

"Working Together"

REGIONS - PARTNERSHIPS
COMMUNITIES - ALLIANCES

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Welcome to the WHaMB ROC Region

The Whitsunday, Hinterland and Mackay
Bowen Regional Organisation of Councils



Community Engagement



WHaMB ROC Member Council locations



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Member Council Population Councillors

Belyando	9,936	11
Bowen	12,423	9
Broadsound	6,523	11
Mackay	75,977	13
Mirani	5,271	8
Nebo	2,113	9
Peak Downs	3,145	9
Sarina	9,822	7
Whitsunday	15,496	8
Total	140,706	85



Community Engagement



WHaMB ROC Objectives

- Promote a genuine regional ethos amongst Member Council's and actively communicate this to all agencies and other levels of Government.
- Assist in providing an effective and united lobbying voice for the region.
- Actively engage other regional bodies and forums to avoid duplication and dissipation of effort, and to maintain productive and harmonious relations with these bodies.



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WHaMB ROC Objectives continued

- To ensure that the voice of Local Government is heard in relation to regional issues.
- Liaise with Member Council's to understand and effectively respond to their particular needs in a regional context and promoting harmonious relations throughout the region.



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WHaMB ROC range of activities

- Meeting with State politicians and LGAQ re local government issues and the forthcoming State election.
- Meeting with Federal politicians in Canberra regarding the recruitment of more medical practitioners to the region.
- Regional and Industry Development Prospects: Internet presentation of all developable land in the region categorized by type and presented in a GIS format with accompanying demographic information.



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WHaMB ROC range of activities - continued

- Regional Tourist Circuit Trails - *the development of tourist trails through all councils.*
- Indigenous Land Use Agreements - *a community based alternative to litigious Native Title processes.*
- Regional IT Approach - *LGAQ Shared services pilot - working with regional road groups to develop region-wide assets management solutions.*
- Regional Training - *facilitation of cost-effective training across the region: Gangers, foremen, effective writing etc.*



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✓INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENTS

MacDonnells Solicitors appointed. Federal Attorney General paying for the service. Community consultation has begun.

✓REGIONAL IT SHARED SERVICES

WHaMB ROC is part of the LGAQ Networking the Nation project looking at the actuality of sharing IT services across the region. One possibility is setting up a server centre in Mackay with all software and data hosted on those servers with a range of “thin clients” in the councils.



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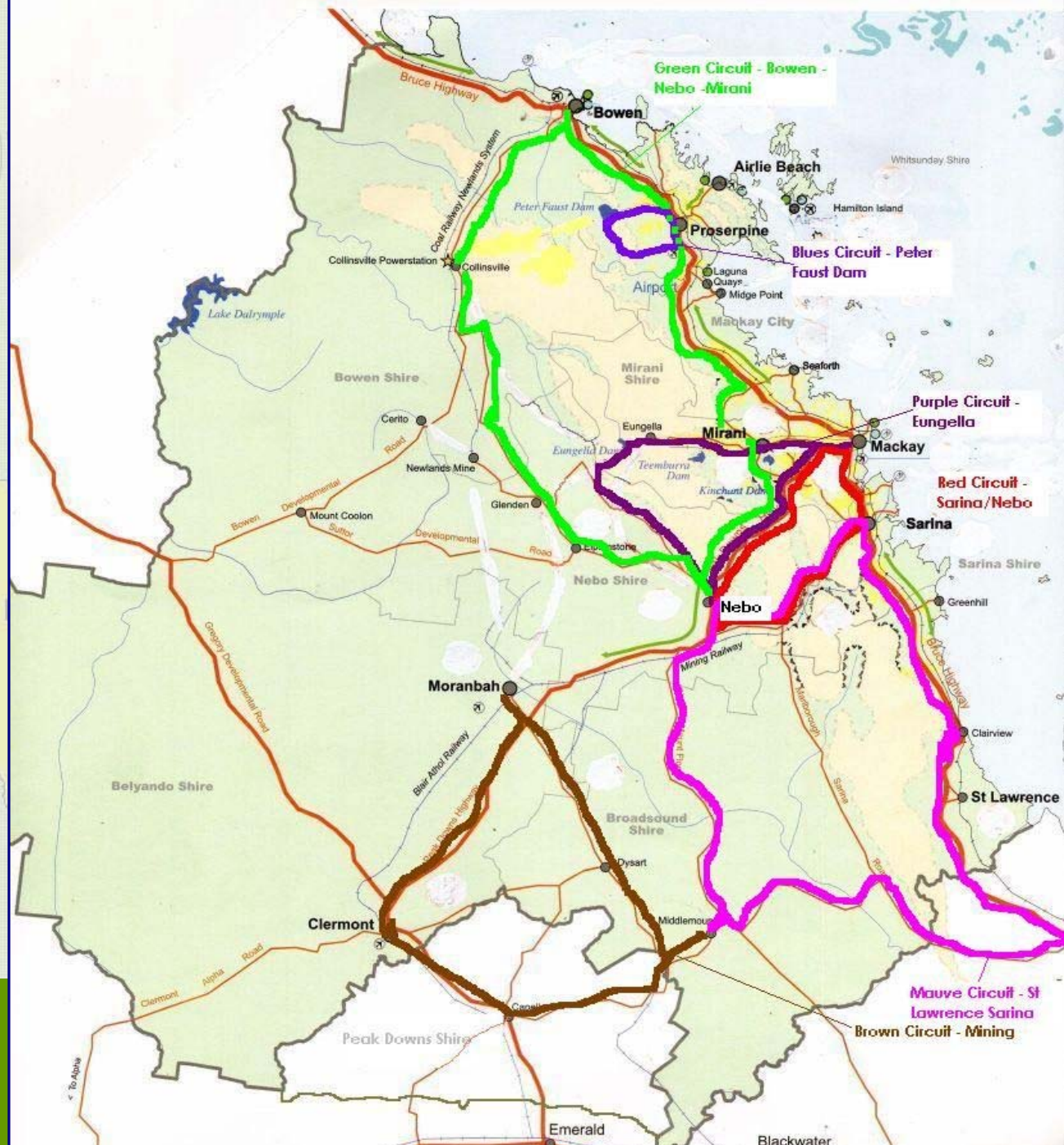


Regional Tourist Circuit Trails

- Six clearly signed trails throughout the region.
- Supported by 250,000 printed brochures distributed in tourist centres throughout Australia.
- Sited in consultation with councillors, CEOs, DMR and the community.
- Possibility of some signage needing to be erected on private land.



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Regional Tourist Circuit Trails

DMR roads signs

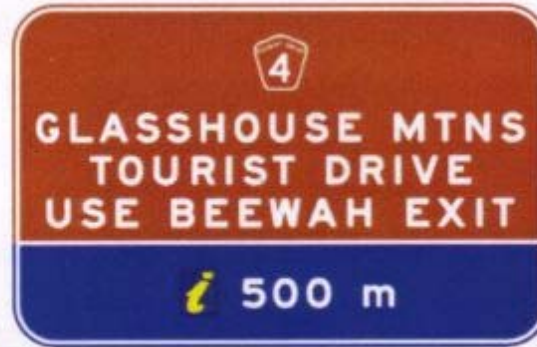


Figure 31 - Tourist Drive sign – (Glass House Mountains Tourist Drive)



Figure 32 - Tourist Drive sign with logo (Cobb & Co Tourist Drive)



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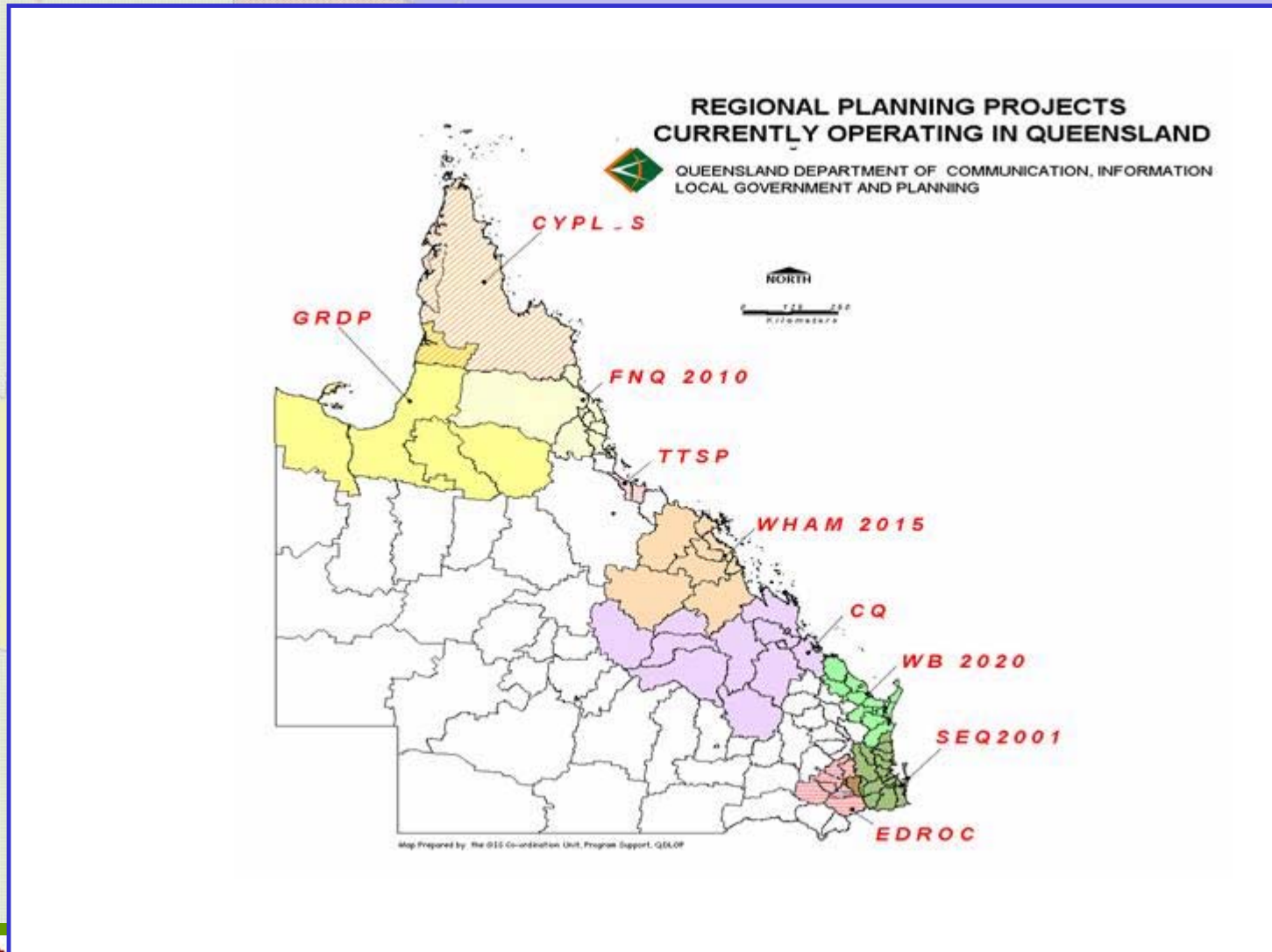
Regional Tourist Circuit Trails

Council roads signs



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FUTURE PLANS



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A FEW CHALLENGES



Impatience **vs** achievement



The nature of regionalisation – swings and roundabouts



Sharing



Trust



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