

Regional NRM Bugle



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Performance Reporting

This week regional bodies are submitting their first major annual performance reports on progress for June 2003 to March 2004. Initial reports that have been received provide good information on the levels of activity and achievements of regional bodies to date. These reports are critical for the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) to monitor the bodies' overall progress and determine what alterations need to occur to improve performance in the future. The JSC also recognises the need for regional bodies and Regional Coordination Groups (RCGs) to work in partnership to deliver the best possible performance reporting. For further information, please contact Suzanne Hoverman on (07) 3239 3884 or Suzanne.Hoverman@nrm.qld.gov.au

Designation

All regional bodies have now received the JSC's response to the Designation Self Audits that were completed earlier this year. The JSC sees the designation issue as being critical to underpinning longer-term support for the new regional arrangements and views the requests for additional information to ensure the regional bodies can demonstrate the strength of the emerging arrangements. For further information, please contact Rosey Crisp on (07) 3224 7704 or Rosey.Crisp@nrm.qld.gov.au

JSC Assess National Heritage Trust (NHT) Regional Competitive Round 2 Projects

In the second round of the NHT Regional Competitive Funding, the JSC received 26 project proposals from across Queensland and two projects from the Northern Territory. With advice from the RCGs, the proposals were assessed by the JSC on 13 April 2004. The JSC's recommendations have been provided to the NHT Advisory Committee, who will then recommend the highest quality proposals from across Australia to the Natural Heritage Ministerial Board. Due to commitments under the first round, only \$5 million (approximately) is available nationally this year, with Ministerial announcements expected mid-year. For further information, please contact Dave Wildermuth on (07) 3224 2475 or David.Wildermuth@nrm.qld.gov.au

Welcome back Maria!

This week the Taskforce welcomed back Maria O'Leary after 14 months maternity leave. Maria is returning on a part-time basis as one of the new joint directors of the Regional Arrangements Improvement group, and will take over the duties performed by Paul McDonald by running the Capacity Support Team. Maria can be contacted on (07) 3405 6892 or Maria.Oleary@nrm.qld.gov.au

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