



**Lake
Baroon
Catchment
Care
Group**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group**

Held at 455 North Maleny Road, Maleny on

Thursday 10th October 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Peter Stevens	President
Steve Skull	Vice President
Darryl Ebenezer	Treasurer
Gillian Pechey	Secretary
Mark Amos	Catchment Coordinator
Steve Lang	Committee member
Paul Gilmour-Walsh	Member
Paul Veit	Member

The meeting commenced at 6.15 pm

- 1. Welcome to AGM (current President Peter Stevens)**
- 2. Apologies:** Tim Odgers, Mark Dwyer, Murray Dunstan
- 3. Confirmation of minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting.**
Moved Peter, seconded Darryl *that the minutes of the LBCCG AGM of 13th November 2008 be accepted, as presented, as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*
CARRIED.
- 4. Treasurer's report/Auditor's report & adoption of accounts (financial report)** Tabled. Thanks to David Binstead and Mark Amos for diligence. The financial position, past and present, is healthy.

Moved Darryl, seconded Steven *that the independent financial audit report be accepted as presented.*
CARRIED
- 5. Election of auditor**
Moved Darryl, seconded Steven Lang *that Michael Harper be accepted as external auditor for 2009-10 financial year.*
CARRIED
- 6. President's report** Tabled.

Moved Peter, seconded Steven *that the President's report be accepted as presented.*

CARRIED

7. **Catchment Coordinator's report** Tabled.

Moved Mark seconded Peter *that the Project Officer's annual report be accepted.*

CARRIED

8. **Election of management committee**

Peter stood down and handed the chair to Mark Amos who declared all positions vacant. There being no dissent, the following were moved and carried in block.

President

Nominated by Steven Lang, seconded by Steve Skull.

MOTION: *That Peter Stevens be accepted as President of LBCCG.*

Vice-President

Nominated by Paul Veit, seconded by Paul Gilmour-Walsh.

MOTION: *That Steve Skull be accepted as Vice-President of LBCCG*

Treasurer

Nominated by Paul Veit, seconded by Peter Stevens

MOTION: *That Darryl Ebenezer be accepted as Treasurer of LBCCG*

Secretary

Nominated by Peter Stevens, seconded by Steve Lang

MOTION: *That Gillian Pechey be accepted as Secretary of LBCCG*

Committee members

Nominated by Paul Gilmour-Walsh, seconded by Steve Skull

MOTION: *That Steven Lang be accepted as a Committee member for the next year.*

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 20

Signature of President

LBCCG Presidents Report 2008-2009

Another busy year and one which has seen significant changes to the staffing structure within and affecting LBCCG. Murray Dunstan moved to a new position within SEQW and we were sorry to see him go but wish him well and hope that he will take the occasional interest in what the group is up to. Much of the strategic success over the last few years for LBCCG was driven by Murray and his contribution to the group cannot be underestimated. Jane Mac Gibbon departed the group as Project Officer this year and left behind a much more ordered and administratively elevated office than when she arrived. Jane's work has laid the foundations of the more professional and accountable group that we now are, which enabled a smooth staff transition.

Mark Amos was appointed Catchment Co-ordinator in April 2009 replacing Jane MacGibbon. The new job title is a better description of Mark's work and role within LBCCG. Mark has hit the ground running and has shown that he has the personality to communicate and interact with our local landholders. Mark has had to pick up some fairly large project commitments and integrate himself into LBCCG's philosophy while having little real support at the office. This shows a strong self determination and independence which will be of immense value to LBCCG in the future.

Tim Odgers has recently been appointed by SEQW as Northern Catchment Co-ordinator and as such is responsible for catchment groups. This is a new position for SEQW and effectively it replaces Murray's role to our group. LBCCG looks forward to working with Tim in the coming years and hopes that it can pass on some of its philosophy as well as benefitting from Tim's wide experience in natural resource management. Tim will be based at LBCCG offices, which is a plus for LBCCG, but it is expected that Tim will spend significant time out of the office.

When I first realised that both Murray and Jane would be moving on within a fairly short time frame, I was to say the least, concerned at the impact it might have on LBCCG. In hindsight, such a smooth transition as did occur is a credit not only to Jane and Murray for their past work but also to Mark Amos who has picked it up and just kept on running. So I would like to pass my thanks for staff past and present who made 2009 another great year for our group.

2009 saw the Walkers Creek Project at Hoppers Farm up and running, LBCCG's largest project to date within a high profile catchment and with a local dairy farmer. This project has been one of the most satisfying to see implemented as it represents about five years or more of active management by the committee to make it possible. That is not to say it took this long to negotiate but to put in place the required elements of staff, funding, policy and desire to see this type of project get up. In essence, this project demonstrates the value of community catchment care groups because its facilitation may not have been possible without community representation provided by LBCCG.

Overall LBCCG has provided a range of good projects this year and returned a four fold increase on the project funds provided by SEQW, an excellent return on investment. In contrast, funding provided by traditional sources for landcare groups has all but disappeared. In many cases this has led to the closure or severe restriction of operations with little relief in sight. Local landcare groups are major employers and businesses within their area, a fact often overlooked. LBCCG is fortunate to have a close relationship with SEQW which has provided protection. However it is important in times such as these to develop links and provide support to other groups where possible. Hopefully the appointment of Tim Odgers can lead to a more regional approach of these problems.

Finally I would like to thank the committee for all their fine work, and for putting up with me all year. Notably, Gillian did get the creeks named, Steve did get a promotion, and Darryl is still talking to me. Let's hope its all going to be just as much fun this coming year.

LBCCG Coordinator's Annual Report

Introduction

I have now been employed by LBCCG for just on 6 months with that time passing very quickly. The greatest challenge has been keeping the ball rolling with Murray Dunstan moving on shortly after I started and Murray's replacement not commencing employment until August. Fortunately much of the work both Murray and Jane MacGibbon had completed has made the changeover relatively smooth.

What has the group achieved in 2008-09?

During the past year the group have undertaken 8 projects of varying objectives and roles. Highlights include:

- Walkers Creek Restoration represents the first major project by the group with a large landholder and has progressed and is continuing. The Field Day held on the property in late August was well attended and gave plenty of ideas for future events.
- The project with Rob Cork concreting a large dairy pad in a high priority area.
- The Green Corps crew engaged in the second half of 2008, despite some difficulties, provided an excellent labour force (8,000 hrs) that were involved in many local projects. Jane did an excellent job of overseeing this project.
- The Property Management Planning program run in 2008-09 has assisted in project development considerably. Although the majority are yet to be completed, we expect to develop 6 plans.
- Assistance was provided to Barung Landcare to establish a new nursery with LBCCG providing water infrastructure.
- Over \$15,000 was received in Envirofund funding to complete a small project in the Obi Obi Creek catchment.
- Willow Creek in urban Maleny was finally commenced with reasonable outcomes and represented excellent relationship with Council.

These projects have culminated in almost 3,500 plantings, over 1 ½ kilometres of laneway hardening, over 1000 square metres of dairy pad concreting, approximately 10,000 square metres of weed management, almost 3 km of riparian fencing, 3 waterway crossings and installation of 10 off stream watering troughs.

LBCCG provided \$110, 241 in funding, Federal Government \$15,145, SCRC directly contributed \$17,000 while landholders contributed \$78, 434 in cash and in-kind. Contributions from various other sources including Seqwater came to \$194,573.

This came to a total of \$415,393.

A further outcome has been the engagement of landholders in the catchment which will translate into valuable projects in the 2009-10 financial year. Murray and Jane should be commended for their efforts.

Lastly I would like to thank the outgoing committee who have been very supportive of me and my role, and particularly the welcome I received when I commenced employment.

The LBCCG is in an enviable position and must be vigilant at all times to ensure this continues.