

Burnett Mary REGIONAL GROUP LIMITED			
Document Type:	Minutes: 03/22	Meeting Date 25 th May 2022	Time: 9:00am
Meeting Venue:	BMRG Bargara		
Document Title:	BMRG Board Meeting No 03 in 2022		
Attendees			
Directors:	Tony Ricciardi (Chair), Dale Holliss, Brent McLellan, Jeanette Harrold		
Staff:	Sheila Charlesworth (Chief Executive Officer / Company Secretary) Peter Kafka (Operations Manager)		

1.1 Welcome

1.2 Confirmation of Agenda

- The agenda was accepted.
- General business update to discuss election at end of year – Tony Ricciardi

1.3 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

- None.

1.4 BMRG Board Meeting Minutes

- BMRG Board Meeting Minutes on 30th March 2022

Motion: 01.01

That the draft minutes from Board Meeting 02/22 held on 30th March 2022, be accepted as a true and correct record of proceedings with corrections as noted.

Moved - Jeannette Harrold

Seconded - Brent McLellan

Carried

1.5 Action List

- Chief Executive Officer, Sheila Charlesworth, reported on items contained in the Action List. Items per board action list:

No.	Action	Responsibility	Progress/Comments	Completed
1	Goldmine/Swindon visit by Board	CEO/OM	<p>The visit will probably be in March 2022 due to the current COVID situation. Board Members are requested to please advise their availability. CEO/OM will send a poll with dates keeping it away from the Board Meeting Day (A Monday is preferred).</p> <p>A meeting was previously held with two executives, and they are keen on finalising agreements for BMRG to take over the lease of the property. It is suggested to either take a bus or pair up in cars.</p>	Completed with meeting booked post meeting with Evolution executives
2	Regional Council Mayoral visits with Directors	CEO/OM	Working with the new mayor to progress the meeting - will be booked for September	In progress
3	Board Governance Training	CEO/OM	State Gov has not supported with funds. NRMQR	Complete
4	Minister David Littleproud	CEO/OM	11 out 20 applicants have been successful	Complete

Accepted



1.5 Chair's Verbal Report

- The Drought Industry Coordination Group has held its first meeting attended by industry groups and the Queensland Government. It was highlighted that despite the rain in parts of Queensland, over 61% of Queensland still remains drought declared under the State Government processes. Main discussion points were the preparedness grants based on business plans (to be approved by QRIDA) now in place across all industry sectors, replacing previous subsidies, such as the freight subsidy.

Not surprisingly, demand for these grants have been dropped off with a wetter weather pattern. Advice from local drought committees will come in over the next month to the Minister to determine drought declaration status.

- The National Farmers' Federation conference highlighted the importance of the BMRG Pilot Program for the Agriculture Biodiversity Stewardship program and the role of the new environmental markets.
- The Federal Department of Agriculture, Water, and Environment announced that the eight soil coordinators (the majority sit in drought hubs) will be employed shortly and will operate as a Community of Practice under the direction of Soil Science Australia.
- The NRMQR Chairs and CEO's Planery session on NRMQR Strategic Plan Renewal will be held 18 May along with the NRMQR Board Meeting.
- The planning for the joint Accounting for Nature and BMRG Board meeting to be held at Goondicum will finalise the National NRM Australia conference presentation for Natural Capital. Over 400mm of rain has caused a shift in location – will shift the location to sunshine coast location to be advised.
- Recent flooding has exacerbated the need for further resilience funding from both State and Federal Governments.
- NRMQR Communication and Marketing Strategy updates – common words and co-branding update given by Tony. CEO's agree on approach to find a way to collectively present and message alignment. NRMQR – will retain the branding name. July NRMQR meeting new branding will be presented back. Discussion on how we work better together and leverage staff expertise across the groups.
- Pilot CEO working group of 5 was formed to work collectively on sourcing external funding which is not driven by Federal or State Government. All CEO's on working group will be doing the AFN course and taking into their businesses.

Moved – Dale Holliss

Second – Jeanette Harrold

Carried

1.7 Chief Executive Officer's Report

- BMRG has been successful in obtaining \$250,000 in funding for flooding impacts on natural environments and wildlife. The Australian Government has invited Sheila Charlesworth to be involved with the National Roundtable to discuss impacts and responses to the recent flooding. Future strategic planning regarding impacts and funding required for resilience will be discussed.
- Sunshine Hydro launched their super-hybrid green hydrogen and energy project in Gladstone. The \$2 billion pumped hydro and green hydrogen facility, dubbed a 'super-hybrid' is expected to create 500 construction jobs for the project. BMRG was mentioned as the landowners and Energy Estate and Gidarjil Development Corporation will be involved. Generating a lot of interest and engagement with BMRG for future sites being donated for conservation work.
- Norfolk Island have officially notified BMRG that they have chosen BMRG to partner with them and the Australian and Queensland Governments will need to expand/realign the NRM boundaries. This will take some time to complete and there will be extensive planning required.
- Eric Hutchinson, Administrator of Norfolk Island, said "We are delighted to find that BMRG's extensive experience and focus areas align well with Norfolk Island. We are very excited to be working with you and the community are keen to meet you". BMRG Chair and CEO will be meeting Norfolk Island members in July, date to be confirmed.
- All plans are being finalised for BMRG Board Members and Accounting for Nature Board members will be going ahead on the Sunshine Coast (Coolum or Twin Waters) instead of Goondicum because of all the wet weather. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the strategic directions for Accounting for Nature's involvement with NRM groups Australia-wide.
- BMRG will be assisting the Reef Brand at the Australian Government's Department of Agriculture, Water, and Environment to develop the Great Barrier Reef Communications and Engagement Strategy in conjunction with other key stakeholders.
- BMRG will be holding our community/Landcare groups prioritisation workshops in Hervey Bay and Gin Gin on the 29th and 30th of June.
- BMRG will be working with QLD Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation (QAAFI) which is the part of the University of Queensland. We invited Gidarjil to the meeting held at the UQ QAAFI research centre to discuss a partnership in furthering our synergies, vision, and values for 'Bush Tucker' for Traditional Owners business development and early preparation for the Olympic Games opportunities for agriculture in our region. Native Botanicals were also discussed.
- BMRG will work on a consortium MoU with QAAFI and Gidarjil, plus a forum for stakeholders to be held 28th and 29th July at Mon Repos. This will be confirmed with QLD Parks, and QAAFI are very keen to be involved. The partnership potential is exciting and will add to our standing to promote long term sustainable and innovative projects for our agricultural and Traditional Owner communities.
- BMRG Integrating Traditional Ecological Knowledge into the AfN Framework was held recently at the Gidarjil conference centre at Burnett Heads with 25 in attendance.

Objectives of the workshop were:

- a) Determine whether a quantitative, qualitative, or hybrid approach is most useful, practical, and culturally appropriate for (1) recognising and discussing and (2) measuring and understanding Cultural Significance.
- b) Understand how Environmental Assets (as defined under the Accounting for Nature Framework) overlap in spatial terms with various types of Cultural Significance.
- c) Explore options and establish the governance arrangements (i.e., for approval of methods, verification and certification) for Cultural Significance.
- d) Understand how ICIP rights can be respected within any approach and implement appropriate protection.
- e) Determine whether the recognition and/or measurements of Cultural Significance can be undertaken without an Environmental Account/Econd.

Three types of cultural significance are:

- 1) Culturally Significant Environmental Assets, such as naturally occurring biophysical assets that meet the AFN (and SEEA) definition of Environmental assets and are featured in AfN certified Environmental Accounts e.g., fauna, flora species, and natural spaces such as ecosystems, waterholes, and rivers.
- 2) Tangible Cultural Heritage, such as scar trees, rocky outcrops (rock art sites), artefacts, and fish traps.
- 3) Intangible Cultural Heritage, such as song, dance, stories, and ceremonial practice.

The findings of the workshop will be finalised soon.

- Evolution Mining is looking forward to our visit on Monday 20 June. An electronic form has to be completed by all attendees. When completing the form (link will be in board pack), please select 'visitor' and Paul Wright, Management of Sustainability, as site contact. Please ignore the vaccination request as advised by Paul. PPE requirements include steel-capped boots, long trousers, and long-sleeved shirt. Safety glasses and high-vis vests will be provided by the mine.

Moved – Brent McLellan

Second – Dale Holliss

Carried



2.1 Finance Report

To be inserted when pdf'd

Moved – Dale Holliss

Second – Brent McLellan

Carried

2.2 Approval of Membership

To be inserted

Accepted as reported

2.3 Confirm travel departure time/agenda for Evolution Mine visit Monday 20 June 2022

- Board travelling to Evolution Mine Site at Mt Perry– purpose of the visit will be view mine and discuss rehab plan with pumped hydro and wetland area which community engagement at the homestead.
- Tony and Jeannette meet at Childers 9am
- Dale to meet Sheila at Baragara
- Brent McLellan is an apology
- Everyone will meet at Gin Gin Bakery at 9.45am

2.4 Confirm travel/meeting of Accounting for Nature Board to Goondicum 8 - 9 June 2022

Moved

Second

Carried

2.5 Nadia Campbell Board Director Resignation

- Resigned due to workload and priorities
- Will remain a member and still has vested interest in BMRG
- Chair and Boar accepted resignation and wish Nadia all the best in the future
- Recommendation to hold off replacement until election – election for 3 nominations for 3 year term. Notices go out 6 weeks before-hand and announcement at AGM.

Moved – Brent McClellan

Second - Jeanette Harrold

Carried

2.6 Nadia Campbell Board Director Resignation

3.1 Correspondance

- Letter of Congratulation have all been sent out to incoming ministers and successful candidates on behalf of BMRG
- Departments all very keen to work with us

Noted

3.2 Business Risk Report

Financial

- The current financial balance and budget is in a positive position to deliver projects on time and on budget. If rain doesn't stop and extreme flooding may impact some delivery timings.
- Some NRM groups have noted they will run out of funding – BMRG helping out where possible to support with additional project work.

Significant Risks of Threat

- COVID is still a significant risk to landholders and contractors on-site and new strain, recent flooding has impacted some onsite meetings.

Work Health and Safety

- None to report

Project Management

- No issues to report

Information Technology

- Water Quality data collection
- AFN training for staff

Office security

- Small fire was lit out the front of the building over a weekend – council were notified and the mess was fixed.

Noted

3.3 Management Reports

Moved Dale Holliss
Seconded Brent McClellan
Carried

3.4 General Business

- Beneficial for BMRG Board members to come on the 28th/29th attend Gidarjil meeting
- Sheila gave an update on the engagement with Generator Hub and management of Ag-Tech hub. Council needs to join MOU and work together with us.

Noted

Meeting concluded at 10.27am

Next Meeting: Next meeting in July

Tony Ricciardi (Chair):

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Ricciardi', is written in the space below the name.