

In Attendance**Board directors**

Ms Leslie Shirreffs	Chair
Ms Anne Clarke	Director
Mr John Courtenay	Director
Prof Iain Gordon	Director (by phone)
Mr Phil Rist	Director
Ms Leah Talbot	Director
Mr Scott Buchanan	Executive Director

Observers

Dr Sarah Titchen	Assistant Director, Natural Heritage Section, Heritage Branch, Department of the Environment and Energy (items 1.1 to 5.2)
Ms Cheryl Leavy	Executive Director, Cultural Capabilities and Connections QPWS&P (item 5.3) DES
Ms Ange Siggery	Director, Cultural Capabilities and Connections, QPWS&P
Mr James Newman	Executive Director, Northern Parks and Forests, QPWS&P, DES

Guests

Mr David Edwards	Projects Chief Executive, Department of Innovation, Tourism Industry Development and the Commonwealth Games (item 4.1)
Assoc Prof Lea Scherl	SAC member
Ms Ellie Bock	CCC member

WTMA officers

Mr Angus McLeod	A/Senior Conservation Officer, Planning and Conservation
Ms Julie Coleman	Principal Project Officer, Planning and Conservation
Mrs Rebecca Lagerroth	Manager, World Heritage Connections
Ms M'Lis Flynn	Project Officer, World Heritage Connections
Ms Lucy Karger	Project Manager, Yellow Crazy Ant program
Mr Eli Taylor	Senior Planner, Planning and Conservation
Mr Tim Wong	Manager, Planning and Conservation
Ms Ellen Weber	Executive Officer, Business Management

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**1.1. Chairs welcome**

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Cairns region and paid respect to Elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledged all Aboriginal Peoples across the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area about whose lands this meeting would discuss.

The Chair noted that the following day would include a site visit to Mandingalbay Yidinji country to discuss indigenous tourism as well as travelling to Gunggandji-Mandingalbay Yidinji Peoples Prescribed Body Corporate (GMYPBC) Trustee Area to discuss planning initiatives.

1.2. Apologies

Iain Gordon, Leah Talbot and Sarah Titchen apologised for not being able to attend the field trip.

1.3. Conflicts of Interest

I Gordon advised he works for James Cook University and acknowledged the Authority has a number of current research contracts with the institution.

Anne Clarke advised she was currently working at RDA FNQ&TS as a project consultant.

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS ARISING

2.1. Minutes from previous minutes

Resolution

The Board **endorsed** the minutes for **Board** meeting No 106, as amended.

Iain Gordon **noted** and **endorsed** the Board induction material provided at Board meeting No 106.

2.2. Actions Arising

The Board discussed the Actions Arising, as updated, including:

- 104/3.3** The joint board meeting with Terrain NRM was discussed. Consider progressing in 2019 with a representative board delegation for a one-two hour meeting in the interim.
- 104/3.3** Joint meeting with GBRMPA remains a work in progress. S Buchanan and J Courtenay did discuss the matter their Chair, Dr Ian Poiner, at recent QTIC meeting, and he has indicated that he would be keen to progress a meeting, pending appointment of new CEO.
- 105/3.5** Joint SAC/CCC meeting scheduled for 9 May 2019. Iain Gordon noted that it had been a number of months between SAC meetings, however some members were engaged with the climate adaptation plan and researcher protocols. Iain Gordon advised Authority staff that SAC members would be willing and capable in contributing to the YCA risk assessment, and acknowledged an expert technical steering committee (with international experience) was already engaged in the program.
- 106/4.1** Southedge Road and WTMP regulations. Letter sent was to Southedge Pastoral Holdings in December 2018, and the Authority was currently waiting for a formal response.

Resolution

The Board **updated** the actions arising.

Actions

- Progress joint meeting with Terrain NRM Board including options for smaller delegation to meet with Terrain Chair and CEO to discuss key issues.
- Consider options for SAC to be more involved with YCA risk assessment, as they are willing and available to provide guidance.
- Board directors encouraged to seek sponsorship funding for the Cassowary Awards.
- Draft a formal letter from WTMA ED to DoEE First Assistant Secretary regarding WTMP regulations and Southedge Road matter with full background /context provided, confirming what (legal) advice is required and timeframes for advice.

3. REPORTS

3.1. Chair Report

The Chair noted that 2019 would be a big and busy year including finalising the draft Wet Tropics Plan; hosting the 2019 Cassowary Awards; reviewing the operations of the statutory committees; and considering board membership transition (noting some directors were serving 18-month terms). The Chair thanked staff for

their terrific efforts throughout 2018 including the delivery of the 30-year anniversary celebrations and launch of the World Heritage Families video presentation.

The Chair provided a verbal update and provided an update on engagements and briefings that she was involved with since the previous meeting, including:

- discussion with Minister Enoch in January 2019 regarding climate adaptation and impacts on World Heritage and alignment of our action with the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Climate Adaptation plan. The Minister indicated that she was supportive of the Authority's climate adaptation plan. With respect to the Research Protocol, she was happy to hear the Authority is making progress with QPWS and requested to be updated on progress.
- met with DES DG Jamie Merrick and DDG QPWS&P Ben Klaassen to discuss climate change response, YCA funding and the refresh of the Regional Agreement refresh. The DG was keen to see positive results with respect to the researcher protocols
- briefed Wade Oestreich, who is currently working as a special advisor at the Department of Innovation and Tourism Industry Development. Discussions centred around the development of a tourism destination strategy for the Wet Tropics, and
- participated at an AWHAC (phone link up) meeting with the Chairs of Australia's WH properties. They discussed the priority work for AWHAC this year, and will continue the working groups established to advance monitoring and evaluation, tourism and visitor management, and Indigenous Cultural Heritage and meaningful participation of First Nations people in World Heritage. There will also be a strong focus on re-establishing and supporting AWHIN (the Indigenous network) to give voice to traditional custodian participation in World Heritage management, and a new working group was established on climate change.

Resolution

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

3.2. Executive Director Report

Scott Buchanan briefed the board on significant issues since the last board meeting. Some key matters to note include:

- Authority staff sought legal advice regarding the *Wet Tropics World Heritage Protection and Management Act 1993 (QLD)* and the need to make an amendment to that Act prior to a new amended Wet Tropics Management Plan being approved. Preliminary advice is that as long as the two Ministers who would normally be the members of Ministerial Council sign off then that would be sufficient for the final plan to be approved
- the restructure of DES now complete and operational. This provides good synergies for future work and priorities across the department including protected area management, first nations strategy, science innovation, citizen science, and the arts portfolio
- Phase 2 of the draft Wet tropic Management Plan has been released for a second round of consultation. The outcomes of this work will be presented to Directors at a special meeting late July 2019, and
- good and interesting work undertaken by Melbourne University (and Authority staff) on the cost benefit analysis of the yellow crazy ant program. Lucy Karger will speak to this at item 4.3

The board discussed the previous COAG decision to disband all but one Ministerial Council (the GBR) and best working method forward for World Heritage matters to be considered, given the value the forum has previously provided for strategic discussions and decision making.

Scott Buchanan also advised directors that Tracy Laird was on long service leave and planned to transition to a youthful retirement. She will be missed and we wish her well for her new future.

Resolution

The Board **noted** the Executive Director's report.

Actions

- organize a meeting with citizen science team to discuss opportunities to work together on projects.
- Seek advice on how to include World Heritage matters as a standing item on the Minister of Environment Ministers meeting agenda (MEM).

3.3. Director issues

Dr Leah Talbot

- Has recently taken a new strategic corporate role within CSIRO for the next 12 months, and that part of that role would include establishing a new First Nations Science Advisory Reference Group and processes. This is an exciting new direction for the organisation. Terrific lessons and learnings being shared with New Zealand at the moment, as they have been in this space for almost a decade.

Ms Anne Clarke

- Recently attended a Cairns Regional Council Economic development priorities meeting, and it was interesting to note that the local council are promoting a regional approach to both reef and rainforest management as part their strategic vision,
- Noted that FNQROC are undertaking a significant roads project and the Kuranda Range Road upgrade is on their agenda,
- Noted that Cairns Regional Council is setting up gallery precinct including the old Cairns Courthouse, existing art gallery and old Mulgrave shire council chambers, and this may have possible links to progress our education and interpretation initiatives, and
- Commented that Advance Cairns has secured funds from Northern Australia CRC for food supply project, similar in scope to work undertaken with Townsville Enterprise. There may be opportunities to include a bio-cultural food aspect this work, given the success of bush tucker enterprises.

Professor Iain Gordon

- Updated directors on some recently published manuscript on the trade-offs between conservation and agriculture production (using models) in the Wet Tropics, and in a non-related matter,
- Advised that he has been busy writing a book on browsing and grazing ungulates and another paper on culling animals in protected areas, both of which are unrelated to his work as a director, and
- assisted the Advance Cairns to secure money for developing Northern Australia CRC for native food supply chain for the Cairns and Hinterland (production and access to ports).

Mr Phil Rist

- Advised that his term as current chair of the GBR Indigenous Advisory Committee finishes in March. There are still some urgent works that need to be completed, as well as funds to be expended.
- Sought clarification on role the Authority played in World Rafting Championships on the Tully River (May 2019); specifically if the relevant PBCs had been contacted and what permit conditions were in place. He noted that it was an international event with over 1000 participants from over 50 nations and that it

was occurring inside the protected area estate (Jirrbal and Gulmay country). Giringun Aboriginal Corporation has been attempting to facilitate and support Traditional Owner engagement. There were a number of issues of concern such as for example naming it 'taming the Tully' which was considered offensive by some First Nations people. Phil noted participant and organisers were approaching Traditional Owners for a smoking ceremony and welcome to country; but that there should have been more formal arrangements in place by now. First Nations people argue that there should have been more engagement with them earlier in the planning and organising regarding potential business and economic opportunities.

James Newman advised that an event agreement had not yet been finalised. Tim Wong advised that Authority staff had been on site and provided some preliminary advice on permit conditions to look at siting and infrastructure matters.

The Board discussed the role of the Authority in supporting Aboriginal Groups in these matters. Scott Buchanan noted the Authority had not been formally approached regarding the concerns of First Nations people, other than an approach regarding providing a Rainforest Aboriginal Grant.

Resolution

The Board **noted** the director reports.

Actions

- WTMA and QPWS officer to follow up on issues raised and contact Giringun Aboriginal Corporation as required.
- Send Journal of Environment management manuscript to directors
- Organise for ED to meet with Advance Cairns leadership team to discuss regional economic priorities.
- Organise for ED to with FNQROC to talk about road priorities in the Wet Tropics region, including the Kuranda Range Road.

3.4. Queensland and Commonwealth Department Reports

Resolution

The Board **noted** verbal updates on projects from the Queensland and Australian Government department representatives.

3.5. Significant correspondence

Media releases

- Dec 14 2018* Third local crazy ant eradication declared
- Dec 15 2019* Reappointment of the Board of the Wet Tropics Management Authority
- Dec 15 2019* 30 years of Wet Tropics WH listing commemorated at ceremony
- Feb 19 2019* Cane train driver discovers yellow crazy ants in Gordonvale
- Feb 19 2019* 2019 Cassowary Awards nomination now open

Correspondence in

- Dec 13 2018* Premier of QLD/Minister for Trade, the Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk to the Hon Minister Enoch approving exemption of Commonwealth WH funding from CBRC committee
- Dec 18 2019* Minister for the Environment, the Hon Melissa Price regarding update on yellow crazy Ant eradication program.
- Jan 18 2019* Director, Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution Program to WTMA ED. Update on Eastern Kuku Yalanji (EKY) Traditional Owner Negotiating Committee (TONC) negotiations.
- Jan 22 2019* A/Assistant Secretary. Department of Environment and Energy regarding Wet Tropics Regional Agreement
- Jan 30 2019* Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for Arts thanking for Board 106 communiqué update.

Correspondence out

- Jan 14 2019* Letter from WTMA ED to Office of the Coordinator-General – submission regarding draft EIS for Kur World Integrated Eco-Resort project
- Jan 18 2019* Letter from WTMA ED to Principal Scientist, Invasive Plants and Animals Research, Biosecurity QLD regarding their 2017-18 Technical highlights report.

Miscellaneous

- Feb 19* 2019EOI First Nations Indigenous Futures Reference Group

Resolution

The Board **noted** the correspondence report

4. STRATEGIC ISSUES

4.1 Presentation and briefing with Senior officers from the Department of Innovation, Tourism Industry Development and the Commonwealth Games (DITID)

Mr David Edwards gave an overview and progress report on the proposed Wangetti Trail including timeframes, walking and biking track alignment; potential camping nodes; access; Master Planning issues such as tenure and water supply and security; identification of culturally sensitive issues; Traditional Owner business development opportunities and general trail hub operations (refer **Attachment 4.1 (1)**). This is a proposal to build a 76km leisure trail for walkers and mountain bike riders extending from Palm Cove to Port Douglas. Estimated cost at this stage is around \$30M (for campground and base infrastructure only) and funds are being sought from the State and Commonwealth departments to support the project. It is anticipated that the Mowbray section could commence after the 2019 wet season.

Significant work has been undertaken to engage with Traditional Owners (Jabalbina and Yirrganydji) to ensure meaningful co-benefits and not just ranger or labour services. DITID are working with DATSIP and indigenous employment agencies to progress this component of the proposal.

Directors noted that current cost estimations for infrastructure were optimistic, notwithstanding tenure issues, given wet tropical climate (e.g. rainfall), topography (e.g. erosion potential) and need to accommodate for multiple users (e.g. walking and biking).

Directors acknowledged that the concept is broadly consistent with the Wet Tropics Presentation Strategy; and they have some confidence that DITID will seek to avoid adverse impacts on World Heritage values. Directors acknowledged however, that it would be premature to give the project full endorsement until all of the management issues are presented.

Resolution

The board **noted** the presentation from David Edwards from the Department of Innovation, Tourism Industry Development, and the Commonwealth Game.

Actions

- Seek further clarification, when required, from DNRME and other agencies regarding tenure and Native Title issues pertaining to the proposed alignment.
- Engage DITID in the Wet Tropics Tourism Destination work underway, noting the Authority has submitted a proposal to the Australian Government for this type of work to be progressed through the Heritage Grants Program for a collaborative action plan.
- Invite DITID representatives to future board meetings on a regular basis.

4.2 Presentation Strategy – update on implementation

Dr Paul Chantrill addressed the board and briefed directors on current projects underway. The Authority has successfully partnered with Arts Nexus and QWaLC to conduct several regional tourism workshops and focus groups to help identify and support authentic tourism experiences that focus on art, culture and the natural environment, and worked closely with TTNQ to provide a web delivery option for the seasonal calendar.

A new approach for delivering (and accrediting) a Wet Tropics Tour Guide Program is proposed that supports guides to become 'Wet Tropics guide specialists'. It is hoped that this will ensure high standards of knowledge and skills in presenting enhanced cultural and natural values of the World Heritage Area.

Directors sought clarification on the delegation of the Authority (or its designated agent) regarding:

- accreditation of cultural (and natural) competencies required for tour guides, noting that generic RTO tour guide operating frameworks are in place through TAFE and a limited number of private providers,
- what a strong accreditation standard would look like, particularly regarding culturally appropriate practices, and
- the process and costs, risks, and options for delivery of training for guides.

Resolution

The Board

- **Noted** progress in implementing the presentation strategy, and
- **Approved** the proposed future direction of the Wet Tropics Tour Guide Program, pending additional information of options and costs for delivery of training.

Actions

- Consider options for how the Authority develop a project (with partners) that provide opportunities that recognises the International Year for Indigenous Languages. This could include the co-naming/renaming of park estates or other significant land features. This would need to be a collective approach.

4.3 Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program – update

Lucy Karger addressed the board and provided an update on the program, future funding, and risk mitigation (**Attachment 4.1 (1)**). A community engagement officer, Brenda Foley, has been engaged since the last meeting boosting the profile of the work throughout the community. Staff have prepared a funding submission seeking \$6M per year (\$3M per annum from both the Australian and Queensland governments) over seven years to complete a ten-year program, noting that current funding for the program expires on 30 June 2019.

The Independent Review, conducted by researchers at Melbourne University has recommended that eradication is still possible and the program well-managed and should continue. The review indicates the benefits of eradication are likely to substantially exceed costs. Specifically, the eradication program has a net present value of \$6 billion and a benefit-cost ratio of 178:1 at a 7% discount rate over 30 years. There are two major risks to be addressed. 1) human assisted movement of yellow crazy ant and 2) the ability to effectively detect and treat the ants when in very low numbers.

The board discussed the proposed budget expenditure and risk management options, if funding for the YCAEP is not forthcoming.

Resolution

The Board

- **noted** the current funding bid to continue the Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program, and
- **endorsed** the risk management actions (outlined in Attachment 4.3 (1)) to mitigate risks to the program under various potential funding scenarios.

4.4 2019 Cassowary Awards

M Flynn addressed the Board and provided an update on the arrangements for the Cassowary Awards. Nominations are now open and close on 18 March. The sponsorship prospectus has been finalized with the two available gold sponsors already filled. Silver sponsors are being sought and assistance from directors in approaching suitable agencies and organisations is encouraged (all were provided with sponsor packs). Invitations will be sent in the near future, including to both the State and Commonwealth Ministers.

M Flynn discussed options for recognizing all nominees, suggesting the Board may wish to select three finalists for each category. The World Heritage Connections team considered this a practical way to maximize sponsorship exposure, minimize costs for production of a printed program, and acknowledging all nominees in the program.

There was some discussion about the best way forward. The Chair noted the previous years' ceremony was the best ever, because it provided the opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge every nominee for their effort. In addition, the mystery of the winner was still there on the night. It was agreed to maintain a similar format for the evening, and for the program to be produced in two parts 1) program with sponsors and awards and 2) insert with all nominees listed.

The board acknowledged the efforts of M'Lis Flynn in her work in organizing the award ceremony. It is a growing into a prestigious event on the regional calendar.

Resolution

The Board

- **noted** arrangements for the Cassowary Awards sponsorship, timelines for the nomination process and selection of finalists, and
- **endorsed** option 2 (Attachment 4.4 (1) for each Cassowary Awards category (i.e., same process as the 2018 event)

Actions

- Directors to seek Silver sponsors for the event

4.5 Mid-year business plan and budget review – **IN CAMERA.**

Resolution

The Board

- **noted** the mid-year 2018-2019 budget progress report as at 31 January 2019.
- **noted** and **updated** the mid-year 2018-2019 annual business plan as of 31 January 2019.

4.6 Review of Board priorities 2015 and key initiatives for 2019 to 2022

L Shirreffs addressed the board and noted that limited time was available during the meeting to properly consider and discuss the big picture key initiatives.

Directors spent time reflecting on the 2015-18 key directions and achievements, and updated the table at **Attachment 4.6 (1).**

Directors agreed it would be valuable to dedicate time at the next meeting to discuss their 3-year strategy, based on the 2020-2030 Strategic Plan and that this should be a recurring item for future meetings. To make the most of these sessions, directors should be provided with a short list of issues that need to be considered.

Resolution

The Board

- **noted** the assessment and review of the Board priorities for 2015-18 (**Attachment 4.6 (1)**), and
- **provided some direction** on key initiatives for the Authority's annual business plan for 2019/20 and 2020/21 that are aligned to outcomes, strategies and key performance indicators identified in the 2020-2030 Wet Tropics Strategic Plan (**Attachment 4.6 (2)**), noting this would need to be re-considered at the May 2019 meeting.

Action

- Organise for future board meeting to include a strategic planning session to be held at the beginning of each meeting.

4.7 Briefing and presentation – Wet Tropics governance

Ms Ellie Bock (CCC member) and Dr Lea Scherl (SAC member) briefed directors with their ideas about decision making processes and options for collaborative governance models. They advised they were presenting in their professional capacities and not as committee members. They provided an overview of

- participation in decision making processes
- the public participation spectrum
- a personal reflection of where the authority is positioned in the practice of participation
- example of mechanisms to foster participation
- meanings of governance and how currently implemented across the organisation (from a personal perspective), and
- what future collaborative governance for the Wet Tropics WHA could include.

In their presentation (**Attachment 4.7 (1)**), they recommended that the Authority consider the proposal to establish a working group on collaborative governance, with a mandate to support the Authority to strengthen action for incorporation into the current draft Wet Tropics Management Plan and the Climate Change Adaptation Plan processes and final documents. This would include the establishment of a small specialist, technically focused and appropriately skilled working group comprising maximum six (6) delegated members from existing committee members (and others) that would meet up to three times a year and be resourced with a small budget.

Directors discussed public participation and shared decision making and where our various work projects fit along the spectrum. They agreed it was timely given the current review of the current CCC and SAC and options for how the board establishes and works with the new committees and how we can use for the climate response plan.

The Chair thanked Lea and Ellie for their presentation, which was appreciated and valued. She noted that the board are consciously trying to move along the spectrum, from 'inform and consult' towards a 'participatory and collaborative' model depending on the audience, sector and issues.

Resolution

The Board

- **thanked** Associate Professor Lea Scherl and Ellie Bock for their presentation on collaborative governance.

Action

- Consider how collaborative governance models can help inform the appointment and operations of the new SAC and CCC and other work programs (for example, the climate response plan and the wet Tropics Management Plan).

- Chair of the SAC and CCC to consider if it would be useful for Lea and Ellie to run a future session for climate response planning at one of their future meetings.

4.8 Wet Tropics Plan Review

Directors were provided with a verbal update on the status of Phase two consultation including public notification, timelines and stakeholder consultation and engagement. This issue will be considered in full once Phase 2 consultation is completed.

Resolution

The board **noted** the status of the Wet Tropics Plan review consultation process.

4.9 Wet Tropics Regional Agreement

Report tabled as read.

Resolution

The Board **noted** the outcome of the 4 February 2019 Traditional Owner Leadership Group meeting and progress to refresh the Regional Agreement.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Rezoning application process under the Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998

Angus McLeod and Tim Wong provided an information briefing to directors on a rezoning application from Cassowary Coast Regional Council to accommodate essential community infrastructure, being the construction of a new water supply reservoir in Tully Gorge National Park. The reservoir will fulfil a need for a clean drinking water supply and increased volume of water storage in the Tully and Mission Beach region of CCRC. Other information of relevance include:

- The proposed reservoir is considered essential community infrastructure.
- The proposed lease area (3,520m²) is within Zone B of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area- a zoning where the management intent is incompatible with the construction and operation of a reservoir.
- A properly made application for rezoning and permit was lodged on 23 January 2019.
- An Environmental Impact Assessment for the project was included in the application.

Under Schedule 1 of the Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998, local government authorities may apply for a rezoning of zone B to zone C to allow for essential community services infrastructure. The Authority may grant the application by preparing amended zone maps for approval by Ministerial Council, and issue a permit for the activity subject to Queensland Governor in Council approval.

Tim Wong advised that this issue will be brought to the directors for OOS consideration, noting the requirement for public notification ends 8 April 2019.

The Board noted that if they approved the rezoning, it would be the first Schedule 1 rezoning carried out under the Plan. Given this precedence, they requested additional information to enable a fulsome consideration including:

- prudent and feasible alternatives
- the OUV values of the site, including
- possible direct and indirect impact of the reservoir on WH values and integrity
- whether the proposal is a referral under the EPBC Act.

Resolution

The Board **noted** the information provided and requested a further and more fulsome briefing to address their issue and concerns.

Action

- send directors link to Cassowary Coast Regional Council EIA report.

5.2 Board communique

A draft communique was tabled for consideration.

Resolution

The Board **noted** the communique would be sent to directors for comment prior to distribution.

5.3 Site visit on country

Directors travelled with [Mandingalbay Ancient Indigenous Tours](#) across the Trinity Inlet to Mandingalbay Yidinji (MY) country on 5 March 2019. MY country takes in East Trinity Environmental Reserve, the Murray Prior Range, the western slopes of the Nisbet Range and across the Malbon Thompson Range into the Coral Sea, including a family of the Franklin Islands.

After a welcome smoking ceremony directors visited the site of the proposed indigenous tourism infrastructure project which aims to showcase history, environment and cultural values through enlightening interactive indigenous experiences. The rest of the morning was spent on a guided eco-cultural tour that included the Mayi Bugan trail walk at the base of Grey Peaks National Park.

During the afternoon directors travelled via Yarrabah to the Gunggandji-Mandingalbay Yidinji Peoples Prescribed Body Corporate (GMYPPBC) Trustee Area to discuss current planning initiatives underway, where they were warmly welcomed by GMYPPBC Chair, Dwayne Mundraby. The GMYPPBC Board of Directors are working with the Traditional Owners, the Yarrabah Aboriginal Council and the Authority to develop a Masterplan for the area.

The Masterplan will accommodate the Gunggandji Mandingalbay Yidinji Peoples' socioeconomic aspirations with regard to rezoning, access and management of the GMYPPBC World Heritage Areas. While travelling through the Trustee Area, the directors were able to inspect new interpretive signs at BuddaBadoo, Jilji and Kunjurra, which were made possible with a Wet Tropics Rainforest Aboriginal Grant.

Directors agreed that it was an extremely positive day and acknowledged the leadership shown by the GYMPPBC in the work they have undertaken on their traditional lands, as well as providing support and knowledge sharing for other groups and government agencies working to achieve similar outcomes.

Meeting closed at 5.35pm.



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Ms Leslie Shirreff PSM
Chair
Date 30/05/2019