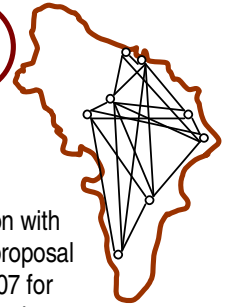


Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM)

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Local Government Response to the draft Plan

The Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM) meeting, which was held on 6 December, was a great platform for the combined local government response to the draft Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional NRM Plan.

We will be following up with all Councils early in the New Year to make sure we have captured all the relevant points from a local government perspective and are ready to participate in the finalisation of the Regional Investment Strategy.

Regional Investment Strategy

January and February 2005 will be the critical period for further development of the Regional Investment Strategy (RIS). The RIS will guide delivery of the Regional Plan (when approved) and is essentially the Business Plan for implementation.

Some ideas for local government involvement in implementation have emerged through the review of the draft Plan and we now need to translate the ideas into practical methods for delivery including partnership building and collaborative action. More on the subject in January when we get together.

In essence the **RIS** is about:



Ongoing Network Support

The Burdekin Dry Tropics Board in conjunction with the Local Government Network submitted a proposal to the State Investment Plan (SIP) project CB07 for funding to support the Network and to continue to build capacity in local government in NRM.

The proposal was successful and we have secured funds to continue and expand the work started in 2004.

The focus for 2004 was to increase involvement of local government in the Regional NRM planning process and ensure that local government issues were included in the Regional NRM Plan.

The continuing funding will be used to improve communication processes and strengthen the capacity of the Network to involve local government across the region in meaningful and relevant NRM initiatives.

The Network will also be working in partnership with the Local Government Association of Queensland to assist with the delivery of their Statewide project to increase local government capacity in NRM matters.

More on all of the above when we meet in the New Year. In the meantime from John and Andrew;

**Merry Christmas and
Best Wishes for the
New Year**

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