

**Minutes of the Mission Beach Community Association General Meeting held on Tuesday
the 15th June 2010 at the Mission Beach Resort.**

Meeting Commenced: 7.35 pm

Attendance: 24

Apologies: Mayor Bill Shannon

Special welcome to Alan & Helen Ogden.

Member's Business: Mrs Jago expressed her dislike for the 'get laid' signage on the Bruce Highway. Warwick replied that it is private enterprise advertising and their choice.

Presentation by Cr. J. Downs on MBCA website.

Paul Devine Manager Parks & Natural Environment CCRC spoke and requested community engagement regarding beach access for vehicles.

- CCRC would like to take control of mean high to mean low water for the whole region;
- At the moment the beach is a gazetted roadway and in theory it is not unlawful for cars, motorbikes etc. to drive on the beach.
- Once a decision has been made by Council the State Government will legislate to give power to local Councils.
- Marine Parks manages the vehicle movement at Mon Repos beach near Bundaberg because of the turtle hatcheries.
- The reason that CCRC wants to act now is that it does not want to get the use of motor vehicles on our beaches out of control as is on Fraser, Moreton and Stradbroke Island.
- Mr Jago and Tony Lee both recommended taking on the suggestions from Paul D.
- Ken Fox suggested not limiting any of the beach accesses for boat launching etc. in South Mission Beach. If decreased this would increase parking problems in a few selective places in front of homes.
- High water mark and (The Esplanade) has always held in trust and control by Councils. The State Marine Parks Act controls to high water, GBRMPA to mean low water but it is not land tenure and therefore cannot regulate activities.
- Michal Johnson queried the process involved with regards to community consultation and how it is envisaged. Reply: a lot of work has already been done with regards to Cowley Beach issues.

Sgt. Adam Willimott of Innisfail PCYC gave a presentation on Micro Dots and how they assist the police with returning stolen property. He also explained the function of the PCYC which is self funded and runs as a business.

Michael Johnson: Warwick congratulated Michael with his recently fantastic award from the Australian Institute of Building for 2010. (Innisfail Shire Hall renovation)

- Community Projects: The Wongaling Dump Site ground works and fence repairs need to be done before we can put up the shade cloth. Clump Point: various issues are being attended to and a date for planting will be set soon.

- Frogs Hollow car park has now been sealed for the upcoming elections. (caretakers are Michel and Sarah Johnson)

Tony Lee: Safe boating: Formation of a new Mission Beach Boating Association (35 people attended) meeting took place at the Mission Beach Resort recently. (Includes commercial & pleasure boat owners)

- The main issue is the problems of the use of the pontoon by commercial operators.
- That meeting (MBBA) showed unanimous support for the Mission Cove project.
- There will never be enough car parking at Clump Point
- Mission Cove is going to propose to the traditional owners that all of Clump Point should be revegetated and returned to its original state. Car parking would be on the manmade island. No action will take place till a Management Plan has been done.

Incorporation of MBCA: Cost \$118 one off cost

- Michael moved a motion to get the process on the way for Incorporation of MBCA. Seconded: Helen Ogden. Carried unanimously.
- Pete Faulkner moved that Warwick be authorised to take over from Allan Ogden to implement the incorporation process. Seconded Allan Ogden. Carried.

Motion: MBCA to write a letter of support from this meeting to CCRC to take control of the foreshore. Moved: Pete Faulkner Seconded Truus Biddlecombe **Action: Warwick/Pam**

General Business:

- Truus Biddlecombe requested from Paul Devine permission to kill the Singapore Daisy on the foreshore. Paul replied that the SD is classed as class 3 pest. CCRC has only a limited budget to battle SD as Class 1 Siam Weed, Hymenachne and Pond Apple are higher priority. SD at Clump Point is the only place CCRC is killing. Community involvement in ridding our land of Singapore Daisy is appreciated.
- Tony O'Malley said that the MB Habitat Action Plan is now complete and copies are available.
- Helen Larson introduced herself as a new resident to MB who is an ichthyologist (the branch of zoology that deals with fishes) and her husband Jeff. He is setting up a database of cassowary sightings and needs everybody's support. Details will be provided to MBCA members.

Financials: Peter Johnson reported that there is \$2140.00 in the bank. Pete Faulkner has taken over from Allan Ogden as a signatory.

Next Meeting: 10th August 2010 7.30 pm Mission Beach Resort

Meeting Closed: 9 pm.

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