

Regional NRM Bugle



KEY MESSAGES 04/06/04

Taskforce comes to an end

On 30 June 2004, the Taskforce will come to the end of its working life, having achieved its key objectives in setting up new systems for supporting the development of healthy regional arrangements across Queensland. Congratulations to all those involved in the Taskforce across the last 18 months, many being from a number of State agencies.

The key resources behind the Taskforce will remain in place, a sign of the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy's long-term commitment to the regional arrangements agenda. Allan Dale now takes on a broader Strategic Policy role in addition to Regional Arrangements. The new group is called Strategic Policy and Regional Arrangements (SPRA). The Regional Arrangements part of the new group will take on old Taskforce functions.

To remind people of key contacts:

- Rosey Crisp (ph 07 3224 7704) will coordinate the overall regional arrangements work
- John Keating (07 3224 2389) will manage financial reporting and contracts
- Dave Wildermuth (07 3224 2475) will lead the Regional Liaison Officers
- Debbie Guzek (07 3225 2676) heads the Joint Steering Committee secretariat
- Trevor Stanley (07 3224 2149) is responsible for bilateral issues
- Carl Glen (07 3224 7792) leads the communications secretariat
- Suzanne Hoverman (07 3239 3884) will lead the monitoring and evaluation agenda
- Helena Malawkin (07 3224 2154) will lead the target setting agenda
- Jim Binney (07 3224 7281) will lead the social and economic assessment agenda
- Christina Dwyer (07 3896 9625) will lead the science coordination agenda

Planning Guidelines

The *Guidelines for Regional Natural Resource Management Planning in Queensland* have been finalised and posted on the regionalnrm website. This module is the latest in a suite of products developed to assist regional NRM bodies in their planning processes. *Guidelines for Regional Natural Resource Management Planning in Queensland* provides an overview of how to prepare a Regional NRM Plan including processes to be followed, principles to be adhered to, and key contents necessary to have a plan accredited.

Throughout the *Guidelines* there are links to other modules that provide greater detail on aspects of regional NRM planning. This includes advice on the preparation of a Regional Investment Strategy and Regional Partnership Agreement. Regional NRM bodies should refer to the *Guidelines* and supporting modules for the latest advice on planning and accreditation requirements. The *Guidelines* and supporting modules are located at www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au/planning/guidance/index.html. For more information contact Shannon Burns on 07 3224 8408 or Shannon.Burns@nrm.qld.gov.au

Harry takes over

Harry Abrahams now leads the Australian Government community based natural resource management (CBNRM) team, taking over from Gary Kelly. Gary now moves on to the Northern Territory Team. We welcome Christine Schweizer on board as the new Australian Government Co-Chair of the Joint Steering Committee (JSC).

New Executive Officer for SEQ WCG

Simon Warner has been appointed as the new Executive Officer for the South East Queensland Western Catchments Group (SEQ WCG), replacing Craig Maudsley. Simon joined the group in early May and will be located in the SEQ WCG office in Ipswich. He can be contacted on 07 3816 9700 or eo@seqwcg.com.au. We look forward to working with Simon in his new role. Our particular thanks to Craig and his sterling efforts in building a strong regional body.

We welcome your input and feedback on this newsletter. If you have any contributions, comments or suggestions please contact Chrissa.Brown@nrm.qld.gov.au