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1 December 2016

Mr Terry Brennan
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Burdekin Shire Council
PO BOX 974
AYR QLD 4807

Dear Mr Brennan

RE: Elected Member Update (EMU) 2017

The 2017 Elected Member Update (EMU) program promises to be of unique benefit to your council participants as we continue to focus on professional development and providing up-to-date briefings on emerging issues.

The EMU workshop will provide a valuable addition to your councillors' education and offers the opportunity to reinforce key concepts relating to collaboration, leadership and community service.

Attendance at a regionally delivered workshop with the opportunity to join with neighbouring councils will be encouraged in recognition of the increasing importance of local government collaboration.

The program will again build on the 'big three' council performance domains of *Our Business, Our People & Our Story*. Other content elements include a segment specific 'state of local government' update which will give context and information on emerging issues, a customer service unit and a leadership unit. An update on critical and emerging issues along with interactive professional development opportunities relevant for elected members and senior staff is also included.

After preliminary discussions with your council, the LGAQ propose the following:

Location	Proposed Dates	Cost
Regional workshop with Charters Towers Regional Council at Charters Towers	Monday, 10 April 2017	\$375.00 per person

*A private in-house workshop can be arrange if this is preferred

The LGAQ can accommodate your council's requirements in terms of adjusting the program dates and/or content to suit specific requests.

To book or ask questions about EMU 2017, please contact our Members' Hotline on 1300 542 700 or ask@lgaq.asn.au

We would welcome the opportunity to help you get the next term off to the best possible start.

Yours Sincerely

Greg Hallam PSM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Monday 5 December 2016

Dear Mayor and Councillors

Enclosed is a complimentary copy of **BUSHIES: Stories from the first 80 years of BUSHkids – the Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme** for your principal Council library.

On 6 December 2015 BUSHkids marked its 80th year of service to the children, families and communities of rural, remote and regional Queensland.

Tomorrow, on 6 December 2016, we celebrate our organisation's 81st birthday with the official launch of our history book **BUSHIES**, by our patron, His Excellency the 26th Governor of Queensland the honourable Paul de Jersey AC, at a reception at Government House in Brisbane.

In 1935 the vision of our founder, Queensland's 15th Governor Sir Leslie Orme Wilson, was that no child's healthcare needs should be disadvantaged by the postcode in which they were born or lived.

Throughout our first 80 years of service we have held true to that goal, even though the BUSHkids of the early 21st Century is very different to that in the first half of the 20th Century.

We have been privileged to be an integral part of the lives of more than three generations of Queenslanders, helping more than 42,000 children and families across every district of our State.

As part of our 80th anniversary celebrations, we undertook to collect and recount some of these stories, compiling them with hundreds of unique and rare images from our archives; the product of this three-year, largely volunteer effort, is the magnificent book in this parcel.

BUSHkids' stories are integral to the stories and social history of Queensland, and it is our hope that your Council will assist in extending the reach of our efforts to your communities.

Thanks to the support of RemServ and its team of corporate volunteers, we have been fortunate to be able to provide one copy of **BUSHIES** to every Local Government Authority across the State.

If your Council would like to obtain additional copies of the book (RRP \$50 plus p/p), please call the BUSHkids Brisbane office on (07) 3870 7288 or email info@bushkids.org.au

For more information please visit <http://www.bushkids.org.au/who-we-are/our-history-book-bushies>

Thank you for the role which your region and communities have played in the stories of our first 80 years.

Yours sincerely


Carlton Meyn
Chief Executive Officer

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to Mayor*

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15 December 2016

Cr Lyn McLaughlin
Mayor
Burdekin Shire Council
PO Box 974
AYR QLD 4807

Dear Cr McLaughlin,

Re: Formation of a Regional Pest Management Sub-committee

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) has been funded to work with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to deliver the Invasive Plants and Animals Coinvestment Model. This project is a two phase process.

Phase 1 of the project involves the formation of a Regional Pest Management Sub-committee (RPMS). The role of the Sub-committee is to establish regional priorities for consideration by a Statewide Oversight Group. The establishment of the RPMS will ensure that your council will have input into the expenditure of the \$2.8 million services contribution of the Land Protection Fund.

Currently, your council is a member of the North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NQROC). It is proposed that the member councils of this group could function as the region's RPMS. A teleconference was held in November to advise the region's technical officers of this project. To date, the LGAQ have been unable to secure an agenda item at the meeting on the 16th December 2016.

Phase 2 of the project involves engaging a consultant to review the calculation methodology for the Onground and Research Component of the Land Protection Fund. The RPMS is the ideal vehicle for consultation throughout this review process.

The funding agreement with Biosecurity Queensland specifies that a regional prioritisation workshop should be held with each sub-committee by the 31st January 2017 to tie in with funding bids for the 2017/2018 financial year. I would be grateful if you could confirm your council's willingness to form a RPMS with other member councils of the NQROC. I would be also grateful if you could agree to ratify the formation of such a group at your next ROC meeting, should this be a favourable proposition. The enclosed Regional Pest Management Sub-committee Terms of Reference details the need for senior officer representation due to the operational focus of the work of the committee, although elected members are welcome as observers. This will ensure your council is adequately represented at future RPMS meetings.

For further information, please contact Ms Kristy Gooding, Senior Advisor – Natural Assets and Natural Resource Management via email: kristy_gooding@lgaq.asn.au or phone: 07 3000 2257.

Kind regards

Sarah Buckler
GENERAL MANAGER – ADVOCACY
Cc: Mr Terry Brennan, Acting Chief Executive Officer

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REGIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

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BACKGROUND

One of the most significant challenges facing Queensland is to prevent and minimise the impact of weeds and pest animals to agricultural and other industries, local and state resources, ecosystems and community wellbeing.

Local governments have previously expressed a desire to move from the existing Land Protection Fund (LP Fund) arrangements to a system allowing them greater control over the outcomes delivered from these funds.

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and the then Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry worked together to develop a new Invasive Plants and Animals Co- investment Model.

The model, developed consultatively between members of the department and local government is a new approach that includes State and local government joint decision making and allows for investment by other external parties.

The model requires governance groups and agreements for the investment of Land Protection Fund (Fund) into the Wild Dog Barrier Fence, Darling Downs Moreton Rabbit Board, Plague Pest Contingency Fund and On-ground and Research Services component that include local government representation and input.

The model has a greater decision-making role for local governments, particularly in relation to the investment of the On-ground and Research Services component.

Fund investment in this component will transition to project based investments requiring identified milestones and deliverables. This is facilitated through the development of Co-investment Agreements, signed by the relevant Regional Pest Management Sub-committee/s and the relevant delivery organisation.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Invasive Plants and Animals Co-Investment Model Regional Pest Management Sub-committee (sub-committee) is to:

1. Provide the regional governance for the activities and projects of the On-ground and Research Services Component;
2. Enhance local/regional ownership of projects and activities funded through the On-ground and Research Services Component.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the sub-committee are to:

- A. Identify priorities for investment that are based on regional pest management priorities identified in Local Government Biosecurity Plans, risk assessment of emerging species or issues and relevant State pest management plans.
- B. Review currently funded activities against regional priorities for continuation or transition to new investments.
- C. Consider interactions with other funded programs in the region, such as Land and Sea Ranger programs.
- D. Reach consensus on priorities and projects in a collaborative manner.
- E. Engage with stakeholders to identify other projects and priorities that leverage additional resources for enhanced outcomes.

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- F. Develop Expressions of Interest including approximate resource requirements for coordination and alignment by the Statewide Oversight Group.
- G. Engage and coordinate with other Regional Pest Management Sub-Committees on potential projects/activities.
- H. Undertake six monthly project implementation review and provide regional views to the Statewide Oversight Group about statewide projects.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following 7 principles will guide the decision making of the sub-committee:

Benefit - Local governments genuinely feel they benefit from the co-investment into the Land Protection Fund

Governance – Local governments and the State Government are involved in the decision making.

Transparency – Local governments and DAF maintain open and honest dialogue

Outcomes – Positive local and cross regional pest management outcomes result

Commitment – Local governments and the State Government commit to investment that delivers on agreed priorities identified by both parties.

Priority – Invasive plant and animal management is a priority for local governments and the State government.

Partnership - Invasive plant and animal management is recognised as a partnership across local governments, State Government and other groups such as the Australian Government, regional natural resource management groups and industry.

GOVERNANCE

Core representation on the sub-committee is required as a minimum from the following organisations:

- Local government (1 from each council)
- Biosecurity Queensland (1)

Representatives from the above organisations have decision-making rights and should be of a suitably senior position within their organisation to be able to make decisions on behalf of the organisation they are representing.

It is strongly recommended that representation from the following groups should be invited on to the sub-committee:

- Relevant other State department representatives (1 from each Department)
- Regional industry representatives (1 per industry)
- Regional NRM representative (1 per relevant regional body)
- Community representative (1 per interest group)

The local government and Biosecurity Queensland representatives may extend decision making rights to any non-core sub-committee members.

The sub-committee may form a working group/s of technical officers to inform the sub-committee's decision making.

CHAIRPERSON

The sub-committee will appoint a Chairperson from the core representatives at its first meeting.

The Chairperson is responsible for:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring meetings are conducted in a timely and professional manner; Overseeing discussions and facilitating agreement on key decisions; and Calling for agenda times and setting future meeting dates. <p>In the event the Chairperson is unable to attend a meeting an appropriate alternative sub-committee core member is to be nominated by the Chairperson to act as interim Chairperson.</p>
RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS	<p>Each member of the sub-committee is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formally representing their organisation in carrying out the purpose and objectives of the sub-committee; Contributing knowledge and experience to discussions, deliberations and decision-making; Undertaking the role with respectful professionalism.
DECISION MAKING	<p>All decisions are to be made by consensus, not vote.</p> <p>If the agreement of all representatives with decision-making rights cannot be achieved, the matter may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred to the next meeting; or Referred to the Statewide Oversight Group for final decision.
MEMBER PROXY	<p>At the time of nomination to the sub-committee, each organisation must also nominate a proxy. The primary representative must attend at least 50% of meetings per annum.</p>
SECRETARIAT	<p>At the discretion of the sub-committee.</p>
MINUTES AND AGENDAS	<p>The preparation of agendas and minutes is required. Both are to be circulated to all members of the sub-committee and their proxies.</p> <p>Minutes must be provided to each Council for noting.</p>
MEETING FREQUENCY	<p>The sub-committee is required to meet twice each year:</p> <p><u>Meeting 1</u>: Review priorities, review current projects against priorities, prepare Expressions of Interest, review existing projects against agreed milestones and deliverables and recommend adjustments/amendment or discontinuation if appropriate.</p> <p><u>Meeting 2</u>: Finalise Co-investment Agreements, review existing projects against agreed milestones and deliverables and recommend adjustments/amendment or discontinuation if appropriate.</p>
MEETING TIMING	<p><u>Meeting 1</u>: August each year</p> <p><u>Meeting 2</u>: February each year</p>
REVIEW OF THE TOR	<p>Any core member of the sub-committee may request a review or suggest an amendment to these Terms of Reference at a meeting, but providing an agenda item to the Chairperson prior to a meeting.</p>
ATTENDANCE AND COSTS	<p>Members may attend in person or by web/teleconference facilities, however fact to face participation is the preferred method.</p> <p>All travel costs for participation in the sub-committee will be borne by the member's organisation.</p>
RELATIONSHIP TO THE STATEWIDE OVERSIGHT GROUP (see Appendix 1)	<p>The sub-committee may provide a representative to sit on the Statewide Oversight Group.</p> <p>A brief report including any Expressions of Interest and Co-investment Agreements must be sent to the Statewide Oversight Group within two weeks of a sub-committee meeting.</p>

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APPENDIX 1:

STATEWIDE OVERSIGHT GROUP

The State Oversight Group secretariat will be co-contributed by DAF and the LGAQ. All positions are voluntary and funded by the organisations the individuals are from.

Role of the group

1. In relation to all the Land Protection Fund components, the role of the Statewide Oversight Group is to:
 - Oversee the establishment and application of minimum standards, requirements, tools and guidelines, including methodologies for prioritisation and project templates.
 - Provide input to the development of success indicators and success measures for all investment components
 - Provide oversight of methodology review/s and initial implementation of payment contributions
 - Provide advice to all Fund component governance groups in the event of disputes
 - Hold responsibility for the resolution of a dispute at the regional level, if a dispute is not resolved
 - Provide a recommendation to the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries if the resolution of a dispute cannot be reached within two months
 - Ensure complementary project implementation with the State Land Pest Management Committee
 - Hold responsibility for the resolution of non-delivery of projects and/or financial acquittals
 - Ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island local government interests are included in decision making of component governance groups
 - Receive six-monthly reports from the component governance groups and monitor the delivery of projects statewide
 - Report annually to the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and the LGAQ Policy Executive on the outcomes of the co-investments.

The group **will not** be authorised to override the decision making powers of the WDBF Panel, DDMRB or Pest Plague Contingency Fund advisory Panel. Its role in relation to these groups is to advise, support and negotiate resolution of disputes or non-performance.

2. In relation specifically to the **On-ground and Research Services Component** the additional role of the Statewide Oversight Group is to:
 - Ensure coordination and alignment of project EOIs
 - Approve projects for co-investment.

Required experience of members

Members on the Statewide Oversight Group must have demonstrated experience with invasive plant and animal management/research with representation from:

- Local government:
 - notionally one per each of the agreed Regional Pest Management Sub-committees; and
 - a mix of elected members, senior executive and officers
- DAF - 1 Senior Executive and 1 Senior Officer
- LGAQ - 1 Senior Officer

Winton: Queensland's Tidiest Town 2016

The Central West Queensland town of Winton has been named Queensland's Tidiest Town for 2016 by environmental organisation, Keep Queensland Beautiful.

Tidy Towns is the flagship program of Keep Queensland Beautiful. This well-known program aims to recognise and reward work occurring in towns across Queensland.

Winton, with a population of less-than 1000 residents, has today been awarded a four-star Tidy Town rating by Keep Queensland Beautiful for their commitment to a cleaner and more sustainable township.

Some projects that enabled Winton to be awarded the prestigious title include;

- One Million Stars – community engagement
- Geothermal Energy - \$3.5 million investment
- Lark Quarry refurbishment
- Long Waterhole protection (signage)
- Free public WiFi
- Integration of QR codes for tourists
- Outback writers festival
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs attraction
- Willie Mar heritage protection
- Winton War Heroes
- Litter prevention through unique dinosaur shaped bins
- Councillors going digital to reduce resource wastage
- Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan
- Publicly available water usage information
- Winton district historical society and museum

Winton's **Mayor Cr Butch Lenton** is extremely proud and honoured to accept this award on behalf of the Winton community.

Cr Lenton stated that "Winton is a unique part of Australia that quietly goes about its business in endeavouring to enhance not only the lifestyle experience of locals but also the many travellers who visit this wonderful little outback town".

Cr Lenton further confirmed "we are fortunate to have community members, staff and volunteer groups who work for the betterment of the Winton community and broader region".

Keep Queensland Beautiful's **Chief Executive Officer, David Curtin** commended the whole-of-community response to move towards a more sustainable community.

"From waste reduction and litter prevention, solar and geothermal, heritage and culture projects, Winton, without a doubt is making a real effort to Winton protect and conserve their natural environment"

"Tourists fall in love with Winton and I can see why."

About

Keep Queensland Beautiful's programs motivate people to enhance the quality of their local environment through personal initiative and community action.

Keep Queensland Beautiful is a not-for-profit (apolitical) volunteer driven environmental organisation with a proud 48 year history of delivering successful anti-litter campaigns and education programs.

Our flagship program; **Tidy Towns** aims to recognise and reward work already occurring in towns across Queensland. The 'awards competition' has been adjusted to an accreditation program to better reflect the comprehensive approach that has been a part of the Tidy Towns ethos for many years.

Each town is now recognised through a 1 to 5 star rating system based on their performance in key focus areas; Environmental Innovation and Protection, Heritage and Culture, Community Spirit, Litter Action, Resource Recovery, Waste Management, Water Conservation and Energy Efficiency.

Queensland Tidy Towns accreditation provides formal recognition of the hard work that communities are already carrying out to foster long-term environmental and social health.

- Boost community morale
- Encourage positive social change
- Promote local businesses, community groups, unique natural environment and cultural heritage
- Encourage tourism
- Enhance the reputation of the town as a great place to live

History

Queensland Tidy Towns started in 1974.

Honour Roll: http://www.keepqueenslandbeautiful.org.au/programs/tidytowns/honour_roll

Previous Winton Tidy Towns success:

2010: Regional winner: <http://www.keepqueenslandbeautiful.org.au/media-releases/western-queensland-s-tidiest-town-is-winton>

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BURDEKIN SHIRE RIVERS IMPROVEMENT TRUST

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13th December 2016

Mr Dan Mulcahy
Director of Corporate and Community Affairs
PO Box 974
AYR QLD 4807

Dear Dan,

On behalf of the River Trust I would like to thank you for the precept payment for the 2016/2017 period in the amount of \$180,000.00.

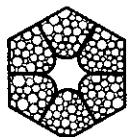
The Trust would also like to thank the Burdekin Shire Council for their continual support.

Yours faithfully,



Melissa Kelly
Secretary

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2nd December 2016

Mr Tony Vaccaro
Community Development Manager
Burdekin Shire Council
145 Young St
AYR QLD 4807

Dear Mr Vaccaro,

RE MUSEUM OF TROPICAL QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY PASS

Thankyou for your letter dated 12 September 2016, advising of Councils desire to reinstate the former Community Pass program arrangements and allow Burdekin Shire residents to obtain free entry to the Museum. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

At present the Queensland Museum Network is reviewing it's admission, ticketing and membership arrangements at all its sites across the State. As part of this we will be considering future partnerships with local councils. Due to this review we would like to hold off on establishing any new agreements until this is complete. We expect to have this review completed in early 2017.

In the mean time the Museum will continue to welcome Burdekin residents to the Museum under the arrangements of the previous agreement of half priced admission and half priced membership.

We are very pleased to have received your expression of interest for continued partnership and I look forward to contacting you in 2017 to discuss new arrangements.

Yours Faithfully

Peter McLeod
Director

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The Rotary Club of Ayr Inc,
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14 December 2016

Mayor Councillor Lyn McLaughlin
Burdekin Shire Council
145 Young Street
AYR QLD 4807.

RE: Renaming of front section of Plantation Park

This is to advise that the Rotary Club of Ayr is in full support of changing the name of the section of Plantation Park that contains current signage and equipment installed by the Rotary Club of Ayr Inc to "The Norm Perry Memorial Rotary Park".

Norm was a long-standing member of this community and of the Rotary Club of Ayr Inc, he was instrumental in assisting with the original installation of the Barbeques and signage in this area and for many years he and his wife maintained this equipment to ensure they remained serviceable to the public.

Peter Bird

President

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Leader of the Opposition

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Mineral House
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Dear Mayor McLaughlin

POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT: WiFi FOR TOURISM

I am writing to let you know about the LNP's plan to enhance local tourism with a \$3M capital infrastructure program for 500 WiFi hotspots in key tourist locations around Queensland.

We will do this by partnering with local Councils and Regional Tourism Organisations and encourage the use of social and digital media as a drawcard for tourists and a way of showcasing Queensland to the world.

Our plan will provide capital grants to local Councils and Regional Tourism Organisations to install WiFi hotspots. We will utilise the purchasing power of the Queensland Government to assist local Councils in negotiating contracts for administration and operational expenditure to ensure that operational costs are kept as low as possible.

If elected to Government at the next state election, we want to work with you and get on with the job of rolling out our positive plan as soon as possible.

I have **enclosed** a copy of our plan, for your information. To express an interest, you can simply respond to this letter with a submission about how this plan would boost tourism in your local government area, how many hotspots you are seeking and where they could be located.

As an example, a similar program adopted by the Brisbane City Council utilises existing infrastructure such as street lights and power poles, in high street shopping areas and public open spaces. We will negotiate an arrangement with Energy Queensland to install the WiFi hotspots. We appreciate the support of the Local Government Association of Queensland, a copy of their statement is **enclosed**, for your information.

My Shadow Minister for Tourism, Jon Krause MP and Shadow Minister for the Digital Economy, Tarnya Smith MP would also be pleased to visit your region and personally meet with you to discuss our plan. You may wish to contact them directly to arrange a visit, although I know they will also be proactive in wanting to discuss this policy with you and may be in contact with you as well.

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If you would like more information, your officers can contact Mr Nathan Ruhle in my office on (07) 3838 6730.

Yours sincerely

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TIM NICHOLLS MP
Leader of the Opposition



WiFi FOR TOURISM

Enhancing the Tourist Experience

The LNP's plan for digital tourism will increase coverage of free WiFi in local communities and key tourism locations across the state.

The Problem

The Australian tourism industry is in the middle of a boom period, with significant growth in domestic and international visitor nights and expenditure.

However, as other states and territories are powering ahead, Queensland isn't capitalising on our good weather and the lower Australian Dollar.

Labor have scrapped a number of LNP initiatives including the visitor expenditure target and our commitment to reducing red tape for tourism operators. A number of large-scale projects and new developments in Cairns, Central Queensland and the Gold Coast have either been downgraded or continually delayed.

Labor's continual scaremongering over the Great Barrier Reef, their policy on lockout laws and going soft on criminal gang laws damage our international tourism reputation.

Our Record

The LNP brought the tourism industry together for the first time in over two decades, through DestinationQ, to chart a 20 year strategic plan for tourism in Queensland.

We grew the tourism industry by \$3.5 billion by establishing the Attracting Aviation Investment Fund which delivered an extra 718,000 aeroplane seats into Queensland each year. The LNP also created Tourism and Events Queensland, as one single body working to grow tourism and attract more major events including across regional Queensland.

Our plan was about working with the industry and capitalising on our people and lifestyle, our culture and heritage, our natural wonders and our climate.

Our Real Plan

If elected, an LNP Government will **promote our key tourism destinations through increased use of social and digital media**, to ensure we get more than our fair share of interstate and international tourists.

We'll do this through a \$3 million capital infrastructure program over 3 years to **roll-out 500 new WiFi hot spots to key tourism destinations across the state.**

We will partner with local Councils and Regional Tourism Organisations to locate these additional hotspots in places that showcase Queensland to the world.

Using digital and social media to showcase the great tourism locations is a smart way to share the word that Queensland is a great place to visit.

We have an amazing range of natural and man-made tourism assets that are unique to Queensland and set our state apart from other tourist destinations around Australia. From the Great Barrier Reef in the Far North, to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs museum near Winton in the outback and the turtles at Mon Repos near Bundaberg we have an advantage that we need to capitalise on.

Queensland needs an edge to boost tourism and to ensure that we don't keep losing market share to our interstate competitors.

More than 20,000 extra jobs are predicted in the tourism industry over the next four years, but that won't happen without a plan to grow tourism.



WiFi FOR TOURISM

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What will be put in place to ensure that the WiFi isn't used improperly?

As is the case in Brisbane, users need to agree to a set of terms and conditions before they are provided coverage through the free WiFi network. If the user does not agree, then access is withheld. It is stipulated that the 'hotspot' is intended to be used in a manner that shall not cause offence or disruption to others. Usage of internet through this public WiFi to persons under the age of 18 is at the responsibility of their parent or guardian.

Users are warned that access will be withdrawn if one or more of the following occurs:

- your access is terminated by reason of a breach of those terms and conditions
- the wireless connection of the hotspot you are accessing is lost, disconnected or becomes out of range
- no activity is detected from your wireless enabled device for a continual period of 10 minutes while logged on to the hotspot
- you exceed the time limit of four hours
- you exceed the data limit of 250 Megabytes
- you attempt to manipulate or bypass any limitations of the hotspot
- we are unable to determine the IP address of your device
- there is an emergency.

Are there any examples of how a similar program is being utilised now?

The Brisbane City Council has rolled out a free WiFi program in public spaces across the City. These include in 22 local parks, the CBD, Mount Coot-tha lookout and South Bank parklands. Brisbane City Council is also rolling them out in high streets allowing residents and visitors to stay connected as they move around Brisbane.

What will the State Government do to help negotiate contracts for local Councils to keep operating costs low?

Under this plan, the Queensland Government would utilise its purchasing power to assist local Councils in negotiating contracts

for administration and operational expenditure to ensure that costs are kept as low as possible. It is expected that the State Government would be able to negotiate a more competitive rate with a telecommunication provider given its whole of government purchasing power.

Are there any examples of how this policy would be of benefit to the Queensland tourism industry?

On 1 September 2016, Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ) indicated that visitors were flocking to Cardwell to swim in a spectacular natural spa pool after the collection of photographs on the Explore Tropical North Queensland Facebook page went viral. The post was seen by 130,000 people and shared 7300 times. [View the post here](#) or at facebook.com/tropicalnorthqueensland. It was reported in the media that, "This word-of-mouth recommendation is working, with the Cardwell Visitor Information Centre noticing a significant increase in visitors and many more inquiries for directions to the spa pools."

What does the latest tourism data indicate?

The 2015/16 Tourism and Events Queensland Annual Report tabled on 29 September 2016 revealed that in the last year Queensland lost market share in terms of total overnight visitation (23.8% to 23.6%) in Australia and domestic visitors (22.9% to 22.7%) in Australia.

What is the speed of the data available in the Brisbane City Council area through their free WiFi program?

Brisbane City Council have advised that their download speed is up to 200Mb/sec and we would seek to negotiate a similar arrangement subject to local conditions.

To learn more about Our Plan visit
www.timnicholls.com.au

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MEDIA RELEASE



17 November 2016

For Immediate Release

Local councils welcome LNP's digital tourism plan

Local communities and businesses are likely to benefit from a new plan to boost the rollout of WiFi hotspots in key tourism centres across Queensland.

The Local Government Association of Queensland said the LNP's pledge to spend \$3 million on 500 new WiFi hotspots if it wins government would help ensure the local tourism industry had the right tools available to attract visitors.

LGAQ President Mark Jamieson said the LNP policy reflected the tourism industry's increased use of mobile technology, data analytics and social media to create new local businesses and grow existing businesses.

"The beauty about WiFi technology for councils and the tourism industry is that it helps to better understand visitors, both in terms of demographics and their likes and interests," Mayor Jamieson said.

"This announcement could lead to tourist operators and other local businesses using WiFi to attract visitors to new opportunities, like receiving advice that seats have just become available at a local show and at a reduced rate."

"Councils could also use WiFi infrastructure to better inform tourists and local residents about other community announcements such as road condition warnings or storms."

ENDS

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) is the peak body for local government in Queensland. It is a not-for-profit association setup solely to serve councils and their individual needs. LGAQ has been advising, supporting and representing local councils since 1896, allowing them to improve their operations and strengthen relationships with their communities. LGAQ does this by connecting councils to people and places that count; supporting their drive to innovate and improve service delivery through smart services and sustainable solutions; and delivering them the means to achieve community, professional and political excellence.

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19 December 2016

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin
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Re: Ayr Chamber of Commerce Christmas Street Party 2016

Dear Mayor

On behalf of the Ayr Chamber of Commerce I would like to express our sincere thanks to yourself, your Councillors and the staff at the Burdekin Shire Council for the support and assistance provided with the planning and running of the 2016 Christmas Street Party.

I would like to make particular mention of your staff in the Community Development and Works Departments. They were a pleasure to deal with and went out of their way to ensure the process was as smooth as possible for us.

We are extremely pleased with the success of the event and it would not have been possible without the support of yourself and our Council.

We look forward to working closely with you in the future and to hopefully running a similar event next year.

Yours faithfully
Ayr Chamber of Commerce Inc.



Dan Horan
President

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this certificate is awarded to:

Burdekin Shire Council

in recognition of

*your support and generous donation to our
fundraising efforts.*


PRESIDENT

1 December 2016

DATE


DIRECTOR

Dear Burdekin Shire Council

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you for your Continued
Support in 2016

Kind regards

Home Hill Kindy
Parent Committee.



Hon Bill Byrne MP
Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and
Minister for Rural Economic Development

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Dear Councillor  McLaughlin

Thank you for meeting with me at the Whitsunday Community Cabinet held on 23-24 October 2016, to discuss matters in relation to upgrading the former Ayr Racecourse into a multi-use racing, sport, recreation and community facility.

I appreciate the opportunity these Community Cabinets provide to meet with community leaders and discuss issues of importance to the local community.

The Queensland Government has asked Racing Queensland (RQ) to prepare a five-year commercial plan and infrastructure plan for the Queensland racing industry. I understand RQ has recently written to all racing clubs setting out the funding available for infrastructure development and the process by which funding applications may be submitted. Racing infrastructure funding will be considered against the priorities identified in RQ's infrastructure plan.

Funding may also be available to eligible organisations for sport and recreation infrastructure through the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing's *Get in the Game* funding programs. *Get Playing Places and Spaces* provides eligible not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations with up to \$100,000 available to help with infrastructure projects. More information on these funding programs can be found at

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/>.

Should they meet the eligibility criteria, I would encourage clubs to contact their regional sport and recreation officer, Mrs Melissa Stanford, Senior Advisor, Sport and Recreation Services on (07) 4799 7134 or via email melissa.stanford@npsr.qld.gov.au.

Council might consider making an application under the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development's Community Development Grants Program, which also supports community and sporting infrastructure. Information can be found at <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/communitydevelopment/index.aspx>.

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I trust this information is of assistance. Once again, thank you for participating in the Community Cabinet process.

Yours sincerely

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The Honourable Bill Byrne MP
Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries
and Minister for Rural Economic Development
Member for Rockhampton



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Mayor Lyn Mc Laughlin
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Dear Mayor McLaughlin

Thank you for your nomination to join the Bowen Burdekin Local Marine Advisory Committee (LMAC). I am pleased to advise that your nomination has been accepted by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA). The term of your appointment is until 30 June 2018.

There are up to five meetings of the LMAC each calendar year. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28 February 2017 at VMR building, Gillians Road, Ayr at 6.00 pm. You can find further information about the committee, its operations and the important role it plays in protecting and managing the Great Barrier Reef on the LMAC page of our website <http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/our-partners/local-marine-advisory-committees>.

Carolyn Thompson is the Regional Liaison Manager for the Bowen Burdekin LMAC. They are responsible for coordinating the operations of your committee and the other LMACs in the Bowen Burdekin region. Please contact Carolyn on 4862 9999 if you require any further information.

The GBRMPA aims to work closely with all members of your local community and we recognise the value of building strong community partnerships. These committees play an important role in the management of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and World Heritage Area, and we greatly value your participation in this process.

We look forward to working with you in the future as an informed and interested member of the Great Barrier Reef community.

Yours sincerely

Acting Chairman
Bruce Elliot

20/12/2016

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Dear Mayor McLaughlin

As we approach the end of 2016, I would like to inform you of a number of recent developments in the State Human and Social Recovery arrangements within the Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements.

As the agency responsible for the Human and Social Recovery function within the Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements, my department has developed Queensland's first overarching model for human and social recovery through consultations with stakeholders, including local governments. The model is titled *Operationalising Human and Social Recovery in Queensland* and provides recovery partners and stakeholders with a shared understanding of the arrangements, including the "why, how, who and what" associated in their areas of responsibility. This resource and many others are published in the Mitigation, Resilience and Recovery section of the Disaster Management Portal at <http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/dmportal/>

My department has also implemented a series of innovations to improve access to, and choice about how people access recovery services in Queensland. I am pleased to advise Queensland is the first jurisdiction in Australia to offer online disaster relief and recovery grants. In addition, members of the public can now choose whether to apply online, over the phone (through the Community Recovery Hotline) or in person (at a Recovery Hub). Similarly, people can seek referral to other supports and services, such as counselling, through any of these service delivery channels. Importantly, this enables community members to regain a sense of control following a disaster as they can choose how, when and what assistance they require.

These innovations represent a series of important steps in the right direction to help ensure the Queensland Government is well equipped and coordinated in supporting local governments to respond to the human and social consequences of disasters.

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We are continuing our community recovery innovations with a program of further improvements being progressively rolled out over this financial year. Priorities include initiatives aimed at better supporting vulnerable members of our communities, modernised intelligence and planning capabilities to assist us in better identifying and targeting service delivery to those most in need, and improving the training and capability development opportunities in this area.

I have enclosed a copy of our Community Recovery Information Kit which includes key messages and general advice on financial assistance and support services that may be available following a disaster.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services regional office in your area – please refer to the contacts page in the enclosed document for details.

Yours sincerely

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Shannon Fentiman MP
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Dear Mayor

Queensland Small Business Week (QSBW) will be held from 15 to 20 May 2017.

Small businesses make a significant contribution to the Queensland economy with 406 000 small businesses across the state employing almost 43 per cent of the private sector work force. The Queensland Government will be celebrating this contribution through a series of QSBW events to showcase the commitment, effort and passion of small business.

The Office of Small Business, Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games (DTESB) will work with councils, community organisations, local chambers and professional bodies to deliver a range of small business related activities during QSBW.

All activities and events will focus on delivering practical information, advice and networking opportunities, and will be in a variety of formats including webinars, networking events, mentoring sessions, workshops and forums.

2016 QSBW was a great success with 5000 people attending more than 100 events across Queensland and we will build on this momentum in 2017.

QSBW is a great opportunity for Councillors to engage and connect with small businesses in their wards, hear about the challenges they face and their ideas for the future.

For more information on QSBW please visit www.business.qld.gov.au/smallbusinessweek.

I invite you to support this large and diverse sector by promoting QSBW to your business community and hosting an event. If your council wishes to host an event or wants to learn more, please email smallbusiness@dtseb.qld.gov.au or telephone the Office of Small Business, DTESB on 07 3333 5245.

I look forward to sharing more information about QSBW in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Leeanne Enoch MP

Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy
and Minister for Small Business

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Premier of Queensland
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Dear Mr Magin

Thank you for your application on behalf of Burdekin Shire Council for the Queensland Anzac Centenary Spirit of Service grants program.

Spirit of Service is our new Queensland Anzac Centenary grants program in 2016 and I am pleased to advise that the Queensland Government would like to offer \$4713 (exclusive of GST) in grant funding for the Burdekin Remembers the Great War project to be undertaken in your community.

This support is subject to execution of a Queensland Government letter of agreement which may include possible conditions, relevant to your project.

We received a number of high quality applications from across Queensland for projects which aim to commemorate servicemen and women in the First World War and throughout the last one hundred years of service. Projects such as yours ensure that we continue to educate and engage Queenslanders about their service and sacrifice.

The Anzac Centenary Coordination Unit, Department of the Premier and Cabinet will be in contact with you shortly to progress these arrangements. The grants program team can be contacted by email at anzac100grants@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3003 9173.

Congratulations on your successful application. I wish you all the best in delivering this important project and leaving a legacy about the Anzac Centenary for future generations.

Yours sincerely

CURTIS PITT MP
ACTING PREMIER

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Dear Mr Brennan

I write to invite nominations for the award of the Public Service Medal (PSM) in the Australian Honours System and to seek your assistance in promoting awareness and encouraging nominations of worthy Queenslanders for recognition in the Order of Australia.

The PSM acknowledges sustained, extraordinary service by employees of the Federal, state, territory and local governments. The PSM is a high level honour and, in the Order of Precedence, is placed above the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), but below the Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

Outstanding service can be shown through:

- service excellence to the public, or to external or internal clients
- innovation in program, project or policy development
- leadership, including as a member of a team
- the achievement of more efficient processes, improved productivity or better service delivery.

The nomination form is a national format distributed by Government House in Canberra. However, it is also requested that the nominator take into account the Queensland Government's core values when preparing the nomination and to address the relevant values in the summary statement at the beginning of the nomination. As you are aware, the values are:

- customers first
- ideas into action
- unleash potential
- be courageous
- empower people.

The selection process is competitive, with nominations first examined by a committee, which is chaired by me. The committee then submits its recommendations to the Premier who forwards them to the Governor-General.

All nominations need to be approved by you, or the delegate of your organisation, and should be sufficiently detailed to enable a comparative assessment to occur. This information should include how the nominee's achievements are 'over and above' someone in a similar position, as well as sufficient independent referee support.

The nomination forms and completion details are attached and can also be obtained from the Australian Honours and Awards website at www.itsanhonour.gov.au.

Nominations for the Queen's Birthday 2016 Honours List are due by 1 February 2016.

I am also writing to seek your assistance in promoting awareness and encouraging nominations of worthy Queenslanders for recognition in the Order of Australia.

The Order of Australia is the principal and pre-eminent means of recognising outstanding members of the community at a national level. The purpose of the Order of Australia is to recognise those who have made significant contributions that benefit their communities and the country. The Order of Australia also defines, encourages and reinforces community standards, national aspirations and ideals by acknowledging actions and achievement and thereby identifying role models at all levels and in all spheres of the community.

The General division of the Order of Australia has four levels:

- Companion of the Order (AC)
- Officer of the Order (AO)
- Member of the Order (AM)
- Medal of the Order (OAM)

You can find more information online at www.dpmc.gov.au/government/its-honour. The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring that Queenslanders worthy of recognition in the Order of Australia are appropriately nominated. Any individual, organisation or professional body can nominate someone and nominations can be submitted to the Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat at Government House online at www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/nomination-forms.

In the coming years, the Queensland Government would like to see an increase in Queenslanders nominated and receiving recognition in the Order of Australia, including a significant increase in the number of women nominated for recognition. I ask that you promote the Order of Australia within your local government area, communities, professional networks and other organisations, and encourage you to identify meritorious individuals and facilitate their nomination through the community or relevant industry bodies.

Please find enclosed a communications pack to help you in this process. For an electronic copy of the pack, please contact Mr Tim Herbert, General Manager, Government Services in my Department by email at tim.herbert@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3003 9279.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring Queenslanders are recognised at a national level for their achievements, service and contribution to society.

I look forward to receiving your nominations.

Yours sincerely

Dave Stewart
Director-General



Deputy Premier
Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
and Minister for Trade and Investment

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Councillor Lyn McLaughlin
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Dear Councillor McLaughlin

Lyn,

Thank you for your letter of 14 November 2016 about the Ageing in Place project being delivered by Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) and expressing the Burdekin Shire Council's (the council) interest in joining the pilot program.

As you know from your discussions with EDQ, EDQ is a specialist land use planning and property development unit that develops sites on behalf of the government to achieve strategic objectives such as regional renewal, housing diversity, sustainability initiatives and community benefits including public open space and facilities.

As part of the Queensland Government's commitment to building safe, caring and connected communities, EDQ has developed the Ageing in Place project to deliver homes that address a critical shortage of housing aimed at keeping senior citizens within their community close to family and friends.

I am very pleased to support the inclusion of Ayr as one of the locations for the Ageing in Place project.

Recently, I wrote to you about the government's new *Advancing our cities and regions* (AOCR) strategy, which seeks to renew and repurpose property by partnering with private industry, communities and local governments to transform land into active redevelopment opportunities for the benefit of all Queenslanders. I have tasked EDQ to lead this initiative on behalf of the government.

Two of the economic and community zones within the AOCR strategy are 'regional urban renewal' and 'regional liveability', the objectives and outcomes of which are complementary to the council's vision to grow the Burdekin region.

I have asked Mr Andrew Sly, EDQ's Executive Director for Regional and Residential Development in the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning to meet with you and other relevant council officers to formalise the inclusion of Ayr in the ageing in place project.

I have also asked Mr Sly to work collaboratively with you and your council officers to identify projects and initiatives that meet the intent of the new AOCR strategy for the economic growth and community benefit of the Burdekin Shire for my consideration.

I look forward to hearing about your discussions with EDQ and to the formalisation of Ayr in the Ageing in Place project. If you require any further information, I encourage you to contact Mr Sly on 3452 7338 or by email at andrew.sly@dilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



**JACKIE TRAD MP
DEPUTY PREMIER**

**Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
and Minister for Trade and Investment**