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8 May 2015

Mr Matthew Magin
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Dear Mr Magin

Thank you for your letter of 27 April 2015 regarding the 2016 Local Government elections.

The Commission is in its planning phase for these elections and as part of that has written to all Council Executive Officers to open a line of communication.

The Commission will take into consideration the issues you have raised and will be making contact with your Council over the coming months.

Yours sincerely



Walter van der Merwe
Electoral Commissioner

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Zonta Club of Burdekin Inc

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

PO Box 2204, AYR. Old. 4807.

President: - Jan Hollingsworth

Correspondence Secretary: - Debbie Watson

18 May, 2015

Mayor Bill Lewis
Burdekin Shire Council
145 Young Street
Ayr 4807

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Dear Mr Lewis

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Zonta Club of Burdekin for the assistance provided by council in highlighting the issue of domestic violence. The addition of orange dye in the fountain for the month of May has attracted attention and together with media coverage we are hopeful of an ever increasing awareness of this problem.

The club is also appreciative of the installation of the Zonta sign on the community services board at the Lions Park in Home Hill.

Our club is grateful for all the efforts provided by council.

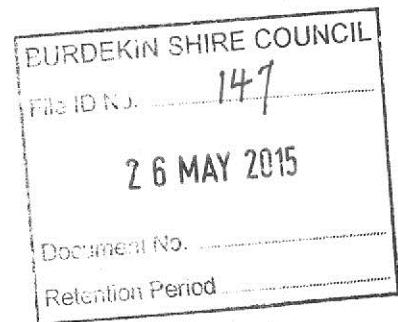
Yours truly

Debbie Watson

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BURDEKIN DISTRICT CANE GROWERS LIMITED

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ABN 30 168 732 269



25 May 2015

Attention: Mr Matthew Magin
Chief Executive Officer
Burdekin Shire Council
145 Young Street
AYR QLD 4807

Dear Matthew

We refer to correspondence received from the Mayor, Councillor Lewis, dated 12 February 2015 in which our organisation was invited to provide a list of relevant questions relating to Council's general rating policy and then arrange a meeting with Councillors by contacting you.

After due consideration and a further discussion with our members, our organisation considers the predominate question for Councillors to address with sugar cane farmers, is how the Council justifies a category D ratepayer paying approximately three times the general rates of a category B ratepayer when their properties have identical unimproved land valuations.

We would appreciate a meeting with all Councillors attending as soon as possible, and in this regard, please nominate your preferred dates for the meeting.

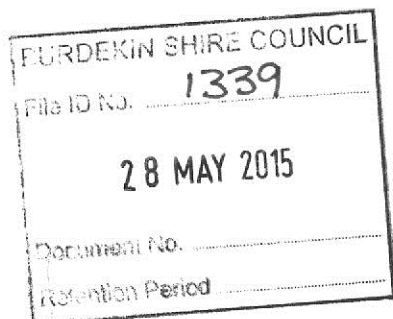
We await your early reply.

Yours faithfully
BURDEKIN DISTRICT CANE GROWERS LTD

Julie Artiach
MANAGER AND COMPANY SECRETARY

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21 May 2015

Matthew Magin
CEO
Burdekin Shire Council
P.O. Box 974
Ayr QLD 4807

Dear Matthew

I just wanted to thank you for giving SunRice the opportunity to present at the Burdekin Shire Value-Adding Seminar.

We enjoyed meeting you over dinner and I believe you have an incredibly vibrant, progressive region to manage.

We look forward to establishing a successful rice industry and working together in the future.

Kind regards
David Keldie

**General Manager Global Consumer Markets
SunRice**

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**Australian Local
Government
Women's Association
Queensland State
Conference**

22-24 July 2015
Host & Platinum Sponsor:
North Burnett Regional Council

To register as a delegate for the 2015 ALGWA State Conference, this registration form must be completed and returned to North Burnett Regional Council by COB Wednesday, 1 July 2015. Full registration will include:

- Mayoral Welcome Function Wednesday, 22 July 2015;
- Transport to and from Welcome Function;
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on Thursday, 23 July 2015;
- Bush Dinner on the evening of Thursday, 23 July 2015;
- Transport to and from Bush Dinner;
- Networking Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea on Friday, 24 July 2015;
- All conference material, sponsors information, presenter's session notes;
- Conference satchel and gift;
- Transport from and to Bundaberg Airport (if required).

A Tax Invoice will be sent to you within 14 days of this registration form being received by North Burnett Regional Council

Join the conversation and become a member of the ALGWA Facebook Group - <http://on.fb.me/1IQliXY> Delegates will be able to share information, connect with other conference participants and be up to date with all the latest Conference information. Also follow the conference on Twitter [#ALGWAQ15](#)

PERSONAL DETAILS		
Title:	Surname:	First Name:
Badge Name <i>(if different to the above)</i>		
Dietary Requirements:		
Organisation:		
Address:		
Suburb:		
Email		
Phone:	Fax:	Mobile:

ACCOMPANYING PERSON DETAILS

Title:	Surname:	First Name:
Badge Name <i>(if different to the above)</i>		
Dietary Requirements:		
Other Requirements:		

REGISTRATION TYPE	COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Full Member – Early Bird*	\$680		
Non Member – Early Bird*	\$780		
Full Member – Standard	\$780		
Non Member – Standard	\$880		
Day Delegate (Member) – Early Bird*	\$380		
Day Delegate (Non Member) – Early Bird*	\$430		
Day Delegate (Member)	\$430		
Day Delegate (Non Member)	\$480		
* Early Bird pricing will apply until COB Friday, 26 June 2015.			

SOCIAL EVENTS *(to be completed by full registration attendees only) included with Member Registrations*

For attendance and catering purposes, please indicate the included social events you will be attending (please ✓ tick):

- ☐ Mayor's Welcome Reception; Wednesday 22 July 2015
- ☐ Bush Dinner; Thursday 23 July 2015
- ☐ Networking Breakfast; Friday 24 July 2015

SOCIAL EVENT TICKETS FOR DAY DELEGATE/ACCOMPANYING PERSON	COST P/P	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Accompanying Person – Full Registration – Includes Mayors Welcome, Bush Dinner, Thursday Conference program, Network Breakfast & Friday Mystery Tour	\$450		
Mayor's Welcome Reception Wednesday 22 July 2015	\$50		
Bush Dinner Thursday 23 July 2015	\$140		
Networking Breakfast Friday 24 July 2015	\$50		
Partner Mystery Tour Only - Friday	\$75		
Please ✓ tick if you require transport to/from Bundaberg Airport (<i>Pick up Wednesday Returning Saturday Only</i>)			
Total Invoice Amount			

CONFIRMATION & CANCELLATION INFORMATION

Registration will be confirmed via email once registration form and full payment has been received and processed.

A full refund will be made for cancellations received in writing to Conference Secretariat 20 working days prior to the conference. Cancellations received after this or non-attendance will not receive a refund.

PAYMENT OPTION A – CREDIT CARD

Card Type (please circle): MasterCard VISA

Card Number: ____ / ____ / ____ / ____

Name on Card: _____

Expiry Date: ____ / ____ CCV: ____

PAYMENT OPTION B – CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER

Cheque or money order can be made payable to North Burnett Regional Council and mailed with this registration form.

PAYMENT OPTION C – DIRECT DEPOSIT

Account Name	North Burnett Regional Council
Bank	National Australia Bank
BSB	084-560
Account Number	75-495-1697
Reference (eg ALGWA and your Surname)	
Please email remittance to: ALGWAQ15@northburnett.qld.gov.au	

TO MAIL

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Receipt No.	Delegates Tag Created
Delegate No.	Conference Satchel
Registration Confirmed	Transport Requirements

Don't forget to share you're attending #ALGWAQ15

ACCOMODATION:

Council encourages delegates to book accommodation early, as there are limited rooms available.

Below is a list of accommodation houses and contact details. Please, when booking, ensure you advise you are booking as part of the ALGWA Conference and use the following code.

ALGWAQ15



Gayndah Motel Listings

Country Roads Inn	4261 2211	56 Capper Street
Gayndah Colonial Motor Inn	4161 1999	62 Capper Street
Gayndah A Motel	4161 2500	4 Mick Lutvey Street
Golden Orange Motel	4161 1107	5 - 7 Maltby Place

Should you have difficulties booking accommodation, please contact the North Burnett Regional Council for assistance.



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Wednesday 22 July, 2015:

- 3.00pm: **Registrations open**
Gayndah Town Hall (38 Capper St)
- 6.00pm: **Mayor's Welcome Reception**
Gayndah Art Gallery (34 Meson St)
Wine and cheese function Regional Art Show
(Stiletto heels must be covered to not damage the soft timber flooring)

Thursday 23 July, 2015:

- 8.00am: **Registrations open**
Gayndah Town Hall (38 Capper St)
- 8.45am: **MC Conference Open and Welcome for the day**
Welcome to country, Australian Anthem & Candle Lighting Ceremony
- 9.00am: **Official Conference Launch**
- 9.15am: **Board buses**
- 9.30am: **Mayor's Address** –Mayor Don Waugh, North Burnett Regional Council
- 9.45am: **Tastes of Citrus Morning Tea** - Glenellen Orchard
- 10.15am: **Glenellen Orchard and packing shed tour** (1.5 hour)
- 11.45am: **Board buses** - Travel Gayndah-Mundubbera Road to Mundubbera
- 12.00: **Horticultural Visit** – Blueberry Farm
- 12.45pm: **Lunch** - Mundubbera Bowls Club
Free Time to look around the town of Mundubbera
- 2.30pm: **Key Note Speaker**
Mundubbera Town Hall
- 3.15pm: **Board buses**
- 4.00pm: **Sunset Afternoon Tea**
McConnell's Lookout - wine, cheese, nibbles
- 4.45pm: **Board buses** back to Gayndah to change for evening function
- 6.00pm: **Bush Dinner**
Buses will transport to the Gayndah Show Hall for a night of country fun

Friday 24 July, 2015:

- 6:30am – 8:00 **Networking Breakfast** - Local Snapshots
- 8:30am **MC Conference Open and Welcome for the day**
- 8.45am: **ALGWA Queensland President's Address**
- 9.15am: **Queensland Treasury Corporation**
Establishing a transparent & value for money framework for making project decisions
- 9:45am **Presentation Social Media and Natural Disasters**
- 10.30am: **Morning Tea**
- 11.00am: **Keynote Speaker** – International Guest
- 11.45am: **Industry Presentation**
- 12:15pm: **Presentation** by Brisbane City Council 2016 ALGWA Conference
- 12.30pm: **Lunch**
Free Time to explore the main street of Gayndah
- 2.00pm: **Keynote Speaker**
- 2.45pm: **Handy Hints & Tips** for campaigning for 2016
- 3:15pm **Close and Afternoon Tea**
- 3.45pm: **AGM**
- 6.00pm: **Your choice networking meal** for those heading home Saturday

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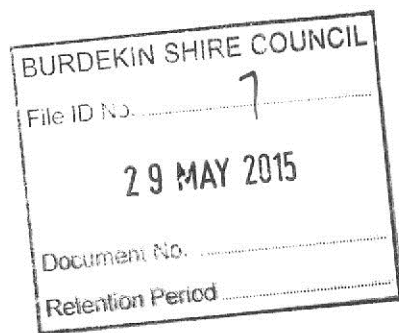
From: wendross@bigpond.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 3:48 PM
To: news@burdekinadvocate.com.au
Subject: RE: LETTER TO THE EDITOR

KEEPING THE BURDEKIN THEATRE

If the Burdekin Council is serious about keeping the Burdekin Theatre available for the people they must put more effort into making it financially viable. Instead of only looking at ways to make cut backs they should be promoting the Theatre as a business conference venue. The Theatre has excellent facilities for just this purpose and there would be “ spin off “ benefits for local restaurants , motels, caravan parks and tourism ventures. And the local shire council is there to promote business as well as act as a local government body. This way the people of the Burdekin would still have their theatre that they are justly proud of and care about. The increased use the Burdekin Theatre has makes “ The Friends of the Theatre “ even more important. As regardless of the event health & safety legislation states that there must be a certain number of ushers for the audience numbers. So I suggest that instead of a “ razor gang “ the Council needs a Burdekin Theatre promotion sub – committee.

Wendy Whiley , Ayr

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Department of
State Development

Our ref: DGBN15/475

27 MAY 2015

Mr Matthew Magin
Chief Executive Officer
Burdekin Shire Council
PO Box 974
AYR QLD 4807

Dear Mr. Magin

Matthew

Delivering on the Queensland Government's election promise to regional Queensland, it is my pleasure to announce the government's new \$200 million Building our Regions: Regional Infrastructure Fund which will be open for applications later this year.

The program is designed to strengthen regional Queensland by investing in critical infrastructure which enables economic growth and increases employment opportunities for Queenslanders.

The program includes four funds, three of which are new funds managed by my Department. These include the:

1. Regional Capital Fund (\$70 million over two years)
2. Royalties for Resource Producing Communities Fund (\$55 million over two years)
3. Remote Communities Infrastructure Fund (\$15 million over 2 years).

The fourth fund is the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS), which includes an additional \$60 million in funding available over two years. TIDS will continue to be managed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads, and information about TIDS is available at www.tmr.qld.gov.au.

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The government understands that the community and business thrives in an environment where well targeted infrastructure projects allow the delivery of essential services to the community and business. The government is committed to identifying infrastructure projects that will address current infrastructure constraints that communities and business are experiencing and invest in projects that act as catalysts to more regional economic and jobs growth.

Industry has also long had a role in supporting and delivering jobs and important infrastructure projects in regional communities - further contributing to the regional Queensland economy.

It is important that this program continues to build on the collaborative efforts from previous programs. Consequently, a key feature of the Building our Regions program will be the prioritisation of projects that have funding contributions from local government, business and industry.

I know you do a lot in this area already; however, I would encourage you to work closely with business and industry to accelerate co-investment opportunities for priority, shovel ready projects which may be considered under the Building our Regions program.

The Department of State Development (DSD) is currently finalising the guidelines and is working with the Local Government Association of Queensland to develop a program to inform councils about the requirements of Building our Regions. It is envisaged that this program will be rolled out during July and August 2015, prior to the opening of round 1 of the program.

In the meantime, I encourage you to engage with your local DSD Regional Office and visit www.dsd.qld.gov.au/BuildingourRegions for further information about the program.

Alternatively, you can contact Ms Maree Parker, Executive Director, Economic and Regional Development, Department on State Development, on 3452 7386 or maree.parker@dsd.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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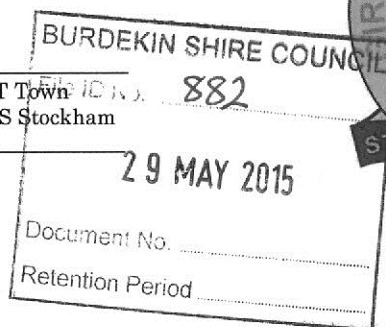
David Edwards
Director-General

Giru State School

Parents and Citizens Association

Luxton Street, GIRU QLD 4809

President: D Gallego Vice President: T Town
Secretary: K Johnson Treasurer: S Stockham



The CEO, Burdekin Shire Council,

Giru State School was responsible for the grounds located beside the school, locally known as the "Show Grounds", for a number of years. During the time the school was responsible for the area we maintained it for school and community use and a number of events were held each year, including school sports day, cricket matches, cross country and community U8s Day activities. In recent years, school funding for mowing and maintenance have been reduced. Regrettably, therefore, the school has had to relinquish their responsibility for this area.

The Giru Show Society approached our P&C Association seeking a letter of support for the "Show Grounds" to be returned to the care of the Show Society. We have discussed this matter and are in support of the Show Society caring for this area.

When making a decision regarding this area, we ask that the Council consider that these grounds are in close proximity to our school and students. The area on the boundary (facing that area) is difficult for school staff to supervise due to the location of buildings and there is no buffer zone (e.g. trees), which are present on the other side of our school grounds. If this area was to be used as a caravan park, we are very concerned that the safety of our students may be put at risk. The safety of our students is paramount. We, therefore, strongly object to this area being used as a caravan park.

Any decision regarding these grounds must carefully consider:

- The maintenance required for regular mowing/slashing, and keeping a clear, tidy and rubbish free area that limits the harbouring of snakes or other animals that may pose a threat to the safety of students, staff, parents, volunteers and other visitors to the school grounds, and
- The proximity of the school and the safety of our students.

The area is also known to flood in a regular wet season and consideration must be given to the impact of flooding and the flow of water. We would be concerned that the school could be impacted by debris or other items flowing into the school grounds. We already have a major clean up job after flooding and would not like to see this become a more complex task.

We would welcome the continued availability of this area for both the school and community for sporting and social events.

Thanking you

Donna Gallego
President
Donna Gallego

Tracey Town
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Tracey Town

Karyn Johnson
Secretary
Karyn Johnson

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Dear Burdekin Shire Council

Thankyou for sponsoring the
10 years and under Novelty/Musical
Theatre Vocal Solo which I
proudly won at this years
eisteddfod I had fun!

From

Eliza Worlein

From: [Lauren Oakey](#)
To: [Lauren Oakey](#)
Cc: [Shayne Silcox](#); "[Adrian Beresford-Wyllie](#)"
Subject: For the attention of the CEO - communication regarding the Financial Assistance Grants from ALGA and LGMA National
Date: Friday, 29 May 2015 12:23:15 PM
Attachments: [ALGA - LGMA letter 29052015.pdf](#)

Dear colleague

Both ALGA and LGMA are calling all Councils across Australia to support our organisations' campaign to see the end to the indexation freeze of the Financial Assistance Grants as outlined in the attached letter.

LGMA determined at the recent meeting of the Federation to boost its role and voice in the review of the Federation process and we both seek and encourage your support and input in this process.

As such, LGMA is proud to be working with ALGA on this campaign regarding such a significant issue affecting local government.

Yours sincerely,
Lauren Oakey

Lauren Oakey | Chief Executive
Local Government Managers Australia | National Office

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29 May, 2015

Dear colleague,

Re: Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government

The President of the local government association in your state, together with the President of the Australian Local Government Association, recently wrote to your council seeking support for the associations' advocacy aimed at the immediate restoration of indexation for Financial Assistance Grants which councils receive from the Australian Government. We are writing to you to enlist your support in encouraging your council to play its part in that advocacy campaign.

Financial Assistance Grants are an important untied payment to councils from the Australian Government which are invested in essential community infrastructure and services ranging from local roads and parks to swimming pools and libraries. These grants are a vital part of the revenue base of all councils, and this year councils will receive \$2.3 billion from the Australian Government under this program.

You will know the impact of the Government's decision to freeze the indexation of Financial Assistance Grants on your council. At a national level, however, funding is not keeping pace with demand for services and infrastructure in local communities and the decision in last year's Federal Budget to freeze indexation of Financial Assistance Grants for 3 years will worsen this. Freezing Financial Assistance Grants at their current level until 2017-18 will result in a permanent reduction in the Financial Assistance Grants base by 13%.

Persuading the Commonwealth Government to end the indexation freeze early will be challenging but the task is made more difficult by the lack of acknowledgment many councils give to the Financial Assistance Grants funding they receive. This is why ALGA and state associations asked each council to pass a resolution acknowledging the importance of the grants in assisting councils to provide important community infrastructure. Councils have also been asked to acknowledge the receipt of Financial Assistance Grants from the Commonwealth in media releases and council publications, including annual reports.

The Financial Assistance Grants are paid quarterly and to illustrate the importance and impact of the grants councils were also asked to identify an individual project of a similar size to their annual or quarterly grants payment and to highlight this to the media and their local Federal Member and Senator in a positive story on the grant funds.

Local government across the country has been united in its determination to see indexation restored as soon as possible and our objective must be to see an end to the freeze in 2016-17, a year earlier than planned. Doing so will limit the reduction in the base of the grants and restore around \$200 million in Financial Assistance Grants funding to our communities.

This is important for every Australian community and for the financial sustainability of our councils. We must continue to build momentum for the early restoration of indexation and ensure that the Federal Government and MPs are fully aware of the consequences for local communities. Your support for this effort will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Dr Shayne Silcox
President
LGMA National



Adrian Beresford-Wylie
Chief Executive
ALGA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP (EDSAG)

Meeting held on Thursday, 30th April 2015

Held at Gary Spotwood's Residence
Commencing at 7am
(Appendix A – Action Table)

1. ATTENDANCE

Mr. Dan Horan (Chair)
Mr. Adrian Scott
Ms. Eliza Lovell
Cr. Lyndy McCathie
Mr. Gary Spotwood
Mr. John Maloney
Mr. Talbot Cox
Ms. Julie Davies
Mr. David Sartori

Apologies for Absence:

Mr. Matthew Magin
Ms. Carmel Dal Ponte
Mr. Jim Collins
Mr. Darren West
Mr. Gordon Edwards

2. PRESENTATION BY DAVID SARTORI, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LOWER BURDEKIN WATER

David provided an overview of Lower Burdekin Water operations and future projects.

3. REVIEW OF ACTION TABLE

Meeting No. 3 & 4

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Adrian and Eliza had a teleconference with Major Dan Rojo, Lavarack Barracks on March 19. Major Rojo provided information on the Townsville Base as follows:

- Townsville is usually a 2yr posting and is a rapid response base so personnel need to reside in close proximity.
 - Temporary Rent Allowance depends on certain criteria and is assessed on individual circumstances.
 - There has been a reduction in the number of personnel relocating to Townsville.
 - Defence Housing Australia is a separate organisation to Defence. Some personnel do live at base during the week and home on weekends, however, this is not favoured as there is limited space on base.
 - Defence Community Organisation put together a relocation information pack. Eliza has forwarded a variety of Burdekin information that can be included in packs and on their website.
 - We also have a number of contacts within Defence that we can forward information on our shire and events regularly to promote to personnel.
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4. PROJECTS UPDATE

Adrian and Eliza provided an update on the following Economic Development projects:

- Ayr Aerodrome - PDM appointed as consultant to undertake project.
 - Burdekin Map - Produced to showcase Primary Resources, Infrastructure and Investment
 - Investment DVD - Proof of new Investment DVD shown for feedback
 - Industrial Estate
 - Oak Tree Group
 - MBD Energy
 - CMCA Leave No Trace Site
 - LED Street Lighting
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5. LETTER FROM FRANK MUGICA

Discussion held on correspondence received from Frank Mugica regarding benefits of sugarcane juice. It was noted that a response letter be sent from the group thanking him for the information and advise that there are companies investigating opportunities for sugar cane juice.

6. MEMBERS' BUSINESS SUMMARIES/OTHER ECONOMIC COMMENTS

Members provided updates around the table.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30am.

7. TOUR OF RUSSELL CHAPMAN'S DAM - SOUTHERN IRRIGATION AREA

Mr. Dan Horan
CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX A – ACTION TABLE

Action Table – Meeting No. 7 – 30-04-2015

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5	Send response letter to Frank Mugica.	Adrian/Eliza	25/6/2015

Action Table – Meeting No. 4 – 11-12-2014

Agenda Reference	Action Item	Responsible Officer	Due Date
2-8	<p>EDSAG to aim for 1% of Defence personnel relocated to live in the Burdekin. Target major Defence locations.</p> <p>Action – Investigate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What type of base Townsville is? - How many Burdekin residents are in the army? - Temporary Rent Allowance - How we may be able to obtain a video testimonial from an Army personnel who owns property in the Burdekin. - Marketing to Sydney/Darwin army bases. Possibly present/attend a Wodonga trade show/Defence expo if held. - New Resident Kit for Burdekin Shire 	Adrian/Eliza	Completed

Action Table – Meeting No. 3 – 23-10-2014

Agenda Reference	Action Item	Responsible Officer	Due Date
2-8	<p>Adrian to contact Defence Housing Australia to obtain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate if we can include a letter promoting the benefits of living in the Burdekin in an information pack including real estate available and opportunities for partner employment (ie. casual positions in the health industry); • Investigate what Defence personnel are provided with when relocating and once they have relocated; 	Adrian/Eliza	Completed
4.2	Investigate what other deficiencies exist at the Industrial Estate.	Adrian/Eliza	Ongoing
7	Investigate what the international investors are interested in.	Eliza	30/11/2014
9.0	Encourage Burdekin Businesses to register	Eliza	Completed

	on the ICN Gateway.		
9.0	Contact James Doyle (DSDIP) re-Defence discretionary fund	Adrian	Completed

Action Table – Meeting No. 2 – 11-09-2014

Agenda Reference	Action Item	Responsible Officer	Due Date
9.0	Eliza to forward updates on NQ2031 working groups as they are received.	Eliza	Ongoing
11.1	Dan to discuss local ethanol market with Talbot.	Dan/Talbot	

Action Table – Meeting No. 1 -31-07-2014

Agenda Reference	Action Item	Responsible Officer	Due Date
6.5	Prepare report on positives/negatives on establishing a processing plant in the Burdekin.	Gordon	
6.6	Investigate grant opportunities to undertake gap analysis and capability/capacity audit.	Eliza	Ongoing