

**Minutes of the General Meeting of the Mission Beach Community Association held on Tuesday
7th April 2009 at the Mission Beach Resort**

Meeting opened: 7.30 pm

Apologies: Allan Ogden, Lynda Hannah, Peter Johnson

Attendance: 26 including Andrew Cripps, MLA, Mayor Bill Shannon and Cr Jennifer Downs

General Business: none

Bill Shannon touched on the following:

- Development Application in Innisfail for an extension to Backpackers which was not put to Council previously. The Council wants to get the message across that the Council is not in the business of letting people do whatever they wish.
- The other extremely controversial matter is the Cowley Beach access track and ramp
- Innisfail Shire Hall & Multi Function centre will be finished as soon as possible. The basement is being renovated for Council offices to utilise space. The ongoing job was inherited from the JSC and CCRC has seen fit to complete the job.
- The Tully MPC is still on the drawing Board.
- Congratulations to Ruth Faulkner who is the Chair of the CCRC audit committee.
- The new CEO is bringing a new culture to the Council.
- Rate equalisation between North and South is being investigated. Especially Grazing Rates.
- The Qld Gov want the CCRC to increase the rates by CPI for the next 10 years and then some.
- Warren Giffen mentioned that the present location for the Tully MPC is unsatisfactory and should be moved further south in the school grounds. Bill will take it on board

Jennifer Downs:

- Warwick commended JD on her report/newsletter.
- By issuing regular newsletters she hopes to have ongoing communication with the region
- Bicycle Users Group: On behalf of Allan Ogden the focus will be the school kids to get to school from North and South
- Mission Beach Bus is under threat again. Funding under “blue print for the bush’ scheme is under review. We must demonstrate need for the bus to be able to get funding.
- Clump Point lighting and generator covers are coming!

Andrew Cripps:

- Concerned about disasters in some areas of the Region (Ingham)
- Discussed funding for the Jubilee Bridge. The Geraldton Bridge will need an upgrade once the High School has moved to the TAFE site.
- He is concerned that the CCRC did not put in a claim in for more amalgamation funding. BS said that would cost too much time and effort for the staff to put an application together in such a short time but they are applying for other funding.
- The State is moving responsibilities to local government for .e.g weeds and asbestos.

State of 4852 Mission Beach report was presented by Michael Johnson to Andrew Cripps, Bill Shannon and Jennifer Downs. Michael said he hoped that MBCA and CCRC can collaborate to get some jobs done through working bees.

Matters from previous meeting:

- At our previous meeting \$120 was raised for the bushfire victims and \$30 for the flood victims.

Cherrelle Skelly spoke on the initiative to get people affected by the bushfires from Marysville to Mission Beach for a weeks' holiday. At the moment 44 people have been selected and extra money is needed for airfares. A bank account has been set up at the ECU.

Sarah Mort touched on the Bingil Bay Foreshore draft plan. Sarah advised that as there were many comments raised by the local Bingil Bay community in regards to the draft foreshore plans that a second onsite community meeting has been arranged on Saturday 2 May at 11am onsite – all welcome. The meeting will be chaired by Paul Devine

Incorporation of MBCA: Pete Faulkner: explained the process of getting MBCA incorporated and explained the changes in the legislation. .

- It will put us on equal footing
- Model rules to be adopted
- Legal identity
- Benefit is that association might be taken more seriously.

Pete moved a motion to investigate incorporation. Seconded James Mort. Carried.

Financial report: no changes

Pontoon & Boat Bay

James Mort was told by Winton Headlam (Rotary) that Rotary had money in trust for the pontoon which had not been used and the CCRC has well. This money will now be used for future upgrading i.e water, roads, toilets and beautification. Council is to prepare a budget for the area with road and sewerage and lights to be the priority. .

Tony Lee requested that the meeting be informed that next stage of the Boat Bay Harbour is a Management Plan to be prepared by CCRC for the area. Bill said that this is an extremely expensive exercise and that CCRC at the moment does not have the funding for it.

James Mort moved a motion that the "Safe Boat Haven Committee' would look into the prospect for a Master Plan for the Boat Bay area. Seconded Peter Faulkner. (Car parking, WC, lighting, ,Water)

Meeting closed 8.45pm & the Chair thanked the MB Resort for the use of the room.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th June 2009 at the Mission Beach Resort, 7.30 pm.