



**MINUTES OF THE 63RD BOARD MEETING OF THE FAR NORTH
QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT GROUP**

MONDAY 09 December 2019

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

REPRESENTATIVES:	Cr Terry James, Deputy Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr John Kremastos, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Chair	Cr Peter Scott, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Mr Bill Kerwin, CEO	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Warren Devlin, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
	Mr David Munro, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
	Cr Tom Gilmore, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
	Mr Peter Franks, CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Joe Paronella, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
	Mr Mark Vis, Acting CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
	Cr Desmond Tayley, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mr Steve Wilton, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
RAPT REPRESENTATIVES:	Mr Ross Hodgman, District Director	Department of Transport and Main Roads
OBSERVERS:	Mr Heliuss Visser	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr Jeff Baines, Councillor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Cr Wayne Bing Chew	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Annette Haydon	Tablelands Regional Council
	Mr Victor Mills	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mr Jeffrey Rosendale	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mr Luke Hannan	LGAQ
FNQROC STAFF:	Ms Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer
	Ms Linda Richardson	Executive Coordinator

	Mr Lachlan Rankine	Reg. Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
	Ms Amanda Hancock	Reg. Procurement Coordinator
APOLOGIES:	Mr Sanjay Ram	Department of Transport and Main Roads
	Ms Tanya Lindenberg	Department of Transport and Main Roads
	Cr Julia Leu, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

212 Chair's Welcome & Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The meeting commenced at 1:30 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.

213 Apologies

As noted

214 Presentation/s

Nil

215 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED: Cr Haydon
SECOND: Cr Kremastos

That the minutes of the 62nd Far North Queensland Roads and Transport Group held on 12 August 2019, as distributed with the agenda be confirmed."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Minute 178 & 169 – Department of Transport and Main Roads to work with Etheridge Shire Council with recommendations moving forward regarding give-way signs on narrow bridges on the road between Georgetown and Mount Surprise.

Mr Hodgman advised that design works is currently underway and further work will be undertaken over the wet season and noted the need for a consistent approach for road signage.

Minute 197 – DTMR looking at improved signage in relation to the Bruce Highway (section South of Mourilyn & Tully) and Canecutter Way.

Mr Hodgman advised that DTMR had written to CCRC on a number of occasions and did not believe in the need to continue to address at this forum. Cr Kremastos advised that he had not seen the correspondence, but will take on notice. The Chair confirmed this item can remain closed.

ACTION: Mr Hodgman to resend the noted correspondence directly to Cr Kremastos, CCRC.
Business Item can now be closed.



Minute 186b & 198- DTMR to follow up with Yarrabah Shire Council in relation to the status of speeding signage as previously requested.

Mr Hodgman advised that the work had been completed up to Bessie Point.

Minute 218 - EOFY Acquittal Forms due for submission 16th September 2019

Completed

Minute 219 - 4 Year TIDS Works Program to be submitted to the FNQ RRTG for adoption in October 2019

Completed via Flying Minute dated 09 October 2019

227 Minutes of the Technical Committee Meetings

Minutes as noted for meetings held 03 October (Confirmed) and 22 November 2019 (Unconfirmed).

228 Recommendations of the Technical Committee Meetings

The FNQ RRTG Technical Committee makes the following recommendation to FNQ RRTG:

Proposed Motion:

"It is recommended that the RRTG Board endorse the 19/20 TIDS 4 Year Works Program"

L Rankine advised that the following key changes had been implemented: -

Record ID	Project Number	Road Authority	Road Name	Amendment made									
246	953624	Cook Shire Council	Charlotte Street	Allocation reduced due to savings (\$45,289 to \$8,018)									
285	1124949	Cassowary Coast Regional Council	Goondi Mill Road	Historically \$315,000 (19/20) & \$315,000 (20/21) <table border="1"><thead><tr><th></th><th>19/20 FY</th><th>20/21 FY</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Historic</td><td>\$315,000</td><td>\$315,000</td></tr><tr><td>New</td><td>\$565,000</td><td>\$65,000</td></tr></tbody></table>		19/20 FY	20/21 FY	Historic	\$315,000	\$315,000	New	\$565,000	\$65,000
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284	1123701	Cassowary Coast Regional Council	Clifford Road	Allocation increased from \$1,120,000 to \$1,178,325 (+\$58,325)									

MOVED: Cr Pickering

SECOND: Cr Kremastos

CARRIED

Key Message to the Board from the Technical Committee:

"It is recommended that the RRTG Board note the need for consistent representation from State participants (RTAPT/LGAQ) to allow regional participants in the RTA Program to better communicate with the Program Managers."

Historically we had good representation on the Technical Committee, however L Rankine noted that there had been an absence of consistent representation from the alliance participants/members (not reflective of the local DTMR who provide excellent representation). This was considered unfavourable, as it was felt this is counter to the intent of the original establishment of the Road and Transport Alliance, being collaboration, open discussion and mutual development towards better outcomes over the transport network.

Mr Hodgman advised that this is a little reflective of recent staff changes, but this initiative is supported locally and will be passing on this messaging.

229 Update from the Roads and Transport Alliance

- L Hannan advised LGAQ attempts to allocate resources across regional meetings
- Noted early State budget for 2020 and implications for expenditure and reconciliation. Additional funding for TIDS is based on expenditure and therefore important for councils to get claims in ASAP to assist in strengthening the discussion pre-budget.

230 Works Program Update – Mr Lachlan Rankine

- Shift in councils thinking which is positive and resulting in Douglas & Cook have submitted multiple projects each and Tablelands Regional Council and Mareeba Shire Council advised projects to come.
- Encourage councils to review works programs and submit projects prior to the next RRTG TC meeting(31st January 2020), enabling funding to be allocated at that meeting.

231 Joint Purchasing & Resource Sharing

- A Hancock advised Bitumen Resealing progressing well and turning attention to 2020-21

232 Road Safety

- Cr Devlin noted Etheridge Shire advised that Strathmore Road projects are high priority and despite council continuing to minute this priority, the administrative changes had not been completed through the FNQ RRTG. As a result, no funding has been allocated to these projects for the next couple of years. He advised he is trying to continue to work with FNQ RRTG but has approached the Minister to move to NW RRTG.
- Savannah Way – bigger RMPC for the region noting continued road deterioration
- Mr Hodgman noted that he is happy to raise the flag for the region, but noted that locally we are competing with the needs across the State. With 25 fatalities in the region to date this year, it is important to note that funding is not just about building and maintenance of roads, but also the need to consider investment into road safety.

233 Asset Management

Cr Scott advised that he attended the Road Congress with D Irvine. It was noted the importance to have Asset Management Plans up to date as the Federal Government intends to bring funding forward to stimulate the economy (ie Brought forward \$97m on the PDR).

D Irvine noted that the Infrastructure Australia Workshop will be held in Cairns in April 2020.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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- **ROADS OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE (ROSI) FUNDING PROGRAM**

The Chair tabled correspondence from Carpentaria Shire Council to the FNQ RRTG seeking support for the sealing of the unsealed sections of the Normanton to NT Border as the priority section of the Cairns to NT Border Corridor Upgrade and that the full allocation of the \$62.5 mil be planned and allocated to this section to support the benefits identified under the funding program.

Cr Devlin noted that there is conflicting information coming from Federal government currently with recent Media Releases discussing the Savannah Way (whereas map on the website incorrectly identifies Burke Developmental Road, not the Savannah Way (Gulf Development Road)).

Mr Hodgman commented on the rationale behind lessons learned with a collaborative approach with RRTG's. Councils impacted identify where the priorities occur within each council area. Good opportunity to make a strong statement working together and lodging a submission passed on the priorities. Cr Scott noted the importance of working collaboratively.

ACTION: Member Councils to review the letter for discussion at the next FNQ RRTG Meeting (Feb 2020).

ACTION: L Richardson to send the letter from Carpentaria Shire Council by email for consideration at the next FNQ RRTG Meeting.

- **TCICA RRTG**

Discussions continue regarding the potential formulation of a RRTG Group for the Cape region and the effect that would have (if any) on the FNQRRTG TIDS, and the consequential effect for the councils involved (Cook, Wujal Wujal and Hope Vale.) Items being considered focussed more on skill/knowledge sharing, procurement benefits, and whether these are best served individually or remaining with the FNQRRTG. TCICA suggested to remain an advocacy body rather than an operational body.

235 Next RRTG Technical Committee Meeting

L Rankine advised that the next RRTG TC meeting will be held 31 January 2020.

225 Next RRTG Board Meeting

The next RRTG meeting will be held in Cairns on 03 February 2020.

226 Conclusion

There being no further business the Chair, Cr Scott thanked the board for their support this year and wished everyone a safe and Merry Xmas, declaring the meeting close at 2:17pm.



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Cr Peter Scott

Chair

AGREED ACTION ITEMS

Monday 09th December 2019

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)
197	Mr Hodgman to resend the noted correspondence directly to Cr Kremastos (CCRC) re improved signage in relation to the Bruce Highway (section South of Mourilyn & Tully) and Canecutter Way to ensure business item can remain closed	R Hodgman
234a	FNQROC Member Councils to review the correspondence tabled on behalf of Carpentaria Shire Council for discussion at the next FNQ RRTG Meeting.	ALL MEMBERS
234b	Recirculate Carpentaria Shire Council correspondence re seeking FNQ RRTG support for ROSI Funding and add to FEB Agenda for discussion	L Richardson