

# Save the Mary River Co-ordinating Group

## Minutes – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007

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**Kandanga Information Centre**

### **Attendance**

Kevin Ingersole, Alan Sheridan, Lyndall Ensbey, Lars Hedberg, Tricia Roth, Keith Gall, Victor Hill, Helga Hill, Glenda Pickersgill, John Porter, Jan Porter, Ian Watt, Steve Dennis, David Sims, Kaili Parker-Price

### **Apologies**

Amanda Warren, Tamielle Andreassen, Alan Sheridan

### **Opening of Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 7.00pm.

### **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Steve Dennis pointed out that he was not present at the meeting. Members present at the meeting confirmed that a motion recorded as seconded by Steve Dennis was in fact seconded by Steve Burgess. It was resolved to amend the recorded minutes accordingly.

Moved: Tricia Roth

Seconded: Victor Hill

That the amended minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Carried

### **Business arising from Minutes**

This was covered in Standing Committee Reports and General Business

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **Fundraising**

Lars reported that with the Xmas break there was no particular fundraising event. He suggested that another auction should be held soon preferably before Easter

and that Tom Grady would be happy to officiate. In trying to establish a date, problems arose from events already scheduled (Art auction—March 31, Gympie Show – May 17, and others). A time was tentatively settled for near the end of April with Lars to report further after consulting with Tom Grady.

Tricia reported on the upcoming art auction scheduled for March 31. She reported that quality art works, including three aboriginal art paintings would be offered and that she expected a lot of interest. The theme of the auction however would not be just for elite art works and that craft of local artists would be available, including prints now being organised at the Cooroy Butter Factory, work from potters, fabric artists and so on. In addition the photo contest would be judged and prizes presented – a likely prize being a camera from one of the manufacturers.

## **Technical**

Kevin reported that the Mary River Council of Mayors Technical Study was now basically complete and that the final draft has been prepared for release within the next two or three weeks. He expected that the quality of the report and its findings would put a great deal of pressure on Government bodies.

Kevin was anxious to ensure that the release of the report be a major media event with the strong suggestion that media be invited to be present at a quality Brisbane Hotel.

Kevin further reported that there would soon be a get together at the Noosa Council Chambers to conduct a brainstorming session on the Terms of Reference TOR for the Environmental Impact Study being prepared by QWIPL and that approaches would be formulated to present back to the Group for consideration. In particular he was anxious to ensure that before QWIPL publish the TOR the Group should see a final draft so that it could assess whether QWIPL had addressed our concerns as the primary interested party or not.

Kevin pointed out that an item of particular concern, and one that we should all be at pains to present to the public was that environmental requirements on the State Government that were listed as conditions of the Commonwealth EPBC approval of the Paradise Dam, have not in fact been done by the State Government - and that unlike the environmental approval requirements on industry and private citizens, there is no body whose job it is to see that State Governments do what they agreed to do in the approval.

It was suggested that we should try to ensure that the TOR for any Senate enquiry include the State Government's record on Paradise Dam.

Kaili agreed to get further detail on the State Govt's failure at Paradise Dam from Steve Burgess.

It was also pointed out that presently the lungfish were dying in the mud at Boondoomba Dam because of the drought and that starving the Mary River of its flow would result in the same downstream of the Govt proposed dam wall.

## **Media**

Media releases etc were put on hold while the public was in frantic Xmas mode.

## **Membership**

Membership report as attached.

### **Business arising from the report**

John is to organise an appropriate membership recruitment display for the Centre and a request was made to see if any locals (Kandanga and Imbil) would be prepared to man the membership table when the Rattler hits town. Tricia volunteered to look into a TV display that would run in the Centre showing recent simple clips made by Steve Burgess and other ways of making the Centre a more vibrant place for the Rattler travellers to visit.

Discussion took place on whether the Centre can be manned full time as advertised or whether the hours should be reduced to a level that we know we can manage. It was resolved that the Kandanga Info Centre needed support if it is to be manned full time and that a Centre Manager should be appointed. Tricia and Lyndall agreed to speak with Sue Smith in this regard and to seek her point of view on how we can attract other persons to assist in manning the Centre. Tricia also pointed out that tasks needed to be allotted to the centre to make the time spent by persons at the Centre firstly a more useful session but also a more satisfying one. John suggested that the postage etc and many Membership Committee tasks could be processed at the Centre. Tricia made the point that if Broadband could be installed the Centre staff would be of even greater use and she agreed to research this.

Lyndall and Tricia reported on our online credit card facilities and it was resolved by the meeting to proceed with PayPal as the means by which we can accept donations, memberships etc online .... Tricia to organise.

## **Signage**

Keith reported that the new batch of signs seemed to be outlasting the vandals and that 8 large signs and 20 small signs (these for the Mary Valley road) were ready to go. A working bee was arranged to do this.

## **Merchandise**

Keith reported that merchandising was proceeding well but that work needed to be done on replenishing stock at various outlets. It was suggested that the Merchandising and Membership subcommittees should be able to work together

to make a more efficient way of distributing both membership forms and merchandise – membership committee to review this further.

## **Treasurers Report**

(Attached)

Moved: Lars Hedberg

Seconded: Tricia Roth

That the Treasurers Report be accepted and accounts presented passed for payment.

Carried

Lyndall pointed out that a procedure is already in place to reimburse fuel expenses incurred by members in the pursuit of Group business.

## **General Business**

### **Proposed public meeting**

David Sims suggested that the time is right for the Group to hold a large meeting at the Gympie Show Pavilion and that the smaller meetings proposed on the calendar be subsumed into it. The suggestion was roundly approved.

The theme of the meeting would be “What we as a Group are doing” and that we would thus showcase our activities to the public and invite questions and comment from them. Kevin suggested Stuart White as the technical speaker and it was suggested that some group members should be given the opportunity to speak about their particular role in the group.

David suggested lots of desks manned by members of the Group around the sides of the auditorium. Lars pointed out that we should be careful not to be giving

advice to members of the public on QWIPL purchases etc and this was agreed to strongly by the meeting.

Key ideas were suggested as the Mayors study, the EIS and its TOR. It was suggested that David Gibson be one of the speakers, and that Beryl Spence also explain her role.

David Sims volunteered to make preliminary enquiries re the Pavilion etc and to organise a group to present recommendations to the next meeting. David pointed out that there must be comprehensive publicity to ensure that the meeting was supported by the public.

## Items placed on the agenda by Glenda Pickersgill

Proposed Tourist map

The meeting resolved by a show of hands (two dissenters) that the tourist map should not show the dam outline because this was doing the Govt work for them.

Photographic Competition

Work proceeding well

World Wetlands Day 11 – 1 on Feb 3 at Tin Can Bay.

The meeting agreed that we should be represented and several volunteered to man a stall there and to provide some musical entertainment.

QWIPL Info Day – Maryborough ... 11.00 – 3.00pm at Brolga Theatre

Several members volunteered to attend to present the Groups activities.

Woodford Folk Festival

Glenda reported that the Group was well received and had made contact with Bob Brown who commended the activities of the Group. Glenda suggested that we had an excellent opportunity to expand our activities in the next festival

Input into Community Futures Task Force meetings

Kevin volunteered to speak to Mick Venardos re what is on their agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm with the next meeting scheduled for Mon Jan 29 as per the meeting calendar.

<b>Action required</b>	<b>Member responsible</b>
Lars	Consult with Tom Grady re date for next auction
Kevin	Release date of Tech Study  Discussion of TOR for EIS from Noosa meeting
Kaili	Report from Steve Burgess re State Govt failings on environmental aspects at Paradise
Tricia	Progress on TV display for the Info Centre
Tricia/Lyndall	Discussion with Sue Smith et al re manning the centre and appointment of manager
Tricia	Research Broadband for the Centre
David	Report on progress of the Feb Show Pavilion meet