



Board Meeting (BM) in Brief held 28 March 2018 Key Discussion Items

The Board of NRM Regions Queensland (NRMQR) are currently undertaking a review of its performance and reform of NRMQR and are considering the following:

- The functions NRMQR should be carrying out in the future
- The most appropriate governance and staffing structure to carry out these functions
- The cost of delivering the agreed functions

A survey was distributed to all Regional Chairs and CEO's with a closing date of Monday 16 April

The NRMQR Consortium Chairs have signed the "Head of Agreement" for the NLP2 state bid. The bid was submitted ahead of the deadline with all NRM groups, except Torres Strait (TSRA) who were not able to be part of the consortium as TSRA is a statutory body and has functions set out in the "Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Act 2005". Therefore, they submitted a stand-alone tender, but TSRA still supports the consortium arrangement and wishes to remain as an associate member of NRMQR.

There was an unbelievable amount of effort put into pulling the state bid together dubbed "The Queen Mary" and all NRM groups are to be congratulated. The consortium has demonstrated that it can break paradigms and work cohesively as a State Consortium. We now await the outcome (expected to be announced at the NRM Regions Australia National Chairs Forum to be held in Darwin 21-22 May 2018) on this very important decision which will have an effect on the future of NRMQR and all concerned.

The Board congratulated the CEO, Chair and staff for their great efforts in the extensive work required to complete the NLP2 state bid.

Greening Australia Qld State Manager Jelenko Dragisic provided the Board with a presentation. NRM Qld Chairs and CEO's have agreed to collaborate with Greening Australia on mutually beneficial projects across Australia.

Prince Charles will be visiting Bundaberg of 6 April as part of His Royal Highness busy schedule for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. He will attend a community festival celebration at the Bundaberg Rum Distillery hosted by Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk. BMRG has been invited to participate and final preparations are currently being completed.

BMRG, Fitzroy Basin and Desert Channels Qld Board Directors and senior executives will be holding a workshop in Yeppoon on 26-27 April to discuss opportunities for our cluster.

New data breach 'preparation and response' act was introduced in Australia on 22/02/2018 named the "Data Breaches and Australian Privacy Act". This is to prepare organisations from being 'hacked' against unauthorised access or disclosure or loss of personal information.

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Burnett Mary REGIONAL GROUP

Practical Solutions for Natural Resource Management

Applications for the Burnett Mary Regional Group CQU Scholarship closed on 25 March 2018. The scholarship criteria was completed by the panel who did a great job in outlining the process, criteria and conditions of the scholarship. The \$3,000 can provide assistance with the financial burden of studying and help turn dreams into reality. Applicants were required to provide a written statement of no more than 500 words supporting the application including:

- Demonstrated financial need
- Future career aspirations and dream job
- How they will use the scholarship to assist in their final year of studies
- Their experience or interests in natural resource management and/or sustainable agriculture and how they see their time as a BMRG scholarship recipient benefiting BMRG as an organisation.

BMRG currently has 183 financial members and the following new/renewed memberships were approved by the Board:

- Robert Baldwin
- Vanessa Bambling
- Cheryl Bean
- Todd Boorman
- Alan Carr
- Catherine Carr
- Sheila Charlesworth
- Lindsay Day
- Ram Contractors Qld Pty Ltd
- Ethan Edwards
- Paul Frohloff
- James Henderson
- Mike Harrison
- Jacqueline Laidler
- Scott Laidler
- Hugh Lavaring
- Jackie Lindenmayer
- George Martin
- Vincent Mungomery
- South Burnett Landcare
- Jacinta Rice
- Tony Ricciardi
- Fred Swift
- Tiaro & District Landcare
- Jim Mewburn

Next meeting of the Board schedule for Wednesday 30 May 2018

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