

Animal Management Advisory Committee

Meeting Details

Meeting No.	26
Meeting Name	Animal Management Advisory Committee (NAMAC)
Date	Friday 11 September 2026
Time	9.30am – 1:30 pm
Venue	Kingsford Room, Cairns Regional Council - Online
Meeting Contacts	Travis Sydes 0448 852 732

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Minutes

1.	Attendance Mark Finch TRC, Andrew Drage TPH, Kirsty Lamperd CCRC, Adam Mulvena CCRC, Tina Martin CRC, Bonny Cumming AMRRIC, Travis Sydes FNQROC
2.	Apologies Peter King RSPCA, Kylie McAllister CSC
3.	Guests Lesley Humphreys (LMH Consulting) and Nell Thompson (ACCAMSS)
4.	Acceptance of previous minutes Moved: Tina Martin Seconded: Kirsty Lamperd
5.	Business arising from meeting #25

24.1 Coen animal management taskforce – postponed till further notice

Agenda items

6.	6.1 10:30 am Animal Management Options Analysis – project inception workshoping session Lesley Humphreys and Nell Thompson Lesley and Nell introduced the project approach and undertook an introduction to the baseline data collection requirements for the project. The committee discussed the various aspects of data collection, interpretation and approach required to fulfil the project needs. Issues, gaps and alternative approaches especially those relating to AMW program data were discussed and solutions workshoped. There was agreement from councils present that the data collection requirements
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	should be able to be delivered. Data will be collected over financial year periods, the project is seeking data from the past 3 years to enable the identification of any trends/anomalies. ASC's will be encouraged to submit records based on annual animal census data and vet reports (not registration data). Model attributes used in customer request management systems will be collated to enable interoperability/compatibility of records across the different data collection/management systems. The initial piece of work on an animal management data attribute standard will be used as a starting point. A project control group was identified consisting of the consultants, CCRC, CRC and FNQROC. The group will be engaged at key junctures in the project to guide delivery and frame key decision points and project directions. Outside of this, the AMTC forms the guiding/governance of the project and provides a forum for partners to engage and contribute to the project. Actions: 1. Establish project control group. 2. Update spreadsheets and recirculate to relevant members of the committee. 3. Collate first round of data- due October 5 (reach out if this is not possible or for assistance). 4. Provide categories used for CR systems. 5. Collect information about data collection and reporting capacity within the project. 6.4 Updates from around the room Committee members provided updates on key programs and projects across the region. 6.5 Training opportunities 6.6 Conferences and forums 6.7 FNQROC, 2026 workplan 6.8 H1N5 avian influenza update - The committee discussed the dynamic nature, uncertainties and preparation for the potential escalation of the avian influenza situation. A watch and wait approach with minor preparations relating to PPE and any relevant vaccinations was discussed. The potential transmission to domestic/feral cats and surrender to management of birds in AMFs was identified as a key risk. It was identified that the level of response required will be contingent on the profile of the pathogen on the ground and any emerging transmission pathways and risks. At minimum stakeholders involved in the handling and housing of animals are encouraged to have risk management processes in place and establish any required protocols (e.g. non-acceptance of bird surrenders/euthanasia policies) prior or any escalation or wild transmission. Frequent updates are being provided to LGs and partners as well as communications specific to remote communities. FNQROC and LGAQ are working with TRC to host an emergency animal disease workshop session on the 21st Sept Action: maintain watching brief and circulate any relevant updates
7.	Points for noting to FNQROC Board
8.	Next meeting: December 8
9.	Meeting close

Actions arising from meeting #26

Action Item	Action	Who
26.1	Animal Management Options Analysis project Actions: 1. Establish project control group. 2. Update spreadsheets and recirculate to relevant members of the committee. 3. Collate first round of data- due October 5 (reach out if this is not possible or for assistance). 4. Provide categories used for CR systems. 5. Collect information about data collection and reporting capacity within the project.	1. AMTC, consultants 2. Consultants 3. Councils/partners 4. FNQROC/AMTC 5. Consultants
26.2	H1N5 Avian influenza update Action: maintain watching brief and circulate any relevant updates	1. AMTC