

## **State of Mission Beach 4852 Report**

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Over the 2005 year Councillors from Johnstone Shire and Cardwell Shire encouraged us to tell them what is needed in Mission Beach. In January 2006 a Report was prepared to provide guidance to our Councillors for the 2006 calendar year and beyond. It was designed to be a joint progressive plan for the beautification and improvement of Mission Beach as a residential and tourist destination. While both representative Councillors appeared to accept the document with the intention of addressing the issues identified, very little progress has been made on the most significant infrastructure issues.

Status of the most significant infrastructure issues one year later:

- **Aquatic Facility for Mission Beach**

No progress has been made.

With the increasing year round threat from irikandji and stinger net closures a safe swimming facility for Mission Beach should be considered an essential piece of infrastructure, not merely desirable.

- **Progressive development of walk ways/bike ways linking all villages.**

It has been 2 years since the crusher dust was laid along Cassowary Drive from MARCS Park to Wongaling Shopping Centre (and 5 years since this item first appeared in a CSC budget) as a pre-cursor to constructing a safe pedestrian/cycling thoroughfare. The path remains unusable.

No progress has been made on linking MARCS Park to Mission Beach by JSC.

CSC have a proposal for a path connecting Wongaling Beach to South Mission Beach, but no decision has been taken.

MBCA were represented at a DMR workshop which identified the issue of dual walkways/bike paths as the most urgent priority to be undertaken by Cairns & Townsville DMR's in conjunction with Council.

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- **Replacement of Clump Point Jetty**

This continues to be a critical issue. The jetty has 2 years left of usable life at best and our 2 Councils, through the Marine Board Committee, continue to prevaricate on their joint responsibility to plan for replacement. Mission Beach without a safe jetty is unimaginable.

- **Improvement of water quality and supply to cope with increased population growth.**

While no improvement has yet been evidenced, plans are progressing to improve the supply pressure problems of South Mission residents and water quality issues of Wongaling. JSC are progressing with improved supply from Bingil Bay. CSC have not presented long term water solutions (e.g. additional reservoirs) to the public.

- **Traffic management planning.**

The assessment of traffic management continues to be undertaken by developers as part of their application process. Without specific overlays by Councils in terms of traffic management (e.g. Number of vehicular movements per day on surrounding external roads and main thoroughfare access roads and provisional planning for traffic movements 20 years into the future) these assessments are made in a vacuum and as such, remain unchallenged by Councils.

- **Joint Town Planning co-ordination.**

CSC made significant amendment to the Shire Plan which introduced population density and conservation area controls and there are more changes to come. Council engaged the community in workshops with an independent Town Planner. The amended Plan is now open to public submission until March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. Their initiative is commended.

JSC continue to believe that their Shire Plan needs no improvement in relation to Mission Beach and have defaulted on their commitment to engage in workshops to examine ways to make both plans compatible to ensure that all of Mission Beach reflects similar values in terms of the built environment, preservation of conservation area, provision of community infrastructure and a co-ordinated vision of Mission Beach as a single community of interest.

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**Table of current issues relating to 4852**

The following pages document the smaller, yet relevant issues identified in the 2006 Report. Quite a few of these issues have been addressed, yet many remain. If there is no intervention by Minister Fraser in terms of amalgamation or boundary re-alignment of Mission Beach and the status quo remains, both Councils will have one more budget to bring down prior to the March 2008 Local Government election. MBCA urges all residents to call their Councillors to account on these issues and to consider the effectiveness of their representation when casting their vote.

Agency	Area	Requests	Photo's of current status
1. CSC	Council funded playgrounds: Rotary Park, Wheatley Park, South Mission Esplanade, Jackey Jackey Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shade covers over play ground equipment.</li> <li>• Comply with Australian Standards for playground flooring.</li> <li>• Fencing of play ground area.</li> </ul>	




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2. CSC	Wheatley Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shade covers over playground area, etc. (see above)</li> <li>• Kerbing south side smooth, north side high creating an uncomfortable entry/exit.</li> <li>• 5 tree stumps left in main playing area.</li> <li>• Grass needs to be planted in shady areas.</li> <li>• Paving brick missing next to BBQ.</li> <li>• WC seat needs replacing in Men's.</li> <li>• Tree needs trimming in front of Ladies.</li> <li>• Garden watering system on Reid Rd damaged in garden beds and some new plants are needed.</li> </ul>	 <p>Disconnected sprinkler system</p> 
3. CSC.	Wheatley Creek Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Double lane bridge will be required in near future and should be budgeted for now.</li> <li>• Bridge too low for highest astronomical tides.</li> </ul>	
4. CSC	Wheatley Road & SMB Road intersection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All of Wheatley Road to Kennedy Esplanade to be a 60kph zone.</li> <li>• Install overhead street light Wheatley Rd/SMB Road intersection.</li> <li>• Enlarge directional signage.</li> <li>• Install stop sign at Wheatley Road.</li> </ul>	

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5.CS/DMR	South Mission Beach Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install street light at entry to Frogs Hollow.</li> <li>• Install a right hand turning lane at Mission Drive.</li> <li>• Upgrade intersection between Commodore St. and Mission Drive.</li> <li>• Remove out of date advertising signs in the bushes near Tully/South Mission Beach Road intersection.</li> </ul>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Commodore Street/Mission Drive</p>
6. CSC	Kennedy Esplanade North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace bbq with electric bbq (opposite Del Rio)</li> <li>• Clean up dead trees.</li> <li>• Remove Singapore Daisy.</li> </ul>	
7. CSC	Kennedy Esplanade South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make Midji signage more prominent to passing traffic.</li> <li>• Restore Stinger safety information in Shelter shed as provided by SLSC to Council.</li> <li>• Proper Male/Female signage for toilet entrances.</li> <li>• Warning sign stating 22.000 Volts 'ts' lettering missing.</li> <li>• Car park needs re-topping with bitumen and lines freshly painted.</li> <li>• Shelter shed still showing sign of cyclone damage.</li> </ul>	

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8. CSC	Boat ramp Kennedy Esplanade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repair damaged 'No camping' sign.</li> <li>• No sign indicating boat ramps sign on Jackey Jackey Street intersection.</li> <li>• Enlarge reflective 'keep left' sign on tree turning into Jackey Jackey Street</li> <li>• Swampy area to be leveled and grassed, more parking space needed for vehicles and trailers</li> </ul>	
9. CSC/ QPWS	Boat ramp: Jackey Jackey Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install Toilets.</li> <li>• Improve parking area</li> <li>• Provide seating facilities.</li> </ul>	
10. CSC	Play ground Jackey Jackey Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All equipment has been removed. What is the future purpose of this now defunct play area?</li> </ul>	


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11. CSC	Mission Drive: 'Old Mission Site'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve on site signage on road verge indicating "Old Mission Site".</li> </ul>	
12. CSC	South Mission Beach Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary green waste collection area is unsupervised and being misused by the public who are confused by the 'dump' sign which some take to mean dumping anything.</li> </ul>	
13. CSC/ DMR JSC/WTMA	Mission Beach/Tully Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct bicycle/walk way to Licuala walking track as part of a loop of walkways/bikeways extending all the way to Mission Beach Village.</li> </ul>	

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14. CSC QPWS/ WTMA	Licuala Walking Track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove unused leaflet box.</li> <li>• More comprehensive information on signage e.g. not safe to cross creeks after heavy rain, bicycle use etc.</li> <li>• Repair damaged signage.</li> <li>• Provide new information board on other walking tracks at picnic area.</li> </ul>	
15. CSC/QPWS WTMA	Licuala Walking Track Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install a '10kph drive carefully' sign at the beginning of the road. Needs several pullover areas to enable oncoming vehicles to pass.</li> <li>• Remove wattle and sarsaparilla trees from main MB/Tully Road to show off Licuala Palms.</li> </ul>	
16. DMR/CSC	Mission Beach/ Tully Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs sign indicating boat ramp and several signs 'no through road i.e. Palm Drive &amp; Hull Drive.</li> </ul>	
17. CSC	Hull River Boat ramp (Carmoo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bitumen to the ramp, toilets and proper car parking and rubbish bin.</li> </ul>	
18. CSC/JSC EPA	All Foreshores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More frequent maintenance of public foreshore area from Bingil Bay through to South Mission Beach. Singapore Daisy Management plan urgently needed.</li> <li>• Install complimentary 'poo bags' containers on major access tracks to beaches.</li> <li>• Consistent signage of what is and what is not permissible e.g. motor bikes, beach buggies, horses etc.</li> <li>• Clear signage for beach boat launching areas.</li> <li>• Clear signage of pedestrian walk ways on both the beach and road points.</li> </ul>	

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	Foreshores - continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stinger warnings at entrance of all villages.</li> </ul>	
19. CSC	Reid Rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct bikeway/footpath on road verge.</li> <li>• Improve appearance of road verges at both Rotary and Lions Park.</li> <li>• Increase frequency of street cleaning.</li> <li>• Increase the number of rubbish bins.</li> <li>• <b>Sewerage pump stations: did the contractor supply inferior materials and workmanship?</b></li> <li>• Coconut trees on public path way to beach near no. 12 still not de-nutted.</li> <li>• Continue upgrading Reid Road, including section from Webb Road to Whiting Street.</li> <li>• 50km on road surface all the way along Reid Road.</li> </ul>	
	Reid Road - continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erosion of beach access area after heavy rain.</li> <li>• Path to beach between 28-30 Reid Road unsafe and ugly and no apparent ongoing maintenance.</li> </ul>	<p>Untidy and unsafe beach access</p> 



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<p>20. CSC</p>	<p>Banfield Parade</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve foreshore amenities near Water Taxi departure area.</li> <li>• Seal parking area.</li> <li>• Clean up area behind bollards. Remove dead trees. Continual maintenance of these areas would make reading of signs more legible (see photo)</li> <li>• Replace bbq with electric bbq.</li> </ul>	
<p>21. CSC</p>	<p>Walkway Mission Shores to Koda Street to beach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkway overgrown with weeds &amp; Singapore Daisy.</li> </ul>	
<p>22. CSC/DMR/ Ergon</p>	<p>Wongaling Beach Road</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install centre line on this increasingly busy road.</li> <li>• Install reflective 'sharp right hand turn' sign at the Banfield Parade intersection.</li> <li>• Walk/bike track along road from shopping centre to beach.</li> <li>• Road edging (west side) of Coolibah St. from Wongaling Beach Rd. to Kurrajong Close still un-repaired since sewerage installation. Easement/drain/creek behind Blarney's overgrown. Raw sewerage regularly passes through this drain.</li> <li>• Street lights needed.</li> <li>• Install reflective 'sharp right hand turn' sign at the Banfield intersection.</li> <li>• Walk/bike track along road from shopping centre to beach.</li> <li>• Install centre line on this busy road.</li> </ul>	<p>Overgrown drain</p> 

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23. JSC	MARCS Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resurface under cover area.</li> <li>• Finish treating rust and repainting</li> <li>• Tidy up appearance of ceiling.</li> <li>• Provide locks between ladies &amp; gents toilets. This matter is still requiring urgent attention.</li> <li>• Prepare fire hazard plan and upgrade facilities accordingly.</li> </ul>	
24. JSC	Seaview Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repair/replace Mission Beach map with map of entire Mission Beach area. (demolished by Larry)</li> <li>• Remove &amp; replace dead trees on road verge.</li> <li>• Repair damaged 'no camping' sign</li> </ul>	
25. JSC	Seaview Street picnic area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>What is the Council plan for this area? (work in progress)</b></li> </ul>	

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26. JSC EPA/DMR	Seaview Street stinger net area/fore shore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stinger information sign needs upgrading since now a Life Saver is stationed at the net during school holidays.</li> <li>• Redesign intersection of Porter Promenade/Seaview Street.</li> <li>• Pacific Parade walking track near Sejala: needs signage and bins and to be named.</li> </ul>	 <p>Unnamed foreshore walking track</p>
27. JSC/DMR	Porter Promenade & Mission Beach Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install traffic management devices i.e pedestrian crossings, traffic calming measures.</li> <li>• Increase car parking facilities even if this means acquiring land.</li> <li>• Damaged 'dog free zone' sign and Information Centre sign missing before Homestead Centre.</li> <li>• Intersection Donkin Lane/Central Avenue to be resurfaced. (Potholes) Is it a sewerage defect or maintenance?</li> </ul>	
28 JSC	Sculpture Park Porter Promenade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install electric bbq.</li> <li>• Ulysses Link funding sign damaged.</li> </ul>	
29. JSC	C4 & MBT VIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seal car park and line parking bays.</li> <li>• Create turning circle for caravans.</li> </ul>	
30. JSC	Boyett Road 'Meals on Wheels/SES building' area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install warning sign 'no overtaking on crest'.</li> </ul>	

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31. JSC/Dpt Transport/ Marine Board	Clump Point Boat ramp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete sealing of road to boat ramp.</li> <li>• Increase the area for parking.</li> <li>• Repair light pole and damaged signs.</li> <li>• Remove abandoned disused boat trailer.</li> <li>• Provide toilets facilities.</li> <li>• Landscape Look Out area. Ideal area for bbq and additional seating. Replace broken bin.</li> <li>• Install tourist sign near Eco Village to indicate Look Out.</li> <li>• Remove weeds (see photo).</li> </ul>	 
32. JSC/Dpt. Transport	Clump Point Jetty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep community informed of plans to replace jetty.</li> <li>• Seal and improve parking and facilities of the whole area and install more bins.</li> <li>• Either reposition exit or install mirror to improve safety.</li> <li>• Beautify the whole area in recognition of its status as a tourism gateway.</li> <li>• <b>Is the area on the Western side of the road a designated parking area? If so signs are required to indicate so.</b></li> </ul>	

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<p>33. JSC/DMR</p>	<p>Alexander Drive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install safety rails along the sea side.</li> <li>• Possible introduction of 50km speed limit on this dangerous road.</li> <li>• Repaint double lines.</li> <li>• Repair road and verges. Clean up overgrown kerbing.</li> <li>• Straighten damaged guide posts.</li> <li>• Eradicate 'Singapore Daisy' along Alexandra Drive.</li> <li>• No 'no through road' sign at James Road.</li> </ul>	
<p>34. JSC/Dpt. Transport/ EPA</p>	<p>Alexander Drive boat ramp  Parking area for Bicton Hill walking track</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community questions safety of this facility. Investigate if the need exists and either upgrade to standard or remove.</li> <li>• If removed landscape as a picnic area.</li> <li>• Sign missing.</li> </ul>	

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35. JSC	Pioneer Street Look Out  Cutten Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install sign to indicate Look Out.</li> <li>• Erect 'Pioneer Street' road sign on Eastern side of Cutten Street.</li> <li>• Reposition seat at Look Out to optimize the view.</li> <li>• Bin missing from bin holder.</li>   <li>• Needs 50km signage.</li> </ul>	
36. JSC	Holt Close/Cutten Brothers Graves site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve landscaping and level the ground surface.</li> <li>• Clean bronze plaque, hard to read.</li> </ul>	
37. JSC/DMR	Bingil Bay Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish walk/bike way from the beach to Connors Corner.</li> <li>• Install pedestrian crossing from beach to toilet block.</li> </ul>	<p>Bingil Bay Road</p> 

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38. JSC	Bingil Bay Beach picnic area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install electric bbq and improve landscaping.</li> </ul>	
39. JSC	Bingil Bay Camp ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install electric bbq.</li> <li>• Reposition camp ground sign to be observable for traffic going either way.</li> <li>• Substitute existing bins with lidded wheelie bins. We recommend this throughout the entire JSC area.</li> <li>• Improve playground facilities and upgrade with shade cover. Swings chains and seats missing.</li> <li>• Washing up sink has no taps!</li> </ul>	
40. QPWS/DMR/WTMA/JSC	Cassowary Drive towards El Arish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eradicate Singapore Daisy along the MB-El Arish Road.</li> <li>• Install signage to indicate 'walking track ahead' on the MB-El Arish Road.</li> <li>• Repaint middle line on road.</li> <li>• 'Fenby Gap' sign missing after cyclone.</li> </ul>	
41. JSC/CSC	Bus shelters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regularly clean bus shelters.</li> <li>• Erect 'buses only' signage.</li> </ul>	
42. JSC/CSC/EPA/DMR	All areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stray cat population to be controlled.</li> <li>• Is the area on the Western side of the road a designated parking area? If so signs are required to indicate so.</li> <li>• Can Councils have a uniform driveway/kerb crossing recommended design?</li> <li>• Private Properties: untidy long grass, damaged buildings/structures, cyclone clean up. Will Council conduct a patrol and send letters or are they relying on complaints?</li> </ul>	

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