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SQNRM Board meets to discuss the way forward in Charleville

Members of Southern Queensland NRM's (SQNRM) Board gathered this month for their second meeting, this time in Charleville at 'The Rocks' on Wednesday February 6th.

Following consultations with community leaders over the past three months, strategic planning was high on the agenda as well as decisions about the company logo, which is now complete.

With many of the region's leaders reporting that times are tough at the moment and NRM schemes are low on the list of priorities, different themes were tabled to try and tackle traditional NRM issues from other angles.

In an effort to build on this feedback and develop strategies based on up-to-date information from the regional communities in Southern Queensland, SQNRM will be seeking community members to be involved in some of the board advisory committees, to ensure the people in the region have a direct voice with the Board.

The strategic planning process will officially kick off on Wednesday 6 March when the SQNRM board meets again in Dalby, headed by Chairman Bruce Scott.

"Many communities are already demonstrating a strong desire to collaborate with organisations who can help them achieve sustainable outcomes for common challenges.

It's a promising time to be doing the research to best understand the varying needs of people and natural resources in our region," said Mr. Scott.

"Our goal is to build SQNRM up to be a successful company by way of helping communities to look after their natural assets," he concluded.

Industry and community representatives were also in attendance for lunch and to catch up on various topics of interest. Those in attendance included Seamus Batsone, from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Andrea McKenzie, Nicole Sallur and Jed Sommerfield all from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Tony Mayo from Mulgalands QPWS and Queensland Drought Commissioner Mark O'Brien.

Those current community members of SQNRM who wish to register their interest in being involved in board advisory committees should do so by emailing admin@sqnrm.com.au.

Opportunities exist for media representatives to attend future monthly board meetings for interviews with Chairman Bruce Scott by appointment. The next meeting will be held in

Dalby on 6 March. Information regarding media at future meetings can be discussed and obtained by contacting Alex Halford on the details below.

IMAGE CAPTIONS:

1. Attendees at the SQNRM Board Meeting in Charleville at 'The Rocks'. (L – R)
Pictured are Ann Noon, Jim Cavaye, Pamela Murphy, Bruce Scott, Graham Cooke, Janelle Moher, Chris Joseph, Karen Tully and Stephen Blore.
2. SQNRM's new logo, designed by [Up Consulting](#).

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