



Western Regional Roads Forum

Driving our Region Forward

Regional Development Australia Committees with a footprint across regional road networks outside South East Queensland and west of the Bruce Highway are pleased to present this forum to work with regional stakeholders on the development of a Western Roads Action Plan.

Date: Thursday 28 August 2014 – 9:30am Registration, tea and coffee; 10:00am – 4:30pm (lunch provided)

Location: Red Earth Hotel, Cnr Rodeo Drive & West Street, Mount Isa

The forum will have the following objectives:

- Provide an update on roads-related programs and funding
- Provide an opportunity for each RRTG to present a snapshot of their strategic road priorities
- Discuss the development of a Western Roads Action Plan

Targeted outcomes for the forum will be to:

1. Seek collaboration on the development of a Western Roads Action Plan (WRAP)
2. Agree on the Terms of Reference for a WRAP Working Group
3. Discuss required funding



Western Regional Roads Forum Program

9:30 –10:00	Registration, Tea & Coffee <i>Sponsored by GHD</i>			
10:00 –10:15	Opening & Welcome Update on the Western Regional Roads Agenda	Cr Rick Britton Chair, Interim Working Group, Western Regional Roads		
10:15 –10:45	Departmental update on road programs, funding and opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation • Q&A 	Mr Les Dunn Department of Transport & Main Roads General Manager, Portfolio Investment & Programming Branch		
10:45 –11:55	Regional Update on Strategic Road Priorities that are yet to be funded.			
	RRTG	Shires	Representative	Role
10:45	Bowen Basin	Banana, Central Highlands, Isaac, and Woorabinda	Cr Peter Maguire	Mayor, Central Highlands Regional Council
10:52	Far North Queensland	Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Cook, Croydon, Douglas, Etheridge, Mareeba, Tablelands, and Wujal Wujal	Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer, FNQROC
10:59	Gladstone	Gladstone	Gerard Read	Technical Coordinator, Gladstone RRTG
11:06	North Queensland	Burdekin, Hinchinbrook, Charters Towers, and Townsville	Mark Crawley	CEO, Charters Towers Regional Council
11:13	North West Queensland	Burke, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, Doomadgee, Flinders, McKinlay, Mount Isa, and Richmond	Cr John Wharton	Mayor, Richmond Shire Council
11:20	Outback	Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Longreach, Winton, Diamantina, and Boulia	Cr Butch Lenton	Mayor, Winton Shire Council
11:27	Rockhampton	Rockhampton and Livingstone	Gerard Read	Technical Coordinator, Rockhampton RRTG
11:34	South West	Bulloo, Balonne, Murweh, Paroo, Quilpie, and Maranoa	Dave Burges	CEO, Quilpie Shire Council
11:41	Western Downs	Western Downs	Cr Andrew Smith	Councillor, Western Downs Regional Council
11:48	Whitsunday	Mackay and Whitsunday	Hennie van der Schyff	Executive Manager Roads and Drainage
11:55 – 12:30	Overview of Western Roads Action Plan proposed scope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation • Q&A 	Mr Les Dunn <i>Department of Transport & Main Roads</i> <i>General Manager, Portfolio Investment & Programming</i> <i>Branch</i>		



12:30 – 1:15	Lunch	Sponsored by MacDonnells Law
1:15 – 2:00	Defining the Network Vision and Strategic Objectives <i>Breakout Groups</i>	Facilitated by Jim Groatorex, GHD
2:00 – 2:30	Feedback and Review of Findings	Facilitated by Jim Groatorex, GHD
2:30 – 3:15	Level of Service Framework <i>Breakout Groups</i>	Facilitated by Jim Groatorex, GHD
3:15 – 3:40	Feedback and Review of Findings	Facilitated by Jim Groatorex, GHD
3:40 – 4:30	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision on collaboration to develop the Western Roads Action Plan • Terms of Reference for future Working Group • Funding arrangements 	Facilitated by Cr Rick Britton
4:30	Close & Refreshments	Sponsored by AECOM

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Speakers

Cr Rick Britton

Chairman, Western Regional Roads Interim Working Group



Rick was elected to Boulia Shire Council in 2007 and has served as Mayor since 2008. Rick and his wife Ann own and operate the cattle station Goodwood Pastoral Company and both are heavily involved in numerous events.

Les Dunn

General Manager, Portfolio Investment & Programming Branch, Department of Transport & Main Roads



Les manages Portfolio Investment and Programming Branch, ensuring that the right investments are made at the right time, and at the right price. This ensures a value for money infrastructure program for the transport system in Queensland.

Cr Peter Maguire

Mayor, Central Highlands Regional Council



Darlene Irvine

Executive Officer, Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils



Darlene has been the executive officer of FNQROC for the past 13 years. FNQROC auspices the FNQRRTG.

Gerard Read

Technical Coordinator representing Gladstone and Rockhampton RRTGs

Mark Crawley

Chief Executive Officer, Charters Towers Regional Council



Charters Towers Regional Council located in the North Queensland covers an area of 68,366.9 square kilometres.

Mark has been working in local government for 29 years spending most of his career in rural Queensland and for the past 13 years held the position as CEO at Barcaldine, Nebo, Isaac and now Charters Towers.

Mark is the President of the Local Government Managers Australia – Queensland Branch and enjoys the work that is being done for its members.



Cr John Wharton AM

Mayor, Richmond Shire Council



Councillor John Wharton AM was first elected to the Richmond Shire Council in 1991 and became Mayor in 1997.

On 11 June 2007 he was the recipient of a Member of the Order of Australia Award for his service to the community of North-west Queensland through local government, regional development, natural resource management and primary industry organisations. He also received the Centenary Medal for distinguished service to local government.

Cr Butch Lenton

Mayor, Winton Shire Council



Cr Butch Lenton was born and raised in Winton and attended Winton State School until grade 10. Cr Lenton completed his motor mechanic apprenticeship at the Winton Shire Council workshop and now, with his wife Ros, has a mechanical business in Winton. Cr Lenton was first elected to Winton Shire Council in 1997 to 2008, and was Deputy Mayor from 2004 to 2008, and elected Mayor in 2012.

Dave Burges

CEO, Quilpie Shire Council



Dave is the CEO of Quilpie Shire Council. Prior to this Dave has been a Director of Engineering and Planning at various local authorities. Dave has gained extensive experience in engineering and local government since joining the sector in 1993. He worked in the engineering consultancy industry for 11 years prior to joining local government.



Cr Andrew Smith

Councillor, Western Downs Regional Council



Councillor Andrew Smith has just over 5 years experience in local government, having been an economic development officer prior to being elected as councillor in 2008. Professionally, Cr Smith has been a radio announcer, publican and grazier. A successful entrepreneur, he still maintains several business interests in the region. His areas of expertise and interest include business, economic development and supporting small communities.

Hennie van der Schyff

Executive Manager Roads and Drainage, Whitsunday Regional Council

Hennie is currently the Executive Manager Roads and Drainage in the Whitsunday Regional Council. He is also a Chartered Professional Engineer with more than 22 years experience in road construction and maintenance.

Jim Greatorex

North Queensland Business Development Manager, GHD



Jim is a civil engineer with nearly 20 years' experience. He is currently GHD's North Queensland Business Development Manager.

While working in the civil construction industry Jim has lived and worked in Mt Isa and Camooweal previous and was a site engineer for two Barkly Highway road construction projects.

More recently Jim has been the Project Director for the design and project management of a number of TMR and LGA roads including the \$137M Vantassel to Cluden Bruce Highway Upgrade in Townsville.



Gerard Meade

Senior Associate, MacDonnells Law



Senior Associate Gerard Meade has extensive experience in all stages of construction contract development from drafting contract documentation through to contract negotiation, contract administration and dispute resolution.

He also holds the accreditation: Accredited Probity Services Provider (Procurement), Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia.

James Ramsey

Construction Manager, AECOM North Queensland



James is the Construction Manager for AECOM in North Queensland.

James has over 18 years' experience in the construction and design of civil infrastructure. James has worked across North and Western Queensland, including in his role as the Works Manager at the Northwestern work centre for RoadTek (2009-). This centre is based in Cloncurry and covers works for more than 1/3 of Queensland.

Since joining AECOM James has worked with Winton Shire, McKinlay Shire and Hinchinbrook Shire Councils to deliver their NDRRA programs. James has a proven ability to lead multidisciplinary teams to successfully deliver programs for clients.



Attendees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
Mark Adams	General Manager – Century Mine	MMG Limited
Cr Dale Appleton	Deputy Mayor	Isaac Regional Council
Brian Ashcroft	Executive Director, Engineering and Infrastructure	Isaac Regional Council
Cr Rick Britton	Mayor	Boulia Shire Council
Matt Bron	Director – Outback	Tourism & Events Queensland
Dave Burges	Chief Executive Officer	Quilpie Shire Council
Cr Bill Cahill	Chair	RDA Darling Downs and South West
Mark Crawley	Chief Executive Officer	Charters Towers Regional Council
Dr Allan Dale	Chair	RDA Far North Queensland and Torres Strait
Dave Derrick	Technical Director – Transport	AECOM Townsville
Les Dunn	General Manager (Portfolio Investment & Programming)	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Jim Greatorex	North Queensland Business Development Manager	GHD
Brian Hewitt	Chief Executive Officer	RDA Darling Downs and South West
Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer	Far North Qld Regional Organisation of Councils
Sonja Johnson	Chief Executive Officer	RDA Far North Queensland and Torres Strait
Cr Greg Jones	Mayor	Flinders Shire Council
Michael Kitzelmann	Chief Executive Officer	Etheridge Shire Council
Cr Butch Lenton	Mayor	Winton Shire Council
Liz Maclynre	Chief of Staff	Mount Isa Electorate Officer, Member for Mount Isa Robbie Katter MP
Cr Peter Maguire	Mayor	Central Highlands Regional Council
Cr Bob McDonald	Mayor	Cloncurry Shire Council
Gerard Meade	Senior Associate	MacDonnells Law
David Neeves	Chief Executive Officer	Cloncurry Shire Council
James Ramsey	Construction Manager	AECOM Townsville
Gerard Read	Technical Coordinator	RRTG – Bowen Basin, FNQ, NWQ, Gladstone & Rockhampton
Glenys Schuntner	Chief Executive Officer	RDA Townsville and North West Queensland
Cr Peter Scott	Mayor	Cook Shire Council
Cr Andrew Smith	Councillor	Western Downs Regional Council
Moya Steele	Partner	MacDonnells Law
Glynn Thomas	Infrastructure and Mining Manager	SMEC Australia
Steve Turner	Director of Engineering	Flinders Shire Council
Hennie van der Schyff	Executive Manager Roads and Drainage	Whitsunday Regional Council
Andre Wessels	Chief Executive Officer	RDA Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday
Cr John Wharton	Mayor	Richmond Shire Council
Beth Whitworth	Project Officer	RDA Townsville and North West Queensland
Paul Woodhouse	Chair	RDA Townsville and North West Queensland