

NRMB Communiqué



I am very pleased to advise that the Natural Resources Management Board held its 19th meeting (as a teleconference) on Friday 3rd August. I was also very pleased to welcome Adrienne Farago, the NRMB's new Executive Officer, to her first Board meeting.

Key issues discussed were:

1. Plans for the imminent release and rollout of the Regional Investment Strategy for 2007-2010 (RIS07-10). Discussion included details on the funding submission application forms and guidelines and the information sessions to be held for potential applicants. These will be held at:

Darwin – Monday, 20 August 2007

CSIRO conference Room, 564 Vanderlin Drive, Berrimah

Tenant Creek – Thursday, 23 August 2007

Dept of Primary Industry, fisheries & Mines conference room, 1st Floor Barkly House

Alice Springs – Friday, 24 August 2007

Alice Springs Resort, Coolibah Room, Stott Terrace

Katherine – Monday, 27 August 2007

Katherine Motel, RJ's Restaurant Function Room, Giles Street (opposite Post Office)

Gove – Wednesday, 29 August 2007

Gamarrwa Nuwul Yirrkala Landcare Training Room, Yirrkala

There will be a general information session in the morning from 10am – 12 noon, followed by an application help session in the afternoon from 1pm – 3pm. A light lunch will be provided at each session.

The RIS07-10 document and the application forms and guidelines are now on the web.

Items of Interest:

- RIS07-10 Roadshow information sessions

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2. The forthcoming bilateral negotiations between the Australian Government and the Northern Territory Government on the funding arrangements for the next round of Natural Heritage Trust (NHT3) funding. The NRMB wishes to make the case that funding to the Northern Territory should be increased.
3. Plans for holding the first steering committee meeting for rolling out the Board's Indigenous Ecological Knowledge program.
4. An invitation from the (Australian Government) Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to take assume responsibility for contract management of the Community Support component of the National Landcare Program. The Board agreed that in principle the NRMB should assume this responsibility; however it is not in a position to do so for another 12 months.
5. A number of projects funded from the RIS04-07 which were seeking contract variations or were behind in their contractual obligations.
6. A brief list of work priorities presented by the new Executive Officer. The Board agreed that the NRMB staff are going to be very busy indeed!

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