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Minister for Local Government,
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10 December 2018

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Dear Councillor McLaughlin

Having travelled across the State, I am aware of the good work happening to encourage and support local communities to be welcoming and inclusive of people from all backgrounds and all walks of life. I am also aware that many Councils across Queensland, particularly those in regional areas, have a keen interest in building sustainable populations and economies.

I am pleased to write to you about the work the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs is undertaking to support Councils in their efforts to be as welcoming and inclusive as possible for refugees and migrants so Councils and local businesses can create new employment opportunities and have a local and willing workforce to meet their demands.

The Department, through Multicultural Affairs Queensland, is working with Welcoming Cities, which is an organisation focussed on assisting interested Councils to consider, commit to, communicate, plan for, build and sustain welcoming places for new arrivals.

Welcoming Cities has developed the *Australian Standard for Welcoming Cities*, a framework for Councils to benchmark cultural diversity and inclusion policies and practices across their organisations, identify where and how further efforts could be directed, and assess their progress over time. A flyer introducing the work of Welcoming Cities is enclosed.

The Department's work with Welcoming Cities may identify opportunities to strengthen the welcome and inclusion of new arrivals in targeted locations, through collaborations with Councils and the non-Government sector.

I have asked for Mr Wayne Briscoe, Executive Director, Multicultural Affairs and Engagement in the Department to assist should you require further information about the Department's work with Welcoming Cities. You may wish to contact Mr Briscoe [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP
Minister for Local Government,
Minister for Racing and
Minister for Multicultural Affairs

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What is Welcoming Cities

Welcoming Cities is an initiative that supports local councils, and their communities, to become more welcoming and inclusive. We are creating a national network of cities, shires, towns and municipalities who are committed to an Australia where everyone can belong and participate in social, economic and civic life.

Why Join

Welcoming Cities supports local councils, and their communities, to work towards greater social cohesion and economic success.

There are numerous campaigns and initiatives that support the development of communities where all residents can have a sense of value and belonging through social, economic and civic opportunity and engagement.

But how do we know if we're being successful?
How do we benchmark and advance this work?

Welcoming Cities recognises that, of all tiers of government, local councils are best placed to understand the complexity and diversity of their communities. However, they often engage in this work with limited resources and support.

How We Help

Welcoming Cities supports local councils, and their communities in four key areas.



Knowledge Sharing

Supporting local governments and communities to learn from each other and access resources, research, policies, and case studies.



Partnership Development

Brokering meaningful multi-sector partnerships that foster a sense of belonging and participation for all members of the community.



Standard + Accreditation

Setting the National Standard for cultural diversity and inclusion policy and practice in Local Government.



Celebrating Success

Showcasing leading practice through case studies and a national award that acknowledges welcoming efforts.

Welcoming Works

The continued success of multicultural Australia will depend on our ability to foster social cohesion as our population and cultural diversity grows.

Welcoming is about inclusion at all levels. It is a process by which all people can develop a sense of belonging. When people feel welcome they will participate in community life. Welcoming is the means by which local councils, businesses and communities can embrace and integrate migrant communities for greater social cohesion and economic success.

Economic Benefits

Over the next 35 years, migration will drive economic and skills growth in Australia. Migrants will contribute 1.6 trillion dollars to Australia's GDP, and 10 per cent more to the economy than existing residents.

Social Benefits

Currently, 100 Australian towns and regional centres are facing significant population, and economic decline. Migration and settlement are helping to:

- Increase local populations and add to the cultural vibrancy
- Revitalise local businesses and services
- Attract increased funding and investment.



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Mr Terry Brennan
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Dear Mr Brennan

Thank you for your letter dated 5 September 2018 to the Honourable Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations, regarding the allocation of teacher accommodation within Burdekin Shire. I have been asked to respond on the Minister's behalf, and I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing employee housing to support eligible departmental employees required to relocate to take up positions in rural and remote communities.

The Department of Education's employee housing portfolio comprises a mixture of department-owned properties, Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) owned properties, and privately leased properties. As at 17 September 2018, the department currently manages 25 units of housing in Ayr, and four units of housing in Home Hill.

The Local Accommodation Committee (LAC) is responsible for allocating units of housing to ensure optimum utilisation of available housing in the centre. Additional leases can be sourced upon request by the LAC members, who will specify the location, and may even nominate potentially suitable properties available for rent on the private market. The LAC members are heavily involved in this process as their local knowledge is highly valued.

Government Employee Housing (GEH), within DHPW, manages a centralised property portfolio of all general-purpose employee housing across Queensland, including housing allocated to the department.

GEH's strategy is to support the delivery of government services by providing good quality employee accommodation in rural, remote, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities where there is no rental market. As such, DHPW is progressively moving away from retaining government-owned assets in locations with established rental markets.

GEH previously flagged Home Hill as a potential divestment location due to an established rental market. In centres that have been identified for divestment, disruption to our employees is kept to a minimum.

GEH was contacted upon receipt of your letter, and the department has been advised that in the case of the Burdekin Local Government Area and specifically Home Hill, GEH currently has no active plans to divest its portfolio in Home Hill. GEH will continue to monitor this locality and in any future review will consult with both the department regarding its accommodation requirements, and the Burdekin Shire Council on its concerns.

The department will continue to work with its employees regarding these accommodation requests and preferences.

If you require further information or assistance, please contact Ms Gayle McGowan, Manager, Tenancy and Leasing, Infrastructure Services Branch, on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Please be assured the department will continue to collaborate with LAC members and regional office personnel to provide suitable accommodation for our employees.

Yours sincerely



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13 December 2018

Mr Terry Brennan
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Dear Mr Brennan

I am writing to you about the next round of the Palaszczuk Government's Works for Queensland (W4Q) Program.

The Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs has announced an amount of \$3,070,000 under the 2019-21 round of the W4Q Program has been made available to the Burdekin Shire Council. The Minister has written to your Mayor about the Program.

As with previous W4Q rounds, a key objective of the 2019-21 W4Q Program is to support Councils with job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works. Your Council should consider projects providing employment for young people (aged between 15 to 24 years) in the not in employment, education or training (NEET) category.

Funds provided under the 2019-21 W4Q Program, managed by the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs, may be used for maintenance and minor works to improve the condition, quality or lifespan of an asset or for maintaining a community asset. Funds may also be spent on enhancing the scope of projects already committed to by the Council.

Your Council will receive 50 per cent of its approved funding upon receipt of confirmation of Funding Approval to be paid in 2018-19 to better assist with planning and implementing your proposed projects.

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The 2019-21 W4Q funding period is from **1 July 2019 to 30 June 2021**. All endorsed projects must be delivered by 30 June 2021. There is no obligation for Councils to make a co-contribution under the 2019-21 W4Q Program.

I will write to you again in early 2019 with details about the 2019-21 W4Q Funding Program Guidelines. The guidelines will provide further specific detail in relation to the eligibility criteria, information requirements for each proposed project, key submission dates, and the State's requirements for involvement in key project milestones. In the interim, I encourage your Council to begin working on its List of Projects which is to be submitted in March 2019.

I have asked for Ms Jo Stephenson, Regional Director, Northern Region, Local Government and Regional Services in the Department to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Ms Stephenson [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W Agnew', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Warwick Agnew
Director-General



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON BOB KATTER MP

Federal Member for Kennedy



14 December 2018

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Dear Burdekin Shire Council,

Re: Request for priority projects for consideration in the Federal Budget

We write to request Council submit its top five priority projects (which require Federal funding) for consideration in the Federal budget. We are requesting this information off each Local Government in Kennedy.

We will collate each of the Local Governments lists and submit this as one consolidated Kennedy list to the Federal Treasurer for his consideration in the 2019 Federal budget. Please complete the attached table with information on Council's top five priority projects.

Top Five Projects:

Project name	Brief description	Project Benefit	How much Federal funding requested? (include total project cost and breakdown of other funding sources if appropriate)
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Please email this information to: [REDACTED] by 11 January 2019 – at the latest.

The Federal Budget has been moved a month earlier in 2019 to April – so we would like to get this information to the Treasurer ASAP.

With tight numbers in our Federal Parliament and the minority that the Government has become, we find ourselves to be in a unique position. While there are no guarantees we will be able to secure funding for all of these projects, it is important that we take a proactive approach and submit to the Treasurer priority projects for his consideration.

Should you require any further information please contact Katerle Pike in my Innisfail office on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

Hon Bob Katter MP
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The Hon Michael McCormack MP

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Cr Lyn McLaughlin
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Dear Mayor

We are writing to advise you of your Council's funding allocation under the Roads to Recovery Program from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024.

The Australian Government demonstrated its ongoing commitment to this important partnership with local government by removing the sunset clause for the Roads to Recovery program in the *National Land Transport Act 2014*; meaning no new legislation will be required for the continuation of the program.

In addition to our commitment to maintain Roads to Recovery funding at the current level of \$350 million per annum, the 2016 Budget announced that a further \$50 million per year will be provided ongoing. This brings total funding for the program to \$2 billion over the five years to 2023-24.

A total of \$406.8 million has been allocated to Queensland, which has been divided between the councils in the State on the basis of the 2018-19 recommendations of the Local Government Grants Commission for the roads component of the Financial Assistance Grants. This methodology is consistent with the allocation of Roads to Recovery funding for previous programs.

Your Council's life of program allocation for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 will be \$2,481,042. Councils will be able to enter projects for the new period of Roads to Recovery funding from 1 July 2019 and the first payment of the new program will be made in August 2019.

The program will continue to run under simple administrative arrangements with councils free to decide the projects to be funded. As per the current arrangements, projects funded under Roads to Recovery can be delivered as early as needed in the 5-year program life, subject to councils proactively identifying projects in line with their local priorities. You should contact the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Cities as early as possible in the new financial year should you wish to accelerate your Roads to Recovery spending.

The Department will advise you of the formal funding conditions prior to the commencement of the new program life.

This funding will help councils target genuine road investments that will stimulate local employment and help get people home safer and sooner. Consistent with the Roads to Recovery Statement of Expectations launched last year, we would like to urge councils to focus their funding on projects that improve the safety and quality of their local road networks.

The Government is committed to using Federal funding to improve employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians and we ask for this consideration to be applied to projects using Roads to Recovery funding.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind councils to allocate all 2018-19 Roads to Recovery funds to projects. You should also ensure that these projects are sufficiently advanced by the April 2019 quarterly reporting period so that all available 2018-19 funding can be paid out.

We look forward to continuing the successful relationship between the Australian Government and your council over the coming years.

Yours sincerely

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Michael McCormack

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Buchholz". The script is cursive and fluid.

Scott Buchholz



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Bureau of Meteorology

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Dear Observer,

On behalf of the Bureau, I would like to thank you once again for your contribution to the nation's weather observations.

Your ongoing contribution from your unique corner of the country, along with your fellow volunteers Australia wide, provides both your local community and the whole nation with detailed information of our unfolding weather.

Your accurate and timely recording and lodgment of weather observations helps us to better understand our weather; builds Australia's long-term climate record; assists flood forecasting and modelling; and helps your local community making weather-dependent decisions in agriculture or other industries.

As a crucial part of our network of volunteers, cooperatives, rainfall and river-height observers, you play a vital role in helping the Bureau of Meteorology enhance our ability to issue warnings and forecasts, and support our emergency services partners during hazards and extreme-weather events.

This year the Bureau of Meteorology commenced a program to upgrade every automatic weather station and weather balloon station across Australia and our Antarctic territories. This investment will secure our weather observing systems, improve forecast products and secure climate records for future Australians.

The Bureau of Meteorology is also participating in the Year of Polar Prediction international research project. We are deploying additional staff to Antarctica this summer to enhance the global understanding of the weather and climate in this unique environment.

It has been another big year for the Bureau of Meteorology as we have completed the program to install new Automatic Weather Stations located in Defense Training Areas to improve safety of operations, with the last remaining stations installed during 2018. Planning the next generation of upgrades to Western Australian coastal radars and the new radar for the Wimmera in Victoria are well underway.

Once again, I thank you for your invaluable contributions to the Bureau for the benefit of all Australians.

Yours sincerely,

Lionel Marshall

Acting, Manager, National Observing Operations.

October, 2018

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Hello Ryn,

Following on a conversation with CIVIC-MINDED councillor Uli Lessman, I am writing to ask for some assistance from Burdekin Shire Council, with a project dear to my heart.

Back in 1986, I built and erected a small monument at No 153 8TH AVENUE HOME HILL on the occasion of HOME HILL'S 75TH JUBILEE.

It is a replica of a stick of Q63 sugar cane, which I named "THE BIG STICK OF THE BURDEKIN." Other towns, up and down the coast, have their "BIG CAPTAIN COOK," "THE BIG GUM-BOOT," "THE BIG BULL," "THE BIG PINEAPPLE" ETC. We have the "BIG STICK" of the best cane-growing district in Queensland, if not the world.

I erected the monument to mark the Home Hill's 75TH, and as a tribute to the SUGAR INDUSTRY, its PIONEERS and its future. With the passing of time and a few cyclones, the STICK needs up-grading. The "LOLLIPOP LADIES" who use my building to store their gear and provide a very valuable service for safe passage for school-children crossing the Bruce Highway, all agree that the stick needs a face-lift. If the Councillors would agree to this request, I hereby give my permission for this project to proceed. Awaiting your reply.

With thanks and Faith in our great community,
 Sincerely,

Joe Riganò

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PS Season's Greetings to all.



Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef,
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Dear Mayor *Lyn*

Thank you to Burdekin Shire Council (BSC) for submitting a project proposal for funding under the Queensland Government's \$5 million 2018-2019 Local Government Levy Ready Grant Program (LGLRGP).

As you know, the Queensland Government announced the introduction of a new waste levy to provide an important market signal to reduce waste generation and the amount of waste disposed to landfill. Once introduced, the levy will also provide a source of funding for reinvestment into the resource recovery and waste management sector, and programs to help reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.

It is recognised that successful implementation of the levy requires appropriate infrastructure at waste disposal sites including weighbridges, security fencing and monitoring capacity. That is why LGLRGP was established as a one-off grant to fund necessary infrastructure upgrades at local government landfills and support councils to get levy ready ahead of levy commencement.

I am delighted to advise that BSC has been approved for funding for the following project as per the proposal submitted under LGLRGP:

Project title	Percentage of eligible project costs	Maximum approved subsidy amount
Burdekin Shire Council - Kirknie Landfill Levy Ready	80%	\$217 197.02

It is important that the benefits of this project be realised as soon as possible in order to ensure levy readiness. As such, it is a condition of funding that all works be completed and acquitted by 28 June 2019.

The Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs (DLGRMA) is delivering the grant program on behalf of the Department of Environment and Science and will administer the approved funding through the existing Funding Deed of Agreement (Deed of Agreement) between BSC and DLGRMA.

Under clause 1.3 of the Deed of Agreement, this letter forms part of the Deed of Agreement between BSC and DLGRMA.

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Further details, including requirements to assist BSC in delivering the project, will be provided to your Chief Executive Officer.

I would like to congratulate BSC on its successful project proposal, and I look forward to seeing the benefits that will flow to your community as a result of this important funding.

If you require any further information, you can contact my office on telephone [REDACTED]
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Yours sincerely



Leeanne Enoch MP

**Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef,
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19 December, 2018

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Dear Cr McLaughlin

On behalf of the Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland (RDA) Committee, I would like to thank you for your support during 2018. In lieu of a Christmas card, we are pleased to send you this letter as our Christmas and New Year greeting along with a gift of our annual calendar mousepad.

We also take this opportunity to reflect on our year's highlights. As a small not-for-profit incorporated association, we are proud of our achievements in advocating and facilitating for economic development across the 15 local government areas in our region, and also in our work on cross-regional projects.

Inland Queensland Roads Action Project (IQ-RAP)

RDA has continued to provide the Secretariat services and be the project manager for IQ-RAP, working with all 34 funding partners, including 28 local governments that cover 73% of Queensland, five RDA committees and RACQ. From 2016 to 2018, more than \$600 million has been allocated (as committed or "indicative" funding) by the Australian and Queensland governments into the prioritised roads identified in the first Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan.

In 2018, we updated this planning tool with the release of the new Inland Queensland Road Network Strategy and continued advocating for inland Queensland strategic road and bridge upgrades with federal and state parliamentarians, industry and community stakeholders. We have welcomed the Federal Australian Labor Party's commitment of \$500 million into upgrading Queensland's inland road network if elected at the next election. The IQ-RAP partners are also advocating for the IQ-RAP to fit within the Australian Government's 10 year \$3.5 billion Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) initiative and has made multiple representations to support this case. For more background on the project, please visit <http://rdanwq.org.au/iq-rap>

Regional Employment Trials Program (RETP)

We welcomed the announcement of the Australian Government's new Regional Employment Trials program, with our RDA and region chosen as one of the 10 trial locations across the country. The program will allow our region to trial local approaches to identifying employment challenges and tailoring solutions that take into account our labour market. As RDA has a judging role on applications, a sub-committee of the RDA Committee has been formed and so far over two sessions has judged four applications and made recommendations to the Department of Jobs and Small Business in Canberra and is looking forward to more applications in the new year. For more information, please visit: <http://rdanwq.org.au/resources-and-links/grants-programs>

Regional funding

As we know, a lot of small community projects would not be able to get off the ground without the support of government funding, such as the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF). RDA was pleased to see many successful applicants in our region receive funding under BBRF Round 2 this year.

Four projects in our region shared in more than \$1.4 million under the Infrastructure Stream, which included funding to Townsville City Council to create a new entry to the Townsville Airport and funding to Ronald McDonald House to improve facilities in Townsville for regional patients and families. Other recipients included Towers Players Inc and Townsville Astronomy Group.



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Eleven local projects shared in more than \$670,000 under the Community Investment Stream, which included the development of strategies, plans and events across the region. Recipients included Burke Shire Council, Cloncurry Shire Council, Gulf Savannah Development, Hinchinbrook Shire Council, McKinlay shire Council, Mount Isa Chamber of Commerce (Commerce North West), Prospect Community Services, Southern Gulf NRM, Stage Queensland, Steps Group Australia and Townsville Enterprise.

In October, RDA delivered BBRF Round 3 workshops to 39 people in Townsville, Mount Isa and by webinar, 13 one-on-one sessions in-person or by phone, and approximately 100 emails to support councils and not-for-profits in making stronger applications for this new round. Six letters of support were provided; and successful applicants will be announced in 2019.

RDA also supported the roll-out of the Regional Growth Fund and welcomed the Australian Government's announcement that the Townsville Marine Tourism Precinct project was successful in their Expression of Interest submission, with the lead project proponent Honeycombes Property Group now preparing a full business case to secure their grant.

Regional voice

We have continued to raise issues of importance to our region in Australian Government inquiries, in the form of submissions and appearing as a witness at public hearings and attending consultation sessions, including; the Inquiry into the development of Cities, Inquiry into the Indicators of and impact of regional inequality in regional Australia, the Regional Telecommunications Review, the Roads of Strategic Importance consultation and National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy consultation. RDA also provided input to several other regional engagement processes.

Regional collaboration through the Northern Regional Development Australia Alliance (NRDAA)

RDA has continued to support policy development and to prioritise investment opportunities, as part of its collaboration in the NRDAA, which comprises of eight RDA committees from across Northern Australia. The NRDAA also collaborates closely with the Office of Northern Australia, the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) and the CRC for Northern Australia to promote opportunities for regional economic development in the north.

RDA Committee

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our volunteer Committee members for their contributions in 2018 and especially our outgoing committee members Mr Jeff Jimmieson (2009 – 18), Professor David Low (2015 - 18) and Ms Kari Arbouin (2015 - 18) for their contributions over many years. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Chair Frank Beveridge for his support in the first half of 2018 followed by David Donohue as the Acting Chair while Frank has stepped down from his position to be a candidate in the next federal election. I also wish to recognise and thank Ms Ellie Edmonds, who resigned from the Executive Assistant position in October and welcome Ms Kerry Dean as the new Executive Assistant.

On behalf of Committee members, I wish to again thank you for your support for RDA and our region throughout 2018. We all look forward to working with you in 2019 to make it a great year for the Townsville and North West Queensland region. From all of us at RDA, I send our best wishes to you, your team and families for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully,



Glenys Schuntner

Chief Executive Officer



An Australian Government Initiative

Introducing

Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland

Regional Development Australia (RDA) is a national network of Committees made up of local leaders who work with all levels of government, business and community groups to support the economic development of the regions.

RDA Committees have an active and facilitative role in their communities and a clear focus on growing strong and confident regional economies that harness their competitive advantages, seize on economic opportunity and attract investment.

Working in close partnership with fellow RDA Committees, all levels of government, and the private sector, RDA Committees will:

1. Collaborate with relevant stakeholders to identify economic opportunities and leverage private and public sector investment to the regions;
2. Connect regional businesses, councils and industry sectors with international trade partners, financial markets and potential investors;
3. Promote and disseminate information on Australian Government policies and grant programs to state and local governments and industry, business and community sectors;
4. Support community stakeholders to develop project proposals to access funding;
5. Develop and maintain positive working relationships with the local government bodies in their regions;
6. Facilitate public and private sector decentralisation;
7. Assist in the delivery of Australian Government programs, where relevant and where requested by the Minister;
8. Engage with regional entrepreneurs and emerging business leaders to explore new opportunities to grow local jobs in their regions;
9. Provide information on their region's activities and competitive advantages to all levels of government, industry, business and community sectors; and
10. Provide evidence-based advice to the Australian Government on critical regional development issues positively and negatively affecting their regions.



Queensland Regional Development Australia Committees

There are 52 regional development committees in Australia, 12 of which are in Queensland.

Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland Inc was established as an incorporated not-for-profit association in 2009 to cover the north and north-west Queensland region, including the local government areas of Boulia, Burdekin, Burke, Carpentaria, Charters Towers, Cloncurry, Doomadgee, Flinders, Hinchinbrook, McKinlay, Mornington Island, Mount Isa, Palm Island, Richmond and Townsville.

RDA collaborates with all three levels of government and the private sector to facilitate and advocate for regional economic development outcomes to develop the long term sustainability of our region.



Introducing RDA Committee Members



Mr David Donohue

Acting Chair

David joined RDA in 2015 and took on the role of Acting Chair in 2018. He is an experienced company director, Chairs the Council of The Good Shepherd Home and serves as President of TropLinks Inc. David is the Managing Director of Townsville headquartered Queensland Corporate Communications Network (QCCN).



Prof. Sabina Knight

Acting Deputy Chair

Sabina joined RDA in 2013. The Director of Mount Isa Centre for Rural and Remote Health, James Cook University, she is an internationally recognised rural health leader with an extensive career in remote and rural primary health care, public health and education, and community development.



Mr Chris Briggs

Secretary

Chris joined RDA in 2018 and is General Manager at SeaLink Queensland in Townsville. He has many years experience within senior and executive management teams. Chris previously worked with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority as Director Tourism and Stewardship. He has also held a number of committee positions for industry associations and sporting clubs.



Cr Mary Brown

Treasurer

Mary joined RDA in 2017 and is the Deputy Mayor of Hinchinbrook. She has over 30 years experience in private enterprise, has raised six children with her husband and has established several local businesses. Mary is also a past President of the Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce.



Cr Greg Campbell

Greg joined RDA in 2017 and is Mayor of Cloncurry Shire Council. He also served as Deputy Mayor 2008-2012 and as a councillor 2004-2008. In the past, he worked over 20 years in the energy industry, including technical and managerial roles with Ergon Energy for the North West.



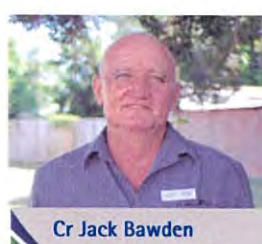
Cr June Kuhl

June joined RDA in 2017 and is the Deputy Mayor of Richmond Shire Council, having served in local government for nine years, previously as Deputy Mayor and Councillor. June and her husband Gavin have operated a grazing property in the Richmond shire for almost 40 years.



Cr John Woods

John joined RDA in 2018 and is a councillor of Burdekin Shire Council and runs a home maintenance service. He has been with the council for 18 years, 10 of which he served as Mayor. John is Deputy Chair of the Northern Alliance of Councils and President of the Home Hill Harvest Festival Committee. He has also served on a number of boards.



Cr Jack Bawden

Jack joined RDA in 2018 and is Mayor of Carpentaria Shire Council. He is Chair of the North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils and a member of the North West Queensland Regional Roads Group. Jack also operates an auto electrical/mechanical work shop in Normanton.



CEO Glenys Schuntner

Glenys joined RDA in 2010. Her previous positions include CEO of Townsville Enterprise Limited and senior management roles at the Australian Trade Commission, including Senior Trade Commissioner in Malaysia, and Trade Commissioner and Consul in Sendai, Japan. Glenys has also held management positions in the airline and retail travel industries.

Members

Committee members are volunteers who have applied for the roles, and have been selected and appointed based on their extensive knowledge, experience, networks in the region and their passion for supporting regional development. For more information about nominating to join the RDA Committee, please visit <https://rda.gov.au/join-your-rda/> and feel free to contact the RDA office in Townsville for more specific information about operations across the North and North West Queensland region.

Regional Facts

- Region comprises of 15 local governments
- Area covers 25.9% of Queensland
- Population of 266,900 - 5.5% of state
- Gross Regional Product of \$21 billion 2015/16
- Economic strengths include; agriculture/cattle, mining, defence, tourism, education and research

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Dear Mrs Quagliata

Thank you for your application to the 2019 Queensland Day Sponsorship Program on behalf of Burdekin Shire Council.

The Queensland Day Sponsorship Program is an important initiative to increase community participation in celebration of Queensland's birthday. It provides a platform for local communities to celebrate our heritage, culture and aspirations, and to share a sense of pride in being both Australian and a Queenslander. Supported by organisations like yours, the Queensland Day calendar of events has been an opportunity to reflect upon the diversity of Queensland's community celebrations.

I am pleased to advise your application to the 2019 Queensland Day Sponsorship Program has been successful.

The Queensland Government would be pleased to offer \$15 000 (exclusive of GST) in cash sponsorship to Burdekin Shire Council for the Burdekin Cultural Fair – Celebrating Fun, Food and Family to be held on 2 June 2019. This support is subject to the completion of a Queensland Government sponsorship agreement.

Ms Nicky Fairbrother, Senior Project Officer – Sponsorship and Policy, Events Coordination, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, will be in contact with you shortly to progress these arrangements. Ms Fairbrother can be contacted by email [REDACTED] or on telephone [REDACTED]

Congratulations on your successful application. Your event will be a great contribution to the 2019 Queensland Day calendar of events.

Yours sincerely

ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND
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Dear Councillor McLaughlin

On 13 December 2018 I wrote to you about the next round of the Palaszczuk Government's Works for Queensland (W4Q) program and your Council's allocation of \$3,070,000.

I am pleased to advise I have approved the 2019–21 W4Q Program Guidelines. The Guidelines will be available soon on the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs' website (www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au).

A sample List of Projects (LOP) template will also be made available on the Department's website to assist your Council with planning its W4Q project submissions. Councils will be able to submit their LOPs through the Department's portal in February and March 2019.

Mr Warwick Agnew, Director-General, Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs has written to the Council's Chief Executive Officer providing additional information on the 2019–21 W4Q program.

I have asked for Ms Jo Stephenson, Regional Director, Northern Region, Local Government and Regional Services in the Department to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Ms Stephenson [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP
Minister for Local Government,
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Minister for Multicultural Affairs