

FNQ Regional Mountain Bike Strategy Steering Committee Meeting Details

Meeting No	2
Meeting Name	FNQ Regional Mountain Bike Strategy Steering Committee
Date	September 8 2023
Time	10:30-2:30
Venue	Civic Reception – Cairns Regional Council – cnr Spence and Draper St
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Minutes

<p>1. Acknowledgement of Country</p> <p>2. Attendance</p> <p>Elizabeth Cage – CSC – online Naomi Rooker – DTIS Cameron Whiting – DTIS Loise Knol – CCRC – online Rachel White - Cairns MTB Club Craig Nissen – Cairns MTB Club David Prete – Tablelands CS Daryl Blain – Southside Mountain Bike Club Sam Doyle-Wiaczek – CRC Tony Hewitt – CRC Angleo Finocchiaro – TRC Rob Miller - QPWS Tim Wong – WTMA Paul Hoyer - DSC Emma Tunnock – DSC Anthony Archie – FNQROC Travis Sydes – FNQROC</p>
<p>3. Apologies</p> <p>Richard Blanchette – CCRC Anthony Staniland – QPWS Carol Kinnaird – QPWS Cr Dave Bilney - TRC Holly Barker - CRC</p>

4. Guests	
5. Acceptance of previous minutes	Moved – David Prete Seconded – Sam Doyle-Wiaczek

6. Business arising from meeting #1

7. Stakeholder updates	<p>Updates from around the room, progress on works, plans and projects</p> <p>Southside MTB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southside trails included in CRC Recreational Trails Strategy. • Opening discussions for a location for the Club. <p>Cairns Regional Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cairns Recreational Trails Strategy endorsed by Council CairnsRecreationalTrailsStrategy2023.pdf • Continuing advocacy for CrankWorx 2024. <p>Douglas Shire Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rainforest and Reef Cycling Club skills park construction underway in Port Douglas • Wangetti Trail construction has begun • Event access from Bump Track to Port Douglas has been highlighted as a priority to support events. • Twin Bridges works pending. This will increase use options for riders. <p>Cairns MTB Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cairns to host the UCI Masters Mountain Bike World Championship, May 2024. (2024/25). Featuring XC and DH races. • Negotiating section 34 transferring ownership and maintenance. • Exploring options for assessment and formalising informal/unsanctioned trails. • Police Games 2024. Planned for 15-19 May 2024, XC and DH. <p>Tablelands Regional Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In principle support for Atherton Forest Trail Concept Plan from QPWS and Wandjanbarra Tableland Yidinji RNTBC. • Investigating a staged approach to future development of Atherton Forest. • Priors Creek redevelopment to include pump track and toilets. Will also include amphitheatre seating so may be able to host events. • Refurbishment of Ricochet and trail 6 planned or underway. • Investigating the role of events in the future options for the park (in addition to the current ELEV8 XCM course) • Exploring a collaborative agreement for the shuttle road.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tablelands Cycling Strategy in its final draft. <p>QPWS (Tablelands)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davies Creek Concept Plan • Managing events and planned burns • New firebreaks established in Bilwon SF. While their primary function is fire management, they will provide an east-west off road route which might be relevant to bike-packing piece. <p>Croydon Shire Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EOI has been submitted for infrastructure grant. • Currently gazetting current gravel routes established on boundary and management track on commons and council land. <p>WTMA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wangetti project team has initiated works on SP2 (separable portion) from Palm Cove to Ellis Beach. • Twin Bridges cycle bridges and trail refurb approved. <p>Cassowary Coast Regional Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardwell Tropical Mountain Bike Trails – Business Case going to Council Meeting in September <p>DTIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversee a region from Cardwell to Cape York with Engagement Officers assigned to each LGA. • Provide updates to the Dept. through internal meetings and briefings. <p><i>Minor Infrastructure Grants are due to be released in coming days; key details.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$45 million overall (\$30m inclusive and accessible and \$15m Safe, quality and efficient). • Projects up to \$250k with 20% co-contribution. • Information sessions will be offered soon. • Use the planning tools provided to develop your application. • Clubs or Councils eligible • https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/minor-infrastructure-inclusive-facilities-fund#funding • Another round of ActiveKIT is planned for around March 2024. These are Knowledge, Information, Technology focused grants.
8.	Focus groups	<p>Committee to prioritise focus groups to inform the strategy (see attached discussion paper)</p> <p>The committee workshopped the proposed focus groups, key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee arrived at 3 groups each with a range of themes to explore. • Emphasis will be placed on the highlighted areas of investigation. • All groups can be convened prior to strategy completion (as opposed to during implementation)

The three focus groups will be grouped as

Focus group	Areas of investigation
Trail design and viability	1. Economics and resourcing
	2. Environment and sustainability (stewardship)
	3. First nations perspectives and opportunities
Destination marketing	4. MTB destination development
	5. Events, sport and promotions
Emerging segments	6. Health and wellbeing
	7. Women in MTB
	8. Youth
	9. Adventure cycling and bike packing

Action: amended from action 1.4

a. Develop briefs for revised focus groups. b. initiate EOI process to recruit membership to focus groups.

9. Terms of reference

Committee to adopt terms of reference (see attached)

Action: Terms of reference adopted

10. Trail network data set

Review draft trail network data attributes.

The committee reviewed the proposed data attributes based on a mock-up of Atherton Forest base map. Key points:

- A standard set of data features will be collected across the region.
- The data set will be used to inform the strategy but also to provide data into future promotion or communication tools (e.g. apps).
- Data collected will include existing data in addition to unique data where required.
- The attributes collected are derived from destination MTB guidelines (e.g. – AusCycling Local/Regional/National) so will be useful to identify gaps in services for the strategy.
- Unique/bespoke data will be collected in collaboration local stakeholders for each locality.

Discussion, key points:

- Data will be useful to inform regional investment (for local/regional stakeholders).
- Will be able to be used by State Departments
- Will need to be interoperable with current data and attributes in use. e.g. – QPWS data sets.
- Data can be used to inform the strategy initially and then be housed in a regional data set to serve ongoing coordination.

Recommendations and suggested additions:

- Add base elevation (trail head) to profile.
- Include any relevant biosecurity considerations/risks.
- Add bike wash facilities.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include drive-to distances/time-to for airport, other transport (collate as a drop out list). • Mobile coverage. • Emergency and management access tracks. • Seasonal profile (peak season and possible closures), rain, prescribed fire. • Links to relevant environmental/park information (including adjoining areas) <p>Action: a. circulate the mock-up map and attributes for review. b. arrange times to meet with local network managers/stakeholders to collate data for each locality. c. continue to collate regional data. c. source and add recommended data and information additions</p>
11.	Strategy bibliography	<p>Review references and resources (see attached)</p> <p>Action: 1. update bibliography with new recommendations. 2. Maintain as a standing item</p>
12.	Strategy principles	<p>Principles to guide the Strategy were discussed. The key points and rationale revised during the discussion are outlined below.</p> <p><i>The principles are intended to provide the foundations of the strategy. They enable evaluation of recommended courses of action and investment to deliver desired outcomes. Each desired outcome should be able to demonstrate how it enables one or more the principles. Unlike outcomes, principles are not time-bound but are intended to assist to articulate the vision.</i></p> <p>PRINCIPLES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destination local – the region strives to be a nationally significant MTB destination, but not at the expense of the local experience (rather, one built on the character and flavour of our local experiences on offer). • Current and future mountain bike parks and plans are built on a foundation of Traditional Owner participation and engagement. <p><i>The strategy will deliver these by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging participation and enabling access. • Promoting the region as a centre of excellence. • Acknowledging and respecting our outstanding natural environment and surrounds. • Celebrating our point of difference, the diversity of our MTB community and riding opportunities.
13.	Project timelines	For information
14.	Business arising	See DTIS update for Queensland Minor Infrastructure and Facilities Fund
15.	Next meeting	TBA

Action item	Action	Responsible person(s)	Status
1.1	Events Events could be considered as one of the key themes in the scope as it is cuts across many aspects of the strategy (or perhaps addressed in an individual section of the report)	FNQROC	complete
1.2	Terms of Reference Circulate draft Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee (for consideration and adoption at the next meeting).	FNQROC, Committee	Complete
1.3/2.3	Reference materials a. Circulate a bibliography of collated references for committee to review. b. committee members review references and provide updated or missing reports, studies and plans to FNQROC. (seek appropriate permission or agreements as required). 2.3 c. maintain as a standing agenda item	a. FNQROC b. Committee 2.3 c. FNQROC, Committee	a. complete b. ongoing 2.3 c. ongoing
1.4/2.1	Focus groups a. Develop briefs for focus groups. b. identify focus groups to be undertaken to inform strategy vs. those to be undertaken as part of strategy rollout. c. initiate EOI process to recruit membership to focus groups. 2.1 a. Develop briefs for revised focus groups.	a. FNQROC b. FNQROC, Committee c. FNQROC, Committee 2.1a FNQROC	a. complete b. complete c. pending d. pending
1.5	Guiding principles Prepare guiding principles for the strategy.	FNQROC	Complete
1.6	Vision Revisit strategy vision in future workshop.	Committee	Next workshop
1.7	Social media Create FB page to promote strategy locally and engage with clubs, councils, and community groups	FNQROC	Pending
1.8/2.2	Mapping of trails and data collection a. Collate trail and route data from clubs, councils and agencies for inclusion in the strategy back end. b. establish agreed data attributes to attach to spatial data including supporting infrastructure and services 2 a. circulate the mock-up map and attributes for review. b. arrange times to meet with local network managers/stakeholders to collate data for each locality. c. continue to collate regional data. c. source and add recommended data and information additions	a. FNQROC, clubs, councils, agencies. b. FNQROC, CRC 2.2 a FNQROC b. FNQROC c. FNQROC d. FNQROC	a. Ongoing b. Ongoing 2.2a Attached b. pending c. pending