

FNQROC PLANNERS GROUP ACTION REGISTER & BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS



Meeting No.	62
Meeting	FNQROC Planners Group
Date	07 August 2020
Time	1:00pm
Venue	Cairns Regional Council – Committee Room (Level 3)

Meeting Opened

The Chair welcomed attendees and conducted roundtable introductions. The Chair advised that due to current workload priorities relating to the FNQROC State Advocacy visit scheduled for next week that the meeting will be handed over at 1:00pm to Paul Cohen (CRC) to facilitate.

1. Attendance/Apologies

Name	Organisation
Paul Cohen	Cairns Regional Council
Daniel Horton	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Isabella Newman	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Dylan Thomas	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Liz Taylor (Consultant)	Carpentaria Shire Council / Croydon Shire Council
Jenny Elphinstone	Douglas Shire Council (via Phone)
Tudor Tanase	Tablelands Regional Council (via Phone)
Paul Want	Tablelands Regional Council (via Phone)
Gerhard Visser	DATSIP
Brett Nancarrow	DSDMIP
Amanda Hancock (Secretariat)	FNQROC
Greg Hoffman & Gary Keller	Grassroots Connections (Presenters)
Travis Sydes & Tony O'Malley	FNQROC / Terrain (Presenters)
Apology	Organisation
Peter Boyd	Cairns Regional Council
Deb Wellington	Cairns Regional Council
Ian Elliott Smith	Cairns Regional Council
Louise Cameron	Cairns Regional Council
Michael Fallon	Cook Shire Council
Lisa Miller	Cook Shire Council
Dan Lamond	Douglas Shire Council
Neil Beck	Douglas Shire Council
Nikki Huddy (Consultant)	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

2. Actions from Previous Meeting No. 61: 22 November 2019

58.1	FNQROC to explore opportunities to provide Court PD Training Series during 2019 (focussed on "Becoming an Expert Witness based on a 'simple' planning case from the Notice of Appeal stage, pre-session of complaints, expectation of expert witness, through to a 'mock' court session).	FNQROC L Richardson CRC / CCRC P Cohen D Horton	PIA Qld training stalled due to COVID
62.2	P Cohen to share Planning & Development Templates when available for circulation	CRC P Cohen	Complete

62.8	Angelika Ziehl (DAF) to advise FNQROC when the One Stop Service site is 'live' and training opportunities across the region	A Ziehl	Complete
62.9	Crystal to advise FNQROC which Shared Services Toolkit Project surveys are still outstanding for follow up.	C Baker	Complete
63.0	ALL to feed comments re IPWEA Street Design Manual to Crystal Baker by COB Friday 13th December 2019	ALL Councils	Complete
63.1	LGAQ to send a link to the motion re Pool Safety for circulation	C Baker	Complete
63.2	ALL to send feedback to Crystal Baker, LGAQ re EPB Act Review by COB 4th December 2019	ALL Councils	Complete
63.3	FNQROC to keep this item on the FNQROC LG Planners Group agenda and consider polling council members in 2020, re appetite for FNQ Regional Plan Review	FNQROC	See Standing Item 7
63.4	ALL members to feed ideas for content/speakers re the 2020 Planners Forum to Brett Nancarrow	ALL	Cancelled indefinitely
63.5	ALL members to feed ideas for PIA events/workshops for 2020 to Isabella Newman	ALL	On Going

3. LG Shared Services Toolkit Project Update (50 Mins + 10 Mins Q&A)

Greg Hoffman (Grassroots Connections), Gary Kellar (PSM) and Paul Cohen (CRC) provided an update on the LG Shared Services Toolkit Project providing a commentary around report findings, seeking Pilot Ideas (Building, Planning, Plumbing) and tabled the question *"What do councils currently outsource that could be re-modelled as a Shared Service arrangement?"*

Discussions resulted in exploring a Paper Pilot Project with WWACS and YASC acting as the consumer and CRC as the provider. Need to develop agreed service delivery/model, governance and prove business case.

ACTION: CRC, Grassroots Connections and DATSIP to explore the concept for WWASC and YASC to run a Paper Pilot Project

4. FNQ LG Planning for Threatened Species and Ecological Communities

Travis Sydes, FNQROC and Tony O'Malley, Terrain NRM provided a presentation on the FNQ LG Planning for Threatened Species and Ecological Communities, talking to the communique which had been distributed prior to the meeting. Terrain noted that \$20k was available this FY for LG Planners for the purpose of a Habitat Protection Project for Cassowary, Littoral Rainforest and/or Mabi Forest.

Biggest danger to threatened species habitat is development on private land and therefore getting mapping into planning scheme is valuable. Discussed threatened species and ecological community mapping with DES & DNRM and seek to map as Matters of State Environmental Significance (MSES) where not already. FNQ coastal Councils could develop a universal approach to littoral rainforest planning. Possibly prepare a regional code for littoral rainforest in planning schemes or best practice guideline for incorporation of littoral rainforest into schemes, or a littoral rainforest protection guideline. Councils could recognize Littoral rainforest as

Matters of Local Environmental Significance (MLES), as littoral rainforest is literally “where rainforest meets the reef”.

To support the project Terrain requested FNQROC Councils to consider providing them with:

- mapping of environmental zone and biodiversity overlays from LG planning schemes so that it can be integrated into mapping to assist recovery teams to identify priority areas for Rainforest funding investment.
- mapping of areas managed by Council, e.g. reserves, roads, council freehold, etc, so that we could intersect these with cassowary, Mabi and littoral rainforest overlays to identify the extent of threatened species habitat on Council land relative to other landholders (understanding that much of the region’s littoral rainforest occurs on Council managed land and same may be true for other threatened species and ecological communities).

FNQROC Council Members supported this request and Terrain to liaise directly with interested parties to progress mapping requests

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS:

CCRC noted that funding could assist review and ground-truth Cassowary mapping for planning scheme. Some mapped areas are cleared areas and Mission Beach Cassowaries has provided some new corridor mapping. CCRC planning scheme currently does not regulate clearing, as is the case with many FNQ Planning Schemes.

Suggested Councils’ Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategies and Yarrabah Master Plan could refer to littoral rainforest including mapping and considerations with coastal engineering systems. Establish the link between littoral rainforest and coastal adaptation. This may also benefit turtle nesting and shorebird habitat. Councils supported Terrains mapping requests.

ACTION: FNQROC Planners Group to identify projects to explore/scope out that Terrain could provide technical support and/or funding (immediate or future x 2 years)

3. LGAQ Update re LGAQ Conference Motions and General Business

Apologies noted for Crystal Baker, LGAQ

4. FNQ Regional Plan Update (10 Mins)

Brett Nancarrow advised that there is no FNQ Regional Plan review scheduled at present and unlikely there would be a review announcement imminent.

5. General Business Updates (30 Mins)

a. Update from LGAQ Advisory committee (General Planning Projects)

Good forum for understanding requests to Councils and changes that have occurred due to COVID. Electronic signing, etc. Economic recovery initiatives shared. DSC Planning Scheme stoooped due to lack of consultation opportunities due to COVID.

b. Update from PIA TNQ Branch

PIA NQ Networking Event to be held this afternoon @ Boatshed. This will be the first face-to-face event since COVID.

New PIA State Manager (NT & QLD), Matt Collins.

Qld PIA Awards open for nominations (closing 25 Aug) and Awards held 06 Nov 2020

- c. Update from DSDMIP (General Planning Initiatives and Projects)
MGR (Minister Guidelines & Rules) DA rule changes (submissions close today)
Economic initiatives encouraged to be taken up; If there are aspects that Councils want changed let DSDMIP know.
DSDMIP happy to share information that informs Economic initiatives
- d. Update from FNQROC Council Members (Incl. Innovation & Funding Projects)
CRC – Consultant on board for small allotment and density Project
CCRC – My Development is now up and running. Isabella Newman is leaving CCRC (21 Aug) to join the CRC planning team.
TRC – Amendments to Planning Scheme
ALL – DA numbers seem generally low

ACTION: CRC to present findings of small allotment & density project once complete

6. Points for the FNQROC Board (As raised and noted during meeting)

7. Next Meeting

To be held 6 November 2020 in Cairns.

ACTION: Gerhard Visser (DSDMIP) to present on Torres Shire Masterplan (20 Mins)

MEETING CLOSE: 3:30 pm

Agreed Actions from Meeting: 07 August 2020

ITEM #	ACTION ITEM	OWNER	STATUS
62.2	P Cohen to share Planning & Development Templates for circulation	CRC P Cohen	In Progress
63.6	CRC, Grassroots Connections and Gerhard Visser (DSDMIP) to explore the concept for WWASC and YASC to run a Paper Pilot Project	CRC (P Cohen) Grassroots DSDMIP	In Progress
63.7	FNQROC Planners Group to identify projects to explore/scope out that Terrain could provide technical support and/or funding (immediate or future x 2 years)	ALL	On Going
63.8	CRC to present findings of small allotment & density project once complete	CRC P Cohen	
63.9	Gerhard Visser (DSDMIP) to present at the next FNQROC Planners Group meeting on Torres Shire Masterplan (20 Mins)	DSDMIP	In Progress