

## Minutes of the General Meeting of the Mission Beach Community Association held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at the Mission Beach Resort

### Meeting Opened: 7.30 PM

**Attendance:** As per attendance sheet: 32 including Mayor Cr. Bill Shannon, Cr Jennifer Downs and Andrew Cripps MLA.

- The Chair thanked the Mission Beach Resort for the use of the function room free of charge.

### General Business: None

- **Guest speaker:** Tony O'Malley of Terrain Natural Resource Management – Local Area Planner.

Tony spoke on the strategic areas where money would be spent, Mission Beach being a priority area. The area stretches from the Hull River to Maria Creek and West to the Tablelands and they work closely with CSIRO, Community, and Government etc. Three reports have been tabled for the Mission Beach area: biodiversity, lifestyle and indigenous values. Our area is seen as very significant, locally, regionally, state, federally and internationally. The draft report on the outcomes of the workshop held recently will be circulated to workshop attendees for comment in the next few weeks.

- The chair congratulated Bill Shannon on his election as Mayor. Bill spoke on:
  - the fact that he is a Director of Terrain and will remain on the Board for a 3<sup>rd</sup> term as linkage to CCRC
  - The Deputy Mayor was appointed from the Northern area as a balance and the position will be up for election every year as will be other Council positions.
  - As we are a special region (very wet and more bridges and infrastructure) we need to find other avenues of funding (grants) as well as existing sources of money.
  - The MB pool is not on the agenda at the moment and he suggested that other funding be pursued.
  - In regards to the Tully MPC, Education Qld will be asked for more money and Council will endeavour to stop the preparation of contracts for tendering.
  - Bike way and walking tracks are to start as soon as possible.
  - Rates must be equated, the south should not be penalised for the demise of the north.
- **Tony Lee** asked whether the Council offices will continue to be in the North and South, the Mayor's vision for the CCRC and ridding the area of the North/South mentality. The reply was that the Mayor and the CEO must have offices in the most populated area which is Innisfail and he will commute daily. The Council meetings will alternate between Innisfail and Tully.
- **Cr. Jennifer Downs:** said that she looks forward to a consultative and productive relationship with MBCA, Jen proposes to have an office/ meeting place in her Division to meet face to face with her constituents and is attending to letters as far back as 2003!
- **Rates & Services: Michael Johnson.** MBCA is preparing the 2008 State of 4852 Mission Beach Report. A member requested a review of Cassowary signage in the area. Cr. Shannon requested that we highlight in the report the action for the particular CCRC department it pertains to. This was agreed to.
- **Tony McLean** spoke on disaster management control and evacuation centre co-ordination

- **Peter Faulkner – Tourism:** Sandal Hayes has resigned as Visitor Centre Manager and Angela Matveyeff has been appointed as the new manager.
- **Lynda Hannah** spoke on small projects such as weed eradication and beautification i.e. tree planting which could be under taken by community groups or individuals.
- **Andrew Cripps MP** – Andrew spoke on the ridiculous new legislation on crocodile management/human interaction. Crocodiles should not be destroyed but should be removed from public areas to crocodile farms that are desperate for breeding stock.  
The 4852 report is a very useful document and he will pursue the issues.  
Bendigo Bank – positive feedback from Cardwell branch and Mission Beach should be very successful and congratulation to Rhonda Murdoch for driving it.  
The minutes of previous meeting have to be amended as the Electoral Commission of Qld is the overseer of all elections and candidates.  
Andrew touched briefly on Electoral Commission reform, cost to run elections and the appalling timeliness of results.
- Formal Motions: None
- Treasurers' report: Balance \$2035
- Correspondence: available on the website
- Minutes of previous meeting: Moved Lyinda Hannah noting the change Seconded Truus Biddlecombe
- Bendigo Bank: Rhonda Murdoch – the prospectus will be available from next week for expressions of interest to become share holders. The official launch will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 7 pm at MB Resort. The goal for the night is to reach \$750,000.00
- Bill Shannon: announced that he and Sue will remain members of MBCA and corrected Cr Downs's perception that MBCA had a preferred candidate. This was definitely not so but individual members had the right to support who ever they wished in a private capacity.

**Meeting closed:** 9.30 pm

**Next Meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm Mission Beach Resort