

Minutes of the 167th FNQROC Board Meeting

Meeting No	167
Meeting Name	FNQROC Board Meeting
Date	1 August 2024
Time	10.59am
Venue	Cairns Regional Council, Civic Reception Room 1

REPRESENTATIVES

Online	Cr Amy Eden	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr Teresa Millwood, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Cr Robyn Holmes, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Lisa Scomazzon, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
	Cr Ramon Jayo, Mayor	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
	Cr Angela Toppin AM, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Rod Marti, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
	Cr Daryl Sexton, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

CEOS

Online	Mr John Andrejic, A/CEO	Cairns Regional Council
	Mr Andrew Graffen, CEO	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Mr Brian Joiner, CEO	Cook Shire Council
	Mr Steven Frost, A/CEO	Croydon Shire Council
	Mr Paul Hoyer, A/CEO	Douglas Shire Council
	Mr Ken Timms, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
	Ms Jennifer McCarthy A/CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
	Mr Richard Wright, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

OBSERVERS

Online	Cr John Evans	Croydon Shire Council
	Ms Lucy Greene	LGAQ
	Mr Jarrod Hellmuth	LGAQ
	Mr Ross Hodgman	DTMR

FNQROC STAFF

Online	Mr Anthony Archie	Chief Executive Officer (Interim)
	Ms Darlene Irvine	Chief Executive Officer
	Mr Travis Sydes	Natural Asset Management & Sustainability Coordinator
	Ms Amanda Hancock	Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
	Ms Maria Anselmo	Climate Resilience Coordinator
	Ms Ieva Pradal	Regional Procurement Coordinator
	Ms Kelly Dean	Executive Support Officer

APOLOGIES

Ms Jacqui Cresswell, CEO	Croydon Shire Council
Cr Bruce Gibson, Mayor	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Lawrence Booth, CEO	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Peter Franks, CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
Mr Gary Rinehart, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
Ms Kiley Hanslow, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Cr Alister Gibson, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

3188 WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The meeting commenced at 10.59am.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we met and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

3189 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Previous Meeting Minutes

MOVED: Cr Barry Hughes

SECONDED: Cr Rod Marti

Motion

That the FNQROC Board move that the minutes of the 166th Board Meeting held on 6 June 2024 be confirmed and adopted.

CARRIED

Action items from 6 June 2024 FNQROC Board Meeting

Minutes #	Action	Responsible person	Status
3165a (Feb 2024)	Contact DTMR to organise a Roads Session with FNQROC and Northwest ROC.	CEO FNQROC	Ongoing
3165b (Feb 2024)	DTMR Presentation and Q&A to be scheduled for future FNQROC Board Meeting on; ageing infrastructure including Kuranda Range Bridge.	CEO FNQROC	This meeting
3180 (June 2024)	Request Councils to identify a member to represent their respective Council on the FNQROC Regional Waste Management Advisory Committee.	Individual Councils	Ongoing
3185 (June 2024)	Written in response asking the Hon Bart Mellish MP to attend the August Meeting to enable Members to respond to letter.	CEO FNQROC	Declined
3186a (June 2024)	Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works (DSDILGP) The Department to present to all Councils the proposed FNQ Regional Plan and a final review with the FNQROC Members and Minister.	DSDILGP	Closed
3186b (June 2024)	Discussed Priorities to be formulated into a document and to distributed to be discussed in the July video meeting to identify the priorities for the August State Delegation.	CEO FNQROC	This Meeting

3191 BOARD REPORTS WITH NOTICE

B109 – Regional Drought Resilience Plan (RDRP) Final Report – Hinterland to Gulf and Wet Tropics

MOVED: Cr Teresa Millwood

SECONDED: Cr Rod Marti

Motion:

The board endorses the Regional Drought Resilience Plan for Wet Tropics and Gulf Hinterland.

CARRIED

B110 – Regional Priorities State Delegation

Motion: NIL - For Noting Only

Anthony Archie spoke to this.

Motions from Tablelands Regional Council

Motion 1

That FNQROC includes in its advocacy platform the importance of fully recognising and upgrading of the Palmerston Highway to improve the roads stability and security, so it is more resilient to weather events, as the critical heavy vehicle corridor from the Far North Queensland coast to the entire Far Northern inland on the western side of the Great Dividing Range. (It is the only road running east west, with a road corridor wide enough for B-doubles through the Wet Tropics.)

MOVED: Cr Rod Marti

SECONDED: Cr Teresa Millwood

CARRIED

Motion 2

That FNQROC further advocate for the upgrade of the port infrastructure at Mourilyan Harbour and its road network connectivity with both the Bruce Highway and the Palmerston.

MOVED: Cr Rod Marti

SECONDED: Cr Teresa Millwood

CARRIED

Motion 3:

That FNQROC writes to the DTMR seeking the release of the Palmerston Highway Planning Project.

MOVED: Cr Rod Marti

SECONDED: Cr Teresa Millwood

CARRIED

Motion 4

That FNQROC revises its strategic and guiding documents to reflect the importance of the Palmerston and Mourilyan Harbour for the continued prosperity of our region.

MOVED: Cr Rod Marti

SECONDED: Cr Teresa Millwood

CARRIED

ACTION:
Per Motion 3 and Motion 4.

3192 BOARD REPORTS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. Media Release

Anthony Archie spoke to this.

ACTION:

Add in reference to strategic and to be sent to Mayors for further consideration.

3193 FINANCIAL REPORTS

B107 – Financial Status Report – June 2024

Motion: Nil – for noting only.

3194 LGAQ POLICY EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION

Policy Executive Discussion

Verbal Discussion by Cr Angela Toppin.

Lucy Greene LGAQ, Lead Intergovernmental Relations (LGAQ)

LGAQ provided an overview of LGAQ recent activities per the briefing note circulated prior to meeting. (Appendix 1).

3195 GENERAL DISCUSSION

State Delegation Day Discussion.

ACTION:

Mayoral delegates to confirm their attendance and flight preferences.

3196 INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence

Incoming – The Hon Nikki Boyd MP – Minister for Fire and Disaster Recovery and Minister for Corrective Services– 20 June 2024

ACTION: Nil

Outgoing – Nil

Meetings Attended by FNQROC Executive Officer

Noted

Minutes of Advisory committees

FNQROC Mountain Bike Strategy Workshop – 28 June 2024

Noted

RRTG Technical Committee – 26 July 2024

Noted

FNQROC Natural Assets Management Advisory Committee (NAMAC) Meeting – 21 June 2024

Noted

FNQROC Animal Management Technical Committee Meeting – 25 June 2024

Noted

FNQROC Climate Resilience Technical Committee Meeting - 18 June 2024

Noted

Confidential Minutes

FNQROC Sewer Relining and Manhole Program Meeting– 11 June 2024

Noted

FNQROC Bitumen Program Meeting – 11 June 2024

Noted

3197 BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Progress Report on Regional MTB Strategy

ACTION: Nil

Representatives - Department of Transport and Main Roads

Ross Hodgman, Regional Director for Far North Queensland Region recapped further on issues raised at the RRTG meeting 1 August 2024.

ACTION: Nil

Ricky Clark – FNQ Regional Digital Development Officer, Digital Inclusion, Community Partnerships, Department of State Library of Queensland

ACTION:

Ricky Clark to send further information to the CEOs of each Member Council.

The next meeting will be held at **Mareeba Shire Council on Thursday 3 October 2024 @ 11am.**

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **1:12pm**

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Cr Angela Toppin

FNQROC Chair

Attachments:

1. Agreed Action Items from Board Meeting on Thurs August 2024

ATTACHMENT 1

Agreed Action Items from Board Meeting held on 1 August 2024

Meeting	Action	Responsible person
3165a (Feb 2024)	Contact DTMR to organise a Roads Session with FNQROC and Northwest ROC.	CEO FNQROC
3180 (June 2024)	Request Councils to identify a member to represent their respective Council on the FNQROC Regional Waste Management Advisory Committee.	ALL INDIVIDUAL COUNCILS
3191 (Aug 2024)	That FNQROC revises its strategic and guiding documents to reflect the importance of the Palmerston and Mourilyan Harbour for the continued prosperity of our region	CEO FNQROC
3191 (Aug 2024)	That FNQROC writes to the DTMR seeking the release of the Palmerston Highway Planning Project.	CEO FNQROC
3192 (Aug 2024)	Proposed Media Release is sent to Mayors for further review.	CEO FNQROC
3195 (Aug 2024)	State Delegation 19-21 August 2024. Mayoral delegates to confirm their attendance and flight preferences.	ALL MAYORS
3197 (Aug 2024)	Ricky Clark FNQ Regional Digital Development Officer, Digital Inclusion, Community Partnerships, Department of State Library of Queensland to send out further information to CEOs of each Member Council.	FNQ Regional Digital Development Officer

Remaining FNQROC Board Meetings for 2024

Date	Venue
Thursday 3 October 2024	Mareeba Shire Council
Thursday 5 December 2024	Cairns