MINUTES
of the 112th Board Meeting of the
FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS
MONDAY 1 JUNE 2015
Cairns Regional Council, 119-145 Spence Street, Cairns

PRESENT:  
Cr Bill Shannon, Mayor (Chair)  Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Mr Terry Brennan, CEO  Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Cr Rosa Lee Long, Mayor  Tablelands Regional Council
Mr Ian Church, CEO  Tablelands Regional Council
Cr Peter Scott, Mayor (Deputy Chair)  Cook Shire Council
Mr Tim Cronin, CEO  Cook Shire Council
Mr Peter Tabulo, CEO  Cairns Regional Council (left at 11.53am, returned at 11.56am)
Mr Peter Franks, CEO  Mareeba Shire Council
Cr Clifford Harrigan, Mayor  Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Alan Neilan, CEO  Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Ms Janelle Menzies, CEO  Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council (arrived 10.20am)
Cr Julia Leu, Mayor  Douglas Shire Council
Ms Linda Cardew, CEO  Douglas Shire Council
Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor  Croydon Shire Council
Ms Joanne Jacobson, CEO  Croydon Shire Council
Ms Darlene Irvine  FNQROC
Ms Sandra McCormack  FNQROC
Mr Steven Cosatto  FNQROC
Ms Amanda Hancock  FNQROC

OBSERVERS:  
Ms Jo Stephenson, Regional Director  DILGP (arrived at 10.03am)
Mr Luke Hannan  LGAQ (arrived at 10.05am)
Mr Scott Britton  LGAQ (arrived 10.05am)
Mr Bill Gilmore, Acting Deputy Director General  DILGP (arrived 10.05am)
Cr Will Attwood, Mayor  Etheridge Shire Council
Mr Michael Kitzelmann, CEO  Etheridge Shire Council (arrived at 10.10am)

APOLOGIES:  
Mr Travis Sydes  FNQROC
Cr Tom Gilmore, Mayor  Mareeba Shire Council
Cr Bob Manning, Mayor  Cairns Regional Council
Cr Pat Lynch, Deputy Mayor  Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Mr James Stewart, Director of Engineering  Hinchinbrook Shire Council
The meeting commenced at 10am. Chair, Cr Bill Shannon, Mayor of Cassowary Coast Regional Council, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked Cairns Regional Council for hosting the meeting.

Cr Shannon acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was held.

Ms Wilde gave an overview of Gulf Savannah Development.

A Powerpoint presentation was provided and a copy is available upon request.

Ms Stephenson arrived at 10.03am.

Mr Gilmore, Mr Britton and Mr Hannan arrived at 10.05am.

Mr Jones gave an overview of Regional Express Airlines.

A Powerpoint presentation was provided and a copy is available upon request.

Mr Kitzelmann arrived at 10.10am.

Ms Menzies arrived at 10.20am.

Mr Gilmore gave an update on the new Department of Infrastructure, Local Government & Planning which was formed by the new State Government.

Mr Cummings and Ms Brownie gave an overview of the FNQ Electricity Users Group.

A handout was provided and a further copy is available upon request.

Mr Matthews gave an update on Advance Cairns and information regarding membership alternatives.

A handout was provided and a further copy is available upon request.
Ms Crase gave an update on RDA FNQ&TS.

A handout was provided and a further copy is available upon request.

Ms Irvine spoke to the discussion topic and was seeking guidance on the level of advocacy members would like to see the FNQROC Board take on. Were members happy with current arrangements or should this be increased and if so, to what extent?

Mr Tabulo said it would be dependent on the issue at hand which may be single Council-based or something which requires FNQROC to advocate for on a regional basis. Cr Scott said if there was a regional issue which all members did not agree to advocate on then it would be debated around the table. Mr Church said an agreement should be made as to whether FNQROC was a consensus-based organisation or a majority-rules organisation. In the extreme case that we did not make an agreement then it would need to be decided that it was majority-rules. Cr Leu said FNQROC’s strength rested in the fact that members work together.

Cr Scott said the Northern Australian White Paper will be a great opportunity to get into advocacy in areas where we can have an influence.

As a summary, there is opportunity for members of FNQROC to work more collaboratively in our advocacy. This could be as an organisation or with and in support of organisations such as Advance Cairns and FNQ&TS RDA.

RESOLVED:

Ms Irvine to bring back to the next Board meeting issues and opportunities to lift our advocacy levels.

Mr Tabulo left at 11.53am.

Ms Hancock advised that the Bitumen Reseal MOA had been updated to reflect current arrangements and asked that CEOs present at the meeting sign the document today.

Mr Tabulo returned at 11.56am.

MOVED: Cr Peter Scott
SECOND: Cr Julia Leu

“That the minutes of the 111th FNQROC Board Meeting held on 13 April 2015, be confirmed.”

CARRIED
BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

2051  MINUTE 2021 – ADVANCE CAIRNS CONTRACT

Ms Irvine advised the current Advance Cairns board would vote on a new structure and constitution on 18 June 2015. Should the new structure be adopted FNQROC could move to Platinum membership for the sum of $50,000 per annum. Platinum membership would provide:

• “As of right” membership of the Advisory Council and Advance Cairns Board.
• Along with other Platinum members, steerage of the ‘Future TNQ’ program, developing the work around futures transformation and resilience.

Cr Shannon advised that while he was the current representative, he was more than happy for the Board to nominate an alternative. He also advised it was up to members to let him know if there was anything they would like him to raise at Advance Cairns. Cr Shannon also advised that if FNQROC was a member it did not preclude any other Council seeking membership as well.

Ms Irvine also advised that Platinum membership would allow FNQROC to forward the agendas and minutes to Mayors, which something we currently cannot do.

MOVED: Cr Julia Leu
SECOND: Cr Rosa Lee Long

“That should Advance Cairns’ proposed new structure be adopted on 18 June 2015, that FNQROC seek Platinum Membership for the 2015/2016 financial year at a cost of $50,000 to be paid from FNQROC reserves in the first year.”

CARRIED

2052  INWARD AND OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED: Cr Rosa Lee Long
SECOND: Cr Julia Leu

“That the inward and outward correspondence be received.”

CARRIED

2053  FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOVED: Cr Peter Scott
SECOND: Cr Julia Leu

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

CARRIED

The bank account and credit card transaction lists were received and noted.

2054  MINUTES OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Noted.

• With regard to the FNQRRTG TC Meeting held on 27 March 2015:

  Mr Neilan raised the issue of ATSI TIDS funding. This matter was referred to the FNQRRTG Board meeting to follow this afternoon.
Ms Irvine advised she would provide a written update to each Board meeting in future. In reading through the document she noted:

- Adapted LGAQ Summary PC Natural Disaster Funding Report May 2015 – will be sent out with the minutes.

- A review of the Infrastructure Australia’s Northern Australia Infrastructure Audit was emailed to the Board members on 29 May 2015 – a further copy will be sent out with the minutes.

- Bloomfield Valley Horse Management Program document needs to be signed by Douglas Shire Council, Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council and Cook Shire Council.

- NDRRA – discussion was held about when recommendations and determinations would be made by the Federal Government. Cr Scott described the issues Cook Shire Council faced due to not being able to use day labour. He suggested a few Mayors accompany Minister for Infrastructure Jackie Trad to Canberra to seek an audience with the Minister for Justice, Michael Keenan. Ms Jacobson said Gulf Savannah Development had arranged to take Mayors to Canberra and perhaps FNQROC Mayors could accompany them. Mr Franks queried whether FNQROC could establish its own independent regional consulting company to provide contracting services to Councils. Ms Irvine said with Board support it was worth investigating further but only if State and Federal Government gave their support to the concept. Ms Irvine advised she would investigate these options further.

- Cook Shire Council - Cr Scott advised the Local Authorities Waste Management Advisory Committee (LAWMAC), of which Cook Shire Cr Alan Wilson was a member, was continuing to push for container deposit legislation.

- Tablelands Regional Council – Cr Lee Long advised the Council was still pushing for implementation of the Southern Tablelands Herbert River Scheme at a State and Federal Government level.

- Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council – Ms Menzies said the Mayor was gathering support for a deep sea port project.

- Douglas Shire Council - Cr Leu said a key infrastructure project was a new reservoir in Port Douglas. She advised an application to the Royalties for the Regions fund had not been successful. The Council was searching for funding towards the project, which was important also to tourism and sustainable growth in the shire. She would like it to be included when discussing regional water security issues.

No further issues were raised.

A report was tabled at the meeting and a further copy will be sent out with these minutes. Mr Hannan highlighted Operational Preferential Voting (separate circular to be sent out with these minutes), a new Planning and Development Act, the Reef 2050 Long Term Sustainability Plan, Climate Change Adaptation Fund and State Land Tenure Reforms.
GENERAL BUSINESS

2058 MOTIONS TO LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The LGAQ Annual Conference will be held on 19-21 October 2015. Motions to the conference need to be submitted in August 2015 (exact date is not yet known).

Cr Shannon asked members to consider any motions and held the matter over to the next FNQROC Board meeting on 10 August 2015.

2059 NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held in the Douglas Shire (exact venue to be advised) on Monday 10 August 2015 starting at 10am.

2060 CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Chair, Cr Shannon, declared the meeting closed at 1pm.

Cr Bill Shannon
Chair

ACTION ITEMS

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<td>Sign updated Regional Bitumen Reseal .</td>
<td>CEOs of CRC, CCRC, DSC MSC, TRC</td>
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<td>Send out Adapted LGAQ Summary PC Natural Disaster Funding Report May 2015 with minutes.</td>
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<td>Bloomfield Valley Horse Management Program document to be signed by DSC, WWASC &amp; CSC.</td>
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<td>Further investigate NDRRA options and report back to next Board meeting.</td>
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