UQSIP MEETING TO DISCUSS WHITE PAPER AND SOLOMON ISLANDS RELATED RESEARCH AT UQ

4 June 2015

Present: Professors Peter Mumby (BIOL), Clive Moore (HAPI), Jennifer Corrin (LAW), Ian Lilley (ATSIS), Suzanne Brangwin (UQ Int), Renee Montgomery (UQ Int), Morgan Brigg (POLIS), Ross Strong (BIOL), Time Skewes (CSIRO), Solvor Sleleveland (BIOL), Annie Ross (SOCSCI), Ian Tibbetts (BIOL), Graham Baines (SOCSCI), Peter Dart (SAFS), Helen Ross (SAFS), Jemma Schneider (BIOL), Cynthia Riginos (BIOL), Paul Jagals (Public Health), David Neil (GPEM), Simon Blomberg (BIOL), Diana Fisher (BIOL), Fitsum Weldegiorgis (CSRM), Sheridan Rabbit (BIOL), Georgia Baker (Medicine), Greg Seipen (IND), Maria Beger (BIOL), Tyrone Lavery (BIOL), Nigel Beebe (BIOL), Siyu Wang (UQ Global Engagement)

Apologies: Prof Craig Forrest (Law), Prof Stuart Phinn (GPEM), Prof Hugh Possingham (BIOL), Simon Albert (Civil Eng), Justine Bell (Law), John Elfick (School Ed), Mike Furlong (BIOL), Kristen Lyons (SOCSCI), Ben Mullen (UQ Int), Chris Roelfsema (GPEM), David Brewer (CSIRO), Annika Kearton (UQ Water Centre), Regina Souter (UQ Water Centre), Eva Abal (GCI), Jessica Gallagher (UQ Global Engagement), James Udy (Health Waterways)

Summary of Meeting

The first part of the meeting consisted of an introduction of UQSIP. This was followed by a series of three minute presentations summarising current research and interests in Solomon Islands (the PowerPoint slides from these presentations are now available on the UQSIP site).

The meeting was then opened up for comments, which included the following key points.

- Morgan Brigg (POLIS) – we need a communication and background research team to facilitate peace building and mapping
- Jennifer Corrin requested that UQSIP be used as a communications platform as it is intended for this purpose, but that we need those who have yet to submit biographies to do so
- Tim Skewes (CSIRO) – we need to have an outcomes focus to work effectively with AusAid
- Annie Ross (Social Science) – can we produce an e-version of the Solomon Island Marine Life book, and we need a consolidated effort in SI and Canberra to support funding applications for mechanisms such as GPFD.
- Pete Mumby (SBS) – AusAid is in partnership with UQ is co-funding similar research in Indonesia
- Ian Tibbetts (CMS) Solomon Islands focus gives us an opportunity to identify single nation need and obtain funding support. This leads to outcomes that are widely applicable in the tropical small island context and may be dispersed for application in the region.
- UQ International Development team (Suzanne Brangwin) suggested that there were consulting opportunities in Solomon Islands
• Ian Tibbetts – UQ International have their recruitment targets and SI would not register on their UQ International’s radar as Solomon Islands is too small a target. Best to approach this initiative via DVC(R) and DVC(A).

• Helen Ross – We need to “Take rhetoric into practice”

• Jennifer Corrin asked the audience if we had their support to move forward to approach the VC for support funding and members were overwhelmingly in favour.