



CRCNA

DEVELOPING NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

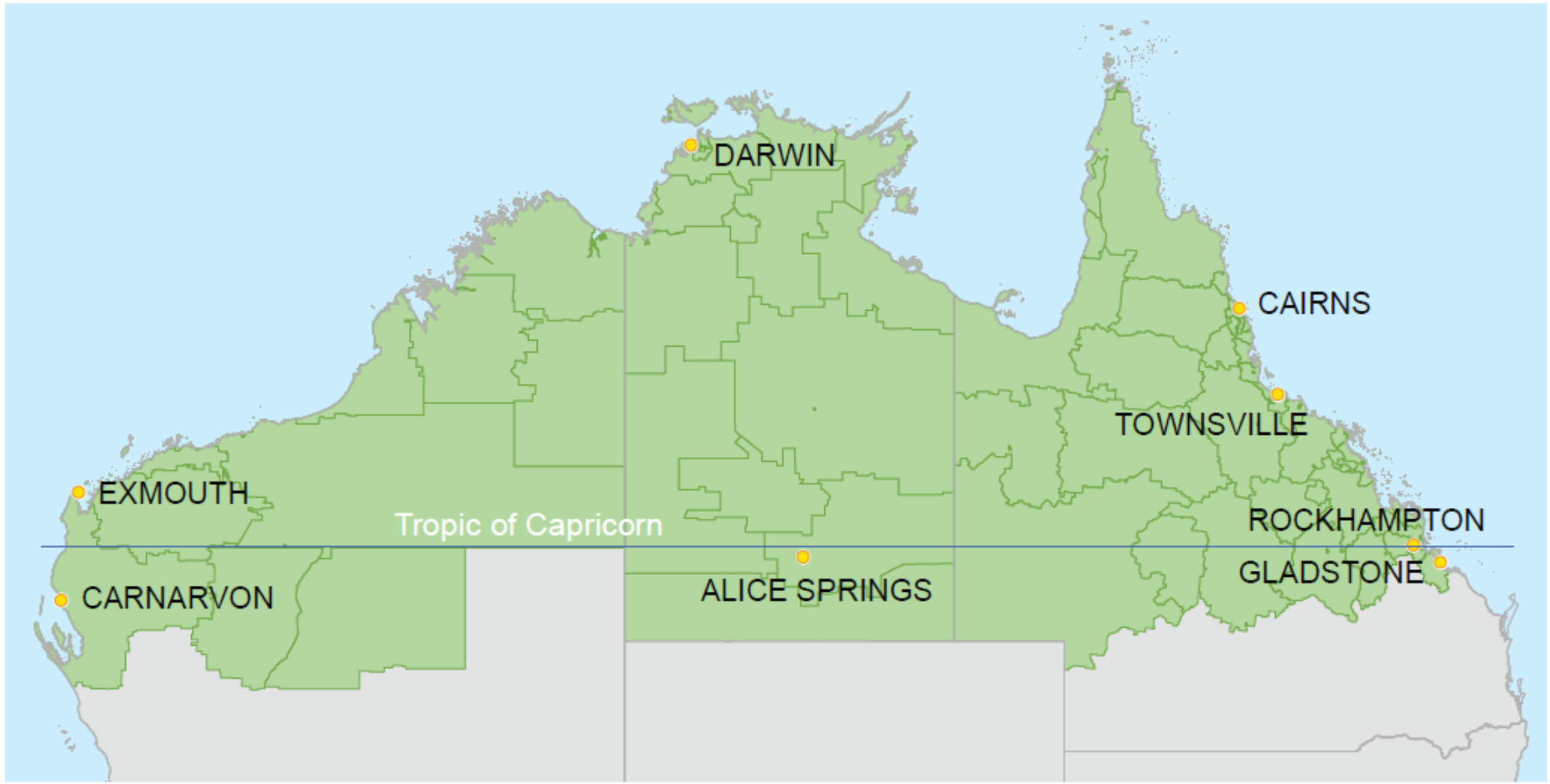


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CRCNA Area of Operations



CRCNA Staff

Staff:

- CEO – Jed Matz (Townsville)
- Advisor - Strategy & Research Impact – Allan Dale (Cairns)
- Office Manager – Vicki Forster (Townsville)
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- Project Manager, WA – Catherine Marriott (Broome)
- Project Manger, NT – Sally Leigo (Darwin)

CRCNA Focus

1. **Agriculture and food** - Removing barriers and improving supply and value chains for new and existing northern agricultural industries.
2. **Tropical health service delivery** - Identifying new models and approaches, early detection, health seeking behaviour and mental health first aid.
3. **Traditional Owner led business development** - Identifying new models and approaches and building an industry ready skilled workforce in the fields of agriculture, food and/or health industries.

CRCNA Strategic Intent

To deliver high impact research that will lower investment barriers and enable significant capital to flow to:

- Grow the economy and investment in the North
- Grow employment
- Expand markets
- Grow a skilled workforce
- Bring tangible benefits to Australia and to the communities of Northern Australia.

2017/18 CRCNA Funding Call

- 115 Expressions of Interest
- 50% from Qld, 26% NT & 24% WA
- Total funding requested from CRCNA = \$110m
- Total funding available in 2017/18 Round = \$8m
- 16 Applications have been allocated funding.
- 2 major project themes have also been identified for further brokerage.

Emerging Strategic Issues

- 2017/18 funding call attracted EOIs that focussed on production barriers – CRCNA Board is looking for proposals aimed at the higher level strategic issues.
- We received multiple broadacre irrigated cropping projects in all states – we will be looking to aggregate projects and focus on strategic barriers to introducing large scale broadacre cropping in the north.
- Big opportunity to coordinate Horticultural Production.
- Lots of interest in beef production – but not well coordinated.
- Strategic Regions – projects in the Gilbert & Kimberly featured strongly in . Multiple applications with little or no coordination (key role for CRCNA).
- Baseline study for opportunities and barriers in Northern Australia.