

Animal Management Technical Committee

Meeting Details

Meeting No	13
Meeting Name	Animal Management Technical Committee
Date	23/05/2023
Time	9:30 – 2:00
Venue	Mackay Room, Douglas Shire Council Administration Building, 64-66 Front St, Mossman.
Meeting Contacts	Travis Sydes

Minutes

1.	<p>Attendance Tina Martin CRC, Zitha Mosby TPHU, Stacey Bambrick, Milton Richards YASC, Shane Brumby DSC, Shellina McKellar TRC, Stacey Bambrick TPHU, Allan (Trainee YASC), Gillian Mansfield CCRC, Travis Sydes FNQROC. (online)</p> <p>Robert D'Adonna MSC, Scott Bastow CCRC</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies Yorick Walburgh RSPCA</p>	
3.	<p>Guests Maria Anselmo – FNQROC 11:30</p>	
4.	<p>Acceptance of previous minutes 4.1 moved Tina Martin 4.2 seconded Stacey Bambrick</p>	
5.	<p>Actions from Previous Meeting No. 12</p>	

6.	<p>Update from FNQROC 6.1 Board directed projects</p>	
7.	<p>General Business 7.1 Regional Animal Management Strategy development The committee reviewed the Regional Animal Management Strategy and made amendments and additions where required.</p>	

Action: update the draft with new recommendations and circulate for final comment prior to going to layout.

7.2 FNQROC Regional Climate Resilience Coordinator introduction- Regional Drought Resilience Plan – Maria Anselmo, FNQROC

Maria undertook an interview with the committee to understand the impacts and implications of droughts, heatwaves and failed wet seasons for animal management operations.

Water use was identified as a significant risk to operations– currently not conscious of water usage and it is not logged reported (even though it is essential for running of animal management facilities).

Heatwaves were identified as strong correlation with drought and had immediate and long-term impacts on operations.

Action: complete interview/research consent forms and return to Maria

The committee discussed the option for development of an AM Climate Resilience Action Plan – it was identified the plan would require foundation of sound data to support investment and use evidence from past use cases to understand projected impacts to guide future investments. Would also benefit from the inclusion of a community action plan/ education plan - i.e. be prepared and take action prior to the event.

Action: include provision for an Animal Management Climate Resilience Action Plan in the Regional AM Strategy.

7.3 Animal Management Act – Tina provided an update on the consultation process and next phases of the review. Key points:

- Review due in July.
- Issues around regulated dogs.
- Expect a fast consultation!
- Process has included conversations about prohibitions for owning animals on the table; but unlikely to pass through public interest checks.
- Includes updated and increased PINs.
- Minister is committed to looking at the out-of-scope issues raised in the review – breeding, rescue groups standards, as well as the QCAT – process and directions SPUR.
- Welfare issues for animals in long term impoundment during QCAT and other processes. This creates significant strain on staff and resources,
- Acknowledge some of the inherent issues with processes sit with the Department of Justice and Attorney General.

Action: Liaise with other LGs and LGAQ to prepare a motion for the LGAQ AGM to address the inherent issues in the QCAT and the declaration.

7.4 Regional Taskforce ideas/requests (standing agenda item)

No new task force proposals were tabled.

7.5 Training (standing agenda item)

Dangerous dog (and other dog behaviour) training on the cards (requires 10, CRC 2, DSC 3,)

Action: circulate training option, ideally over 2 days to allow for staff being left on board at each council.

	<p>7.6 Regional updates</p> <p>DSC – currently dealing with staffing shortages and trained staff as well as getting new starters up to speed as quickly as possible. Dog attacks on the decline. Other compliance issues with illegal dumping and campers.</p> <p>CRC - dog attacks keeping team busy. Meeting with ad agency for follow on from taking the lead campaign, wandering and fencing. Currently negotiating with RSPCA for use of the vet surgery in the new AMF. Programs will include desexing and outreach (although difficulty finding vets at the moment). 12-month anniversary for the AMF – events on the way. Bramston Beach murals with AM themes. Dogs day out in July.</p> <p>TPHU- Cert IV at Cherbourg underway next week. Hopefully will deliver the same next week. Will include an annual workshop event. Working with ASC on using the lethal barb.</p> <p>Field work – supporting communities Cape and Torres. Planning and logging of treatments and actions in the field. Established a procedure for managing for investigation for dog attack and dangerous dog to take to prosecution. Flow chart with steps aligned to the procedure.</p> <p>YASC things have calmed down after dog attacks. Horses, census then community campaign getting ready to go. Contractor to undertake some of the removal after July. Seeking Vet to do work on desexing horses and dogs.</p> <p>Action: 1. present dog attack procedure and protocols to AMTC. 2. Send through a group firearms licence and protocols. Policies and procedures for firearms to YASC and TPHU</p> <p>TRC –Upskilling 2 new team members. Recruiting for officer #4 contract position. Still reactive due to the coverage required.</p> <p>CCRC- off leash dog areas trials coming to a close. Agree with need for animal handling skills and training for AM team. Dealing with a civil case at the moment.</p> <p>7.7 Business arising:</p> <p>Animal Management Conference - 10-14 October, Gold Coast. The event will include a dog attacks training day in addition to other training. AMRRIC and Getting to Zero collaborating on the event.</p> <p>Animal Management (cats and dogs) Act. Comments back to LGAQ on the Animal Management Act. June, July</p> <p>Action: LGAQ are seeking case studies for QCAT extended holding of animals during proceedings from LGs who shoe have experienced this.</p>	
8.	Points for noting to the FNQROC Board	
9.	Next meeting August 9, Cairns	
10.	Meeting Close Meeting closed at 2:30 pm	

Action Item	Action	Responsible Person(s)
13.1	<p>Regional Animal Management Strategy development</p> <p>Action: update the draft with new recommendations and circulate for final comment prior to going to layout.</p>	FNQROC / AMTC
13.2	<p>Regional Drought Resilience Plan consultation</p> <p>Action: 1. complete interview/research consent forms and return to Maria. 2. Include provision for Animal Management Climate Resilience Action Plan in Regional Strategy.</p>	1. AMTC 2. FNQROC
13.3	<p>Dangerous and other dog behaviour training</p> <p>Action: circulate training option, ideally over 2 days to allow for staff being left on board at each council. Shellina fwd email.</p>	1.
13.4	<p>Yarrabah and ASC programs</p> <p>Action: 1. present dog attack procedure and protocols to AMTC. 2. Send through a group firearms licence and protocols. Policies and procedures for firearms to YASC and TPHU</p>	1. AMTC 2. AMTC
13.5	<p>AM Act case studies for extended impoundments during Q-CAT processes.</p> <p>Action: LGAQ are seeking case studies for QCAT extended holding of animals during proceedings from LGs who shoe have experienced this.</p>	1.AMTC