

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



The main topics of discussion from the BDTB meeting held 14 July 2005 were:

- Funding;
- Staff and office space;
- Provider register;
- Partnership Panels.

**NRM Plan and Regional Investment Strategy First Steps**

- The staff structure will change over the next few months. Staff will be divided up into three teams each responsible for a different area of operations. The three operational teams will be Administration; Planning & Technical Services; and NRM Operations. These staffing arrangements will allow more specialisation and improve the functioning of the organisation.
- Several new positions will be advertised - Operations Manager (oversees: Package Managers; Project Officers, Traditional Owner Liaison Officer, Indigenous Land Management Facilitator and Administration Officer) and Packages Manager.
- The Company Executive / Directors will manage business and coordinate underlying reference groups to provide input from sectors and technical experts.
- Partnership panels are also to be established in the future to ensure appropriate stakeholders are consulted throughout the delivery process. One of these panels will comprise of Local government representatives, however the makeup and arrangements of this are not yet clear (i.e. based on catchment, or sub regions etc).
- A tentative date for the launch of the RIS is August 29<sup>th</sup>. The BDT Regional Local Government Network will keep people posted and notify Councils of the final date.
- In order to establish a register of potential providers, the Burdekin Dry Tropics Board recently sent out a call for capability statements from interested parties.

***Negotiation with the Burdekin Dry Tropics Board will continue to establish the most practical and effective way to arrange and coordinate the local government 'Partnership Panel' based on the work already completed through the BDT Regional Local Government Network (NRM).***

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