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Regional expertise boosted on RDA Committee

A common goal to further develop and grow the north and north west region has led to a mayor and two deputy mayors joining the Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland (RDA) committee.

The new committee members include; Mayor of Cloncurry Greg Campbell, Deputy Mayor of Hinchinbrook Mary Brown and Deputy Mayor of Richmond June Kuhl.

RDA Committee Acting Chair Frank Beveridge said the new team is a good reflection of the geographic area.

“We have leaders from Local Government, Academia, Small Business and the general public,” Mr Beveridge said.

“While we have one of the largest areas in Queensland, we are certainly well positioned to represent the needs of the Federal Government down to the public and more importantly the needs of our communities to the Government.”

Cloncurry Mayor Greg Campbell has served in local government for over a decade and has 20 years’ experience in the energy industry.

“RDA provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of the Cloncurry area and share opportunities with the region,” Cr Campbell said.

“Cloncurry’s importance to the beef, mineral and transport industries means it is ideally positioned to lead the region’s economic growth.”

Hinchinbrook Deputy Mayor Mary Brown has over 30 years’ experience in private enterprise and with her husband has established several businesses.

“Economic development for rural and regional communities is an area where I am particularly passionate, so I am extremely pleased to have been appointed to the RDA committee,” Ms Brown said.

“I look forward to working with the fellow Townsville and North West RDA Committee members in the future to assist in the development of these regional economies.”

Richmond Deputy Mayor June Kuhl also has a broad range of experience with nine years in local government and operating a grazing property for almost 40 years with her husband.

“My passion is of course my community and it’s socio-economic future,” Cr Kuhl said.

“I have become a RDA committee member to do what I can to assist the growth of all of the small communities in our region and ensure that they have input and a voice.”

RDA Townsville and North West Queensland covers 15 Local Government areas – Boulia, Burdekin, Burke, Carpentaria, Charters Towers, Cloncurry, Doomadgee, Flinders, Hinchinbrook, McKinlay, Mornington, Mount Isa, Palm Island, Richmond and Townsville. For further information go to: www.rdanwq.org.au



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