

Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee

Meeting Details

Meeting No	51
Meeting Name	NAMAC
Date	August 18 2022
Time	9:30-2:30
Venue	Civic Reception Room – cnr Spence and Draper Street Cairns
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Minutes

1.	Attendance Kelly Harrington CCRC, Jade Monda CRC, Tom Crumpton CRC, Graham Weinert MSC, Ken Golbey TRC, Damon Sydes CCRC, Brad Everett DSC, Michael Graham BQ, Michael Nash HSC, Matt Buckman HSC, James Donaldson Wet Tropics Waterways, Bronwyn Robertson Terrain NRM, Travis Sydes FNQROC
2.	Apologies Scott Morrison TRC, Cr Kate Milton HSC, Keely MacMillan MSC, Sarah Hoyal Terrain NRM, Cr Jeff Baines CCRC Travis noted apology from Scott Morrison who wished to pass on his appreciation to the NAMAC for their work and support during his tenure with TRC.
3.	Guests 10:00 Bronwyn Robertson, Terrain NRM
4.	Acceptance of previous minutes 4.1 Michael Nash 4.2 Jade Monda
5.	Actions from Previous Meeting No. 50

Action Item	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status
45.6	Alternatives to the herbicide glyphosate. Action: 1. In preparation for NAMAC roadside and reserve vegetation management discussion paper prepare a regional level template policy or position paper for consideration of NAMAC. 2. DSC circulate revised glyphosate reduction plan to NAMAC LGs when finalised.	1. FNQROC/NAMAC 2. DSC (complete)	
49.8	Disaster management- natural assets code of practice – draft for consultation	1. LGs	1. complete

	Action: LGs review the updated COP and provide comment back to FNQROC by mid-April.		
50.1	Update Wet Tropics Restoration Alliance Action: 1. Provide feedback on draft back to WTMA 2. workshop dates for information sessions (after 1 st week June) and get back to NAMAC. 3. WTMA prepare briefing note and invitation for face-to-face workshop with council	1. NAMAC 2. FNQROC/WTMA 3. WTMA	1. Complete 2. Ongoing 3. Complete
50.2	Priority weeds considerations – Cassowary Credits Scheme Action: 1. circulate draft priority weed methodology to NAMAC for comment. 2. Provide feedback on method.	1. Terrain (complete) 2. NAMAC	1. complete 2. complete
50.3	Wet Tropics Waterways 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.	1. For noting 2. For noting	1. Complete 2. Complete
50.4	National Biosecurity Conference Action: 1. provide links to National Biosecurity Conference proceedings Home Biosecurity Commons, Centre for Invasive Species Solutions - Homepage Annual Pest Distribution Survey and regional grid mapping update 2. Prepare mapping review in lead up to APDS exercise in Oct-Nov 2022	1. BQ, Complete 2. FNQROC, NAMAC, BQ	1. complete 2. underway
50.5	LPF research projects update Action: Share the updated Invasive Plants and Animals Research Prospectus and annual timeline/process for raising research gaps/project ideas.	FNQROC	1. complete

45.6 – move to new action (51.1): 1. collate roadside management manual examples. 2. Share BQs herbicide/glyphosate resistance work

49.8 – move to new action (51.2) Run as a DM exercise/workshop in the same format as the Animal Management exercise delivered by the Climate Resilient Alliance

6.	Update from FNQROC
7.	General Business 7.1 NRRP project proposal – outline, and project requirements (10:00) Bron Robertson from Terrain took the committee through proposed NRRP funding submission. The submission builds on the partnership approach between Terrain NRM, LGs and FNQROC in the previous iteration of NRIP. Key points

- Due to a short turn around the project concept was workshopped with FNQROC based on past project and future needs
- Will use site-based case studies to test the Cassowary Credits restoration and reporting methodology (without entering into crediting contracts)
- CC methodology will be subject to peer review, next steps will be comms and marketing (this project can inform these processes)
- Case study sites would test the restoration methodology and priority weed framework with Terrain NRM undertaking and mentoring the M&E with each project
- If it proceeds, a call for projects will be made based on criteria including (testing the CC methodology, co-management/consultation with relevant TO representatives, size and NRRP deliverables)
- Councils were in support of the project concept on an opt in basis

Action: Terrain NRM share next steps with NAMAC if project submission is successful

Also discussed – Nominations for National Biosecurity Awards

7.2 Regional Aquatic Biosecurity Strategy – concept discussion

Travis tabled a draft outline for discussion for a Wet Tropics aquatic biosecurity strategy which has been developed in consultation with Wet Tropics Waterways and BQ. Key points

- Addresses invasive aquatic plants and animals
- In response to continuing introductions and naturalisations in the region and apparent lack of capacity to respond at state/national level
- In scope – current, emerging, and future impact and risk
- Requires a partnership approach to be successful
- Includes biosecurity compliance, capacity building and education
- Scalable to compliment work at a local scale as well as respond to regional issues

Responses to concept

- Needs to provide outline of programs and initiatives underway or in place in the region
- Requires adequate detail to clearly guide implementation and should be operational in its focus (an abbreviated summary can be provided for other audiences)
- Should draw on the social indicator values currently being rolled out
- Councils around the room were in support of progressing to a full draft

Action: 1. Develop draft regional aquatic biosecurity strategy for consultation and report back to NAMAC. 2. NAMAC members provide outline of aquatic biosecurity programs in provided template. 3. Engage with other relevant stakeholders

7.3 [UBENIQ](#) herbicide registration – field days and demos

The opportunity for undertaking field days to demonstrate correct use has been taken up by interested councils. Product will be released through select retailers across the region in September. Councils still seeking field demonstrations are encouraged to reach out to Corteva on the contact details provided last meeting.

7.4 Amazon frogbit control/biology field day

A demonstration day (or several demonstration days?) to outline technique and approaches to application of Clipper™ Herbicide for the control of Amazon frogbit is planning for when the weather warms up a little (late September/early October)

Action: 1. Relevant staff to undertake online training module for the use of Clipper™ Herbicide <https://clipperaquatic.com.au/accreditation/> . 2. update NAMAC and other stakeholders on field days when dates are finalised

7.5 APDS mapping exercise and regional mapping review

Workshops are planned for September 14-16. Dates to collate regional grid mapping prior will be scheduled where required (Hinchinbrook, Cassowary Coast, Tablelands).

Action: 1. provide regional grid data to APDS. 2 undertake local mapping sessions where required. 3. Provide weed data sets to update both mapping projects. 4. Package and circulate updated regional grid mapping data to councils for use in their corporate GIS systems.

7.6 FNQ Fire and Biodiversity Consortium proposal – update on regional workshop

Travis provided an update on the recent workshop. The workshop outcomes are still being compiled.

Action: circulate workshop outcomes to NAMAC when collated

7.5 Biosecurity Queensland update

Michael G provided a general update on operations in BQ. Key points

- Developing an MOU between Biosecurity Queensland and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.
- MOU project has provided an insight into the status of VBMF plans for parks I the region
- BQ working on a range of compliance and strategic weed programs across the region (e.g. Cecropia and regulated Asian market aquatics).

Action: BQ and FNQROC arrange meeting with QPWS and WTMA regarding progress and status of VBMF plans and integration with LG biosecurity plans (and other plans)

7.6 Terrain NRM update

Addressed in item 7.1

7.7 Cape York NRM update

Dave Preece on other business up Cape York so no update provided

7.8 FNQROC update

Travis provided an update on progress of range of FNQROC business including climate resilient alliance, regional plan review

7.9 LPF research projects update

Update on recent feral cat research in the Southern Wet Tropics indicating much higher densities and broader distribution than previously thought. A new program of study beginning in Northern region shortly.

Action: Circulate final research papers when available.

8. Points for noting to the FNQROC Board

9. Next meeting

17 November – location and venue TBC

10. Meeting Close 2:30pm

11. Business arising from minutes

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51.8	QPWS Values based management framework (VBMF) planning Action: BQ and FNQROC arrange meeting with QPWS and WTMA regarding progress and status of VBMF plans and integration with LG biosecurity plans (and other plans)	BQ, FNQROC
51.9	LPF research projects update – QPWS feral cat research in Wet Tropics Action: Circulate final research papers when available.	FNQROC