



Position Description - Chairman

Background

The North Australia Beef Research Council (NABRC) drives innovation for the northern beef industry. The Council is the collective representation of eleven producer-driven Regional Beef Research Committees (RBRCs) and research, development, extension, education and training (R,D&E) providers and co-funders from across northern Australia. The Council consolidates and supports the planning and prioritising activities of the RBRCs and collates them into a perspective that reflects State and National objectives. The second key function for NABRC is to provide an efficient and effective mechanism for productive interaction and networking, and the development of professional relationships within and between industry sectors and organisations.

The Chairman of NABRC has a challenging and influential R,D&E leadership role to facilitate the development of innovative collaborative arrangements to support priority work areas. The Chairman will be representing the northern beef industry and as such will need to have a deep understanding of the RD&E needs for the industry.

The position involves:

- (a) Developing and fostering effective collaborative networks and R,D&E strategies between R,D&E funders and providers, the beef industry and other key stakeholders. This is particularly important for 'upline' engagement to peak bodies and umbrella organisations.
- (b) Responsibility for coordinating input and activities of the eleven regional beef research committees which span northern Australia. This involves liaising with Regional Beef Research Committee chairs and from discussions with these regional chairs and other key industry figures draw together R,D&E issues of importance to discuss at NABRC meetings.
- (c) Providing leadership and mentoring support to RBRC chairs to facilitate communication between beef producers and other key stakeholders.
- (d) In partnership with the NABRC secretariat, which is based in SE Qld, develop an agenda and associated activities for each of the NABRC meetings (maximum of two per year).
- (e) Proactively chair NABRC meetings, which includes managing the agenda, facilitating or leading discussions on key issues and ensuring all members of NABRC are able to participate in an equitable manner.
- (f) As a member of Meat and Livestock Australia's Northern Beef Industry Committee (NBIC) be prepared to attend all meetings (four per year) and actively contribute to the strategic direction and principal components of the Northern Beef Program.
- (g) Represent NABRC on the Cattle Council of Australia and on the Red Meat Co-investment Committee.
- (h) Other activities may include participating on the Live Export R&D Advisory Committee, cooperating with SAMRC and representing NABRC in other industry and jurisdictional forums (e.g. through the Red Meat Co-investment Committee, contribute to the implementation of the National Beef Production RD&E Strategy).
- (i) Promote the role of NABRC in the wider industry.
- (j) Working with the NABRC stakeholders to identify future industry scenarios that can be used to inform RD&E investment.

Based on the current Chair's activities and emerging needs under the National Beef Production RD&E Strategy, it is estimated the job will take approximately 100 days per year not including travel time. Remuneration for the position will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

The Chair reports to the NABRC Management Committee on all financial and performance matters.

Appointments to the position of Chair are for a period of three years, with the opportunity to extend for an additional three years.

Selection criteria:

The selection criteria are numbered for ease of reference, not in order of priority.

1. Knowledge and understanding of (a) Northern Australia and National beef industry issues, including research and development (R&D) needs, and (b) the business of research, development, extension, education and training.
2. Capacity to foster effective and influential relationships with the leading players in the beef industry, funding bodies, R&D agencies and other stakeholders. This includes the ability to provide leadership and mentoring support to beef producers to facilitate communication between beef producers and other key stakeholders.
3. Well developed skills in written and verbal communication with a wide range of stakeholders, including the community and the media.
4. Ability and skills to think strategically, set research directions, assess project submissions and review R&D expenditure.
5. Capacity to facilitate effective planning processes and to deliver outcomes according to agreed strategic directions.
6. Capacity to lead and manage meetings so as to deliver outcomes, provide opportunities for all participants to contribute, satisfy participant expectations and ensure meetings are enjoyable.

More information on NABRC is available from the from the NABRC website:

<http://www.nabrc.org.au/>

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How to apply

Please submit your current resume including relevant work history; together with a statement of claims against the selection criteria listed above.

Please send applications to Jackie Kyte by email by **Monday 8 September 2014**.

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