

Minutes of the 165th FNQROC Board Meeting

Meeting No	165
Meeting Name	FNQROC Board Meeting
Date	18 April 2024
Time	2.30pm
Venue	Barlow Park, Cairns

REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Amy Eden, Mayor	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 (online)
Cr, Roy Zammataro (Proxy)	Douglas Shire Council
Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
Cr Ramon Jayo, Mayor	Hinchinbrook Shire Council (online)
Cr Bruce Gibson, Mayor	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Cr Angela Toppin, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
Cr Rod Marti, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
Cr Alister Gibson, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Cr Michael Sands, (Proxy)	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

CEOS

Ms Mica Martin, CEO	Cairns Regional Council
Mr Andrew Graffen, CEO	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Mr Brian Joiner, CEO	Cook Shire Council (online)
Ms Jacqui Cresswell, CEO	Croydon Shire Council (online)
Ms Rachel Brophy, CEO	Douglas Shire Council
Mr Ken Timms, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
Mr Steve Linnane, CEO	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council (online)
Mr Peter Franks, CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
Mr Gary Rinehart, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
Mr Richard Wright, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

OBSERVERS

Ms Lucy Greene	LGAQ
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INVITED GUESTS

Senator James McGrath	Queensland Senator
Assistant Minister Ali King	Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works
Mr Peter Nelson	QBuild (online)
Mr David Lansdell	QBuild
Mr Jan Xanthopoulos	QTC
Mr Tom Gole	QTC
Mr Luke Shelley	BOM
Mr Ian Leckenby	LG Mutual
Mr Nathan Turner	LG Mutual

FNQROC STAFF

Mr Anthony Archie	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Travis Sydes	Natural Asset Management & Sustainability Coordinator
Ms Amanda Hancock	Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
Ms Paula Power	Executive Support Officer
Ms Maria Anselmo	Climate Resilience Coordinator
Mr Elliott Meelen	Regional Procurement Coordinator

APOLOGIES

Cr Bruce Gibson, Mayor	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Cr Daryl Sexton, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
Cr Alister Gibson, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Kiley Hanslow, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

3161 WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The meeting commenced at 2.30pm

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.

3162 BOARD PRESENTATIONS

3.1 David Lansdell, Chief Construction Manager, Peter Nelson, Director, MMC Strategy and Design, QBuild, Department of Housing, Local Government Planning and Public Works.

QBuild provided an update on prefabricated home factory launch in Carins. A copy of the presentation and contact information has been provided separately.

3.2 Tom Gole, Executive Director, Local Government and Strategic Operations, Advisory Division, Jan Xanthopoulos, Principal, Advisory Division, Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC)

Mr Gole provided an economic update. A copy of the presentation and contact information will be provided separately.

Assistant Minister King joined the meeting via Teams

Assistant Minister King acknowledged the Community Leaders and commended them for their tireless work and congratulated the Mayor on their appointments.

Acknowledgement was also given to the previous Chair Cr Michael Kerr.

Assistant Minister King addressed the Board and provided an update on her portfolio. Assistant Minister King's contact details have been provided with the minutes.

Discussion from the floor:

- Pilot projects for Inclusion Planning – early stages and haven't established sites. The group was encouraged to contact the Department. Interest in making sure some of those located in regional areas.
- Housing issues – modelling done by institute of Urban Infrastructure. Modelling suggested 53,000 homes. Investment in homes for Queensland \$3b going forward.

Senator James McGrath joined the meeting in person

Senator McGrath introduced himself to the Board and congratulated the Mayors on their appointment.

3.3 Luke Shelley, Flood Warning Infrastructure Network Program, BOM

Mr Shelley provided an update on the Flood Warning Infrastructure Network Program.

A copy of the presentation and the key contact details will be provided with the minutes.

Discussion from the floor:

- Doppler Radar – no coverage.
- Flooding Infrastructure – QRA lead agency for resilience funding and new infrastructure.
- Next round of consultations – dates and times of next workshops
 - Barron River Catchment – Tuesday 30 April 2024
 - Daintree and Mossman River – Wednesday 1 May 2024.

Cr R Marti and G Rinehart, Tablelands Regional Council left the meeting at 4.00pm.

3.4 Ian Leckenby and Nathan Turner, LGM Assets Scheme, LGAQ

Mr Leckenby and Mr Turner provided an overview of the LG Mutual Schemes.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be provided separately.

3.5 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).

- L Greene is the LGAQ ROC lead for FNQ. Will be present at every FNQROC meeting and is available as a direct contact at LGAQ to support FNQ Mayors and CEOs.
- A comprehensive briefing note (Appendix 1) will be circulated prior to each FNQROC Board meeting.
- Policy Executive elections are coming up with information for all divisions emailed already. A Council resolution must be endorsed for a nomination. If more than one nomination is received it will go to a postal vote in that division.
- Federal Parliamentary Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability. LGAQ is currently putting together its submission and has sent a survey to all council CEOs to provide feedback. This survey will close on 24 April 2024. If there is anything additional to add to the submission, please email Lucy_Greene@lgaq.asn.au. A detailed submission will also be provided from the FNQROC CEO Anthony Archie.
- The LGAQ will be making a submission to ECQ to look into the events of the recent LG elections. Contact Lucy if you have feedback to provide.
- Recently met with Opposition Shadow Police and Shadow Youth Justice Ministers to discuss Action Plan on Youth Crime and motion endorsed by councils on the impact of social media and youth crime.

3163 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The draft minutes of the 164th FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) Board meeting of 1 February 2024.

MOVED: Cr Barry Hughes
SECOND: Cr Trevor Pickering

Motion

That the FNQROC Board move that the minutes of the 164th Board Meeting held on 1 February 2024 be confirmed and adopted.

CARRIED

3164 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Action items from 1 February 2024 FNQROC Board Meeting

Minute #	Action	Responsible person	Status
3159a	Disaster Exemptions - FNQROC to investigate post disaster exemptions for environmental related regulation – This should include Wet Tropics and Marine Infrastructure, is 1 year enough time. and consider what was allowed post Yasi.	A Archie FNQROC	On-going
3159b	Kuranda and the Ranges - FNQROC to send letter to the new minister and DG TMR. Correspondence should remind of previous requests and the recent event highlighting extreme need for a robust resilient route.	A Archie FNQROC	Complete

3159c	Reseal Types - FNQROC to investigate and seek pricing on a study to understand the whole of life cost pricing for different seal types across our region to better inform decision when procuring.	A Archie FNQROC	Complete
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3159c – FNQROC Procurement Arrangement – pros and cons. Looking at the most effective sealing material to be used in the area.

3165 ADVOCACY

Transparency of Ageing Infrastructure

- A Archie had a discussion with R Hodgman, DTMR - A presentation and Q&A will be scheduled for a future meeting on ageing infrastructure and how the process works. Concerns about Kuranda Range Bridge.
- Concerns at the LGAQ Conference in Gladstone recently. Only afforded 3 questions to the DTMR representative. LGAQ to report back to the Committee and address the Boards concerns.
- Organising a Webinar with DAF and DDG; L Greene to suggest a specific webinar for FNQROC.

Risk of Temporary Fixes on Arterial routes in the region.

- Concerns raised at last board meeting. DTMR have same fears and doing what they can to keep roads open.
- Would like a Roads session with FNQROC and Northwest ROC.

Action: A Archie to contact DTMR to organise a Roads Session with FNQROC an Northwest ROC.

Action: DTMR Presentation and Q&A to be scheduled for future FNQROC Board Meeting on; ageing infrastructure including Kuranda Range Bridge.

Advocacy update from FNQROC Council Members.

- Etheridge Shire Council have been using Department of State Development and Infrastructure to progress and advocate for things like the Gilbert River Bridge and issues with the airport and air service into Georgetown.
- Douglas Shire Council advocating through QRA regarding water.
- New funding package - North Queensland Resilience Funding. Applications close in June. A single FNQROC submission to expediate the process. Cr R Jayo – Hinchinbrook has been transferred to North Queensland ROC for this submission.

3166 STRATEGIC OPERATIONAL PLAN

Summary de-brief of current strategies per area of FNQROC

FNQROC staff will provide an overview of their strategic priorities at the next FNQROC Board meeting on 6 June 2024.

3166 DISCUSSION TOPICS

Nil

3167 CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming – Nil

Outgoing – Minister Meaghan Scanlon, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works – 6 March 2024.

Noted

3168 FNQROC POLICY REVIEW

Nil

3169 FNQROC REPORTS AND MOUS

B101 – Regional Digital Development Officer (RDDO)

Noted.

B102 – Regional Drought Resilience Plan (RDRP) – Gulf Hinterland and Wet Tropics.

- **B102a – Drought Pathways and Actions Gulf Hinterland (Mareeba, Etheridge, Croydon)**
- **B102b – Drought Pathways and Actions Wet Tropics (Douglas, Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Tablelands and Hinchinbrook).**

Noted and flying minute to be request upon draft being received by FNQROC.

B103 – Climate Resilience Coordinator position. (confidential)

M Anselmo was asked to leave the room at 4.45pm.

MOVED: Cr Trevor Pickering

SECOND: Cr Barry Hughes

Motion

The Regional Climate Resilience Coordinator contract is extended till 30 September 2025 in line with FNQROC staff contracts, with an option for an extra year delegated to the CEO for execution.

CARRIED

3170 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet – 1 July 2023 to 30 March 2024

MOVED: Cr Trevor Pickering

SECOND: Cr Barry Hughes

Motion

That the profit and Loss and Balance Sheet Reports for the period FY 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024 be adopted and accepted.

MOVED: Cr Trevor Pickering

SECOND: Cr Barry Hughes

CARRIED

Motion (without report)

MOVED: Cr Barry Hughes

SECOND: Cr Amy Eden

Motion

That A Hancock, Regional Infrastructure Coordinator be added to ANZ Cheque Account as an additional signatory.

CARRIED

3171 ATTENDANCE & MINUTES OF MEETING

Noted

3172 LGAQ POLICY EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION – CR PETER SCOTT

Nothing to report. If any issues, please raise with LGAQ Policy Executive when known.

3173 MINUTES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

FNQROC Regional Water Alliance – 9 February 2024

Noted

FNQROC WMRR RRR Plan Implementation Technical Committee Meeting #2 – 9 February 2024

Noted

FNQROC WHS & Wellbeing Committee – 14 February 2024

Noted

FNQROC Regional Mountain Bike Strategy Meeting – 14 February 2024

Noted

FNQROC Animal Technical Committee – 20 February 2024

Noted

RRTG Technical Committee – 23 February 2024

Noted

FNQROC Natural Assets Management Advisory Committee #7 – 1 March 2024

Noted

FNQROC LG Planners Advisory Group – 8 March 2024

Noted

Climate Resilience Technical Committee Meeting #4 – 8 March 2024

Noted

RRTG Technical Committee – 15 March 2024

Noted

Regional Procurement Advisory Committee – 6 February 2024

Noted

RRTG Regional Water Capability Project Stantec Workshop #1 – 19 March 2024

Noted

FNQROC Sewer Relining Contract 23/24 – 27 March 2024

Noted

FNQROC Reseal and Line Markings 23/24 – 28 March 2024

Noted

3175 GENERAL BUSINESS

Copyright Risk and Compliance Guide for Local Government

Copyright Risk and Compliance Guide – Proposing Regional Arrangement. The FNQROC Board did not have time to review and will be carried over to next meeting.

Action: Copyright Risk and Compliance Guide – proposal for regional arrangement to be tabled at next meeting and reforwarded to CEO of each Council.

[Inquiry into local government sustainability – Parliament of Australia](#) – FNQROC Submission.

CEO will put in a submission on LG Sustainability. Information has been received from Mareeba Shire Council. Encourage all Finance Managers to forward information.

Action: Finance Managers in each FNQROC Council to forward relevant information for the submission into LG Sustainability.

FNQROC Information Guide April 2024

[FNQROC Information Guide April 2024](#) is available on the FNQROC website or hard copies available on request.

Disaster Recovery

It was suggested at the last FNQROC Board meeting that FNQROC form a FNQROC Disaster Recovery Committee. After discussions it was decided that a special TEAMS meeting be held to discuss further with all CEO's.

Action: FNQROC to organise a special TEAMS meeting to discuss the FNQROC Disaster Recovery Committee.

Regional Telecommunications Submission to FNQROC

Cassowary Coast Regional Council is requesting that FNQROC and the member Councils make submissions to the Federal Governments 2024 Regional Telecommunication Review and engage in the public consultation process with a focus on the current issues.

MOVED: Cr Teresa Millwood

SECOND: Cr Amy Eden

Motion

The FNQROC CEO will work together with the Cassowary Coast Regional Council CEO to develop and submit a submission to the Federal Government for Regional Telecommunications.

CARRIED

3176 NEXT MEETING

After agreeance by the new Mayor of Cassowary Coast Regional Council, the next meeting will be held in **Tully on Thursday 6 June 2024.**

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **4.57pm.**

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Cr Angela Toppin

FNQROC Chair

AGREED ACTION ITEMS

Thursday, 18 April 2024

Minute #	Action	Responsible person
3165a	Contact DTMR to organise a Roads Session with FNQROC and Northwest ROC.	A Archie FNQROC
3165b	DTMR Presentation and Q&A to be scheduled for future FNQROC Board Meeting on; ageing infrastructure including Kuranda Range Bridge.	FNQROC
3175a	Copyright Risk and Compliance Guide – proposal for regional arrangement to be tabled at next meeting.	FNQROC
3175b	Finance Managers in each FNQROC Council to forward relevant information for submission into LG Sustainability Inquiry.	All
3175c	FNQROC to organise a special TEAMS meeting to discuss the FNQROC Disaster Recovery Committee.	FNQROC

Remaining FNQROC Board Meetings for 2024

Date	Venue
Thursday 6 June 2024	Tully
Thursday 1 August 2024	Cairns
Thursday 3 October 2024	Tablelands Regional Council
Thursday 5 December 2024	Cairns