



**DRAFT Minutes of the Management Committee
Meeting of Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group**

Held at 455 North Maleny Road, Maleny on
Thursday November 14th 2013

'Working with our community, for our waterways'

The meeting commenced at 6.35 pm. Chaired by Peter Stevens

0065.1 Welcome and Apologies

Attendance:

Peter Stevens	President
Gillian Pechey	Secretary
Keith Schelberg	Treasurer
Mark Amos	Project Manager (LBCCG)
Steven Lang	Committee Member
Sally Watter	Committee Member
Kay Enkelmann	Guest, Burnett Mary Regional Group, Regional Landcare Facilitator
Rose Gageler	Guest, University of Queensland
Prof. Susanne Schmidt	Guest, UQ
Alan Wynn	Guest, Sunshine Coast Council, Community Partnerships Officer
Spencer Shaw	Guest

Apologies: A. Powell, S. Skull, B. Philpott, M. Fiechtner, M. Jackson.

0065.2 Minutes of previous Management Committee Meeting of Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group held on Thursday September 12^h 2013

Motion: Steven Lang, seconded Keith Schelberg that the Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated be accepted.

CARRIED

0065.3 Correspondence

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

Motion: Gillian Pechey, seconded Sally Watter that the Correspondence be received and endorsed.

CARRIED

Business arising:

Peter's letter to Cr Jenny McKay has not received a reply. Peter stressed that he did not want to be drawn into any matters outside the riparian corridor width on the Obi Obi Creek, Maleny Community Precinct. Riparian restoration (in this case a riparian buffer) is a primary focus of the LBCCG.

Gillian replied to DNRM's invitation to comment on the Thomas Porter Creek naming (MCP). She expressed support for a name based on indigenous history, as suggested by the Jinibara people. She suggested that Thomas Porter be recognised in naming of the road which would be a continuation of Porter Lane.

0065.4 Treasurer's Report

Tabled.

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

CARRIED

Business arising:

David Binstead, our bookkeeper, has been very ill. Gillian to send a card. Mark and Keith will search for a bookkeeper with appropriate skills to take on the role.

0065.5 Reports

0065.5.1 Hinterland Bush Links

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

The Sunshine Coast Council Community Partnership funding for this year has been received.

0065.5.2 LBCCG Project Manager Report

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

0065.5.3 University of Queensland Presentation

Early response of soil properties and function to riparian rainforest restoration.

Rose Gageler has completed an Honours thesis in the Lake Baroon catchment on this subject. She summarised the results in a Powerpoint presentation. Her research showed that water infiltration varied depending on soil bulk density and texture, and this correlated to whether the location was pasture, remnant forest or replanted forest. Her research covered several sites in the Catchment. The intention is to submit the thesis to an international Journal for publication.

Motion: Steven Lang, seconded Keith Schelberg that LBCCG offer to pay \$1,000 towards the cost of publication of the thesis. Peter to follow up with Professor Suzanne Schmidt (Rose's supervisor).

CARRIED

0065.6 General Business

0065.6.1 Workplace Health and Safety Report

No incidents to report.

0065.6.2 Project Manager Annual Leave

Mark applied for four weeks leave from 4th December 2013 to 6th January 2014.
Seqwater landholder engagement commitments may require an earlier return to work.

APPROVED

0065.6.3 Project Proposal - 1314-016 Spiny Crayfish Research

Progress Report for first year of project was tabled. Project has been continuing with DNA extraction from the Crayfish caught in the catchment earlier in the year.

Motion: Peter Stevens, seconded Sally Watter, that the second year of funding be approved.

CARRIED

0065.6.4 1314-008 Project Proposal - Erowal Riparian Fencing and Off Stream Watering Stage 2

First year of project funded the fencing of the riparian zone on Erowal and initial weed management, with the second year (Stage 2) funding the off stream watering and continuing weed management.

Motion: Sally Watter, seconded Peter Stevens that the project be approved.

CARRIED

0065.6.5 1314-006 Project Proposal - Walkers Creek Restoration Stage 2

Keith Hopper has invested in a very large Biolytix system to treat dairy and milk processing plant effluent and to improve the efficiency of waster management further concreting around the dairy sheds is critical. The project will contribute to the extension of concrete aprons, including a sump pump.

Motion: Steven Lang, seconded Peter Stevens that the project be approved.

CARRIED

0065.6.6 1314-009 Project Proposal Cavanagh – Seqwater Landslides Program Support

Project will support the Seqwater Landslide Remediation Program by installing a low flow concrete crossing on Bridge Creek and commence drainage of seasonal marshes and springs on the upper slopes above the large landslips.

Motion: Gillian Pechey, seconded Steven Lang that the project be approved.

CARRIED

0065.6.7 Annual Lunch

Discussion: January meeting and luncheon as a thank you to LBCCG Committee members, Project Partners and invited guests. Partners invited. Likely to be Friday 17th January, with a short Management Committee Meeting before the lunch – depending on need.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

The next Management Committee Meeting of Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group will be held
Friday, January 17th at 12.00 noon (dependent on need).

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

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 20

Signature of President _____

Attachment 1: Correspondence

Inwards Correspondence from 11th September 2013			
Date	Notes	Action	Person
17-Sep-13	BMRG - Nomination for Director Position	Complete	PS
11-Sep-13	FarmFLOW - Showcase invitation	Attend	MA
11-Sep-13	QWALC - September Quick News	Circulate	GP
13-Sep-13	Landcare Qld - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
13-Sep-13	BTE - September Newsletter	Circulate	GP
16-Sep-13	BBC Digital - Printer hire (\$105.11)	Pay	DB
16-Sep-13	SEQ Catchments (S. Chapman) - Aus Aid Tour (16/10/13)	Attend	MA/PS
17-Sep-13	Seqwater (J. Howlie) - Landslip Brief Assessment	Comment	MA
18-Sep-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
18-Sep-13	SEQ Catchments - Plant ID Workshop	Circulate	GP
19-Sep-13	Seqwater - Lake Baroon Recreational Review	Circulate	GP
19-Sep-13	BMRG - Community Engagement Review Meeting (21/10/13)	Attend	PS/MA
19-Sep-13	Healthy Waterways - Report Card Launch	Circulate	GP
19-Sep-13	MRCCC - Annual General Meeting Invitation (P. Stevens)	Attend	PS/MA
19-Sep-13	Charlotte Hurry - thank you letter for Crayfish project assistance	Circulate	GP
24-Sep-13	MYOB - Livewire	File	MA
26-Sep-13	ATO - BAS (due 28/10/13)	Complete	DB
26-Sep-13	Landcare Qld - Membership Pack	File	GP
26-Sep-13	Telstra - Aug-Sep Account (\$171.35)	Pay	DB
26-Sep-13	Charlotte Hurry - Spiny Crayfish Project Progress Report	Circulate	GP
26-Sep-13	Barung - AGM Invitation (12/10/13)	Attend	MA
27-Sep-13	BBC Digital - Printer hire (\$149.84)	Pay	DB
27-Sep-13	Workcover Qld - Update	File	MA
30-Sep-13	SEQ Catchments - Goats for Weed Control Showcase Invitation	Attend	MA
30-Sep-13	Barung - maintenance 1112-002 (\$1,080.00)	Pay	DB
30-Sep-13	Barung - maintenance 1213-003 (\$1,080.00)	Pay	DB
30-Sep-13	P & K Nash - materials 1112-009 (\$3,080.00)	Pay	DB
30-Sep-13	Bluecare (F. Riley) - Approval of LBCCG Erowal Project	File	MA
30-Sep-13	MRCCC - Media Release (Waterwatch volunteers track MR turtles)	Circulate	GP
3-Oct-13	Maleny Town & Country - September account 1213-001 (\$606.40)	Pay	DB
3-Oct-13	P & K Nash - Insurance details	File	MA
3-Oct-13	Maleny Newsagency - September Account (\$83.50)	Pay	DB
3-Oct-13	Telstra - PM mobile (\$30.00)	Pay	DB
8-Oct-13	DNR&M - Naming of Thomas Porter Creek	Circulate	GP
8-Oct-13	Conservation Volunteers Aust. - Remittance Advice (\$600.00)	Reconcile	DB
8-Oct-13	Totem Flora & Fauna - site prep. 1213-012 (\$748.55)	Pay	DB
8-Oct-13	P & K Nash - crossing materials 1213-009 (\$14,993.00)	Pay	DB
8-Oct-13	P & K Nash - crossing, repairs etc 1112-009 (\$2,878.70)	Pay	DB
8-Oct-13	Unity College (A. Paton) - Water studies information request	Reply	MA
9-Oct-13	MCU - Statement of Accounts September	Reconcile	DB
9-Oct-13	BMRG (P. Hall) - Regional Landcare Facilitator changes	Circulate	GP
9-Oct-13	BBC Digital - Printer hire (\$105.11)	Pay	DB
9-Oct-13	Sunshine Coast Council - Remittance Advice HBL (\$55,000)	Reconcile	DB
10-Oct-13	Landcare Qld - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
14-Oct-13	Sommer Bros. - roadbase gravel 1213-001 (\$308.00)	Pay	DB
14-Oct-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
14-Oct-13	Seqwater (J. Howlie) - Request for Quote Landholder Engagement	Send	MA
14-Oct-13	Sunshine Coast Council - Australia Day Awards 2014	Circulate	GP
17-Oct-13	TopNotch Business - September account (\$100.00)	Pay	DB
21-Oct-13	MRCCC - Annual Report available on MRCCC website	Circulate	GP

22-Oct-13	BMRG - Election Director Community Catchment	Complete	PS
23-Oct-13	Seqwater - Media Release (Improved waterway health assists...)	Circulate	GP
23-Oct-13	MYOB - Livewire	File	MA
23-Oct-13	Healthy Waterways - News	Circulate	GP
24-Sep-13	BTE - tubestock 1213-012 (\$407.22)	Pay	DB
24-Sep-13	BTE - mulch mats 1213-012 (\$1,078.00)	Pay	DB
24-Sep-13	BTE - mulch mats 1213-007 (\$462.00)	Pay	DB
28-Oct-13	MCU - Maleny Community Finance Hub	Circulate	GP
28-Oct-13	Telstra - Sep-Oct Account (\$134.09)	Pay	DB
28-Oct-11	MCU - AGM Agenda (9/11/11)	Circulate	GP
31-Oct-13	BTE - maintenance 1112-005 (\$4,048.00)	Pay	DB
4-Nov-13	Bev Hand - Bunya Dreaming fundraiser	Circulate	GP
4-Nov-13	Totem Flora & Fauna - site prep. 1213-012 (\$836.00)	Pay	DB
5-Nov-13	Maleny Newsagency - October Account (\$5.55)	Pay	DB
5-Nov-13	Seqwater (J. Bingham) - Asbestos report for 455 North Maleny Rd	Print	MA
5-Nov-13	Maleny Show Society - 2014 Showgirl	Circulate	GP
5-Nov-13	BMRG - RLF Steering Committee Nomination	Agenda	GP
5-Nov-13	Griffith Uni - Crayfish project Invoice (\$5,500.00)	Pay	DB
5-Nov-13	Landcare Qld - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
5-Nov-13	BMRG (P. Hall) - Minutes from Community Engagement meeting	Circulate	GP
5-Nov-13	Barung - rainwater tank 1314-008 (\$2,000.00)	Pay	DB
7-Nov-13	QWALC - Insurance survey	Complete	MA
8-Nov-13	Maleny Town & Country - October Account WH&S materials (\$29.80)	Pay	DB
8-Nov-13	BBC Digital - Printer hire (\$105.11)	Pay	DB

Outwards Correspondence from 11th September 2013

Date	Notes	Action	Person
11-Sep-13	Sunshine Coast Council - Community Partnership Acquittal	Sent	MA/SD
19-Sep-13	Barung Landcare - maintenance 0809-001 (\$720.00)	Paid	DB
25-Sep-13	BTE - tubestock 1213-012 (\$407.22)	Paid	DB
25-Sep-13	BTE - mulch mats 1213-012 (\$1,078.00)	Paid	DB
25-Sep-13	BTE - mulch mats 1213-007 (\$462.00)	Paid	DB
30-Sep-13	Reimburse M. Amos diesel 026 RUQ (\$148.01)	Paid	DB
30-Sep-13	Reimburse M. Amos ULP 1213-005 (\$8.19)	Paid	DB
3-Oct-13	Barung - maintenance 1112-002 (\$1,080.00)	Paid	DB
3-Oct-13	Barung- maintenance 1213-003 (\$1,080.00)	Paid	DB
3-Oct-13	P & K Nash - materials 1112-009 (\$3,080.00)	Paid	DB
3-Oct-13	Maleny Town & Country - September account 1213-001 (\$606.40)	Paid	DB
3-Oct-13	Maleny Newsagency - September Account (\$83.50)	Paid	DB
3-Oct-13	Telstra - PM mobile (\$30.00)	Paid	DB
3-Oct-13	Telstra - Aug-Sep Account (\$171.35)	Paid	DB
17-Oct-13	Associations Incorporation - Annual Return (\$46.60)	Paid	DB
17-Oct-13	Reimburse S. Duncan HBL expenses (\$610.56)	Paid	DB
8-Oct-13	P & K Nash - crossing materials 1213-009 (\$14,993.00)	Paid	DB
8-Oct-13	P & K Nash - crossing, repairs etc 1112-009 (\$2,878.70)	Paid	DB
8-Oct-13	Totem Flora & Fauna - site prep. 1213-012 (\$748.55)	Paid	DB
11-Oct-13	Reimburse M. Amos - diesel 026 RUQ (\$93.00)	Paid	DB
11-Oct-13	Reimburse M. Amos - AGM catering (\$180.00)	Paid	DB
17-Oct-13	Sommer Bros. - roadbase gravel 1213-001 (\$308.00)	Paid	DB
17-Oct-13	TopNotch Business - September account (\$100.00)	Paid	DB
22-Oct-13	Jinibara (A. Wallin) - Thomas Porter Creek naming	Sent	GP
28-Oct-13	DNRM (J. Kingsford) - Thomas porter Creek naming response	Sent	GP
31-Oct-13	Telstra - Sep-Oct Account (\$134.09)	Paid	DB
31-Oct-13	Telstra - PM mobile (\$30.00)	Paid	DB
31-Oct-13	Reimburse M. Amos - diesel 026 RUQ (\$169.00)	Paid	DB

01-Nov-11	Jenny McKay - MCP buffers	Sent	PS
12-Nov-13	BTE - maintenance 1112-005 (\$4,048.00)	Paid	DB
12-Nov-13	Maleny Town & Country - October Account WH&S materials (\$29.80)	Paid	DB
12-Nov-13	Barung - rainwater tank 1314-008 (\$2,000.00)	Paid	DB
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All figures include GST where applicable.

Attachment 2: HBL Coordinator Reports

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

Minutes for HBL advisory group 24 Nov 2013

Events since last meeting

- Fauna survey & report for 'Mimburi' at Belli Park to support funding for purchase of currently leased property (Bev Hand and others). Possible funding from Indigenous Land Council and/or Bush Heritage. Property to be managed for biodiversity conservation and indigenous cultural education
- Presentation at Mary Cairncross neighbours day to engage locals in thinking about restoration and connectivity in the MC surrounds and to alert them to 'Gardens for Wildlife' opportunities in the future. 60+ people attended
- Assisted Bellthorpe Progress Association at their monthly bush restoration day and presented info on Hinterland Bush Links. About 16 people attended.
- Weed Vine workshop – Conondale, 23 Nov. 27 people attended. Great engagement of participants. See under 'Funding' re key outcome.
- Roving Restorers – Bellthorpe Nat Park (Branch Ck) – Crofton Weed – 11 assisted
- Roving Restorers – Flaxton (Ian Webster/Dianne Lanskey's) – Lantana & Broad-leafed Paspalum removal– 13 assisted
- Roving Restorers – Hunchy (Joan & John Dillon's) – Lantana and other weed work through well-established revegetation site, some scything – 9 assisted
- Roving Restorers – Book Farm, Reesville (Jill Morris & Richard Dent's) – weeding of Privet, Lantana, Tradescantia and assorted other weeds; some scything – 27 assisted! Jeff Keys returned on a later date to complete scything work.
- Little Yabba Bushcare – watering of trees and weed control

Updates and Business

- Martina Gordon is assisting with Roving Restorers organization and a range of other activities.
- Meeting with residents on the very Upper Mary River re sedimentation of the Mary River from Booroobin landslip. Info exchange, education and development of strategy to deal with slip.
- Attended Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group AGM and gave presentation on HBL activities from the previous year and future directions.
- Attended Barung AGM – small display and provided handouts
- Meeting with Mark Amos from LBCCG to update on complementary work in LB Catchment
- Preparation of strategic vision for weed vine management in the Upper Mary Valley for BMRG. This will put a case for further funding for mapping and control.
- Promotion of SCC Landholder Environment Grants to landholders with WONS, particularly weed vines.
- Stall at Germaine Greer's promotion of "White Beech" book
- Property visit at Mapleton to assess weed status for potential buyers who want to restore forest. Strategic site in linkage between Kondalilla and Mapleton National Parks.
- Property visit in the Upper Stanley (Bellthorpe key linkage)
- Great Eastern Ranges Initiative (GERI) phone link up and other networking with staff
- Wide publicity for the Great Koala Count organized by GERI and National Parks Assoc. (NSW). 1200 records came in nationally – 900 confirmed Koala sightings.
- Facebook site – the Hinterland Bush Links Facebook site is getting more input from community
- Spatial analysis mapping – Alex Lechner from Uni of Qld/Uni of Tas has offered (as a volunteer) to assist HBL with spatial analysis mapping for connectivity in our region. Alex has sent me a draft report he has just completed for the Hunter Valley. Am waiting for GERI to review this and let me know how well it matches with their approach to ensure some compatibility in our methods.
- Cluster bushlink groups – Susie keen to kick these off in the New Year. Initial scope for groups at Reesville, Booloumba Ck, Upper Mary River, Baxter Ck. Joan & John Dillon have indicated that the old Hunchy School (SCC land) could be a focal point for a local cluster as well as Council Bushcare group. There are 5 LFW properties in the area.
- Keen interest amongst people who attend Roving Restorers and other events, for natural history oriented walks to be offered – we could offer this on an infrequent basis or as part of the 2014 workshop series.

- Gardens for Wildlife – Barung has been successful in their application to State Govt for funding. HBL has supported an initial focus in the Mary Cairncross area to link the reserve to the Obi Ck, High Tor and the Maleny section of the Glasshouse Mts Nat Park (below Mountain View Rd). Also urban areas along the Obi Ck. Mary Cairncross Reserve have indicated that we can send out information on Gardens for Wildlife or HBL events to their comprehensive email list of neighbours to Mary Cairncross.
- WH&S – need to formalize our procedures to align with legal requirements for volunteer events. Jonathan Waites attended a recent workshop on the latest edition of the “In safe hands toolkit”. Susie needs to discuss this with him and also get feedback from Paul Magee who has had a look over our current practices and new requirements.
- **Workshops for 2014**
 - Lantana management/control
 - Legume weed management or a broader title to cover a range of common weeds – emphasis on strategic timing of control works to get in ahead of seeding. Best to hold this in late winter-Spring.
 - Fungi familiarization – tie in with Fran Guard’s book launch
 - Nest boxes/creating wildlife habitat
 - Return Visits to a site over 4 seasons
 - Healthy waterways as important habitat linkages - ?Amy, Eva Ford, Maroochy Waterwatch
 - Walk in the Conondales for broad ecological learning
 - Plant ID with Ann Moran at the Fig Tree walk, Little Yabba Ck (this wasn’t discussed at the meeting but came up since with our LY Bushcare group)
 - Bird walk at Fig Tree walk (also brought up at LY Bushcare)

The two Fig Tree walk workshops were suggested with an emphasis on engaging people from the Upper Mary Valley, particularly visitor info centre staff at Kenilworth. They could be combined in some way and could lead on to showing people the work at Little Yabba Park. Hopefully we would recruit some new volunteers for the Bushcare group there.

- **Measures of success – direct & indirect**
HBL achieves a range of habitat protection, restoration and connectivity works through Roving Restorers, weed vine funding for management in the Upper Mary Valley etc. – these are direct measures of success. HBL also contributes to the bigger picture of improved conservation across the project area in concert with many other organizations – these are indirect measures of success. HBL provides the framework for reporting on this success across the entire project area in order to carry the vision forward.
- **News Bulletin**
The time is right for HBL to have an Enews bulletin, perhaps every 6 months to start with. Need assistance with getting this set up – anyone with experience? Have quite a large database of people who are not Barung members – will do a push to get them joined up to Barung to simplify sending of Enews. Need to discuss with Eric Anderson re access to Barung database for sending Enews.
Enews would be an update on what HBL has been up to, particularly for those that don’t get Barung newsletters or follow HBL Facebook. Contributions might also include info on changes in bird distributions both due to expansion of restored habitat and climate change – Jill Chamberlain, Greg Roberts, Henry Nix, Eric & Dianna, Tim Low.

Funding

- Caring for Country application – spoke to staff in Canberra about failure of our application. They said that this fund was largely to support volunteer activities, not for professional services (we applied for contractor GPS mapping and chemical control of weed vines along with a small amount of support for community activities). I pointed out that we were offering a considerable in-kind volunteer contribution (workshops, Roving Restorers days, Crystal Waters Bushcare days) which they recognized as unaccounted for in their assessment. It beats me how anyone can apply for up to \$50K for exclusively “volunteer activities” if they want to see some serious on-ground results.
- BMRG have indicated that \$5-10K could be available in the shorter term for follow-up to weed vine control in Cambroon corridor. Further moneys could be available if we make a strong case for further investment in the Upper Mary. **Stop Press:** After the Weed Vine workshop on 23 Nov, BMRG indicated that \$30K could now be made available pending our supplying a strategy for weed vine management – this has been completed and sent to BMRG.
- **Any thoughts on funding avenues?**
HBL to put a focus on assisting landholders to access their own funding e.g. SCC Landholder Environment Grants. Make sure they have examples of successful applications to refer to and provide direct assistance with putting application together.

Leave

- Susie will be on leave from 9 Dec – 8 Jan

Agenda & Report for HBL advisory group 19 Jan 2014

**Please note that items in italics require discussion*

Events since last meeting

- Roving Restorers – Kidaman Creek (Mim Coulstock's) – Morning Glory removal – 19 assisted. SD to engage with Nat Parks Service re management of Morning Glory in adjacent National Park
- Little Yabba Bushcare – watering of trees and weed control
- Conondales walk (holidays) – excited to see the amount of flowering and fruiting in the old-growth eucalypt forests and rainforests in Booloumba, Bundaroo and Peters Ck catchments. Much wildlife activity throughout the area

Updates and Business

- Martina Gordon has organized four Roving Restorers events for Feb-March 2014:
 - 1 Feb – tree plant at Kim & Paul's, 153 Maleny Kenilworth Rd
 - 14 Feb – weed work at 138 Hillcrest Rd, Kiamba
 - 8 Mar – weed work on Kilcoy Ck at Crystal Waters
 - 21 Mar – weed work at Gretchen Evan's, 87 Mill Hill Rd, Montville
- Garden advice to landholder in Jabiru Crt, Maleny. They will make a donation to Barung as a thankyou
- Participated in Barung strategy meeting
- Invited by SCC to provide info on connectivity to guides at Mary Cairncross, Maroochy Wetlands, and Maroochy Botanic Gardens, at a forum on 16 Feb
- Submitted strategic vision for weed vine management in the Upper Mary Valley to BMRG. This put a case for further funding for mapping and control. Checked in with Peter McAdam on 16 Jan and he is fairly confident that we will receive support. Will confirm within the next month.
- Landholder Environment Grants – EOI period open from 14 Jan to 24 Feb. Landholders with Weeds of National Significance e.g. Cats Claw and Madeira Vine, will be in a good position to receive a grant. Promoted this at the Weed Vine workshop at Conondale in November and will promote further in the Mary Valley catchment.
- Great Eastern Ranges Initiative (GERI) – we are still pushing for State funding for Qld connectivity planning and works. Andrew Powell may attend GERI forum in Sydney in Aug 2014 so may be considering an announcement of funding.
- Spatial analysis mapping – Spoke to GERI re Alex Lechner (Uni of Qld/Uni of Tas) doing spatial analysis mapping for connectivity in our region. We agreed that it was too early in our project to get a complete analysis done but it may be useful for Alex to do a 'rough as' analysis and see how it matches up with our approach to date. Will discuss this further with Alex in late Jan.
- Talked to Gary Howling at GERI about Conservation Action Planning process as a tool for engaging a range of stakeholders across the HBL region and synthesizing conservation aspirations and priorities. Gary said that running this whole process could take 3 months of substantial part-time effort – preparation, running workshops and synthesising outcomes from discussions. Whilst I think this could be a valuable exercise, I don't feel that I currently have the time to pull this together. In lieu of that, Gary suggested that I run the CAP process thru my own mind to see whether HBL is on target.
- WH&S – still sorting this with Paul Magee's assistance.
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Workshops for 2014

The following are workshops discussed at the last meeting or which have arisen in discussions since then. It would be good to tease this out a little further, particularly in relation to committee involvement in organisation

- Lantana management/control
- Legume weed management or a broader title to cover a range of common weeds – emphasis on strategic timing of control works to get in ahead of seeding. Best to hold this in late winter-Spring.
- Fungi familiarization – tie in with Fran Guard's book launch

- Nest boxes/creating wildlife habitat
- Return Visits to a site over 4 seasons
- Healthy waterways as important habitat linkages - ?Amy Jansen, Eva Ford, Maroochy Waterwatch
- Walks in the Conondales for broad ecological learning
- Plant ID with Ann Moran at the Fig Tree walk, Little Yabba Ck (this wasn't discussed at the meeting but came up since with our LY Bushcare group)
- Bird walk at Fig Tree walk (also brought up at LY Bushcare)
- Seed collection (Barung nursery needs more support)

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Funding

- As mentioned earlier, BMRG has indicated that \$30K could be made available for weed vine management in the Upper Mary Valley now that we have provided a scoping document for long-term management. Will get confirmation by mid-Feb.
- As mentioned earlier, GERI/HBL is still pursuing statewide funding for connectivity from Qld government
- Initial discussion with Jonathan Waites re applying to MCU for community funding (\$250-\$1000) for Richmond Birdwing trellis and interpretative signage at Tesch Park or similar public space
- ***Any new ideas from the Advisory Group?***
- ***Susie still keen to pursue philanthropic sources but this requires investment of time and is unlikely to yield shorter-term results***

Next Meeting date at 2 Treehaven Way Sun xx March 2014

Attachment 3: LBCCG Project Manager Report

Current Projects

Upper Obi Obi Creek Restoration (Mac farms)

- Brush Turkey Enterprises have commenced management of site – initially site clean up and woody weed management, wattle management, and staged removal of tree guards. A quote for replacement planting has been requested (200 plants).

Erowal Riparian Fencing and Off Stream Watering

- Project implementation is imminent – 5,000 gallon water tank has been delivered onto site and once fencing contractor, earthmover is available works will commence.

Upper Alcorn Creek Riparian Fencing

- With the dry conditions and low base flows in the catchment's waterways the timing is ideal for waterway crossing construction. Concrete crossing construction has commenced (three concrete and one piped crossing) on the project. Once the crossings have been completed fencing (approx. 1,200 m) can be installed.

Cork Dairies Obi Obi Creek Protection

- Low level concrete waterway crossing has been completed.
- Fencing contractor has provided quote – awaiting installation. Site currently has temporary electric fencing.
- The main piped waterway crossing on the Obi has had considerable revetment work done to provide additional protection (armouring).

Alcorn Creek Riparian Remediation

- Fencing has been installed by landholder.
- Site has been prepared for revegetation.
- Plants (1,400) have been ordered – waiting for the break to commence revegetation.
- Revegetation materials are stored in LBCCG shed.

Project Development

Cavanagh – 2013-14 Seqwater Landslide Support Program

- see General Business LBCCG Management Committee Meeting No. 65 14 November 2013.

Walkers Creek Restoration Stage 2

- see General Business LBCCG Management Committee Meeting No. 65 14 November 2013.

Erowal Riparian Fencing & Off Stream Watering Stage 2

- see General Business LBCCG Management Committee Meeting No. 65 14 November 2013.

Mid-lower Obi Obi Creek Fencing & OSW (working title only)

- A project in the mid to lower reaches of Obi Obi Creek over two properties to fence approximately 2,000 metres of riparian zone (including Endangered Regional Ecosystem remnant vegetation) and associated off stream watering. Intend to apply for matching funding from Sunshine Coast Council (Landholder Environment Grants).

Seqwater Landslide Support Program

Lower Bridge Creek

- A project in the lower reaches of Bridge Creek looking at a very large landslip. Approximately 20 years ago the slip was extensively planted with hoop pine (eucalypts above the slip) with varying degrees of success. The site is of particular interest as it suggests that revegetation of slips is not necessarily a solution on its own. There are considerable drainage issues on the site which require further investigation.
- Minor earthmoving has been proposed to alter a particularly damaging watercourse (directing flows back into the original watercourse rather than being allowed to flow onto slip area).
- Site will be assessed by Seqwater Landslide Research Program.

Nadi Lane

- Large landslip reactivated by ex-cyclone Oswald in early 2013 which has threatened a house. Landholder is interested in looking at options to remediate the slip.
- Site will be assessed by Seqwater Landslide Research Program.

Watter

- The landslip that was reactivated (potentially a new slip) in early 2013 has been profiled (to improve drainage) and seeded.
- LBCCG is supporting the activity by providing Plant Pink tree guards and weed mats when revegetation occurs.

Other

- Attended Maroochy Landcare/SEQ Catchments FarmFLOW Presentation
- Presentation (with Peter) to an SEQ Catchments hosted Sri Lankan Water Professionals field trip at Maleny dairies highlighting effective community engagement
- Working on updating the Tesch Park LBCCG sign "Protect Our Precious Waterways" to reflect the 2012 Native Title determination with Penny Riddoch – the original designer of the sign.
- Attended BMRG Community Engagement meeting with Peter in Gympie.
- Assisted Griffith University to source various effluent streams in the catchment (property access).
- Assisted Griffith University PhD student with a study of Light and nutrient impact on aquatic environments; (I provided and erected temporary electric fencing on a site and cleared weeds from a 2nd site)