

Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee

Meeting Details

Meeting No	50
Meeting Name	NAMAC
Date	May 19 2022
Time	9:30-2:30
Venue	Barlow Park meeting room – Scott Street Cairns
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Agenda

1.	Attendance Jade Monda CRC, Lewis De Franciscis CRC, Matt Buckman HSC, Michael Nash HSC, Cr Kate Milton HSC (item 7.3 onwards), Damon Sydes CCRC, Kelly Harrington CCRC, Graham Weinert MSC, Scott Morrison TRC, Ken Golbey TRC, Brad Everett DSC, Sarah Hoyal Terrain NRM, Michael Graham BQ, Mario De Carlo BQ, Travis Sydes FNQROC	
2.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Preece CY NRM, 	
3.	Guests 10:30-11:00 Keith Speyers and Ellen Webber – Wet Tropics Management Authority 11:30-12:15 Bron Robertson and Cath Moran – Terrain NRM/Cath Moran Ecological Kate Daly - Greg Wells - Corteva Agriscience James Donaldson – CEO Wet Tropics Waterways	
4.	Acceptance of previous minutes 4.1 Moved : Scott Morrison 4.2 Seconded: Michael Nash	
5.	Actions from Previous Meeting No. 49	

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	consideration of NAMAC. 2. DSC circulate revised glyphosate reduction plan to NAMAC LGs when finalised.		
48.1	Feral cat manufactured bait Action: 1. 'History' (under trial) is the recommended feral cat bait for the tropics. 2. 'Curiosity' baits are not recommended for use in the tropics due to the susceptibility of varanids to the toxin. 3. NAMAC liaise with BQ regarding supporting field trials to assist in registration of 'hisstory'.	1. LGs (for noting) 2. LGs (for noting) 3. FNQROC/NAMAC	3. complete/ongoing
48.4	Engaging traditional owners in NRM – conversation around discussion paper compiled by Terrain NRM (Rainforest Resilience Project) Action: 1. Circulate the report to NAMAC. 2. Compile an action plan based on the report's recommendations for local government	1. FNQROC 2. FNQROC & Terrain NRM	2. ongoing
48.8	Climate Resilient Alliance Project update – NAMAC Climate Action Plan Action: Collate reviewed action plan and circulate to NAMAC (carried forward to meeting #50)	1. FNQROC	This agenda
49.1	Communication and education pieces/ resource sharing Action: 1. Initiate a monthly call for sharing of communication and education pieces across the NAMAC Action: teams	1. FNQROC, NAMAC	1. pending
49.2	Introduction to the Wetland Rehabilitation Framework (beta version) – Queensland Wetlands Program Action: 1 LG's consider submission of case studies of wetland management to the platform. 2. Provide comments back to the program on the beta version of the web pages	1. LG's 2. NAMAC, FNQROC	1. complete 2. complete
49.3	1080 pesticide update Action: 1. Share updated timeline for the management of closing off QGOV 1080 stocks. 2. Share exclusion device practices and approaches report.	1. BQ 2. CCRC	1. complete 2.
49.4	Land Protection Fund and IP&A research update Action: request update on FNQ LPF projects for next NAMAC meeting.	1. FNQROC	This agenda
49.5	Biosecurity Act and local laws interaction Action: 1. LG's to seek avenue to review and revise Local Law relationships with Biosecurity Act. 2. Share recommended wording and revisions	1. LGs 2. BQ	1. complete 2. complete
49.6	Cook Shire and Cape York NRM gamba grass taskforce Action: 1. circulate final taskforce brief. 2. Provide names of participants to Cook/Cape York NRM for bookings and logistics	1. CSC, FNQROC, CYNRM 2. LGs	1. complete 2. complete
49.7	Aquatic weeds regulation feedback request and Amazon frogbit response	1. FNQROC	1. complete

	1. Action: table the species identified above to the LGAQ for consideration		
49.8	Disaster management- natural assets code of practice – draft for consultation Action: LGs review the updated COP and provide comment back to FNQROC by mid-April.	1. LGs	Ongoing
49.9	Plague Pest Contingency Fund – nominations sought for North Region representative on Plague Locust Oversight group. (no nominations during discussion; Scott Morrison TRC nomination supported by FNQROC and Burdekin Shire after the meeting)	For noting	Complete

6.	Update from FNQROC 8.1 Board directed projects
7.	<p>General Business</p> <p>Discussion arising from minutes</p> <p>48.1 Feral cat management</p> <p>Felixer automated cat grooming trap https://pestsmart.org.au/toolkit-resource/felixer-feral-cat-grooming-traps-under-development/ – trialled by ABHF and TRC. Issues with humidity and off-target; not recommended for application in the Wet Tropics.</p> <p>DAWE currently rolling our ranger program support for works on feral cats, feral pigs and gamba grass. All 3 management targets could be opportunities for LGs to support/collaborate with ranger groups.</p> <p>48.8 Climate Resilient Alliance Project update – NAMAC Climate Action Plan</p> <p>The pilot project has submitted final report and coordinator role is continuing through to end of June 2022. Recently held a disaster management exercise between Disaster Management and Animal Management teams from CRC, TRC and MSC to ‘stress test’ business continuity plans. A similar exercise is under consideration for natural assets. Have shared lin</p> <p>49.1 Communication and education pieces/ resource sharing</p> <p>Template for sharing was tabled and discussed. Trial will begin in June, with call for articles and compilation first week of the month.</p> <p>7.1 Update Wet Tropics Restoration Alliance – briefing paper attached – Keith and Tim, WTMA</p> <p>Tim and Keith provided an overview of the Alliance proposal. Group discussed practicalities and perspectives on local government engagement. This first touch point was to provide an initial briefing. To be followed by information sessions with councils. The committee recommended that council workshops would provide a good cross-section of elected reps and managers to discuss concept with.</p> <p>Action: 1. Provide feedback on draft back to WTMA 2. Workshop dates for information sessions (after 1st week June) and get back to NAMAC. 3. WTMA prepare briefing note and invitation for face-to-face workshop with council</p> <p>7.2 Priority weeds considerations – Cassowary Credits Scheme – Bron and Cath, Terrain NRM/Cath Moron Ecological</p> <p>Bron and Cath provided an overview of the Cassowary Credits scheme and then detailed a proposed approach to the inclusion of priority weeds into the methodology. Weeds are proposed to be</p>

considered at each stage of the method with specific requirements for some species alongside functional (rainforest succession) considerations during staged assessment of eligibility of credits.

Action: 1. circulate draft priority weed methodology to NAMAC for comment. 2. Provide feedback on method.

7.3 [UBENIQ](#) herbicide registration – overview on use for Navua sedge– Greg Wells Corteva Agriscience

Kate Daley and Greg Wells provided a technical overview of UBENIQ application for the management of Navua sedge. The group discussed the details of its use in the field. Practical considerations - product will be registered around September 2022; UBENIQ has a short with-holding period (~3 days) for grazing animals; it acts most effectively on seedlings; will require multiple applications on mature plants as the plant will partition off the affected part and re-shoot; product is used at very low concentrations for boom or spot spraying.

7.4 Wet Tropics Waterways – update James Donaldson

James provided a brief overview of upcoming timelines and events of the partnership and opportunities for local government collaboration.

Action: 1. Second edition of Reef and Rivers magazine is due out soon https://wettropicswaterways.org.au/reef_and_rivers_issue_1/ 2. for noting, 2020/21 report card launch is planned for August 10 2022, Cairns Wharf – get in touch with partnership for more details.

7.5 Biosecurity Queensland update

Mario De Carlo provided a report on the National Biosecurity Conference. The first website was [Home | Biosecurity Commons](#), the web scraping tool apparently isn't quite available yet but info can be found here [Centre for Invasive Species Solutions - Homepage](#). Symposium proceedings booklet is attached which provides an abstract of all of the presentations delivered at the symposium.

BQ is planning an APDS (annual pest distribution survey) for October-November 2022. The regional 1km grid mapping is also due for an update, so it was proposed to undertake this first to inform the APDS as has been done in the past.

BQ has been conducting surveillance and compliance of online trade through their online biosecurity officer.

Action: 1. provide links to National Biosecurity Conference proceedings 2. Prepare mapping review in lead up to APDS exercise in Oct-Nov 2022

7.6 Terrain NRM update

Sarah provided a brief update of key projects and programs underway in the region. Future and new projects will not be known until the passing of state and federal budgets.

7.7 Cape York NRM update

No update provided

7.8 FNQROC update

7.9 LPF research projects update

Travis provided a brief overview of timeline and projects underway.

Action: Share the updated Invasive Plants and Animals Research Prospectus and annual timeline/process for raising research gaps/project ideas.

Business arising

7.10 Feral pig disposal - the issue of feral pig carcass disposal was raised.

Regulation requires deep burial. Methods of disposal were discussed and include deep burial at landfill; collection point provided for disposal bins; or formal agreements with private landholders. Other options include composting <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business->

	priorities/agriculture/animals/pigs/managing-environmental-impacts/pig-carcass-composting ; the Coen feraliser processing facility was also raised as another approach
8.	Points for noting to the FNQROC Board
9.	Next meeting August 18 location TBC
10.	Meeting Close 2:30

11. Actions arising from meeting #50

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