



## Correspondence

### CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

1. 1445494 \* 272  
Contiki Holidays Australia Pty Ltd  
  
People to People - Cease of Operations.
2. 1451026 \* 103  
Townsville Crocodiles - Townsville Crocs  
  
Bringing National Basketball League to the Burdekin - Illawarra Hawks Playing Townsville Crocodiles.
3. 1452063 \* 1224  
Economic Development Strategic Advisory Group - EDSAG  
  
Minutes - Economic Development Strategic Advisory Group - 9 July 2015.



**From:** [Kirsten Bain](#)  
**Cc:** [Laura Pestell](#)  
**Subject:** People to People - Update  
**Date:** Tuesday, 14 July 2015 12:55:09 PM  
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**Importance:** High

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Hi All,

It is with sadness that I send this email to you all today as it marks the end of a long running relationship for some of you with the student groups that have been coming to Australia for almost 2 decades. People to People USA has announced overnight that they will officially cease operations at the end of their 2015 season. In Australia, that means July 31<sup>st</sup> 2015.

I have been told there are no plans to operate internationally at all going forward and so this year will be the last time we see the People to People delegates visiting our incredibly country. The steady decline in travelling numbers, combined with the increasing domestic market within the US gave indications that there may be a strategic review however I fully appreciate this may come as a shock to some and understand your concern over what the future holds.

I want to reassure you that the remainder of the season will continue to operate as business as usual and given that we manage all the accounts and bookings from our office here in Sydney, there is no cause for concern regarding payment of invoices etc.

We have notified our Delegation Managers this morning and asked them to continue to focus on delivering high quality experiences for the remaining delegates and I'm sure you'll support them as you always have in achieving this.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Kindest Regards,





**Kirsten Bain**

Head of Operations – Contiki Asia, Australia & People to People

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**From:** [Caroline Bottrill](#)  
**To:** [Email Registration](#)  
**Cc:** [Sandra Wight](#)  
**Subject:** Sporting Opportunity - Bringing NBL to the Burdekin  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 August 2015 4:45:48 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Dear Christine and Janice

I hope this email finds you both well.

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Caroline Bottrill from the Townsville Crocodiles NBL Club.

We are very excited to be working with your local association representatives Sandra White and Steve Plaza.

We have the opportunity to bring a NBL pre-season game to the Burdekin with Illawarra Hawks playing Townsville Crocodiles. This is a fantastic opportunity for regional families to get to watch a professional game in your own home town.

As I am sure you are aware both these clubs have recently come out of Voluntary Administration so budget is very tight, The purpose of my email is to ask if there is any grant or funding opportunities within the Burdekin Shire Council that may assist us all in creating an amazing night of entertainment for your town.

This opportunity will also assist your local association to generate new fresh interest in the sport and help it continue to grow.

We have proposed some coaching clinics with the players and children together with the whole Illawarra Hawks team and some Townsville Crocodiles. I believe Sandra and Steve are also in the motions of creating a Sportsman's dinner where locals will get a chance to dine with the stars and listen to some motivational speaking.

It would be fantastic if we are able to get some financial support from the local Shire Council to help bring this event to town.

I look forward to hearing from you favourable to this request

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information to assist you with your decision making.

Kind Regards,

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## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP (EDSAG)**

**Meeting held on Thursday, 9th July 2015**

Held at Burdekin Shire Council Chambers  
Commencing at 7am  
(Appendix A – Action Table)

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### **1. ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Dan Horan (Chair)  
Mr. Adrian Scott  
Ms. Eliza Lovell  
Mr. John Maloney  
Mr. Gordon Edwards

#### **Apologies for Absence:**

Cr. Lyndy McCathie  
Mr. Gary Spotswood  
Mr. Matthew Magin  
Ms. Carmel Dal Ponte  
Mr. Jim Collins  
Mr. Darren West  
Mr. Talbot Cox  
Ms. Julie Davies  
Mr. David Sartori

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### **2. PROJECTS UPDATE**

Adrian Scott and Eliza Lovell provided an update on current Economic Development projects.

- Ayr Industrial Estate
  - Ayr Aerodrome Masterplan
  - MBD Energy
  - Expansion of southern irrigated agricultural land
  - SunRice
  - LED Lighting
  - Solar Farms
  - CQU/JCU
  - ResiTech – Recycling of plastic fluming
  - Regional Qld Showcase - June 12 & 13
  - Australian Small Business Advisory Service (ASBAS)
  - Industrial Estate Function
  - Farming In Focus Newsletter
  - International River Symposium
  - 5 grant applications currently underway
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### **3. GROUP NAME**

Discussion held on renaming group. Burdekin Growth Alliance to be considered at next meeting as new name for the group. Dan Horan will contact members of the group in the coming weeks to obtain feedback.

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**4. MEMBERS' BUSINESS SUMMARIES/OTHER ECONOMIC COMMENTS**

Members provided updates around the table.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00am.

Mr. Dan Horan  
CHAIRMAN

## **APPENDIX A – ACTION TABLE**

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

<b>Agenda Reference</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
5	Send response letter to Frank Mugica.	Adrian/Eliza	Completed

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

<b>Agenda Reference</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
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

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

<b>Agenda Reference</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
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**

<b>Agenda Reference</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
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