



MINUTES OF THE 57TH BOARD MEETING OF THE FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT GROUP

MONDAY 12 February 2018

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

REPRESENTATIVES:

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
Deputy Chair	Cr Tom Gilmore, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Annette Haydon	Tablelands Regional Council
	Ms Janelle Menzies, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
	Ms Sandra Burke	Department of Transport and Main Roads

OBSERVERS:

Mr Ray Burton, Interim CEO	Cook Shire Council
Mr Bill Kerwin, CEO	Croydon Shire Council
Ms Linda Cardew, CEO	Douglas Shire Council
Mr Norm Garsden, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
Cr Tony Gallagher	Etheridge Shire Council
Cr Joe Paronella, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
Cr Samantha Banks	Tablelands Regional Council
Mr Peter Franks, CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
Mr Paul Cranch	LGAQ

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REPRESENTATIVES:

Ms Jo Lencz	Department of Transport and Main Roads
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FNQROC STAFF:

Ms Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer
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Mr Lachlan Rankine	Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
Ms Amanda Hancock	Procurement Coordinator
Ms Teresa Schmidt	Office & Project Coordinator

APOLOGIES:	Cr Terry James, Deputy Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr John Kremastos, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Cr Desmond Tayley, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mr Roland McMillan	LGAQ

125 Chair's Welcome & Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The meeting commenced at 1.02 pm. Chair, Cr Peter Scott, Mayor Cook Shire Council welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

126 Apologies

As noted above.

127 Presentation – Mr Andrew Armstrong, Trinity Engineering and Consulting, RRTG Project Prioritisation Tool

Cr Scott introduced Mr Armstrong to the meeting.

Mr Armstrong provided a presentation on the RRTG project prioritisation tool.

A copy of the presentation and a link to the CBA6 supporting documentation will be distributed with the minutes.

Cr Gilmore arrived 1.15 pm

128 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED: Cr Warren Devlin

SECOND: Cr Julia Leu

“That the minutes of the 56th Far North Queensland Roads and Transport Group held on 11 December 2017, as distributed with the agenda be confirmed.”

CARRIED

129 Confirmation of Flying Minute

MOVED: Cr Julia Leu

SECOND: Cr Tom Gilmore

“That the flying minute as distributed with the agenda be confirmed.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

130 Minute 111 – The FNQ RRTG technical committee considers options or methodology for the allocation of TIDS funding on State controlled roads

Refer minute no. 132

131 Minutes of Technical Committee Meetings

Minutes from the RRTG Technical Meeting to be distributed with the agenda for the next RRTG meeting.

132 Discussion Paper – Allocation of TIDS funding on State controlled roads

While the minutes of FNQ RRTG TC meeting held 2nd February were yet to be released, the technical committee did provide a recommendation to the FNQ RRTG request to consider options or methodology for the allocation of TIDS funding on State controlled roads. The discussion paper was included with the agenda.

MOVED: Cr Warren Devlin

SECOND: Cr Tom Gilmore

“The RRTG Works Program Development and Management Process be amended to include the opportunity for state controlled LRRS roads to be considered only as a result of operational savings made during Q1-Q3. Projects would be considered in the same manner and same weight as non-LRRS Roads, being subject to the maximum 20% allocation of total funding.

Any nominated project must first be assessed, prioritised and moderated as per the standard project prioritisation process. Funds with then be allocated on a priority basis, as per the Works Program Development and Management Process”.

MOTION LOST

Summary of discussion:

- Cr Devlin thanked the group for support on the previous Georgetown – Forsyth Rd (State LRRS road)
- Cr Devlin noted that Etheridge and Mareeba Shire are the only councils with unsealed State LRRS roads.
- Noted that there was 912km of unsealed LG LRRS roads.
- Cr Devlin advised that Etheridge has large agricultural areas and looking to include the road to Strathmore Station as a LRRS.
- Ms Burke confirmed that the TIDS allocation is primarily for local government roads. There are other funding opportunities for State controlled LRRS.

- Ms Burke also advised that as the asset owner, they need to approve any projects before it is tabled for prioritisation for TIDS funding.
- Ms Lencz confirmed that the TIDS policy does allow the funding to be allocated to State roads. There are a number of RRTG's (in the west) that do this.
- Cr Gilmore advised that the pressure should be placed where it belongs – with the State Government. Cr Devlin appreciated this position and he is trying to do this. Cr Scott reiterated that Etheridge Shire had the full support of the FNQRRTG in placing pressure on the State.

133 Update from the Roads and Transport Alliance

Ms Lencz provided an update:

- Expenditure 34% across State;
- Issue across State with accruals and forecasts;
- Statewide capability development funding, recent approval of funding for procurement contract documentation;
- Correspondence has been sent from the Roads and Transport Alliance seeking EOI for TMR pre-qualification;
- Two Councils in FNQ undertaking AusRAP stage 2 – CRC and Cassowary;
- Regional Transport Plan – draft to Government in February before it goes out for external consultation.

134 Works Program Update

Mr Rankine provided an update:

- Savings of approx. \$600,000, in addition, Beef Roads funding probably won't be used this funding year meaning close to \$1mil to reallocate.
- Flying minute to be sent RRTG for endorsement following RRTG technical committee endorsement.

135 Joint Purchasing & Resource Sharing

Joint Procurement contract documentation project will be commencing soon.

136 Road safety

- Cr Devlin advised of accidents on Forsyth-Einasleigh Rd and passing opportunities for Grey Nomads on Gregory Development Road.
- Cr Devlin also noted the number of single lane bridges on the Mulligan Highway.
- Cr Scott also noted the lack of passing opportunities.
- Ms Burke confirmed that the priority for the single lane bridges in Cook Shire Council is to ensure structural integrity and in the future look to upgrading.

137 Asset Management

No matters raised.

GENERAL BUSINESS

138 Roadside poisoning

Cr Pickering enquired to Ms Burke if DTMR are responsible for the recent vegetation poisoning along the roadside around Croydon. Ms Burke unaware and will follow up with Cr Pickering.

139 Next RRTG Technical Committee Meeting

Ms Irvine advised that the next meeting for the RRTG Technical Committee will be held on 16 March 2018 in Cairns.

140 Next RRTG Board Meeting

The next RRTG meeting will be held in Ingham on 9 April, 2018.

141 Conclusion

There being no further business the Chair, Cr Scott declared the meeting closed at 2.26 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)
134	Mr Rankine to send flying minute for the reallocation of identified savings to ensure 100% expenditure of TIDS.	Mr Rankine - FNQROC
138	Ms Burke to follow up with Cr Pickering regarding vegetation poisoning along the roadside around Croydon.	Ms Burke - DTMR