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Northern Gulf Directors pause for a quick peek at the lovely **Mutton Hole Wetlands**, on 7000ha of Council-controlled reserve just north of Normanton.

## Moving forward

Directors met in Normanton this past week to shape up the structure and strategy for the coming financial year.

We were warmly welcomed and supported by Mayor **Jack Bawden**, CEO **Bob Owen**, and a host of new councillors and attentive staff.

Councillors were interested to hear the latest steps forward in the Northern Gulf's story. We discussed some of the challenges and opportunities faced by non-profit and public-sector organisations in this wide landscape.

This was also a chance to have an in-depth presentation from ANGIC Chair, **Ron Archer**.

After the meeting we adjourned to Karumba for delicious seafood and continued conversations with members old and new.

On the return trip we were pleased to have a chat with life member **Corrie Pickering** who was holding court at the Croydon shops. She congratulated Directors on progress with the organisation. She also vowed to continue being as contrary as always, since that's the way we can spot the problems and find solutions. Corrie's going in for knee surgery end of the month and we wish her well with that.

**Greg and Carol Ryan** treated us with hearty sandwiches and delightful sweets out on Green Hills. It's easy to see how people have a love affair with that Gilbert River country!

## Welcome to new Directors

We are very pleased to welcome **Riki Gunn** onto the Board as Vice Chair. Riki is a familiar face both in the Gulf and internationally for her extraordinary achievements with the Ghost Nets project (2002-2015) and for being involved with Northern Gulf right from its formation. Riki's intuitive skills as a negotiator are legendary, as is her focus on "getting the job done." Riki is currently a member of the Global Marine Litter Network hosted by the UNEP; on the Steering committee for the Global Ghost Gear Initiative hosted by World Animal Protection; Director of FISHI International; and Secretary of the Ravenshoe Community Centre.

Likewise it is a great pleasure to welcome **Will Atwood** on to fill the role of Local Government Director currently held by Allan Holmes, who will retire from that position at the 02 June General Meeting in Mt Surprise. As Mayor of Etheridge Shire Will displayed exceptional leadership for the economic and social future of the region. Will is currently serving as Shire Councillor along with a number of other roles he's been asked to take on. His passion for the region is well known and his understanding of the complexities of local government sector will be an invaluable contribution to our organisation.

*Thanks to both Will and Riki for stepping forward to guide Northern Gulf along the journey ahead.*

## GHF takes wing

After five years of incubation the Gulf Horizons Foundation is now a fully independent entity with a new Constitution and a new inaugural Board. Their mission is to raise significant funds for the alleviation of poverty and suffering in the Gulf, and we wish them all the best in their laudable aspirations. See more at: <http://gulfhorizons.org/>



# Gulf Graziers' BeefUp: Tools and information to beef up your business

1-2 June at Mt Surprise

MLA is partnering with Northern Gulf and the Gulf Cattlemans Association to put on this years' signature industry event. Barb Bishop will chair the Forum. We're expecting good representation from AUSTREX, updates on MLA research and extension activities, and an impressive showing from the trade exhibitors.

**[\\$20: Register online now](#)**

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## Northern Gulf General Meeting: 2 June at Mt Surprise

On the back of the Gulf Graziers' BeefUp, we'll convene a General Meeting for members and supporters of Northern Gulf. Agenda will include:

- Chair's report and overview of finances
- Directors introductions and comments
- Resolution on Sectors and Membership
- General Business (members' questions)

More info to come closer to the date. **Please let us know of any agenda items you'd like to include in General Business** ([chair@northerngulf.com.au](mailto:chair@northerngulf.com.au))

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