



**LAKE  
BAROON  
CATCHMENT  
CARE  
GROUP**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting  
of Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group**

Held at 455 North Maleny Road, Maleny on  
Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> 2013

*'Working with our community, for our waterways'*

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The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm. Chaired by Peter Stevens

**0062.1            Welcome and Apologies**

**Attendance:**

Peter Stevens	President
Steve Skull	Vice-President
Gillian Pechey	Secretary
Keith Schelberg	Treasurer
Mark Amos	Project Manager (LBCCG)
Steven Lang	Committee Member
Paul Gilmour-Walsh	Member

**Apologies:**     A. Powell, T. Odgers, M. Malter

**0062.2            Minutes of previous Ordinary Meeting of Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group held on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Minutes tabled.

Moved Steven Lang, seconded Gillian Pechey that the Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**0062.2.1        Business arising**

**Referring to item    61.6.3.1 - Community Landcare Grants – unsuccessful.**

**61.6.3.3 - Coalition Green Army EOI - did not apply.**

**0062.3            Correspondence**

Correspondence tabled (*See Attachment 1: Correspondence*).

Moved Steven Lang seconded Peter Stevens that the Correspondence be received and endorsed.

**CARRIED**

**0062.4      Treasurer's Report**

Financials Tabled.

Moved Keith Schelberg seconded Steven Lang that the Treasurer's Report be received and accounts endorsed.

**CARRIED**

**Business arising**

Last year LBCCG showed a loss; covered by Retained Earnings. This year due to receiving the additional Administration Funding from Seqwater the Group is financially OK. Discussion revolved around the need for a fund to replace assets.

Several projects in the Financial Statements show a loss however the majority of these will balance when 2012-13 financial allocations are completed.

**PMP Workshops**

Moved Peter Stevens, seconded Steven Lang that PMP workshops Account of \$15,076.98 be transferred to the Reserve Fund as the project is completed. And that Treasurer and Project Manager investigate all current project liabilities and reconcile discrepancies.

**CARRIED**

**0062.5      Reports**

**0062.5.1      Hinterland Bush Links**

Tabled.                      *(See Attachment 2: HBL Report)*

**Hinterland Bush Links modification**

Moved Steven Lang seconded Peter Stevens that this committee has no objections to Susie's proposal for the 2013-14 financial year to increase her employment from 0.5FTE to 0.6FTE provided she meets all acquittal requirements. The project's administration costs have been significantly lower than anticipated.

**CARRIED**

**0062.5.2      LBCCG Project Manager Report**

Mark presented a Powerpoint presentation to the meeting

*(See Attachment 3: LBCCG Project Manager Report).*

**0062.6      General Business**

**0062.6.1    Workplace Health and Safety Report**

Work has continued on the WH&S Policy with Mark adding supporting documentation. Thanks to Mark and Keith for the on-going work.

The Draft document(s) were 'road-tested' on the MCP/Unitywater fencing project with encouraging results.

No injuries or incidents reported since the last meeting.

**0062.6.2    River School - request for revegetation advice and assistance**

The River School is currently investigating a project to clear lantana and revegetate the entrance to the property and have approached LBCCG for assistance. Mark has promised support providing the project meets LBCCG aims.

Mark to liaise.

**0062.6.3    Maleny Community Precinct/Unitywater lease fencing costs**

LBCCG completed the fencing on the Unitywater lease area at a total cost of \$5,939.50 including Project Manager costs. Mark sought clarification on Invoicing both Green Hills and Unitywater.

Moved Steve Skull, seconded Peter Stevens that Project Manager, Mark, prepare two invoices: one to Green Hills for \$3000 ex gst; and the second to Unitywater for the balance of the costs, \$2939.50.

**CARRIED**

**0062.6.4      Project Proposals**

**62.6.4.1      1213-005 Upper Obi Obi Restoration Year 2**

Second year of funding of project establishing buffer zones on Farmhouse Macadamias property. The funding will continue the maintenance of the revegetation and weed management.

Moved Steve Skull, seconded Steven Lang that this project be approved.

**CARRIED**

**0062.6.4.2    1213-002    Upper Lawley Creek    Year 2**

Second year of funding fencing and revegetating Upper Lawley Creek on the Lawley, Malter and Keton properties. Funding will continue the maintenance of the revegetation and weed management.

Moved Steve Skull, seconded Keith Schelberg that this project be approved.

**CARRIED**

**0062.6.5 Zip-line Proposal for Kondalilla National Park**

Peter reported on his tour to look at a Zip-line in Tasmania. His reservations are that this installation is likely to have negative impacts on the National Park; and is not compatible with nature-based experiences people expect of a Park. He believes the ocean side of the Blackall Range escarpment would be a better location for this proposal.

Discussion at conclusion of meeting covered:-

- Erowal riparian fencing and off-stream watering which needs to be signed off in this financial year – in less than twenty days.
- Paul’s suggestion that we include a page on the LBCCG web site which lists all scientific studies and research in the Catchment.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group will be held  
Thursday July 11th at 6.30 pm.

The Office is at 455 North Maleny Road. (5494 3775)

Confirmed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20

Signature of President \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment 1: Correspondence

Inwards Correspondence from 10th April 2013			
Date	Notes	Action	Person
15-Apr-13	Barung Landcare - revegetation materials 1213-012 (\$5,880.00)	Pay	DB
15-Apr-13	BMRG - Natural Matters Newsletter	Circulate	MA
17-Apr-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	MA
22-Apr-13	P. Armstrong (Sunshine Coast Council) - Healthy Waterways Awards	Circulate	MA
22-Apr-13	MRCCC - Notification of General Meeting (30/4/13)	Attend	MA
23-Apr-13	Griffith University - Crayfish Research Invoice 1213-010 (\$5,500.00)	Pay	DB
23-Apr-13	Susie Duncan - HBL Reimbursement claims (\$4,771.99)	Pay	DB
24-Apr-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	MA
26-Apr-13	SCEC - E-Bulletin	Circulate	MA
26-Apr-13	ATO - Failure to lodge Activity Statement on time warning	File	MA
26-Apr-13	Kate Peppin (Seqwater) - Additional Funding 2012-13 Agreement	Complete	PS
26-Apr-13	Landcare Australia - 2013 State & Territory Landcare Awards	Complete	MA
26-Apr-13	BMRG (Evelyn Meier) - Proposed changes to BMRG Board & resignation	Circulate	MA
26-Apr-13	AON - Insurance Renewal (\$853.36)	Pay ?	DB
26-Apr-13	Telstra - PM mobile account (\$30.00)	Pay	DB
29-Apr-13	Unitywater - MCP Creekside Planting	Attend	MA
30-Apr-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	MA
30-Apr-13	Unitywater - 2013 Glossies Awards	Circulate	MA
30-Apr-13	Healthy Waterways - Healthy Waterways News	Circulate	MA
30-Apr-13	Barung Landcare - HBL Connecting Our Bush Workshop	Circulate	MA
01-May-13	SCEC - World Environment Day USC	Circulate	MA
01-May-13	Seqwater - LBCCG Office maintenance update & Community Licence	Circulate	MA
01-May-13	MRCCC - Codline Newsletter	Circulate	MA
02-May-13	Chris Kay (Unitywater) - Field Safety Induction document	Agenda	MA
02-May-13	Sunshine Coast Council - Everyones Environment Grants open	Circulate	MA
02-May-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	MA
02-May-13	Barung Landcare - maintenance 1213-002 (\$400.00)	Pay	DB
02-May-13	Barung Landcare - maintenance 1213-003 (\$200.00)	Pay	DB
02-May-13	M. Amos - diesel reimbursement claim 026 RUQ (\$90.00)	Pay	DB
02-May-13	Telstra - March-April account (\$183.33)	Pay	DB
02-May-13	BMRG - notice of General Meeting (6/6/2013)	Attend	MA
02-May-13	ATO - Superannuation obligations changing	File	DB
03-May-13	QWALC - Quick News	Circulate	MA
03-May-13	Andrew Powell - E-Newsletter	Circulate	MA
08-May-13	MCU - Statement of Accounts (April)	Reconcile	DB
08-May-13	SCEC - Eco Magazine	File	MA
08-May-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	MA
08-May-13	Berwicks - printer hire (\$105.11)	Pay	DB
08-May-13	Andrew Mills (Unitywater) - MCP Unitywater lease survey plan	File	MA
10-May-13	Ben McMullen (SCC) - Environment Partnerships program 2013-14	File	MA
14-May-13	B. Heck (seqwater) - Purchase Order LBCCG additional funding)	Forward	MA
14-May-13	Unitywater - invitation to tree plant	Attend	MA
15-May-13	Healthy Waterways - May News	Circulate	MA
16-May-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	MA
19-May-13	A. Tinworth (River School) - project assistance request		MA
21-May-13	Seqwater - Remittance Advice (\$22,000)	Reconcile	DB
21-May-13	Totem Fauna & Flora - maintenance 1213-003 (\$660.00)	Pay	DB
21-May-13	Totem Fauna & Flora - maintenance 1213-002 (\$616.00)	Pay	DB
22-May-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	MA
24-May-13	Workcover - Premium Update	Review	MA/DB

24-May-13	S. Duncan (HBL) - changes to 2013-14 project		MA
25-May-13	Telstra - PM mobile account (\$106.20)	Pay	DB
27-May-13	Totem Fauna & Flora - maintenance 1213-002 (\$990.00)	Pay	DB
28-May-13	A. Powell - Environment Thinktank meeting	Apology	MA
29-May-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	MA
29-May-13	Berwicks - printer hire (\$0)		
30-May-13	QWALC - Quick News	Circulate	MA
03-Jun-13	Lance Stone (BMRG Member) - General Meeting resolutions	Circulate	MA
04-Jun-13	Landcare Qld - Bulletin	Circulate	MA
04-Jun-13	MRCCC - General Meeting June 13, 2013	Apology	MA
04-Jun-13	International River Symposium registration	Circulate	MA
04-Jun-13	Mal Collinge (BMRG Member) - General Meeting resolutions	Circulate	MA
04-Jun-13	Telstra - March-April account (\$132.90)	Pay	DB
04-Jun-13	ATO - Superannuation changes	File	DB
04-Jun-13	Topnotch - April account (\$120.00)	Pay	DB
05-Jun-13	BMRG - Bu	Circulate	MA
06-Jun-13	J. Bateman - fencing labour 1213-001B (\$822.50)	Pay	DB
07-Jun-13	Community Landcare Grants - unsuccessful application (R. Cork)	Circulate	MA
11-Jun-13	MCU - Statement of Accounts (May)	Reconcile	DB
11-Jun-13	Maleny Town & Country - May account 1213-001B (\$3,810.55) Maleny Town & Country - May account (1213-003 \$92.90) Maleny Town & Country - May account (safety equip \$115.00)	Pay	DB
11-Jun-13	SCEC - AGM	Circulate	MA

#### Outwards Correspondence from 10th April 2013

Date	Notes	Action	Person
09-Apr-13	Telstra - Feb-Mar account (\$203.80)	Paid	DB
15-Apr-13	M. Dunstan (seqwater) - LBCCG Office safety issues	Sent	PS
15-Apr-13	Barung Landcare - revegetation materials 1213-012 (\$5,880.00)	Paid	DB
01-May-13	K. Peppin (Seqwater) - Signed Additional Funding 2012-13 agreement	Sent	MA
01-May-13	T. Odgers - Project Plans for approval	Sent	MA
02-May-13	Griffith University - Crayfish Research Invoice 1213-010 (\$5,500.00)	Paid	DB
02-May-13	Susie Duncan - HBL Reimbursement claims (\$4,771.99)	Paid	DB
02-May-13	Telstra - PM mobile account (\$30.00)	Paid	DB
02-May-13	M. Amos - diesel reimbursement claim 026 RUQ (\$90.00)	Paid	DB
02-May-13	Telstra - March-April account (\$183.33)	Paid	DB
08-May-13	Field Walk groceries 1213-002 (\$241.54)	Paid	DB
09-May-13	Barung Landcare - maintenance 1213-003 (\$200.00)	Paid	DB
09-May-13	Barung Landcare - maintenance 1213-002 (\$400.00)	Paid	DB
13-May-13	Seqwater - Additional Funding Invoice (\$22,000)	Sent	MA
14-May-13	AON - Insurance Renewal (\$853.36)	Paid	DB
23-May-13	M. Amos - diesel reimbursement claim 026 RUQ (\$65.00)	Paid	DB
23-May-13	M. Amos - fuel, oil & grease 1213-005 (\$36.65)	Paid	DB
24-May-13	Field Walk groceries 1213-003 (\$126.43)	Paid	DB
27-May-13	M. Amos - safety equipment WH&S (\$350.00)	Paid	DB
02-Jun-13	M. Amos - reimburse auger hire, chainsaw chain 1213-001B (\$169.35)	Paid	DB
02-Jun-13	M. Amos - diesel reimbursement claim 026 RUQ (\$91.00)	Paid	DB
06-Jun-13	Telstra - PM mobile account (\$106.20)	Paid	DB
06-Jun-13	Telstra - March-April account (\$132.90)	Paid	DB

All figures include GST where applicable.

## Attachment 2: HBL Coordinator Report

The Hinterland Bush Links project is appreciative of the support offered by LBCCG as the host body for the Sunshine Coast Council community partnership.

### 9 May 2013 PROGRESS REPORT

The HBL Advisory Group now meets every second month so this month's report will not include HBL minutes. The report covers the period from 12 April – 9 May 2013. I will present it in dot form as there will be more details when the next round of minutes is prepared.

- After discussions with HBL, the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative (GERI) has made an approach to Minister Powell re direct funding to connectivity projects in Qld. in the context of the Great Eastern Ranges. This direct funding is well underway in NSW. GERI have just had word of a meeting with the minister on 30 May to discuss this further.
- Two phone link-ups with Great Eastern Ranges NSW & Vic facilitators to share news and experience of similar projects to HBL.
- Weed Vine control (Madeira Vine, Cats Claw, Dutchmans Pipe) almost completed in Cambroon corridor.
- Have submitted an application for funding from Caring for Country environment stream. Seeking to extend weed vine control works in the Cambroon corridor and undertake new mapping in other tributaries starting at the top of the valley.
- Weed Vine control (Madeira Vine, Cats Claw, Dutchmans Pipe) almost completed in Cambroon corridor.
- Article in Codline about Cambroon weed vine project.
- Biodiversity Fund (BDF) – HBL was part of a group EOI led by SEQ Catchments in the SEQ Catchment region – this was unsuccessful.
- Meeting with Richard Newton at SCC re Council Biodiversity Report Card as starting point for HBL to measure success.
- Roving Restorers planted out 40 Birdwing Vines and removed Madeira Vine and other weeds at Egerton Nature Refuge in Montville
- Attended Trust for Nature re-launch in Brisbane. TfN is now an NGO. They will be up this way soon considering significant properties for purchase, placement of covenant and on-selling through their Revolving Fund. One of their properties, "Rainforest Ridge" at Curramore has recently been sold and the new owners are keen to become involved with conservation activities in this area. TfN will also roll out some of the govt. Nature Refuge functions in SEQld.
- Assisted Charlotte with crayfish work on Lawley Ck and Obi Ck.
- Publicity for Connecting our Bush event in Upper Mary Valley on 11 May – media & newsletter articles /ads, letterboxing, facebook sites, websites.
- Kirbys Rd Reserve open day – SCC & HBL organised tree plant, talks and walks at new Council Reserve that links Kondalilla and Maleny National Parks. Fifty people attended and planted 1400 trees.
- Walk on Upper Mary River (Aherns Rd) with cluster of landholders – discussed collaborative restoration/connectivity works.
- Arley Farm walk with LBCCG
- Visit to Annie Hehir Council reserve – largest area of endangered Regional Ecosystem 12.3.1 in this region. Riparian restoration along the Stanley River would provide better connectivity in the River Rd area. Will discuss with SEQ Catchments.
- Little Yabba Ck Bushcare – weed removal continues.

- Wood Expo – had display in Barung tent - talked to visitors about HBL and Barung in general.
- Tree plant at property in Booloumba Ck Rd. I had assisted landholders with getting Landholder grant. We planted out several hundred trees which will contribute to the wildlife corridor between the Blackall and Conondale ranges at Cambroon.
- Assorted admin - publicity of upcoming events, organising meetings, financial bizzo, planning etc.

### **13 June 2013 PROGRESS REPORT**

This report covers the period from 10 May – 13 June 2013. The HBL minutes for the period 18 March – 26 May are attached. Additional activities from 27 May – 13 June are detailed below.

- Meeting with Great Eastern Ranges Initiative (GERI), SEQ Catchments and Qld Trust for Nature after GERI met with Andrew Powell on 30 May. Strong possibility of direct funding from State Govt. for connectivity work in Qld.
- Meeting with Central Vic Biolinks and Gondwanalink (WA) in Melbourne on 4 May. Attended 'Biodiversity across the Borders' conference at Ballarat on 7 June. Very useful info sharing and networking with southern Aust connectivity projects.
- Little Yabba Bushcare Group working bee – continued plantings and weed management
- Media in HTimes and Range News re Roving Restorers
- Ordered updated maps from SEQ Catchments
- Ordered business card
- Assorted admin - publicity of upcoming events, organising meetings, planning etc.



## **Attachment 3: Project Manager Report**

### **Current Projects**

#### **Upper Obi Obi Creek Restoration**

- Maintenance continuing on the project with revegetation establishment on the whole very pleasing although weed growth – particularly the morning glory has continued to be a concern. The Australia Day weekend storms resulted in two mature Blackwood wattles being uprooted and falling into the revegetation which will require removal/trimming to enable site access. Contractor will shortly be engaged to commence concerted effort to manage weeds.
- Second year Project Plan completed (Seqwater funding).

#### **Arley Creek Wetlands Project**

- Successful Field Walk conducted in late May. Ten attendees toured Arley Farm looking at ten years of projects.

#### **Upper Lawley Creek Restoration**

- Project continuing with ongoing maintenance. Receiving widespread favourable comments.
- Conservation Volunteers Australia/Richmond Birdwing Butterfly Recovery visited the site planting in excess of 50 Birdwing Vines.
- LBCCG in partnership with Sunshine Coast Council held a Field Walk in late May visiting the project (and also the Smith and Watter properties) with primarily Land for Wildlife property owners.

#### **Maleny Community Precinct Riparian Fencing**

- LBCCG Project Manager (with assistance from CVA Team Leader Jono Bateman) installed the Unitywater lease fencing on the MCP in early June. Currently our fencing contractors would not have passed the stringent Unitywater WH&S requirements thus LBCCG installed the fencing.
- Several LBCCG personnel attended the Unitywater Community and Staff tree plant on World Environment Day (June 5).
- A waterway crossing on the Unitywater lease (being utilised by grazier Steven Porter) will be rehabilitated to reduce erosion (material supply only).

#### **Mistflower Bio-control project**

- The project has been completed by CSIRO and found that the white-smut fungus is very successful at reducing the incidence of Mistflower and does not adversely affect any native flora species. A Final Report will be placed on the website in the near future.

### **Project Revision**

#### **Upper Alcorn Creek Riparian Fencing**

- Seqwater requested a change to the project believing one of the proposed waterway crossings was not cost effective and presented safety/liability concerns. In response LBCCG will instead partially fund the proposed off stream watering. There will be no changes to the overall project or budget – merely a small change in funded activities.

## **Project Development**

### **Sunshine Coast Council Landholder Grants**

#### **Assisted landholders to apply for SCC LEG's:**

- Garth Wright – Fryars Creek
- Roger Donovan/Lyn Stevens – Alcorn Creek (LBCCG project Alcorn Creek Riparian Remediation)
- Col Cork – Obi Obi Creek (Cork Dairies Obi Obi Creek Riparian Protection)
- Kurt & Sally Watter – Bridge Creek (providing project materials – guards, stakes & weed mats)

### **University of Queensland Soil Study**

- UQ Researchers returned to the catchment this week to investigate and sample revegetation sites of varying ages to study soil characteristics under revegetation in comparison to various agricultural and rural activities.
- Early results suggest that within two years of revegetation nutrient cycling is occurring and water infiltration is improved which should lead to improved water quality outcomes.
- Once the project has yielded conclusive evidence, UQ PhD student Rose Gagelar will present the findings to a LBCCG Meeting.

## **Other**

- Charlotte has completed her on-ground sampling of the Spiny Crayfish and is currently extracting the genetic material in the laboratory.
- Peter and I attended Seqwater Lake Baroon Risk Assessment workshop rating current risks to water quality in the catchment.
- University of Sunshine Coast visited the McLauchlan property Corridors of Green project site – an annual monitoring program.
- Continued work on the LBCCG WH&S Policy and supporting documentation.
- Attended Seqwater Catchment Water Quality Framework & Risk Assessment workshop rating the risks to catchment water quality (separate to workshop described above).