



## MINUTES OF THE 70<sup>TH</sup> FNQ REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT GROUP

Thursday 7 October 2021  
Barlow Park, Cairns

### REPRESENTATIVES

<b>CHAIR</b>	Cr Peter Scott, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
<b>DEPUTY CHAIR</b>	Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
	Cr Mark Nolan, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Michael Kerr, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
	Mr Ross Hodgman	Department of Transport and Main Roads
	Cr Kevin Davies, Councillor (Via Phone)	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Bradley Creek	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

### OBSERVERS

	Mr Andrew Graffen, CEO	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Mr Bill Kerwin, CEO	Croydon Shire Council
	Ms Juanita Warner, Acting CEO	Douglas Shire Council
	Mr Ken Timms, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
	Cr Angela Toppin, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
	Mr Gary Rinehart, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
	Mr Leon Yeatman, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mr John Gillespie	Department of Transport and Main Roads
<b>ROAD ALLIANCE PROJECT TEAM</b>	Ms Tanya Lindenberg	Department of Transport and Main Roads
	Mr Robert Ferguson	LGAQ

## FNQROC STAFF

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Ms Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer
Ms Paula Power	Executive Support Officer
Ms Wendy Hughes	Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator

## 329 WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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The meeting commenced at 9.29am.

The Deputy Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we met today and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Cr Kevin Davies from Mareeba Shire Council joined the meeting via teleconference.

**ACTION:** Elections for Chair and Deputy Chair will be held at the next meeting.

## 330 APOLOGIES

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As noted.

## 331 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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**MOVED:** Cr Trevor Pickering, Croydon Shire Council

**SECOND:** Cr Barry Hughes, Etheridge Shire Council

*“That the minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group Meeting held on 14 June 2021 be confirmed.”*

**CARRIED**

## 332 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

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**Minute 318.1** – D Irvine to draft correspondence to Minister Bailey to seek understanding of why TMR would not support the FNQ RRTG recommendation for prioritisation of the remaining ROSI funding on the Cairns to Northern Territory border.

D Irvine – Waiting on a response from Minister Bailey.

**Minute 318.2** - Amendment to the weightings in the PPT to reflect the recommendations from the technical committee meeting No. 115.

D Irvine / W Hughes – in progress. Some issues with the technical document which are being rectified.

### 333 MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS OF RRTG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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- Flying minute approved concerning end of year acquittals. Thank you to those who endorsed.

### 334 WORKS PROGRAM UPDATE

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- Reminder to Councils to spend in advance before end of year. Councils asked to get their paperwork in as soon as the work has been done. We will lose the funding if it is not spent within the year allocated.
- Project for Mareeba Shire Council brought forward to this financial year.
- Possible issue with delivery of projects this year due to material supplies and manpower. Monitoring - a full review this Tuesday.
- New Director of Infrastructure in Cook Shire Council – Peter Tonkes.
- John Gillespie joined TMR and will be working closely with the Regional Roads Technical Committee.
- New Engineer for Etheridge Shire Council, David Fletcher.

### 335 UPDATE FROM THE ROADS & TRANSPORT ALLIANCE

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- 2020-21 TIDS Expenditure reached 100% by 30 June, which is another great result. In that time RRTGs delivered 252 projects under the TIDS program. Congratulations and thanks
- Approx \$18 million (which is about one third of the TIDS program) was expended during June with many late program variations happening across the state in order to get across the line. Currently undertaking a business improvement process in collaboration with districts and Tech Coordinators to review practices to mitigate potential risks.
- 2021-22 TIDS expenditure statewide is reported at 15% as of end September. FNQ is currently at 25%, so tracking well at this stage. First quarter reports will be available next week.
- There is another \$600,000 in SCDF available this FY, with 20 projects already committed. RRTGs are encouraged to maximise the benefit of this fund, as per the recently endorsed Capability Agreement and Action Plan, and I look forward to the two projects planned this year.
- Over the past 6 months we have commenced a continual improvement process which has been focussed on updating our policies and guidelines and in 2020/21 we have updated the Operational Guidelines and Project Recognition Policies which both came into effect on 1 July. Thanks to Wendy and Darlene for your input to those during the consultation phase.
- FNQ are already implementing mitigation strategies to try to better manage expenditure over the year such as detailed design in year one and delivery in year two and holding over projects that are scheduled to commence in April/ May/ June. These are being considered by the team in terms of how we can address the ongoing issue of back ending the program, and will be promoted and shared with other RRTGs. So great work in this group.
- The Roads and Transport Alliance (RTA) Assembly is being held on 25 October in Mackay in conjunction with the LGAQ conference. RRTG chairs have had input to the topics for presentation this year to ensure that's they are relevant and interesting.
- The annual progress report will also be released at the Assembly, thanks to Etheridge and Cooktown for the stories on Battlecamp Rd and Strathmore Rd.

- Upcoming changes to the RTA Board include the retirement of Mr Greg Hallam, being replaced by Alison Smith. A new Head of Advocacy LGAQ, Cory Heathwood, and the retirement of TMR GM Les Dunn.
- The Queensland Local Government Grants Commission (QLGGC) have published the updated road length data and the RTAPT will commence the review. Once complete advice will be provided to the RTA Board. TIDS funding is allocated to RRTGs using an approved methodology based on an 80 per cent 'network' component/20 per cent 'base' component. Calculations for the 'network component' are based on local government road length data published by QLGGC, however that data is now ten years old. The review will compare the latest data to ensure the network component is current, so that TIDS funding continues to be allocated equitably across the RRTGs. The scope of the review does not include any changes to the allocation methodology.

### 336 JOINT PURCHASING AND RESOURCE SHARING

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- Bitumen reseal 20/21 - Has started in 4 Councils.
- TMR – pressure in market with number of projects, particularly with aggregate, asphalt, culvert and steel supplies. Sourcing microchips for small road signage also an issue.

### 337 ROAD SAFETY

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- TMR highlighting safety issues across the State. TMR providing an information sheet on safety and the learnings from events that have happened.
- Cr Peter Scott – welcome signs and red asphalt have been installed to the entrance of Cooktown. Is very effective and has brought to the forefront a change in speed condition. Gives positive message.
- Cr Kevin Davies highlighted a safety concern at the raised crossings in Mareeba where trucks have been diverting near two local primary schools. TMR are aware of this issue and will discuss with the Traffic Advisory Committee.
- Cr Ross Andrews – Practical completion of jetty November/December. Working with traditional owner groups to de-colonise the street names, most of the street names are pre-missionary days.
- TMR will work with Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council to look into entrance signs and red asphalt.

### 338 ASSET MANAGEMENT

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- Aerodrome audits will be conducted during February and March 2022 with 5 Councils.
- Electrical audits for certified aerodromes will be delivered in November as part of the aerodrome audit program.

### 339 CAPABILITY STATEMENT AND ACTION PLAN

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Capability Action Plan – circulated with agenda.

- Two key projects include:
  - Asset planning for aerodromes and development of asset management plans; and
  - A Transport Plan for Yarrabah.

Mayor Andrews – spoke to the Transport Plan for Yarrabah. It is needed to help guide and direct their future investment and help inform Master Planning for Yarrabah.

The technical committee recommends the Capability Statement and Action Plan for endorsement by the FNQRRTG.

**Moved:** Cr Peter Scott, Cook Shire Council

**Second:** Cr Barry Hughes, Etheridge Shire Council

*'That the Capability Statement and Action plan be accepted and endorsed.'*

**CARRIED**

### **340 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

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- Cr Trevor Pickering – Richmond Road, keen to start another program like the old Beef Roads Program. Highlight leading into Federal Election. Ms Irvine advised that this will be discussed as part of our Federal Advocacy ask within the FNQROC Ordinary meeting.

### **341 NEXT RRTG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 116**

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- Tuesday 12 October 2021

### **342 NEXT FNQ RRTG MEETING NO. 71**

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- Thursday 2 December 2021 – Barlow Park

### **343 CONCLUSION**

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The Chair thanked members for their contribution. There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.00am.

**AGREED ACTION ITEM**

**Thursday 7 October 2021**

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>329</b>	Elections for Chair and Deputy Chair will be held at the next meeting.	FNQROC Agenda	

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**Cr Peter Scott**

**FNQ RRTG Chair**

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