

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Mission Beach Community Association held on the 13th June 2006 at the Progress Hall, Mission Beach.

Meeting opened:7.30PM

Attendance: North 1, South 16, other 5

Councilors/Guests: CSC, Cr Barnes, Cr Fox/JSC Cr Kimberley/ QPWS Scott Sullivan and Briony.

Apologies from Council Representatives: Cr Silvestro

Executive Members: Truus Biddlecombe

Minutes from the previous meeting: Moved Warwick Jull, seconded Helen Ogden, minutes approved and carried.

Correspondence: See attached.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in ECU account- \$1836.92

JSC Update: Cr Kimberley

The pool definitely on the agenda for funding.

Oasis development, everything approved for the clearing that has been done.

The Mayor agreed to sustainability and to explore the shared facility's for both councils, JSC was congratulated on a great clean up job, CSC not so good. Congratulations Michael for all he has done.

CSC Update: Cr Fox

Street lighting (lack of)

Clean up of Mission Beach area

Bikini on the Bikini tree- Action Mission Beach Interiors

Cr Fox said that the announcement of the pool would be prior to the next elections(politics)

Maureen asked if needs analysis need to be re-done, should be able to use those already done.

John asked about the boundary Gerrymander which was brought up at the last meeting and all the reports will be available in the next council meeting, 4 councilors to each 4 subdivisions was the most popular or 2 to each 4 divisions leaving the beaches together and the farmers together

State of Reid Road and Mitchell street to be repaired when weather comes good.

GROUP UPDATES

One Mission: Nothing to report.

Rates & Services:

Email to Ergon in regards to street lighting, commencement of patrols this week and repairs are to begin then.

Urgent action for a light in the school car park-Action, write to the council to bring Mission Beach up to Australian standards, Maureen to help Michael to get this up to scratch.

Bus stop has been cleaned up.

BBQ's have been fixed up

Comment was made on weed infestation along the drains and the need of clearing these.

The clean up of the road to Tully is an ongoing disappointment to the community.

Cyclone Larry issues in regard to insurance, general discussion on the dissatisfaction of the speed of the assessment process and the permission for the work to proceed.

Numbers for insurance issues-1300780808 or 1300727795.
Insurance companies are slow in paying so all contractors suffer.

Planning: TLPI came in to action in March

CSC workshop held on the 20th June at Frog's Hollow at 2pm .
Seeking community input

Multi Purpose Center: Nothing to report

Community Services:

New portfolio for Maureen Norris

Social welfare, Lifeline.

Physical options are being looked at for community services office for: Counseling, Physiology, Red Cross, Lions, Lionesses, Rotary, Community Health, Department of Community Services

Anita Eggington and Yvonne Thomas from Centre Care introduced themselves.

Tourism

QPWS walking tracks, Licuala to Lacey's creek open, dream ing trail open, B icton Hill need of engineer input.

Numbers down in tourism

Numbers down in Backpackers

Cairns 40% down on numbers

Article in Sunday Mail on Mission Beach thanks to Philip Lord.

Kennedy walking track, Cr Fox to walk this track with Paul Devine, money has been set aside for this

Dunk Island to open on the 1st July

Mission Beach SES, in the process of calling for volunteers for the standing committee using the old SES quarters at Mission Beach, negotiations ongoing.

GENERAL BUSINESS

QPWS Presentation

Post Cyclone cassowary management, Scott spoke at length on the present situation of the Cassowary in our region and brought us all up to date with the feeding program and also the QPWS staffing of this area. A display is set up at C4 which shows updates of all that is being done.

Re Freeda Jurissens sanctuary at Garner's Beach. It is to remain state owned but QPWS is looking at partners eg ARF to help with Cassowary management.

Congratulations to John Crooks on his Australia Day Award.

Meeting closed:9.20pm

Next Meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 13th July at Mission Beach Resort, Rainforest Room.