

# OVERVIEW



## WESTERN CAPE FUTURES SYMPOSIUM

OPPORTUNITIES RICH | 23<sup>RD</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

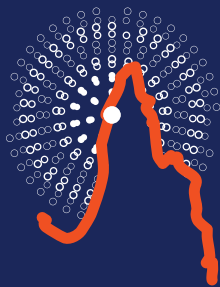


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# OVERVIEW



The Western Cape Futures Symposium was the first event of its kind to be held in the region. It was conceived from the need to create a vision and plan for a sustainable future for the region included all of the communities of the Western Cape (Aurukun, Mapoon, Napranum & Weipa), as well as Traditional Owner, key stakeholder and industry groups.

To date, much of the focus on Northern Australia has been on larger population centers and or agriculture opportunities. Yet regions such as Western Cape York, which has less than 5,000 people but already contributes \$2 billion to Australia's national economy provide unique opportunities for future development. The region is looking to diversify as the dominant industry (mining) will scale back operations in the coming years.

The Western Cape has many assets including a skilled workforce, a vibrant community and abundant natural resources. The region is being proactive about securing the future, nine partner organisations joined together to hold the Western Cape Futures Symposium (WCFS) between the 23<sup>rd</sup>–25<sup>th</sup> March, to discuss a vision for a sustainable and diverse economy, based on the aspirations of the people who call the Western Cape home.

The Western Cape also has strategic advantages. The importance of the region on the geo-political scale was probably summed up best by Dr John Coyne from the Northern Australia Strategic Policy Centre. Dr Coyne who gave a presentation in the Defense and Bio-Security session said that the region acted as both "the bridge and the moat to Asia."





## THE PROGRAM

The Symposium was opened by a short presentation by community representatives from the four local communities, local businesses and three of Western Cape College's student leaders, which was very important as it was their future in discussions.

The WCFs Steering committee took a collaborative approach to developing the program. The program was developed through community consultation and surveys which ensured that the speakers and content was relevant to the region. Instead of calling for papers or abstract submissions, speakers were invited based on how they could contribute to the conversation about the region's future and community aspirations.

The themes developed from community consultation were:

- Theme 1: Innovation, Energy & Technology
- Theme 2: Freight, Trade & Supply Chains
- Theme 3: Land use planning for a future Western Cape

- Theme 4: Defence and Biosecurity
- Theme 5: Opportunities in Agriculture & Fisheries
- Theme 6: Cape York Tourism Opportunities and Threats (regional planning) workshop
- Theme 7: Access to Capital and Education
- Theme 8: New Industries & Opportunities
- Theme 9: Social and Community Enterprise
- Theme 10: Conservation, Land Management & Water Security

A tour of the Achimbun Cultral Centre, Evans Landing and a social event was held, and additionally a half day Business Support and Innovation Workshop was held on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>. This workshop was hosted by the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training, and Advance Queensland. It allowed participants to gain an understanding of assistance to support small businesses to start, grow and employ through grants and support programs. It attracted around 50 people, many who had not attended any other sessions.



# SPEAKERS

With a total of 46 speakers, the Symposium showcased a fantastic and diverse range of perspectives from which local people drew inspiration and motivation, and from which guest speakers gained a valuable insight into the Western Cape Region and its people.

It is important to acknowledge the fact that none of our speakers were paid for their attendance and presentations, and they generously made time in their busy schedules to travel to our community and share their knowledge and expertise.

Not having to pay for speaker's time, and generous sponsorship and support, both financial and in kind, meant that we were able to keep the cost of tickets very low to make the event as accessible as possible for the local communities, which was a key factor in the planning of this event.

The caliber of speakers was second to none and was reflected in the overwhelmingly positive feedback received in the days and weeks following the event. We sincerely thank and acknowledge all speakers for their contribution which made the event such a success.

# OPENING

The Symposium was opened with a smoking ceremony and dance performance by the Awumpan Performing Group. A welcome to country was also performed by Ernest Madua Jnr.

Following the welcome to country, the opening session was led by Jaime Gane - Chair of the Symposium, and presentations from Deputy Mayor Craig Koometa and Councillor Jayden Marrott from Aurukun Shire Council,

Mayor Janita Motton and Councillor Kayleen Jawai from Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council, Mayor Aileen Ado from Mapoon Shire Council, and Chairperson Michael Rowland from the Weipa Town Authority, gave a brief overview of their community's and their aspirations. We also had presentations from Student Leaders from Western Cape College, and local business owners Sandra Kemp and Brooke Quartermaine.



*Deputy Mayor Craig Koometa, Mayor Aileen Ado, Mayor Janita Motton, Chair Michael Rowland.*



*Assistant Minister Michael Healy with Senior leaders from the Western Cape College*

# TWO WAY LEARNING CONVERSATION

The Symposium was designed to be a genuine two-way learning opportunity for locals and visitors alike. The Symposium was held in the Western Cape so that visitors to the region could see for themselves the vast opportunity,

and capacity which already exists in the Western Cape, and connect directly with local councils and businesses to build networks and relationships which can help the Western Cape forge its path into the future.

# NUMBERS



**180 attendees**



**52 attendees** Saturday Innovation and Supports Workshop



In kind **donations** of approximately **\$64,000**



**Partnerships & sponsorships** of **\$71,000**



Approximately **\$90,000** of **economic value** for the local economy



Event received a **4.5 star rating**



**10 LGAs, NRM and Environmental groups** represented



**15 government agencies and service providers** represented



**39 businesses** represented



**21 community and NFP organisations**



**8 higher education and research organisations** represented

# PARTNERS

The success of the Symposium was largely due to the unprecedented collaboration between the Western Cape Chamber of Commerce and its partner organisations which included Aurukun Shire Council, Mapoon Shire Council, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council, Weipa Town Authority, Western Cape Communities Trust, Rio Tinto, Torres & Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) & James Cook University Tropical North QLD TNQ Drought Hub.

## SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

The Symposium would not have happened without the generosity of our sponsors and supporters. Not only did they provide support both financially and/or in kind, their contributions to the discussions during the event were invaluable.



### ADVANCE QUEENSLAND

Were integral to the event and provided support in numerous ways including connecting the symposium with innovators and entrepreneurs and connecting local change agents with supports.



### TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND (TNQ) DROUGHT HUB

The TNQ Drought Hub was able to highlight the agricultural opportunities of the region and provide content and strengthen linkages of the region and the agricultural opportunities as well as providing hands-on event support.



### NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK; INDIGENOUS BANKING

Provided sponsorship and one on one mentoring to symposium delegates and information around Indigenous financial Opportunities.



### QANTAS

Supported the symposium by way of sponsoring the cost of flights for some of our guest speakers, which contributed greatly to the overall success of the event.



### SPACE CENTRE AUSTRALIA

CEO James Palmer provided financial support, assisted with chairing a session, and facilitated media coverage for the event at a local and national level.



### NORTH QUEENSLAND BULK PORTS

NQBP provided sponsorship, and greatly contributed to the conversation around vital supply chains and opportunities for the Weipa port.



### QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

Provide financial and in kind support, via the following departments: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Department of Employment, Small Business & Training and the Department of Tourism Innovation & Sport.



National Environmental Science Program

### NESP COASTAL & MARINE HUB

Was able to host and cover the organisational costs for the plenary Land Use Planning seminar within the Forum.





## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Additional support from QLD Country Bank, Ergon Energy, Evolution Mining and Civil and Sixt Car Hire Weipa were invaluable to the success of the event.

## STALL HOLDERS

- RDA Tropical North
- Space Centre Australia
- Solar Relief
- Salty Monkeys
- National Australia Bank
- Country Universities Centre Cape York
- AusIndustry
- Napranum Community

# GROUPS REPRESENTED AT THE SYMPOSIUM

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY, NRM & ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS

- Cook Shire Council
- Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council
- Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council
- Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance
- Weipa Town Authority
- Aurukun Shire Council
- Cape York NRM
- Gulf Savannah NRM
- Mapoon Land and Sea Rangers
- Australian Wildlife Conservancy

## GOVERNMENT AGENCIES & SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Department of Seniors, Disability Services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DSDSATSIP)
- Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Department of Employment, Small Business & Training (DESBT)
- Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport
- Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)
- National Emergency Management Agency
- Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
- QLD Dept of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water
- Ergon Energy
- NBN Local
- Queensland Fire and Emergency Services
- Australian Border Force
- AusIndustry
- Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
- BioSecurity Queensland

## BUSINESS

- Albatross Bay Resort
- Auswaste environmental services
- BMD Group
- Emmett Contracting Pty Ltd
- Evolution Mining and Civil
- Hambell Plumbing Services Pty Ltd
- HCJ Group
- JAI-MEC Rural Contracting
- Lyons Bush Guides
- Matson & Ridley Pty Ltd / TCICA
- Metro Mining
- NAB Indigenous Banking
- North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation
- Primec
- Qantas
- Queensland Country Bank
- Reel Planning Pty Ltd
- Rio Tinto
- Salty Monkeys
- Sea Swift

- SmartBolts
- Solar Relief
- Source Global
- Space Centre Australia Pty Ltd
- Terra Tech Consulting
- Strait Experience
- Vinta Group
- Waymark Hotels
- Weipa Camping Ground
- Weipa Motel & Resort

- West Cape Sands Pty Ltd
- Far North Fishing Weipa
- Arnya Pulway
- Australia Zoo
- Creative Consulting Pty Ltd
- Djahmu Dreaming
- Rural and Remote Development
- Cape York Weekly
- Strait Business

## COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, NOT FOR PROFIT'S & PEAK BODIES

- Alngith Corporation Ltd (ACL) – Weipa
- Australian Native Food and Botanicals
- C&K Weipa Kindergarten
- Napranum Justice Group
- Tender Funeral Australia
- Western Cape Communities Trust
- Western Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation
- Ely Trust
- Wugu Nyambil
- Yupungathi Clan Group
- AFL Cape York

- GR8Motive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation
- Hope Vale Foundation LTD
- Launch Y(E)P
- Many Rivers Microfinance
- Mockwiri
- My Pathway
- Myuma Group
- RDA Tropical North
- Tourism Tropical North Queensland
- Western Cape Chamber of Commerce

## HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

- Country Universities Centre Cape York
- James Cook University
- Rural Economies Centre of Excellence
- The University of Queensland

- TNQ Drought Hub
- Western Cape College
- Australian Strategic Policy Institute
- Griffith University

# TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES & THREATS WORKSHOP

Based on the community consultation, it was identified that Tourism management is critical to the future of the region. It was decided that a dedicated focus was appropriate for this session, for which we set aside half a day for a workshop and discussion.

It was made clear that sustainable tourism and tourism management needs to be a key focus for the region, and the opportunities in tourism, especially cultural tourism experiences are abundant.

The Cape York Tourism Opportunities and Threats workshop drew high caliber speakers who spoke to the essence

of the Western Cape – culture, tradition, collaboration and diversity. While the Western Cape has historically been seen as ‘mining and fishing’, the speakers pushed the audience to consider a wide range of product development opportunities. Notably, Mark Olsen from Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ) presented the difference in visitor spend – high yield versus low yield travelers and the advantages of attracting high yield segments due to their interest in First Nations culture, wilderness and experiences that are first class.



Mark Olsen: 'I think what we've learned from the last couple of days is that the time is right with the traditional owners in the communities to make the leap from attracting any visitor who will come, to really curating the customer that you really want'. He went on to say 'Underpinning that is the need for some sort of management regime in place. A user pays system, something that stops people from freewheeling out on the cape and creating problems for councils'.

Conservation of our natural environment, both flora and fauna was a consistent theme throughout, with excellent presentations from Dr Tammie Watson, Matson & Ridley and Bill Ferguson from the Australia Zoo. It was clear that the Western Cape has much to offer through its unspoilt landscapes, waterways and unique wildlife.

A lack of resources and infrastructure such as amenities puts pressure on the local communities and environment. Members of the pannel and the attendees suggested a

toll be implemented to help the region with the growing demands on facilities and infrastructure due to increased visitor numbers.

Fraser Nye from Strait Experience spoke of the opportunities that integrated travel packages (flights, cruise, accommodation, attractions) bring to travelers and his experience in training local talent as tour guides. Jaime Gane from Far North Fishing Weipa spoke to the history and success of her local, family owned charter fishing business. The business which is booked out months in advance, is a case study for the benefits of high-yield travelers. The clear thread amongst the presenters and workshop participants was the need for respect for and leadership from First Nations peoples, as drivers for the region's tourism product and policy. It is only through placing Indigenous communities 'front and centre', will the region's tourism aspirations and the diversification of product, be realised.



[L-R] Fraser Nai (Strait Experience), Mark Olsen (TTNQ), Tammie Matson (Matson/Ridley), Bill Ferguson (Australia Zoo) Assistance Minister Michael Healy. The audience were asked to collaborate to explore the opportunities and challenges for tourism in Cape York. Their responses are detailed in Appendix 5.

# REGIONAL LAND USE PLANNING PANEL SESSION

The importance of regional land use planning was recognised within the wider Western Cape Symposium. Some of the take home messages from the Land Use Planning forum were:

- The importance of the region having a voice within the emerging State regional land use plan review was stressed;
- The overwhelming message from the panel and attendees was that negotiating secure land tenure is key to sustainable investment for development; and that
- It was considered important for the region's Land Trusts / PBC's to be strong and have a firm relationship as a foundation for tenure negotiation;

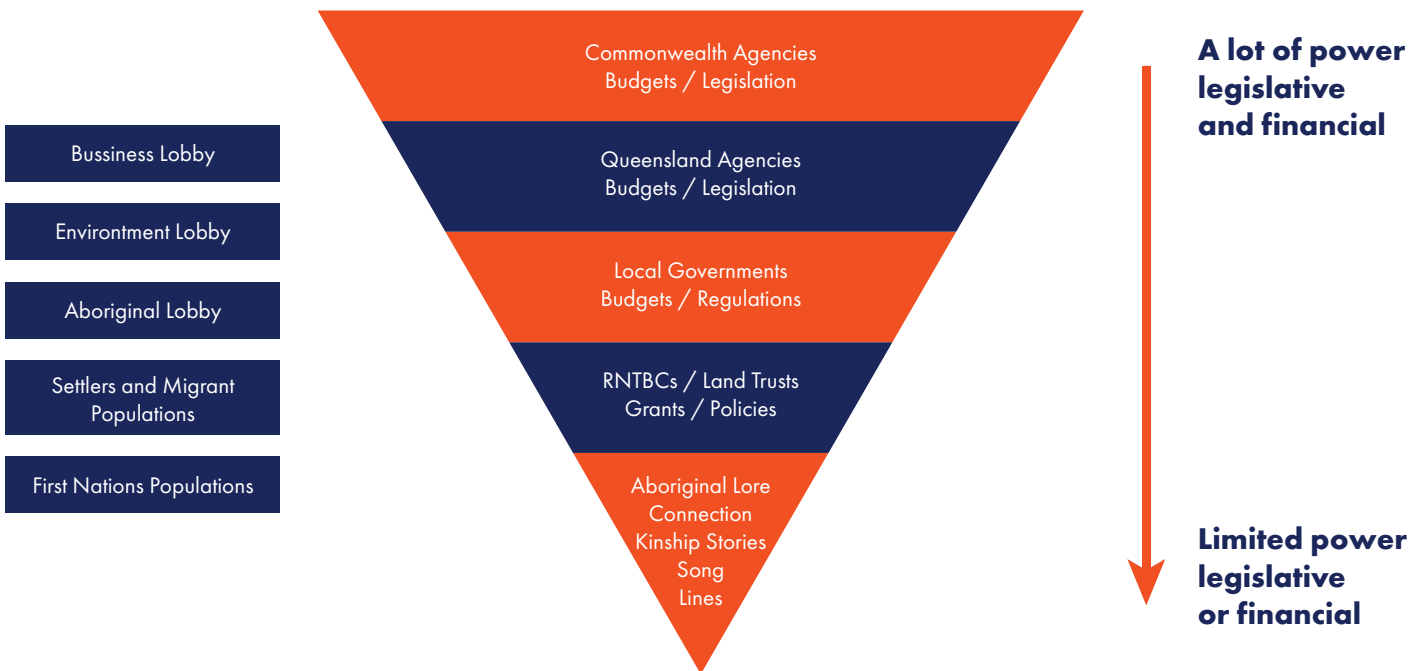
James Ross from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, stressed the importance of the region having a voice in the coming regional land use planning review. It was discussed that, within a sub-regional regional context, the State might need to take stronger responsibility for land use planning and investment attraction, especially within the Weipa Town Authority area.

Mapoon Councillor Cameron Hudson stressed that the Aboriginal Councils need to be well supported to develop their community and land use plans and to implement them. He said *'We need to create more opportunities for our people in the region, and strengthen local capacity. The direction needs to be steered by people on the ground, and not by Government.'*

Jim Turnour, then CEO of Wuthathi Aboriginal Corporation stressed that, *'You need to put Traditional Owners front and centre with whatever you are doing, and you need to give them time and space. Your ambitions may not be shared, and this needs to be negotiated.'*

Professor Allan Dale, JCU who chaired the session as part of the NESP's wider research and development interests in regional planning, stressed the important link between regional land use planning and current reforms of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (i.e. with respect to bio-regional approaches). Allan said *'the traditional owners will determine the future of this region for the first time in history.'*

## STRUCTURAL POWER IN LAND USE PLANNING



Reference: Jim Turnour Wuthathi Aboriginal Corporation, 2023





Dr Jim Turnour



Professor Allan Dale

## SURVEY RESULTS AND FEEDBACK

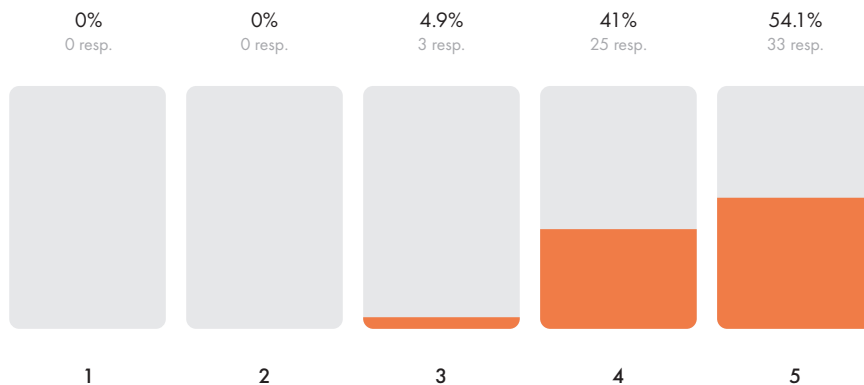
A great deal of positive feedback was received about the Symposium. The key organisers were contacted by numerous attendees post event to provide positive feedback and share how much they enjoyed the informal nature and the genuine connections that they made.

A survey was sent to everyone who registered and a QR code was in the program and at the venue. 61 people responded to the online survey, with some of the key findings below.

### 1. When asked 'Overall how would you rate this event.' 95% of respondents selected 4 or 5 stars, out of 5, giving it an average if 4.5 out of 5.

Overall how would you rate this event?  
61 out of 61 people answered this question.

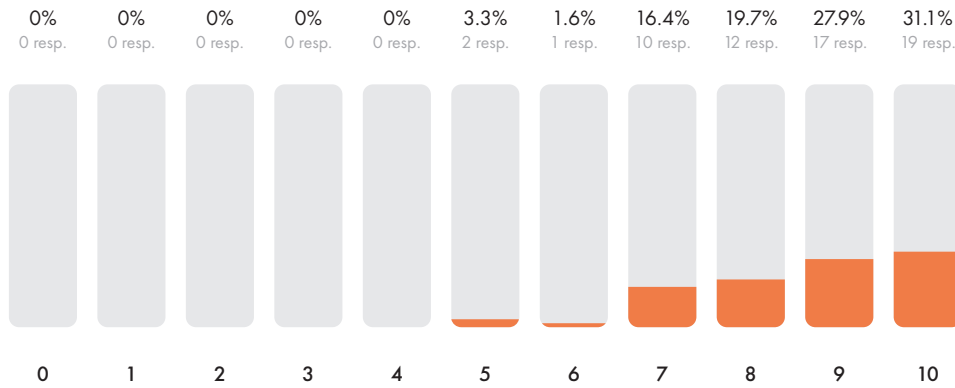
★ 1 Avg. 4.5



**2. When asked 'How would you rate the range and quality of the speakers?'  
The respondents gave an average of 8.6 out of 10.**

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61 out of 61 people answered this question.

 3 Avg. 8.6



**3. The survey also asked 'Did any of the speakers stand out to you? If so, who?'  
The broad subject matter meant that every response was different with almost all  
of the speakers being dominated by someone. 53 respondents made comments.  
The comments include:**

*'Local businesses showcasing their success.'*

*'Cameron Hudson - relevant, passionate, community focused and knowledgeable.'*

*'Everyone was interesting and offered a different perspective.'*

*Everyone, it was all too inspiring with a continuous Buzz!*

*No as groupings were well matched.*

*Stories of innovation, and making change. Denis Fay, Trent Small, Source, indigenous communities.*

*I'm new to the space so it was all useful, relevant and interesting.*

*So many great ones. Can't pick one.*

*Suzanne Thompson - absolutely brilliant.*

*The new technology sections and tools that simplify business challenges.*

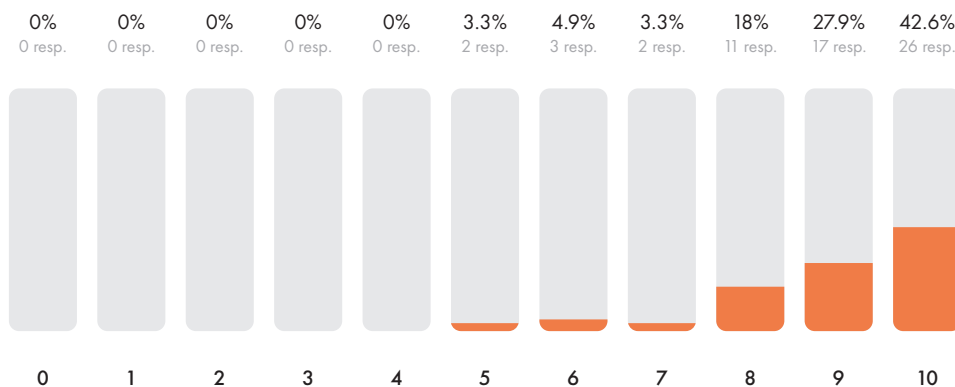
*'Dr. John Coyne and Fraser Nai presented a viewpoint of positioning Cape York and the Torres Strait Islands as integral to the growth of the region and the thinking required to take advantage of it's geographical location to neighbouring Countries in Papua New Guinea and Asia.'*

*James Palmer, Jim Turnour, Fraiser Nai, Tammie Matson.*

**4. Respondents were asked 'How would you rate the networking opportunity provided by the Symposium?' An average of 8.9 out of 10 was achieved.**

As a result of the symposium have you made any connections that may potentially lead to future opportunities or collaborations?  
61 out of 61 people answered this question.

 5 Avg. 8.9





**5. The survey asked 'As a result of the symposium have you made any connections that may potentially lead to future opportunities or collaborations?' 83.6% of respondents indicated Yes.**

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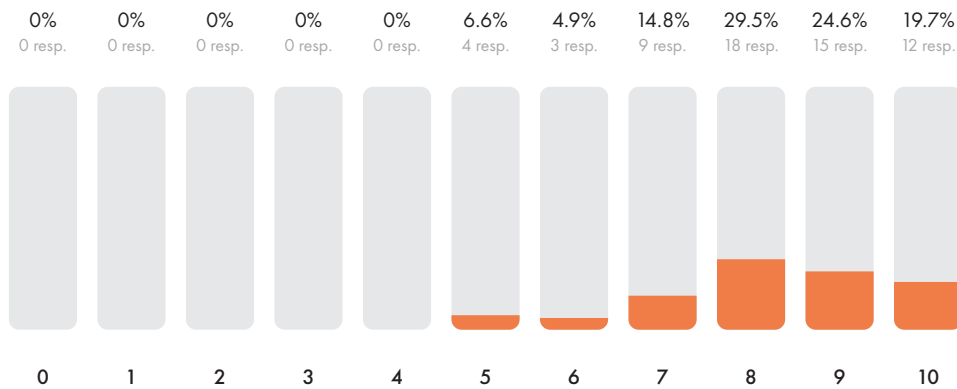
**6. When asked 'How would you rate the key ideas and insights you gained from the Symposium?' the respondents gave an 8.2 out of 10 average.**

How would you rate the key ideas and insights you gained from the Symposium?

61 out of 61 people answered this question.



Avg. 8.2



**7. Attendees were asked 'What do you think are the long term opportunities for the region?' Some selected responses are below.**

*The region is in transition and must think differently and do things differently to prosper into the future. There is clearly strong local leadership that can nurture this journey and strong community engagement for creating a positive future. We need to learn how to listen, work together and activate on opportunities.*

*As long as our region is prepared for the opportunities to be had, Cape York will be the next big thing! I hope that there will be cultural tour businesses set up so that our first nations Traditional Custodians of Cape York can reap their sustainable benefits for their future generations to come.*

*Tourism, fishing, NRM, carbon economy, and potential for local trading including with Northern neighbours but latter would require a whole of Cape effort/commitment.*

*Possible for opportunities around defence but those will depend on national policies.*

**8. 56 people gave a comment when asked 'Do you see any barriers or challenges for the future of the Western Cape?' A large number of respondents indicated land tenure.**

*No this is a motivated and passionate community and they will meet every challenge thrown at them.*

*Tenure, TO capacity for partnering (they have heaps on), How do we facilitate more open conversation and trust with more TO families? Also current lack of a detailed western cape future plan and perhaps*

current local government structure being outside local government act. Logistic challenges, infrastructure challenges, industry diversification.

The main challenges I see is that people without the knowledge and guidance doubt themselves. With more information and help with this process will give them a better understanding and more confidence to move forward in the right direction.

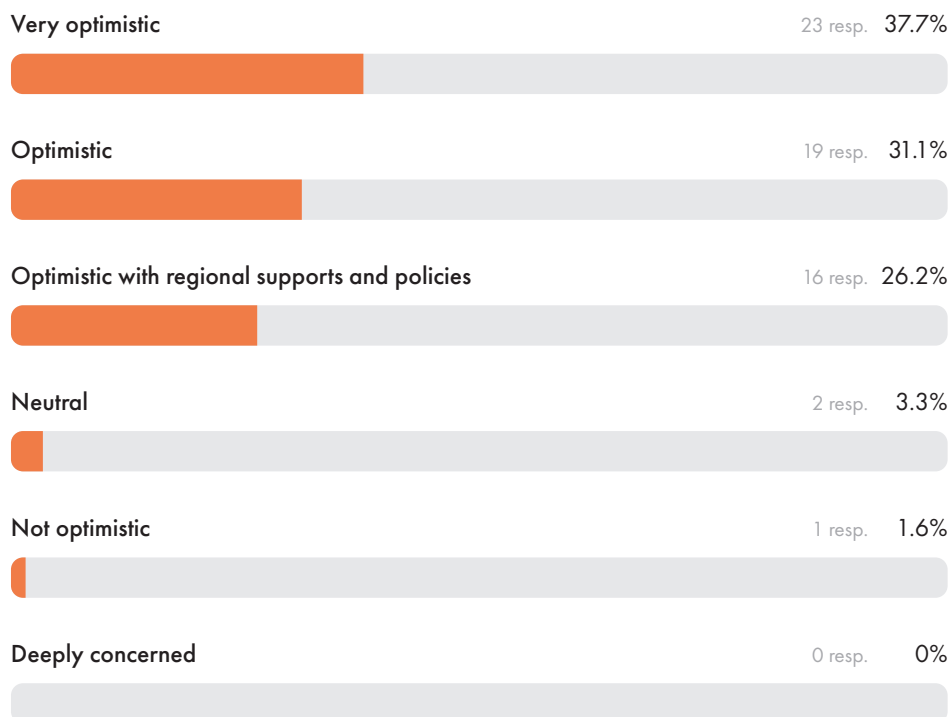
Always tenure

## 9. Survey Respondents were asked 'How optimistic are you for the future of the region?'

How optimistic are you for the future of the region?

61 out of 61 people answered this question.

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**10. When asked 'Who else do you feel needs to be a part of the discussions around the future of the region?' 47 people responded. While some suggested that more local people and TO groups attended it must be noted that it was the first time this type of event was held and many people were unfamiliar with symposiums. Additionally, more local people attended the Saturday business support session. While the Western Cape College senior students could only attend for part of the symposium the school had representatives throughout. Most likely if this event was held again the range of people would broaden as people are able to see the value. Most people noted the need for the three levels of government to attend including more ministers and a number of people commented on the lack of Federal government participation.**

*It would of been nice to see more local/people who live in weipa at this event. At the end of the day this is about their community and I don't think we hit the mark with that.*

*Probably more input from the federal government.*

*I think you had all the key partners. Just need to action items now.*

*I think most groups were represented but need to continue discussions and include progressive planning and actions to change anything.*

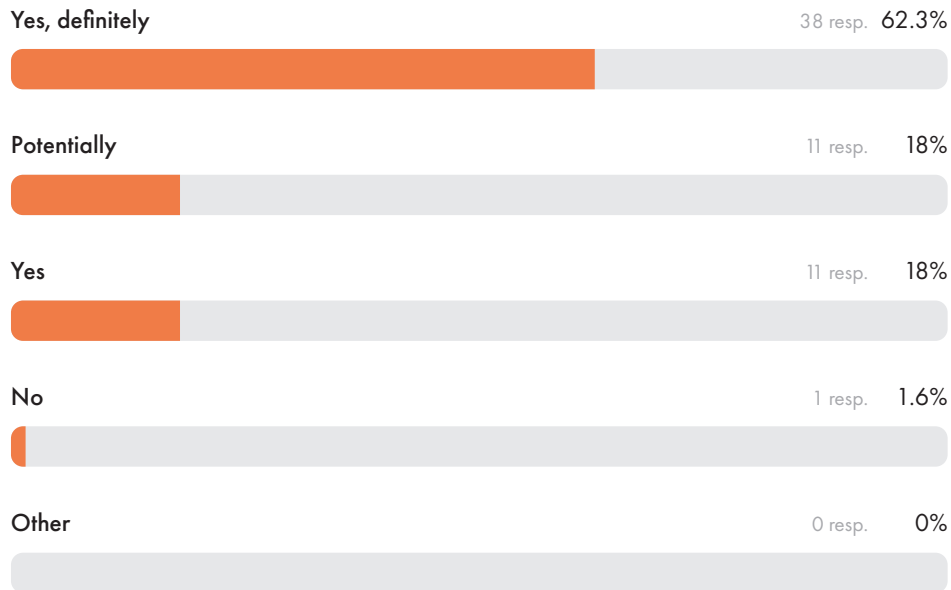
*TOs and three levels of Government.*

## 11. Do you feel that the Symposium could play an important part in policy development, discussion or strategies for sustainable development in the Western Cape Region?

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61 out of 61 people answered this question.

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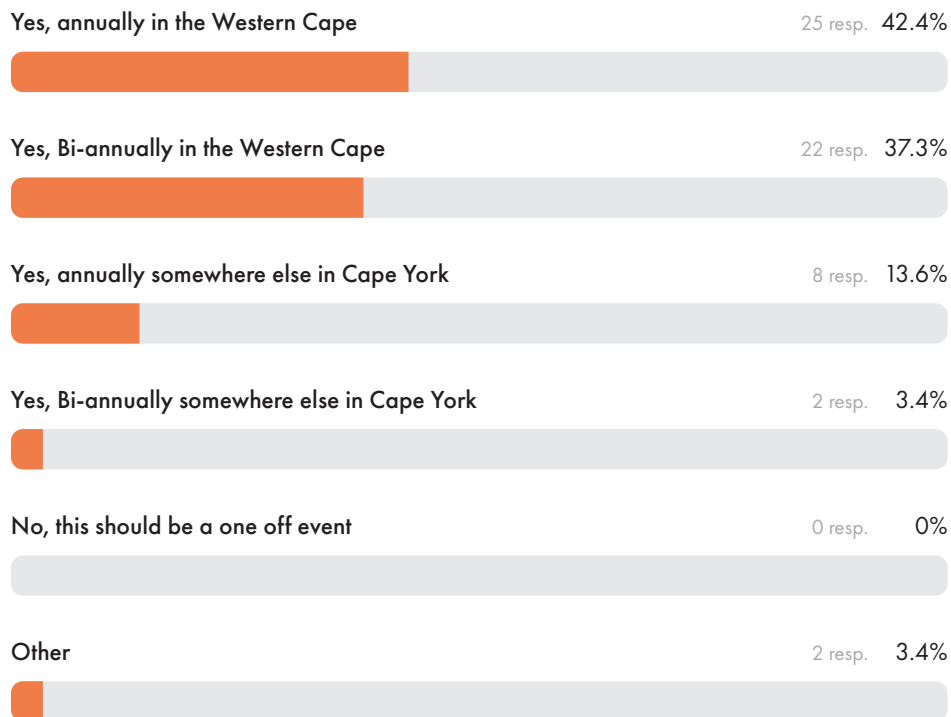


## 12. The survey also tried to get an idea of the appetite to hold future events.

Should this Symposium be held again?

61 out of 61 people answered this question.

✓ 14



## 13. 46 people provided a comment when asked 'Do you have any key takeaway messages from the symposium?'

- *It was great to see the collaborative energy in the room, change will follow!*
- *We cant solve our problems with the same thinking that created them.*



- *Quite a successful & informative first event, providing a forum for sharing of high level information to all stakeholders.*
- *The future is bright, but collaboration is needed from all levels of govt and community, with TOs front and centre.*
- *Tenure is the key to everything.*
- *There is opportunity here, we just need government to sit up and take notice.*
- *The only takeaway thought is that imagine if this symposium took place years ago? I think our Cape – Western Cape York region would have already advanced in businesses and partnership, where we all would be on our way successfully.*
- *Passionate hard working local community who are driven to make the Western Cape a viable place for all to live in going forward.*
- *Optimism and enthusiasm to make changes was in no short supply however it will take key policies development to help deliver a successful and sustainable future for the regions.*
- *There is genuine intent and interest in the future of western cape. There's never been a better time to be involved. Dream big.*

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## POST EVENT OUTCOMES

Since the Symposium, we have received feedback of many new initiatives and collaborations which will have a direct benefit and impact for the people of the Western Cape. Just some of the outcomes to date have been:

- TTNQ destination management workshop held in Weipa.
- Collaboration between DSDSATSIP and Weipa Agricultural Park committee to develop an Agricultural Park and training centre.
- Tender funerals working with community to develop a plan for affordable funerals in the Western Cape and the possible establishment of a Social Enterprise.
- Further engagement from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries around opportunities for the region.
- Presentation on the region will be given at the Developing Northern Australia conference in Darwin.
- A regular catch up in Cairns of innovators, Indigenous businesses and researchers supporting the Cape has been established.
- Community banking discussions with QCB to develop a better way of servicing Napranum.
- Further engagement with DESBT and the Western Cape Chamber of commerce to support local business.
- Collaboration between DESBT, DSDSATSIP, and Western Cape Chamber of commerce to attract indigenous business to the chamber for networking and growth opportunities.
- DESBT and JCU hosted a Social Enterprise information session based on the demand indicated at the Symposium.
- Chief Entrepreneur visiting the region in June with Advance Queensland.
- Connecting critical infrastructure suppliers such as Source Water and Solar Relief to local communities and landholders.
- Presenters and attendees' contact details were made available with their permission to maximize capacity for connection and collaboration.
- Australia Zoo further engaging with the community around the Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve.
- More engagement and Ministerial visits to the region.
- A potential Indigenous Business Month event in October to highlight the number and range of successful Indigenous owned businesses in the region.

## MEDIA

A number of Symposium delegates and attendees were asked for media interviews, including James Palmer from Space Centre Australia, Professor Allan Dale from CU) and Jaime Gane and Michael Roland from WTA.

## LINKS TO MEDIA

- [https://issuu.com/capeyorkweekly/docs/cyw\\_edition\\_127](https://issuu.com/capeyorkweekly/docs/cyw_edition_127)
- <https://capeyorkweekly.com.au/symposium-gathering-momentum/2309/>
- <https://capeyorkweekly.com.au/industry-leaders-gather-in-weipa-to-put-cape-in-spotlight/2483/>
- <https://the-riotact.com/queenslands-western-cape-rolls-out-the-welcome-mat-for-innovative-canberrans/645644>
- <https://www.tnqdroughthub.com.au/symposium-highlights-unique-opportunities-for-western-cape-york-future-development/>
- <https://www.northqueenslandregister.com.au/story/8134511/free-gallery-western-cape-symposium-continues-in-weipa/>
- <https://capeyorknrm.com.au/news/2023-03-29/symposium-focus-regional-potential>
- <https://www.jcu.edu.au/news/releases/2023/march/planning-a-future-at-the-edge-of-australia>
- <https://www.northqueenslandregister.com.au/story/8129652/industry-leaders-gather-in-weipa-for-western-cape-futures-symposium/>

## MOVING FORWARD

Due to huge success and the significant outcomes from WCFS 2023 it is hoped that a second Symposium will take place in 2025. To keep momentum and engagement the Western Cape Chamber of Commerce are planning to formalise a sub group under the chamber which will provide a forum to engage with and update participants on future opportunities for the Western Cape Region.

In the lead up to the 2025 Symposium smaller more focused roundtables are planned. But the roundtables and the next Symposium will be dependent on funding and resources.

The Western Cape Chamber of Commerce will continue to drive a number of initiatives to increase participation, collaboration and membership with the Chamber, to enable more engagement between community, business, industry and government.



TNQ Drought, Western Cape College Leaders & Jaime Gane WTA



Tourism opportunities & threats workshop



Lomas Amini presenting at the Business & Innovation workshop





Assistant minister Michael Healy



Professor Hurriyet Babacan (JCU)



Dr Narayan Gopalkrishnan (JCU)



Dr David Phelps chairing the opportunities in agriculture & fisheries session



Janine Schleich (Rio Tinto)



Duncan Kerslake (Advance QLD)



Sandra Kemp (Evolution Mining & Civil)





*Kenny Reid (Aus Waste Industries)*



*Mark Olsen (TTNQ)*



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# AURUKUN



Source: LGAQ

The community of Aurukun is located on the north-west coast of the Cape York Peninsula, 178km (2hrs 30mins) by road south of the mining town of Weipa and 811 km (11 hrs) from Cairns. Nearly the entire population (99.6%) lives within the township. The shire has an area of 7,500 sq. km. and is bounded by the Holroyd River and Pormpuraaw Deed of Grant in Trust lands to the south, Cook shire and Archer Bend National Park to the east, the Gulf of Carpentaria to the west and Cook shire to the north. It has about 107 km of Gulf of Carpentaria coastline. Aurukun is one of the larger communities in the Cape with a population of approximately 1,200. Most residents are Traditional owners of the shire and surrounding lands. There are 5 spiritual clan groups: Apalech, Winchanam, Wanam, Chara and Puutch. There are 15 outstations that are occupied during the dry season. One feature in common with many other Indigenous communities is a very stable

(immobile) population. Many Aurukun residents who can travel away to receive education and training prefer to return home with their families and use their skills in roles benefiting the community. Wik, Wik Waya and Kugu people are the oldest living culture and the community is rich in traditional cultural practices (ASC, 2023).

The Deputy Mayor Craig Koomeeta and Councillor Jayeden Marrott presented at the opening of the forum. Councillor Marrott talked about the challenges of being a young and emerging leader in the region as well as the unique opportunities. He said that *'The symposium was a deadly way of connecting grassroots peoples to mobs that genuinely want to see the people on the western cape succeed. I hope that more locally owned business on the western cape can attend the symposium's in the coming future.'*





Source: ASC



Councillor Jayeden Marrott



[L-R], Dallas D'Silva (DAF), Bernard Singleton (AFL Cape York), Councillor Jayeden Marrott (ASC), Deputy Mayor Craig Koomeeta, Jake O'Halloran (AFL Cape York)



# MAPOON



Mayor Aileen Addo

Mapoon is located over 860kms from Cairns, 85kms from Weipa. Access is usually via Weipa, but the partially sealed road is largely inaccessible during the wet season. Mapoon has an air strip that is used regularly by the Royal Flying Doctors. Mapoon is on the traditional lands of the Tjungundji people and covers 1,839 square kilometres. Mapoon Mission was established under the name Batavia River Mission at Cullin Point in 1891 by the Presbyterians. Mapoon continued to be administered by the Presbyterian Church until 1963. In 1954, a policy decision was made to close Mapoon and evacuate the people to Weipa or other stations. After the 1964 closure, former residents continued to lobby for the re-opening of their community. In 1974 several families returned and ten years later the Marpuna Community Aboriginal Corporation was established. In 1989 a DOGIT for 'Aboriginal Reserve Purposes' under the Land Act (Qld.), was handed over to the Mapoon people by the Queensland Government. The Mapoon



Councillor Cameron Hudson

Aboriginal Council was formed after elections in 2000. Some of the traditional owner groups who eventually came to live at Mapoon included the Mpakwithi, Taepithiggi, Thaynhakwith, Warrangku, Wimarangga and Yupungathi people (**MASC,2023**).

Mayor Addo spoke at the opening and shared her passion for her community. Councillor Cameron Hudson chaired a session and was part of the panel for the Land Use Planning session.

Cameron said that *"I would like to share my appreciation of the success that was shared between the many stakeholders and presenters that attended the Inaugural Western Cape Futures Symposium. The Symposium was a great event that captured many of the possibilities and challenges that face our region to maximise the Western Cape's full potential to create a viable and sustainable economic powerhouse. Such an event should be a regular occurrence as it has many benefits."*

# NAPRANUM

The community of Napranum is 6 kilometers from Weipa and 800 kilometers from Cairns on the west coast of Cape York. Napranum is home to approximately 1,000 Indigenous people who are descended from as many as 40 different groups from around Cape York Peninsula. The traditional owners are the Anathangayth, Alngith, Peppan, Thanakwithi, Wathyn and Wik Waya people (National Indigenous Australian Agency, 2021). Formerly known as Weipa South, Napranum which means 'meeting place' was established in 1898 by the Presbyterian Church. In 1957, Comalco was granted a mining lease covering the majority of mission reserves with no compensation to Aboriginal communities. Napranum was officially gazetted as the place-name to replace Weipa South in September 1990 and the DOGIT lands became known as the Napranum DOGIT in 1991. Napranum has become an increasingly prosperous community with modern facilities such as the Yepenyi-Awumpun art gallery, Mary Ann Coconut library and Indigenous Knowledge Centre,

new Council offices, a health centre, retirement home, supermarket, a war memorial, workshops and many new houses being built in the past ten years (NASC, 2023).

The importance of the WCFS to the Napranum community was possibly best demonstrated by Ernest Madua, junior. Ernest an Alngith Traditional Owner who closed the symposium by saying 'I'm excited to take all these opportunities back to my community. The whole symposium was overwhelming, just thinking of how my community can grow when it comes to employment opportunities and creating your own business. When you are around people who are inspired you can't help but feel to be a part of it, you can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Our people can thrive being out on country. There are opportunities for a future that can be there for the long term and for generations to come. There is so much that would have happened if the symposium was held in Weipa 10–15 years ago. We definitely need to have another symposium.'



Councillor Kayleen Jawai and Mayor Janita Motton



Ernest Madua Jnr



# WEIPA

Located in the Gulf of Carpentaria, the township sits around 200km from Australia’s northern tip and about 800km from Cairns by road (or 500km by air) and around 4,000 people now call Weipa home. It is a warm and welcoming place where the people work hard, love their outdoors lifestyle and are proud of their community. The Weipa region is extremely rich in bauxite, with much of the surrounding land around the township leased to the mining company Rio Tinto. Rio Tinto owns and operates the Weipa bauxite mine, holding three leases that span 3,860 square kilometers of Western Cape York.

Rio Tinto Weipa is a major contributor to the regional economy, making significant investments in local infrastructure and Rio Tinto is responsible for the administration of the town, which it carries out through the Weipa Town Authority (WTA). The Weipa Town Area is governed by RTA Weipa Pty Ltd (RTAW) by virtue of the Commonwealth Aluminium Corporation Pty Limited Agreement Act 1957 (QLD) (Comalco Act) and the Comalco Aluminium Corporation Pty Ltd Agreement (Comalco Agreement), within the limitations set out by those instruments. Clause 45 of the Comalco Agreement allows RTAW to exercise the majority of the powers conferred on a local government under the Local Government Act 2009 (QLD) (2009 LG Act) over particular areas of land **(WTA, 2023)**.

Weipa is also the main service hub for the region which also services the surrounding indigenous communities on the Cape.

Jai Christie the President of the Western Cape Chamber of commerce and a local business owner said that the ‘Symposium was a perfect opportunity for two way learning. Many government departments and organisations that attended were able to hear first hand the opportunities and challenges the region faces and local residents were able to see innovations and programs that could be beneficial to the area as well as learn about supports that are available.’ Jai felt that the symposium highlighted the regions ability to come together and collaborate on ways to move forward for the future. “The combination of a 2 day symposium followed by a half day event on a Saturday worked well and gave people opportunities to participate.” Jai also acknowledges that the support of sponsors and partners meant that registration was kept to around \$100 making it very accessible and that additional a number of complimentary registration were available.



Chair Michael Rowland (WTA), WCFS Chair Jaime Gane (WTA), Desley Ferrando (DESBT), WCFS Program Director Jen McHugh (JCU).





Following a panel session and presentations the audience was divided into 13 tables. Below is a list of the individual table responses for tourism opportunities and ideas and potential barriers from the working papers, some tables (not all) also included challenges and they are listed below as well:

**TABLE 1**

TOURISM IDEAS	WHAT DO WE NEED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing, merchandise, boutiques</li> <li>• Eating outlets, cafés (breakfast)</li> <li>• A centralized point/base               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Satellite experiences in person</li> <li>» Virtual experiences to the world</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Education, schools (cultural dance, catering for aged care)</li> <li>• Local knowledge sharing centres (zoom, digitized)</li> <li>• Immersive experiences like Darrtijima in the Northern Territory (Festival of Light)</li> <li>• Cultural training, tourism hub</li> <li>• Text phone message when entering country: entering country acknowledgement</li> <li>• Digital Agreements when on country regarding waste, respect, and use of land</li> <li>• Any bookings include acknowledgement of Cape Use Agreement</li> <li>• School tours with cultural content or purpose</li> <li>• Corporate team educator visits</li> <li>• Amalgamate ranger programs with tourism opportunities (e.g., drone business, research programs jointly)</li> <li>• Cape, Islands, Indigenous communities Australia wide               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Reduce impact on the region,</li> <li>» Income / fee based digital sales content created by traditional owners' ability to adapt</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Self-sufficient tourism</li> <li>2. Progress to better facilities programs as income increases</li> </ol>

**TABLE 2**

TOURISM IDEAS	WHAT DO WE NEED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Management Change (EMC), utilize GBRMPA Model</li> <li>• Guesting on country</li> <li>• Experiential activities based on appropriate cultural activities</li> <li>• Sculpting the cultural trails, creating art from local products with local people</li> <li>• ESG social impact investment</li> <li>• Change language around waste to circular economy               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Contribution tourism e.g., tourism's tourist pays to do building research clean-up etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Health retreats, bushwalking and twitches</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Data</li> <li>2. Five-year capacity development, operational funding</li> <li>3. Non-traditional employment models</li> <li>4. Agreement / alignment of values, 'What does success look like for each community'</li> <li>5. Two-way learning?</li> <li>6. Read Why Warriors: economic blog,</li> <li>7. New innovative finance options not tied to land tenure changing traditional local government funding to quantify and account for tourism infrastructure impacts tourism opportunities in the Cape</li> </ol>

**TABLE 3**

TOURISM IDEAS	CHALLENGES	WHAT DO WE NEED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packaging up towns (accommodation, turtles, Australia zoo)</li> <li>• Collaboration with other operators</li> <li>• Information Centre for more tourism</li> <li>• Engage with suppliers</li> <li>• APT Flight Centre</li> <li>• Local tourism organization creation for Cape and Thursday Island</li> <li>• Expansion of tourism business that currently exist</li> <li>• Different models for staff and how they work</li> <li>• Vision, plan for tourism</li> <li>• Identify the tourism market / target market who are they?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenure issues</li> <li>• Staff challenges workforce</li> <li>• What are we transitioning to?</li> <li>• How do we get action happening?</li> <li>• Governance models in place to guide the investors to reduce risk</li> <li>• Bringing people together</li> <li>• Better statistics on tourism, numbers and markets</li> <li>• Set up the Local Tourism Office for Cape your Torres Strait and an integrated tourism plan</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Messages from Telstra about respecting country</li> <li>2. Cruise ship opportunities, sources and accommodation</li> </ol>



**TABLE 4**

TOURISM IDEAS	WHAT DO WE NEED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Experiences (cultural, rehabilitation / nature conservation, biomedical research, attracting diverse markets)</li> <li>• Activating infrastructure (utilise existing resources, accommodation)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Youth exposure to Cape York through education and training (tied to local industries) or education to attract them later in life, also international student exposure</li> <li>2. Limiting land constraints to enable projects to get them started using local knowledge for land use planning, build opportunities into land management plans</li> <li>3. Allow alternative short-term accommodation e.g., secondary dwellings granny flats so that visitors can stay with residents to allow for cultural experiences and money staying in the community</li> </ol>

**TABLE 5**

TOURISM IDEAS	WHAT DO WE NEED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational tourism, students international and domestic</li> <li>• Destination marketing, joint effort, and group marketing</li> <li>• Educate population of weeper and communities of positive value of tourism</li> <li>• Digital tourism accessible tourism</li> <li>• Indigenous art, sharing storytelling through art</li> <li>• Training opportunities for Rangers</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Training skills based and education</li> <li>2. Joint venture/activities Educate communities via joint activities with state government Tourism Tropical Queensland</li> <li>3. Confirm indigenous aspirational goals</li> <li>4. Insert Ranger tourism training into grant   guidelines and expand to either skills or to other skills as necessary</li> <li>5. Finish the Peninsular Development Road (PDR) and install infrastructure</li> <li>6. Connecting with digital platforms and developers</li> </ol>

**TABLE 6**

TOURISM IDEAS	WHAT DO WE NEED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tourist info centre run by TOs</li> <li>• Eco tours (bird watching)</li> <li>• Boardwalk tours (guided)</li> <li>• Cultural experiences</li> <li>• Artist retreat</li> <li>• Wellbeing retreat</li> <li>• Season specific</li> <li>• Consistent sporting opportunities</li> <li>• Extend/expand events</li> <li>• On country events</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of tourism, hospitality (youth training skills development)</li> <li>2. Recruitment strategy for skills development and youth training.</li> <li>3. Capitalize on existing events, fishing comps, rodeos, bus tour groups to offer unique experiences, for example, including packages that have art and culture of wellness retreat,</li> <li>4. Infrastructure and funding</li> <li>5. Access to government funding and resources for youth / adult sporting</li> </ol>

**TABLE 7**

TOURISM IDEAS	CHALLENGES	WHAT DO WE NEED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glamping accommodation alternatives</li> <li>• Entry fee to national parks to fund infrastructure e.g., rangers, accommodation, tents etc.</li> <li>• Sea planes to view the wetlands, electric powered boats doing solar tours (sunrise etc)</li> <li>• Science tourism (e.g., environmental), study volunteers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land tenure</li> <li>• Infrastructure</li> <li>• Environmental Cultural Management</li> <li>• National parks needed to be more proactive</li> <li>• Technology</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More holistic approach to with Traditional Owners and council lands trust Prescribed Body Corporate</li> <li>2. Stakeholder mapping: identify all stakeholders systems and training approach.</li> <li>3. Identify key sites for development towards (partnerships)</li> </ol>

**TABLE 8**

TOURISM IDEAS	WHAT DO WE NEED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous cultural tours (Monuments, signage, interactive local stories)</li> <li>• Nature tours (bird watching, reptiles, distilleries (native botanicals), hiking trails: similar to Cape to Cape with cabins and guides)</li> <li>• Indigenous traditional fishing and hunting</li> <li>• Bushtucker and cooking (remember UNIGAN Reserve)</li> <li>• Barra tourist fishing: stocked dam, integrate with aquaculture</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tourist Info</li> <li>2. Accommodation – right style</li> <li>3. Land tenure, how to partner with traditional owners (long term agreements with traditional owners how do we do this?)</li> <li>4. Education on how</li> <li>5. Basic facilities and infrastructure (How to make it happen?)</li> <li>6. Market and strategy plans</li> <li>7. Education of how to respect country and traditional owners</li> <li>8. Economic diversification (How to access to traditional lands)</li> </ol>

**TABLE 9**

TOURISM IDEAS	CHALLENGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Cape York trail (maps of places, tours, eating, shopping, markets, best sunrise, 'Experience passport')</li> <li>• Cultural awareness/exposure (immersion: historical aspect of aspect of past experiences i.e., bush living art; culture i.e., medicines, relationships, geology, land, water sea)</li> <li>• Wellness aspect (mental, retreats, bush foods)</li> <li>• Follow up (digital experience: build the supply chain, deliver back to the Traditional Owners)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation mixes to attract high in tourism</li> <li>• Land tenure / land access</li> <li>• Indigenous based business development support</li> <li>• Limited options and infrastructures to support wide ranging tourism</li> <li>• Seasonal access, cost of development</li> <li>• Investors and partners</li> <li>• Education about existing infrastructure</li> <li>• Servicing existing infrastructure</li> <li>• Mentoring partnerships programs to support tourism development</li> <li>• Collaborative first thinking and co-design</li> </ul>



**TABLE 10**

TOURISM IDEAS	CHALLENGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous (transformative cultural experiences with a positive narrative showcasing our strengths)</li> <li>• Networking/partnering: corporate</li> <li>• Safely sharing culture (dinner and dancing; activity and lunch – complement our lifestyle)</li> <li>• Cultural Exchange – leaders: corporate, local state federal members, decision makers</li> <li>• Showcase art song dance life skills, food, land and wildlife (bring big tour companies here like reef to Cape or Kentucky type tour style)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land tenure</li> <li>• Finance / access to capital</li> <li>• Business literacy</li> <li>• Networking: strengthening relationships</li> <li>• Infrastructure in consultation with traditional owners</li> <li>• Safe space to share / grow</li> <li>• Shift from mining: as land / indigenous people remain (reverse engineering)</li> <li>• Owned and operated and / or real agreement with traditional owners</li> <li>• Knowledge and understanding of law, policies, procedures</li> <li>• Over consulted and least listened too</li> <li>• Clear pathways – supported and encouraged</li> <li>• Capacity building / upskilling / succession planning</li> </ul>

**TABLE 11**

TOURISM IDEAS	WHAT DO WE NEED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locational tours</li> <li>• Guided tours</li> <li>• Charter boat and fishing tours</li> <li>• Bushtucker tours gathering and trying food</li> <li>• Weaving</li> <li>• Cultural experiences, traditional dance and storytelling</li> <li>• History / pioneering experience</li> <li>• Tours of Wenlock (Steve Irwin)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outside investment (other tour companies e.g., the Outback Spirit)</li> <li>2. Business development support or coaching</li> <li>3. Training e.g., customer service reputation management</li> <li>4. Link with other regions to create flow on experiences</li> </ol>

**TABLE 12**

TOURISM IDEAS	WHAT DO WE NEED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural tourism men's women's cultural experiences artwork, bush tucker</li> <li>• High end tourism experiences (wildlife fishing, etc., wilderness retreats)</li> <li>• Bird watching</li> <li>• Photography tours</li> <li>• Guided pig hunting</li> <li>• 4WD drive experiences</li> <li>• Ecotourism (significant sights, cultural aspect)</li> <li>• Post settlement tours</li> <li>• Cultural tourism with a broad reach</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Individual management, consultation with different groups and people</li> <li>2. Local lead governance</li> <li>3. Strategies for maintaining local workforce</li> <li>4. Agreements for security or enterprises to work on country.</li> <li>5. Co-design at an early stage</li> <li>6. Building capacity at a local level</li> <li>7. Mentorship by local people share knowledge</li> <li>8. State/Federal funding for local infrastructure</li> <li>9. Identify gaps for capacity building in community</li> </ol>

**TABLE 13**

TOURISM IDEAS	WHAT DO WE NEED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnerships and networking with local traditional owners, chamber of commerce, tourism management</li> <li>Training and development in business management, financial reports, tax</li> <li>Philanthropic investment,</li> <li>'Creating an app' support for remote communities</li> <li>Business accountability info services</li> <li>Accurate data and info entering indigenous lands and process / tenure</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cruise ship route</li> <li>Export wharf</li> <li>School based programs 'on country' and traditional ownership supported</li> <li>Clear pathways and info on how to start business development</li> </ol>

## IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES

After the session, each table was asked to identify two priorities:

**TABLE 1**

IDENTIFY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-sufficient tourism</li> <li>Progress to better facilities programs as income increases</li> </ol>

**TABLE 4**

IDENTIFY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food Incubator – cultural experience of the North (bush foods, botanicals, native harvest), experiential food experiences</li> <li>Export out high value harvest, on-country based planning to provide certainty of investment – land use planning</li> </ol>

**TABLE 2**

IDENTIFY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changing language, using waste products, saleable art, pay to make something (contribute)</li> <li>Innovative finance model – leverage financial options to overcome land tenure</li> </ol>

**TABLE 5**

IDENTIFY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art workshops (Indigenous story telling), digital tourism (send to the world), available on a digital platform, education tours (domestic and international students)</li> <li>Bring together key stakeholders to tell the stories and share art through the Traditional Owners lens</li> </ol>

**TABLE 3**

IDENTIFY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Packaging tours between businesses, having control of tourist offerings (can then manage metrics)</li> <li>Control the environmental impacts (tourism needs a strategic plan, governance model that is owned and managed regionally)</li> </ol>

**TABLE 6**

IDENTIFY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on how/when – capitalise on existing events (artist retreat, wellness retreat, through a cultural lens)</li> <li>Manage the logistics to capitalise on event outcomes</li> </ol>



**TABLE 7**

IDENTIFY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Electric powered boats to view the wetlands</li> <li>2. Identify all stakeholders – stakeholder engagement depending on river systems, training to drive different powered boats</li> </ol>

**TABLE 11**

IDENTIFY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outside investment (other tour companies e.g., the Outback Spirit)</li> <li>2. Link with other regions to create flow on experiences</li> </ol>

**TABLE 8**

IDENTIFY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cultural Tours – traditional fishing and hunting, partner with Traditional Owners, stories shared</li> <li>2. Education on creating partnerships (infrastructure improved)</li> </ol>

**TABLE 12**

IDENTIFY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Building capacity at a local level</li> <li>2. State / Federal funding for local infrastructure</li> </ol>

**TABLE 9**

IDENTIFY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ecological sustainable aquaculture – cultural immersion a part of the experience (integrating the strengths of the region)</li> <li>2. Land Tenure, sustainable footprint, building capacity in First Nations People (empowerment), mentoring program</li> </ol>

**TABLE 13**

IDENTIFY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Change local tax approach, pro rata based on actual use of services</li> <li>2. Not supplied</li> </ol>

**TABLE 10**

IDENTIFY
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bush foods and botanicals, cultural understanding and income streams that are culturally aligned</li> <li>2. Tourism plan by end of current scope</li> </ol>

# TNQ DROUGHT HUB SOCIAL EVENT



Mel Drahm (Gr8motive) & Paula Ludwick Reynolds (Metro Mining)



Jacinta Reddan (Advance QLD) & Noel Prakash (NAB)



Jenny Briscoe Hough (Tender Funerals)



Dennis Fay & Lomas Amini



Emily Harrington (TNQ Drought Hub), Lomas Amini, Professor Rowena Barrett (QUT Entrepreneurship)



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