



## Board Meeting (BM) in Brief held 29 May 2015 Albert Bowls Club, Gympie Key Discussion Items

The Board discussed the effect of the declining budget that BMRG faces in the years to June 2018. Funding bodies allocate a maximum of 10% of funding for administration which will severely restrict BMRG's ability to fund our Board, management and administrative functions.

BMRG staff have accepted a proposal to reduce their working hours by 2 hours per week. This will assist the organisation toward maintaining the 2015/2016 budget. Employment contracts scheduled for completion at 30 June 2015 will not be renewed and the riparian revegetation project will also be finalised at that time.

The Chair raised his concerns regarding the continuation of BMRG's Bundaberg office lease. Alternatives sites are being considered. BMRG has approached the owners of the building regarding the possibility of a sub-lease, and consideration to maintain the lease at the current level. The Board approved the Chief Executive Officer to seek expressions of interest to sub-lease the top floor of the Bundaberg office.

As per Action Item from the previous Board meeting on 24 April 2015 the Chief Executive Officer reviewed the Sponsorship Policy which was distributed to Directors for their consideration. Due to time restraints for this Board meeting the Sponsorship Policy will be further discussed at the next meeting of the Board.

The Chief Executive Officer provided the Board with a power point presentation on the "Regional Bodies Overheads Report 2013/2014. Contributing regional bodies were BMRG, Fitzroy Basin Association, Terrain, North Queensland Dry Tropics and the presentation provided a comparison of:

- Total overhead cost
- Human resource management
- Premises/Building Costs
- Information and Communication Technology
- Board and Governance
- Guaranteed Funds

The CEO presented her CEO's Report, which were noted by the Board.

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

- Geoffrey Critchlow
- Jesse Dolding
- Gail Smith
- Ross Smith

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board joined key NRM stakeholders and partners to participate in a Great Sandy Biosphere presentation provided by Dr Jacobson, a Research Fellow from the University of the Sunshine Coast School of Sustainability and a presentation by George Martin who has many years' experience in the area of state government planning and development and is currently working to produce the Burnett Mary NRM & Climate Adaptation Plan.

Next Board Meeting – 26 June 2015 to be held in Bundaberg

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