



Board Meeting (BM) in Brief held 29 May 2019 Key Discussion Items

Environment Minister Leanne Enoch Visit

- Environment Minister Leanne Enoch visited Bundaberg. Bundaberg Canegrowers, Isis Canegrowers and Maryborough Canegrowers had requested to meet with the minister to show the Minister the works performed within the cane industry. BMRG was invited along to attend and travel around by bus to visit properties, looking at farm structures and how the properties are managed. The Minister understood that there is a need for a strategy and some amendments to be passed as legislation regarding water quality run off which impacts on the reef.

Milbi Festival

- BMRG has been invited by the Bundaberg Regional Council to participate in the Milbi Festival which will run from November 15 – 24 to mark the start of the turtle season and to celebrate the unique identity, spirit and liveability of the Bundaberg region. The previous “Crush Festival” which celebrated its 10th anniversary last year is being rebranded as the MILBI FESTIVAL. Milbi is a Gurang word for turtle and the festival will act as a celebratory opening of the turtle season and will be an opportunity to come together and celebrate the best we have, our location at the Southern end of the Great Barrier Reef, our reef guardian schools, artists, traditional owners and community groups. BMRG will be part of the “Family day” event at Bargara which will be held at Neilson Park with stalls, events, storytelling, art exhibitions and planned entertainment from Mon Repos to Neilson Park.

State Natural Investment Framework

- There has been great collaboration between all Qld NRM groups to work on finalising the State Natural Resource Investment Framework and the first Qld Annual Report for 2018 – 2019 which will include case studies from the regions. This will help to consolidate the message for NRMQR when lobbying Ministers who want a State-wide view of NRM deliverables.

Bundaberg Agrotrend

- BMRG shared a very successful stand with Bundaberg Fruit and Vegetable at Agrotrend held in Bundaberg May 10 – 11. The Bundaberg Agforum held at CQU on Friday morning May 10th was a great success. The forum showcased how innovation can help business to go global and learn about –
 - Export Markets
 - Attracting Investment
 - Succession planning
 - Local start up opportunities.
- We will also be sharing a stand at the Bundaberg show with BFV.

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Finance Report

Finance Report prepared by Chris Shay, Viden Group was presented to and endorsed by the Board.

BMRG Members



BMRG currently has 150 financial members and the following new/renewed memberships were approved by the Board:

- Mark and Veronica Hemmett
- Moorehead Family
- PCYC Emergency Service Cadets
- Miriam Vale Rural Science & Landcare Society
- Brigitta Knopke
- Jim Mewburn
- Jason Ogden

Next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday 31 July 2019.

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