



Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee Minutes Meeting Eighteen

Date	Tuesday 31 October 2023, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Place	Disaster Coordination Centre conference room, Vernon Street, Atherton

Attendance			
Name	Role	Present	Apologies
Andrew Wood	Malanda Landcare	Y	
Angela McCaffrey	Ringtail Crossing Nature Refuge		
Belinda Bogart	TREAT	Y	
Christine Wolf	Natural Asset Advisor, TRC	Y	
Dave Bilney	Committee Chair, Councillor, TRC	Y	
Ellen Weber	WTMA Senior Scientist		A
Evizel Seymour	Terrain NRM		A
Keith Smith	Senior Programme Officer, DES		
Kylie Freebody	Wet Tropics Restoration Alliance	Y	
Michael Anthony	Cape York Herpetological Society		
Miya Isherwood	Envigorate Consulting		A
Noel Preece	Thiaki Creek Nature Refuge		A
Paul Novelty	Barron Catchment Care	Y	
Peter Valentine	Tree Kangaroo and Mammal Group	Y	
Penny van Osterzee	Thiaki Creek Nature Refuge	Y	
Priscilla Clare	Taylor's Hill Nature Refuge		A
Sarah Hoyal	Terrain NRM	Y	
Sigrid Heise-Pavlov	School of Field Studies and The Iggie's Nature Refuge	Y	
Travis Sydes	Regional Natural Asset Management and Sustainability Coordinator, FNQROC		A
Tudor Tanase	Manager Environment and Natural Resources, TRC	Y	

Guests: TRC Councillors (Crs Marti, Wilce, Haydon, Clifton attending)
Colin Edmonston, Safer Roads, TMR
Paul Gottke, Safer Roads, TMR

Confirmation of Minutes	Mover: Andrew Wood carried	Seconder: Penny Van Osterzee
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Agenda Items		
Time	Item	Responsible
1:30pm – 3:00pm	<p>Discussion with Councillors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome <p>Acknowledgement of Country Chair's welcome and meeting overview – Attachment 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Scope of discussions and meeting etiquette 3. Individual introductions: name, role, background, interests <p>Andrew Wood thanked Council for their support for the Malanda Landcare North Johnstone River community project.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. TRC update – Attachment 2 <p>Discussions on the status and progress of individual projects. Acknowledgement of the successful projects and good progress. Chair noted the energy savings identified and the potential for Natural Assets and Climate projects to generate and attract funding for the continuation and further development of these programs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Q&A <p>The group unanimously stated the importance of the Natural Asset Strategy (NAS) already developed as draft and urged Council to adopt it as a matter of priority. The NAS is an essential strategic level document which will guide actions and investment. It is recognised as a best practice document with the draft already being used by other councils (e.g. Cairns Regional Council) as a model for the development of their strategic level docs. (Attachment 3 - distributed with CRC permission).</p> <p>Motion 1: that the draft NAS be progressed and adopted as a priority matter. Moved: Penny VO, seconded: Peter Valentine, carried</p> <p>Vegetation Management Policy (VMP) development:</p> <p>Motion 2: that the draft VMP be distributed to NAMAC for consultation. Moved: Paul Novelly, seconded: Kylie Freebody, carried</p> <p>The group discussed the processes used to inform Council of NAMAC's work and the procedures relating to the distribution and perusal of the Minutes of NAMAC meetings.</p> <p>Motion 3: that all NAMAC minutes are presented to the next available Ordinary Meeting for noting and action and that any Council resolutions be reported back to NAMAC as soon as possible.</p>	TRC

	Moved: Cr Bilney, seconded: Paul Novelly, carried.	
3:00pm – 3:20pm	<p>Speed limit design for environmentally significant areas</p> <p>TMR presentation and discussion on speed limit development, including future trials of wildlife activated speed limits and similar.</p> <p>Motion 4: that Council advise TMR of their support for the participation in future wildlife safety programs and trials within the TRC LGA.</p> <p>Moved: Cr Bilney, Seconded: Sigrid Heisse-Pavlov, carried.</p>	TMR
3:20pm – 3:30pm	<p>General business</p> <p>Motion 5: that NAMAC thanks Councillors for their participation.</p> <p>Moved: Peter Valentine, Seconded: Paul Novelly, carried.</p>	All

Action Items from Previous Meetings				
Date	No.	Action	Responsible	Completed
	5.2	<p>TRC Matters of Local Significance – Voluntary Habitat Investment Policy</p> <p>Will be considered and advanced as part of the upcoming Planning Scheme Review.</p>	TRC	Completed
	5.3	<p>TRC Natural Asset Plan and Strategy</p>	TRC	On agenda
	15.6	<p>Curtain Fig Road speed limit:</p> <p>TMR and TRC Traffic Advisory Committee are looking at risks to drivers when determining speed limits or changing speed limits. LARGE fauna is considered.</p> <p>Fauna safety/wildlife kills are secondary to road user safety. The group wishes to advocate for our region that the speed limit be managed with a higher priority for safety of wildlife. In particular adjacent to properties within World Heritage Areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate road signs for wildlife (painted and installed). - Continue to push for speed limit reduction. - Invite TMR rep from Cassowary Recovery Team and TRC traffic advisory committee rep to next meeting. <p>1 August 2023: Motion: Request Council to install and maintain wildlife signs (free standing and painted on the road on Curtain Fig Tree Road. Moved: Peter Valentine, seconded: Andrew Wood, carried</p>	TRC	Completed
	16.10	<p>Terms of Reference review</p> <p>Process for advancing Committee recommendations was discussed. Full review to be undertaken at the beginning of the new Council term.</p>	TRC	Completed
	17.4	<p>Vegetation Management Policy</p>	TRC	On agenda

	17.7	Member updates: carried forward	All	Carried forward
	17.8	General Business: carried forward	All	Completed

Meeting Close	3:38pm
Next Meeting	DATES TBC: __/__/2024 1:30-3:30 DCC Conference Room, Vernon Street, Atherton