



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

Held at 455 North Maleny Road, Maleny on
Thursday September 12th 2013

'Working with our community, for our waterways'

The meeting commenced at 6.34 pm. Chaired by Peter Stevens

0064.1 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
Kay Enkleman	Regional Landcare Facilitator (Burnett Mary Regional Group)

Apologies: A. Powell, B. Philpot, M. Malter, S. Watter.

0064.2 Minutes of previous Ordinary Meeting of Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group held on Thursday August 8th 2013

Motion: Gillian Pechey, seconded Stephen Lang that the Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated be accepted.

CARRIED

0064.3 Correspondence

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

Motion: Gillian Pechey seconded Steven Lang that the Correspondence be received and endorsed.

CARRIED

0064.4 Treasurer's Report

Financials tabled.

Motion: Keith Schelberg, seconded Steve Skull that the Treasurer's Report be received and accounts endorsed.

CARRIED

Business arising:

David Binstead, our bookkeeper has resigned effective at the end of the year. He is paid \$40 an hour and does approximately two hours a fortnight. He is experienced with MYOB and Not-for-Profit organization bookkeeping. There would need to be an overlap between David and a new bookkeeper. Mark and Keith will discuss bookkeeping tasks; and administration work for another employee.

0064.5 Reports

0064.5.1 Hinterland Bush Links

Tabled. (See Attachment 2: HBL Report)

Susie will have a presentation at the October AGM reporting on the first year of the project.

0064.5.2 LBCCG Project Manager Report

Mark presented a Powerpoint presentation to the meeting (See Attachment 3: Project Manager Report).

0064.6 General Business

0064.6.1 Workplace Health and Safety Report

No incidents to report.

0064.6.2 Kay Enkleman

Kay as the Regional Landcare Facilitator spoke about her role of community engagement, particularly in light of coming reforms. Peter, on behalf of LBCCG, completed the BMRG Members' Survey stressing that LBCCG wants to engage with BMRG, to create partnerships and joint funding opportunities. LBCCG can benefit from communication, support and advice. BMRG's current priority area is Bundaberg and North Burnett where flood damage is much more extensive than in the rest of the Region.

Peter thanked Kay for attending and offered an invitation to any/all LBCCG Management Committee meetings.

0064.6.3 2013-14 Priority Strategy for Funding provided by Seqwater

The Priority Strategy is produced annually to review the 2012-13 year, explain why LBCCG is the key delivery agent for Seqwater in the Lake Baroon catchment and budgets for projects in the 2013-14 financial year.

This document, yet again, is an example of Mark's ability to produce high quality supporting/reporting booklets. It is very comprehensive and detailed. Steve Skull suggested it needs an Executive Summary of a page or so and could highlight points such as:

- Financial multipliers that LBCCG has been able to achieve over and above the funding provided by Seqwater.
- Public relations benefits that LBCCG has been able to foster with local landholders, in situations where it has been traditional to receive negative landholder response. This opens opportunity for Seqwater to approach landholders when endeavouring to tackle the issue of landslip arresting.
- Include photos which highlight current issues with the dam water quality.
- A comprehensive Workplace Health & Safety Management System has been implemented.

Motion: Moved Keith Schelberg, seconded Steven Lang that we move a vote of thanks to Mark for the Strategy preparation.

CARRIED

64.6.4 LBCCG Administration files back up and sharing

LBCCG computers hold an enormous amount of information from the last 13 years including projects, photos, database etc. We currently have a free Drop Box account that is used for sharing larger documents but storage is limited. Ideally all LBCCG files would be backed up on a 'cloud' storage so that anyone, anywhere (with the relevant permissions) can access these files and in the event of PC failure or theft not lose information.

Motion: Peter Stevens, seconded Keith Schelberg that Mark set up a not-free Drop-Box (or similar) account to store and make accessible files.

CARRIED

64.6.5 LBCCG Annual General Meeting October 10th 2013 6.00 pm.

Email to all members giving two weeks' notice.

64.6.6 Other important dates

Green Hills AGM 10.30 am Maleny RSL, Saturday 28th September.

Maroochy Landcare & Partners Farm Flow Showcase 9.00 am Big Pineapple, 20th September

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

The AGM of Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group will be held
Thursday October 10th at 6.00 pm.

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

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 20

Signature of Chair _____

Attachment 1: Correspondence

Inwards Correspondence from 9th August 2013			
Date	Notes	Action	Person
13-Aug-13	QWALC - Quick News	Circulate	GP
14-Aug-13	BMRG - Organisational Reform Members Survey	Complete	PS
14-Aug-13	Qld Landcare Conference - Update	Circulate	GP
14-Aug-13	SCEC - Member Forum (23/9/2013)	Circulate	GP
15-Aug-13	MRCCC - Mary, Movies, Muffins fundraiser (21/8/2013)	Circulate	GP
15-Aug-13	International Water Centre - Scholarships	Circulate	GP
16-Aug-13	SCEC - News	Circulate	GP
17-Aug-13	Barung Landcare - Landcare Week Program	Circulate	GP
19-Aug-13	FarmFlow (David Clark) - Landslip Information Session	Forward	MA
19-Aug-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
19-Aug-13	Healthy Waterways - News	Circulate	GP
19-Aug-13	THECA Forum - Bushcare Forum, Pullenvale (24/8/2013)	Circulate	GP
19-Aug-13	MRCCC - Rivercare Forum Day 2	Circulate	GP
20-Aug-13	MRCCC - General Meeting (3/9/13)	Attend	MA
20-Aug-13	Qld Landcare - Conference Update	Circulate	GP
22-Aug-13	Landcare Aust - In Focus magazine	Circulate	GP
22-Aug-13	Qld Transport - 026 RUQ Registration Certificate	File	MA
22-Aug-13	Qld Transport - DB 1099 Registration Certificate	File	MA
23-Aug-13	MRCCC - River processes Field Day (29/8/13)	Attend	MA
25-Aug-13	Telstra - July-August Account (\$183.87)	Pay	DB
27-Aug-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
27-Aug-13	Healthy Waterways - Report Card launch (23/10/13)	Circulate	GP
28-Aug-13	Griffith Uni (Dominic Valdez) - Upper Mary R. catchment research	Attend	MA
28-Aug-13	Barung Landcare - Bushcare's Major Day Out (14/9/13)	Circulate	GP
30-Aug-13	Brush Turkey Contracting - maintenance 1011-011 (\$1,518.00)	Pay	DB
30-Aug-13	SCEC - E-bulletin	Circulate	GP
2-Sep-13	BMRG (Michelle Haase) - New Regional Landcare Facilitator	Circulate	GP
3-Sep-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
3-Sep-13	Landcare Qld - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
04-Sep-13	Michael Harper - HBL Audit (\$440.00)	Pay	DB
04-Sep-13	Michael Harper - LBCCG Audit (\$440.00)	Pay	DB
04-Sep-13	BMRG - Engagement review Meetings (8/10/13)	Attend	MA/PS
04-Sep-13	Andrew Powell - E-newsletter	Circulate	GP
5-Sep-13	MCU - Statement of Accounts (August)	Reconcile	DB
5-Sep-13	FarmFlow - Showcase Day (20/9/13)	Circulate	GP
5-Sep-13	Maleny Town & Country - WH&S equip (\$82.00)	Pay	DB
5-Sep-13	Maleny Town & Country - fencing materials 1213-001 (\$2,544.85)	Pay	DB
5-Sep-13	Maple Newsagency - Administration (\$62.40)	Pay	DB
5-Sep-13	Top Notch Business Services - bookkeeping (\$80.00)	Pay	DB
9-Sep-13	Telstra mobile - Project Manager mobile (\$29.99)	Pay	DB
9-Sep-13	M. Amos - reimburse diesel 026 RUQ (\$186.00)	Pay	DB
9-Sep-13	SCEC - Member Group Forum	Circulate	GP
10-Sep-13	Barung Landcare - maintenance 0809-001 (\$720.00)	Pay	DB
10-Sep-13	Seqwater - Closure of Lake Baroon to all water based recreation	Circulate	MA
10-Sep-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
10-Sep-13	QWALC - AGM Agenda & Registration	Circulate	GP

Outwards Correspondence from 9th August 2013			
Date	Notes	Action	Person
30-Aug-13	Sunshine Coast Council - HBL Acquittal	Sent	MA
30-Aug-13	Brush Turkey Contracting - maintenance 1011-011 (\$\$1,518.00)	Paid	DB
04-Sep-13	Michael Harper - HBL Audit (\$440.00)	Paid	DB
04-Sep-13	Michael Harper - LBCCG Audit (\$440.00)	Paid	DB
5-Sep-13	Maleny Town & Country - WH&S equip (\$82.00)	Paid	DB
5-Sep-13	Maleny Town & Country - fencing materials 1213-001 (\$2,544.85)	Paid	DB
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All figures include GST where applicable.

Attachment 2: HBL Coordinator Report (26 August 2012)

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

Events since last meeting

- Natural Regen workshop at Joan & John's at Hunchy – very successful day with 23 participants. Denis Lalor has edited video record of the workshop.
- Roving Restorers – 9 people at 969 Aherns Rd – weeded along creek prior to it being fenced off from stock.

Updates and Business

- Cambroon weed vine management – Contract sorted between BMRG and Barung. \$29,000 split between mapping, community education, control works on public land and devolved grants to landowners in strategic sites. Money to be spent by April 2013. Cambroon landholder workshop planned for Nov or Dec.
- Next Roving Restorers - Bushcare's Major Day Out Sun 9 Sept at Crystal Waters. Alan Wynn from LFW assisting. Weeding on the Mary River and guided walk thru Dry Rainforest gully.
- Workshop coming up - Bush Restoration in a privet landscape – Kim Holcroft & Paul Magee's, 9am – 1pm Sun 14 Oct.
- Workshop - Little Critters in your backyard – to be led by SD & Tony Bright in Maleny as part of Landcare Week – 3 Sept
- Medium sized community event(s) - MJ & Dan have purchased the extension of the gully above their current property.
 - Scope for a planting day there in late March.
 - HBL can support Precinct planting day on 24 Nov
- Property visits – Paul & Kim's in Elaman Ck catchment. Several landholders in Booloumba Ck valley all interested in pursuing LFW status and landholder grants. One Maleny garden – looking at linkages to Obi Ck.
- Business Plan

Linkage Plans

- Moy Pocket – linking Mary River to Kenilworth Bluff
- Balmoral Ridge – linking Mary Cairncross Reserve to Obi Ck

Funding

- BMRG – Cambroon weed vine project - \$29,000 to Barung.
- Community Partnership with SCC - \$50,000 received via Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group. Recurrent for 3 years if all goes well. Will cover part salary for Susie, travel/phone/computer costs, mapping development & website upgrades/costs
- Applying for SCC minor grant and Gambling Fund Community Benefits Grant for tools for Roving Restorers
- EEG and GVEHSO grants coming up – need to check with Barung whether non-HBL applications to be made. If not, HBL could pursue \$ for on-ground restoration works, workshops, community tree-plant
- Need to sort out clear budget line for HBL in Barung accounts. Ensure that 10-17% of \$ generated from workshops, goes to Barung for admin.

Measures of success

- MJ & Susie met with Richard Newton at SCC. He can provide baseline for biodiversity conservation, inc Regional Ecosystem data that can inform linkages. We can then measure HBL contribution to increments in restored biodiversity.

T-shirts & Business Card

- Paula Phillips has offered to do HBL T-shirt design as freebie. She may be able to do business card design also if paid for this. Need to sort t-shirt sources and printing costs for both items.

Great Eastern Ranges Initiative

- SD prepared HBL profile for GERI and this has been placed on GERI website

State Govt plans to rescind some National Parks

- SD communicated with Andrew Powell, Env. Minister re possibility of recently declared parks in this region being rescinded. Email received from govt. which doesn't make it clear as to whether there is a threat to local parks.

Koala land buy back

- \$26.5M to be spent by State Govt to buy back private properties for Koala conservation. Worth considering in the context of connectivity.

Attachment 3: Project Manager Report

Current Projects

Upper Obi Obi Creek Restoration (Mac farms)

- Have engaged Bush Turkey Enterprises to assume management of site and commenced formulating a plan for the site for the next 18 months.
- Activities will be focussed on blue morning glory control and replanting when conditions permit.
- Majority of sites have responded well to revegetation although frost, drought and flooding have caused varying degrees of damage.

Walkers Creek Restoration

- Wild tobacco had over time become a dense infestation on the site. Although usually regarded as a desirable weed that provides shelter and protection for establishing seedlings underneath, it is not as highly regarded amongst primary producers and Keith requested its removal. We always must balance landholder wishes and management practices (considerable effort and resources are invested in removing tobacco from grazing areas) with the benefits provided from such restoration techniques. I believe in this situation that the tobacco was indeed detrimental to the overall site and project.

Maleny Community Precinct Riparian Fencing

- Stage 2B fencing has been partially completed (150 metres). This is due to the ongoing uncertainty of revegetation and pathway alignment on land adjacent to the Cloudwalk estate and the location and design of the access from the Riverside centre.

Cork Dairies Obi Obi Creek Protection

- Low level concrete waterway crossing will be installed in next couple of weeks.
- Once crossing has been installed the Obi Obi Creek will be fenced permanently (replace temporary electric fencing).

Upper Lawley Creek Restoration

- Community Action Grant funding Final Report has been completed ([Upper Lawley Creek Restoration CAG Final Report](#)) and also serves as a Progress Report for Seqwater.

Restoring Bridge Creek

- Community Action Grant funding Final Report has been completed. No detailed Final report was completed other than the required documents to the Commonwealth as the project is not due for an Seqwater Progress Report (likely to be completed early 2014).

Seqwater Landslides Programs

- LBCCG is supporting these projects with landholder engagement services.
- The field walk held on August 16 was well attended and feedback was encouraging with attendees stating they felt it was interesting, illuminating and a good social event.

Griffith University “Effects of light and nutrients on stream food webs” PhD study

- Griffith PhD student Fen Guo is looking to establish research sites throughout the Upper Mary catchment and will set up several sites in the Lake Baroon area with LBCCG Project manager assistance (site suggestions, landholder engagement).
- Project is looking at the relationship between light and nutrients on food webs and will involve artificially shading and adding (low levels) nutrients and studying the impacts on macroinvertebrates.

Other

- Completed LBCCG 2013-14 Priority Strategy for Funding Provided by Seqwater. Peter and Steve will present this document to Seqwater Managers.
- Attended HBL Roving Restorers Field Walk at Bellthorpe National Park. The walk was informative, relaxed and very enjoyable.
- Attended an MRCCC River Processes Field Day at Kenilworth.
- Attended a Maroochy Landcare (& Partners) FarmFlow workshop and Field Day.