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Board Meeting Overview

March 2019 in Dalby

Guest Speaker #1

First guest speaker was Paul McVeigh, Mayor of the Western Downs Regional Council.

Mayor McVeigh spoke about a number of topics including: water usage, liveability, renewable energy (wind and solar farms) and waste management.

Training

Board members have been tasked with completing a skills audit and training needs.

The Membership & Engagement Committee

Two members are being sought from the general membership of SQNRM to join the Membership & Engagement Committee.

This committee will oversee and strategically manage the engagement of SQNRM with its diverse stakeholders and with its members.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander involvement

Directors have sought Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates to advise the Board on matters to do with the running of the company and its project portfolio.

Guest Speaker #2

Second guest speaker was Mr Hamish McIntyre, Chairman of Cotton Australia.

Mr McIntyre discussed topics including water usage and irrigation, the demand for cotton worldwide, genetic modification, soil health, technology and industry challenges such as public opinions on social media.

‘Croxdale’

South West NRM are to transfer Trusteeship of the property ‘Croxdale’ to SQNRM. The Charleville community have a long history and stake in ‘Croxdale’, and SQNRM is keen to honour the commitment to maintain this property. Many natural resource research opportunities were discussed regarding ‘Croxdale’.

Waste to Energy Opportunities

An approach had been made for a potential social enterprise opportunity for SQNRM. The enterprise is to convert agricultural biomass and green waste to syngas, biochar and carbon black.

Strategic Plan

A number of workshops will be held throughout the region with the aim of seeking feedback for SQNRM's strategic plan. Six workshops will be held targeting the following sectors:

- Landcare
- Government
- Traditional Owners
- Staff
- Tourism
- Business / Industry

Feedback from members will be sought via an online survey.