



The Queensland Plan Ambassadors Council

Meeting Communique 19 May 2017 Townsville

The Queensland Plan Ambassadors Council (the Council) met on 19 May 2017 in Townsville —the second regional meeting of the Council in recognition of the importance of regional Queensland.

The Mayor of the City of Townsville, Cr. Jenny Hill, welcomed the Ambassadors to the Townsville City Council Chambers.

Ambassadors discussed the importance of education in regional cities such as Townsville, and the role of tertiary institutions such as James Cook University and the TAFE sector. The Mayor and Councillors discussed a range of issues of importance to Townsville.

The Council decided to hold three two-day Brisbane based meetings and one two-day regionally based meeting to facilitate a report to the Premier on progress against the nine foundation areas outlined in the Queensland Plan. The Chair of the Council, the Hon. Tony McGrady advised the Council of his intention to hold meetings with a small number of key stakeholders before the next meeting and report back to the Council.

Professor Sandra Harding gave an overview of James Cook University, and spoke about its role as a tertiary institute in the Townsville community, North Queensland, and North Australia more broadly.

Dr Geoff Edwards provided Ambassadors with a briefing on a paper exploring the implementation of the Queensland Plan and areas where the Council could direct their efforts in the future.

Ms Meredith Wenta provided an overview of the approach to education at Kirwan State High School. Ambassadors congratulated Ms Wenta and discussed ways of encouraging civil responsibility in students, and supporting a culture of learning among teachers.
