document

Ms Irvine advised that amendments have been received from Cairns Regional Council and Etheridge Shire Council. Document is in the process of being updated.

ADVOCACY

2513 FNQROC Canberra delegation

Cr Gilmore, Cr Scott and Ms Irvine provided an overview of the trip.

Key points:

- Trip went well and we will meet with more of the Opposition next trip. Taking an apolitical approach;
- A number of issues were raised, in particular developing northern Australia and National Partnerships in Remote Housing which was raised in every forum;
- Beef Roads - meeting with Senator Canavan who advised that the PPR's have been signed off;
- Structured in areas of influence and expertise. Cr Scott focussing on remote and indigenous areas. Cr Gilmore on agriculture, roads and water security. Cr Manning on Tourism and GBR. In future delegations, considering dividing the group up into areas of interest;
- Need to do your homework and if specific issues are discussed Councils need to develop their business case;

- Develop short, sharp notes. Briefing notes could be developed providing further information;
- An FNQROC policy will be drafted on how delegations are to be managed. FNQROC to book flights and accommodation;
- Recommendation to Mayors to ensure social media profiles are up to date;
- An info graphics brochure was developed with key facts and figures about FNQROC. Handy to use as a summary introduction;
- Cr Leu queried if there was a background paper around position on GBR management model which has been previously raised by Cr Manning. Mr Andrejic took on notice and will follow up with Cr Manning.

2513 ACTION: That Cairns prepares a discussion paper on alternative GBR Management to allow FNQROC to form an agreed policy position going forward.

A copy of the FNQROC infographic to be distributed with the minutes.

STRATEGIC OPERATIONAL PLAN

2514 Regionally consistent contract and procurement documentation

Ms Hancock advised that 12 Councils have agreed to come together to work on regionally consistent contract and procurement documentation and that the first project meeting had been held. Councils should start to see the first draft sets at the end of April/early May for comment.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

FNQROC POLICY REVIEW

Nil

FNQROC REPORTS AND MOU

Nil

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2515 Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet for financial year to date

MOVED: Cr Julia Leu

SECOND: Cr John Kremastos

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

CARRIED

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

2516 Meetings Attending by Executive Officer

Noted

2517 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Noted

Recommendation from the FNQ RRTG TC – 20 March 2018, Action 95.6:

Request was made that the FNQROC Board make the request of LGAQ to provide consistent and knowledgeable representation to the FNQRRTG TC meetings.

Ms Irvine advised that this request had already been actioned (She was not aware it was an action from the FNQRRTG TC) and LGAQ have noted the request and have committed to ensure an appropriate LGAQ representative is in attendance in future.

UPCOMING TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

2518 Funding for road maintenance

Cr Devlin raised the issue regarding funding allocation for maintenance of roads in FNQ and does not believe it is sufficient for State controlled roads. Would like the group to influence the Minister to ensure sufficient funding is allocated.

Mr Kerwin noted that to lobby State Ministers need to have facts and offer solutions.

Cr Gilmore queried the work FNQROC has previously done on the analysis of routine maintenance and performance.

Ms Irvine noted that some baseline data analysis has previously been completed. There are some shortcomings with the data that is available. The FNQROC Regional Roads Investment Strategy will identify the investment needs but not the maintenance required – this will be a separate piece of work.

Need to work with DTMR on what they want from Local Government to assist them to get sufficient funding.

Cr Jayo noted that we need to identify the needs against what we are getting and what we are asking for. Road use going up, but maintenance (for roads under council stewardship) has remained constant for a number of years; this is despite the regions routine maintenance funding increasing.

This issue to be raised at the FNQRRTG meeting.

2519 State and Federal Delegation Dates

- Federal – 17-20 September
- State – 15-19 October - trial run with Cr Gilmore, Cr Manning and Cr Scott prior to this date

2520 Navua Sedge

Cr Paronella raised the ongoing issue with the control of Navua sedge on the Tablelands and has previously discussed the issue with Cr Kremastos.

Cr Paronella indicated that they have the support of the Member of Hill, Shane Knuth MP and have had success with the DTMR with the control of Navua sedge along the roadside.

Issue that the funding has been exhausted and is proposing that interested Councils get together to work towards securing further funding.

Cr Jayo enquired if there is any success is getting Nauva sedge declared (category 3 under the new system) as a mechanism to obtain funding.

MOVED: Cr Ramon Jayo

SECOND: Cr Joe Paronella

“That FNQROC write a letter to the Minister requesting that Navua sedge be declared as a category 3 weed and seek appropriate funding be made available to Councils.”

CARRIED

Mr Sydes queried whether Councils (making the submission) have included Nauva sedge within their Local Laws and Pest Management Plans as it would be the first question the State would ask and advised that it would be beneficial to Councils to do a detailed benefit cost approach at a regional level on the mechanisms available to Councils before committing to a course of action.

RESOLVED: that the following actions occur prior to actioning motion no. 2520

2520(a) ACTION: Prior to a letter being sent to the Minister, the Natural Asset Management Technical Committee develop a paper for consideration at the next FNQROC Board meeting detailing the issues and recommended approach to address the funding issue for the control of Nauva Sedge.

2520(b) ACTION: Relevant councils to assess if Nauva Sedge has been identified within their Pest Management/Biosecurity Plans and subordinate local law.

Next meeting date: - 18 June 2018 in Cairns commencing at 10 am

Meeting Close: 12.56pm

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Cr Tom Gilmore

Chair

ACTION ITEMS

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)
2513	That Cairns prepares a discussion paper on alternative GBR Management to allow FNQROC to form an agreed policy position going forward.	Cairns Regional Council
2520 (a)	Prior to a letter being sent to the Minister, the Natural Asset Management Technical Committee develop a paper for consideration at the next FNQROC Board meeting detailing the issues and recommended approach to address the funding issue for the control of Nauva Sedge.	FNQROC
2520 (b)	Relevant councils to assess if Nauva Sedge has been identified within their Pest Management/Biosecurity Plans and subordinate local law.	All Councils