



Board Meeting (BM) in Brief held 30 January 2015 Key Discussion Items

Mike Berwick, Chair of the Qld Regional NRM Groups Collective (RGC) attended the Board meeting to meet BMRG's new Directors and to provide an overview of the role of the RGC.

The Collective was formed in 2002 to improve the state-wide delivery of regional NRM outcomes in partnership with industry, community and government, and to act as a representative for NRM in Queensland.

The following new memberships were approved by the Board.

- Nadia Margetts
- Matt Skelton
- Hugh Lavaring

A Strategic Planning Workshop has been scheduled for 12-13 February 2015 in Bundaberg and will be attended by the Board and senior staff members.

Chris Stone, Communication and Engagement Coordinator provided the Board with a presentation on the Great Sandy Biosphere. An Expression of Interest for the Future Management and Delivery of the Great Sandy Biosphere has been prepared and will be distributed to potential interested parties and an advertisement placed in the Courier Mail. The successful organisation(s) will, subject to UNESCO approval, take on all activities relating to the Great Sandy Biosphere.

BMRG ran five community meetings over a two week period to inform the community about the new National Landcare Programme (NLP) and to gauge their opinion on 4 potential options to roll the 20% funds through the landcare community.

As a result of these meetings, the community overwhelmingly supported the first option which was "Business as Usual". This provides a good endorsement that most of the community is happy with BMRG's program implementation.

The Board discussed the option of holding Board meetings in various parts of the region to incorporate engagement with the community. A costs analysis is being prepared on holding these meetings alternately in Bundaberg and various locations within the BMRG region.

Next Board meeting to be held on Friday 27 February 2015

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