

Animal Management Technical Committee

Meeting Details

Meeting No	17
Meeting Name	Animal Management Technical Committee
Date	25/06/2024
Time	9:30 – 2:00
Venue	Committee Room, Spence Street, Cairns (or MS Teams)
Meeting Contacts	Travis Sydes

Minutes

1.	Attendance Kirsty Lamperd CCRC, Shellina McKellar TRC, Bonny Cumming AMRRIC, Danni Morache DSC, Ian Morton CCRC, Benn Washington MSC	
2.	Apologies Nikki Gong WWASC, Kylie McAllister CSC, Tina Lawson CRC	
3.	Guests Belinda Tucker, Merlene Allsopp, Siofra Cunningham – Dept Agriculture and Fisheries	
4.	Acceptance of previous minutes 4.1 moved: Kirsty Lamperd 4.2 seconded: Bonny Cumming	
5.	Actions from Previous Meeting No. 16	

Discussion relating to actions arising from meeting #16.

Emergency management: <https://www.aeimanz.org/>

6.	Update from FNQROC 6.1 Board directed projects	
7.	General Business	

7.1 Stronger Dog Laws: Safer Communities project- Belinda Tucker QDAF

Belinda introduced the DAF team from the Stronger Dog Laws, Safer Communities Program. Merlene Allsop - First Nations Liaison, Siofra Cunningham - Community Education & Awareness.

Key points:

- Program will run until June 2026
- There are 3 work streams; First Nations Liaison, Community Education and awareness and Animal Biosecurity and Welfare. These will build on the current investment in responsible pet ownership.
- Currently recruiting for a Cairns-based investigator. There will be three investigators and one prosecutor to assist councils.
- A training officer will be developing training materials
- Prosecutors will have an on-call facility. An agreed response time is currently being established. Officers prefer a phone call service rather than a written lodgement system.

Open discussion on various aspects of the changes:

Changes to QCAT summary.

- Will allow for one appeal only.
- Appeals must be fact only.
- Consultation guidelines on PIN development out for comment, target date 31st July.
- Other guidelines in development include; roles and responsibilities; destruction orders; dog breed classification.

Actions: arrange introductions with compliance team once roles are filled

7.2 Training (standing agenda item)

AMRRIC now has a training manager in place

Disaster Management: Australian Institute of Disaster Management, guide to the management of animals in disasters due June/July

Actions: undertake animal management disaster planning/scenario exercise in November

7.3 Regional taskforce operations call for proposals (standing agenda item)

7.5 Regional updates

Updates by exception were provided from around the room.

7.6 Socio-economic determinants of animal management outcomes

Queensland Dog Breeder Register - BIN (Breeder Identification Number) systematic failure – the AMTC is considering the merit of an advocacy request to LGAQ/ALGA to investigate the delivery and short comings of Breeder Identification Number and its enforcement. - discussion on context.

Key points: Social and economic drivers of dog breeding are not reflected in the BIN system. The mechanism still provides for almost anyone to enter into dog/cat breeding business with no prerequisites or compliance with standards. The no-fee arrangement currently in place is an additional incentive for anyone to register. The current arrangement was introduced in 2018 and is due for review.

	<p>The on-ground situation is an over-supply of dogs and cats into the market which is now being reflected in the numbers of animals processed through animal management facilities.</p> <p>This area of investigation is relevant to socio-economic driven project like the West Cairns Project which consider the social determinants of community health and animal welfare concurrently .</p> <p>Action: investigate options for a full report on the West Cairns Project to be commissioned and seek a student placement to consider development of a peer-reviewed journal article.</p> <p>7.7 Business arising</p> <p>Stray and partially owned cats - Bonny provided links to the these relevant ferasl/stray cat management discussions and resources relevant to item 14.2 https://theconversation.com/how-to-cut-stray-cat-numbers-in-a-way-that-works-better-for-everyone-229291 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXaAYCmZvsY</p>	
8.	Points for noting to the FNQROC Board	
9.	Next meeting	

Action Item	Action	Responsible Person(s)
14.2	<p>Domestic, urban and peri-urban cats - policy approaches, future research and collaboration with Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee</p> <p>Action: 1. Proceed with Land Protection Fund submission in consultation with NAMAC and AMTC. 2. Synthesise impacts and status of cats in the region. Consider inclusion economic analysis evaluation of the benefits of management actions and regulatory approaches vs education and behaviour change coupled with control tools and technology.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FNQROC 2. FNQROC, AMTC, NAMAC
16.2	<p>Regional AM capability, facilities and rehoming capacity issues</p> <p>Actions: 1. Develop project brief to inform a business case for submission to FNQROC Board addressing the following elements. 1a). AM Workforce capacity review. 1b). benefit:cost analysis of regionally delivered desexing program. 1c). requirements and costings for development and delivery of a regional data AM record and reporting to monitor and guide operations and strategies. 2. Provide advocacy request to LGAQ to investigate the delivery and short comings of Breeder Identification Number and its enforcement.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FNQROC and CCRC 2. FNQROC
16.3	<p>Adding warrants to the compliance toolbox</p> <p>Actions: 1. Include overview on functions of warrants, procedures and templates at next meeting</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FNQROC, CCRC
17.1	<p>Stronger Dog Laws: Safer Communities project</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FNQROC, QDAF

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17.3	Social and economic determinants of animal management outcomes Action: investigate options for a full report on the West Cairns Project to be commissioned and seek a student placement to consider development of a peer-reviewed journal article.	