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Environment FNQ ROUNDTABLE

Planning, networking and sharing resources to strengthen our
collective capacity for conservation in FNQ

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Environment FNQ ROUNDTABLE

CAFNEC has for a number of years held the Environment FNQ Roundtable to bring together conservation groups that advocate for environmental protection of our unique, tropical Far North Queensland (FNQ) environment. We are really excited this year to be partnering with Cape York NRM, Terrain NRM, Northern Gulf Resource Management Group, the Wet Tropics Management Authority, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, TropEco JCU and the Environmental Defenders Office of Northern Queensland to deliver the 2016 Environment FNQ Roundtable in an all new 3-day format.

The purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity to:

- Maintain and strengthen conservation sector networks within the FNQ region;
- Facilitate knowledge and resource sharing within the region;
- Take the time to focus on the broader regional perspective;
- Identify shared challenges and opportunities, and potential areas for collaboration; and
- Deliver capacity building workshops and identify future training needs and opportunities.

Thank you for joining us for the 2016 Environment FNQ Roundtable. We hope you enjoy the event and genuinely welcome your feedback.

With your support, we hope to grow the event in years to come and in doing so, continue to strengthen our collective capacity for conservation in FNQ.

About us

The Cairns and Far North Environment Centre (CAFNEC) is a not-for-profit incorporated association which acts as conservation council for the region from Cardwell north to Torres Strait and from the east coast to the Gulf of Carpentaria.

CAFNEC was formed in 1981 by members of a number of local conservation groups. It was felt that group coordination and a higher profile for regional environment issues was needed with a single, accessible contact point. For almost 35 years, CAFNEC has, and continues, to advocate for the protection of the unique, tropical Far North Queensland Environment - home of the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics World Heritage Areas.

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Opening Address/Keynote Speaker

Peter Valentine

Adjunct Professor - James Cook University

We are honoured to have Adjunct Professor Peter Valentine from James Cook University's College of Marine and Environmental Sciences presenting the opening address – 'Cooperation and Collaboration Trumps Isolation and Heroics.'

For over 40 years Peter has contributed his time, knowledge, skills and experience to conservation in a diverse range of academic, professional and community roles.

Peter is former Head of School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, James Cook University, former Chair and Director of the Wet Tropics Management Authority, former Director of Terrain NRM, founding member and former President for North Queensland Conservation Council and former member and Vice-president of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland (Townsville Branch).

Peter's working career has included various roles in universities, the IUCN and government (both state and federal) with expertise spanning world heritage, natural resource management, protected area management, ecology, resource management and conservation.

Now enjoying semi-retirement, Peter is the Editor of North Queensland Naturalist, President of the Tree Kangaroo and Mammal Group, Tablelands Convener and Conservation Officer for Birdlife Australia NQ Branch, Chair of the Standing Independent Selection Panel for Terrain NRM and member of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas. It is no wonder Peter is considered a local champion in the FNQ conservation sector.

With his incredibly diverse experience across the conservation sector, it is a pleasure to have Peter delivering the opening address for this year's Environment FNQ Roundtable. We look forward to Peter's wise words and advice on strengthening our collective capacity for conservation in FNQ - an opportunity not to be missed!



Environment FNQ ROUNDTABLE

PROGRAM Friday, 18 November 2016

Registration: 8:30 am - 9:00 am - Cairns Institute Foyer - Ground Floor

Session 1 - (9:00 am - 12:30 pm) - Room D3-063

- 09:00 Introduction
- 09:10 Welcome to Country
- 09:15 Opening address: Adj. Prof. Peter Valentine
"Cooperation and Collaboration Trumps Isolation and Heroics"
- 09:30 **Cape York NRM**
An overview of the organisation's establishment, structure, mission, business model and insight into its main activities.
Presented by Bob Frazer, Chief Executive Officer
- 10:00 **Terrain NRM**
An overview of the organisation's current activities and outline of the of broad range of opportunities flowing from increased reef investment in the region.
Presented by Carole Sweatman, Chief Executive Officer
- 10:30 **MORNING TEA**
- 11:00 **Northern Gulf Resource Management Group (NGRMG):**
An overview of the organisation's activities and key environmental values, drivers and threats in the the Northern Gulf region.
Presented by Sarah Rizvi - NRM Planner
- Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA)**
- 11:30 An overview of the authority's current activities including the Wet Tropics Plan Review, Yellow Crazy Ants, World Heritage Families and changes to community engagement processes.
Presented by Max Chappell, Manager - Planning and Conservation
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)**
- 12:00 An update on the authority's current activities and overview of community engagement processes.
Presented by Doon McColl, Liaison Manager - Far Northern Region
- LUNCH**
- 12:30



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Session 2 - (1:30 pm - 3:00 pm)

Attendees to select one of the two following workshops

13:30 OPTION 1 - Workshop: Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)
Room D3-063

This session will seek feedback on proposed changes to the Reef Guardian stewardship model, explore the lessons Doon learned about environmental stewardship during her recent Churchill Fellowship to north America, and provide opportunities for open discussion and Q&A.

Presented by Doon McColl, Liaison Manager - Far Northern Region

OR

OPTION 2 - Workshop: Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA)
Room D3-059

This session will further explore the Wet Tropics Plan Review and changes to community engagement as well as dedicated time for open discussion and Q&A.

Presented by Max Chappell, Manager - Planning and Conservation

15:00 AFTERNOON TEA

Session 3 - (3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

Attendees to select one of the three following workshops

15:30 OPTION 1 - Workshop: Cape York NRM (video-conferencing enabled)
Room D3-063

This session will further explore the Cape York NRM Plan, Eastern Cape York/GBR Water Quality Improvement Plan and the impact of fire on Cape York's socio-ecological systems.

Presented by Peta-Marie Standley, Operations Manager and Will Higham, Principal Program Manager - Planning and Implementation

OR (continued overleaf)



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(cont.) Session 3 - (3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

15:30 **OPTION 2 - Workshop: Terrain NRM**
Room D3-059

This session will further explore the regional NRM plan - Wet Tropics Plan for people and country, mapping and decision support tools for conservation.

Presented by Penny Scott, Manager Community Partnerships

OR

OPTION 3 - Workshop: Northern Gulf Resource Management Group
Room D3-144

This session will explore resource based development in a region with high levels of disadvantage and very limited economic opportunity, with specific reference to the *Vegetation Management Act* and water resource development in the Northern Gulf.

Presented by Sarah Rizvi - NRM Planner

17:00 **Wrap up and evaluation**

17:30 **Close**

Social Networking Event - (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)

18:30 **Stratford Pizza & Cafe Brasil**

Join us for an informal Brazilian BBQ and drinks at Stratford Pizza.

Dinner, beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages provided. Other drinks BYO.

Location: 5 Tully St, Stratford QLD 4870



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PROGRAM Saturday, 19 November 2016

Registration - 8:30 am - 9:00 am - Cairns Institute Foyer Ground Floor

Session 1 - Taking our temperature workshop (9:00 am - 1:00 pm)

What are the issues? What are we currently doing? How can we improve?

- 09:00 Introductions and explanation of the workshop
- 09:20 Preparing through self-reflection
- 09:40 Round 1
- 10:20 Round 2

11:00 MORNING TEA

- 11:30 Round 3
- 12:10 Round 4
- 12:50 Wrap Up

13:00 LUNCH

Participants will choose 4 from 6 broad discussion topics:

1. Biodiversity (inlc. threatened and invasive species)

Facilitated by Bess Murphy - CAFNEC

2. Marine Issues

Facilitated by Josh Coates - Australian Marine Conservation Society

3. Water

Facilitated by Luke Preece - The Nature Conservancy

4. Climate Change/Sustainability

Facilitated by Lucy Graham - TropEco JCU

5. Planning/Land Use

Facilitated by Tania Heber - Environmental Defenders Office of NQ

6. World Heritage

Facilitated by Andrew Picone - Australian Conservation Foundation

Session 2 - Bringing it all together (2:00 pm - 3:00 pm)

- 14:00 Identifying Common Themes from the workshop

This session will use a variety of tools to identify common themes from the morning's workshop.

15:00 AFTERNOON TEA

Session 3 - Charting the way forward (3:30 pm - 5:30 pm)

- 15:30 Facilitating Coordinated Action

This session will use a variety of tools to identify potential areas for collaboration and ways we can continue working together

17:30 Close



Environment FNQ ROUNDTABLE

PROGRAM Sunday, 20 November 2016

Registration - 8:30 am - 9:00 am - Cairns Institute Foyer Ground Floor

Capacity Building Training Workshops - BYO computer (not mobile device)

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| 09:00 | Overview of the day |
| 09:15 | Session 1: Accessing information
<i>Presented by Tania Heber - Environmental Defenders Office NQ</i> |
| 10:15 | MORNING TEA |
| 10:30 | Session 2: FNQDigiSkills - Digital Skills Share - BYO Laptop/Mobile Device
<i>Presented by Margaret Pestorius - Friends of the Earth FNQ</i> |
| 11:30 | Session 3: Graphic design for novices - canva.com - BYO Laptop
<i>Presented by Bess Murphy - CAFNEC</i> |
| 12:30 | LUNCH |
| 13:30 | Session 4: The power community organising
<i>Presented by Gemma Plesman - The Wilderness Society</i> |
| 15:30 | AFTERNOON TEA |
| 15:45 | Session 5: Identifying shared training needs and opportunities for FNQ
<i>Facilitated by Roz Walden - CAFNEC</i> |
| 17:00 | Close |