



Board Meeting (BM) in Brief held 27 & 28 August 2015 in Wondai Key Discussion Items

BMRG's August Board meeting was combined with a Community Engagement meeting held in the Wondai office of BMRG on Thursday 27 August 2015.

The Community Engagement meeting was well attended with well received presentations provided by staff as follows:

- BMRG – who are we, and why do we exist – Penny Hall, Chief Executive Officer
- Burnett Mary NRM Plan – George Martin, Planning Officer
- Sustainable Ag projects in the South Burnett – Ann McKenzie, Projects Officer & Sue Burt, Grazing BMP Officer
- The Bunya Ranger Project (managed by BMRG on behalf of BPAC) – Shelly Hansen, Bunya Ranger Coordinator.

The presentation was followed by general discussion and lunch.

Due to inclement weather the trip to the Bunya Mountain was postponed to the next day and was attended by the Board as well as a couple of community members. The tour was provided by Shelly Hansen, Bunya Ranger Coordinator and Michael Smith, Senior Murri Ranger and was considered by all to be a very informative and enlightening experience.

The Chief Executive Officer's Report provided the Board with an overview of the following:

- Conservation Volunteers Australia – Green Army
- Reef Partner meeting
- Regional Groups Collective CEO's meeting
- Operation & Performance Excellence Review
- Reef CEO's meeting
- Reef Alliance meeting
- CRC for Spatial Information presentation
- Meetings with Director of Reef Trust, DoE and Executive Director, Office of GBR

The following new and renewed memberships were approved by the Board:

- Ms Ariel Chaster
- Mr Justin Bartlett

The Board discussed the extension of BMRG building lease and approved the Deed of Variation as presented by the Chief Executive Officer.

Director Tanzi Smith presented her report on the "Threatened species summit", held at the Melbourne Zoo on 16 July 2015 and provided the Board with an overview of the summit, advising the key announcement was the launch of a threatened species strategy and the commitment of \$6.6M to the strategy. The strategy "sets out a road map and highlights how our approach of science, action and partnership can be used to achieve the long-term goal of reversing species declines and supporting species recovery". Funding for a number of projects was announced and a general call for new projects was issued.

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Operations Report prepared by Operations Manager, Emily Maher included the following items:

- Expanding Best Management Practice (BMP) Program in the Burnett Mary
- Low Pressure irrigation Project
- Reducing Stream Bank Erosion

The report provided an update on the Natural Landcare Programme, Reef Program, Reporting, Burnett Mary NRM and Climate Adaptation Plan 2015 and the Baffle Creek system Repair Program.

Board meeting and Community Engagement meeting dates were set as follows:

- 25 September – Board Meeting
- 15 October – Community Meeting, Mundubbera
- 20 November – AGM, Maryborough
- 11 December – Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting – Friday 25 September 2015

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