

*Project team and Alliance Board member Simone Talbot backs on some annual leave in Karumba to go fishing following a meeting of the NWQRRG.*



*Project team member Jo Lencz and Alliance Board member Greg Hoffman along with Peter McCulkin (Chair of the Weipa Town Authority) and Cr Penny Johnson (Deputy Mayor of Cook Shire Council) enjoy the view of Cooktown from the Grassy Hill Lookout following a meeting of the FNQRRG.*



*Project team member Michelle Connolly looks on as Technical Coordinator Gerard Read studies the race form at Mt Isa Airport whilst waiting for their flight home.*

## 6. Perspectives from the Roads Alliance Board

In line with its charter to “identify and act on opportunities to strengthen the Roads Alliance”, in 2012/13 the Alliance Board agreed to a significant policy shift moving the funding arrangements of the Roads Alliance towards a consolidated ‘one bucket’, including greater decision making across the broader transport portfolio.

**“Conceptually we could go even further and have RRGs thinking about the overall transport network i.e. how do we move people and goods through our region?”**

**– Roads Alliance Ten Year Anniversary Review (de Chastel & Associates, October 2012)**

Continually evolving the Alliance is a key consideration for Board members who among other things are tasked with:

- Facilitating innovative programs to improve the scope and operations of the Roads Alliance; and
- Promoting the principles and outcomes of the Roads Alliance as a best practice model.

Looking to the next 12 months and the significant heavy vehicle and freight policy reforms being progressed by the State and Australian Governments, it is timely to reflect on how we can collectively position the Alliance to influence, leverage and respond to these policy agendas. Refocusing what are now RRTGs on the broader planning processes supporting these reforms is no doubt a good place to start.

**“Its taken over a decade to get to this point, but we always acknowledged that the Roads Alliance was as much a cultural and attitudinal change as it was a technical and structural change to the business of councils and the State Government working together”**

**– Greg Hallam PSM, Chief Executive Officer, LGAQ and Alliance Board Chair.**



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Identifying for example the critical 'first' and 'last mile' local roads that link to the State's Strategic Freight Routes and understanding industry transport trends is on the Board's agenda as a practical and highly valuable planning activity for RRTGs to commence pursuing in the immediate future.

Workforce sustainability and continued access to TMR contracts has been raised with both TMR and LGAQ Board members over the last 12 months as a concern in rural and remote councils. Whilst we emphasise again that there is no intent to re-structure maintenance contracts in the regions, we should use these discussions as a catalyst to think about how we can do things better.

More broadly it is pleasing that the Alliance is gaining traction in other policy forums such as those relating to Heavy Vehicle Charging and Investment, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, the Royalties for the Regions Program and even interstate, with our colleagues in New South Wales recommending councils establish RRGs similar to those in Queensland.

At a more targeted level, as we move into 2014, the Board's priorities will also lie in re-visiting RRTG boundaries in response to council de-amalgamations; supporting mechanisms to optimise TIDS expenditure across the State; endorsing the whole-sale review of all Alliance literature and as always encouraging RRTGs to improve capability and capacity through application for State-wide Capability Development Funding.



*Roads Alliance Board members, l to r: Greg Hoffman (LGAQ), Miles Vass (TMR), Neil Scales (TMR), Greg Hallam (LGAQ), Simone Talbot (LGAQ), Jim Groves (TMR).*



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## 7. Roads Alliance Addendum



# Banana RRG (as at June 2013)

## RRG Members

Banana Shire Council  
TMR's Central Queensland Region

## RRG Chair

Councillor Ron Carige, Mayor  
Banana Shire Council

## RRG Technical Committee Chair




John Walker, Manager Technical Services  
Banana Shire Council

## Technical Coordinator

Gerard Read  
GWR Civil Engineering Management

## Profile

Banana Regional Road Group (BRRG) covers 28 606 km<sup>2</sup>, and has a residential population of approximately 14 947. Only 27 km<sup>2</sup> of BRRG is urban. The area contains important road networks that link the local townships and connect the State's inland regions to coastal seaports. The road network supports major industries including coal mining, beef production, power generation, dry land and irrigation cropping, tourism and recent development and expansion of the Coal Seam Gas industry.

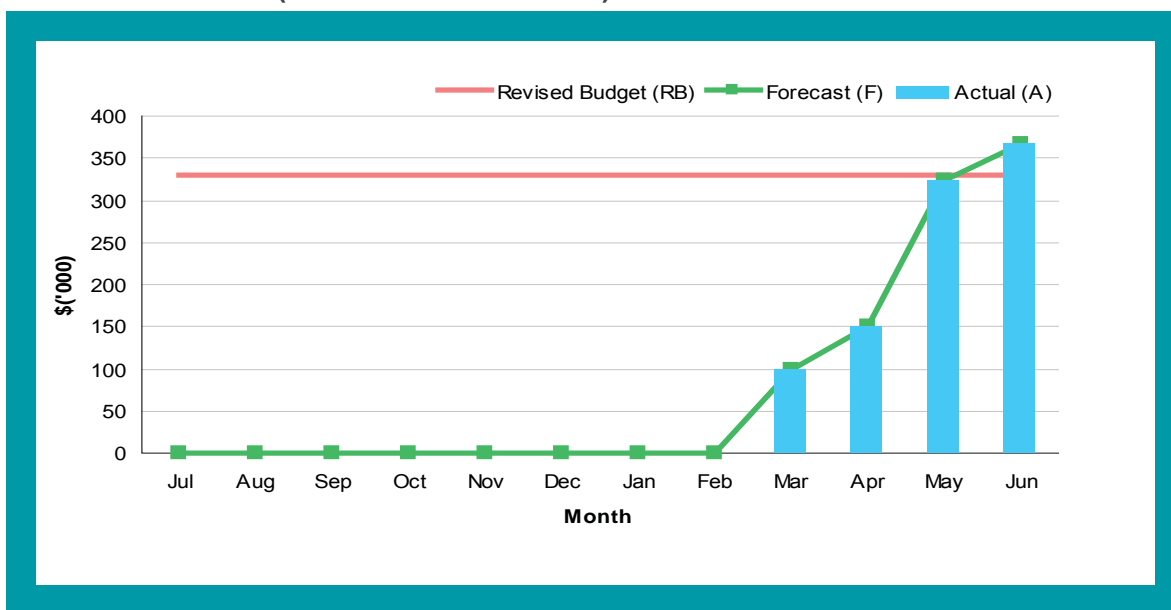
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## Roads Alliance TIDS Expenditure

BRRG achieved its forecast expenditure of 111% in 2012-13, up from 100% in 2011-12.

## YTD EXPENDITURE (ACTUAL VS FORECAST)



Note: Amounts shown are in \$1000's and are rounded. Data includes projects only.

# Brisbane Metro Alliance RRG (as at June 2013)

## RRG Members

Brisbane City Council  
TMR's Metropolitan Region

## RRG Chair

Councillor Graham Quirk, Mayor  
Brisbane City Council

## RRG Technical Committee Chair

Geoff Beck, Executive Manager (Field Services)  
Brisbane Infrastructure, Brisbane City Council

## Profile

Brisbane City Council covers 1 340 km<sup>2</sup> and has a resident population of approximately 1 110 473.

Continued rapid growth in the area means ongoing demands for public transport and road infrastructure are placed on Brisbane City Council and Metropolitan Region.

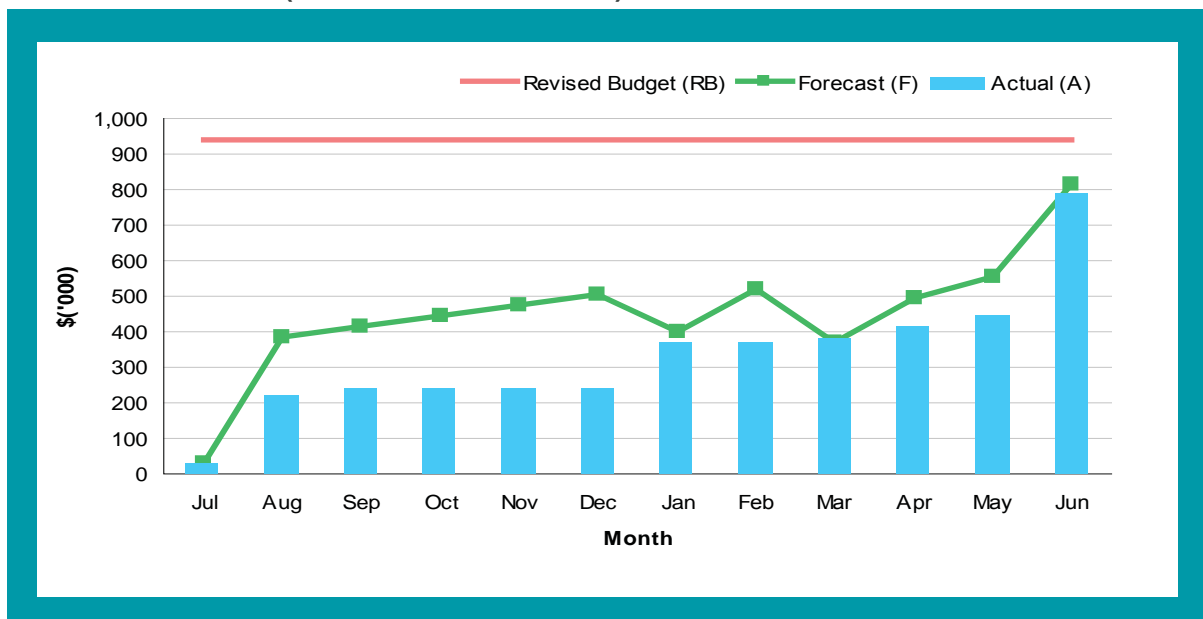
To ensure appropriate transport service levels are provided in South-east Queensland, Brisbane City Council and TMR's Metropolitan Region have formalised a partnership approach: Brisbane Metro Alliance Regional Road Group (Brisbane Metro Alliance RRG). Brisbane Metro Alliance RRG works to ensure consensus and cooperation on all projects in both planning and delivery phases. The RRG is also working on long-term planning options for major infrastructure.



## Roads Alliance TIDS Expenditure

Brisbane Metro Alliance RRG forecasted 87% expenditure and achieved 84% expenditure in 2012-13, down from 100% in 2011-12.

## YTD EXPENDITURE (ACTUAL VS FORECAST)



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