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the lungfish
says, "Save the
Mary River!"

Dam the Mary River? Save the Mary River!

Save the Mary River Coordinating Group
Support and Information Centre, Kandanga Railway, Ph: 5488 4800

Save the Mary River Co-ordinating Group Meeting Minutes

- Date:** 26th February 2007
- Location:** Kandanga Information Centre
- Members:** David Kruetz (Speaker), Keith Gall, John Porter, Jan Porter, Amanda Warren, Victor Hill, Helga Hill, Alan Sheridan, David Sims, Glenda Pickersgill, Lyndal Ensbey, Iain Watt, Lars Hedberg, Jo O'Shanesy
- Apologies:** Kevin Ingersole (Chairperson), Sue Smith, Lin Dillon, Wayne Dillon, Tamielle Andreassen, Sharon Ingersole, Tony Smith, Tony Hawkyard, Steve Burgess, Beryl Spencer, June Blyton, Garry Blyton, John Woodley, Tricia Roth, Kaili Parker-Price, Steve Dennis
- Agenda:** As per Agenda received at meeting
- Glossary of Terms:**
- Committee* The Management Committee, *Save the Mary River Co-ordinating Group*, and its members.
- Chairperson* Committee Chairperson or President
- Member/s* Individual/s of Ordinary Members of the *Save the Mary River Co-ordinating Group*
- Guest/s* Meeting attendees not classed as Ordinary Members

OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 7.00pm at Kandanga Information Centre.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

***Motion: Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.
Moved By: Helga Hill. Seconded By: Iain Watt.***

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Appreciation Letter to Cooloola Shire Council

John advised that this was completed.

Senate Enquiry

David Kruetz advised that a Senate Enquiry has been made official however, the process for the enquiry is yet to be confirmed.

Additional Funding

Alan informed the Members that he has sent information to the Burnett Regional Group regarding the studies undertaken on the Cooloola/Mary River area. Alan advised the Members that he has not yet spoken with the Burnett Regional Group regarding assistance with funding for the studies.

FUNDRAISING STANDING COMMITTEE

Lars advised the Members that the Fundraising Standing Committee had not followed up on another auction as yet however the Standing Committee had agreed that approximately 2-3 weeks after the Gympie Show would be an appropriate time. It was added that 52 donations had been made for the Art Auction to be held in March.

TECHNICAL STANDING COMMITTEE

Alan advised the Members that the University of Sydney Technical Report was made public on 23rd February 2007. Alan added that David Gibson and Glen Elms were going to present the report to the Queensland Parliament and along with Professor Stuart White when arranged. John suggested a question time be given after the presentation which was noted. Victor suggested that an electronic version of the report be made available on a website other than the Save the Mary River website. Victor agreed to contact Mayor Mick Vernados to ask for and arrange a link from the Cooloola Shire Council website to the report. Lars suggested that hard copies also be provided to politicians. Victor agreed to contact David Gibson regarding printing copies of the report. Alan added that we could ask the Cooloola Shire Council to forward a copy of the report with a covering letter to every South East Queensland Mayor, Queensland Parliamentarians and Federal Senators.

MEDIA STANDING COMMITTEE

David Kruetz informed the Members that several Committee Members and other key persons had contacted a phone interview with Tuck Thompson from the Courier Mail. David added that they discussed many key issues such as environmental and economic impact. David advised the Members that a date for release of the article was unknown as Tuck Thompson wished to interview the Queensland Government before releasing the article.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING COMMITTEE

John informed the Members that the Standing Committee had banked another \$330 worth of membership today. John added that the Membership Stall was now operating and that he had written an appreciation letter to the gentleman who had built and donated the stand. John advised that the stand was scheduled to operate approximately 4-5 times during March at various events. Victor advised that they seek membership at the screening of "An Inconvenient Truth" on the 4th March 2007. Keith asked if there was a list of members which Amanda confirmed there was a complete database of all applications received so far. Keith suggested that members could be contacted by telephone to seek volunteers to assist at events. John suggested that a full events list should be collated before contacting members.

SIGNAGE STANDING COMMITTEE

Keith informed the Members that the billboard advertising he was investigating would cost \$1350 for an advertising skin and \$385 per month to maintain the billboard which would be displayed

south of Gympie. Keith added that Doug and Jen Mercer have also volunteered to pay for a sign to be erected on their property at Goomong. Keith asked if there were any Members who could assist with mowing around signage. David Kruetz and Alan both volunteered their time.

Motion: Billboard contract be signed for the amount of \$385 per month and an upfront cost of \$1350.

Moved By: Keith Gall. Seconded By: Alan Sheridan.

MERCHANDISE STANDING COMMITTEE

Sue advised the Members via a letter, that the new magnets were due to arrive shortly. Sue added that the centre would have a new email address once Broadband was contacted at the centre.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyndal advised the members that the current Bank Account balance was \$42,034 with \$2,000 received from merchandise, \$1,000 from donations and \$4,095 from memberships.

Motion: All payments are approved and the Treasurers Report is as a true and accurate record.

Moved By: Lyndal Ensbey. Seconded By: Victor Hill.

GENERAL BUSINESS

SMR Website Forum Update

Helga advised that in general the forum has been fairly quiet.

Submissions for TOR for EIS Process and Progress

Glenda advised the Members that a submission was lodged by the due date, 19th February 2007, and had been placed on the website with other submissions for the public. Glenda thanked all who were involved and advised that a response had been received from the Co-Ordinator General.

Progress and Preparation for Senate Enquiry

Glenda advised the Members that a motion had been passed in Parliament on the 26th February 2007 for the Senate Enquiry and that submissions would now be called for with a probable timeframe of 3 weeks. Iain informed the Members that John Woodley had passed on some information on Senate Enquiries and that an electronic copy was being organized. Iain also added that he had passed the information on Kaili and that they had spoken about putting the information on the website. David Kruetz advised that he would contact Beryl to arrange for a list of cases for the enquiry to be collected as well as discuss the distribution of information to the public. Alan informed the Members that he would contact Senator Barnaby Joyce's office to obtain information on Senate Enquiry and he also agreed to contact David Gibson for more assistance.

Rainmakers Corroboree

Glenda informed the Members that the Committee had been invited to set up a stall at the Rainmakers Corroboree on Saturday 3rd March. Costs for this event are to be confirmed.

Contact with International Groups

Glenda advised that reports had been sent to international groups such as the European Rivers Network. Glenda added that a briefing for collaborators will be circulated. Glenda advised that the deadline for participation were as follows :- Documentation and photos 1st March, Video Recordings 1st August, Photographic Documentation 1st September, Literary text (5-6 pages) 1st October.

Documentary – “The Damning of the Mary”

Glenda informed the Members that “The Damning of the Mary” documentary completed by Dean from Big Love Productions will be screening in Kandanga on the 9th March. The documentary would then be shown in Brisbane on the 15th March at the Metro Arts Theatre (organised by Mt Cootha Greens) and then again on the 23rd March at Fortitude Valley. Glenda added that 2 speakers from the Committee have been invited to attend. Glenda informed the Members that she had spoken with Keith regarding holding a public information night at the screening on the 9th March with food available for guests. Glenda added that she would send the information to Kaili for inclusion in the Gympie Times.

“Saving our Endangered Mary River Species” Paper

Glenda advised the Members that she had presented the above paper at the BMRG Science Symposium, “Farmland to Fraser”, in Hervey Bay on the 19th February 2007 and that a display board had also been setup with the key issues illustrated. Glenda added that it was a good opportunity to meet with downstream groups. A website is now being set up to collate information on coastal impacts by Aston Berry. Glenda advised that they had received good publicity in the Fraser Coast Chronicle.

DEH Visit

Glenda reminded the Members that DEH representatives would be visiting on the 1st March to discuss key issues relevant to the EPBC act, endangered species and ecosystems. A proposed tour route has been circulated for comment.

Sisters of Mary

Glenda advised that the Sisters of Mary’s “Climate Change Despair and Empowerment” roadshow will be showing in Gympie on the 29th March and details of this event have been circulated. There will also be a workshop at the Kandanga Information Centre on 2nd March between 10am -3pm and for more details contact Glenda.

“An Inconvenient Truth”

Glenda informed the Members that a screening of Al Gore’s movie, “An Inconvenient Truth”, will be held at the Gympie Cinema on the 4th March as organized by the Cooloola Greens. A Save the Mary River stall will be setup by 6pm at the event.

Catholic Conference on Global Warming

Glenda advised the Members that a Catholic Conference on Global Warming, “Earth Care”, was to be held in Fortitude Valley on the 17th March. Organizer, Margaret White, has invited the Committee to setup a stall at the event.

Lifeline Training Courses

Iain advised the Members that he had been contacted by Ken Campbell regarding Lifeline training courses to be conducted in the Mary Valley over an 8 week period beginning the 26th

March – 14th May at the Uniting Church Community Hall, Imbil. The courses have been designed to enhance people's skills for supporting other residents. For more information contact Iain Watt.

Information to distribute at Events

Keith suggested that at the coming events we provide some short, concise information to distribute to the public. John advised that he is trying to complete a summary of important information for this purpose. Glenda suggested that the "What's wrong with the Dam" article on the website is a valuable information tool. Alan agreed to send John some current fact sheets for John to consider. Keith also suggests that we begin to inform people about what the Committee has done so far.

Speakers for Ridgewood Meeting

Victor advised the Members that a Public Meeting was to be held at Ridgewood on the 16th March and he requires speakers for the meeting. David Kruetz agreed to attend and discuss the Senate Enquiry. Glenda added that she would try to organize a screening of "The Damning of the Mary" documentary.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting was announced for 12th March 2007 at 7pm, Kandanga Information Centre.

Items to be placed on agenda for next meeting – Future Campaign (Brisbane), Biodiversity and Natural History Assessment and Noosa's Biosphere Designation

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm.

ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION

Issue	Person Responsible	Required By
Contact Mayor Mick Vernados to arrange a link from the Cooloola Shire Council website to the Technical Report and to discuss council distributing copies to parliamentarians and senators	Victor Hill	ASAP
Contact David Gibson regarding printing copies of the Technical Report for distribution	Victor Hill	ASAP
Contact Beryl to arrange for a list of cases for the enquiry to be collected as well as discuss the distribution of information to the public.	David Kruetz	ASAP
Contact Senator Barnaby Joyce's office to obtain information on Senate Enquiry.	Alan Sheridan	ASAP
Contact David Gibson for more assistance with the Senate Enquiry.	Alan Sheridan	ASAP
Send information to Kaili regarding screening of "The Damning of the Mary" documentary for inclusion in the Gympie Times	Glenda Pickersgill	ASAP
Send current fact sheets to John for collation	Alan Sheridan	ASAP
Attend Ridgewood Public Meeting to discuss the Senate Enquiry	David Kruetz	16 th March 2007
Organize a screening of "The Damning of the Mary" documentary at the Ridgewood Public Meeting	Glenda Pickersgill	16 th March 2007