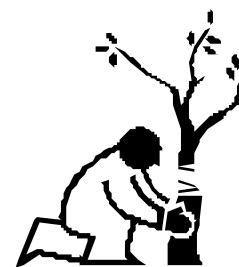


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KEY MESSAGES

Whole-of-government regional NRM website

A whole-of-government project team is working on a website for regional NRM. It is envisaged that this site will be a user-friendly and informative communication tool for key stakeholders, as well as those non-engaged members of the community. The website is scheduled to be released before Christmas and a consultation period for key stakeholders prior to release will be conducted. For further information please contact Clinton Parker on telephone (07) 3222 2758 or Email Clinton.Parker@nrm.qld.gov.au

Regional Information Services Portal

When you were younger did you ever dream of travelling into the future through a portal to see what the world would be like around the year 2000? You would have had the opportunity to see what would happen to the world, see all the new technologies and checkout what we have done to our natural resources. Is there any soil left? Can you still drink the water? Have weeds taken over all of the native forests? Dream no longer as you now have this opportunity as an evaluation trial of the first phase of a web mapping and information services portal is nearing completion.

This portal's objective is to enable the NAP funded Regional NRM Bodies to discover government owned spatial data and information which may assist in the development and implementation of regional natural resource management plans and monitoring, evaluation and review activities. Demonstrations and initial training for Regional Bodies are planned to run from 24 November to 15 December 2003. In the trial version, portal users will initially be able to discover some NR&M and EPA data and information. For further information, please contact Ken Adsett on telephone (07) 4938 4598 or email Ken.Adsett@nrm.qld.gov.au

Natural resource information management guidelines

A joint initiative of the National Land & Water Audit and ANZLIC - the Spatial Information Council, has resulted in a set of information management guidelines entitled - *Natural Resources Information Management Toolkit*. The aim of the guidelines is to build capacity to implement natural resources information management solutions. These guidelines provide background information on natural resources management programs, emphasising the recent shift in focus of funding programs to a regional level and to provide an introduction to information management.

Initial awareness sessions for NAPSWQ Regional NRM Bodies on these guidelines is planned to be delivered in conjunction with the Regional Information Services Portal training in November and December 2003. While aimed at regional NRM Bodies, these guidelines will also be beneficial to users of natural resource information in NR&M.

Prospectus

The NR&M *Prospectus* has been released and was posted to Regional Body Chairs and Executive Officers last week. NR&M staff and anyone else wanting a copy of *Prospectus* can download it from the web at http://www.nrm.qld.gov.au/regional_planning/nap/priority_docs or contact your NR&M Taskforce Regional contact person for a hard copy (limited supplies). Details of NR&M's wide range of products and services available to Regional NRM Bodies on sustainable natural resource management are available at: <http://www.nrm.qld.gov.au/products>