

## **Minutes of the General Meeting of the Mission Beach Community Association held on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October at the Mission Beach Resort.**

**Meeting opened:** 7.30 pm

**Apologies:** Peter Faulkner

**Attendance:** 77 including Mayor Bill Shannon, Member for Hinchinbrook Andrew Cripps and Cr Jennifer Downs.

**Welcome:** The chair thanked the Mission Beach Resort for the use of the room.

### **Andrew Cripps:**

- He spoke about the recent review of the Liquor Act amendments
  - a) increase in fees for not for profit organisations to \$500 (clubs under 2000 people)
  - b) Commercial increase to \$2,700
  - c) Compulsory training in RSA for all staff that serve liquor and for not for profit clubs and organisations 1 person to be RSA proficient.
- Bus: he is writing to Qld Transport to undertake a survey of the community to see whether we qualify for permanent public transport.
- He is continuing to lobby Qld Transport to allow another taxi licence in Mission Beach. Sarah Mort suggested that this request should dovetail to the 2025 plan and asked whether he had looked at Airlie Beach, Palm Cove and Port Douglas as they have the same permanent population as Mission Beach and they do have a bus service.
- Sgt. Dan Gallagher informed the meeting that a 2<sup>nd</sup> taxi licence had been approved which is a disability access mini bus.

### **Sgt Dan Gallagher:**

- He has been in the police force for 18 years and has been made most welcome in Mission Beach.
- He has come from MacKay and this is his first position as sergeant in charge of his own station. He is very willing to work with the community to make it a family community not a drinking community. He operated with an 'open door policy'.

### **Sarah Mort – Safe Boating**

- She thanked various people and organisations for the support and announced that \$57,000 has been approved from Qld Tourism and \$57,000 from Dpt. Of Transport, \$30,000 from CCRC and \$12,500 from Rotary. It is envisaged that the pontoon be completed by Christmas. (full report attached) The Chair commented it was great to see what the community can achieve when they work together.

### **Jennifer Downs:**

- Power point presentation as per web site.

### **Bill Shannon:**

- Criteria for road re-sealing are up to the CCRC staff not Councillors.
- Rates have been regionalised, north and south and also farming properties.
- The land revaluation for next year will mean that Tully & Innisfail can expect rate increases of up to 300%.
- The budget has been balanced with a profit of \$24,000. Mayor Bill sees light at the end of the tunnel over 2 terms. Rates will continue to increase by 5.3% per annum for the next 5 to 10 years.
- Tully MPC is on hold.
- Cannot make any promises for a MB pool.
- Woolworth trading hours are determined by the courts and tourist areas are allowed to trade on Sundays.
- Paul Roxby queried whether money could be spend for future planning for the pool.
- A question from the floor re upgrade of the Igloo if MPC is not proceeding. CCRC is working on an update.

**Beach Bus Service:**

- Kerrie Paronella advised the meeting that the bus service was no longer viable because the schoolbus subsidy had been cancelled due to the lack of pupils from the Bingil Bay area that used the beach bus.
- He is losing \$700 a week now and never made a profit before but it broke even with the subsidies.

**Minutes of the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting:** Moved Lynda Hannah. Seconded: Peter Johnson

**Wongaling Beach name change:**

- Peter Wheatley spoke on the history and the naming of Wongaling Beach. He mentioned that all the villages are registered with emergency services. Change of name could delay ambulances etc.
- Barbara Millmore, Ted Ludke, Brian Rail and Warren Giffin also made comments on the futility of changing the name. Bill Shannon & Allan Ogden spoke in favour of a name change.
- Dan Gallagher also reiterated that Wongaling Beach is a Qld Prime Address.
- NO resolution was passed to proceed any further with a name change.

**Formal Motions:**

- Brian Rail moved “that MBCA calls a special purpose meeting to discuss the future of the beach bus service”. Seconded: Ron Darlington
- Warwick Jull committed the Executive Committee to call such a meeting as soon as possible with various interested parties.

**Lynda Hannah:**

- Report on the CSIRO research into the DNA of Cassowaries by collecting their poo. More volunteers are needed for the 1-2 November.
- The winners of the Cassowary Trail Arts grant are: Judith Bowen, Joy Fitzsimon and Sally Moroney.

**Rates & Services Michael Johnson:**

- Clump Point Boat ramp: solar lights still out of order since “Larry”.

**Truus Biddlecombe:**

- Spoke on trialling a ‘car pooling & running errands’ service to Cairns. All interested should email her with details when they wish to go to Cairns.

**Meeting closed:** 9.35 PM

**Next meeting:** 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008