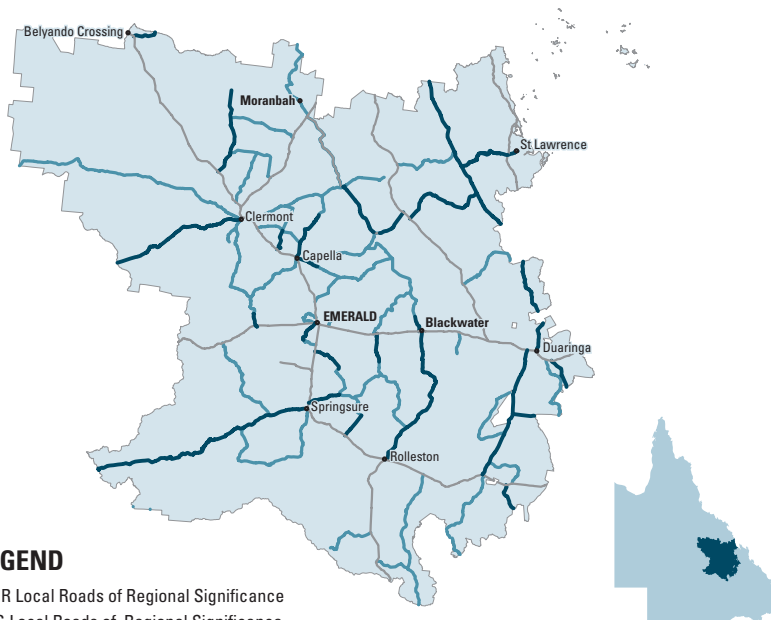


CENTRAL HIGHLANDS



LEGEND

- MR Local Roads of Regional Significance
- LG Local Roads of Regional Significance
- All Other State-controlled Roads

REGIONAL OBJECTIVES

CHRRP's major challenges are reflected in the vision and objectives adopted as part of their investment strategy development for the agreed LRRS network. Most notably, "to upgrade and maintain the regional network of LRRS whilst recognising their connection to adjacent regions."

CHRRP's major challenges relate to developing LRRS work programs that:

- + preserve existing assets
- + enhance activity and opportunity
- + improve road safety
- + enhance wet weather access
- + promote the region
- + enhance inter-community access
- + maintain and create employment
- + protect the environment
- + deliver appropriate social and community outcomes
- + provide efficiencies with project planning and resource sharing
- + adopt a consistent approach to road classification and standards
- + deliver a fair and equitable distribution of resources to members of the CHRRP.

PROGRESS

- + Selected LRRS network

- + All RRG members have purchased and implemented asset management systems. Some members are far more advanced than others. Five of six shires have the same software and support and are moving to a bureau service
- + As part of the Central Queensland RRG, CHRRP was able to develop the twenty-year Statements of Intent and Investment Strategies for LRRS. This document is due for revision into a CHRRP document
- + Completed road asset condition evaluation training and collected road asset condition data. Looking at progressing to a second round
- + Completed a five-year regional works program for the LRRS for 2007-08 to 2011-12
- + Completed training in use of risk manager and bridge inspection level one and two
- + Reviewed specific industry based road impact scenarios.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- + Complete Investment Strategies and gap analysis for the LRRS network to identify the deficiencies in the network
- + Investigate further JP&RS opportunities
- + Report five-year regional works program
- + Implement bridge asset data base and level two bridge inspection program.

PROFILE

The Central Highlands Regional Road Partnership (CHRRP) covers 109,100 sq km and has a resident population of approximately 45,000. It is a region of growth and development. Transport operations and the road network have a significant impact on the region's viability and the major industries of mining, agriculture, beef cattle, some forestry, tourism, manufacturing, and retail.

Members

Bauhinia, Belyando, Broadsound, Duaringa, Emerald, Peak Downs and Main Roads.

RRG Chair

Cr Peter Maguire, Mayor, Emerald Shire Council

Technical Committee Chair

Mike Brady, Emerald Shire Council
Grant Poll, Peak Downs Shire Council (resigned 2007)

Secretariat

Bryan Ottone, Emerald Shire Council

LRRS length

3,470 km (2,196km local government LRRS and 1,273km of Main Roads LRRS)

Committed Average Annual Funding Level for LRRS Network

\$8,982,000

Reported Average Annual Investment for LRRS Network (including special funding)

\$21,166,600



Cr Peter Maguire



Mike Brady

EASTERN DOWNS



LEGEND

- MR Local Roads of Regional Significance
- LG Local Roads of Regional Significance
- All Other State-controlled Roads

REGIONAL OBJECTIVES

ED RRG's objectives include the development of LRRS five-year works programs that:

- + adequately accommodate road based transport, including road trains which utilise the LRRS network within the area
- + align the integrated transport and economic development plans for the region
- + accommodate the seasonal nature of use of the LRRS network, which places a high priority on improvement and preservation projects
- + work towards delivering appropriate road configuration and condition standards that align with network visions for the region.

- + completion of training in program development, prioritisation and gap analysis
- + identification of major regional road projects for investigation.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- + Fully implement asset management systems
- + Maximise the benefits from JP&RS initiatives
- + Seek alternative sources of funding, such as AusLink and Industry to meet future major road funding needs on the LRRS.

PROGRESS

ED RRG continues to progress and reach milestones set by the Alliance Board. In the 2006-07 year milestones included:

- + delivery of the 2006-07 program
- + production of a draft five-year works program

PROFILE

The Eastern Downs RRG (ED RRG) lies west of the Great Dividing Range. The group represents an area of 12,107 sq km and has a resident population of approximately 137,000. This RRG services the Darling Downs which is one of Australia's most productive exporting areas.

Members

Cambooya, Crows Nest, Jondaryan, Millmerran, Pittsworth, Rosalie, Toowoomba City and Main Roads.

RRG Chair

Cr Carol Taylor, Mayor, Cambooya Shire Council

Technical Committee Chair

Chris Rubie, Jondaryan Shire Council

Secretariat

Darling Downs Regional Organisation of Councils (DDROC) Executive Officer

LRRS length

949.4 km

Committed Average Annual Funding Level for LRRS Network

\$7,047,200

Reported Average Annual Investment for LRRS Network (including special funding)

\$10,511,800



Cr Carol Taylor



Chris Rubie

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND



LEGEND

- MR Local Roads of Regional Significance
- LG Local Roads of Regional Significance
- All Other State-controlled Roads

REGIONAL OBJECTIVES

The FNQ RRG's major challenges relate to developing LRRS works programs that:

- + maintain and enhance the road network for current and future economic needs
- + provide access to the rest of Queensland's road network and, subsequently, the nation
- + ensure access to alternative transport modes (rail, sea, air)
- + ensure the road network meets the diverse social needs of the region
- + enable accessibility during the wet season
- + provide for bike paths
- + accommodate driver fatigue/stress
- + ensure road projects undertaken are environmentally sound, particularly where there may be direct or indirect impact on the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and/or the Great Barrier Reef.

FNQ RRG also has to manage works around the wet season that runs from November to May. The average annual rainfall is from approximately 1,000mm 'in-land' and up to 3,500mm on the coast. During the wet season, 75%-90% of the region's annual rainfall is recorded.

PROGRESS

- + FNQ RRG have selected their LRRS. These roads were reviewed and updated in February 2007

- + Purchased an asset management system. The group has elected to use a bureau service for the management of their asset management data. The bureau service will also hold and process data (Statement of Intent, Investment Strategies and Project Prioritisation) that is currently contained in separate spreadsheets
- + Completed twenty-year Statements of Intent and Investment Strategies and gap analysis for LRRS
- + Completed road asset condition evaluation training and collected road asset condition data
- + Completed a five-year regional works program for the LRRS for 2007-08 through 2011-12.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- + Investigate further JP&RS opportunities
- + Complete Regional Asset Management Strategy by end of August 2007
- + Recollect data on all LRRS
- + Collect Safety Risk information on all LRRS
- + Review and update Statements of Intent
- + Employ a dedicated officer to support the FNQ RRG
- + Investigate joint contracts
- + Pursue training for RRG members.

PROFILE

The Far North Queensland RRG (FNQ RRG) covers approximately 107,000 sq km, with part of Cook Shire in FNQ RRG and part in the Regional Organisation of Councils of the Cape York Regional Road Group (ROCCY RRG). The region encompasses the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World – The Great Barrier Reef. Transport operations and the road network have a significant impact on the region's viability and the major industries of agriculture, forestry, fishing, tourism and trade.

Members

Atherton, Cairns City, Cook, Douglas, Eacham, Herberton, Johnstone, Mareeba and Main Roads

RRG Chair

Cr Joe Paronella, Atherton Shire Council

Technical Committee Chair

Steve Verity, Herberton Shire Council

Secretariat

Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils

LRRS length

1,216.55 km

Committed Average Annual Funding Level for LRRS Network

\$6,909,000

Reported Average Annual Investment for LRRS Network (including special funding)

\$7,884,600



Cr Joe Paronella



Steve Verity