

Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee

Meeting Details

Meeting No	62
Meeting Name	NAMAC
Date	April 4 2025
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 Jess Conroy DSC, David Preece CYNRM, Karen Betink Terrain NRM, Travis Sydes FNQROC, Michael Graham BQ, Ken Golbey TRC, Lewis De Franciscis CRC, – online Damon Sydes CCRC, Jade Monda CRC, Cr Jeff Baines CCRC, Rowan Ward CCRC,	
3.	Apologies Matt Buckman HSC, Cr Maree Baade TRC, Tudor Tanase TRC, Darryn Higgins CSC	
4.	Guests Feral Pig Coordinator rollout conversation – Brett Carlsson, Cape York NRM & Scott Morisson, Gulf Savannah NRM Mark Wargent Terrain NRM	
5.	Acceptance of previous minutes moved: Michael Graham seconded: Ken Golbey	
6.	Actions from Previous Meeting No. 60	

Business arising from previous meeting

59.2 Amendments to Biosecurity Act 2014

Revision of regulated species (prohibited & restricted) is underway. Consultation is expected is expected shortly.

60.2 ELGBC Project

Addressed in agenda

60.3 Review of Regional Gamba grass strategy

Funding alignment with CY NRM investment will provide an opportunity to undertake a review with support from other regional stakeholders. Importance of evolving the current inertia in a workable compliance approach was discussed. With the release of the National Gamba grass management manual and the original 2 iterations of the regional strategy much of the background is available to develop a revised strategic approach across the region

Action: 1. Develop scope for review. 2. Identify collaborative resources available to initiate and undertake review.

61.1 Inventory of resources regarding disaster management for natural assets

Cassowary Coast project which is underway will provide a framework and plan building on the previous work of the NAMAC and Terrain NRM.

Action: Report back to the NAMAC when the CCRC project is complete

8	General Business 8.1 Feral Pig Coordinator rollout conversation – Brett Carlsson, Cape York NRM & Scott Morisson, Gulf Savannah NRM Brett and Scott provided an overview of the program roll out. Both attended the National Feral Pig Conference. The roles are about facilitating and enabling land managers and not operational. Key interest in the development phase is to establish baselines, understand current program successes and obstacles. Discussion relating to management on state land. Varying perceptions and experiences were relayed. The observation was also made that QPWS and other Dept. undertake a wide range of programs, but do not always communicate these other stakeholders Action: NAMAC seek an update from QPWS on feral pig management programs, successes and actions. (possibly expand this to a broader NRM programs and planning update to LG). 8.2 Disaster Resilience Funding DRF program funding was discussed but requirements for co-contribution were inhibitive for most councils at this stage. 8.3 Gamba management manual https://neslandscapes.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/National-best-practice-management-manual-for-gamba-grass.pdf As discussed in business arising Action 60.3, the release of the National Management Manual will be integral to inform the development of a regional strategy. 8.4 ELGBC regional forums, workshops Cat management workshop Outcomes paper was developed from the workshop and will be used to inform research proposals.	
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	<p>Roadshow days, field demo's fact sheets and video production.</p> <p>ELGBC project - fact sheets, field days and video production</p> <p>Additional issues outlined in attached issues profiles and species briefs for development of fact sheets and educational video productions.</p> <p>Comment will be sought to fine tune the fact sheet series.</p> <p>The recent success of NAILSMA forum was highlighted as an opportunity for increased engagement with Native Title Organisations and Ranger Programs</p> <p>Upcoming – Wet Tropics Aquatic Biosecurity Workshop – May 8</p> <p>Action: 1. Provide comment on draft fact sheets and consider sites and situations for video productions</p> <p>8.5 Operational and strategic updates – LGs, NRM, BQ Terrain NRM</p> <p>Introducing Mark Wargent – Terrains First Nations Partnerships lead</p> <p>Updates were provided from around the room on key projects and programs</p> <p>8.6 Land Protection – cat management research proposal</p> <p>Land Protection Fund research proposal has been drafted and will be submitted to the SOG for consideration and further development.</p> <p>8.7 Reef Guardian Councils update</p> <p>Cr Jeff Baines provide an update on the rollout of Reef Guardians projects. Additional councils have joined the Reef Guardian Councils Program taking the membership to 20 (9 of which are FNQROC member councils). Council action plans will require updating in the interim and they are encouraged to develop shovel ready projects into the plans to inform any future resourcing opportunities.</p> <p>8.8 Business arising</p> <p>Feral pig carcass disposal</p> <p>Update around the room on the situation/ The issues raised have not been resolved. Action is still required to resolve concerns faced by individual councils.</p> <p>Action: seek an update from LGAQ on request for Dept to review the situation</p>	
9	Points for noting to the FNQROC Board	
10	Next meeting: NAMAC #63 July 25, NAMAC #64 Oct 31	
11	Meeting Close	

Action Item	Action	Responsible Person(s)
51.1 (45.6)	51.1 (45.6) – Discussion regarding integrated roadside vegetation management Updated action: Revise and expand the current Wet Tropics guide into a best practice document for broader use for local government. (2024 work plan)	1. FNQROC/NAMAC
61.1	Create an inventory of resources regarding disaster management for natural assets.	1. FNQROC/NAMAC
62.1	Regional Gamba grass strategy Action: 1. Develop scope for review. 2. Identify collaborative resources available to initiate and undertake review.	1. FNQROC, CYNRM (CSC, TRC, MSC) 2. 2. CYNRM, FNQROC
62.2	Inventory of resources regarding disaster management for natural assets Action: Report back to the NAMAC when the CCRC project is complete	1. FNQROC, CCRC
62.3	Feral pig management on state lands Action: NAMAC seek an update from QPWS on feral pig management programs, successes and actions. (possibly expand this to a broader NRM programs and planning update to LG).	FNQROC
62.4	ELGBC project - fact sheets, field days and video production Action: 1 Provide comment on draft fact sheets and consider sites and situations for video productions	NAMAC, FNQROC
62.5	Feral pig carcass disposal Action: seek an update from LGAQ on request for Dept to review the situation	FNQROC