

Minutes of the Mission Beach Community Association meeting held on Tuesday the 13th October at the Mission Beach Resort.

Meeting Opened: 7.30 pm

Attendance: 41

Apologies: Allan Ogden, Lynda Hannah & Pete Faulkner

Welcome: Warwick Jull welcomed Mayor Bill Shannon and Cr Jennifer Downs and gave a run down on the very full agenda for the night. Warwick mentioned that he had attended the last CCRC meeting and that a company planning helicopter tours (NQ Heli Works) had asked Council permission to use the land at Frog's Hollow or Clump Point for their helipads. CCRC refused on the basis that it should not involve Council Parks as it would restrict usage by the rate payers.

Mission Beach State School has received a grant from the Stimulus Package to build an extension to the library and a new Multi Purpose Hall with a kitchen to be used by one and all.

Member's Business: Truus Biddlecombe congratulated Lynda Hannah with her recent marriage.

Acting Secretary: Warwick announced that our Secretary Allan Ogden has tendered his resignation due to work commitments in Darwin. Warwick thanked Allan for all the work he has done since the commencement of MBCA. We are now looking for a Secretary whose primary task it will be to get the Incorporation of the Association happening. Please contact Warwick on wjull@netspace.net.au if you can help out.

Mayor Bill Shannon:

- **Divisional debate:** Bill feels that divisions create divisions and is not in favour of them. He understood some of pro's and con's to both sides of the discussion but felt that it is marginally better without Divisions than with.
- A new stimulus package is being mooted by the Feds of \$120 million across Australia. \$10 million might be going to Qld and CCRC will attempt to get a few millions of this. In the last round CCRC received 2.2 million towards the MPC in Tully. The Mission Beach Pool may be in an advantageous position for this funding as all the planning and feasibility studies are in place. The Innisfail Library is also a candidate for money from this grant but no preliminary studies have been carried out yet.
- The Flying Fish rock wall must be funded by the CCRC to a cost of \$6 million and must be fixed.
- The Jubilee Bridge in Innisfail must be replaced and the sewerage system also. The Tully sewerage pipes are in an appalling state and the plant is at capacity already.

Jennifer Downs:

- Cr Downs attended a waste management workshop in Mackay on recycling and the word is 'not to use it in the first place' as recycling is very costly.
- Use of vehicles on the beaches not just in Cowley and Kurrimine Beach but also in other areas is becoming an increased problem.
- A Disaster Management Providers meeting is to be held to make the business community aware of the importance of keeping commerce alive in disaster times.
- Cr Downs is in favour of retaining Divisions because she feels that the smaller towns may get forgotten within the first few terms. Also Mission Beach needs more representation as it is a very special area.

- Pool: Cr Downs felt that the pool should be funded by both grants and private enterprise as this creates a balance and does not come as an impost to the Council.

Question from Michael Johnson: What was the outcome of the Bike workshop? **Reply:** The Draft Strategy has just been received and there will be more consultation soon. The 2 bridges on Cassowary Drive will be build soon and surveying is being conducted at the moment.

Question from Preston Clothier: Who do you give your opinion to with regards to the Division issue? Email the Minister of Local Government Ms Desley Boyle. localgovernment@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Sue Clothier re MB Film Festival:

- Short film competition, 3 minute movies on the environment and our region.
- Still photo competition from our region on sustainability and the environment
- Raffle tickets are available from the VIC and MB Fitness: accommodation packages at Dunk and Bedarra are the prizes.
- Festival has been marketed extensively on radio, tv and press.

Sue Shannon on Mission Beach Community Arts Centre:

- A \$419,000 grant has been received under the Jobs Fund and \$20,000 from the Blue Print for the Bush for the Business Plan. The building will be built next to the C4 building at a size of approx. 10x25meters. Various groups will be accommodated. The area is zoned as an Interpretive and Cultural Precinct.
- MBCAC is an organisation for MB only, CRACA is the Regional Body and Arts Qld is for the entire State. It would be advantageous to work together under an umbrella for all arts.

John Hill on his new pool concept:

- The Council Caravan Park in Mission Beach is 2.41 hectare and zoned recreation/reserve/camping and would be an ideal spot for a public pool managed by private enterprise or maybe as a joint venture with Council and an operator. The area is a hub for MB and already contains the Progress Hall, C4 and the Visitor Centre and the proposed Arts Centre. A long lease to a private operator (30 or 50 years) would create a constant revenue stream for the Council. Various options were proposed and the area could include a coffee shop, play ground, bbq's etc. In essence these were only ideas being bandied around and much planning into logistics and the issue of the area being part owned by CCRC and State Government.
- Tony Lee mentioned that DERM will require detailed management plans for all Reserves.

Michael Johnson on the 4852 Report:

- MBCA has identified two projects that can be undertaken by the community in consultation with the Council. 1. Waste Transfer Station beautification (Paul Devine to get in contact with local school to get the kids involved with tree planting) 2. Beautification around the WC block at Clump Point jetty.
- Lacey Creek/Licuala/Dreaming Trail is jointly owned/managed by CCRC and QPWS. The QPWS section is in the process of being upgraded and repaired over the next few months. (email from QPWS on website under correspondence)
- Cr Downs will report back to MBCA with regards to the progress on the workshop held with the department heads with issues relating to issues in the 4852 report.

Tony O'Malley Terrain:

- Asked for support for 'Caring for Country' Federal Funding.

- Reported on MBHAC progress. Submissions have now closed.

Tony Lee Mission Beach Boat Harbour:

- Went to a meeting with the Deputy Coordinator General and DERM in Brisbane (CCRC was invited but did not attend) and it was a constructive meeting. The State Government will consider doing the Management Plan of the Reserve as they have recognized that MB is a place of significance and the need of various players to be on the Advisory Commission, e.g. Traditional Owners, MBBT, MBCA & C4.

General Business:

- Cr Downs reported that the lights at Clump Point boat ramp have been vandalized again. Anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers. Insurance will cover the repairs.
- Warwick called for nominations for the position of Acting Secretary. No takers.

Motions: **John Hill** moved that the existing committee of MBARC (Maureen Norris & Coralie Kemp) head up a subcommittee to further the pool issue together with MBBT & MBCA. Seconded Sarah Mort. CARRIED

Motion: Tony Lee moved a motion that a letter be drafted to "Caring for our Country" to support funding. CC. Terrain. Seconded Helen Ogden CARRIED.

- **Preston Clothier** reported on a brutal & fatal dog attack on a small dog in Bingil Bay. A Stat Dec was sent to the Council within 10 days but no acknowledgement was received. Bill Shannon was asked to personally attend to this matter and he BS said he would pass it onto the CEO tomorrow.

Correspondence: on our website

Treasurer's Report: nothing to report

Minutes of the previous meeting 11th August: Moved: Michael Johnson Seconded: Peter Johnson CARRIED

Meeting closed: 9.20 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 8th December 2009