



LOCAL MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairs' Meeting – 14 May 2022 - Townsville

Communique

Senior Reef Authority staff, Chairs and Secretaries (or their proxies) of the 11 Local Marine Advisory Committees (LMAC) met in Townsville on 14 May 2022 as part of their official meeting schedule for the 2021-2024 LMAC term.

The meeting is held twice every LMAC term (three years) and provides an opportunity for networking across the LMACs as well as with Reef Authority staff.

Welcome

Fred Nucifora, Reef Education and Engagement Director, welcomed attendees to the meeting and paid respects to the Wulgurukaba and Bindal Traditional Owners and acknowledged their traditional lands and sea country.

Reef Health Update

Dr David Wachenfeld, Reef Authority Chief Scientist presented on the latest Reef Health Update. LMACs were requested to contribute their own observations in their regions. The Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) will release their research results later this year from the Long-Term Monitoring program.

Agency overview

The Reef Authority's General Manager for Strategic Policy and Partnerships, Margaret Johnson provided an agency overview which included:

- Currently in caretaker mode until the new government is sworn in by the Governor-General restricting any significant decisions, now.
- Key Reef Authority programs will be boosted with new funding secured.
- A World Heritage Committee Reactive Monitoring Mission was facilitated in March and a report will now go to the World Heritage and ICUN.
- Feedback was received from LMACs on the revised Reef Blueprint. A summary of their collective advice will be available mid-year.
- The Reef Authority branding, and website is being updated.

Richard Quincey, General Manager for Reef Protection, reported that:

- Our partnerships with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services continues in strength
- The Permissions System and Crown of Thorns program are playing significant roles in the resilience picture.
- Douglas Shoal remediation continues.
- The Reef Authority is looking to further adapt the Plans of Management and building upon the Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreement program.
- We now have 43% of Great Barrier Reef coastline being actively involved in management of Sea Country.

Jamilee Fletchett, Chief Operating Officer stated that we are working hard to ensure the new redevelopment of Reef HQ provides a strong educational element.

Reef 2050 Advisory Committee update

Cr Jeff Baines, Cassowary Coast/Hinchinbrook Chair, and representative for the Reef 2050 Advisory Committee, reminded LMACs of their diversity (185 members, 78 management partners and 132 separate organisations being represented). Connections are what LMACs do best through community, businesses, and all levels of government. What can we be doing on the ground? Reef 2050 is a call to action.

Reef Knowledge System and Reef 2050

Director for Science for Management, Jessica Hoey gave an overview of the Integrated Monitoring Program highlighting key functions of how we gather data, systems used, working partnerships, reports produced, informing management decisions. The Reef Knowledge system is the front face, providing an online system for public and reef managers to interrogate information and see how data can be used in managing the Reef.





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Overview of RRAP Engagement Sub Program

Dr Bruce Taylor, a research scientist and Co-lead for Reef restoration and adaptation from CSIRO gave an overview of the program, highlighting the importance of moving into a solution space while working with as many diverse groups in Australia and internationally to help the Reef to adapt to changing climate.

Dr Ian McLeod, acting Program Director (AIMS and JCU) highlighted the goals of the program, progress so far and plans.

Dr Taryn Kong, Research Scientist (CSIRO) reported on adapting modern technologies, funding, complexities, social aspects, and potential partner organisations for deployment over the next three years and into the future.

Preparation for June round of LMAC meetings

Actions from the previous meeting were noted as completed.

Further discussions took place around how the Reef Authority can better seek advice from LMACs into the future. Is the current agenda working well or should we revise? The Reef Authority would like to seek advice on what LMACs are seeing regarding “changes of use.” This will assist with strategic planning.

Agenda items for the June round of LMAC meetings were discussed and recorded.



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LMAC Members

Jenni James, Acting Chair	Cape York LMAC
Russell Bowman, Acting Secretary	Cape York LMAC
Rana Dadpour, Acting Chair	Douglas LMAC
Renata Musson, Secretary	Douglas LMAC
Jim Newman, Chair	Cairns LMAC
Jacob Matysek, Secretary	Cairns LMAC
Jeff Baines, Chair	Hinchinbrook - Cassowary Coast LMAC
Carmen Walker, Secretary (apologies)	Hinchinbrook - Cassowary Coast LMAC
Sharon Marks, Chair	Townsville LMAC
Julia Zivanovic, Secretary	Townsville LMAC
Michael Detenon, Chair	Bowen/Burdekin LMAC
Julia Giguere, Secretary (apologies)	Bowen/Burdekin LMAC
Olivia Brodhurst, Chair	Whitsunday LMAC
Brie Sherow, Secretary	Whitsunday LMAC
Phil Jeston, Chair (Online)	Mackay LMAC
Nicki Stokes, Secretary (Online)	Mackay LMAC
Shelly McArdle, Acting Chair	Capricorn Coast LMAC
Malachi Johnson, Secretary	Capricorn Coast LMAC
David Kopelke, Chair	Gladstone LMAC
Jessica Cooke, Secretary (apologies)	Gladstone LMAC
Daniel Kimberly, Chair (Online)	Burnett LMAC
Saranne Guidice, Secretary (Online)	Burnett LMAC

Management Partners

Josh Thomas, CEO (apologies)	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Margaret Johnson, GM, Strategic Policy, and Partnerships	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Richard Quincey, GM, Reef Protection	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Roger Beeden, Director, Reef Interventions, COTS Control Program (apologies)	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Julia Chandler, Director, Environmental Assessment and Protection	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Chris Cochrane, Director, Field Management Operations (apologies)	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Darren Cameron, Director, Reef Interventions, Douglas Shoal Remediation	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Kirstin Dobbs, Director, Reef HQ and Property Services	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Leanne Fernandes, A/Director, Policy, and Planning	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Karen Markwort, Director, Communications	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Fred Nucifora, Director, Reef Education and Engagement	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Mark Read, A/Director, Field Management Strategy	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Carolyn Roche, Assistant Director, Strategic Engagement (Central Region)	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Rebecca Allen, Assistant Director, Strategic Engagement (Southern Region)	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
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Dr Bruce Taylor, Research Scientist, Co-lead RRAP Engagement Subprogram	CSIRO
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