

Cape York Healthy Country NEWSLETTER

Cape York NRM calls for members

WELCOME to the first edition of the Cape York Natural Resource Management Ltd. (Cape York NRM) monthly newsletter. This newsletter aims to keep you informed about our current activities and the activities of other organisations based throughout Cape York that are undertaking projects that maintain and improve the health of our land, water, animals and people.

Cape York NRM will keep you abreast of national, state and local issues and create local opportunities for you.

We are a community owned, not-for-profit company established to deliver sustainable natural resource management solutions which will protect Cape York's natural assets for future generations.

To achieve this goal we will promote the sustainable use of Cape York's natural resources and help the people, communities and organisations of Cape York to work together to care for the natural environment.

The Cape York NRM region extends north from the Mitchell River watershed to the tip of Cape

York Peninsula.

We are currently calling for individuals and organisations to become members.

Members will help us make the management decisions that support your way of life and the health of your country that makes it possible.

It will enable you to provide input into our activities and the directions we will be taking in the future.

This is an organisation for the people and of the people.

Our Mission: Helping people to work together to care for the natural environment and to promote the sustainable use of Cape York's natural resources.



PHOTO: AMANDA HOGGIN

Cape York's on board-Australia's regional bodies set up

CAPE York NRM is the last of 56 regional bodies to be set up across Australia.

The regional boundaries, which follow natural water catchments for each of the 56 regions, were established by Commonwealth, state and territory governments

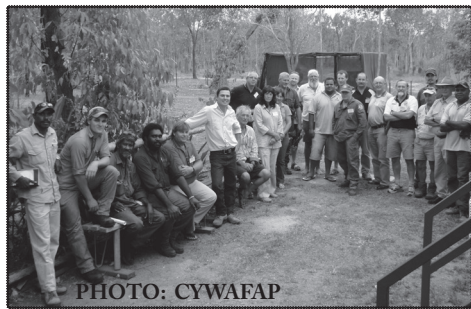
between 2002 and 2004.

Most of the other regional bodies across Australia were established during that time.

Finally, after community lobbying, Cape York NRM was set up in 2010. Continued page 3.

Around the Cape

Keep up to date with upcoming events, news and opportunities.



CAPE York Peninsula Pest Management Advisory Group will meet in Cairns on the 6th and 7th of April. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Discussion will include project proposals from Cape York Weeds and Feral Animals Program and the 5 year review of the Cape York Pest Management Plan. Further information and registration contact Cape York Weeds and Feral Animals Program on 4069 5020 or email mail@cywafap.org.au. LEFT: Cape York Peninsula Pest Management Advisory Group and members of the public at Coen in November 2011.



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COUNTRY

THE Australian Governments natural resource management funding program, 'Caring for our Country' is under review. This review will help guide informed decisions for natural resource management delivery in the future. The effectiveness of the program and achievements to date will be reviewed. Feedback from the recipients and applicants are encouraged. Submissions are invited until 20 May 2011. Visit www.nrm.gov.au/review/review-submission.html for the discussion paper and review process.



THE weeds of National Significance strategic plans are now available for public comment. Visit www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/ to view the strategic plans and contact details for Weeds of National Significance Coordinators for each identified species. If you have noticed any new incursions or increased numbers of weeds in your area, report this to Cape York Weeds and Feral Animals Program on 40965020, Cook Shire Council on 40695444 or Cape York NRM on 40911228. LEFT: Parkinsonia aculeata - weed of national significance found in Cape York.



COMMUNITY members are reporting a phone scam involving a hoax grant offer being made on behalf of the non-existent "Australian Government Grants Department". The hoax caller requested a payment which would permit the payer to access a grant of some kind. Pressure tactics were used, urging that payment should be arranged immediately. Persons approached should call 1300 026 222 or visit www.scamwatch.gov.au/content/index.php/html/itemId/801547 The Australian Government does not cold call offering grants and does not charge a fee to release grant funding.



AFTER winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 Norman Borlaug said "For we are dealing with two opposing forces, the scientific power of food production and the biologic power of human reproduction. Man has made amazing progress recently in his potential mastery of these two contending powers. Science, invention and technology have given him materials and methods for increasing his food supplies substantially." Read more on this very interesting topic in the Australian Government report: Australia and Food Security in a changing world. Find it at www.chiefscientist.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/PMSEIC-Food-Impact-Statement.pdf

TO THE PEOPLE OF CAPE YORK,

WHEN you meet with your family, friends and neighbors, does talk turn to things like the effect that weeds and feral animals are having on your grazing, farming, fishing or tourism business, your work, or perhaps those special places on Cape York where you camp, hunt or fish?

Maybe you would like to know more about things like the government's plans for national parks, wild rivers or world heritage on Cape York, and what that means for you or the health of your part of our country?

We're referring to the health that comes from achieving a balance between our land, water and its animals and the ways in which we use those things.

If this is the case, you are not alone in being concerned about these things, you are not the only one who wonders what can be done to make Cape York an even more 'healthy country'.

Your concern was evident by the number of people who took part in the meetings in 2008 and 2009 concerning the set up of the Cape York Regional Body.

Many Cape York residents and organisations have also been involved in setting up this new organisation by enrolling as voters or nominating as candidates for its Board of Directors.

We are currently sending out invitations to those who registered to become a member of this new organisation.

All interested people and organisations on Cape York are encouraged to become members of Cape York Natural Resource Management Ltd.

As a member you would be involved in guiding and directing the company, and will be sent regular information about what is happening so that you can be sure that it is doing its very best to support the people of this region as

we work toward making Cape York 'healthy country'.

The Board of Directors and staff contact details are included in this newsletter and further information on the Directors and the company will be provided in future editions or contact us with any questions you may have.

We encourage you to return the membership application form with the reply paid details on the back, also ensuring you get the next edition of our newsletter.



Joseph Elu – Chairman (left)

Bob Frazer – CEO (right)



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QUEENSLAND's 14 regional bodies are community owned not-for-profit organisations governed by elected boards.

In most other states and territories they are government agencies or authorities with appointed Boards and public servant staffing.

Our local body, Cape York NRM is committed to supporting the people and organisations of Cape York to do work that will bring about a balance between the health of the land, water and its animals and the social, cultural and economic use of those things.

It aims to do that by advocating for a fair share of government and other investment in Cape York, taking your messages to decision makers and keeping you informed. Cape York NRM will also work as an 'honest broker' to coordinate region-wide programs and activity.

We will collaborate with, support and advocate for a balanced future for Cape York and add value to the work of other people and organisations with similar goals.

Further information on Australia's regional groups can be found at www.nrm.gov.au/nrm/region or closer to home, visit the Queensland's Regional Groups Collective website at www.rgc.org.au.

FUNDING SECURED FOR TWO YEARS

AS a Regional NRM body we will receive funding from the Australian and State Governments to fund projects on Cape York.

At this time we know we will be investing \$1.8 Million in base funding on on-ground works, each year for the next 2 years. We should however not just be seen as a source of funding - we will be providing a range of supports and services, many of which will be directed to our members.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

ITS EASY, fill out the application form included with this newsletter and then fold it and post with the postage paid details already printed on the back.

If you would like more copies of the membership form call or email Debbie on 0400 289 596 or admin@capeyorknrm.com.au and she'll post you out some more.

Organisations and individuals are eligible to become members.

The Inaugural Cape York Natural Resource Management Board was declared by the Australian Electoral Commission in 2010

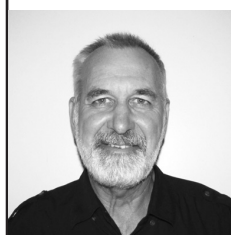
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REGISTER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS: A regional contacts page on our website will provide up-to-date details for all regional staff, organisations, local governments, ranger groups and education bodies working in Cape York. To be included, email your contact details to capeyorkmediaandevents@gmail.com

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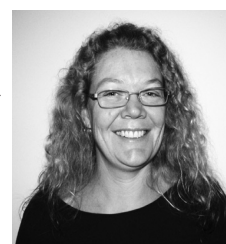
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