

**Minutes of the General Meeting of the Mission Beach Community Association held on
Tuesday the 13th of April at the Mission Beach Resort.**

Meeting Opened: 7.30 pm

Attendance: 38

Apologies: Warwick Jull, Cr. Jennifer Downs, Andrew Cripps MLA

- Vice President Pete Faulkner welcomed everyone and expressed his condolences from the Community to the family of Luke Molkentine and wished Damien McKenzie all the best with his recovery. (recent fatal accident in Wongaling Beach)
- Nomination for the position of Secretary: Truus Biddlecombe nominated Pam Graham for the position of Secretary of MBCA. Seconded Pete Faulkner. Carried.

Main Roads Presentation by Dalitta Wright Communications Officer | Far North Region / Cairns District Office Assets & Operations Division | Department of Transport and Main Roads and John Breen, engineer, on Cassowary Drive speed limit trial. The plan is to limit the speed to 60 km in two small areas. (entire presentation on MBCA website)

Suggestion made by the public:

- why not have double lines so no overtaking can take place.
- have 60 km all the way to Tully
- Not enough mowing of the verges since Larry to increase visibility. (reply: various schools of thought re verges: closer verges reduces speed rather than clear straight stretches)

Tony O'Malley of Terrain wishes to engage the community with regards to possible solutions for reducing cassowary kill. He wants to work with the community to advance feedback.

Michael Johnson presented the State of Mission Beach 4852 report to Bill Shannon with copies for the CEO and Cr Downs. He reiterated some of the major things that have been repaired and still have to be done. (report on website) i.e. the pool and safe boating. The MBCA is pro active and will arrange working bees in conjunction with CRC staff to beautify the Wongaling transfer station area and the Clump Point jetty toilet area.

Mayor Bill Shannon:

- Thanked MBCA for the 4852 report and said that there are now 5 regions within the CCRC (Tully, Silkwood, Kurrimine Beach and Cardwell) that have the concept on board. Congratulations to Truus for her sterling effort in preparing the report.
- New animal control laws will come in force in December 2010. Strict rules on dangerous dogs including rural areas.
- Cheshire contractors work site opposite Woolworth. (MBCA has written letter of concern to Council about this issue, see AGM minutes Feb 2010) Bill said that he was told it is only a car park but the issue will be taken up with Barry Cheshire as he is on the Visual Amenities Committee.
- Valuations: land valuations have increased 87% across the region but only 23% in the Mission Beach area. Rates will increase by CPI only.
- Cassowary Drive Bike trail bridges: (made in Germany) were sourced from the Qld Gov catalogue and available immediately . Low growing vegetation will be planted on the bike path verges.

- Pontoon at Clump Point falls under the Dept of Transport jurisdiction and is supposed to be for recreational users only. Clarification is needed on the issue of usage by commercial operators.
- Pool will be a 25 Metre pool which is normal practice for a community our size. Cost factor comes in this also. CCRC will apply for funding with Sport & Rec this year and continue to put money aside in coming in budgets. Design consultation will continue with Ken Gray and MBARC but the final width of the pool will depend on the budget.
- Jubilee Bridge: steel pillars have been bought to the amount of \$800,000 before the price of steel will go up. Total price of the bridge approx \$20 million which includes demolition of old bridge, acquisition of a property, roundabout at each end and all services. It will be a basic pier and span bridge with art deco features. Tenders close the 30 April and final decision by May 30.
- Bill stated that he must make decision for the good of the whole community and region and would not be a populace mayor.

Mission Beach Film Festival: Dee Cameron & Sue Clothier

- This year's film festival will take place from the 17 - 19th of September at the start of the school holidays. Committee has expanded to include Truus Biddlecombe and Sarah Johnson. The theme of sustainability is to continue and the festival will be on one site and include expansion of the kids program. A small profit was made last year and this enables the committee to continue the website. A sponsor campaign will start shortly and many grant submissions have been submitted.

Mission Beach Community Arts Centre

- Total grant of \$420,000 of the Fed Jobs fund for the Community Arts Centre to be build by mid 2011. Grant from 'Blue Print for the Bush ' for local consultants. Design process nearly signed off on. Council has allocated the land at MARCS Park. The role of MB Artist was to apply for the funding but a separate committee under the banner of the MBCAC will be appointed on April 19th. It is very much a community centre not just MB Artists.
- Feedback meetings with the consultants will be held in El Arish on the 15th May and in MB April 21st

General Business:

- Tony Lee spoke with regards to Boat Bay Marina and said that he had constructive meetings during the Community Cabinet in Innisfail with various government officials. There is still the issue of who is going to pay for the management plan before anything else can progress.

Correspondence: Lions Club has agreed to our request of seating at the Jackey Jackey Street boat ramp and will liaise with Council. All correspondence is on our website.

Minutes of the meeting of the 19th February 2010. Correction of word to read: glyphosate
Moved: Peter Johnson Seconder: Tony Lee

Meeting Closed 9.15 pm

Next meeting: June 8th 2010