

MINUTES

Meeting No.	4
Meeting	Regional animal management technical committee
Date	11 March 2020
Time	9:30am -2:00pm
Venue	Civic Reception, Cairns Regional Council, Spence Street, Cairns

- 1. Attendance:** Sam Sitera MSC, Robert D'Adonna MSC, Anthony Archie MSC, Gillian Mansfield CCRC, Gavin Hammond CCRC, Tieter Burns QH, Samuel Bann YASC, Milton Richards YASC, Clayton Abreu QH, Stephen Hogan QH, Steve Cannendo YASC, Remy Wilson DSC, James Hugh BQ, Travis Sydes FNQROC
- 2. Guests:** Inspector Steve Kersley QPS, Mark Kerswell QPS
- 3. Apologies:** Tina Martin CRC, Ann-Marie Plasto CRC, Shellina McKellar TRC, Sara Roberts DSC, Amy Yates MSC, Kylie McAllister CSC

Acceptance of minutes: moved - Robert D'Adonna, seconded - Gillian Mansfield

4. Introduction and welcome

- 5. Wandering Stock, Stock Management MOU –** Mark Kerswell QPS, Steve Kersley QPS, Travis Sydes FNQROC (see attached documents)

The group worked through the draft MOU and workflows. Gillian provided an overview of the key recommendations from Queensland Coroners report (attached). The following key points were addressed:

- Road safety is the key goal of the MOU.
- Inclusion of DTMR in the agreement would better reflect the recommendations of the coroner's report.
- An overarching communication and information sharing agreement between QPS and LG's should be expanded to cover all officers working in a compliance environment (local laws, biosecurity and health).
- Local laws request that bodycam or other evidence be provided by QPS officers if they are returning stock to yards/paddocks to support follow up.
- Roadside/roadway hazards more generally could also be incorporated to ensure all foreseeable scenarios are addressed in the agreement.
- Consider inclusion of road maintenance, design, management elements into road hazard MOU (in consultation with DTMR)

Actions: 1. Split the current draft into two separate MOU's, one for road hazard (including wandering stock); and one for QPS -LG compliance communication and information sharing. 2. Include DTMR in the roadway hazard MOU. 4. Circulate re-drafted agreements to AMTC for comment. 3 Liaise with DTMR to arrange a consultation regarding the draft recommendations of the road hazard MOU

6. Business arising from previous meeting

See previous meeting minutes for previous business arising

Carryover business

3.1	AM data attribute standard 1. Begin compiling a data standard for dog attack and aggression. 2. Identify the data management system currently in use in each LG to see if a common consultancy approach could be used to commission future work.	1. FNQROC, AMTC 2. AMTC – individual councils	1. No 2. No
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7. Dog Off leash areas – Gillian Mansfield CCRC

CCRC is investigating potential dog off-leash areas and no-go zones and sought feedback from the group on approaches used across the region. Key comments:

- DSC has 10 designated areas which were developed through community consultation (the majority of these are beach-based zones)
- Yarrabah has no-go zones for dogs. They provide a yard for anonymous surrender of dogs. Animals from outside of Yarrabah are sometimes dumped in the community, dogs, poultry and horses.
- MSC has no formal off-leash areas
- CRC's (not present) off-leash area approaches were discussed including the co-design of facilities with community members

Actions: 1. DSC share community consultation/engagement/survey approaches used with CCRC (AMTC).

8. Council and agencies updates – brief verbal updates of key programs and events from around the region.

MSC – have reviewed parts their compliance process for customers with extenuating circumstances. The new approach will compliance steps to be modified or customised to suit the situation.

CCRC- undertaking a local laws review (based on CRC, TRC local laws). Also conducting risk assessments to revise compliance and enforcement strategies.

Q Health- New training packages have been developed and Cert IV in Animal Management is in planning for delivery in Cairns. Other components of training which are relevant to the group include LLO/Authorised Persons and Dangerous Dog training. AMRRIC has expanded their operation from NT into the Far North in recent times and are beginning to provide new tools and resources into communities <https://www.amrric.org/>

YASC – joint project coming up for AMW's with AMRRIC and Q Health. Raised queries about applying penalty units from Local Laws; and the classification of aggressive dog breeds (including hybrids) in the legislation.

DSC- Upgrade to Mossman pound facility including new cat handling/transfer units. Have launched new portable surveillance camera units to assist with the management of illegal dumping (DES Grant).

BQ – currently preparing a proposal for to enable to the sharing of registration status from PIC's to LG officers - i.e. are there livestock registered at this address

Action: AMTC member to provide YASC with background information on applying penalty units under local laws.

9. Regional biosecurity compliance workshop and training forum 2020

Travis provided an overview of the planned workshop and training event scheduled for April. The opportunities to align authorised officer training and ways to support councils develop biosecurity compliance/enforcement capacity was discussed.

Action: Circulate final agenda to AMTC

10. Animal Management and Natural Assets report card – update

Current target for report card is to produce the first regional round up and local government report cards at the end of the financial year when departments have finalised their budget submissions.

The opportunity to work with Q Health and the AMW program to develop a report card for ASC's was discussed.

Action: 1. Circulate the report attributes and indicators to LGs by end of May. 2. FNQROC and Q Health meet to frame up AMW program report card.

11. Regional Resource Sharing MOU- Potential or planned projects for 2020

LGS' were reminded to consider opportunities for the year ahead for joint operations. It was discussed the preference would be for a smaller operation as a first go.

12. Animal Management Technical Committee – business case development

Travis gave up a wrap up of the achievements of AMTC across its first 4 meetings and put it to the group to discuss their perspectives and suggestions going forward. There was universal agreement regarding the value and continuation of the committee. The face to face format was seen as value so it was recommended to continue quarterly meetings with one meeting on location each year. Yarrabah was suggested as the first venue when opportunity arrives

Action: AMTC make recommendation to the FNQROC Board for continuation of the AMTC as a technical committee. The committee would like to continue quarterly meetings with short teleconferences as required.

13. FNQROC – regional programs work plan & update

Travis provided an overview of workplan and current projects

14. Business arising

Training and competencies for LL staff – upcoming and future opportunities for shared training events and staff support/development were discussed

15. Points for noting to the FNQROC Board

AMTC make the recommendation to the FNQROC Board for continuation of the AMTC as a technical committee. The committee would like to continue quarterly meetings with short teleconferences as required.

Actions arising from this meeting

No.	ACTION	OWNER
4.1	<p>Road hazard/wandering stock MOU</p> <p>1. Split the current draft into two separate MOU's, one for road hazard (including wandering stock); and one for QPS -LG compliance communication and information sharing. 2. Include DTMR in the roadway hazard MOU. 3. Circulate re-drafted agreements to AMTC for comment. 4. Liaise with DTMR to arrange a consultation regarding the draft recommendations of the road hazard MOU</p>	<p>1. FNQROC 2. FNQROC 3. FNQROC 4. FNQROC/QPS</p>
4.2	<p>Dog Off leash areas 1. DSC share community consultation/engagement/survey approaches used with CCRC (AMTC).</p>	<p>1. DSC, CCRC</p>
4.3	<p>Penalty units AMTC member to provide YASC with background information on applying penalty units under local laws.</p>	<p>AMTC</p>
	<p>Regional biosecurity compliance workshop and training forum 2020 Circulate final agenda to AMTC</p>	<p>FNQROC</p>
4.4	<p>Animal Management & Natural Assets report card 1. Circulate the report attributes and indicators to LGs by end of May. 2. FNQROC and Q Health meet to frame up AMW program report card.</p>	<p>1. FNQROC 2. FNQROC/ Q Health</p>
	<p>Animal Management Technical Committee – business case AMTC make recommendation to the FNQROC Board for continuation of the AMTC as a technical committee. The committee would like to continue quarterly meetings with short teleconferences as required.</p>	<p>FNQROC</p>
4.5	<p>Regional Resource Sharing MOU Consider joint operations or project ideas for 2020 and develop EOI for next meeting.</p>	<p>AMTC – individual councils</p>

16. Next meeting – next meeting date is proposed for June (pending Board approval)