



Board Meeting (BM) in Brief held 3 August 2012 Key Discussion Items

The Chairman met with program leaders at the Department of Environment and Heritage Projection to discuss EcoBiz which provides companies with tools to save input costs (mainly water and electricity) and how EcoBiz could be rolled out in the Great Sandy Biosphere (GSB). Strong interest received in the Gympie region as there are already about 40 businesses that have taken part in the precursory program, Climate Smart.

Fraser Coast Regional Council is building a Discovery Centre to be completed by November 2012 using the Biosphere as the overarching theme. There is a strong buy-in from the Fraser Coast Regional Council in regards to the Biosphere and further discussions will be held regarding potential collaboration.

New staff: Rod Buchanan, Senior Biodiversity Extension Officer and Paul Dawson, Project Officer for the Bunya Mountains Elders Committee and two short term staff, Bronwyn Edwards and Jacinta Padgett employed specifically for the Bioregional Project.

The General Manager presented the Board with a draft Strategic Plan 2012-2017 and following board input, the strategic plan was endorsed. The Strategic Plan has a five year horizon and will be published on our website. The 2011-2012 Business Plan was reviewed and the General Manager is developing the business plan 2012-2013 incorporating lessons learned and reflecting the Strategic Plan to be presented for approval at the October Board meeting.

The Board approved the Finance Audit & Risk Committee Charter and the following revised BMRG policies:

- FN006 Financial Delegation Policy
- FN001 Remuneration for Directors Policy
- FN003 Travel Allowances and Expense Claims Policy

The Board endorsed BMRG to call for nominations for the positions of two Local Government Directors from the 10 Regional Councils within the Burnett Mary region.

The Board received the report from Swift NRM, the consulting arm of QMDC who conducted a review of the Environmental Management Plan by Colton Coal Proprietary Limited. The Chair advised the Board of the main findings of this report which are of great concern. The Board endorsed that BMRG distribute copies of the report with a covering letter to the appropriate State and Commonwealth Government representatives and other relevant entities. The report by Swift will also be placed on BMRG's website.

The General Manager is to relay to staff the thanks of the Board and their appreciation for the excellent work they achieved during the 2011-2012 financial year and the high quality of reports submitted to both the State and the Commonwealth Government.

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

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| • 7 September 2012 – 9:00am – 11:00am | Finance Sub-committee |
| • 7 September 2012 – 11:00am – 1:00pm | Governance Sub-committee |
| • 5 October 2012 – 9:00am start | BMRG Board Meeting |
| • Date and time to be confirmed | NRM Sub-committee |
| • AGM 2 November 2012 | Venue to be confirmed |

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