

Board Meeting in Brief held 2 December 2011

Key Discussion Items

The Board congratulated Darryl Stewart and Cr Tony Ricciardi who were re-elected to their sectors, Community Landcare and Local Government, respectively. BMRG's four new Directors were welcomed to their first meeting:

Community Coastal Management	Mr Lindsay Cunneen
Community Conservation	Mr Dale Hollis
Secondary/Tertiary Industry	Mr Lance Stone
External Director	Mr Colin Chapman

Appointments were made to the Board's three sub-committees of Finance, Governance and NRM. Lance Stone, Darryl Stewart and Alan McGrigor were elected to chair these sub-committees.

The Board also defined the composition of its Executive to consist of the chairs of the above committees as well as the Deputy Chair. Cr Graham Engeman was elected Deputy Chair.

The Board endorsed the Communication and Engagement Plan. This plan is an integral element in BMRG's aim to enhance stakeholder engagement and is aligned to the Business Plan with detailed actions and timeframes. The plan also details activities for directors to undertake or participate in.

The Board endorsed a small grant program targeted at weeds and pests. Stakeholders and partners will be invited to apply with final selection to be assessed against a criteria set.

The Advisory Groups to support the Great Sandy Man and the Biosphere met again at Gympie and Maryborough. Both meetings were constructive providing suggestions and contacts. The website will go live this year.

The Board was provided with an update on the new Model Work Health and Safety Regulations and model Codes of Practice coming into practice 1 January 2012. A review of risk items was considered in light of these new regulations and further actions identified. The financial report showed that projects and budget are in line with estimates. Confirmation has been received of extended Qantas/FFI funding and a successful open call bid for Coastal Community Engagement funding. All NRM milestones are on target.



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