

<b>Time</b>	10am-12:00pm
<b>Date</b>	20 October 2023
<b>Place</b>	TRC Boardroom

<b>Attendance</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Cr David Clifton	Chair	x	
Cr Rod Marti	Mayor		Left after first session
Cr Kev Cardew	Councillor	x	
Cr Dave Bilney	Councillor	x	
Mr. Gary Rinehart	TRC CEO		
Mr. James Geary	Member		
Mr. Jason Ward	Member	x	
Mr. Richard Cuda	Member	x	
Mr. Robert Hamilton	Member	x	
Mr James Gerahty	Member	x	
Mr. James Howe	Member		
Mr. Laurence Masasso	Member	x	
Ms .Maryann Salvetti	Member	x	
Ms. Sandra Curcio	Member	x	
Mr. Greg English	Member		x
Ms. Colleen McLucas	Member	x	
Mr Angelo Finocchiaro	TRC	x	
Mr Tudor Tanase	TRC	x	
Ms Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma	Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water	x	
Dr Daniel Montesinos	Australian Tropical Herbarium	x	
Ms Jessie Gray	Bureau of Meteorology	x	Teams

Guests: Warren Johnson, Nick Reynolds

No.	Agenda Item	Time	Responsible
1.	Welcome and action updates Mayor Marti introduced the successful motions put forward at the LGAQ Annual Conference Motions are attached.	10min	Chair Mayor Marti
2.	Water and Valuations Presentation by Ms Formiatti focussing principally on water licences and the Mareeba Dimbulah Irrigation System	40min	Ingrid Formiatti Minnesma
3.	Roads of economic significance This matter was not discussed due to the CT Service Review Report which is currently being undertaken. It will remain on the Agenda for discussion once Council have considered the Report in detail.	15min	David Clifton
4.	Weeds / Collaborations in plant biosecurity	15min	Daniel Montesinos
5.	BOM Climate Update (via Teams)	15min	Jessie Gray
6.	General Business a) Soil and Leaf testing - Angelo Information updates- Angelo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Table</li> <li>• Green Collar</li> <li>• Sustainability grants farmer groups</li> <li>• Small Business Hub</li> </ul> QFF AgTech Officer Placement Program	30min	General Business was not completed due to lack of time.  Information Updates will be circulated to members.

Action Item				
Date	No.	Action	Responsible	Date Completed
20/10/23	1.	Motion 1 – Road Train Limits <i>That the Agricultural Advisory Committee request Council to commence discussions with DTMR to extend the Road Train limit from Mt. Garnet to Ravenshoe.</i>  Rationale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will include giving road train access to the emerging agricultural zone in the Upper Herbert River area, covering new crops such as cotton</li> </ul>		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give easier access to Road Trains for fodder loads to western areas</li> <li>• Bridges &amp; Road between Mt. Garnet &amp; Ravenshoe have already been upgraded to be able to take heavier traffic.</li> <li>• The Road Train pad at Mt. Garnet is in a poor state with large pot holes and washouts. Ravenshoe potentially offers better security and facilities for road train crews.</li> <li>• Extending the link continues the provision of access to the Palmerston Highway to enable Road Trains to cross over to the coast and port facilities.</li> </ul> <p>Moved Richard Cuda Seconded ?</p>		
20/10/23	2.	<p>Motion 2 – Chemical Subsidy Program</p> <p><b><i>That the Chair and council officers prepare a draft motion for consideration by the Agricultural Advisory Committee.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The draft motion has been circulated to Ag Comm members for their consideration.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The Agricultural Advisory Committee seeks support for:</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><i>1. The re-establishment of a Chemical Subsidy Program between Landholders and the TRC to assist in the control of weeds on land along road corridors.</i></b></li> <li><b><i>2. Improved communication, cooperation and collaboration with TRC Spray crews and TRC spray programs.</i></b></li> <li><b><i>3. The preparation and distribution a new (dedicated) weed flyer or booklet to new and existing Rural landholders advising them of the weeds that are of significance in our LGA and outlines the roles and responsibilities of landowners and TRC, with reference given to the TRC Biosecurity Plan.</i></b></li> </ol> <p>Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whilst there are some existing pamphlets that have some good information about the Shire, they are generally aimed at the wider community and do not address new Landholders in Categories F and G about weeds like Navua Sedge and Lantana that are a serious threat to the Region as well as other Biosecurity, Pests and weed matters.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Moved Jason Ward</i></b></p>		

		<b>Seconded Colleen Mc Lucas</b>		
20/10/23	3.	Distribute all attachments from presentations with minutes	Kylie	

<b>Next Meeting</b>	TBC
<b>Meeting Close</b>	12.30 pm

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