



**FNQ Regional
Organisation
of Councils**

**FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group
Meeting No. 75**

**9.30am to 10.30am
Thursday 1 December 2022**

**Civic Reception Room
Cairns Regional Council
119 Spence Street, Cairns**

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RRTG MEETING
Thu, Dec 1, 2022 9:30 AM – 10.30 AM (AEST)

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1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

2. APOLOGIES

A list of apologies will be tabled at the meeting.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of Meeting No. 74 held on 28 September 2022. **Pages**

Pages 4-7

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Action items from RRTG Board Meeting No. 74 held on 28 September 2022.

There were no action items from previous meeting.

6. RRTG ELECTION

- RRTG election – call for nominations of Chair and Deputy Chair

7. NOTING OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of Technical Committee Meeting No. 124 – 11 November 2022 **Pages 8 - 13**

7.2 Recommendations to the RRTG Board

- 7.2.1 That the RRTG endorse the amended program (attached to the agenda) recommended by the Technical Committee 11 November 2022 to manage funding released by two projects.

Recommendation: That the FNQRRTG Board

1. **Move** that the amended program recommended by the technical committee 11 November 2022 be endorsed.

- 7.2.2 For discussion, the technical committee is seeking the FNQRRTG support for a road trip May/June 2023 to view projects in Douglas, Wujal Wujal, and Cook (inclusive of Bamaga road which was included as a LRRS in 2022). This would be a 4 day trip with the objectives of (not limited to):

- a. Viewing TIDS projects in the 3 council areas
- b. Sharing project experiences and the innovative solutions to problems/ sharing problems with a view of gaining additional ideas

- c. Understanding the variations between our councils areas and the networks they support – Douglas is different to Wujal Wujal which is different to the Cape so that members can be empathic when discussing projects around the table.
- d. To build the team dynamics. It has been some years since we have been able to undertake a road trip and with new representatives on the tech committee there is a need to build these relationships to build trust, honesty and comradery within the group. This will assist councils individually as their staff will know the expertise within the region they can call on to help solve a problem.

Recommendation: That the FNQRRTG Board

1. **Move** to support the technical committee to undertake a road trip in May/June 2023 to view projects in Douglas, Wujal Wujal and Cook, inclusive of Bamaga Road. The benefits gained will assist both the technical committee and councils individually.

8. WORKS PROGRAM UPDATE

- TIDS works program update as at 11 November 2022

D. Irvine

9. TMR ALLIANCE UPDATE

- TMR Alliance Update.

T. Lindenberg

10. JOINT PURCHASING AND RESOURCES SHARING

- If any issues

11. ROAD SAFETY

- If any issues

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 General Business – if any issues

13. NEXT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 120

- Friday 20 January 2023

14. NEXT FNQ RRTG MEEETING NO. 76

- Thursday 2 February 2023, Civic Reception Centre, Cairns

15. MEETING CLOSE

Minutes of the 74th FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group

Meeting No	74
Meeting Name	FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group
Date	28 September 2022
Time	2.30pm to 3.30pm
Venue	Microsoft Teams

REPRESENTATIVES

CHAIR	Cr Peter Scott, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Annette Haydon	Tablelands Regional Council
	Cr Michael Kerr, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
	Mr Ross Hodgman, District Director	Transport and Main Roads
	Cr Mark Nolan	Cassowary Coast Regional Council

OBSERVERS

ROAD ALLIANCE PROJECT TEAM	Mr Mike Furniss	LGAQ
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FNQROC STAFF

Ms Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer
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381 WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The meeting commenced at 2.34pm

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

382 APOLOGIES

	Mr Robert Chow	LGAQ
	Cr Brett Moller	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr Bradley Creek	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Cr Kevin Davies, Deputy Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
DEPUTY CHAIR	Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
	Ms Tanya Lindenberg	RAPT, DMTR

383 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED: Cr Peter Scott

SECOND: Cr Barry Hughes

“That the minutes of the 73rd FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group Meeting held on 7 April 2022 be confirmed.”

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status
375	D Jones to advise what the strategy is for the mill stockpiles and if councils could access/use it.	D Jones	Complete – advised FNQRRTG TC that TMR have a strategy and is site specific, talk to them
377	T. Lindenberg to provide information on the Qld Electric Super Highway and recharging stations in Queensland.	T Lindenberg	Complete

384 MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS OF RRTG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Minutes of Technical Committee Meeting No. 121 – 19 May 2022

Noted

Minutes of Technical Committee Meeting No. 122 – 25 July 2022

Noted

Minutes of Technical Committee Meeting No. 123 – 16 September 2022

Noted

Recommendations to the RRTG Board

384a That the FNQRRTG adopt the amended four year works program recommended from meeting No. 123, 16 September 2022 **(program attached as excel spreadsheet)**

MOVED: Cr Barry Hughes
SECOND: Cr Annette Haydon

“That the FNQRRTG adopt the amended four year works program.

CARRIED

Note:
while an apology Cr Moller emailed his support
Post Meeting Cr Davies advised his support

384b That the FNQRRTG endorse the administrative change which combines Agate Road, North Head Road and Cobbold Gorge Road (LRRS portions) into one road name being Cobbold Gorge Road.

MOVED: Cr Barry Hughes
SECOND: Cr Mark Nolan

“That the FNQRRTG endorse the administrative change which combines Agate Road, North Head Road and Cobbold Gorge Road into one road name being Cobbold Gorge Road and endorse Kidston Road as a LRRS.

CARRIED

Note:
while an apology Cr Moller emailed his support
Post Meeting Cr Davies advised his support

385 WORKS PROGRAM UPDATE

- TIDS works program update was provided as part of discussions above.

386 2021/2022 ACQUITTAL OF TIDS

MOVED: Cr Mark Nolan
SECOND: Cr Michael Kerr

“That the FNQRRTG endorse the 2021/2022 TIDS Acquittal included in the agenda.

CARRIED

Note:
while an apology Cr Moller emailed his support
Post Meeting Cr Davies advised his support

387 GENERAL BUSINESS

- **QRA approvals** – Cr Scott advised that after an event they go out and do an assessment, lodge the assessment and wait for an approval. This has had an impact on councils ability to undertake the works around the wet season and or seek funding from QTC. QRA have advised that they can forward grand a percentage of the claim to council to get going – they are open to this if you don't have the cash to start (rather than going to QTC).

388 NEXT RRTG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 124

- Friday 11th November 2022

389 NEXT FNQ RRTG MEETING NO. 75

- Thursday 1 December 2022 – Cairns Regional Council, Civic Reception Centre

390 CONCLUSION

The Chair thanked members for their contribution. There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.30pm

AGREED ACTION ITEMS

Wednesday 28 September 2022

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status

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Cr Peter Scott

FNQ RRTG Chair

FNQ RRTG Technical Committee

Minutes

Meeting No	124
Meeting Name	FNQ RRTG Technical Committee Meeting
Date	11 November 2022
Time	10.00am – 2.00pm
Venue	Committee Room, Cairns Regional Council and Virtual via GoTo Meeting

Representatives

Name	Organisation
Jolene Wakeford	Cairns Regional Council
Chris Accatino	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Amir Akrami	Cook Shire Council
Garry Pickering	Croydon Shire Council
Natasha Murray (Deputy Chair)	Douglas Shire Council
Andrew Foster	Mareeba Shire Council
Victor Mills	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
John Gillespie	DTMR

Observers

Name	Organisation
Tanya J Lindenberg	DTMR (RAPT)
Amanda Hancock	FNQROC Tech Coordinator
Darlene Irvine	FNQROC

Apologies

Name	Organisation
David Goodman	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
David Fletcher (Chair)	Etheridge Shire Council
Mike Furniss	LGAQ
Andrew Preston	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

Helius Visser	Cairns Regional Council
Mark Vis	Tablelands Regional Council

1. Welcome and introduction

N Murray welcomed everyone to the meeting and understood introductions around the room.

2. Apologies

Apologies noted.

3. Presentations

Nil.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

4.1 Meeting No. 123 held 16 September 2022

Minutes distributed with the agenda were noted and accepted.

4.2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes 16 September 2022

Item	Action	Responsible
120.1	In the new financial year, go out to tender for Aerodrome Services Operational business plan with an application to also be made to SCDF.	FNQROC
Tender closed arranging a meeting with relevant personnel once identified: CCRC – Chris Accatino Croydon – David Fletcher Etheridge – Garry Pickering Cook – Chris Mareeba – Sam Wakeford TRC – Nicole Johns		
120.2	TMR to update SOIs for State LRRS (Review of LRRS road set to be done at the same time) – Due Jan – Mar 2023	TMR
Held over		
121.3	In relation to Road Safety Audit training, and Bridge Inspection Level 1 + 2 Training: FNQROC to get potential dates and costs, seek interest from outside parties, and complete SCDF application. Confirmed: We would like timber bridges included in L1&2 training. Bridge training in Sept – Nov and Road safety the same or Feb-April. Would like to get them done soon.	FNQROC
Complete - Bridge Inspection Training completed 19 – 21 October Still waiting to hear back from CARR re Road Safety Audit Training. Note: want 101 training, not for certification		
122.2	Darlene to reprioritise those projects with a significant cost increase for potential additional funding should it become available.	FNQROC
Complete		

5. Draft Minutes of the FNQR RRTG 123 held 16 September 2022

No meeting held.

6. a. TIDS – 22/23 – Program Completion

- Program review
 - Funding released to the program
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TIDS projects with an ability to be undertaken 2022/23 for underspends:

- a. discussion re 10% increase being prioritised over bringing projects forward

Robust discussion was held regarding prioritising reallocation of released funding. Agreed:

- priority should be given to those projects at practical completion (to ensure expenditure), and
- it should not be seen as a given that 10% additional funding will be received. Councils will need to justify this given we have a review process and we should be clearer now on the cost of works/supply issues related to projects.

Project were reviewed and amended. Recommendation made to allocation \$404,000 released due to project removal and federal funding received for another.

Recommended amended program for FNQRRTG is attached to the minutes. (Doc # 6884374)

ACTION 124.1 – D Irvine to amend RRTG Works Program Development and Management Process for adoption at the next FNQRRTG meeting.

ACTION 124.2 – Recommended amended program to be endorsed at the next FNQRRTG 1 December 2022.

7. LGAQ Roads and Transport Advisory Group Update

- Meeting communique' update – no meeting held.

8. LGAQ update

- Delia Atkinson has joined LGAQ in the role, Lead – Transport and Logistics. Mike Furniss and Delia will be sharing attendance at RRTG meetings across the state.
- LGAQ Annual Conference Cairns held 17 to 19 October 2022 - had some great feedback. Thank you for submitting motions. 138 motions with 9 of these Roads and transport related. 130 motions were carried.
- Federal Budget
 - Welcome the ongoing commitment to vitally important road funding programs, the Roads of Strategic Importance, Roads to Recovery and Bridges Renewal.
 - Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program has been extended for two years at \$750 million
 - In addition to existing infrastructure investment the Government will provide \$8.1 billion over 10 years from 2022–23 for priority rail and road infrastructure projects across Australia to support economic growth and development. Funding includes:
 - \$2.1 billion for projects in Queensland, including \$866.4 million for the Bruce Highway, \$400.0 million for the Inland Freight Route (Mungindi to Charters Towers) upgrades, \$400.0 million for Beef Corridors and \$210.0 million for the Kuranda Range Road upgrade
 - \$250.0 million for Phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program to support local councils
 - Road Safety Program will be extended by a further 2 years, with an additional \$80.0 million provided for the Heavy Vehicle Rest Areas Program.

- \$18.0 million to establish the High Speed Rail Authority to plan, develop, coordinate, oversee and monitor the construction and operation of the high speed rail network.
- Cost Sharing Arrangement Project
 - Thank you for responses to the survey > working group meeting with TMR, LGA representatives and LGAQ was held 9 November to discuss survey results and next steps.
- Roads off Alignment working group meeting hosted by DSDILP (Dept State Dev Infrastructure Local Govt Planning) on 8 November 2022, with LGAQ in attendance.

9. TMR update

Alliance messages - TIDS Expenditure

- Statewide RTA TIDS expenditure for 2022/23 is 16% to the end of October – this is slightly lower than the same time last year (20%).
- FNQ is currently 42% which is higher than the same time last year. This is looking really positive for the management and delivery of the program!
- A visual of the TIDS expenditure summary and forecast data was shared and more specific tracking data will be provided in coming meetings.
- There are 5 projects in this year's ATSI TIDS program and Wujal Wujal are already 82% spent for this FY which is great news. A letter regarding the 2023/24 ATSI TIDS program will go out this month and applications will close on 15 January. Cook SC are already in discussion with TMR Far North.
- 14 projects have committed SCDF funding across 9 RRTGs in 2022/23 to date, with approximately \$320,000 of the annual \$600,000 unallocated.
- the SCDF approved bridge inspection training courses are almost complete and the scope of the aerodrome work can be considered for eligibility.

Reminders

- please remember to use the new TIDS Recognition Policy new sign design using the two-plate system. Some of the signs are still using the single plate however the transition period is now over.
- Also provide evidence to the TMR roads.alliance.communications@tmr.qld.gov.au - 11 FNQ projects that trigger the threshold and we have received 6 signs.

Correspondence and News

- Following consultation including LG over the last 12 months, new rules for Personal Mobility Devices (PMD) including e-scooters and e-skateboards were announced by TMR to take effect from 1 November 2022. TMR will present a webinar next week on the Tech Note and new rules.
- 2023-24 Cycle network grant program is now open and Local governments with a published Principal Cycle Network Plan can apply for funding.
- emails were sent recently to TCs regarding PMDs and TIDS first quarter expenditure and RRTG Chairs received advice regarding the LGAQ/TMR relationship – a copy of the new Accord was included in the agenda for today's meeting, and further to that messaging;

LGAQ / TMR Relationship

- TMR's Director-General advised all RRTG Chairs the new arrangements on 14 October 2022, with the intent this would be cascaded to TCs
- In summary, the Alliance has moved from operating under a 'Memorandum of Agreement', where LGAQ acted on behalf of local governments, to a less prescriptive 'Accord'.
 - The Accord sets out the principles of a continued working relationship between TMR and local governments - these principles reflect those that were in the MoA

- The Accord does not prescribe roles and responsibilities (as were set out in the MoA)
- The Accord will be an addendum to the Partners in Government Agreement, which is the long established overarching governance document between the state and local government
- The Accord provides a more streamlined approach by dissolving some of the Alliance's governance arrangements:
 - The Roads and Transport Alliance Board has been dissolved
 - The joint TMR/LGAQ RTAPT is now just TMR RTAPT (the Local Government Partnerships team in Brisbane led by Michelle)
- Importantly, there are no changes to TIDS funding, the RRTG framework, TMR District membership/participation at RRTG and TC meetings, or TMR RTAPT's role in supporting RRTGs and managing the TIDS program statewide.

10. General Business

- TMR LGAQ Accord

Discussed above

- IPWEAQ Supervisors Training (2 days)

NQ RRTG running IPWEAQ Supervisor training in Townsville. Douglas would like to send 2. It is a two day course – to save on accommodation costs is there interest in running a course in Cairns? Approx cost with subsidy is \$1,000 (free for ATSI councils). Need to choose 8 topics from the list sent with the agenda. Members didn't want soft skills, want tech subjects.

ACTION 124.3 Councils to let FNQROC know if you are interested in sending participants to a supervisors course if held in Cairns.

- May Road trip – Cape York

Discussed the best time would be late May early June. Given the time away seek FNQRRTG support.

ACTION 124.4 – D Irvine to raised Cape York Road trip with FNQRRTG to get support given the extended time away.

11. Points for noting to the FNQ RRTG or FNQROC Boards

- RRTG – Recommended amended program to address funds released.
- RRTG – Cape York Road trip to be discussed at the FNQRRTG

12. Next meeting – Date Friday 20 January 2022

13. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed at 2.00pm.

Actions arising from meeting 124 – 11 November 2022

Item	Action	Responsible
124.1	D Irvine to amend RRTG Works Program Development and Management Process for adoption at the next FNQRRTG meeting. (#6448645)	D Irvine
124.2	Recommended amended program to be endorsed at the next FNQRRTG 1 December 2022	D Irvine
124.3	Councils to let FNQROC know if you are interested in sending participants to a supervisors course if held in Cairns.	All members
124.4	D Irvine to raised Cape York Road trip with FNQRRTG to get support given the extended time away.	D Irvine