



WTMA welcomes new committee members

September 2011

At its August meeting the WTMA Board endorsed new committee members for the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) and Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) for 2011 to 2014. We extend a warm welcome to our new and returning committee members and look forward to a successful and productive term.

CCC members

CCC members represent a broad range of community views and expertise in the Wet Tropics region. Their backgrounds and interests include conservation, education, tourism, recreation, local government, Aboriginal culture, science and primary industries.

Chair of the CCC, Ms Moni Carlisle said she sees the new, revitalised Community Consultative Committee as being the important link between land management agencies and the community. “Members are committed to action about connecting people to place here in the Wet Tropics and engaging at different levels from community to land management agencies such as WTMA. We hope to highlight the significant cultural and evolutionary landscapes of the Area using education as a tool to inform the community of its responsibilities as land managers to such a vital part of the world,” Ms Carlisle said.

The new CCC members for the 2011 to 2014 term are below.

Ms Moni Carlisle (Chair)	Yungaburra, Tablelands	Cr Kirsten Lesina	Cairns
Ms Bryony Barnett	Kairi, Tablelands	Ms Joann Schmider	Cairns
Mrs Pam Birkett	Daintree, Northern Wet Tropics	Ms Penny Scott	Tablelands
Mr Greg Bruce	Townsville, Southern Wet Tropics	Cr Pino Giandomenico	Ingham, Southern Wet Tropics
Mr Dean Nulty	Cairns	Mr Eden Gray-Spence	Cairns, Kuranda
Mr John Hardacker	Innisfail	Ms Darlene Irvine	Cairns

SAC members

The Wet Tropics region is fortunate to have such a distinguished pool of research leaders in many and varied disciplines to call upon. The new SAC boasts researchers in the areas of natural, ecological, socio-cultural and economic sciences who are actively involved in Wet Tropics research programs.

Professor Steve Williams is the Chair of the SAC and is keen to facilitate the Authority's learning landscapes initiative designed to promote a research agenda for the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, and the regional roadmap for climate change and its implementation. "We look forward to working with the Authority to develop and implement these programs to achieve WTMA's aspirations in knowledge management while determining the kinds of support and resources WTMA can provide to assist in facilitating its research agenda," Professor Williams said.

The new SAC members for the 2011 to 2014 term are below.

Professor Steve Williams (Chair)	Director, Centre for Tropical Biology and Climate Change JCU
Dr Damien Burrows	Director, Australian Centre for Tropical Freshwater Research (ACTFR) JCU
Professor Carla Catterall	Professor of Ecology, Griffith University
Professor Darren Crayn	Director, Australian Tropical Herbarium, JCU
Dr Miriam Goosem	Principal Research Fellow School of Earth and Environmental Science, JCU
Dr Alex Kutt	CSIRO Ecosystems Services, Tropical and Arid Systems Program
Dr Susan Laurance	Tropical Leader in Rainforest Ecology , JCU
Dr Daniel Metcalfe	Principal Research Scientists CSIRO Ecosystem Services
Dr Christine Williams	Assistant Director General Environment and Resource Science, DERM
Dr David Westcott	Principal Research Scientist CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems
Dr Lea Scherl	Adjunct Lecturer, JCU. <i>Vice-Chair</i> , Oceania (Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands and PNG), IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy
Prof Jeff Sayer	Professor of Conservation and Development Practice, JCU
Ms Henrietta Marrie	The Christensen Fund
Mr Jerry Turpin	Senior Botanist, DERM

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