

# Regional NRM Bugle



## KEY MESSAGES 29/10/04

- QMDC and FBA Investment Packages to go to Ministers for approval
- Public consultation for Cape York, NGRMG and NRMSEQ draft regional plans
- JSC recommend NLP Community Support Proposals for 2004-05
- Next meeting of the Regional Arrangements Advisory Group (RAAG)
- SPRA staff changes

### **QMDC and FBA RISs to go to Ministers for accreditation**

The Joint Australian and Queensland Government NRM Steering Committee (JSC) held its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting in Cairns on 20–22 October. The JSC considered both the Queensland Murray Darling Committee's (QMDC) and the Fitzroy Basin Association's (FBA) Regional Investment Strategies (RIS) and associated Investment Packages in addition to a number of other agenda items.

The JSC agreed to recommend the identified RIS investment packages for both the QMDC and FBA to Ministers for approval.

The JSC also meet with several of the northern regional NRM bodies including, the Far North Queensland NRM Group, Northern Gulf Resource Management Group, Cape York, Torres Strait NRM and the Northern Regional Coordination Group.

Please use this link for more information on any of these [regional NRM bodies](#).

### **Public consultation for Cape York, NGRMG and NRMSEQ draft regional NRM**

It has been a busy week for the Joint Australian and Queensland Government NRM Steering Committee (JSC). During and since its recent meeting, the JSC has considered and approved the release for public consultation, the draft NRM plans for the Cape York Peninsula, Northern Gulf Catchments and South East Queensland (NRMSEQ) regions.

Please use this link for more information on any of these [regional NRM draft plans](#).

### **JSC recommend NLP Community Support Proposals for 2004-2005**

The Joint Australian and Queensland Government NRM Steering Committee (JSC) have agreed to recommend a package of National Landcare Program

(NLP) community support proposals for 2004-2005 to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry for approval.

Please use this link for further information on [JSC minutes](#).

### **Next meeting of the Regional Arrangements Advisory Group (RAAG)**

The Regional Arrangements Advisory Group (RAAG) will be meeting again on 24 November. The members – key Queensland stakeholders, the Australian and Queensland Government – will consider aligning their business functions, under the Natural Heritage Trust (the Trust). This innovative process will deliver the best outcomes for regional NRM planning and implementation. The group has been given its mandate from the Natural Heritage Trust Extension Bilateral.

Anne Stuart has met individually with all stakeholders to draft a work plan to be taken to the November meeting. She said, 'the level of responsiveness to the process has been exceptional.'

The work plan – an outcome from the previous meeting in August this year – covers, among other things, barriers and enablers to engagement; the need to address policy issues or make adjustments to policy and the impacts of implementation of the plans on all sectors' constituents.

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### **SPRA staff changes**

There have been a number of changes to the Strategic Policy and Regional Arrangements Team.

[Shona Strachan](#) has been successful in gaining the Administration Officer (Communication) position. Shona will continue to assist with communication support for regional arrangements. She can be contacted on 07 3222 2758.

Shannon Burns was successful in gaining the Natural Resource Officer position, but has taken a secondment to the Torres Strait Regional Authority to support the development of the Torres Strait regional NRM plan and Regional Investment Strategy (RIS). Shannon will be with the Torres Strait for one year, and will work both in the Thursday Island office and in Brisbane. Shannon can be contacted on 07 4069 1446 in Thursday Island or 07 3844 0545 in Brisbane, by mobile 0427 745 958 and on email

[Shannon.Burns@icc.qld.gov.au](mailto:Shannon.Burns@icc.qld.gov.au). [Anne Goeths](#) will now be working in the Regional Arrangements Improvement Team along with [David Wildermuth](#) and [Michael Bradby](#).

From Monday 1 November, Carl Glen will be working with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines' (NR&M) Strategic Development Unit until the end of the year. Carl will be assisting the unit in developing a business improvement training package. [Bryan Mulligan](#) from Public Affairs will be

filling in for Carl from Wednesday 3 November, and will be contactable on 07 3224 7792.

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