FNQROC WESTERN COUNCILS

MINUTES

Meeting No.	8
Meeting	FNQROC Western Councils Forum
Date	15 September 2020
Time	09:00am
Venue	Doris Casey Hall, Croydon Shire Council
Meeting Objectives	To focus on the issues which will make a difference to our FNQROC Western Council members

ATTENDEES

COUNCIL	ATTENDEE	TITLE
ETHERIDGE	Cr Barry Hughes	Mayor
	Cr Laurell Royes	Deputy Mayor
	Mr David Munroe	CEO
	Mr Ken Timms	Observer
CARPENTARIA	Cr Jack Bawden	Mayor
	Cr Brad Hawkins	Deputy Mayor
	Mr Mark Crawley	CEO
CROYDON	Cr Trevor Pickering	Mayor
	Cr Jono Evans	Deputy Mayor
	Mr Bill Kerwin	CEO
FNQROC	Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer
	Anne Stunzner	Advisory Consultant

APOLOGIES

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1. Welcome

D Irvine welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief update on why we meet.

2. Apologies

As noted

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 14 May 2020

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes: 14 May 2020

	Agreed Action Item	Responsibility	Status
Action 1	Follow up TMR re strategy for placement of electronic advisory signs	FNQROC	Watching brief

D Irvine advised that the strategy is in draft but the recent QRA Cat C funding for flood infrastructure will potentially amend the draft with a number of assets to be located on State Roads.

Action 2	D Irvine to investigate potential Monsoon Funding to desilt Karumba Port	FNQROC	Closed

As Ports North is a revenue raising entity (despite being a GOC) funding is not available.

Action 3	D Irvine to follow up Mark Olsen (TTNQ) to advocate for lifting the travel restrictions between Outback and other regions	FNQROC	Complete
Action 4	D Irvine to investigate clarity around the definition of 'local' within the outback roadmap	FNQROC	Complete
Action 5	D Irvine to follow up on ROSI projects and estimation of when councils would be able to commence	FNQROC	

Project Proposal Reports (PPRs) have been completed and sent for approval.

Discussion:

- Concern was raised regarding the straights being done before the areas of greater safety need (i.e. crests)
- Councils need to be in alignment in this, otherwise TMR will make the decisions because we can't agree
- Hon Scott Buchholtz MP, Minister for Road Safety has previously advised that consultation is supposed to be occurring with RRTG's

ACTION 1:
D Irvine to draft an advocacy piece for a portion of the Savannah Way (Gulf Developmental Road to Northern Territory Border) based on the FNQROC Regional Road Investment Strategy (RRIS) which will then be reviewed and additional commentary and priorities (i.e. workforce needs) by the affected councils.

5. Update on FNQ Regional Road Investment Strategy (RRIS)

D Irvine advised the board that the DRAFT Final of the Regional Road Investment Strategy (RRIS) has been out for council consultation and closed 28 August 2020. We are now compiling the feedback for final Board endorsement.

6. Tourism Discussions

Discussions continued regarding membership of Savannah Way Ltd. It is recognised that funding could only be obtained through the Local Tourism Operator (LTO) which was Savannah Way Ltd.

Councils were not prepared to commit to 3 years however, some had made a 1-year commitment.

Western Queensland Alliance of Councils – there are 21 council members, 17 of these are members of Outback Tourism (alternative to TTNQ as an RTO) and there was some discussion regarding aligning to Outback. This had both pros and cons.

Carpentaria and Etheridge to invite Bram Collins (Chair of Savannah Way Ltd) to address council.

ACTION 2:
Carpentaria and Etheridge to invite Bram Collins (Chair of Savannah Way Ltd) to present at the next respective council meeting.

7. General Business items:

7.1 FNQROC Charter Review

D Irvine was asked to give an update on the FNQROC Charter Review and some of the reasons, questions and concerns. D Irvine gave a summary overview of a draft email which was sent to all Mayors on Thursday 17th September 2020.

7.2 Future Meetings

The query was raised regarding the need for future meetings. The Mayors agreed it would be good to continue as it is an opportunity for them to catch up and discuss issues (at least in the short term).

Councillors of member councils are invited and welcome to attend and contribute to discussions and networking between the councils.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting would occur when Action Item 1 had been drafted by D Irvine.

9. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 12.00pm

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Action 2	Carpentaria and Etheridge to invite Bram Collins (Chair of Savannah Way Ltd) to present at the next respective council meeting.	Carpentaria Etheridge	