

Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee

Meeting Details

Meeting No	58
Meeting Name	NAMAC
Date	June 21 2024
Time	9:30-2:30
Venue	Committee Room*, level 3, Cairns Regional Council, cnr Spence and Draper Street Cairns *Please sign in at reception downstairs and take elevator to level 3 where will collect you
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Meeting minutes

1.	Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	Attendance Rowan Ward CCRC, Darryn Higgins CSC, Cr. Kate Milton HSC, Daman Sydes CCRC, Brad Everett DSC, Graham Wienert MSC, Matt Buckman HSC, Michael Nash HSC, Cr. Jeff Baines CCRC, Jade Monda CRC, Kinga Albrecht CRC, David Preece CYNRM, Tony O'Malley Terrain NRM, Sarah Stevens Gulf Savannah NRM, Amber Gulf Savannah NRM	
3.	Apologies Michael Graham-BQ, Cr. Marie Baade- TRC,	
4.	Guests	
5.	Acceptance of previous minutes moved: Tudor Tanase seconded: Graham Wienert	
6.	Actions from Previous Meeting No. 57	

Discussion from business arising:

51.1 – aligned to workplan and related to disaster management code of practice

52.2 - Training – Humane destruction of animals – identify additional firearms skills and safety training requirements.

55.6 - Land Protection Fund Research Proposals (feral cats) – request update on feral cat detection and control research for next meeting

	<p>8 General Business</p> <p>8.1 Biosecurity compliance training follow up Carried over to next meeting</p> <p>8.2 Amendments Biosecurity Act 2014 Travis provided a short overview of the Act amendments. A more detailed update on the changes will be provided in due course.</p> <p>8.3 Disaster response planning As discussed in business arising. Imagery is still being finalised and funding for environmental recovery works will not be released until the later half of 2024.</p> <p>8.4 ELGBC project Travis provided an update on the format for the project and made a call for consideration of speakers and topics for the October Forum. Some topics discussed included Marine Pests, property level biosecurity planning, habitat protection through biosecurity management, monitoring and citizen science. Action: 1. Provide speaker suggestions and recommendations. 2. Confirm booking venue and booking date and circulate.</p> <p>8.5 Energy Queensland intro and enviro operations – Carried over to next meeting</p> <p>8.6 Operational and strategic updates – LGs, NRM , BQ Terrain NRM – Forest Resilience Project Project scope – Eastern Forests of FNQ Priority Place (Mount Elliot to Cape Melville). A scientific community workshop identified the key values and threats influencing resilience of the project area. The priority values identified included Lowland Tropical Rainforests, Littoral Rainforest, Mabi Forest, Upland Rainforests and Wet Eucalypt Forests. The project has a budget of \$2.25m. The project area extends into the adjoining NRM regions/bioregions of Cape York and Gulf Savannah. Action: 1. Terrain Share mapping of extent of values and project area once compiled. 2. Facilitate conversation with relevant LGA's for the agreed priority values which occurs in their area.</p> <p>Cassowary Credits The methodology has been externally reviewed and the final design will be submitted in July/August. A call for participation in test cases to communicate the on-ground methodology will be flagged during last half of 2024.</p> <p>Faunal crossings and vehicle strike hotspots</p>	
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	<p>The risk of damage or disruption of designated wildlife crossing infrastructure on roadsides or other corridors raised at a recent cassowary recovery team meeting was discussed. Crossing infrastructure locations may contain multiple trunk services and so are managed by multiple jurisdictions and agencies. Lack of visibility or consistency in management has led to damage or modification of crossings. The inclusion of significant wildlife crossing in shared operational datasets as well as in planning instruments like strategic rehabilitation areas (SRA) could address some of the identified issues.</p> <p>Vegetation management policies TRC raised a request for examples of supporting materials, SOPs for operational maintenance crews in council in relation to vegetation management. Frequently asked questions and commonly encountered situations would be useful in determining which of these requires more detailed guidelines and management action.</p> <p>Action: 1. LG's to share any relevant vegetation or tree management policy guidelines, procedures or advice which might inform TRC's next steps.</p> <p>8.7 Reef Guardian Councils update Cr Jeff Baines provided an update on rollout of the Reef Councils projects across the region. There are 44 projects across 14 councils being delivered in the reef catchments. The LGAQ LG Reef Rescue Plan has been in review and will be out for comment shortly ready for August release.</p> <p>8.8 Business arising</p>	
9	Points for noting to the FNQROC Board	
10	Next meeting:	
11	Meeting Close	

Action Item	Action	Responsible Person(s)
51.1 (45.6)	<p>51.1 (45.6) – Discussion regarding integrated roadside vegetation management</p> <p>Updated action: Revise and expand the current Wet Tropics guide into a best practice document for broader use for local government. (2024 workplan)</p>	1. FNQROC/NAMAC
55.6	<p>Land Protection Fund Research Proposals.</p> <p>Action: 1. develop outlines for the feral pig and feral cat research proposals and circulate to committee.</p>	1. FNQROC
58.1	<p>ELGBC project. Regional Biosecurity Forum, agenda and scheduling.</p>	1. FNQROC

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58.2	<p>Terrain NRM – Forest Resilience Project</p> <p>Action: 1. Terrain Share mapping of extent of values and project area once compiled. 2. Facilitate conversation with relevant LGA's for the agreed priority values which occurs in their area.</p>	1. Terrain NRM, LGs
58.3	<p>Vegetation management policies</p> <p>Action: 1. LG's to share any relevant vegetation or tree management policy guidelines, procedures or advice which might inform TRC's next steps.</p>	1. NAMAC
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