

Board Meeting (BM) in Brief held 5 April 2013
Key Discussion Items

On Thursday 4 April 2013 the Board attended a Facilitated Learning for Directors Workshop conducted by Mr Michael Donovan who is a highly sought after business mentor and executive coach and was the inaugural chairman of the Noosa Biosphere. The workshop agenda included awareness, issues identification, governance matters, best-practice improvements and reflection on how Directors operate compared to contemporary corporate thinking. The Workshop also included sessions with senior staff.

The Board broadly adopted the structure as set out in the *“Organisational Reform in BMRG”* paper. This paper addresses

- (a) Size of the Board – reduced to between five and seven.
- (b) Universal Elections – at present each Sector elects a Director.
- (c) Skills Based Board
- (d) Board Chair
- (e) Tenure
- (f) Elections

It was agreed that a discussion paper be developed on the Board restructure and approved by the Board at the June 2013 meeting prior to distribution to all members. And that following the distribution of the discussion paper the Board undertakes consultation with members to explain and promote the proposed changes.

The Board approved funding for *“BMRG Region Post Flood Imagery Capture Project.”*

BMRG received endorsement from the Board to coordinate with Maryborough Correctional Services to assist with the flood recovery and clean up. This will enable BMRG to coordinate a larger volunteer base to assist landholders and the community with the flood recovery effort.

The Board commended Brad Crosbie on the excellent job he is doing in coordinating the flood recovery response. To date Brad has coordinated work on flood recovery efforts in Biggenden (Degilbo Creek) and Mon Repos (Bundaberg).

A \$5,000 commitment to Tourism Fraser Coast as the lead partner who will manage the contestable funding for the Australia’s Nature Partnership – Stage 2 was given by the Board. This partnership involving Sunshine Coast Destinations Ltd, Gympie Cooloola Tourism, Tourism Fraser Coast and the Noosa Biosphere and will enable:

- Improved cooperation and collaboration between the parties and local government
- to facilitate the marketing, development and management of the regions as a sustainable tourism destination
- to improve leveraging opportunities and partnerships that will generate economic growth this is supportive of the environmental and social goals of the five organisations

It was with regret that the Board accepted Colin Chapman’s, (External Director) resignation due to increased workload in relation to the Gladstone Port.

Next meeting of the Board – 7 June 2013

