

1 February 2023

ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting 6

Details

Location: Lismore Workers Club, 202 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah

Date/time: Wednesday, 1 February 2023, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Advisory Board in attendance:

- Chairperson: Rebecca Fox, Secretary, Department of Regional NSW
- Sharon Cadwallader, Chair, Northern Rivers Joint Organisation
- Michael Cassel, Secretary, NSW Department of Planning & Environment, A/Chief Executive Officer, NSW Reconstruction Authority (via Microsoft Teams)
- Peter Duncan AM, Commissioner & Deputy Chair, NSW Independent Planning Commission
- Andrew Hall, CEO, Insurance Council of Australia (via Microsoft Teams)
- Jane Laverty, Regional Director, Northern Rivers Business NSW
- Mike Rayner, Former General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, technical expert, Tweed community member

Observer:

- John Walker, General Manager, Lismore City Council

Guests:

- Angela Koepp, Hatch (via Microsoft Teams)
- Ayeh Haji, Hatch (via Microsoft Teams)

Apology:

- Darren Kershaw, Executive Chair, North Coast Aboriginal Development Alliance

NRRC staff:

- David Witherdin, Chief Executive
- Kea Lambert, Project Officer Board Support
- Kieron Hendicott, Executive Director, Strategy, Planning & Development
- Gareth James, Executive Director, Program Delivery
- Kristie Clarke, Director Housing
- Rowan Howarth, Director, Infrastructure Coordination Office (via Microsoft Teams)
- Hala Hubraq, Director Resilience & Adaptation
- Craig Jenkins, Director Industry, Economic Recovery & Aboriginal Engagement
- Alex Platt, Director Business Operations, Governance & Performance
- Adam Tyndall, Director Planning (via Microsoft Teams)
- Emily Holborow, Manager Communications and Stakeholder Engagement
- Krista Wilson, Manager Data Reporting & Prioritisation (via Microsoft Teams)

Introduction

- The NRRC Advisory Board met on 1 February 2023. Apologies were received from Darren Kershaw.
- An Acknowledgement of Country was performed by the Chair.
- The Board acknowledged this was John Walker's last meeting and thanked John for his contribution.

CSIRO Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative update

- An update on the status of the CSIRO Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative was presented to the Board.

Resilient Homes Program update

- The status of the Resilient Homes Program was discussed. Key achievements under the Buyback pilot program were noted, including customer contact and the commencement of property valuations. The Board noted first offers under the Program are to be made shortly.
- The Board also discussed NRRC community engagement events and activities. The Board noted updates to the NRRC website and imminent publish of the Program Guidelines, in addition to a broader suite of measures developed by NRRC to increase public communications.

Resilient Land Program update

- The Resilient Land Program Landholder EOI will close on 1 February 2023. Stage 1 of a two-stage Land Suitability Assessment is underway, with landholders to be advised if their EOI response has advanced to Stage 2, is on hold, or is unsuitable in March 2023. Stage 2 to be completed by an independent, expert panel.

Concept master planning – Crown Lands Site 1

- The Resilient Land Program has identified government-owned sites for potential development. The Board provided feedback to NRRC on potential development options.

Resilient Centres Program – Place-based adaptation plans

- The Board discussed the Resilient Centres Program – a program of place-based adaptation plans for key centres across the Northern Rivers. The Board noted the importance of community engagement, participation and co-design in adaptation planning.

NRRC GIS Tool demonstration

- A demonstration was provided on the NRRC developed GIS Tool used to collate and visualise program data, generate detailed reports and enhance decision-making.

ICO update

- The ICO update paper was noted by the Board.

2022 flood event anniversary

- NRRC is liaising with Lismore City Council and the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation to provide event support for flood anniversary reflection events as needed.

NSW Reconstruction Authority (NSWRA) update

- An update on stand up of the NSWRA was provided to the Board.