

MINUTES

Meeting No.	35
Meeting	Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee
Date	13 September 2018
Time	9:00am – 2:00 pm
Venue	Room 12, TRC Atherton. Opposite A2 office, Mabel Street.

1. **Attendance:** Steve Bailey CRC, Leah Nugent CRC, Brett Kilpatrick DSC, Brad Everet DSC, Damon Sydes CCRC, David Vettoretto HSC, Scott Morrison TRC, Tudor Tanase TRC, Mario de Carlo BQ, Travis Sydes FNQROC
2. **Apologies:** Cr Kate Milton HSC, Matt Buckman HSC, Amy Yates MSC, Darryn Higgins CSC, Cr Jeff Baines CCRC, Kelly Ashwood CCRC, Ken Golbey TRC, Darlene Irvine FNQROC, Bart Dryden Terrain NRM, Evizel Seymour Terrain NRM
3. **Guests:** Annie James – QATC, Penny Scott Terrain NTM
4. **Acceptance of previous meeting minutes**
Mover: David Vettoretto
Seconder: Damon Sydes
5. **Actions from Previous Meeting**
6. Correspondence
7. **Taskforce update –**
 An update on the outcomes of the YCA Taskforce was provided and consideration of targets for upcoming regional taskforces were discussed, proposals included;
 1. Barron River/Lake Placid - (Hymenachne, water hyacinth, Salvinia, Amazonian frogbit) – investigate continuation of green corridor works as a tri-council project.
 2. Mossman Hiptage – taskforce.
 3. TRC Fireweed project.
 4. Mikania vine CCRC/HSC – proposal supporting National program after several recent new detections.

(Misty mountains Kesters' curse local taskforce is next week)

The establishment of a basic EOI process for tabling and prioritising proposals was discussed

Action: create and EOI which will also work as report to council so it can be used for tabling to both the NAMAC and the host council for consideration.

8. Biosecurity planning and programs

November compliance workshop is still on track. It will require councils to have their biosecurity plans completed as they will be required to formulate the compliance and biosecurity obligation instructions.

Cassowary Coast have condensed the legislative front end of the plan, could provide a good example of simplified presentation of the legislation.

Action: Circulate CCRC plan, Councils continue completion of plans for November deadline.

9. Update on Cert IV pilot program in pest management and Evaluation of LG invasive tramp ant response capacity- Annie James, QATC

Annie provided an overview of the Invasive ant management project (local government). The certificate based invasive ant management pilot course has been completed and is waiting for final sign off before rolling out further. DSC has one staff member complete the pilot.

Species we are currently contending with include Yellow crazy ant and Electric ants in the Wet Tropics and Singapore ants in Normanton, Cooktown (also recently detected in Cairns). A short questionnaire to support the information collection for the project was completed. A discussion of the Regional Tramp Ant Response Plan implementation was held to evaluate what is actually being implemented and undertaken and where the gaps might be.

Tramp ant response plan – Q&A regarding the 4 sections of the implementation plan.

- a) **Support for electric ant program transition/completion** – some issues with the level of communication and collaboration between the program and councils. Gaps which could be addressed include - Collaboration on sites which correspond with priority weed sites; better notification of operations occurring within LG areas; EA officers no protocols in place for weed hygiene.
- b) **Support for yellow crazy ant program** - YCA on track with good coordination and collaboration with the eradication program (WTMA).
- c) **Sentinel site program** –this is seen as highly important but faces some obstacles to full implementation - Include illegal dumping – is not as coordinated as it could be – offsite stockpiles from commercial operators etc. are a gap which needs to be addressed – working with waste management communications and structure is essential. This is the area where the capacity review will be able to assist the most.
- d) **Supporting plans and process** – Contains important elements for maintaining alignment between council departments. Disaster response plans are currently a weak point which needs to be addressed – include in COP and update. Provide examples of CRC’s pre cyclone preparation for green waste management.

Action: Circulate power-point presentation provided by Annie.

10. State Oversight Group - LPF projects and preparation of proposals for next round of EOI’s

An update on the progress and ongoing process for the SOG and Land Protection Fund were provided. The priorities for the next round of submission were discussed in light of the projects tabled by the committee during the last round.

Control biology and biocontrol management targets were discussed – Brillantaisia etc. –

Action: 1. circulate existing biocontrol species and future targets for reference. 2. Bundle sedge EOI from last year’s round with select committee outcomes.

Timeline for 18/19 EOI process	Responsibility	Timing
Call for expressions of interest from Regional Pest Management Sub-committees	State-wide Oversight Group	December 2018
Expressions of interest are submitted to the State-wide Oversight Group	Regional Pest Management Sub-committees	March 2019

Expressions of interest are considered and ranked	State-wide Oversight Group	April 2019
Consideration of LPF projects within the holistic research program	Research Review Committee	May 2019
Final decision on expressions of interest made	State-wide Oversight Group	June 2019
Notification of successful/unsuccessful projects	DAF	July 2019
Report to Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and LGAQ Policy Executive on successful projects and results of previous projects	DAF LGAQ	August 2019

11. Board Directed Projects - AMWS and Weed Spread Prevention network update

An update was provided on the progress of board directed projects.

Action: Councils to circulate AMWS consultations outcomes to participants.

12. Our natural assets strategic framework - monitoring and evaluation plan

An overview of the program logic and M+E plan for *our natural assets strategic framework* were discussed

Action: 1. -Circulate TRC's *Beating around the bush* **2** Individual councils provide comments back for October/December board meeting adoption.

13. Navua sedge select committee

The progress of the select committee was discussed. BQ has accepted the TOR of reference so now we will be seeking nominations committee from councils and BQ. The sitting should coincide with the development of project proposal for the next round of the Land Protection Fund EOI's.

14. General Business

Organic herbicide and alternatives to glyphosate in public areas. – CCRC and soon DSC have been trialling/using *Slasher* an organic knockdown herbicide with very satisfactory results. The supplier is based in Victorian and may be a worth considering as a procurement project if more councils adopt the product.

Action: circulate details on new *Slasher* organic herbicide product to group and regional roads group.

Action: add Brad Everet DSC to NAMAC mailing list

15. Points for noting to the FNQROC Board (none)

16. Funding allocations to regional NRM groups- Penny Scott Terrain NRM

Penny provided a detailed overview of the project and program funding secured by Terrain NRM from the State and Federal Govs.

Action: 1. Provide a summary overview of program and project funding once the Rainforest Program monies have been announced (October 1?). **2.** Travis and Bart to establish project plan and finalise prioritisation process for vegetation condition/weeds element DNRME funding allocation

17. Next meeting – November 22

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35.1	Taskforce MOU : create and EOI which will also work as report to council so it can be used for tabling to both the NAMAC and the host council for consideration.	FNQROC
35.2	Biosecurity planning and programs- Circulate CCRC plan, Councils continue completion of plans for November deadline.	1. CCRC 2. All councils
35.3	Evaluation of LG invasive tramp ant response capacity - Circulate power-point presentation provided by Annie.	1. FNQROC
35.4	State Oversight Group - LPF projects and preparation of proposals for next round of EOI's 1. Circulate existing biocontrol species and future targets for reference. 2. Bundle sedge EOI from last year's round with select committee outcomes.	1. FNQROC 2. FNQROC
35.5	Board Directed Projects - AMWS and Weed Spread Prevention network update Councils to circulate AMWS consultations outcomes to participants.	All councils
35.6	Our natural assets strategic framework - monitoring and evaluation plan 1. -Circulate TRC's <i>Beating around the bush</i> 2 Individual councils provide comments back for October/December board meeting adoption.	1.FNQROC 2. FNQROC
35.7	Organic herbicide and alternatives to glyphosate in public areas. 1. Circulate details on new Slasher organic herbicide product to group and regional roads group. 2. Circulate details on new <i>Slasher</i> organic herbicide product to group and regional roads group.	1. CCRC/FNQROC

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