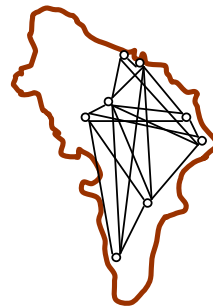


Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM)

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Network Meeting

The Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network meeting will go ahead as scheduled on **Monday 11 October** at Townsville. If you need more information or would like to bring someone else from your Council along please contact Andrew Hannay.

Draft Regional NRM Plan Almost Ready

The Burdekin Dry Tropics Board (BDTB) has received a second round of comments from the North Regions Coordination Group (NRCG) regarding the Plan. These comments identified areas in which the draft Plan could be improved before submission to the Joint Steering Committee (JSC).

These comments generally regarded the flow of the document and the NRCG's concerns that the strong community focus and Traditional Owner engagement were not being portrayed through the text. The process sections of the Plan and further description of assets were also required.

(Source: BDTB Regional Monthly Update August 2004).

Final comments from the NRCG (third round) have been incorporated into the draft plan and the draft it is on its way to the Joint Steering Committee. Public release of the document is expected towards the end of October.

Profound On-Ground

It is clear from the draft plan and preliminary costing of priority actions that there will be a scramble to get the rubber on the ground when everything is approved and accredited.

So that the process doesn't get bogged down when funds become available the BDTB has commenced discussions with sub regional

groups about potential delivery mechanisms and arrangements.

Another series of meetings will be held with theme Working Groups, also looking at potential implementation arrangements and mechanisms, and involving people that may not have been involved. Themes include Biodiversity – Grazing - Intensive Agriculture - Freshwater, Coastal and Marine - and Atmosphere.

We will attend Working Group meetings when possible and keep you informed of progress, and implications and opportunities for local government involvement and partnerships.

BDTB Local Government Directors

Cr Ben Calcott, Mayor of Dalrymple Shire has been offered the Directorship for Local Government West.

John Woods (former Mayor of Burdekin Shire) will remain in the Local Government East position until the BDTB Annual General Meeting in December, when the position is due for re-election.

Burdekin Shire Information Session

This week (Tuesday 28) Burdekin Shire Councillors received a briefing on community based regional natural resource management including the planning process and the role of this network. As part of the broader local government NRM capacity building initiative similar sessions will be held for the other Councils in the BDT region in the future.

Remember: If you are attending the Network meeting on Monday 11th of October please RSVP to Andrew by Monday 4th so we can arrange catering.

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