

FNQROC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP ACTION REGISTER & BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS



Meeting No.	12
Meeting	FNQROC LG Economic Development Advisory Group
Date	03 May 2019
Meeting Opened	10:00 am
Venue	Cairns Regional Council – Committee Room, Level 3

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Angelo Finocchiaro	Cairns Regional Council
Belinda Hutchinson	Cairns Regional Council
Sam Wiaczek	Cairns Regional Council
Virginia Berry	DSDMIP
Linda Richardson (Chair)	FNQROC
Danielle Carey	RDA
Dale Edney	Trade & Investment Qld
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Nicole van Beuningen	Tablelands Regional Council
Katie Hatten	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Rebekah Haase	Etheridge Shire Council

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Verena Olesch	Carpentaria Shire Council
Wendy Hughes	Advance Cairns
Dale Bainbridge	Croydon Shire Council
Verena Olesch	Carpentaria Shire Council
Lawrence Booth	Cook Shire Council
Darlene Irvine	FNQROC
Rosemary Pennisi	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Paul Cranch	LGAQ
Glenys Pilat	Mareeba Shire Council
Susan Parsons	Mareeba Shire Council
Hurriyet Babacan (Late)	RECoE / JCU (To present at August meeting)
Professor Allan Dale (Late)	RECoE / JCU (To present at August meeting)
Calum Kippin	Tablelands Regional Council
Shaun Nancarrow	Torres Shire Council
Michael Hoare	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Eileen Deemal-Hall	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Leon Yeatman	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
Janelle Menzies	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

Welcome and Roundtable Introductions

The Chair welcomed invited guests, Ms Tara Diversi (YEP Cairns) and Mr Gary Kerr (NQ Land Council), plus attendees and conducted roundtable introductions. The Chair welcomed Sam Wiaczek who has recently joined the Cairns Regional Council team.

ITEM #	PRESENTATION KEY LEARNINGS/OUTCOMES
2.0	<p>Ms Tara Diversi, YEP Cairns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal overview of the Your Entrepreneur Project (YEP) was provided, highlighting opportunities to engage through the Entrepreneur Coffee mornings and upcoming events, such as Deep Dive into Thinking Big featuring Leanne Kemp, Andy Ridley and Glenn Capelli as keynote speakers (01 July); Business mentoring (currently running in Innisfail), <p>ACTION: FNQROC offered to cross-promote any upcoming events/workshop</p>
	<p>Mr Gary Kerr, North Queensland Land Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of Building the Indigenous Economy in North Queensland working with opportunities linked to Native Title, Parks & Wildlife Co-management (growing trend), Natural Assets and Prescribed Body Corporates. Early stage of development but identified future deliverables include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to Country Local Area Plans Partnership in service delivery (Animal & Weed Management) Incorporation into Economic Development Strategies and Plans Inclusion in ED Forums, networks, indigenous owned advisory groups <p>ACTION: FNQROC to circulate presentation with Action Register ACTION: FNQROC to provide introductions to T Sydes and A Hancock for future presentations</p>

3.0 Actions from Previous Minutes: 15 February 2019

3.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES			
ITEM #	ACTION ITEM / RECOMMENDATION	OWNER	STATUS
10.9	Send feedback re Economy .id Training Guide to FNQROC in relation to usability, gaps of information, etc so the document can be finalised for circulation – Noted Angelo Finocchiaro can provide ongoing support for FNQROC council members as required in data collection	ALL	On Going
11.0	Consider opportunities to utilise data modelling for cross-council mentoring and future strategic planning	ALL	On Going
11.1	Circulate training PDF's (Training Guide, Grant Application Guide and Modelling economic/event impacts	FNQROC	Complete
11.2	Mareeba Shire Council to follow up with Sarah Palmer, DSDMIP re opportunity to promote Mareeba Airport at the Avalon Air show (26 Feb – 03 Mar).	MSC	Complete
11.3	FNQROC to promote upcoming workshops/initiatives raised by stakeholders in e-Newsletter	FNQROC	Complete
11.4	ALL councils/stakeholders to consider leveraging speakers across the region re Small Business Week (27-31 May) – Noted success in collaboration with securing Lisa Curry for CRC and TRC	ALL	Complete
11.5	Tablelands Regional Council taking EOIs from other councils interested in participating in the Good Food & Wine Show to be held in Brisbane (25-27 October). Send EOIs to Calum Kippin (TRC) via CalumK@trc.qld.gov.au – Noted by Nicole now not proceeding, but seeking collaboration for 2020	ALL	Not proceeding

11.6	FNQROC to connect RDA with Wujal Wujal / Cook shires re upcoming Committee meeting and potential site visits	FNQROC	Complete
11.7	Cook Shire Council to connect with DSDMIP re upcoming State Advocacy meetings re Cooktown 2020	CSC DSDMIP	Complete
11.8	CRC to share information with FNQROC relating to QODE, ASBAS Digital training and APR Internships for on-sharing via networks and e-news promotion	CRC FNQROC	Complete
11.9	FNQROC to share link to Outback Tourism Funding with Western Councils to check eligibility to apply	FNQROC	Complete
12.0	Reminder for ALL councils to ensure TTNQ are aware of upcoming regional events for promotion via TTNQ website. Send to kelsey.andersen@ttnq.org.au	ALL	On Going

4.0 State and Local Government Update

Item	STATE & LOCAL GOVERNEMENT SUMMARY (Incl. links to programs)
4.0	<p><u>DSDMIP Workshops</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Tendering for government business' workshop (07 June) • 'Effective capability statement' workshop (21 June) <p><u>Qld Superyacht Strategy (2018-23)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total of \$335,000 available, with matched funding of up to \$19,000 per year available for small to medium enterprises towards industry certifications, international trade show attendance, and bringing overseas delegations to Queensland to promote their business (Carter Marine Industries and Trinity Fire Services in Cairns successful in Round 1) <p><u>Jobs & Regional Growth Fund</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closes 1 July 2019, still taking applications <p><u>Manufacturing Hub</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FNQ Hub will be based in TAFE / Official opening date TBA • \$10m to stimulate manufacturing (including Food) <p><u>Inside Advanced manufacturing.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showcasing the future of manufacturing in Qld 20-24 May. During this week FNQ Plastics and Cairns Steel Fabricators will open their doors to other manufacturers and demonstrate their innovative manufacturing techniques and technologies in practice. Details at https://www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/industry/priority-industries/advanced-manufacturing/inside-advanced-manufacturing.html <p><u>Bio-futures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year the Bioenergy Australia Conference, TropAg, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) 145th Slot Conference and The Asia-Pacific Bio-economy Policy Summit 2019 will be occurring in Brisbane during the week commencing 11 November. • Waste to Bio-futures EOI currently being assessed • Resource Recovery Industry Development Program Stream 1 due to be announced; Round 2 should open soon afterwards. Streams 2&3 ongoing. <p><u>Buy Local</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Queensland Government Food and Beverage Supplier Directory will help government agencies source Queensland food and beverages for government events and corporate functions http://www.hpw.qld.gov.au/Procurement/ProcurementStrategy/BuyQLD/Pages/default.aspx

iiHub

- iiHub is an indigenous led NFP incubator hub, providing start-ups and SME's low cost access to co-working spaces, workshops, meeting & training room hire, collaboration with industries, connectivity to Government and work placement, SMART technology, training cafe and design print marketing training hub. iiHub Official Launch of Innovate Incubator Hub will be held on 30th May @ Complete Business Solutions Level 1, 59 McLeod Street, Cairns, QLD 4870

ITEM # CURRENT & CROSS REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Incl. links to programs/projects)

5.0 FNQROC Update

- FNQROC Mayoral State Delegation scheduled 14-15 May. State Priorities Brief document available for viewing via [FNQROC Website](#). Over 20 ministerial appointments scheduled. Will take opportunity to raise Cathay Pacific (See 6.0)
- Final advocacy delegation will be Late-November at a Federal level
- D Irvine conducting analysis reports on key regional roads (similar to Kuranda Range Road report) to determine safety and efficiency issues for future advocacy by council members.
- Western Councils (in conjunction with Arts Qld) have submitted an application for funding on an Arts Trail under the Premiers Outback Events Program (announcement due May). Round 2 opens June.
- Carpentaria Shire Council – official opening of the Barramundi Centre and Barra & Blues Festival this weekend

Advance Cairns Update (provided by Chair in lieu of noted apology by Wendy Hughes)

- Ag Supply Chain Study – now tendering for a consultant to run the project – due for appointment June. Still on track for March 2020 completion. Commented by CRC if there is any duplication in work in relation to the Regional Export Distribution Centre business case by Barb Ford?
- Townsville Enterprise study still in progress (2 months behind schedule), once available will be circulated to the group.
- Currently review 8+8 advocacy priorities (reviewed annually). Advisory Council has made recommendations to Board. Due for release in July 2019.

RDA Update

- Thank you extended to Cook Shire, Hope Vale and Wujal Wujal councils for welcoming and collaborating with the RDA Board in Cooktown recently.
- [Lakeland Irrigation Scheme](#) receives \$10m to progress business case to shovel-ready stage.
- [Green Waste](#) – about to go to tender for EOI's from consultants to undertake a feasibility study and develop a business case into the production of green-waste compost on a commercial scale for use in agriculture (\$750k x 3 years)

Small Business Week Events: -

- It was noted that following discussions at the last FNQROC ED meeting, CRC and TRC had successfully collaborated to leverage Lisa Curry as a keynote speaker in both locations (Cairns –Breakfast / Malanda – Luncheon. Additional events can be accessed via: <https://www.trc.qld.gov.au/business-industry/small-business-week/> and <https://www.cairnschamber.com.au/chamber-events>

LG Roundtable Updates

- Tablelands Regional Council
 - Funding via Building Better Regions – Tablelands Smart Community Strategy (\$20k) to develop a strategic plan that identifies projects in the region aligned to TRC Smart City Plan and Roadmap.
 - Updated Planning Scheme.
- Cassowary Coast Regional Council
 - Funding via Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline (MIP) Program 2 for a study into an Integrated Freight and Logistics Hub Strategy (\$150k).
 - Noted that the work currently underway in relation to the Regional Export Distribution Centre may assist to minimise duplications.
 - World Rafting Championships (13-20 May) 30 countries completing over 8 days. Strong economic value to the region.
 - Red Bull Defiance event (31 Aug- 01 Sept) – first time outside of NZ
 - Building the region as an Eco and Adventure Tourism destination
- Etheridge Shire Council
 - Part of Arts Qld consortium re Qld Premiers Outback Events Program
 - Gilbert River Irrigation Project (part of advocacy state priorities)
 - Charleston Dam
 - Multi-sport facility under construction in Georgetown (due end of June)
 - Development of Tourism Action Group. Cr Devlin passionate advocate for Outback Tourism. Building the tourism branding Gems and Gorges Trail.
- Cairns Regional Council
 - Developing ED Plans for Babinda / Gordonvale working with Bill Cummings
 - Renewing MOU between CRC and JCU which has been very successful
 - TradeLinked Business delegation to PNG (20-25 May). 12 businesses meeting with government officials, chambers of commerce and local business leaders to promote products and services and build relationships. Hon Curtis Pitt MP, Member for Mulgrave attending along with TIQ.
 - Conducting a refresh of [Cairns Investment Prospectus](#) working with Deloitte
 - Developing 'Urban Spaces' expanding beyond Arts providing short term leases (1-6 weeks), low risk, platform to test the market. Initially CBD locations only, but will look at expanding locations in the new FY

ACTION: D Edney (TIQ) to provide contact details for Barb Ford (Consultant) to CCRC

ITEM #	EMERGING ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES
6.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussions regarding the recent announcement of the suspension of direct flights with Cathay Pacific to Hong Kong. Major concerns in relation to freight impact and critical that this message is delivered by the region, not just focussed on tourism impacts.• Discussions re the regional impact splitting of freight between Cathay Pacific and China Southern resulting in a non-viable freight option for both airlines and the demise of both aviation routes.• Noted that Sharyn Brydon, Aviation and Trade Director TEQ is leading discussions with Cairns Airport• Noted FNQROC Mayors will be meeting with the Premier, Treasurer and Minister Kate Jones in Brisbane 14-15 May and will be raising this issue. Important that have accurate key data/messaging to spruik with Ministers. <p>ACTION: D Edney and A Finocchiaro to provide data relating to freight impacts to assist in briefing the FNQROC Mayors re key messaging prior to Brisbane delegation visit.</p>

- Raised by D Edney re consideration to positioning FNQ as the Green Capital of Australia (ie green expertise, capability). Noted Professor Gadek had done some work around this when with Advance Cairns (clean, green, organic). Agreed important not to bring in another messaging that can continue to dilute the branding of the region.

ITEM #	ED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
7.0	<p>Consideration requested round table re identification of an external consultant for the November meeting which will be focussed on Strategic Thinking/Planning. Suggested to consider Mr Robert Prestipino from Vital Places (https://www.vitalplaces.com.au/about/personal-profile/)</p> <p>ACTION: FNQROC to explore scope/quote for Robert Prestipino to present ACTION: ALL to feed future presenters to L Richardson</p> <p>Noted that Professor Allan Dale and Hurriyet Babacan (JCU) will provide an update on the RECoE project at the August meeting</p> <p>ACTION: FNQROC to add to August agenda</p>

ITEM #	GENERAL BUSINESS / POINTS FOR NOTING TO FNQROC BOARD
8.0	<p>V Berry noted that Cindy Perry (Office of Small Business) may be beneficial to the group as an observer. 4037 3987 or cindy.perry@det.qld.gov.au</p> <p>D Carey noted that Study Cairns could benefit from discussions, noted that C Doyle is included in the Cairns ED Database for meetings/engagement.</p>

Agreed Action/Recommendation from Meeting: 03 May 2019

ITEM #	ACTION ITEM / RECOMMENDATION	OWNER	STATUS
12.1	TRC seeking collaboration for 2020 Good Food & Wine Show – send EOIs to Calum Kippin (CalumK@trc.qld.gov.au)	ALL	On Going
12.2	FNQROC to cross- promote any upcoming YEP workshops	FNQROC	As required
12.3	FNQROC to circulate presentation for NQ Land Council and provide team introductions re Animal/Weed Management and Procurement	FNQROC	Complete
12.2	D Edney (TIQ) to provide contact details for Barb Ford to CCRC	TIQ	
12.3	D Edney and A Finocchiaro to provide data relating to freight impacts to assist in briefing the FNQROC Mayors re key messaging relating to the Cathay Pacific suspension prior to State delegation visit	TIQ CRC	Complete
12.4	FNQROC to seek scope/quote from Robert Prestipino to present at November meeting	FNQROC	
12.5	ALL to feed future presenters to FNQROC	ALL	On Going
12.6	FNQROC to add JCU to August agenda	FNQROC	In Progress
12.7	FNQROC to explore Cindy Perry joining group as observer	FNQROC	

The meeting closed at: 12:15 pm, followed by networking luncheon

Next FNQ Economic Development Group Meeting	
Date / Time	Friday 2 nd August 2019
Location	Cairns Regional Council, Spence Street, CAIRNS Committee Room (Level 3)