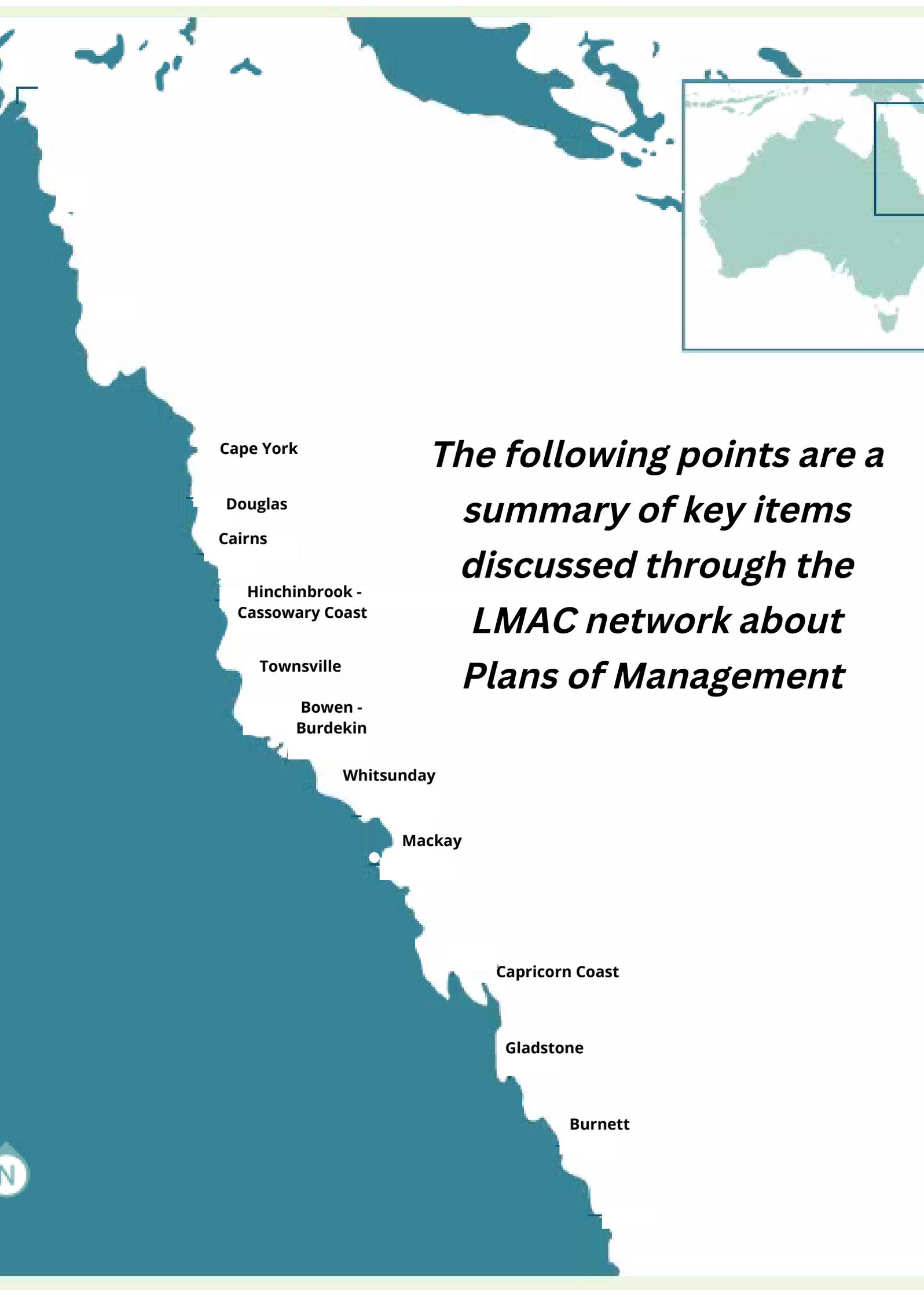




# LOCAL MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

AUGUST 2023





Cape York

Douglas

Cairns

Hinchinbrook -  
Cassowary Coast

Townsville

Bowen -  
Burdekin

Whitsunday

Mackay

Capricorn Coast

Gladstone

Burnett

*The following points are a  
summary of key items  
discussed through the  
LMAC network about  
Plans of Management*



**A member of the Policy and planning team provided the LMAC with an overview about Plans of Management and the upcoming intent to build a new southern Plan of Management.**

**The presentation showcased:**

- **What is a Plan of Management (POM).**
- **The objectives of a POM and how use can be managed in a POM.**
- **The journey to date and what has been used to develop new POMs.**
- **Lessons learned from current POMs and how the new southern POM will address these lessons.**
- **Key attributes for new spatial plans (including the new southern POM) for the Great Barrier Reef.**
- **The new southern POM will create a template/framework for new POMs throughout the Marine Park.**
- **Acknowledgement of the input provided by the LMAC on changes in use in the Marine Park (from 2022) and that this will be a basis for seeking further input from LMACs, about this new POM, in November.**

Discussion topics included:

- Ability to capture data from the entire region.
- Additional documents available when it is open for consultation.
- Already started conversations with local Traditional Owners and cultural information being an integral part of the POM.
- Balancing the scientific knowledge and usage.
- Building a model to improve the POM.
- Capricorn Cays Management Plan compared to a POM.
- Consulting the community.
- Current POMs will remain in place.
- Determining the scope and scale of a POM (in terms of geographical area) and why it's different in different regions.
- Difference in management with the POMs that are already in place.
- Education is a great tool to support compliance.
- Great Sandy Marine Park renewal and possible linkages with the POM.
- How long a POM is in place for and how frequently they are required to be reviewed.



- How will POMs deal with Net Free Zones.
- Impact on removal of net fishing.
- Implementation of a POM.
- Legislative requirements for the process.
- LMACS will be part of the process.
- Looking at local issues, values, concerns, conflicts, and threats in the area.
- One plan does not fit all.
- Permits apply to permit holders, POMs apply to everyone using the marine park.
- POMS are a good source of information.
- POMs compared to zoning and permits and possible changes a POM may make.
- POMs are just one of the managements tools the Reef Authority use.
- Possible additional resources for compliance and impacts on current permits in place or future permits.
- Possibility of updating the other POMs.
- Potential changes to how the Reef Authority manage the Marine Park and what can be done in some areas.
- Potential impacts on commercial and tourism operators and spearfishes.
- Query on Northern Boundary – exclusion of Yuwi title.
- Shark safety management with conflict of use between family snorkelers and spearfishers.
- Shoal Water Bay POM will be reviewed as part of this process. It was put in place due to dugong population at the time (1996).
- Spatial and temporal elements embedded in the POM.
- Special Management Areas compared to POMs.
- Suggest 1-2km section of reef and drop off area in front of campgrounds on Northwest Island as a spearfishing free zone.
- Suggest a POM reef wide tool to include a 'Carbon neutral area' where only operators who do not pollute carbon or who are carbon neutral can assess.
- Suggest incentives for businesses to do things to protect the Reef.
- Suggest putting no spearing zones on all maps.
- Suggest turtles to be included as special value especially at Mon Repos and Lady Elliot and Musgrave Islands.
- Whitsunday POM is very detailed and supported by the locals.
- Zoning plan remains in place, it is not being changed. The POM is an additional layer of finer-scale management.



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