

Animal Management Technical Committee

Meeting Details

Meeting No	18
Meeting Name	Animal Management Technical Committee
Date	13/09/2024
Time	9:30 – 2:00
Venue	Committee Room, Spence Street, Cairns (or MS Teams) Sign in at reception downstairs then make your way to level 3
Meeting Contacts	Travis Sydes

Minutes

1.	Attendance Shellina McKellar TRC, Kirsty Lamperd CCRC, Danni Morache DSC, Tina Lawson CRC, Kylie McAllister, Andrew Drage TPHS, Stacey Bambrick TPHS.	
2.	Apologies Benn Washington MSC, Rudi Pretzler LGAQ	
3.	Guests	
4.	Acceptance of previous minutes 4.1 moved: Kirsty Lamperd 4.2 seconded: Shellina McKellar	
5.	Actions from Previous Meeting No. 17	

Discussion relating to actions arising from meeting #17

Items 16.2 and 17.3 - Regional AM Capability Review and Social and economic determinants of animal management outcomes

A draft project plan for Regional AM Capability Review (incorporating alternative approaches for socially relevant programs) was circulated for comment. The proposal was considered by the AMTC and workshopped in session. Additional considerations and recommended edits/inclusions in the project plan included:

- Include case studies of programs (i.e West Cairns Project).
- Undertake a benefit: costs analysis of workforce skills and capacity.

- Include administrative savings from alternative vs traditional approaches to compliance/participation.
- Provide a comparative analysis of a revenue driven versus an outcome driven program approach.
- Include analysis of external and partner capacity to inform review, e.g. rehoming services.

The second element of the project proposal outlines delivery of a data attribute standard and a benefit:cost analysis of a regionally transferrable/consistent data management approach including:

- Reference existing AM data frameworks e.g. RSPCA Community Outreach Program.
- Data end use cases.
- Identification of essential indicators for measurement of baselines and trends.
- Must have capability for trends tracking and analysis: report card or dashboard reporting; map out both animal and human outcomes and indicators.
- Be inclusive of programs with partners and community and follow co-design principles where appropriate.

Action: 1. Amend the project outline and circulate to AMTC for final feedback. 2. Provide examples of relevant case studies and program approaches to inform the business case.

<p>6.</p>	<p>Update from FNQROC</p> <p>6.1 Board directed projects</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>General Business</p> <p>7.1 Stronger Dog Laws: Safer Communities project – update from LGAQ and discussion of implementation from around the room</p> <p>Rudi Pretzler provided an update to Travis prior to the committee as he was unable to attend on the day. LGAQ will have a new policy officer position addressing issues on the AM space shortly. Key points on project rollout include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspector for Cairns Region has been appointed (Jared King) • QCAT process, destruction orders etc. – there are still major operational issues with the process which the amendments do not address or compound. • First Nations / remote and rural indigenous communities' consultation on new legislation has been undertaken over too short a period to be of value. • QCAT would appear to not be implementing the new requirements outlined in the legislation. • Still awaiting training materials and other guidelines to be released. • After initial consultation the communication coming from the project has not been frequent enough to be useful to councils. • Expectations of assistance from inspectors and prosecutor not met as arrangement for roll-out have been consolidated. • Social media communication tools have been developed and deployed, but not shared with LGs • Community awareness workshops and events have taken place in SEQ only. • LGAQ is seeking legal advice/clarification on advice regarding effective control (as required by the legislation) • Application of legislation typically deployed under local law is effectively superseded by the new legislation but has not effective measures to follow in place. 	

	<p>Action: 1. Maintain a watching brief on rollout. 2. Introduce new LGAS policy officer role when place. 3. Seek introduction from QDAF for regional inspector (and any other project staff to LGs)</p> <p>7.2 Training (standing agenda item)</p> <p>Discussion regarding microchip training. UQ can apparently now deliver microchip training. Officers trained under TPHS program now have Cert IV in Animal Management.</p> <p>Powers of entry and authorised persons training offered by KPS.</p> <p>Delegations training and governance.</p> <p>Action: Share delegations register approach deployed in Cassowary Coast</p> <p>Animal Management Disaster Planning Exercise- determine date this meeting for a 2-hour online training exercise. This will require your coordination team and ideally your DM coordinator or equivalent.</p> <p>Action: 1. circulate date for exercise to committee. 2 committee to engage with their DM team and arrange an appropriate local venue for the exercise (2 hours)</p> <p>7.3 Regional taskforce operations call for proposals (standing agenda item)</p> <p>No taskforce proposals tabled. Microshipping exercise suggested as a compatible task.</p> <p>7.5 Regional updates</p> <p>Updates by exception were provided from around the room.</p> <p>7.6 Regional submission to Land Protection Fund – impacts and management options for feral and semi-owned cats in the Wet Tropics.</p> <p>Travis shared key slides from a recent presentation to the NAMAC in relation to feral cat management in the Wet Tropics.</p> <p>A Wet Tropics Cat Management Workshop is planned to November to progress the development of a regional research proposal and develop partnerships and collaboration across the region. Additional stakeholders suggested by the committee included: RSPCA, AWC, QPWS and WTMA.</p> <p>Business arising:</p> <p>High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza – agencies and authorities are preparing for an Australian outbreak of HPAI H5NI strain in the coming year. The outbreak could occur at any moment, potentially on the arrival of infected migratory birds from northern hemisphere.</p> <p>Action: share link to current information</p> <p>https://www.outbreak.gov.au/current-outbreaks/avian-influenza</p>	
8.	Points for noting to the FNQROC Board	
9.	Next meeting December 6	

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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>	1. FNQROC 2. FNQROC, AMTC, NAMAC
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>	1. FNQROC, CCRC
17.1	<p>Stronger Dog Laws: Safer Communities project</p> <p>Action: arrange introductions with compliance team once roles are filled</p>	1. FNQROC, QDAF
17.2	<p>Training – Animal Management Disaster Management</p> <p>Action: 1. circulate date for exercise to committee. 2 committee to engage with their DM team and arrange an appropriate local venue for the exercise (2 hours)</p>	1. FNQROC 2. AMTC
18.1 (superseding Items 16.2 and 17.3)	<p>Regional AM Capability Review and Social and economic determinants of animal management outcomes</p> <p>Action: 1. Amend the project outline and circulate to AMTC for final feedback. 2. Provide examples of relevant case studies and program approaches to inform the business case.</p>	1. FNQROC 2. AMTC
18.2	<p>High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza</p> <p>Action: share link to current information</p> <p>https://www.outbreak.gov.au/current-outbreaks/avian-influenza</p>	1. FNQROC