

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

### **April 2008**

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### **Background**

In 2005 Councillors from Johnstone Shire and Cardwell Shire encouraged MBCA to report current council related issues in Mission Beach. In January 2006 a State of Mission Beach 4852 Report was prepared and updated in 2007 to provide guidance to our Councillors decision making. It was designed to be a joint, progressive plan for the beautification and improvement of Mission Beach as a residential and tourist destination. Both representative Councillors accepted the document with the intention of addressing the issues identified. To date, very little progress has been made on the most significant infrastructure issues such as provision of an aquatic facility and major bike and footpath projects. We acknowledge and thank council for acting on several previous issues which have been resolved, however new issues have come to light and are contained in this report.

### **Status of the most significant infrastructure issues two years 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. Mission Beach is now the only township of its size along the entire coastline without safe swimming facilities. MBCA urge CCRC to give this issue priority attention.

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

It has been three years since the crusher dust was laid along Cassowary Drive from MARCS Park to Wongaling Shopping Centre as a precursor to constructing a safe pedestrian/cycling thoroughfare. It has been six years since this item was first allocated specific funding in a CSC budget. The path remains unusable, represents an injury risk and a Council liability in its current state.

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

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

MBCA were represented at several DMR workshops, 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 one year left of usable life at best and in the past our two Councils, through their Marine Board Committee, continued to prevaricate on their joint responsibility to plan for replacement. Mission Beach without a safe jetty is unimaginable. Mission Beach tourism is largely reliant on commercial charter vessels having safe jetty access.

The Mission Beach Boat Bay Marina issue is yet to be resolved, which involves numerous Federal and State Agencies and considerable time and community consultation.

In the meantime MBCA and Mission Beach Rotary are fundraising to have a pontoon placed at the Clump Point boat ramp to eliminate some of the recreational boating congestion experienced there.

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

Water pressure, quality and supply continues to be a concern and the new Council needs to address this major health issue quickly.

- **Traffic management planning**

The assessment of traffic management continues to be adhoc and undertaken by developers as part of their application process. Council has been unable to provide specific overlays in terms of accumulated 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). There needs to be a scientific and traffic demand management approach to planning for future traffic needs.

- **New Town Plan**

A new town plan embracing many of the desirable aspects of the former CSC and JSC town plans should be prepared with community input as a matter of urgency to ensure that the aesthetic beauty of Mission Beach and low impact development is retained.

- **Weed Management**

Weeds continue to be a major problem. Councils in the past year have sprayed Singapore Daisy and other weeds but have not removed them or planted alternative ground cover or mulch which makes the region very unsightly. MBCA members have suggested that local working groups could be established to assist Council with weed management. The Wet Tropics Management Authority, The Australian Rainforest Foundation and Terrain might also be able to assist.

- **Efficient recycling and mulch distribution program**

CCRC should investigate a cost effective and reliable recycling program. In the past JSC and CSC had different systems neither of which proved satisfactory. It is great to see green waste being mulched at the Wongaling tip but there seems to be no regulations for use.


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**Table of current issues relating to 4852**

MBCA has reviewed its 2007 report and although many of the issues have been resolved others have remained and new ones have surfaced. We recognise the precarious financial status of the new Council and we recommend that Council vigorously pursues external grant funding for some of the new infrastructure projects and upgrade of existing facilities mentioned.

Mayor Cr. Bill Shannon requested at the MBCA meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to include in this report the various CCRC departments responsible for work to be carried out. To the best of our knowledge we have included this in the report.

Agency	Area	Requests	Photo's of current status
1. CCRC (Community & Environmental services)	Council funded playgrounds: Rotary Park, Wheatley Park, South Mission Esplanade, Bingil Bay camp ground.	<p><b>General Comments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All should have shade covers over play ground equipment.</li> <li>• All should have non compacting soft fall surfaces to Australian Standards Association guidelines.</li> <li>• All should undergo a regular audit by a qualified risk management professional.</li> </ul>	
2. CCRC (Community & Environmental Services)	Wheatley Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shade covers over playground area</li> <li>• Sink in shelter needs cleaning.</li> <li>• Tap handle missing from tap near BBQ.</li> <li>• Lid missing from water meter cover on grass path. Council liability.</li> <li>• Electric BBQ not working properly, takes too long to heat up.</li> </ul>	



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3. CCRC <b>((Civil Works))</b>	Wheatley Creek Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge too low for highest astronomical tides.</li> </ul>	
4. CCRC <b>((Civil Works))</b>	Wheatley Road & SMB Road intersection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All of Wheatley Road to Kennedy Esplanade to be a 60kph zone. (Cassowary area and dangerous bends)</li> <li>• Install overhead street light Wheatley Rd/SMB Road intersection.</li> <li>• Enlarge directional signage.</li> </ul>	
5. CCRC /DMR <b>((Civil Works))</b>	South Mission Beach Road  Frogs Hollow	<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>• Car park boggy in wet conditions</li> <li>• Have adequate sub-terrain drains been installed on sports ground?</li> <li>• If sports ground is too low/wet for use maybe it can be revegetated into a Park with the assistance of the Australian Rainforest Foundation?</li> <li>• Needs street light at entrance of Hall.</li> <li>• Remove obsolete sign near car park.</li> </ul>	

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<p>6. CCRC <b>(Community &amp; Environmental Services)</b></p>	<p>Kennedy Esplanade North Opposite Surf Club</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace BBQ with electric BBQ (opposite Del Rio)</li> <li>• Clean up dead trees &amp; weeds, re-grass area. (Some has been done but more needs to be done)</li> </ul>	
<p>7. CCRC/ Ergon <b>(Civil Works)</b></p>	<p>Kennedy Esplanade South</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warning sign stating 22.000 Volts lettering missing.</li> <li>• Path towards Midji needs weeding</li> <li>• Kennedy Esplanade still flooding in heavy rain.</li> <li>• Drains/creeks need regular cleaning.</li> </ul>	
<p>CCRC</p>	<p>Shelter Shed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sink and walls need cleaning/repainting</li> <li>• No proper Ladies/Men signs</li> </ul>	

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8. CCRC (Civil Works & Community & Environmental Services)	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>• Stinger sign falling over</li> <li>• Needs improved signage re danger using this boat ramp in rough weather.</li> </ul>	
9. CCRC (Civil Works)	Boat Ramp: Jackey Jackey Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area in need of good clean up</li> <li>• Dead weeds to be removed</li> </ul>	
10. CCRC (Civil Works)	Buccaneer Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Floods badly during the wet – improve drainage</li> </ul>	
11. CCRC (Civil Works)	Mission Drive:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve on site signage on road verge indicating "Old Mission Site".</li> <li>• 50 km sign</li> </ul>	



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<p>12. DMR/CC RC</p> <p>(Civil Works)</p>	<p>Mission Beach/ Tully Road</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs sign indicating boat ramp on Tully MB Road and on Lindsay Road</li> <li>• Needs rubbish bin once upgrade of boat ramp is completed.</li> <li>• Remove shed/bus shelter (?) at T-Junction with Lindsay Road.</li> </ul>	
<p>13. CCRC/ Mission Beach Tourism</p> <p>DMR</p> <p>(Civil Works)</p>	<p>Feluga Turn off</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalise “Welcome” sign.</li> <li>• Landscape pull off area and include a map of Mission Beach, Stinger, Crocodile and Cassowary information.</li> <li>• Place a directional sign Mission Beach/Tully on T-junction as this is a de-tour area during flooding and can be confusing for newcomers.</li> <li>• Upgrade bus shelter (used as toilet!).</li> </ul>	 

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<p>14. CCRC EPA</p> <p>(Civil Works &amp; Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>Reid Road</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erosion of beach access area after heavy rain. Sand replenishment scheme needed as is done on the Gold Coast.</li> <li>• Path to beach between 28-30 Reid Road unsafe and ugly and no apparent ongoing maintenance. Unable to use as boat access for boat launching.</li> <li>• Landscaping around sewerage generator.</li> <li>• Generator to be repainted – rust removed.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove reinforcement steel on side of track</li> </ul>	 
<p>15. CCRC (Civil Works)</p>	<p>Holland Street</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs street lights (only 1 light at present)</li> </ul>	

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<p>16. CCRC</p> <p>(Civil Works &amp; Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>Banfield Parade</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hole to be filled and flooding problems to be finalised.</li> <li>• Need 50 km signs and traffic management assessed. (More traffic expected with nearby development).</li> </ul>	
<p>17. CCRC</p> <p>(Civil Works &amp; Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>Webb Road</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flooding in wet weather</li> <li>• Wheatley Creek needs a thorough clean up &amp; weeds to be removed. Breeding ground for mosquitoes.</li> <li>• Safety lighting needed in school car park.</li> </ul>	
<p>18. CCRC/D MR</p> <p>(Civil Works)</p>	<p>Wongaling Beach Road</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install centre line on this increasingly busy road.</li> <li>• Walk/bike track along road from shopping centre to beach.</li> <li>• Street lights needed urgently.</li> <li>• Tributaries of Porters Creek need to be cleaned on regular basis to stop the flooding.</li> </ul>	
<p>19. CCRC</p> <p>(Civil Works)</p>	<p>Koda &amp; Kwilla Street</p> <p>Coolibah Street Bike path between Shores Estate &amp; Koda Street</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood prone streets during wet season. Address draining problems.</li> <li>• Street lights needed on corner with Wongaling Beach Road.</li> <li>• Creek behind “Blarney’s” needs clearing.</li> <li>• Concrete is breaking up in several places and bridge rail is broken. More maintenance work is needed to creek banks. Next heavy rain will bring more erosion!</li> </ul>	



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<p>20. CCRC</p> <p>(Civil Works &amp; Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>Cassowary Drive</p> <p>MARCS Park</p> <p>MB/EI Arish Rd T- junction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pole needs to removed where CSC/JSC sign used to be.</li> <li>• JSC sign needs to be removed.</li> <li>• No signage indicating placement of fire hose. Signage needed on three sides of the hall.</li> <li>• Path to house uneven (Hazard)</li> <li>• Tap running in house, window louvers missing.</li> <li>• Gardens need mulching.</li> <li>• 'No Entry' sign standing against house, to be removed.</li> <li>• T-Junction with Seaview Street needs weed spray and regular maintenance.</li> <li>• 'Restaurant' sign at t-junction facing the wrong way.</li> </ul>	 <p>No 'fire signs' any where.</p>
<p>21. CCRC</p> <p>(Civil Works &amp; Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>Seaview Street</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge needs high pressure cleaning.</li> <li>• Repair/replace Mission Beach map with map of entire Mission Beach area. (demolished by Larry) Consult with Mission Beach Tourism?</li> <li>• Re-plant missing trees (avenue of trees)</li> <li>• Re-design parkland with picnic table on intersection. (Nobody is using it!) Remove dangerous pine tree? Consult with community on desired outcomes.</li> <li>• Redesign dangerous intersection with Porter Promenade.</li> </ul>	 <p>Park needs to be re-designed</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace stinger sign at entrance of village.</li> </ul>	
<p>22. CCRC <b>(Community &amp; Environmental Services)</b></p>	<p>Seaview Street stinger net area/fore shore  Pacific Parade</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs proper stinger information.</li> <li>• Unsightly building materials.</li> <li>• Pacific Parade walking track near Sejala: to be named. Track was constructed by developer? Will not be used if not signposted. (In future developers should provide for sign posting/naming).</li> </ul>	

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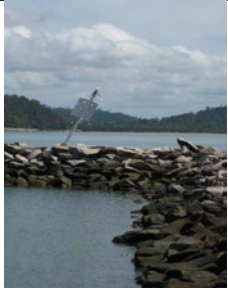

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tap on toilet block without handle.</li>          <li>• Weeds to be removed from picnic area.</li></ul>	  
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<p>23. CCRC/D MR</p> <p>(Civil Works &amp; Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>Porter Promenade &amp; Mission Beach Village Green</p>    <p>Donkin Lane</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install traffic management devices i.e. pedestrian crossings, traffic calming measures, roundabout?. A professional landscape master plan for the area is needed in consultation with local stake holders.</li> <li>• Table needs repainting on Village Green.</li> <li>• Drinking water bubbler to be redesigned/replaced.</li> <li>• Brick missing on pavement.</li> <li>• What is the policy on sandwich boards on verge?</li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub terrain agri pipe needed to prevent flooding.</li> </ul>	
<p>24. CCRC</p> <p>(Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>Sculpture Park Porter Promenade</p>   <p>“old camping ground” near northern toilet block</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install electric BBQ.(conduit already in place)</li> <li>• Track needs weeding &amp; overhanging branch pruning.</li> <li>• Tap stake rotten near beach.</li> <li>• Concrete path needs high pressure cleaning.</li> <li>• ‘Mother – in-law tongue’ to be removed from foreshore.</li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ulysses sign damaged by white ants needs spraying &amp; varnishing.</li> </ul>	 <p>Damaged sign</p>



<p>25. CCRC/Dpt Transport/ Harbour Master</p> <p><b>(Civil Works)</b></p>	<p>Clump Point Boat ramp</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete sealing of road to boat ramp.</li> <li>• Increase the area for parking.</li> <li>• Provide toilets facilities.</li> <li>• Look Out area needs weed spraying.</li> <li>• Warning sign lettering missing.</li> <li>• Light damaged by cyclone still not replaced!</li> <li>.</li> <li>• Navigation light pole damaged.</li> <li>• Repair solar light (bolts broken) and light is not working. Falling panel may injure public or damage vehicles below!</li> </ul>	   <p><b>Damaged solar light covers</b></p>
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<p>26. CCRC/Dpt. Transport</p> <p>(Civil Works &amp; Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>Clump Point Jetty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep community informed of plans to replace jetty.</li> <li>• Either reposition exit or install mirror to improve safety. Put a warning sign “Jetty 50 meter” on Alexandra Drive.</li> <li>• Beautify the whole area in recognition of its status as a tourism gateway. Needs more shelter area.</li> <li>• Remove old office building (infested with white ants – safety liability)</li> <li>• Re-bed ‘buses excepted sign’.</li> <li>• Bridge area in need of clean up.</li> <li>• Provide Stinger &amp; Cassowary information signs</li> </ul>	 <p>Office at Clump Point jetty</p>
<p>27. CCRC</p> <p>(Civil Works &amp; Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>Cutten Street Bicton Close</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs 50 km signage</li> <li>• Water Reservoir area needs to be maintained on a regular basis, weeding etc.</li> </ul>	
<p>28. CCRC</p> <p>(Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>Pioneer Street Look Out</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reposition seat at Look Out to optimize the view.</li> </ul>	
<p>29. CCRC/DMR</p> <p>(Civil Works)</p>	<p>Bingil Bay Road</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish walk/bike way from the beach to Connors Corner. (Child safety issue)</li> </ul>	
<p>30. CCRC</p> <p>(Civil Works &amp; Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>Bingil Bay Beach picnic area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install electric BBQ and improve landscaping.</li> <li>• Install pedestrian crossing from beach to toilet block.</li> </ul>	


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<p>31. CCRC (Civil Works &amp; Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>Bingil Bay Camp ground</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install electric BBQ</li> <li>• Needs 'campground' directional signage on main road.</li> <li>• Needs Stinger signage.</li> <li>• Improve playground facilities. Swings chains and seats missing.</li> <li>• Washing up sink has no taps!</li> <li>• Money raised from camping fees should be used to improve camp ground.</li> </ul>	 <p>Sink without tap</p>
<p>32. CCRC (Civil Works &amp; Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>Holt Road  Garners Beach Road</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs signage to "Brooks Beach".</li> <li>• Path to Brooks Beach overgrown and dangerous &amp; can barely be seen from the road.(Council liability)</li> <li>• Install 'beach access' sign</li> <li>• Bridge overgrown with weeds.</li> <li>• Needs better parking area for beach goers.</li> <li>• Add sign "no camping" where other signs are placed. (near beach)</li> <li>• Add sign 'Brooks Beach" at T-junction.</li> </ul>	 <p>Brooks Beach path</p>
<p>33. QPWS/DMR/CCRC (Civil Works &amp; Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>Cassowary Drive - MB/EI Arish Road</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install signage to indicate 'walking track ahead 500 meters' on the MB-EI Arish Road. (visitors easily miss the car park)</li> <li>• Sign missing (only a pole left – north of Lacey Creek)</li> <li>• Great Green Way sign to be removed.</li> </ul>	

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<p>34. CCRC (Civil Works &amp; Community &amp; Environmental Services)</p>	<p>All areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stray cat population to be controlled. Dog control management program for entire CCRC in consultation with the public.</li> <li>• Are all sewerage pump houses going to be corrosion repaired &amp; repainted and landscaped?</li> <li>• Review of stinger, crocodile and cassowary information through a local stakeholder working party.</li> </ul>	 <p>Reid Road beach front path sewerage generator cover</p>
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