

# Minutes

# Future of the Mission Beach Aquatic Complex

18-11-2009

7.30 pm

Mission Beach Surf Lifesaving Club

<b>Type of meeting:</b>	Open forum meeting to discuss the future direction of the Mission Beach Aquatic Complex
<b>Chair:</b>	James Mort
<b>Note taker:</b>	Coralie Kemp
<b>Timekeeper:</b>	Coralie Kemp
<b>Apologies:</b>	Bill Shannon, Jennifer Downs, Paul Roxby
<b>Attendees:</b>	James Mort, Sarah Mort, Truss Biddlecombe, Ken Gray, Peter Faulkner, Coralie Kemp, Maureen Norris, Judy and David Clarke, Jane Burge, Janelle Baldwin, Yoko Yasui, Rose Cooper, John Hill, Mitchell Todd, Alan and Linda Stewart, Julie Murphy, Bob Katter, Elise Stocker.

## Agenda topics

<b>Commenced 7.34pm</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>James Mort</b>
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Discussion:

James welcomed everyone to the open forum to “Light the Fire” under the pool to get things going again.

<b>Brief explanation of MBARC</b>	<b>Maureen Norris</b>
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Discussion:

Maureen Norris gave a brief description of MBARC (Mission Beach Aquatic & Recreation Club Inc.), who is MBARC, how and when it formed and what we have been doing for the past eight years and funds in the bank (MBARC history contained in Hand out distributed on the evening – copies available from Coralie)

<b>Power Point – Last Meeting with Council</b>	<b>Ken Gray</b>
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Discussion:

Ken Gray delivered a power point going through the history of studies done on the feasibility of an Aquatic complex at Mission Beach. This power point to be distributed to the meeting attendees by Truss Biddlecombe. Ken explained that when it was last presented to council, of the 9 councilors they had 3 for and 6 against. Ken stressed, at this point we need to get the majority of councilors on side and that we should not argue the site or size of the Pool again, instead we should get going on the funding for the least complicated site. Arguing these issues will only hold up the progress of the pool for many more years. Ken explained the difference between State and Federal funding. IE: State – Sport & Recreation and Federal – Stimulus Package. Sport & Rec put up 50% and Council the other 50% whereas Federal put up 100%

<b>Council Representative</b>	<b>Julie Murphy</b>
<p>Discussion:</p> <p>Julie Murphy is the representative for the CCRC. She explained that there are three projects in the running for the Federal Government stimulus package. These projects being the Aquatic complex for Mission Beach, the Innisfail library and the Tully show grounds grandstand. Each of these projects fits into the financial range of the funding. Her job is to work on the submissions for the projects to present to council so that they can decide which of the three projects's to submit the application for. The information needs to be presented at council by 15<sup>th</sup> December and a decision was to be made by council 17<sup>th</sup> December. The deadline for the submissions to Federal Government is the 15-01-2009 which she said we could easily achieve. The projects need work to bring them up to date with costings etc therefore council have engaged consultants to do this. Separate consultants are being used for each project with Martin Lambert being used for the Aquatic Complex. Julie said that Martin Lambert would consult with our group to discuss planning etc and suggested we needed a "go-to person". The council has selected the Guifre site due to its availability. Julie acknowledged that they are looking into the issues with land fill at this particular site. Julie also said there was another round of funding coming up in the future and we should look at other ways to achieve our goals if unsuccessful with this round.</p>	
<p>Motion: James Mort moved that Peter Faulkner and Ken Gray be the "go-to people" with Martin Lambert and Julie Murphy.</p>	
<p>Seconded: Truss Biddlecombe</p>	
<p>Vote was Taken – Show of Hands – Motion Passed</p>	
<b>General Discussion</b>	<b>Bob Katter</b>
<p>Discussion:</p> <p>Bob spoke in support of an aquatic complex at Mission Beach but did not want to dismiss the "beach site" or the possibility of it being a commercial project.</p>	
<b>General Discussion</b>	<b>Jane Burge</b>
<p>Discussion:</p> <p>Jane is the community health nurse and stressed the importance of an aquatic complex here for health reasons. Obesity and health issues of elderly people would all benefit from a pool. She particularly wanted to see water aerobics.</p>	
<b>General Discussion</b>	<b>John Hill</b>
<p>Discussion:</p> <p>John expressed his initial thought was to have a pool in Mission Beach. His idea is the Mission Beach Caravan site area as a 100% commercial project. He acknowledged that EPA approval would need to be done as would a long term lease need to be sought from council. He feels the infrastructure and cash flow is already in place and a lagoon style pool could be done there in as little as six months.</p> <p>Ken Gray offered that the costings for a Lagoon pool have already been done and the population of Mission Beach could not afford to run it.</p> <p>John Mort agreed that the site has a lot of land and the council would probably look favorably at commercial enterprise. He also expressed that we don't want to re-invent the wheel at this stage.</p>	

<b>General Discussion</b>	<b>Peter Faulkner</b>
<p>Discussion:</p> <p>Peter Faulkner stated that the council was ready to go for funding and we would know for sure before Christmas (17-12-2009) which of the projects they would submit the funding application for. He suggested not “re-inventing the wheel) and leaving new ideas to later and concentrating on assisting council to prepare the current proposal. If this falls over then we’re back at square one anyway at which time the group could look at other alternatives i.e.: beach front or commercial. He stressed we didn’t want to lose this opportunity for funding.</p>	
<p>Motion: Peter Faulkner moved that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We all agree to Guifre site</li> <li>• To agree to assist council and the consultant to get us ready for January 15<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• If the project falls over then start again looking at new ideas and models</li> <li>• To get Ken Gray and himself to do all the liaising with council and consultants</li> </ul>	
<p>Seconded: Maureen Norris</p>	
<p>Vote was Taken – Show of Hands – All in agreeance except John Hill</p> <p>Motion Passed</p>	
<b>Steering Committee</b>	
<p>Discussion:</p> <p>Nominations were taken for the steering committee. The nominees were Peter Faulkner, Ken Gray and Coralie Kemp. All accepted. Maureen Norris offered her assistance where she is able.</p>	
<p>Motion: John Mort moved that Peter Faulkner, Ken Gray and Coralie Kemp become the new steering committee.</p>	
<p>Seconded: Maureen Norris</p>	
<p>Vote was Taken – Show of Hands – All in favour – Motion Passed</p>	
<b>General Discussion</b>	<b>Yoko Yasui</b>
<p>Yoko advised that there were three mothers at the meeting all of whom had children at the Primary School. They offered to get all the children of the Mission Beach Primary school to write letters of support to the council for the Aquatic complex.</p> <p>Truss Biddlecombe also offered to assist in gaining support letters.</p>	
<p><b>Meeting Closed 9.00pm</b></p>	