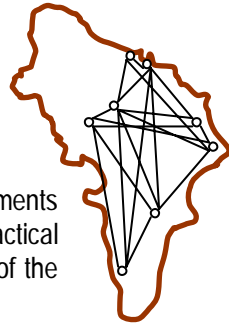


# Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM)

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## Programs and Projects

The Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM Plan and Regional Investment Strategy (RIS) are well on the way to implementation with approximately 25% of the budget already allocated to projects through various contractual arrangements.

The remainder of the funding for the 2005/06 financial year will be allocated in the early part of 2006 with any tenders and positions advertised widely (Townsville Bulletin, Courier Mail and the Australian) as well as on the BDTB Website.

## Traditional Owner Plan Launched

Friday 2 December was the launch date for the Aboriginal Traditional Owner NRM plan by the Burdekin Dry Tropics Board (BDTB). This plan compliments the regional NRM plan and RIS by taking in the various social, economic, cultural and institutional issues relating to NRM in a traditional owner context. Dubbed the "Caring for Country Plan" the focus is empowerment, and it has been wholly endorsed by the Burdekin regional Traditional Owner Group, which represents the sixteen recognised traditional owner groups in the region.

## Next Year

Along with the implementation of programs and projects two of the main areas of interest for local government in 2006 are;

- 1) The review of the NRM Plan and RIS planned for February to April 2006 (for the 2006/07 financial year); and
- 2) The establishment of the local government Partnership Panel to act as the key representative body for local government in the Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM region.

The review is part of the ongoing requirements under NAP and NHT as well as being a practical check to amend the Plan and RIS as a result of the evolving NRM situation.

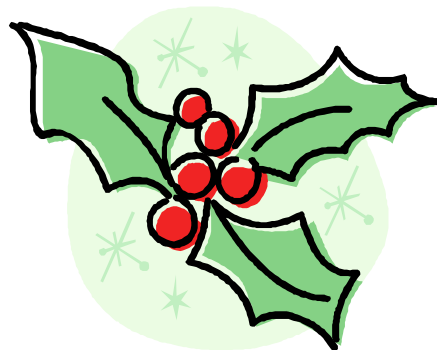
## Spot the Satellite

The BDTB is currently negotiating the purchase of Spot 5 satellite imagery to use as base mapping data for natural resource management projects and programs.

There is a possibility that local government will be able to access this imagery via a licence agreement with the BDTB. The BDTB will provide more information on the subject when arrangements have been finalised with AUSLIG (the provider of imagery and GIS mapping products).

to all:-

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



## Project Products on the Website

[www.hesroc-nq.org.au](http://www.hesroc-nq.org.au) and follow the link to the BDT Regional Local Government Network (NRM)

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