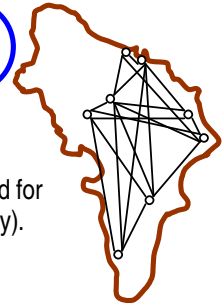


Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM)

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Partnership Panels and Local Government

Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM is in the process of developing partnership panels to act as operational mechanisms for building long term relationships between various sectors and the BDT NRM group as well as being the base mechanisms for general planning and strategic input.

There will eventually be four Partnership Panels being:

- 1) Local Government;
- 2) Indigenous / Traditional Owner;
- 3) Industry; and
- 4) Community.

The Health and Environmental Services Regional Organisation of Councils - North Queensland (HESROC - NQ) will be the 'cluster' for Councils in the northern section of the Burdekin Dry Tropics. As well as the HESROC Councils (i.e. Burdekin Shire, Charters Towers City, Dalrymple Shire, Hinchinbrook Shire, Thuringowa City and Townsville City) Bowen Shire will also be included in the northern cluster.

A new HESROC Working Group is being formed to take on the role as the northern cluster of the BDT Local Government Partnership Panel with arrangements to be made between BDT NRM and Belyando, Jericho, Mirani and Nebo Shire Councils for the southern 'cluster'.

The HESROC NRM Working Group will meet for the first time on Wednesday 14 June and discuss its operation and relationship with the other HESROC Working Groups as well as its role in the review of the BDT NRM Plan and Regional Investment Strategy (RIS).

The Partnership Panel clusters will be the main mechanism for local government input to the BDT

NRM RIS review, which is currently scheduled for September to October (previously April to May).

BDT Regional LG Network (NRM) Role

With the intention of BDT NRM to have a more participatory approach to engagement of stakeholder groups through Partnership Panels the role of the Local Government Network is evolving as the BDT NRM takes on some of the communication and consultation processes and other tasks previously carried out by the Network.

The Local Government Network will continue to be supported by HESROC to act as a conduit for information sharing, relationship building and NRM capacity enhancement within and between local governments in the Burdekin Dry Tropics region.

There will also be occasions for the Network to act as a regional advocate for the views of local government for matters that are not dealt with through the Partnership Panel or other BDT NRM processes e.g. submissions about regional NRM arrangements and project applications outside the scope of regional NRM groups.

Belly Ache Bush Field Day

A Bellyache Bush Field Day will be hosted by Dalrymple Landcare Committee, CRC Weed Management, Dalrymple Shire Council and the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water on Saturday June 24 at Barkla Station. For more information please visit www.burdekindrytropics.org.au/

Defeating the Weeds Menace

The funding application prepared by HESROC on behalf of the BDT Regional Local Government Network (NRM) was unsuccessful in the last round. Consideration will be given to resubmitting an amended application in the next round. Stay tuned.

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