

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Mission Beach Community Association held on Tuesday 8th December 2009 at the Mission Beach Resort.

Meeting opened: 7.35 pm

Attendance: 85 registered, 110 counted

Apologies: Cr Bill Horsford, Cr Carmel Silvestro, Linda Hannah, Warren Giffen, Mark Nolan, Ian Rule.

Welcome: Mayor Bill Shannon, Cr Jenifer Downs and Ross Sorbello and Andrew Cripps MLA

Presentation on the need of a pool for Mission Beach: Pete Faulkner on behalf of the Pool subcommittee presented a Power Point presentation on the need of a pool for Mission Beach. The full presentation can be seen on our website: www.4852missionbeach.com

Sgt Dan Gallagher:

- Adrenalin festival was a great success raising \$4000 to be shared by PCYC and MBSLSC. The 'on a Mission' name is now registered and owned by MBSLSC and a thank you for all residents of Mission Beach for their support of the Festival.
- DG spoke on the assault on Police Officer Glen Buckle who is well liked and respected in the community. Such an assault has never occurred in our community and it is extremely disappointing that no one of the public went to his aid. In General the MB police has had a lot of support of the Community and there is only a small minority in this community that should leave! Sgt Gallagher stressed the need to move on from this occurrence.

Bill Shannon:

- Bill stated the next round of Federal Stimulus Package money will be decided between two project in CCRC. Council will have to evaluate the two submissions and then make their submission to the Feds. A special Council meeting on the 11th of January will decide on the issue and the submission to the Feds has to be in by the 15th of January. It seems that the selection has now become a political hot potato with Senator Jan Lucas and Curtis Pitt lobbying the Mayor.

James Mort:

- James said that at the moment only Cr Downs has made it clear that she is in favour of the pool and that Carmel Silvestro wasn't. Ross Sorbello disputed James with regard to CS and that she would look into it when the reports have been published. Already CCRC has received a huge amount of stimulus money i.e. Jubilee bridge, Sewerage, and Tully MPC plus other smaller other ones such as bike track and play ground covers etc.

Ken Grey: reiterated that Carmel Silvestro had always been very supportive of the MB Pool at any meeting.

Jennifer Downs:

- The Cassowary Drive Bike track has received \$362,000 in jobs stimulus funding and \$52,000 for the two bridges on the track. (thanks to Julie Murphy)The track will be asphalted and concrete in flood prone areas. (3.5 km)
- She also spoke on the "Liveable Cassowary Coast" plan for pool and bikeways. There were 100 stakeholders at the meeting. Seven themes were decided on: life style and recreation, indigenous, transport, housing, community engagement, green and sustainable environment, innovative

economic development employment and tourism, promoting health in settings, increase access to services, getting around. This links in with the WHO Healthy Cities and Communities Charter. The workshop used the information gathered at the local information sessions, some of which were held in Mission Beach. These were then turned into actions.

Andrew Cripps:

- Enquiries into policing in the Cassowary Coast Region are ongoing with special attention to upgrading the numbers of police.
- He applauded the State Government in their great turnaround of thinking with the passing of legislation in regards to Eco Tourism opportunities in and near National Parks across the State. Two third of land in the electorate of Hinchinbrook is National Park or State Forest with no revenue raising for the Councils. There is a need for low in pact businesses to bring in revenue.
- Mandatory sustainability declarations: new forms are to be filled out and signed for anyone who intends to sell their property. Michael Johnson stated that the forms can be left blank if you don't understand them but it could have implications on the value of your property. Assistance will be available to fill out the forms but according to AC this may mushroom into another consultancy group.
- State Government has announced the float of Id Rail on the Stock Exchange, so we can now buy what we already own!
- Ross Sorbello mentioned that as an example for Eco Tourism the H-Road could be reopened (old Ergon maintenance track now closed)An excellent example of this chance of thinking is the Mamu canopy walk.
- AC mentioned that Curtis Pitt is interfering in Council's business with regards to pushing the Library as it is in his electorate and the pool is in the Hinchinbrook Electorate. In the end the project with the best chance to get the money should be chosen and politicians should not interfere.

Concerns were raised that Councillors had already made up their mind on pool versus library and must make them according to information to be provided to them. Decisions must be made on sense not passion!

Dog attack in Bingil Bay 9.09.09. Bill gave a detailed account of steps taken on this ongoing saga.

Bill Shannon said that there is still money available from the Larry Fund and the Igloo has received a new floor and roof. The Tully showgrounds also have had a complete makeover.

Jetties Clump Point and Dunk Island: as both of these jetties were in a state of disrepair pre-cyclone (due to bad management previous JSC) DERM has denied funding and Insurance monies have been denied also. The new owners of Dunk island have approval for building more bungalow accommodation on the proviso that they improve the jetty. There is still a major issue of collecting the user pay money at Clump Point Jetty.

Minutes of previous meeting: moved Bill Shannon seconded Rotha Jago.

Thank you to the Mission Beach Resort and especially departing manager Robina Whitehouse for her assistance in the past three years.

Meeting closed 8.55pm

Next meeting: 9th February 2010 AGM!