

# Regional NRM Bugle



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### **2005 Natural Resources Management Community Forum: “The Power of Partnerships”**

The next Natural Resources Management Community Forum is being held in Darwin from Wednesday 13 April to Friday 15 April; this year’s theme is “the Power of Partnerships”. The forum provides Queensland’s regional bodies not only with an invaluable networking opportunity, but the chance to share their ideas and views on regional natural resource management with other regional bodies from across Australia. The 3-day forum culminates in the presentation of these ideas to State and Australian Government Ministers.

For more information on the forum, visit the [Northern Territory government](#) web site.

### **A job well done**

Congratulations to Rachel Wicks from FNQ NRM Ltd on a job well done - Rachel has been filling in as the Executive Officer (EO) for FNQ NRM since the previous EO, Brad Dorrington, passed away late 2004. During her time in the EO role she has seen the FNQ NRM regional plan approved and the Regional Investment Strategy (RIS) recommended by the JSC to Ministers for approval.

Rachel will return to her role as Manager (Operations and Communications) on Monday 7 March when Allan Dale commences as the new EO. We look forward to both Rachel’s and Allan’s continued devoted work to the regional arrangements program.

### **Mike Ryan moves on**

This has been a week of changes in the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. Mike Ryan (formerly an Australian Government RLO) has taken up a new position within the Wine Industry section of DAFF and will be leaving

the Australian Government NRM team. Mike has led the NRM team since the regional arrangements process began.

We wish him all the best in his new role and offer him many thanks for his contributions to regional arrangements.

### **Joint Steering Committee update**

There have been a few changes within the JSC ranks over the last few weeks. Mike Lee has become the new Australian Government acting Co-Chair and Tony Pressland has taken over as Mike's counterpart (as Queensland Government acting Co-Chair). Alison Russell-French has come on board as a JSC member, replacing Christine Schweizer. Margaret Berenyi (acting General Manager, Strategic Policy and Regional Arrangements) will remain in an acting JSC member position until the new General Manager for SPRA begins.

*Please note:* the JSC meeting scheduled for 21-22 March in Townsville has been rescheduled. It will now be held on Tuesday 22 March in Brisbane.

We welcome your input and feedback on this newsletter. If you have any contributions, comments or suggestions please contact [Carl Glen](#) or [Shona Strachan](#)