

IN ATTENDENCE**Board directors**

Ms Leslie Shirreffs	Chair
Ms Anne Clarke	Director
Mr John Courtenay	Director
Prof Iain Gordon	Director
Mr Scott Buchanan	Executive Director

Invited observers

Mr Dennis Ah Kee	CCC member
Mr Bruce A-Izzeddin	Project Manager (Planning, Tourism Division, Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games (by phone items 1.1 to 3.4 and item 3.11)
Mr Emma Henderson	Principal Project Officer, NPSR (Item 3.2)
Mr James Newman	Executive Director, Northern Parks and Forests, Department of National Parks Sport and Racing (NPSR) (from 10.45am
Ms Ange Siggery	Director, Conservation and Biodiversity Programs, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP)
Ms Seraeah Wyles	CCC member

WTMA officers

Mrs Lorraine Briggs	Planner, Planning and Conservation (item 3.1)
Dr Paul Chantrill	Principal Project Officer, Tourism and Presentation (item 3.11)
Mr Max Chappell	Manager, Planning and Conservation
Mr Chris Clerc	Senior Project Officer, Yellow Crazy Ant (item 3.4)
Mr Campbell Clarke	Principal Planning Officer, Planning and Conservation (item 3.1)
Ms Lucy Karger	A/Project Manager, Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication (item 3.4)
Mrs Rebecca Lagerroth	Manager, World Heritage Connections
Ms Shona Smith	Senior Project Officer, World Heritage Connections (item 3.9)
Ms Patricia O'Loughlen	Team Leader, World Heritage Connections (item 3.9)
Ms Ellen Weber	Executive Officer

1 INTRODUCTION**1.1. Chair's welcome and introduction**

The Chair Leslie Shirreffs opened the formal meeting at 9.17am and acknowledged the Gimuy Walaburra Yidinji and the Yirrganydji Traditional Owners on whose land discussions are being held and payed respect to elders past, present and emerging, and also acknowledge the Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples across the Wet Tropics, whose land we will hold discussions.

The Chair welcomed other directors Ms Anne Clarke, Prof Iain Gordon and Mr John Courtenay to the meeting.

The Chair welcomed Mr James Newman, Executive Director, and QPWS from the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing to the meeting, and congratulated him on his successful appointment to the position.

The Chair welcomed Ange Siggery, Director, Conservation and Biodiversity Programs to the meeting.

The Chair welcomed CCC members Seraeah Wyles and Dennis Ah Kee to the meeting. They are attending as observers, ensuring Rainforest Aboriginal perspectives were included in the discussions.

1.2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Leah Talbot and Phil Rist who were both unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments. Apologies were received from the Department of Environment and Energy.

1.3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicted of interest were declared at the meeting.

1.4. Board minutes no 99

Resolution

*The Board **approved** the minutes for meeting number 99.*

1.5. Actions arising

Scott Buchanan updated directors on the Actions arising from the previous meeting.

96/2.1 – Iain Gordon advised that there has been an initial call out for proposals for the Northern Australian CRC submissions and offered to connect JCU researchers with WTMA to collaborate on projects (and noting the CRC has a strong agri-landscape focus)

97/2.2 – The Authority has had discussions with Cairns Regional Council regarding Wangetti Trail. The proposed mountain-bike/walking track straddles both Cairns and Douglas local government areas. Multiple tenures including National Park and Unallocated State Land. Feasibility studies are currently underway, and the Yirrganydji Traditional Owners have been engaged in the discussions.

98/1.5 Rebecca Lagerroth advised that there are currently 50 Indigenous Ranger related positions employed in the Wet Tropics including: 6 Rangers, 1 coordinator and 1 support officer at Mandingalbay Yidinji; 8 Rangers and 1 coordinator at Jabalbina; 6 Rangers, 1 coordinator and 1 Land and Sea Manager at Gunggandji; 2 Rangers at Yirrganydji; and 10 Rangers, 1 Ranger coordinator (non-indigenous at this point in time), 1 support officer and 1 IPA coordinator (non-indigenous at this point in time) at Giringun Aboriginal Corporation.

99/2.1 – The Authority was unsuccessful in sponsoring a table for the National NAIDOC Ball, and

99/3.1 – Cairns Regional Council was keen to have the Authority involved with the 2018 Ecofiesta which would align with 30 year celebrations.

Resolution

*The Board **noted** the Actions Arising from the previous meeting, as updated.*

Actions

- *Authority staff to contact Cairn Regional Council regarding the proposed Babinda Boulders Master (Improvement) Plan which is being developed to improve safety, upgrade park improvements and infrastructure.*

1.6. Significant correspondence

17 March 2017. Letter from Minister Mark Furner MP letter responding to Board support for rolling out tenure resolution in the Wet Tropics.

20 March 2017. Letter of Support from WTMA for Savannah Guides for Community Heritage and Icon Grants 2016-17.

20 March 2017. Letter of Support from WTMA for Tree Kangaroo and Mammal Group for Community Heritage and Icon Grants 2016-17

22 March 2017. Letter of Support from WTMA for Kuranda Envirocare for Community Heritage and Icon Grants 2016-17

22 March 2017. Letter of Support from WTMA for Cairn Aquarium Reef Research Centre for Community Heritage and Icon Grants 2016-17

23 March 2017. Letter of support. Mr James Gott (Cassowary Regional Council) for grant application to develop a strategic plan to support events and activities around the Tully River.

23 March 2017. Letter of support to Abriculture for self-guided cultural tour app for Community Heritage and Icon Grants 2016-17

31 March 2017. Thank you letter from Graeme Potter and Ellen Thyer – science in the pub.

6 April 2017. Centre for Climate Change and Tropical Biology summary of highlights for 2015.

10 April 2017. Letter of support for Dulabed Malanbarra Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC for Indigenous Advancement Strategy, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

12 April 2017. Letter of support Kuku Ngananga Nyamunka for an online teaching resource – Australian government department of communications and the Arts indigenous languages and arts program.

30 April 2017. Leslie Shirreffs, John Locke and Bob Frazer – outcomes and minutes of the workshop for Indigenous Sustainability and Innovation projects.

3 May 2017. Letter of support for Dulabed Malanbarra and Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC application for PBC funding.

15 May 2017 via Department of Environment and Energy. Correspondence from landholder in the Daintree of World Heritage Committee regarding energy issues at Cape Tribulation.

20 May 2017. Cairns Post article. Newman's Indigenous priority role.

17 May 2017. Notification of outcomes from the WTMA/Terrain 2017 Rainforest Aboriginal Grants program

23 May 2017. Email Russell Boswell, Savannah Guides, advising his Community Heritage Icon Grant application was successful.

Actions

- *Directors to provide comment on the letter to Minister Frydenberg 'enhancing tourism opportunities in the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area'.*

2 REPORTS

2.1. Chair's report

The Chair, Leslie Shirreffs, provided a verbal report and noted that this was the 100th meeting of the Wet Tropics Board, and welcomed this milestone as a testament to the strength, continued relevance and public value the Authority holds within the broader community.

The Chair advised that over the past couple of months that she had attended a series of meetings, briefings and workshops with key regional clients and stakeholders to discuss board priorities and issues of mutual interest. Some of these include:

- a site (office inspection) with the Hon member for Leichardt, Warren Entsch to the Authority's yellow crazy ant office in Tingara Street
- travelling to the Daintree to meet with the Minister for Environment and Energy, the Honourable Josh Frydenberg, MP Warren Entsch and Qld Opposition spokesperson for Energy, Michael Hart to discuss some priorities for the Authority including funding, sustainable energy solutions and yellow crazy ants funding announcements
- participated at a workshop with John Locke, Bob Frazer and other external parties to consider (Indigenous) Sustainability and Innovation projects. The purpose of the workshop was to explore possible projects involving clan based mapping, traditional governance and biocultural economies
- meeting with researchers to JCU Smithfield campus to discuss World Heritage and rights based approach, to inform our way forward in Rainforest Aboriginal engagement
- a series of briefings with individual community members that were involved with the Authority's yellow crazy ant eradication project, including attending the Reference Group meeting
- a trip to the Atherton Tablelands to the *Tree Roo and Conservation* Centre and meet with Dr Karen Coombes and discuss her rescue and rehabilitation work with tree kangaroos, and
- a briefing with the Member for Barron River, Craig Crawford to update him on the Wet Tropics plan, tourism initiatives and the Authority's work with Rainforest Aboriginal people.

The Chair advised directors that she recently attended a climate resilience workshop in South East Queensland. This topic remains a key and strategic responsibility for the WTMA Board, and the Authority to take a leadership role to development practical climate action initiatives.

The Chair reminded directors to consider the role of the SAC and CCC throughout the agenda item discussions, and where relevant, refer those matters to them for advice.

Resolution

*The Board **noted** the Chair's report.*

Actions

- *Invite interested board directors to participate at a future YCA community monitoring or baiting day.*
- *Consider holding part of a WTMA Board meeting at the Authority's YCA office at Tingara Street.*

2.2. Director's issues

Iain Gordon advised directors that he had the opportunity to meet with Steven Oxley, First Assistant Secretary from the Department of Environment and Energy to discuss the impacts of climate change on World Heritage and managing for OUV.

John Courtenay advised that he was working with Tableland Regional Council and Wendy Cooper regarding the Bill Cooper Retrospective art exhibition. Sir David Attenborough has agreed to be filmed talking about Bill Cooper and his contribution to science and art illustration. John is negotiating with Sir David to include comment about how special the Wet Tropics rainforests are.

John Courtenay advised that he approached Reef and Rainforest Research Centre (RRRC) to help sponsor the Science in the Pub series, and that they were happy to offer assistance.

Anne Clarke advised that she has been contacted by Wet Tropics neighbour, Frank Teodo about yellow crazy ants and securing long term funding post 2019; that KurWorld remains a concern for some sectors and that the Cairns Museum was officially opening up in the central business district in July, and that this could be a great opportunity for new partnerships.

Seraeah Myles advised that Giringun Aboriginal Corporation currently employs 15 rangers and they are working towards ways to secure long term funding for their programs. This includes looking to external partner organisations to partner with so that the rangers can continue to manage and look after their country.

Dennis Ah Kee asked about the Authority's work with the NESP program and asked about the working relationship between the two organisations, and if so, how did the NESP help to deliver research outcomes in the Wet Tropics region.

Resolution

*The Board **noted** the directors' reports.*

Actions

- *Follow up with RRRC regarding financial support for the Science in the Pub events*
- *Invite Sheriden to attend a future SAC meeting to talk about NESP and northern Australia research funding.*

2.3. Executive Director's report

The Executive provided directors with a copy of his report (refer to **Attachment 2.3 (1)**) and highlighted a number of issues including:

- discussions with the tourism industry in regards to more positive branding for the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. Tourism Events Queensland and Tourism Tropical North Queensland have agreed to work with the Authority to develop a destination 'brand' that will include reference to the 'Wet Tropics' and to 'World Heritage'
- attended the annual World Heritage property manager workshop including a meeting with Senior Officers and Executive officers. This was facilitated by the Commonwealth government. A key presentation by CSIRO was on second generation climate change planning. Second generation climate change planning is planning based on values, as opposed to assets, and is highly adaptable.
- had a positive meeting with the North Queensland Land Council and Terrain NRM. It was agreed that the three organisations would work together to review, with PBCs, the outstanding actions of the Regional Agreement, and then progress those priority actions.
- has signed off on a \$500,000, two year contract with James Cook University to, amongst other things, carry out research into the phenology and genetics of yellow crazy ants, investigate

impacts on native aquatic and invertebrate fauna, and test bait effectiveness and trial new baits, and

- wrote letters of support for a number of Community Heritage and Icon Grants submissions. Advice received from Savannah Guides that their application, which was about delivering the guide program to broader audiences within the tourism industry and also culturally appropriate training, was successful.

Resolution

*The Board **noted** the Executive Director's report on the Authority issues since Board meeting 99.*

Actions

- Forward CSIRO (second generation) climate change paper to directors for their information
- Send copy of the ED report to the Board.

2.4. Queensland and Commonwealth department reports

Angela Siggery thanked the board for the opportunity to provide an update on recent Queensland World Heritage initiatives, including:

- a proposed extension to Fraser Island (K'gari) World Heritage Area in Cooloola /Inskip /Great Sandy Strait/ Breaksea spit (tip of Fraser – terminus of the sand journey). The three groups involved are Butchulla PBC, Butchulla Land and Sea Claimants (overlapping members) and Kabi Kabi First Nation
- Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) has prepared a submission for Australia's World Heritage Tentative list over parts of Moreton Bay and the Bay Islands with a focus on Moreton and Nth Stradbroke
- a thank you to the Authority for hosting the Riversleigh Community and Scientific Advisory Committee meeting, and for involving EHP's World Heritage team and the Committee in the Science in the Pub event. This was a big success and to raise awareness and promote the close links between Queensland's World Heritage properties
- that EHP is working with *Outback at Isa* to support the information-sharing evening for science teachers, principals, tourism operators and other local community members to incorporate the values of the Riversleigh World Heritage site through the Riversleigh Fossil Centre into the local school curriculum, and to tourists visiting the region. The event is called 'Archer and the Fossil Window' with Professor Mike Archer and Terry Carmichael speaking, and
- EHP, NSW and Commonwealth working together to develop a new Gondwana Strategic Management Framework (Strategic Plan). QPWS Planners have met previously with both WTMA and NPSR and James N to discuss how this model can be used for other World Heritage Areas.

James Newman provided an update to Directors on current NPSR work priorities including progress on the Daintree Management Plan. He also advised that:

- the department is about to launch their 'health check' program, which is part of their reporting and monitoring framework for National Parks.
- that A/Regional Director Alison Webb is assessing the public safety issues (emergency management systems around Josephine Fall
- the department is working with Girringun Aboriginal Corporation to utilise the space at Edmund Kennedy National Park, and
- have invested active management towards removal of the (the last six) horses at Paluma NP (inside WHA) and Clement SF (partially inside the WHA).

Resolution

*The Board **noted** the Commonwealth and Queensland Government department reports.*

2.5. Scientific Advisory Committee report

Iain Gordon briefed the board on the agenda items discussed at the SAC meeting. He reported that:

- a couple of members expressed a view that the Authority could take a more active role regarding issues involving EPBC listed species and human-wildlife interactions, particularly where it relates to World Heritage attributes and ecological function, for example, species including spectacled flying foxes and cassowaries
- a member queried whether the Wet Tropics Management Plan could also be a management plan for management of cultural values as inscribed on the National Heritage Register
- members discussed blindness in tree kangaroos. They advised that more information and evidence was required to determine if this was a localised issue or impacted populations more broadly
- SAC member Bruce Prideaux provided some data on his tourism research (airport exit surveys) that indicates that the top reason people visit the region is to have 'fun' and to partake in activities; and that these research findings could help assist with some of the thinking for the Wet Tropics presentation strategy, and
- reinforced the importance on providing clear guidance on climate adaptation. A workshop will be held to explore opportunities, using both western science and traditional (tribal) knowledge, to plan for and manage the impacts of climate change.

Resolution

*The Board **noted** agenda items discussed and points of interest raised at the Scientific Advisory Committee's meeting held on 16 May 2017.*

Actions

- *Request SAC to provide a brief on the values of spectacled flying foxes from a World Heritage perspective.*
- *John Locke to write an article in the next edition on the Rainforest Aboriginal News about spectacled flying foxes to seek assistance from Traditional Owners on any information known about the species from a cultural perspective.*

2.6. Community Consultative Committee report

Anne Clarke briefed the board on the outcomes of the CCC meeting. Members are keen for feedback from the board on the issues raised. Items of interest included:

- members are keen for the Indigenous representatives on the Board, CCC and SAC meet to share information and ideas
- a suggestion for the next (and future) that *Science in the Pub* and *Wild Talks* to include tribal (traditional ecologists) research presenters
- advice that the State Member for Hinchinbrook expresses interest to a CCC member that he would be pleased to meet with the Chair of the WTMA Board to talk about a range of issues in that region, including about water treatment in Paluma
- recommended the Authority extend its reach into the community by using Indigenous media outlets to promote the World Heritage Area such as Bumma Bippera Media (BBM). BBM has a strong regional and remote audience within the Wet Tropics and a strong listening audience within the Indigenous and agriculture sectors, and
- would like the opportunity to be involved in SAC issues of mutual interest, for example, the research plan currently being developed, and suggested that there may be matters the SAC may wish to refer to the CCC for input

Resolution

*The Board **noted** significant outcomes from the Community Consultative Committee meeting held on 4 May 2017.*

Actions

- *Organise a meeting between the indigenous members of the three WTMA committees (SAC, CCC and Board)*
- *Organise for the State Member for Hinchinbrook Andrew Cripps to meet with the Chair to discuss mutual issues of interest, including about water treatment in Paluma*
- *Pursue further engagement opportunities with BBM's radio*

3 STRATEGIC ISSUES

3.1. Review of Wet Tropics Management Plan

Campbell Clarke and Lorraine Briggs provided directors with an update on the status of the Plan review noting that the public consultation period was still in progress. The board was particularly interested to hear of any emerging issues that they should be made aware of.

Directors were given a demonstration of the interactive mapping portal. This provides information about the proposed changes to zoning, roads as well as information relating to Rainforest Aboriginal interests such as ILUAs and IPAs.

Seraeah Wyles advised the board that BioCultural ConneXions made a presentation to the senior managers at Girringun, and they found the mapping portal very accessible tool and full of very useful information that is being used when they are talking with organisations within their region about Native Title issues.

Resolution

*The Board **noted** progress of the Plan Review Phase 1 consultation.*

3.2. Developing a framework for reporting on the Outstanding Universal Values (OUVs) of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area

Ms Emma Henderson, Principal Conservation Officer, Planning, QPWS, NPSR made a presentation to the board on the proposed framework for reporting, monitoring and evaluating the Outstanding Universal Value for the Queensland Protected Area including a case study on Gondwana World Heritage Area (WHA), and how this can be applied to the Wet Tropics WHA. Work has already commenced for a number of parks including Daintree and Hinchinbrook Island National Parks.

Resolution

*The Board **noted** the presentation from NPSR on the framework.*

Actions

- *Send the powerpoint presentation to directors.*

3.3. Daintree power issues

S Buchanan briefed directors about the long standing energy (electricity supply) issues north of the Daintree River. There have been a number of recent energy initiatives on this matter including:

- the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) has been investigating whether it should consider funding a project in the Daintree focused on finding and demonstrating innovative renewable energy solutions
- Hon Josh Frydenberg, Federal Minister for the Environment and Energy attended a community meeting with Warren Entsch, Federal Member for Leichhardt and Arena in the Daintree in April 2017. WTMA was invited attend. One of the objectives of the meeting was to demonstrate support for developing a first-of-a-kind renewable energy solution to provide electricity to Daintree residents and businesses; and to seek funding support from ARENA for such a project.

The proposal for alternative power in the Daintree region was discussed and the board supported the examination of alternative approaches to shared power solutions that avoids impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area

Resolution

The Board **supports** the examination of alternative approaches to shared power solutions that avoids impact on the Outstanding Value of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area's Outstanding Universal Value of the WHA and agree that that the Authority proactively participate in investigating solutions that may include:

- (a) to provide support to community groups in regards to any information required regarding World Heritage values
- (b) to ensure Traditional Owners are included in further discussions
- (c) to encourage renewable solutions as the primary source of energy, and
- (d) to assess and advise on potential impacts (on environmental and aesthetic values) and permitting requirements.

Actions

- Write a letter to Ministers Frydenberg and Minister Bailey advising of the Board's support.

3.4. Yellow Crazy ant update

Lucy Karger provided an update on the progress of project operations. Since the last board meeting three new infestation sites have been identified. It is possible the ants were moved by farm machinery.

The Authority entered into a MoU with *Abriculture* for short term delivery of on ground services. Work has included survey and treatment work. This has led to Biosecurity Queensland providing some training and engaging *Abriculture* to take on Electric ant treatment and survey work.

At Board meeting No 99, directors sought advice about the use of Fipronil along (dry) creek beds and waterways, noting this chemical is detrimental to aquatic wildlife, including frogs. Chris Clerc advised that this issue/risk has included this into the research component of the project and the Authority's team would keep the board abreast of results as they come to hand.

The directors discussed long term monitoring and the Authority's role in this regard; and the need to work with Commonwealth, State and local government as well as developing capacity in the community.

Resolution

The Board:

- **noted** significant progress made in implementing the next phase of the YCAEP program
- **acknowledged** the additional resources provided by government has enabled additional resources be allocated towards identifying other areas of infestation, and
- **will continue to inform** Ministers and Government on the project through Ministerial forum, and the need for continued and appropriate funding.

Actions

- Map out the level (quantum) of funding required for monitoring once eradication has been achieved.
- L Karger to work with WHC team to consider ways to (continue to) engage the community in pest ant eradication.

3.5. 2016-17 business plan and budget progress report for March 2017

Scott Buchanan addressed the board and updated them on the status of the Authority's operational plan and budget. Scott referred directors to the traffic light report and highlighted a number of projects including:

- Commonwealth funds for the yellow crazy ant project are later than expected. This is likely to delay the signing of the research contract and has implications to program activity implementation, and may also delay recruitment
- there have been some discussions with Skyrail to develop a digital presentation products and looking to WTMA to be investment partners, and
- savings in the training and development budget line are due in part to the Brisbane EHP providing some coordination for this across the State.

Resolution

The Board:

- **noted** the March 2017 work plan progress report (as at 31 March), and
- **noted** the 2016-17 financial status report current as at 30 April 2017.

3.6. 2017-18 Annual Operating (Business) Plan Budget and work plan

Scott Buchanan provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2017-18 business plan (**Attachment 3.6(1)**). This provided background, context and process to the how key deliverables and activities were developed. The development of the operational business plan has been led by Management Forum with input from staff.

Key deliverables and activities are framed around five main areas of work including 1) Knowledge sharing and presentation 2) Rainforest Aboriginal engagement, 3) Plan review, 4) WTMA organisational governance and 5) Conservation and Science. These deliverables are underpinned and delivered through a partnership model approach (refer to **Attachment 3.6 (2)** and **Attachment 3.6 (3)**).

The board provided comment on the implementation on the workforce plan. They also provided input on the main work areas identified in the 2017-18 operational plan and suggested additional key deliverables and gaps, including the addition of key performance indicators.

Resolution

The Board:

- **noted** the Authority is currently preparing a Business Plan and budget for 2017-18, and
- **acknowledged** the key projects and deliverables, and looked forward to seeing the final plan once completed.

3.7. World Heritage Funding 2018-23

Scott Buchanan updated the board on World Heritage funding post June 2018, noting that this issue would be discussed at the next Ministerial Forum. It is expected that the Commonwealth will seek a business case or prospectus from the Authority, and so it is timely to commence that conversation with the Board and the broader community now, to determine key priorities to include in the Authority's value proposition to the Government. In the first instance, the Authority is seeking direction from the board to craft the draft prospectus.

The board agreed that the strategic priorities outlined in the 2015-18 document remained relevant, and that the prospectus should be framed around three pillars that include: growing the World Heritage experience; growing resilience and broader involvement with rainforest Aboriginal people.

Resolution

The board **noted** the update from the Authority on the 2018-23 funding prospectus.

3.8. Corporate branding and website development

Rebecca Lagerroth addressed the board and provided an update on corporate branding and the rationale for the tag line 'World Heritage is our promise to the future'. The branding work has been refined since the last board meeting and the draft style guide was tabled for feedback and advice (on style, font and graphics) and to ensure the team is on the right path (**Attachment 3.9 (1)**).

Work on the website is also underway. An internal working group is reviewing the internal website 'wireframe' to streamline the information provided and to refresh the look and feel of the website. It is hoped the site will go 'live' by the end of June 2017.

Resolution

The Board:

- **approved** the Authority's proposed corporate branding, and
- **noted** arrangements in place to redevelop the Authority's website.

3.9. Science in the pub

The board discussed the Science the Pub. They agreed that it was a terrific success that received national media coverage, and the initiative should be continued. Authority staff provided an analysis of the event and the Board suggested ideas for how it could run in the future, including sponsorship, format, number of speakers and topics for talks.

Actions

- Follow up on possible speakers including Lori Loch, Tim Low and Tim Flannery and Traditional (tribal) ecologists for upcoming science in the pubs.

3.10. Wet Tropics Presentation Strategy

This item was session workshop the Wet Tropics Presentation Strategy. Notes from the meeting are provided at **Attachment 3.11 (4)**. The Board put strong emphasis on a presentation strategy that strives to connect people to the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, enhancing their experience and appreciation of its values.

Resolution

The Board:

- **noted** the attached background paper, chronology and reading to support the Board workshop on the Presentation Strategy: "Explore, Learn, Protect - best practice World Heritage Presentation in the Wet Tropics" (**Attachments 3.11(1), (2) and (3)**), and
- **recommended** strategic directions for the final presentation strategy and the key actions for the strategy document.

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1. Approval of Board No 99 communique for distribution

Resolution

- The board **approved** the Communique for Board No 100 for distribution to stakeholders.