

FNQROC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP ACTION REGISTER & BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS



Meeting No.	10
Meeting	FNQROC Economic Development Advisory Group
Date	28 September 2018
Time	10:00 am
Venue	Cairns Regional Council – Committee Room, Level 3

Meeting Opened: 10.00am

The Chair welcomed attendees, including invited guests Professor Allan Dale and Professor Hurriyet Babacan JCU and conducted roundtable introductions.

1. Attendance

Name	Organisation
Darlene Irvine (Chair)	FNQROC
Linda Richardson	FNQROC
Virginia Berry	DSDMIP
Katie Hatten	CCRC
Gary Kerr	Douglas Shire
Michael Hoare	Wujal Wujal
Angelo Finocchiaro	Cairns Regional Council
Danielle Carey	RDA FNQ&TSI
Professor Allan Dale	JCU (Guest)
Professor Hurriyet Babacan	JCU (Guest)
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Susan Parsons	Mareeba Shire Council

2. Apologies

Name	Organisation
Belinda Hutchinson	Cairns Regional Council
Glenys Pilat	Mareeba Shire Council
Sophie Barrett	Cairns Regional Council
Avril Yeatman	Yarrabah
Nicole Van Beuningen	Tablelands Regional Council
Rebecca Hill	Tablelands Regional Council
Joyce Yang	Cairns Regional Council
Rebekah Haase	Etheridge Shire
Jacque Szafran	CCRC
Denise Kreyborg	TIQ
Norm Gardsen	Etheridge Shire
Richard Blanchette	CCRC
Wendy Hughes	Advance Cairns
Nick Trompf	Advance Cairns
Kerry Ormsby	DSDMIP
Sarah Palmer	DSDMIP
Jenni James	Cook Shire
Mike Hayward	Carpentaria Shire Council

Name	Organisation
Janelle Menzies	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
Eileen Demaal-Hall	Wujal Wujal
Trevor Gormly	Wujal Wujal
Bill Kerwin	Croydon Shire
Katherine Wiggins	Kowayama
Matthew Lamprecht	TIQ
Rosemary Pensini	Hinchinbrook Shire
Lynn Freichs	Wujal Wujal
Kate Steele	Yarrabah
Lisa Miller	Cook Shire
Shaun Nancarrow	TSIRC
Calum Kippin	Tablelands Regional Council
Vince O'Brien	CCRC

3. Actions from Previous Minutes: 09 June 2018

No.	ACTION	OWNER	COMPLETED
9.1	FNQROC to provide the FNQROC member Councils tourism officer contact to Kirsten (LGAQ)	FNQROC	Complete – list updated and emails to LGAQ 22/06/18
9.2	FNQROC to distribute details of the Regional Export Distribution Centre Pilot information session (18 June)	FNQROC	Complete – email sent to post meeting
9.3	FNQROC to distribute details of the Asia Capability Development Program	FNQROC	Complete – email sent post meeting
9.4	Copy of TNQ Innovation Awards flyer and FNQ LG map to be distributed with the minutes	FNQROC	Distributed with the minutes

4. Presentation Key Learnings/Outcomes

ITEM #	PRESENTATION SUMMARY – KEY LEARNINGS/OUTCOMES
2.0	<p>Professor Allan Dale and Professor Hurriyet Babacan, JCU engaged with members of the FNQROC Economic Development Advisory Group to provide an overview of the recently established Rural Economies Center of Excellence (RECoE) funded by Dept of Agriculture. RECoE has a steering committee made up of CQU, UQ, Uni of South Qld, JCU and DAF.</p> <p>JCU are mindful of the established FNQROC Strategic Plan and key priorities and note that each individual councils have individual Economic Development Plans. They stress that they want to work together to build Economic Development capacity and attract investment.</p> <p>Key outcomes are focussed on identifying:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to bring work together through councils and key stakeholders • Local Government need strong Federal/State government partnerships • Supporting councils in natural assets • Strength of collaboration for regional results • Build strong research capacity that can partner up the region and impact Government policy changes and influence budget allocations

Areas of regional learning RECoE are interested in, include:

- What are the key policy issues that impact regional Economic Development?
- What is the need for on-the-ground Economic Development tools?
- Are there any areas of modelling that RECoE need to focus on?
- What innovation is happening in the Economic Development space and what can RECoE do to support rural and regional areas?
- What are the Economic Development needs across rural and regional communities in relation to capacity building?
- How do we develop emerging sectors re employment?
- What other factors do we need to consider for better Economic Development outcomes (ie social entrepreneurship, workforce issues, supply chains, etc)

ROUNDTABLE Q1: What main policy issues do you need addressed as a priority and what sector is a priority first?

- Water security for the region – quality and sustainability
- Energy – costs associated with energy (green, coal, etc)
- Natural Assets/Environmental – Impact of Vegetation Management Act on Ag and Eco-Tourism (emerging sector), focus on Natural Asset Management, environmental planning challenges
- Supply Chains/Logistics – road/air transport links, freight
- Digital Connectivity – impact on tourism sector re black spots
- Regional area – challenges re definition of a ‘region’, competing with SEQ for funding (not a level playing field),
- Grants – need to be more refined and FNQ take a regional approach (rather than individual approach)
- Census – population figures/trends not accurate

ROUNDTABLE Q2: What are the priorities for tools and capacity building?

- Economy ID – most councils using, more training may be needed for some to fully utilise available data/tools
- Local Govt Act – compliance, balance of power, build capacity
- Targeted tools – for use in suburb based ED in areas of high unemployment rates
- Grants – out of scale, restraints via budget in relation to the provision of smaller councils, assistance for areas of low population levels
- Shared visionary plan for the whole region – identifying competitive advantages (and disadvantages). Building narrative (what we can hear/feel/touch) to identify the attractiveness of the region, outside of the analytical data
- Development of ‘go to’ database re data/resources/contacts/images for the region
- Identification of emerging sectors, such as Health & Welfare and workforce development impacts (currently receiving 3% of Federal funding & State reviewing)

5. Agreed Action/Recommendation from Meeting: 28 September 2018

ITEM #	ACTION ITEM / RECOMMENDATION	OWNER	STATUS
9.5	Regional Development Forum to be held in Cairns 4 Dec	V Berry	Complete
9.6	Resource Recovery Industry Development Program (RRIDP) funding open	V Berry	Complete
9.7	Masterclass workshops with Dr Frank Wagner re innovation and manufacturing (limited numbers)	V Berry	Complete
9.8	FNQROC to provide links to Federal and State Advocacy Briefs and Reports via WEB LINK	FNQROC L Richardson	Complete
9.9	FNQROC to share Regional Road Investment Strategy once released (identifying the costs of tourism benefit (loss) related to road infrastructure, tourism road (gaps) and heavy vehicle network)	FNQROC D Irvine	Pending
10.1	FNQROC to share Road Network Study once released (identifying evidence based investment into regional roads – planned versus actual spend)	FNQROC D Irvine	Pending
10.2	FNQROC to send Calendar Invite re Telstra InSight workshop to be held 16 October	FNQROC L Richardson	Complete
10.3	CCRC to provide link to newly released Tourism Strategy and Tropical Art Deco Tourism initiative	CCRC K Hatton	Complete
10.4	Wujal Wujal to provide details relating to national awards for inclusion in future FNQROC newsletter	Wujal Wujal M Hoare	In Progress
10.5	FNQROC to engage with Wujal Wujal re TIDS opportunities re rolled funds (Footpaths, etc)	FNQROC L Rankine	Complete
10.6	FNQROC to include details in future newsletter re Douglas Shire included in the Top 100 Sustainable Destination in the world (world leader in the tropics).	FNQROC L Richardson	In Progress
10.7	V Berry offered to provide presentation at the next meeting re learnings/outcomes from Economic Development Conference	DSDMIP V Berry	In Progress
10.8	FNQROC to extend invitation to RECoE (JCU) to continue collaborative engagement	FNQROC L Richardson	In Progress

The meeting closed at: 12:40pm, followed by Networking Luncheon

Next FNQ Economic Development Group Meeting	
Date / Time	Friday 7 th December 2018 @ 10:00am – 1:00pm
Location	Cairns Regional Council, Spence Street, CAIRNS Committee Room (Level 3)