

Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee

Meeting Details

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| Meeting No | 59 |
| Meeting Name | NAMAC |
| Date | August 30 2024 |
| Time | 9:30-2:30 |
| Venue | Committee Room, level 3, Cairns Regional Council, cnr Spence and Draper Street Cairns |
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Meeting minutes

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| 1. | Acknowledgement of Country | |
| 2. | Attendance Darryn Higgins CSC, Michael Anderson CCRC, Graham Wienert MSC, Tudor Tanase TRC, Cr Maree Baade TRC, Dave Preece CYNRM, Lewis De Franciscis CRC, Jade Monda CRC, Michael Graham BQ, Cr Kate Milton HSC, Cr Jeff Baines CCRC, Travis Sydes FNQROC. | |
| 3. | Apologies | |
| 4. | Guests YCA Program – Lucy Karger, Jochem van der Reijden, Adam Davies (10:00 am) Terrain NRM – Jacqui Diggins (1:00 pm) QPWS – Chris Roach (12:00 pm) | |
| 5. | Acceptance of previous minutes moved: Tudor Tanase seconded: Jade Monda | |
| 6. | Actions from Previous Meeting No. 58 | |

Discussion relating to business arising

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| 8 | General Business 8.1 Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program – Program update Lucy Karger, Jochem van der Reijden, Adam Davies (10:00 am) Lucy and Jochem provided an update and overview of the Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program. Key points: | |
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- 50% through current funding round; preparing submissions and advocacy for continuation.
- Mapping platform and data collection recording/demonstrating progress to eradication.
- New infestation location in Goldsborough and Gordonvale focus of resources.
- Possible new detections from Southern Cape York currently being analysed.
- Active and extensive infestation areas in Townsville a significant risk to the region (particularly the Hinchinbrook area).
- Sentinel programs and taskforce operations are important contributions to the establishment and effectiveness of the program.

Action: 1. recirculate Regional Tramp Ant Response Plan and prepare scope for review process. 2. Share links to mapping portal
<https://qgsp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=78fea30a46fe4ded9953264e1c2e1992>

8.2 Biosecurity compliance training follow up – Michael Graham BQ

8.3 Roadside management guide

<https://www.wettropics.gov.au/site/user-assets/docs/Info%20Sheets%20/Guideline%20c-%20Field%20Guide%20Road%20Maintenance%20COP3.pdf>

8.4 Amendments Biosecurity Act 2014 – Michael Graham BQ

Michael provided an overview of the relevant amendments to the Biosecurity Act (and other relevant Acts) and the practical implications on operations.

Action: circulate notes and guidance on legislative amendments.

8.5 Call for EOI for National Established Weed Priorities (NEWP)

<https://weeds.org.au/national-established-weed-priorities-newp/>

The NEWP EOI call was discussed. Target species suggested for the region are addressed in the Q Gov – submission.

8.6 Disaster response planning -

Regional Biodiversity Disaster Planning – project update - Jacqui Diggins provided an overview of the project, expected end dates and products.

Format and scheduling of NAMAC disaster management planning scenario exercise was discussed. The online 2-hour format from last year is the preferred delivery approach.

Action: 1. set date for NAMAC disaster response scenario exercise reloaded. 2. Formulate plan for hosting of Regional Natural Assets Risk register. 3. Review Natural Assets Disaster Management Code of Practice to include specific (rather than generic) consideration of biodiversity values as outlined in the natural assets risk register.

8.7 ELGBC project

1. Recommended engagement and remuneration guidelines for First Nations groups and individuals. The guideline is compiled from Cairns Regional Councils newly adopted First Nations Engagement Policy – remuneration guide for Traditional Owner services and advice is derived from the CRC guideline, Western Australia and Terrain NRM.
2. Regional Biosecurity Futures Forum – November 5, 2024. The first of the regional forum series is scheduled for November 5. It will address key themes identified in previous workshops (feral cats/aquatic biosecurity/values-based biosecurity management)
3. Local biosecurity workshops and roadshows scheduling. Formats, budget allocations and targets were provided to the committee.

Action: 1. FNQROC defaults to the First Nations Engagement Policy provided by Cairns and recommends councils without current policies in place do the same for the purpose of this project. 2. Circulate forum agenda and set date claimers. 3. LG's complete the proforma's for the local roadshows to provide overview for regional fact sheet series and schedule in events.

8.8 Energy Queensland intro and enviro operations –

Carried over to next meeting

8.9 Operational and strategic updates – LGs, NRM, BQ

Terrain NRM – short update provided by Jacqui Diggins on key programs, projects and staff movements.

Cape York NRM – Dave Preece provided an update on key programs and projects underway.

Cassowary Credits

The final documentation has been submitted to Eco-Markets Australia for review and public consultation. A call for EOI for participation in test cases is out now until September.

Land Protection Fund – feral cat and feral pig proposals

Feral cat proposal attached – feral pig proposal, not clear on the gaps a proposal would address.

Chris Roach, QPWS – feral cat management in Wooroonooran NP. Research findings and field trials have identified higher than previously recorded feral cat densities in the Wet Tropics. Trials of Felixir cat grooming traps have demonstrated successful deployment in open spaces/movement corridors provided by management roads in closed rainforest.

Action: 1. Follow up cat management research proposal with BQ. 2. Consider workshop to formulate full research questions/asks for Wet Tropics context. 3. Seek update from National Feral Cat Taskforce (Andrew Dennis, Terrain NRM is a representative).

8.10 Reef Guardian Councils update

Cr Jeff Baines provided an update on the rollout of the Reef Guardian Councils funded works rollout and progress on the Local Government Reef Action Plan.

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| | <p>8.11 Business arising</p> <p>Disaster Recovery – Lisa Dendle from Cairns Regional Council, provided an overview of CRC's advocacy for inclusion of passive recreation assets, natural assets and related infrastructure in recovery package. Currently excluded items include beach/foreshore erosion, riverine, beach and passive recreational assets. Acknowledgement that some LG's would not have the capacity to collate these impacts without external resources.</p> <p>Action: Provide high-level description of impacted assets and estimated budget required to remediate to CRC.</p> | |
| 9 | Points for noting to the FNQROC Board | |
| 10 | Next meeting: | |
| 11 | Meeting Close | |

Business arising from minutes:

| Action Item | Action | Responsible Person(s) |
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| 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 |
| 59.1 | <p>Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program</p> <p>Action: 1. recirculate Regional Tramp Ant Response Plan and prepare scope for review process. 2. Share links to mapping portal https://qgsp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=78fea30a46fe4ded9953264e1c2e1992</p> | 1. FNQROC 2. FNQROC (complete) |
| 59.2 | <p>Amendments Biosecurity Act 2014</p> <p>Action: circulate notes and guidance on legislative amendments.</p> | 1. BQ |
| 59.3 | <p>Disaster response planning</p> <p>Action: 1. set date for NAMAC disaster response scenario exercise reloaded. 2. Formulate plan for hosting of Regional Natural Assets Risk register. 3. Review Natural Assets Disaster Management Code of Practice to include specific (rather</p> | 1. FNQROC 2. NAMAC – next meeting 3. NAMAC |

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59.4 Wet Tropics Biosecurity Futures - ELGBC Project

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59.6 Disaster Recovery – TC Jasper event

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1. TC Jasper impacted LG's