



Board Meeting (BM) in Brief held 1 June 2012 Key Discussion Items

The Chairman reported BMRG is a well-functioning organisation and has the potential to become much more relevant to our community. Regional bodies (RB's) have an influencing role on NRM matters relevant to our region, such as the Colton Mine. The Chairman distributed a report by Fitzroy Basin Association to demonstrate what other RB's are doing in relation to extractive industries. The Chairman approached the CEO of Queensland Murray Darling Committee (QMCD) to provide a quote to develop recommendations for environmental conditions to be discussed with the State.

The Chairman spoke of the proposal by the Governance Sub-committee to change the structure of the Board and urged Directors during their assessment of the proposed change to keep in mind two thoughts: doing the same thing over and over again gives you the same result, and whatever is decided has to be in the best interest of BMRG to allow it to meet its promise as stated in our Constitution and hence our promise to our members. The Board authorised the Governance Sub-committee to continue investigating options for the new Board model as presented.

Fauna and Flora International's (FFI) visit to the BMRG region by some of its Board members took place 20-22 May, three years after signing a memorandum underpinning our partnership. Over this period FFI invested \$819,276 mainly in the Great Sandy Biosphere region.

New staff: Kevin Bowden Data Manager is a local with extensive experience and expertise in GIS and data management and Bronwyn Edward Research Officer for the Bio-regional Assessment Project.

Representative of the Commonwealth Government advised that the Federal Government has allocated \$2.25 billion toward natural resource management nationally for 2013-2018. This will be split 70% between the environment and 30% to agriculture. A consultation process on how to deliver will commence in June 2012.

Tony Ricciardi was appointed Deputy Chairman of BMRG Limited.

The Board accepted the recommendation of the Governance Sub-committee not to fill the vacant position of Local Government Director pending review of the Constitution.

The Board approved the Consolidated Budget for the next financial year.

The General Manager is to inform the Chairman of all future potential funding applications prior to commencement and will provide a report to the Board on all submissions.

The Board approved a biosphere budget of \$80,000 to continue the Biosphere project during 2012-2013.

Dates for next Board and Sub-committee meetings are as follows:

- 6 July 2012 – 9:00am – 11:00am Finance Sub-committee
- 6 July 2012 – 11:00am – 1:00pm Governance Sub-committee
- 3 August 2012 – 9:00am start BMRG Board Meeting
- Date and time to be confirmed NRM Sub-committee

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