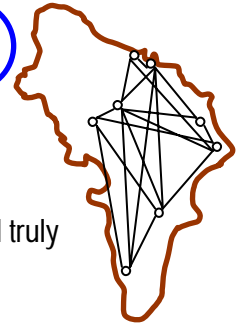


## Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM)

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**Happy New year and welcome to the first network newsletter for 2006!** The year has well and truly kick started already, with several events planned over the next few weeks;

### Recognizing World Wetlands Day 2006

On Friday 3 Feb. 2006 the Burdekin Dry Tropics Board is holding its Recognizing World Wetlands Day 2006, with the theme "The Burdekin Dry Tropics Region's Coastal Wetlands – how we better support life and sustain livelihoods" the event will run from 08:45 to 16:30 with drinks to follow until 5PM at GBRMPA Conference Rooms 1 and 2 Reef HQ Complex, 2-68 Flinders Street East, Townsville. The cost is \$20 if paid before Wednesday Feb 1st or \$30 at the venue.

For more information please contact David Reid Coast and Marine Projects Coordinator,  
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### Incentive Grants Program Information Sharing Session

The Burdekin Dry Tropics Board is proposing an 'incentives grants program information sharing session' involving all regional bodies and interested stake holders.

Goal: Improvement of incentive programs within NRM and other related fields for effectiveness and efficiency of decision making, 'bang for buck', M&E and reporting.

The session is for participants who:

Already have incentive programs such as devolved grants and would like to showcase their methods.

Already have incentive programs such as devolved grants and would like to improve them.

Want to implement an incentive programs such as devolved grants. When: Tuesday 28 Feb and Wednesday 1 March 2006 in Townsville Qld.

To place an expression of interest in attending, or if you have any queries please contact Kate Masters ASAP – on 07 4724 3544 or email [kate@burdekindrytropics.org.au](mailto:kate@burdekindrytropics.org.au)

### Regional Resource Condition Monitoring Workshop – 2<sup>nd</sup> March

The shape and future of Resource Condition Monitoring (RCM) in Queensland will be on the agenda for NR&M and Queensland's Regional NRM Bodies this year. Natural resource condition monitoring involves the assessment of the current state of a particular asset and the direction in which this asset is trending. There currently exists a complex picture of RCM in Queensland: what is being monitored and who is responsible for monitoring is not always clear. The Department of Natural Resources and Mines (NR&M) in collaboration with the Burdekin Dry Tropics Board will be holding a workshop in Townsville on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March that will attempt to address these issues.

The workshop will involve key stakeholders engaged in land salinity, soil condition and water quality monitoring activities in the Burdekin Dry Tropics regional area. Salinity, soil condition and water quality have been chosen in order to focus workshop activities, however, discussions are not necessarily limited to only these themes. The aim is to promote a more integrated monitoring network that meets the natural resource information needs across all levels of management (Local, Regional, State and Federal). Current and future monitoring arrangements will be investigated along with potential partnerships and investment opportunities that will contribute to an improved understanding of the status of natural resources in the region.

For more information on the workshop or to register your interest in attending please contact the workshop organisers;

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