

Minutes of the Mission Beach Community Association
7:30 pm 10th June 2009
held at the Mission Beach Resort

Welcome Remarks

Warwick Jull welcomed the members of the community and guests Mayor Bill Shannon, Cr Jennifer Downs, Tony O'Malley (Terrain) and Paul Devine (CCRC)

Apologies Warren Giffin, Peter Johnson, Truus Biddlecombe

Cr Jennifer Downs: reported on the progress of issues outlined in the 4852 Report.

- The relevant information has been extracted and passed onto all the relevant CCRC department heads.
- Safety issues identified in the report were a priority.
- The traffic committee is investigating Frogs Hollow turn in, the culvert on the MB Tully Rd.
- Cr Downs invited members to email her directly if there are any safety issues, as these should be addressed more urgently than routine matters.
- Many of the issues raised fit into the Visual Amenity Group which Cr Downs chairs.
- The Village Green is currently being assessed and plans put in place for an improvement in amenity in that area.
- The public toilet cleaning contracts need review to ensure they are not only kept clean, but maintenance issues reported and dealt with.
- Playground maintenance and safety issues also need to be written into the maintenance contracts.
- Council has put a funding application in via the Federal Government Jobs and Infrastructure Fund for bicycle track construction.
- Cr Downs would like to meet again with the executive of MBCA to debrief and review the report line by line.

Paul Devine

Paul's presentation has been placed on the MBCA website.

Questions relating to the presentation

Geoff Satchell: Suggested that the way CCRC went about the cutting down of the coconuts was not acceptable. Only two residents were notified in the Conch St area. The response via the media was not acceptable.

Paul D apologised for the way in which the removal was handled and the responses that were printed in the media. He acknowledged that CCRC did it badly. He added that 8 years ago the JSC and CSC developed a coconut strategy which was on the website for several years but was so boring it was taken off. The new CCRC is revising the coastal management strategy and coconuts are part of that strategy.

Geoff Satchell Where does the community stand now and where is CCRC going with informing the community about what is happening with the strategy?

Paul D: Commended the document developed by Thelma and Ken Gray which recommends keeping coconuts from previously coconut free beaches and managing coconuts in areas where they are likely to fall on people.

Tony Lee mentioned that the CCRC had not consulted with his group re the coastal management. As a stakeholder in the Boat Bay he would have expected some consultation. His group has a three year lease to investigate the Boat Harbour feasibility. He suggested the State Government should push CCRC to develop a management strategy for Boat Harbour.

Luke Bice commented that private enterprise is capable of managing the coconuts. He harvests the nuts and sends them to restaurants and down south.

PD: Public assets for public gain are not an issue. Luke Bice can collect as many nuts as he wishes.

Tony O'Malley Terrain 6 month update.

- Working on habitat linkages on private property and identifying the opportunity to put covenants on the land. Terrain is looking at offering monetary incentives to land owners who put part of the land under conservation.
- The latest report on the habitat linkages in the South Mission Beach area will not be made public until feedback is received from the various agencies.
- Landowners will now be able to review and input into the draft report.
- Terrain has applied for Federal Gov funding to the tune of \$20M. Half of which he hopes will be spent at MB.

Michael Johnson asked why we cannot get draft copies of the report.

Tony said that the full report would be available on the Terrain website, on CD or hard copy. Also that a scaled down "user friendly" version was to be produced.

<http://www.terrain.org.au/programs/biodiversity/mission-beach.html>

Lynda Hannah stressed that it is very important that landowners in the area review the report. The report is intended to be used to inform Government Agencies re the allowable land use for the area. It is very important that all land owners are fully briefed on the content of the report and can have the opportunity to inform the content.

Peter Faulkner reported on the CCRC Rates Consultative Committee.

The Committee was charged with the task of bringing the old JSC and CSC rates into line. There are some winners and losers.

10 recommendations were made. The recommendations now go the CCRC for consideration.

A full copy of the report is on the MBCA website.

CCRC are attempting to assess the real cost of delivering services to base blocks. This has never been done before.

Mayor Bill Shannon

- **Lighting:** In addition to Cr Downs's comments re street lighting, \$50 - \$60,000 per intersection to light an intersection as the lights leading up to the intersection need to be considered.
- **Floating pontoon:** has been a huge success at Boat Harbour. Parking is now a big issue as cars are parking in the trailer parks. Boat trailers are having to park out near the entrance of Eco Village, a good ½ km walk to the ramp.
- **Signage** is to be put in the park to ensure the trailer parks are enforced.

- There are issues re the regulations for the pontoon. Only boats of up to 12 ½ metres are permitted to use the pontoon. Reports of Calypso's large boat using the pontoon and one lane of the boat ramp preventing other users to use it . This is causing 20 minute delays launching and hauling boats at the ramp. The issue will be taken up by CCRC.
- Infrastructure: \$35M application has been made to State Gov for funding of infrastructure such as sewage and water which is in dire need of an ouverhaul.
- Budget: CCRC will deliver a balanced budget as they did last year. Staff had to have 3 goes to balancing their budgets last year. This will happen again this year to ensure the budget is in surplus.
- Cost of delivering services to households: A rough estimate of the real costs of providing services to basic blocks is around \$2,000 and this does not include sewage or water. The average base rate is \$800 so there is a gap.

Allan Ogden Moved a motion that MBCA become an incorporated body adopting the model rules.

Seconded Graham Ross Carried

Allan Ogden Moved the MBCA authorise Allan Ogden Secretary to make the application under the Incorporations Act.

Seconded Michael Johnson Carried

Michael Johnson thanked Cr Downs for the work on the report and accepted her invitation to meet with the executive to review the progress and move forward.

Minutes of last meeting were presented.

Michael Johnson Moved they be accepted as a true and correct record

Seconded by Peter Faulkner Carried

President Warwick Jull

Thanked the Mission Beach Resort for once again providing the venue free of charge.

He urged everyone to hurry in for their ticket to the Winter Solstice Lunch, a fundraiser for the Mission Beach Community Arts Centre 21 June.

Meeting closed a t 9:00 pm

Next meeting will be Tuesday 11th August 7:30 PM Mission Beach Resort.