



TOWNSVILLE AND NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND INC

Developing the long term sustainability of our region

Newsflash From the CEO



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

It has been our pleasure and privilege in 2012 to continue working with communities across the Townsville and North West Queensland region to support their development of long term economic, social and environmental sustainability. While we only have a small staff of two and 12 volunteer Committee members covering the region of 449,190 km², we are proud to have been involved in a range of initiatives including the following:

- Updating of the *Regional Roadmap* to provide feedback to the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments on our region's issues and opportunities
- A partnership with MITEZ Inc. (Mount Isa to Townsville Economic Zone regional economic development organisation) and other organisations including Infrastructure Australia to develop the MITEZ 50 Year Freight Infrastructure Plan for the Mount Isa to Townsville corridor
- A partnership with Townsville City Council to develop the Townsville Digital Economy Strategy to enable sharing of information across the region
- Hosting of an *Inspiring Tropical Australia* breakfast to promote opportunities for scientists, researchers and innovators to link with businesses for commercial and community outcomes
- Distribution of information to communities through 25 issues of *Community Connections* and *Newsflash* on more than 100 grants, a wide range of programs relating to economic, social and environmental sustainability and more than 100 events that help build capacity
- Promotion and judging of the *Regional Development Australia Fund* with ACT for Kids receiving a \$3.4 million grant to build a new Child and Family Centre of Excellence in Townsville on the JCU campus from where they will also provide regional services

On behalf of our Chairman Paul Woodhouse, Committee members and Shannyn, I wish to thank you for your support of RDA and wish you, your staff and all your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to working with you on regional development opportunities in the year ahead!

Glenys Schuntner

Chief Executive Officer

PS Our office will be closed from 24 December, 2012 to 4 January 2013 inclusive.

RDA Committee

<p>Mr Paul Woodhouse <i>Chairman</i></p>  <p>Paul joined RDA in 2012. Retiring from local government after serving 12 years as Mayor and Councillor of McKinlay Shire Council to follow other interests, Paul is a primary producer in north west Queensland.</p>	<p>Ms Lyn McLaughlin <i>Deputy Chair</i></p>  <p>Lyn joined RDA in 2009. She is a former Mayor and Councillor of Burdekin Shire Council and represents the region on several committees. Lyn is a primary school teacher.</p>	<p>Mr Jeff Jimmieson <i>Treasurer</i></p>  <p>Based in Townsville, Jeff and his wife Debbie own and operate an events management business Access All Areas Event Management. Born in Toowoomba, Jeff has lived in Townsville since 1985.</p>	<p>Mr David Kippin <i>Secretary</i></p>  <p>David is CEO at Townsville Enterprise Limited, North Queensland's peak economic development and destination marketing organisation. David has previously held senior positions in Financial and Professional Services and Corporate Advisory.</p>	<p>Cr Rick Britton</p>  <p>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.</p>	<p>Dr Scott Crawford</p>  <p>Based in Townsville, Scott is CEO of NQ Dry Tropics, the natural resource management body for the Burdekin region. Originally from Brisbane, Scott has lived in Townsville for 13 years.</p>
<p>Cr Tracy Forshaw</p>  <p>Tracy has been a Councillor on the Burke Shire Council since 2008. Tracy and her husband Ian own and operate an earthmoving, quarry and concrete business in Gregory.</p>	<p>Mr Trevor Goldstone</p>  <p>Trevor is the Director, Business Development and Operations at the Faculty of Law, Business and Creative Arts at James Cook University. Trevor moved from Adelaide to Townsville in 2009.</p>	<p>Cr Greg Jones</p>  <p>Greg is the Mayor of Flinders Shire where he has served as a Councillor since 1994. Greg and wife Carole operate an Electrical, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning business in Hughenden.</p>	<p>Mr Mike Westerman</p>  <p>Mike is the General Manager, Xstrata Mount Isa Copper Operations and has more than 20 years' experience as a mining engineer in underground and open pit environments.</p>	<p>Position Vacant</p> <p>People interested in nominating for the Committee can find more information at http://rda.gov.au/node/15</p> <p>Also please do not hesitate to call Glenys Schuntner, CEO on 07 4760 1612 for a discussion about the role.</p>	<p>Position Vacant</p> <p>People interested in nominating for the Committee can find more information at http://rda.gov.au/node/15</p> <p>Also please do not hesitate to call Glenys Schuntner, CEO on 07 4760 1612 for a discussion about the role.</p>



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