

Save the Mary River Co-ordinating Group Meeting Minutes

Date:	20 th November 2006
Location:	Kandanga Information Centre
Members:	Kevin Ingersole (Chairperson), Keith Gall, Lyndall Ensbey, Steve Dennis, Sue Smith, John Porter, Jan Porter, Amanda Warren, Victor Hill, Helga Hill, Alan Sheridan, Tricia Roth, Iain Watt, David Sims, Lars Hedberg, Tamielle Andreassen
Apologies:	David Kruetz, Glenda Pickersgill, Kaili Parker-Price, Garry Blyton, Tony Smith
Agenda:	As per Agenda received at meeting
Glossary of Terms:	
<i>Committee</i>	The Management Committee, <i>Save the Mary River Co-ordinating Group</i> , and its members.
<i>Chairperson</i>	Committee Chairperson or President
<i>Member/s</i>	Individual/s of Ordinary Members of the <i>Save the Mary River Co-ordinating Group</i>
<i>Guest/s</i>	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.

EPBC REFERRAL

Kevin advised the meeting that David Kruetz had received information to suggest that Ian Campbell had already made his decision regarding this proposal, however, Kevin was waiting for confirmation of this from David. Alan informed the Members that he had spoken direct with the Department of Environment and Heritage regarding this issue. Tamielle added that she had spoken with David Gibson regarding meeting with Ian Campbell in Canberra before the end of the year. Lars advised that he had been communicating with Warren Truss' office to organize a meeting with Ian Campbell, however, they had not been very helpful so far. It was also suggested that Senator Joyce should be approached as he seemed fairly interested in the issue. Kevin advised that was forwarding a letter direct to Ian Campbell and several other Senators regarding this referral.

Tricia also suggested that the Committee provide letters at the Monster Auction to encourage people to write to Senators regarding the issue.

FUNDRAISING STANDING COMMITTEE

Lars advised the Members that it had been a slow start to the Monster Auction but it was starting to come together. Most items received so far were donations. It was suggested that the event would also be a great opportunity to sell merchandise as well as promote membership of the *Save the Mary River Co-ordinating Group*. Lars also advised the Members that items were to be dropped off between 2.30pm – 5.30pm on Saturday 25th November 2006 and he was currently trying to organize security for that night. Victor asked Lars if signage for the event would be erected and Lars agreed to organize it. Lyndal asked Sue if she could organize the merchandise as well as information packs for the event.

Lyndal advised that another recent fundraising event, the SMR Bowling Day at Kandanga Bowls Club had raised \$1450.

Alan advised the Members that the Noosa Shire Council had pledged \$5000 to the fighting fund before the State Election. Alan asked Lyndal to raise an invoice for this donation so that he could arrange for it to be paid by the Noosa Shire Council.

Tricia informed the Members that there would be an art auction held by Creative Noosa and the Noosa Regional Art Gallery to raise money for the fighting fund, in the new year. Tamielle added that she would donate some items to the event and had also managed to source additional works that could be included.

Alan also advised that Steven Poole agreed to donate one of his landscape works.

Tricia informed the Members that she intended to ask for donations at the Quilting for Mary event to be held at Cooroy Butter Factory.

TECHNICAL STANDING COMMITTEE

Alan advised the Members that Stage 1 of the Technical Study by the University of Technology Sydney is due for completion in December. Stage 2, the engineering review of alternatives, is due for completion in February 2007.

Alan added that it is proposed to engage an Environmental Consultant through the Mary River Council of Mayors with funding support from the Committee. The consultant has already completed a project plan and both the plan and a brief would be available by the next meeting. Alan advised that our contribution for the consultancy services were to be paid in 3 x \$10,000 amounts with the remaining \$10,000 payment to be made upon completion of the report.

Alan also added that, in the instance where the Federal Government passes the EPBC Referral, we need to put pressure on the Government for a Senate Inquiry. Lyndal suggested that the public needed to be informed at the Public Meeting on Wednesday 22nd November 2006 regarding the procedure for approval and what the general public can do to ensure that it is a fair process.

Alan advised the Members that he had already drafted a document on alternatives to this project for Senator Bernaby Joyce and would be showing Mr Ruddick the proposed Dam site in December in an effort to gain more political support.

Alan informed the Members that the Hydrology data they had been trying to obtain had been received and added weight to their argument against the project.

Motion: Payment of an environmental consultant be approved.

Moved By: Tamielle Andreassen. Seconded By: Tricia Roth.

INDIGINEOUS STANDING COMMITTEE

Tamielle advised the committee that she was currently organizing a report with cooperation from local indigenous groups to be given to David Suzuki. Tamielle has had contact with David Suzuki and advised that he is very interested in this project and that he would also submit a report regarding the issue. Iain asked Tamielle to keep him informed as he believed the church would help support these reports.

MEDIA STANDING COMMITTEE

Victor advised the committee that he had asked a Gympie Times representative at a recent event if the Gympie Times would forward copies of the paper to Senators. The Gympie Times representative agreed to submit the request to Gympie Times management. Lars advised that he would also approach the Editor, Michael Rosen, directly.

Steve suggested that the actions of QWI could be chronicled and exposed as a press release, however, Kevin suggested that this might be better handled by the Social Standing Committee.

Motion: Approach the Gympie Times regarding forwarding copies of the paper to Senators.

Moved By: Victor Hill. Seconded By: Tamielle Andreassen.

SIGNAGE STANDING COMMITTEE

Keith advised the Members that the "Crosses" at the Traveston Crossing Rd intersection had been removed. Alan added that the sign at the Noosa Shire entrance sign need to be replaced and agreed to do so.

Kevin suggested that future signs should be erected on minor/small Main Roads signs not major signage due to safety issues. Kevin also added that signage mottos should be looked at with the intention of keeping them "short and to-the-point", perhaps aiming them towards the environmental impacts of this proposal. Lars added that the Christmas/New Year period was the best time to advertise the issue and that the Water Level signs were a good way to get the point across. Victor agreed to supply more Water Level signs to Keith and David Sims volunteered to help Keith erect the signage. Victor also suggested that a boat could be used as part of the promotion to help point out the stupidity of the proposal and it was added that it should be placed in a tree to get people's attention.

MERCHANDISE STANDING COMMITTEE

Sue advised the Members that the stubby coolers and cards were selling well. Sue has already collected a few hundred dollars from the sale of these items. It was added that the "Turtle Cards" were now ready for sale as well. Lyndal also advised the Members that Credit Cards payments could now be accepted but it was still to be decided how this would be promoted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyndall advised the Committee that they had recently received the following donations:
Kandanga Bowls Club, Save the Mary River Bowling Day - \$1450
Arabian Nights event - \$600
Miscellaneous donation - \$50

Lyndal also provided the Members with a copy of the latest Reconciliation Report.

Motion: Financial Report be accepted as true and correct and payments be accepted.

Moved By: Lars Hedberg. Seconded By: Alan Sheridan.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notice of Motion 1

Motion:

- a) the Secretary make application to the Dept of Fair Trading to change the Rules of the association to include a new class of membership, an associate membership, with the following description
- 1) The number of members in this class will be unlimited.
 - 2) Members must be over 18 years of age.
 - 3) Members must support the objects of the association
 - 4) Members may not vote
 - 5) Members are not eligible for election to the Management Committee.

- b) Associate Members be referred to as the Friends of the Mary River

Moved By: John Porter. Seconded By: Tamielle Andreassen.

Notice of Motion 2

Motion:

That a Standing Committee, to be referred to as the Friends of the Mary River Membership (or Membership) Committee be formed with duties as follows

- 1) To promote associate membership of the association throughout the Mary Valley, Australia and the World.
- 2) To suggest options regarding the operation of the associate membership for consideration at the next general meeting.
- 3) To manage the group of associate members under the direction of the association.

Persons interested in joining the Membership Standing Committee are to contact John Porter.

Moved By: John Porter. Seconded By: Victor Hill.

Notice of Motion 3

Motion:

That this meeting approve the establishment of a membership fee structure for the SMRCG Inc as follows:

- 1) \$25.00 for members
- 2) \$10.00 + cost of membership kit for associate members.

Moved By: John Porter. Seconded By: Tamielle Andreassen.

Notice of Motion 4

Motion:

That a summary of Meeting Minutes and formal business be composed by the Minutes Secretary after each

meeting and, with the approval of the President, be provided to Steve Burgess for inclusion on a SMRCG page, suggested name is "From the SMRCG", on the Save the Mary River website for general public information.

Moved By: Amanda Warren. Seconded By: Lars Hedberg.

Notice of Motion 5

Motion:

That a Meetings/Public Forum schedule being organized and approved by the meeting and details of this schedule be posted in advance on a SMRCG page on the Save the Mary River website for general public information. Public Forum to be scheduled for every 2 months with the suggestion of 3 meetings in different locations for one week. Monday nights are preferred for Committee meetings.

Moved By: Amanda Warren. Seconded By: Steve Dennis.

SMR Website Forum Update

Tricia and Helga advised the Members that the Forum had been relatively quiet. There appeared to be a good response towards writing letters regarding the EPBC Referral. Tricia mentioned that she had also noticed comments regarding a video competition the Immanuel Lutheran College ran in which the winning entry was a video about the Traveston Dam. Tricia informed the Members that she was trying to get hold of a copy of the video.

Contact with Beryl Spencer RE: Formation of Social Standing Committee

Kevin advised that he was still trying to organize a meeting regarding the Social Standing Committee with Beryl but had received her consent to be part of the Standing Committee. Lars suggested that Beryl should attend the general meetings to be kept informed of proceedings as well as give a brief report to the Members of the Social Standing Committee progress. Kevin agreed to invite Beryl to the general meetings for this purpose.

Motion: Beryl Spencer, with her consent, be placed in charge of the Social Standing Committee.

Moved By: Victor Hill. Seconded By: Tricia Roth.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Iain suggested that Ken Kennedy give the meeting a brief regarding the Suicide Prevention Seminar in December at the public meeting at Kandanga on Wednesday 22nd November 2006. Kevin agreed that this would be suitable for the meeting.

Steve also advised that a Police Liaison Officer wished to address the general meeting regarding local issues. Kevin suggested that Steve contact Terry and arrange for a brief address at 7pm at the next general meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting was announced for 4th December at 7pm, Kandanga Information Centre.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm.