



The Dambusters

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Fundraising for the crucial Paradise Dam Court Case is at \$80,000. We need your help...have you made your tax deductible donation yet?

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RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP YET?

If not, you can download the form at www.savethemaryriver.com or visit the Save the Mary Info Centre in Kandanga.

Full, Associate and Junior memberships are available.

From the President

Driving to the "Our Dugong Yuwang'kan*" candle event at Hervey Bay to celebrate Reconciliation Week and World Environment Day 2009 with the Greater Mary Association, I noticed heaps of Save the Mary signs all along the highway which are great to see. At the event, what a beautiful sight with over 4000 candles lighting up the Dugong mother and her calf - the aerial photos and video of the event will be a great spectacle to show to the world the special creatures that we have in the newly announced Great Sandy Biosphere. Big thank you to Jorge, Erica and the GMA team for such a special event.

So let's take a quick look at what is being stated in the supplementary EIS about downstream impacts and why it is flawed. In a number of chapters it tries to justify changes in environmental flows downstream of the dam are minimal with

"...combined with flows released from the dam, inflows from the remaining 78.5% of the catchment located downstream of the dam wall would continue to contribute flow such that water levels will become comparable to existing levels within a relatively short distance."

However, the proponent often refers to mean annual flow which is the environmental flow indicator least affected by the proposal. The modelling presented in the EIS clearly demonstrates that the greatest impact will be of reducing both mean and median dry-season flows, increasing the total duration of low flows events and most importantly, greatly increasing the length of continuous spells of low flows. These are the

critical 'threshold' events during which the most extreme ecological damage occurs to populations and aquatic ecosystems throughout the river. This is also clearly *even further* outside the environmental flow objectives specified in schedule 6 of the Mary Basin Water Resource. The IQQM modelling conducted for the EIS shows these impacts persisting all the way to the end of Mary River system.

Even more interesting is based on historically measured flow data (not IQQM simulation), during low-flow (such as 2002), the catchment downstream of Gympie removes more water from the river than what it contributes.

During these periods of ecological stress due to low flows, the area of catchment downstream of the dam simply cannot ameliorate the adverse flow impacts of the dam proposal. For more details here are 2 good references:

Burgess S. (2008) Hydrological Analysis of the Flow and Storage Data Presented in the Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Traveston Crossing Dam. Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee. www.mrccc.org.au/downloads/traveston%20dam/MRCCC_TCD_Hydrol_Analysis_EIS%20Jan%2007.pdf

Burgess S. (2008) Why the Mary is at risk of low flows. Presented at "The River, the Bay, the Strait"- Scientific forum on the downstream impacts of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam - Hervey Bay, October 2008.

www.mrccc.org.au/downloads/LowFlows.pdf

The topic of this month has to be financial. How can this govern-

ment announce a fire sale to sell off public assets but continue to spend money on buying land for the flawed Traveston Crossing dam. Over \$500M spent on a project without state or federal approval and over 14,000 ha of land bought up and now they are planning to sell up our public assets to pay for it? Premier Bligh in a ministerial statement 31st Oct 2006 stated that "Geotechnical investigation has allowed the realignment of the dam wall and more accurate flood modelling has reduced the overall land needed from 13,700 hectares to 9800 hectares." So why is all this extra land being grabbed up by the Government?

Let's just take a closer look at some of the financial figures. The budget in the EIS for buying land in stage 1 was \$241M. Last September, QWI had already spent over \$477M of which \$105M was for stage 2, so \$372M was spent on presumably stage 1. This appears to make it about \$100M over budget.

In the meantime, why is the Government delaying sending this proposal through to Minister Garrett for a decision. We call on the Premier to scrap the dam idea instead of going into more debt on a unreliable water supply that requires more public assets to be sold off. In fact sell back the \$477M worth of land in the Mary Valley.

A big thankyou to all who came to the latest joint planning meeting. Once again we have combined our skills and ideas to be prepared for the next few months.

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To do this month:...donate to the Paradise Court Case...review your EIS submission...volunteer at the Info Centre...remind someone that the Traveston Crossing Dam has no state or federal approval...buy a Save the Mary raffle ticket...renew your membership...read *Cry Me A River*...share Dambusters with a friend...or better still buy them a Save the Mary River membership...

Great Sandy Biosphere Announced

On May 26 the Great Sandy region was declared as a Biosphere reserve by UNESCO's International Co-ordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere program at its meeting in Korea.

The decision means that residents of Gympie, Maryborough, Hervey Bay, and nearby areas including Fraser Island now live in the "Great Sandy Biosphere" reserve.

The 370 page nomination was submitted to UNESCO in September last year by the Burnett Mary Regional Group after approval from all levels of government.

Chairman of the Group, Russell Stewart, said he was delighted with the success of the nomination.

"It's a real coup for our region and for Australia," he said.

"It gives worldwide recognition of the outstanding natural beauty and high levels of biodiversity that we sometimes take for granted."

The International Co-ordinating Council considered 35 nominations from throughout the world, but the Great Sandy Biosphere was the only one from Australia in this

round.

Mr Stewart said that although the nomination process was a big job, the real challenge will be to implement the program.

"We now have to keep our promises and make sure the Great Sandy Biosphere becomes a model for sustainability."

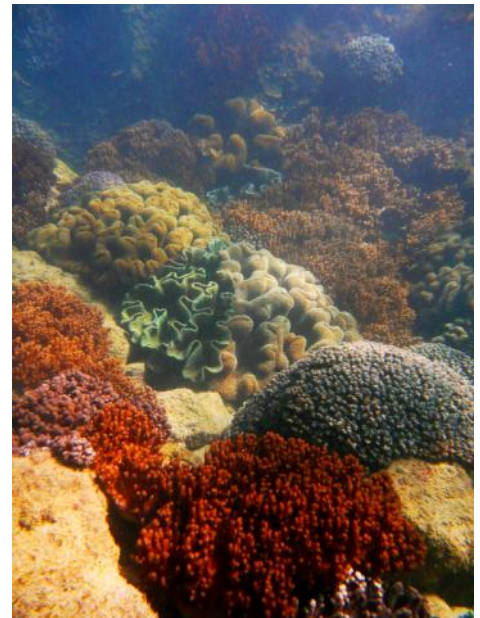
Mr Stewart said in the long term, the Man and the Biosphere program could expand in Australia.

"Our Group has a vision of a "green belt" of Biospheres across Eastern Queensland and Northern New South Wales, each with its own unique character, but working together towards sustainability," he said.

Mr Stewart said the Group would move quickly to commence the implementation of the Biosphere program.

"To make it work, we will need to build on the trust and support already given to the nomination, especially from industry groups, tourism bodies, councils and community members."

The decision has been welcomed by international conservation organisation Fauna and



Flora International.

Mark Rose, CEO of Fauna & Flora International said "This award puts the Great Sandy firmly on the global conservation map."

"From Humpback whales to Cooloola monsters, the new Biosphere is a jewel in the crown of Australia's natural wonders and Fauna & Flora International congratulates the team behind the bid."

- Burnett Mary Regional Group

Target 5000 signatures for the Garrett Petition

Recently the Greater Mary Association received a letter from the Environment Ministers department which offers the best indication yet that they are looking seriously at the impact the dam will have on the estuary and Great Sandy Strait. This is great news! However, we still want an independent assessment of the impacts and have not received confirmation that this is occurring. Therefore, the petition to the Minister continues!

We've set a target of 5000 signatures and we are almost half way there.. so let's ramp up the signatures, and keep those petitions rolling in. If you have some completed petitions and don't know where to take them, please drop them into the info centre or post them there. If you need an electronic or paper copy of the petition, contact Tanzi on run.mary.run@gmail.com.

Taking it to the Fishermen: residents spread the message on Fraser Island

Members of the Save the Mary group and the Greater Mary Association spread the "no flow, no fish" message amongst fishermen returning from the Fraser Island Fishing Competition.

Heather and Les Hall from Kybong with Gail and Ross Smith from Tiaro travelled across to Inskip Point, the southern tip of Fraser Island, on the vehicle barge carrying Save the Mary promotional material and signs.

Hundreds of vehicles returning from the fishing competition had to wait in line for a barge crossing even though there were four barges operating. While the vehicles waited, the team handed out No Dam information,

specific to fishing, and spoke to as many people as possible. Hundreds of fishermen willingly signed the petition asking Peter Garrett to do an independent study on downstream impacts of the proposed dam.

The signs had been up and the group had been in action for only a couple of hours when they were told to "take down the signs and get off the island" by a Ranger from the National Parks and Wildlife service who said he was under instructions from his superior. It was surmised that one of the non-supporters in the passers-by had "reported" the activities.

The signs were laid down but the Mary River

team continued talking to the waiting throng, all of whom were appalled that they had been pressured by State Government employees.

The depth of support received from the fishermen delighted all the protesters. While there were a few who did not support the cause, the vast majority were at least interested and most were very supportive.

The fact that a Government employee under instruction from a superior pressured the team is an indication of a successful day out for the campaign to Save the Mary and the Great Sandy Strait.

- Ross and Gal Smith, Greater Mary Association

Environmental Research Event Talks about the Mary

The Save the Mary message reached a dynamic group of higher degree by research students from Australian and New Zealand universities in May.

Glenda Pickersgill, Steve Burgess, Tanzi Smith, Ian Mackay and Tilly Hinton met with a dynamic group of students, and leading environmental academic Professor Tor Hundloe at Noosa North Shore Resort on the opening night of the Environmental Research Event 2009 to talk about the Save the Mary River campaign.

It was a tremendous opportunity for networking, discussion and raising awareness about key aspects of the campaign.

Thanks to Sally and Jenny at the centre for providing letters and merchandise, and to conference organizers, especially Peter Edwards, who initiated our involvement.

The organising committee of the conference have generously shown their thanks with a donation to the Save the Mary River Coordinating Group

- Tilly Hinton

The Longer It Goes, the Stronger We Grow!

Another successful joint meeting of the Save the Mary campaign groups was held on 9 May in Kandanga. We managed to squeeze in the discussion of some brilliant ideas and planning for the next few months around a delicious lunch including fresh prawns, home baked cakes, scones, sandwiches and quiches.

This the "serious" part of the meeting revolved around our three main strategies:

1. Preparing for when the Coordinator General sends his report to Peter Garrett
2. Fundraising and awareness raising for the Paradise Court Case
3. Continuing to undermine the Queensland Government's case for the proposed dam

As a group we brainstormed actions that we should be undertaking in order fulfill these strategies and then determined who would be responsible for each of the actions.

In what proved to be a very useful exercise, we projected ourselves into the future to the day when the Coordinator General makes his decision. Of course if Mr Jensen knocks back the proposal, then we'll all be celebrat-

ing, but if he approves the project and sends his report to Peter Garrett we need to be ready. In this exercise we outlined all the things we would like to have done, or have ready by that day. The process highlighted the importance of all of us thinking **now** about all the people we know who we could ask to put in a submission Peter Garrett.

We'll also be creating online submissions to Mr Garrett which we intend to send irrespective of whether an official public comment period is offered.

We also developed a calendar of events between now and the end of the year to improve our forward planning. If you would like a copy of the calendar, or what like to suggest any events please email Tanzi at run.mary.run@gmail.com. Please also contact Tanzi if you'd like to have a look at the plan we put together.

We also made a tentative plan to have another joint meeting in about two months, depending on campaign developments in that time.

- Tanzi Smith

HOW CAN WE SAVE OUR RIVERS?

**A special presentation by Steve Posselt
Our leading adventurer and rivers activist**

7.30pm Tuesday 30 June

Ahimsa House 26 Horan Street West End

Hear Steve review the critical state of our nation's rivers, explain why the neglect of our river systems affects everyone, and show we must act to save our regional systems right here in Brisbane before it's too late.

**Is Traveston Crossing Dam a necessity or a shackle for Brisbane residents?
Come with Steve on this adventure and decide for yourself!**

Proudly introduced by Professor David Hood, Chairman College of Environmental Engineers, Chairman Australian Green Infrastructure Council and Al Gore presenter

Event sponsored by Save the Mary River Brisbane Group

Contact David on 0403 871 082 or savethemaryriverbrisbane@yahoo.com.au

Taxpayers Money Wasted: An Open Letter to Queenslanders

Dear Queensland Taxpayer,

We note that the State Government is seriously considering a report that may result in Public Sector employees not receiving promised wage adjustments in the near future and even suffering the loss of annual leave loadings and reduced superannuation contributions. This has been attributed to the current financial crisis and the stringent restrictions on government spending to be imposed by the Treasurer in the upcoming budget. The latest comments by both the Treasurer and the Premier state that the government will consider abolishing the unique Queensland fuel rebate and will also consider selling government owned Assets in an attempt to shore up the State's finances and to pay the costs imposed by the recent wild weather in SEQ.

We wonder if taxpayers are aware that the **Qld Government has already spent some \$570,000,000 of taxpayers' money on the proposal to build the Traveston Crossing Dam on the Mary River when the project has not even been signed off by the Co-ordinator General** yet. In other words, the project has not even been approved by the Qld Government. If, or when that eventually occurs, the whole proposal has then to be submitted to the Federal Minister for the Environment (Peter Garrett) for assessment under the commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act. There is considerable doubt that commonwealth approval will be granted under the EPBC Act because of the probable severe negative effect that the dam would have on a significant number of protected, threatened and endangered species, including the iconic Qld lungfish, the Mary River Cod (endemic to the Mary River) and the Mary River turtle (found nowhere else in the world), all found in the freshwater reaches of the Mary, and, further downstream, the effects on the internationally-protected RAMSAR wetlands of Hervey Bay and the Great Sandy Strait with their migratory shorebird inhabitants, and the World Heritage Area of Fraser Island. In all, there are some 18 protected, threatened or endangered species that stand to be further threatened if this dam is built. Federal Minister Garrett has already released some scientific reports concluding that the risks to the endangered species in the dam footprint area may be too great and would threaten survival in the wild should the dam be built.

In an attempt to mitigate these risks, Premier Bligh has already announced further spending of \$100 – 150 million on environmental mitigation works in the dam footprint area before the dam construction could even commence which may, as a result, then be in 2 to 4 or even 5 years time. (It is unclear why this money should be spent “in the dam footprint” – the Premier's own words – as the mitigation works would then be inundated if the dam is built) All this for a dam, costing an estimated further \$2.5 billion and

rising, that was originally announced to be in operation by 2011 to alleviate the effects of the drought on the SEQ water supply. And surely, by definition, if the region is in the grip of a severe drought, then a rainfall dependent dam will not fill.

In addition to the environmental consequences, it has been estimated that the economic downturn downstream of the dam would be in excess of \$500 million annually including loss of agricultural production, probable collapse of both the commercial and recreational fishing industries in Hervey Bay and the Great Sandy Strait and consequent downturn in tourism . These consequences obviously mean massive job losses and social upheaval. The complete inundation of thousands of hectares of prime food production farming land by the dam is another issue with huge economic and social ramifications. Stage 1 of the dam is scheduled to take 70,000 ML of water to SEQ. The calculated evaporation figures for this large shallow (average depth at full supply level = 5 metres) dam are about 30,000 to 40,000 ML per year while the seepage rate from the dam built on an alluvial flood plain is estimated to be in excess of 12000 ML per year. Therefore, the water losses to the Mary River downstream of the dam would be in excess of 120,000 ML per year. That much water cannot be removed from a vital coastal river system every year whether in drought or not, without making a huge difference to downstream sustainability.

The extreme concern of many thousands of Queenslanders is evidenced by the fact that around 16,500 people felt sufficiently outraged by the proposal to put their signatures to submissions against the EIS during the brief public submission period.

Recent rain into the SEQ dams has lifted the combined storage to more than 75% of capacity and around 9 years supply equivalent without another drop of rain falling in the present dam catchments, and significant runoff is still occurring.

The Qld Government's own figures state that, even if their projected population increases actually occur (any projections of population movements 20 – 50 years ahead cannot be scientific, but more likely simple extrapolation of current trends and wishful thinking), SEQ does not need any extra water supply until at least 2028, so why the extreme haste to build this dam and spend billions of dollars which could be used to provide permanent jobs and services for Queenslanders, especially in what will be a prolonged period of financial crisis ?

Traveston Crossing Dam will be a large, shallow, unreliable, rainfall dependent and hugely expensive dam that cannot droughtproof SEQ and is not necessary to be built. And it begs the question: Why are we considering using 15th century technology to

unreliably store water and then pump it out of the catchment to supply water to coastal urban communities in this, the 21st century ? It is a dinosaur solution to a modern problem.

A major independent report prepared by Prof. Stuart White of the Institute for Sustainable Futures, and Cardno Engineers Brisbane, states that, with proper demand management, more provision for domestic rainwater storages, recycling and other viable, less expensive alternatives, even the population increases postulated by the government will be adequately supplied with water into the future without building Traveston Crossing Dam and so damning the entire Mary River catchment and beyond. The Traveston Crossing Dam option is also by far the most expensive option to provide water, and Prof. White has calculated that methane and carbon dioxide emissions from the dam surface would increase Greenhouse Gas emissions by up to 270,000 Tonnes per year, while the total GHG emissions including those created by pumping 70 million tonnes of water a year to Brisbane would be of the order of 400,000 Tonnes, by far the greatest emissions of any of the alternatives. That quantity of additional GHG's would obviously generate serious concerns given Australia's commitments under the Kyoto agreement. While it is recognised that provision of any government sponsored water infrastructure will always have a negative impact on GHG emissions, the future water requirements of SEQ can be easily met by other far more sustainable alternatives which are far less expensive, far less invasive, and far less damaging to our environment.

In summary, the Queensland Government has already spent more than half a billion dollars with a further minimum of \$2.5 billion to be spent if it goes ahead with Traveston Crossing Dam – a dam that is totally dependent on rainfall and will be just as unreliable as the existing SEQ dams during drought periods and a dam that will not even be required for at least another 20 years. Much of the money already spent can be recouped by simply selling back the thousands of hectares of land already slyly purchased to private citizens who will reuse it to produce food and fibre to benefit all Queenslanders.

We urge you, as taxpayers, to consider the present ramifications of wasting this huge amount of money during what is being termed the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, while the government is seriously considering capping the wages and reducing the benefits of its own employees, scrapping the fuel rebate and selling off some of Queensland's State owned assets. In the short term future, would this money not be better utilised in maintaining and improving workers conditions and in employing more skilled workers in fields such as health (reducing elective surgery waiting lists and supplying extra

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Brownwater Classic Celebrates Its Twentieth

Since 1988 the Brownwater Classic at Moy Pocket has lured booth locals and those involved in the environment movement to a patch of riverine forest near Pickering Bridge on the Mary River.

It's been a celebration of the river, in particular the blackbean tree, for it is the seedpods of this tree that provide the raw material for the tiny craft that enter the prestigious race. The Trophy, the Numabulla Cup (gold on plywood) is highly coveted. In addition to the main race, there is a candle-lit evening event as well as a hotly contested rock-skipping contest.

This being the twentieth such event, the Commodore of the Moy Pocket Yacht Club is keen to invite past participants (as well as any who have consistently missed it) to this year's memorable event on

Saturday July 11 from 1pm.

Boats must be biodegradable and can be constructed on-site before the race which is scheduled for 3pm. All boatbuilding material is provided. Barbecues and fires are also on hand but all food and drink requirements need to be brought along by participants, as well as chairs and warm clothing.

More enquiries contact the Commodore, Ian Mackay 5446 0124 evenings.

Pickering Bridge is 3 km along Moy Pocket Road after it leaves the Kenilworth –Eumundi Road at Gheerulla Hall. Gheerulla Hall is about 24 km from Eumundi, or 8 km from Kenilworth.

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There is a chance of a public submission period of 10 days if Minister Garrett grants the opportunity. Have you summarised your issues that the supplementary EIS has not addressed? Get a copy of the supplementary EIS from: www.qldwi.com.au/TravestonCrossingDam/ApprovalProcess/EnvironmentalImpactStatement/TravestonCrossingDamEISSupplementaryReport.aspx

Government predictions were that the Coordinator General's report will be out in May/June with a decision from Peter Garrett by September. But now with the The Paradise Dam federal court case (Wide Bay Burnett Conservation Council vs Sunwater) into the failure of the much-touted fishway at Paradise Dam on the Burnett River near Biggenden being extended from 1 week to 4 weeks start-

ing on 7th September, Peter Garrett's decision may take longer. This will be a test case for the EPBC Act and very important to our battle for the Mary River.

Follow the progress of the court action at www.envlaw.com.au/paradise.html. Further details and comment can be found at savethe-maryriver.com/forum/. If you'd like to donate tax deductible funds to help Wide Bay Burnett Conservation Council with this case, contact Emma-Kate Currie at wbbconservation@bigpond.com, call (07) 4123 3361 or go to wbbcc.wordpress.com/donate/.

An interesting read is a book titled "On our Watch - The Race to Save Australia's Environment" by Nicola Markus. What has it in common with the proposed Traveston crossing dam? In the introduction, it starts off in 2006, and winds an interesting story around the

EPBC Act, politics and facts around our vanishing animals and plants. Some great background to better understand why this is our *Watch* and why we need to stay firm on this issue to overturn the decision by this government to dam the Mary River at Traveston Crossing.

Keep up the great work and thank you to all our volunteers and supporters. Let the committee know if you have an idea or can help at any time. For those not sure how to become involved in the Save the Mary campaign, we encourage membership either full or associate to be more informed. Committee meetings are held fortnightly every second and last Thursday of the month and members are welcome.

Glenda Pickersgill

* Yuwan'kan pronounced u-wonk-gaan is Butchulla (local Aboriginal language) name for Dugong

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hospital beds), paramedics, police, teachers (we are already at the bottom of the nation's learning tree), road maintenance and improvements (road deaths this year have reached alarming levels), driver training, provision of flashing lights at all major rail level crossings – the list is endless. Initiatives such as these would benefit all Queenslanders now, create many jobs and allow further consideration of new technology strategies to provide extra water supply to SEQ in the future if, and when, needed.

Scrapping the \$3 billion Traveston Crossing Dam would also provide the funds to continue the Queensland fuel rebate for at least another 5 years, or provide working funds to save the "fire sale" disposal of essential State assets such as the Ports Authority, Q Rail, Water Infrastructure, etc, to private industry with their understandable profit motive, which would take the control of such assets from the people with the inevitable result of cost increases to be borne by all Queenslanders.

Surely ex Premier Beattie's infamous statement, proudly still supported by his then Deputy, that "We will build Traveston crossing Dam whether it is feasible or not" has now come home to roost.

Queensland simply cannot afford this profligate waste.

Should you wish to further discuss the issue or receive more factual information about the seriously flawed, totally unsustainable, unnecessary and wasteful proposal that is Traveston Crossing Dam, please contact us.

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Greater Mary Association.
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Upcoming Events

Saturday 20 June

Greater Mary Association Stand at the Teebar Campdraft and Rodeo. Anyone interested in helping out with the stall. Please contact Beryl on 41297794 or email kbheid@aussiebroadband.com.au. Donations of raffle items also greatly appreciated.

Sunday 21 June

Save the Mary Stand at the World Environment Day Festival, University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs. Volunteers needed.

Tuesday 30 June

Steve Posselt Talk at Ahimsa House, West End (see page 3).

Saturday 11 July

Brownwater Classic Boat Race at Pickering Bridge (see page 5)

Saturday 25 July

Greater Mary Association Social Event by the river in Maryborough is proposed for 12 noon Saturday, 25 July, Queens Park Maryborough.. Details forthcoming.

Saturday 22 August

Save the Mary Stand at Imbil Show.. Volunteers needed.

Friday 11 - Saturday 12 September

Save the Mary Stand at Noosa Show, Pomona. Volunteers needed.

Adrienne Mcverry is now Special Events Co-ordinator for Save The Mary. To volunteer helping hand, please contact Adrienne on 5485 5046, 0407 591 475 or lea-my44@hotmail.com.



This beautiful watercolour painting by Sharon Ingersole has been generously donated for a Save the Mary fundraising raffle, as well as a Mary River quilt by Sian Beattie. To purchase your tickets, please contact the Save the Mary Information Centre (details below).

Snippets

Flying Fox Count Volunteers Needed

Grey headed flying foxes are one of the EPBC listed species that Minister Garrett must consider. Looking for anyone interested in being involved with counting during dusk flyouts to help get more data on their seasonal use of the camps in the Kandanga area. Time required one night/ month.

Please contact Glenda 54843150 or Mary Mb 0427 025 973

Steve Posselt's Book 'Cry Me A River' available online

To purchase this acclaimed book go to www.kayak4earth.com/cryme.htm. It is \$29.95 + postage, and a donation will flow to the Save the Mary River Coordinating Group if you let Steve know by email that you've made a purchase.

Festival sculptures available to purchase

The Gympie Regional Gallery is auctioneering some of the 'seedpod' sculptures that were at the Mary River Festival on Sunday June 28th at 1.30pm - 2.00pm. 39 Nash Street, Gympie. Proceeds go towards next year's festival.

Downstream impacts forum now online

Highlights from the Hervey Bay Downstream Impacts Forum have been put together in an 8 minute summary video which is now available on youtube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-iTDSQ_U3s. The summary video is also available for viewing at the Kandanga No Dam info centre. Copies of this video have been given to numerous politicians and conservation groups. *More on this next Dambusters.*

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Save the Mary Info Centre - Open 7 days

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