



Old Coastal Management Forum

A few years ago some Council staff involved in coastal management decided to get together to discuss coastal management issues facing local government. The result was the establishment of the Queensland Coastal Management Forum (QCMF), an informal network of Council staff involved in coastal management.

The next (annual) meeting of the QCMF will be held in Hervey Bay in September and all Councils from the region are welcome to attend. For further information contact HESROC NRM Facilitator John Gunn.

HESROC NRM Working Group Working

The HESROC NRM Working Group met for the first time on Wednesday 14 June and discussed its operation and general role as well as its relationship to the proposed local government Partnership Panel.

The NRM working group will act as a mechanism for discussing and coordinating work on a broad range of natural resource management issues and act as a 'technical advisory panel' for HESROC including on matters associated with the proposed local government Partnership Panel.

Actions from the meeting were to consolidate the communications strategy for the group and to progress the development of a MOU for the Partnership Panel.

HESROC Meeting Outcomes

The Health and Environmental Services Regional Organisation of Councils - North Queensland (HESROC - NQ) held its second meeting for the year on July 5.

The main topics of discussion from a natural resources perspective were the formation and operation of the NRM Working Group and its

collaborative operation with the Pest Management Working Group and the pending formation of the 'northern cluster' of the Burdekin Dry Tropics Local Government Partnership Panel.

The 'northern (HESROC) cluster' of Councils will include Burdekin Shire, Charters Towers City, Dalrymple Shire, Hinchinbrook Shire, Thuringowa City and Townsville City and Bowen Shire (to be confirmed with Bowen Shire and Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM).

The possibility of including Palm Island Council was also discussed and agreed in principle pending arrangements being formalised by BDT NRM.

MOU

To establish the HESROC cluster Partnership Panel requires a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Terms of Reference (TOR). A draft has been prepared by BDT NRM based on the Burnett Mary region's model and this is currently being reviewed and amended prior to distribution to HESROC cluster Councils.

One of the topics already included in the MOU is BDT NRM support for HESROC to review the BDT NRM Regional Investment Strategy (RIS) from the HESROC cluster perspective. Other projects and initiatives are still to be negotiated.

Landcare Conference in the Southeast

The annual Queensland Landcare Conference, titled 'Bridging the "Urban Rural Divide"' is being held in Brisbane from 21 to 24 August. Call Qld Landcare Foundation for details (07) 3211 4413.

To view news and information from BDT NRM go to: www.burdekindrytropics.org.au/

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