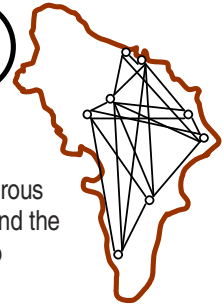


## Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM)

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### Local Government NRM Capacity Support

The Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM) was formed in April 2004 initially as a mechanism for providing information to local government on the Burdekin Dry Tropics natural resource management (NRM) planning process, and collating feedback from local government for input to the Regional NRM Plan and Investment Strategy.

At the most recent HESROC meeting (1 June 2005) ongoing support for the Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM) was expressed, as was the idea of continuing the local government support model established and operated over the last fourteen months. A letter has been sent to the Burdekin Dry Tropics Board proposing future support for local government engagement in regional NRM be facilitated through the Network using the established model.

We look forward to the ongoing involvement of your Council in the Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM). We will continue to provide your Council with the support necessary to engage in regional NRM activities as progress is made towards the roll out of the Regional Investment Strategy (RIS). Negotiations continue on local government involvement and roles in delivery of the RIS.

### BDTB Corporate Governance Focus

The Burdekin Dry Tropics Board held a workshop on 17 and 18 June 2005 to look at corporate governance issues that have arisen during the formation and initial period of operation of the Board.

As with any organisation acting in a new role with no precedents there were bound to be teething problems. The degree of responsibility asked of community volunteers in the regional natural

resource management process has been onerous due in part to the capacity of the volunteers and the inadequacy of conceptual support provided to emerging regional NRM groups.

Under the guidance of the new Executive Officer, Bob Frazer, the Board is reviewing its structure and operations to improve the way they do 'business'.

### Sub Regional Group Changes

The coordinators of the Burdekin-Bowen Integrated Floodplain Management Advisory Committee (BBIFMAC), Terri Buono, and the Natural Resources and Environment Forum for Townsville Thuringowa Coastal Plain (NaREF), Caitlin Mitchell, have reluctantly resigned their positions and have found alternate employment.

The sub regional groups are currently reviewing their role in regional NRM and developing business plans and alliances for delivery of RIS components.

### Pest Website Update

The Department of Natural Resources & Mines (NR&M) weed and pest animal web site has undergone a major redevelopment, due to recognition of increasing use of the internet as a major source of information. The redevelopment ensures the site describes pest management in Queensland in a comprehensive yet easy-to-understand manner.

The new site is: [www.nrm.qld.gov.au/pests](http://www.nrm.qld.gov.au/pests)

### Landcare Conference

The 2005 Queensland Landcare and Catchment Management Conference is being held in Barcaldine from the 4th -7th August. For registration and program information call Kerri at the Desert Uplands office on (07) 4651 2160.

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