



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

Held at 455 North Maleny Road, Maleny on
Thursday February 13th 2014

'Working with our community, for our waterways'

The meeting commenced at 6.35 pm. Chaired by Peter Stevens

66.1 Welcome and Apologies

Attendance:

Peter Stevens	President
Gillian Pechey	Secretary
Keith Schelberg	Treasurer
Mark Amos	Project Manager (LBCCG)
Steven Lang	Committee Member
Paul Gilmour-Walsh	Member
Tim Odgers	Seqwater Asset Maintenance Technical Officer
Jonothan Hooper	IT & Administration Support (LBCCG)
Michael Fiechtner	Seqwater

Apologies: A. Powell, S. Skull, P. Willadsen, N. McCarthy, K. Enkelmann, S. Watter

0066.2 Minutes of previous Management Committee Meeting of Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group held on Thursday November 14th 2013

Motion: Gillian Pechey seconded Keith Schelberg that the Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated be accepted.

CARRIED

Business arising Rose Gageler's *Early response of soil properties and function to riparian rainforest restoration* thesis not yet ready for publication.

0066.3 Correspondence

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

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

CARRIED

Business arising

Manduka Cooperative letter requesting that LBCCG contribute to their land care in the form of payment of an amount equal to their unreimbursed Land Tax. Discussion followed. The Committee acknowledged that Manduka has planted trees and stabilised steep land adjacent to Lake Baroon without assistance from LBCCG. The Committee requested a more detailed paper explaining the Cooperative's work. Michael committed to looking into the matter.

0066.4 **Treasurer's Report**

Tabled.

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

Business arising

Motion: Peter Stevens, seconded Steven Lang that the following contractors be registered with Maleny Credit Union for EFT payment:

Maleny Town and Country Supplies
Langdale Stud (Tim Simpson)
Nash Family Trust
Alectura 2 (BTE Family Trust)

J & J Bateman
Maleny Newsagent
Barung Landcare

J. Hooper
Totem Fauna & Flora (Jason Flynn)
Alectura (Shaw Family Trust)

CARRIED

0066.5 **Reports**

0066.5.1 **Hinterland Bush Links**

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

0066.5.2 **LBCCG Project Manager Report**

Mark presented a Powerpoint presentation to the meeting

(See Attachment 3: LBCCG Project Manager Report).

0066.5.3 **Seqwater Report (Tim Odgers)**

Update on the Seqwater Land Slip study currently being completed by Queensland University of Technology.

Motion: Keith Schelberg seconded by Steven Lang the Reports be accepted.

CARRIED

0066.6 **General Business**

0066.6.1 **Workplace Health and Safety Report**

No incidents to report.

0066.6.2 **Project Manager Employment Review**

The Committee formally endorses the Review by Peter Stevens and Steve Skull and approves a new three-year contract as presented, with annual reviews.

Motion: Peter Stevens, seconded by Keith Schelberg that the Employment Contract as presented be accepted.

CARRIED

0066.6.3 Meeting with Mal Brough MP to discuss upcoming Green Army Program

Peter has organised a meeting with the Minister to discuss the upcoming Green Army Program and the opportunity for LBCCG to be involved. Meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 13.

0066.6.4 Tesch Park sign update

Update on progress on the redesign of the Tesch Park sign.

A Draft design has been sent to Michael who suggesting using text from the signs erected at Lake Baroon recreational areas – wording that has already been approved by Seqwater and will be consistent across the catchment.

0066.6.5 Burnett Mary Regional Group – Regional Landcare Facilitator Steering Committee

With the Committee’s approval Mark applied for a position on the BMRG hosted RLF Steering Committee and has been subsequently elected. Meetings will be twice yearly.

0066.6.6 1314-011 Project Proposal - Ling Landslip Remediation

The project will commence remediation of a landslip in the Falls Creek catchment. Project partners in the financial year include Burnett Mary Regional Group and Sunshine Coast Council (through the Landholder Environment Grants). The first stage of the project will involve drainage, fencing and commencement of revegetation along the access road – relatively low risk activities that will support further investment on the property in 2014-15 by Seqwater with their Landslide Program.

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

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

The next Management Committee Meeting of Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group will be held
Thursday 13th March 2014, 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 12th November 2013			
Date	Notes	Action	Person
20-Nov-13	Landcare Aust. - In Focus magazine	Circulate	GP
20-Nov-13	BMRG - Director of Community Catchment elected (Ian Winter)	Circulate	GP
21-Nov-13	P & K Nash - crossings 1213-009 (\$5,500.00)	Pay	MA/BK
21-Nov-13	Seqwater (John Howlie) - Landslip Research tender approved	File	MA
22-Nov-13	Seqwater (Amanda Purdy) - Acknowledgement of Invoices	File	MA
22-Nov-13	BTE - tubestock 1213-012 (\$597.85)	Pay	MA/BK
22-Nov-13	Connecting Up - Anti-virus software (\$44.00)	Pay	MA/BK
22-Nov-13	Seqwater (Amanda Purdy) - Project approvals (1314-006; 1314-008; 1314-009)	File	MA
25-Nov-13	Telstra - Oct-Nov account (\$129.40)	Pay	MA/BK
25-Nov-13	EW & CC Ferriday - drainage 1314-000 (\$396.00)	Pay	MA/BK
26-Nov-13	BTE - tubestock 1213-012 (\$164.45)	Pay	MA/BK
27-Nov-13	Sustainable Sunshine Coast - website updates	Complete	MA
27-Nov-13	Barung - tubestock 1213-012 (\$1,668.15)	Pay	MA/BK
27-Nov-14	Unitywater - remittance advice 1213-001 (\$2,199.12)	Reconcile	BK
28-Nov-13	BMRG (Emily Maher) - Eden Road landslip funding in principle approval	Progress	MA
28-Nov-13	Steve Skull - Mark Amos Review Plan	Agenda	MA/GP
29-Nov-13	SCEC - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
02-Dec-13	Barung - maintenance 1213-002 (\$600.00)	Pay	MA/BK
02-Dec-13	BMRG - Irrigation & Floodplain Planning information day	File	GP
02-Dec-13	Barung - 2013 Christmas Party	Circulate	GP
03-Dec-13	BTE - Contractor log 1011-011	File	MA
03-Dec-13	P & K Nash - crossings 1213-009 (\$10,140.00)	Pay	MA/BK
03-Dec-13	Landcare Qld - Qlinks	Circulate	GP
03-Dec-13	Totem Fauna & Flora - revegetation 1213-012 (\$3,102.00)	Pay	MA/BK
04-Dec-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
06-Dec-13	BMRG (Kay Enkelmann) - NRM of Farms digest	Subscribe	MA
06-Dec-13	Healthy Waterways - News	Circulate	GP
06-Dec-13	BBC Digital - printer hire January (\$105.11)	Pay	BK
10-Dec-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
10-Dec-13	Office of Andrew Powell - acknowledgement of Reports received & further action	Agenda	PS
13-Dec-13	P. Gilmour-Walsh - Australia Day Expo	Circulate	GP
13-Dec-13	QWALC - Insurance Certificates	File	MA
16-Dec-13	CVA (Lindy Hoffmann) - In Safe Hands Toolkit update	File	MA
17-Dec-13	Seqwater - Administration funding remittance (\$75,838.40)	Reconcile	MA/BK
17-Dec-13	Healthy Waterways - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
18-Dec-13	Maleny Town & Country - November account (\$44.35)	Pay	MA/BK
18-Dec-13	BMRG - Natural Matters newsletter	Circulate	GP
18-Dec-13	P & K Nash - crossing & drainage 1314-009 (\$9,575.50)	Pay	MA/BK
18-Dec-13	BBC Digital - printing September -December (\$240.39)	Pay	BK
18-Dec-13	ATO - BAS (due 28/2/2014)	Complete	BK
18-Dec-13	BMRG (Ian Winter) - Introduction of Community Catchment Director	Circulate	GP

Date	Notes	Action	Person
18-Dec-13	BMRG - Mark Amos successful application to RLF steering committee	Circulate	GP
19-Dec-13	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
20-Dec-13	Seqwater - Lake Baroon & EMD Recreational Plans released	Circulate	GP
22-Dec-13	Telstra - Nov-Dec 2013 account (\$128.00)	Pay	MA/BK
04-Jan-14	Bev Hand - Bunya Dreaming 2014 invitation	Circulate	GP
05-Jan-14	Totem Fauna & Flora - revegetation 1213-012 (\$2,684.00)	Pay	MA/BK
07-Jan-14	BTE - Mac farms replant quote 1213-005	Consider	MA
07-Jan-14	BTE - maintenance 1011-011 (\$506.00)	Pay	MA/BK
08-Jan-14	Langdale Stud (fencing) - Insurance details	File	MA
09-Jan-14	Maleny Town & Country - December account (\$63.60)	Pay	MA/BK
10-Jan-14	SCEC - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
10-Jan-14	BBC Digital - printer hire February (\$105.11)	Pay	MA/BK
13-Jan-14	Seqwater (Amanda Purdy) - Invoices alterations required	Comply	MA
13-Jan-14	Seqwater (John Howlie) - Landslide Program update	File	MAQ
14-Jan-14	Manduka - funding request	Agenda	GP
15-Jan-14	Seqwater (Amanda Purdy) - LBCCG funding Contract Order	File	MA
16-Jan-14	Totem Fauna & Flora maintenance & replanting 1213-009 (\$660.00)	Pay	MA/BK
16-Jan-14	SCEC (Narelle McCarthy) - Sunshine Coast Round Table)	Circulate	GP
16-Jan-14	MRCCC - General Meeting (30/1/2014)	Attend	MA
20-Jan-14	Langdale Stud - fencing 1213-008 (\$14,245.00)	Pay	MA/BK
21-Jan-14	SCC (Alan Wynn) - Landholder Environment Grants flyer	Distribute	MA
21-Jan-14	BMRG - Flood Recovery Workshop	File	GP
21-Jan-14	Seqwater - Remittance Advice Project funding Jul-Dec 2013 (\$63,782.95)	Reconcile	BK
22-Jan-14	MCU - Term Deposit Record of Investment	Reconcile	BK
22-Jan-14	Seawave Constructions - concreting 1314-006 (\$17,325.00)	Pay	MA/BK
22-Jan-14	QWALC - 2013-14 Membership Certificate	File	MA/BK
22-Jan-14	Jumba - Domain Name renewal	File	MA
22-Jan-14	Rose Gageler - UQ thesis publication update	File	MA
23-Jan-14	P & K Nash - fence removal 1213-008 (\$1,650.00)	Pay	MA/BK
23-Jan-14	P & K Nash - OSW Installation 1314-008 (\$2,666.40)	Paid	MA/BK
24-Jan-14	Telstra - Dec 2013 - Jan 2014 account (\$128.00)	Pay	MA/BK
24-Jan-14	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
24-Jan-14	Mark Franks - fencing 1112-003 (\$1,799.00)	Pay	MA/BK
24-Jan-14	BMRG (Kay Enkelmann) - Green Army submissions	Agenda	MA
24-Jan-14	BTE - Revised replanting quote 1213-005	Consider	MA
28-Jan-14	SCC (Peter Armstrong) - Connect to Your Creek Week	Circulate	GP
29-Jan-14	Seqwater (Micheal Fiechtner) - CEO visit (26/2/2014)	Attend	MA/PS/SS
31-Jan-14	Brush Turkey Enterprises - tubestock refund 1213-012 (\$407.22)	Bank	MA/BK
31-Jan-14	AON - Insurance renewal declaration	Complete	MA
31-Jan-14	SCC - HBL Progress Report (due 21-2-14)	Forward	MA
31-Jan-14	SC Rivers Initiative - website information requested	Comply	MA
4-Feb-14	Maleny Newsagency - January account (\$130.89)	Pay	MA/BK
4-Feb-14	BMRG (Kay Enkelmann) - RLF Steering Committee meeting 10/3/2014)	Attend	MA
4-Feb-14	Office of Mal Brough MP - Green army meeting 13/3/2014)	Attend	MA/PS

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4-Feb-14	Landcare Qld - Qlinks	Circulate	GP
6-Feb-14	Totem Fauna & Flora - maintenance 1213-009 (\$1,364.00)	Pay	MA/BK
7-Feb-14	Dilkusha (Lyndell Moore) - Invitation to Conservation Celebration	Circulate	GP
7-Feb-14	Healthy Waterways - News	Circulate	GP
7-Feb-14	BBC Digital - printer hire March 2014 (\$105.11)	Pay	BK
7-Feb-14	Office of Andrew Powell - newsletter	Circulate	GP
7-Feb-14	Maleny Town & Country - fencing 1112-003 (\$2,321.00)	Paid	MA/BK
7-Feb-14	Maleny Town & Country - OSW 1314-008 (\$66.00)	Paid	MA/BK
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12-Nov-13	BBC Digital - Printer hire (\$105.11)	Paid	DB
12-Nov-13	CSIRO Publishing - Untrained Environmentalist book (\$44.00)	Paid	MA/BK
12-Nov-13	Reimburse M. Amos - diesel 026 RUQ (\$90.00)	Paid	DB
15-Nov-13	Griffith Uni - Crayfish project Invoice (\$5,500.00)	Paid	MA/BK
18-Nov-13	South India Takeway - meeting food (\$132.00)	Paid	MA/BK
22-Nov-13	P & K Nash - crossings 1213-009 (\$5,500.00)	Paid	MA/BK
22-Nov-13	Reimburse M. Amos - diesel 026 RUQ (\$92.00)	Paid	DB
22-Nov-13	Connecting Up - Anti-virus software (\$44.00)	Paid	MA/BK
22-Nov-13	BTE - tubestock 1213-012 (\$597.85)	Paid	MA/BK
22-Nov-13	Connecting Up - Anti-virus software (\$44.00)	Pay	MA/BK
26-Nov-13	EW & CC Ferriday - drainage 1314-000 (\$396.00)	Paid	MA/BK
26-Nov-13	BTE - tubestock 1213-012 (\$164.45)	Paid	MA/BK
28-Nov-13	Barung - tubestock 1213-012 (\$1,668.15)	Paid	MA/BK
02-Dec-13	M. Amos - leave loading (\$535.00)	Paid	MA/BK
03-Dec-13	Barung - maintenance 1213-002 (\$600.00)	Paid	MA/BK
03-Dec-13	P & K Nash - crossings 1213-009 (\$10,140.00)	Paid	MA/BK
03-Dec-13	Telstra - PM mobile phone (\$29.99)	Paid	MA/BK
03-Dec-13	Telstra - Oct-Nov account (\$129.40)	Paid	MA/BK
03-Dec-13	Totem Fauna & Flora - revegetation 1213-012 (\$3,102.00)	Paid	MA/BK
03-Dec-13	Reimburse M. Amos - diesel 026 RUQ (\$95.00)	Paid	MA/BK
03-Dec-13	Maleny Mowers - pump (\$645.00)	Paid	MA/BK
06-Dec-13	BBC Digital - printer hire January (\$105.11)	Paid	BK
17-Dec-13	Seqwater - Administration funding remittance (\$75,838.40)	Reconcile	MA/BK
30-Dec-13	Maleny Town & Country - November account (\$44.35)	Paid	MA/BK
30-Dec-13	P & K Nash - crossing & drainage 1314-009 (\$9,575.50)	Paid	MA/BK
18-Dec-13	BBC Digital - printing September -December (\$240.39)	Paid	BK
07-Jan-14	Totem Fauna & Flora - revegetation 1213-012 (\$2,684.00)	Paid	MA/BK
07-Jan-14	BTE - Mac farms replant quote 1213-005	Consider	MA
07-Jan-14	BTE - maintenance 1011-011 (\$506.00)	Paid	MA/BK
09-Jan-14	Telstra - PM mobile phone (\$30.00)	Paid	MA/BK
10-Jan-14	Reimburse M. Amos - diesel 026 RUQ (\$100.01)	Paid	MA/BK
10-Jan-14	Australian Ethical Super - superannuation payment: Susie (\$927.48)	Paid	MA/BK
10-Jan-14	BBC Digital - printer hire February (\$105.11)	Paid	MA/BK

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10-Jan-14	MLC Superannuation - superannuation payment: Mark (\$1,156.14)	Paid	MA/BK
10-Jan-14	Maleny Town & Country - December account (\$63.60)	Paid	MA/BK
13-Jan-14	Seqwater (Amanda Purdy) - Invoices alterations required	Comply	MA
15-Jan-14	Toowoomba Tanks - trough 1314-008 (\$517.00)	Paid	MA/BK
15-Jan-14	Reimburse M. Amos - diesel 026 RUQ (\$101.50)	Paid	MA/BK
15-Jan-13	Telstra - Nov-Dec 2013 account (\$128.00)	Paid	MA/BK
17-Jan-14	Totem Fauna & Flora maintenance & replanting 1213-009 (\$660.00)	Paid	MA/BK
17-Jan-14	Daisy's Restaurant - Annual Lunch (\$797.00)	Paid	MA/BK
22-Jan-14	Langdale Stud - fencing 1213-008 (\$14,245.00)	Paid	MA/BK
21-Jan-14	Seqwater - Remittance Advice Project funding Jul-Dec 2013 (\$63,782.95)	Reconcile	BK
22-Jan-14	Seawave Constructions - concreting 1314-006 (\$17,325.00)	Paid	MA/BK
23-Jan-14	P & K Nash - fence removal 1213-008 (\$1,650.00)	Paid	MA/BK
23-Jan-14	P & K Nash - OSW Installation 1314-008 (\$2,666.40)	Paid	MA/BK
28-Jan-14	Mark Franks - fencing 1112-003 (\$1,799.00)	Paid	MA/BK
31-Jan-14	Brush Turkey Enterprises - tubestock refund 1213-012 (\$407.22)	Bank	MA/BK
31-Jan-14	AON - Insurance renewal declaration	Complete	MA
31-Jan-14	SCC - HBL Progress Report (due 21-2-14)	Forward	MA
31-Jan-14	SC Rivers Initiative - website informatioun requested	Comply	MA
4-Feb-14	Go Daddy - website hosting (\$65.88)	Paid	MA/BK
4-Feb-14	Reimburse M. Amos - diesel 026 RUQ (\$95.00)	Paid	MA/BK
7-Feb-14	Reimburse M. Amos - diesel 026 RUQ (\$98.00)	Paid	MA/BK
7-Feb-14	BBC Digital - printer hire March (\$105.11)	Paid	MA/BK
7-Feb-14	Reimburse M. Amos - PULP 1011-005 (\$9.15)	Paid	MA/BK
8-Feb-14	Telstra - PM mobile phone (\$29.99)	Paid	MA/BK
10-Feb-14	Telstra - Dec 2013 - Jan 2014 account (\$128.00)	Paid	MA/BK
10-Feb-14	Maleny Newsagency - January account (\$130.89)	Paid	MA/BK
10-Feb-14	Totem Fauna & Flora - maintenance 1213-009 (\$1,364.00)	Paid	MA/BK

BK refers to bookkeeper

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

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**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
- Cononales 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.
- **News Bulletin**
*Some repetition of the previous Minutes: 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.*

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)

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.

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)

- Maintenance continuing. Weed management has been a particular focus. Replanting to occur once soil moisture reaches a sufficient level.

Erowal Riparian Fencing and Off Stream Watering

- Fencing and off stream watering has been completed with the first stage of weed management imminent.
- The Salvinia weevil was released in November 2013 and appears to be affecting the aquatic weed on the Erowal dam.

Upper Alcorn Creek Riparian Fencing

- All waterway crossings on the project (3 planned and 1 extra) have been completed and fencing (1,200 m) is nearing completion.

Cork Dairies Obi Obi Creek Protection

- Permanent fencing (370 m) completed (funded by Sunshine Coast Council).

Alcorn Creek Riparian Remediation

- Revegetation has been completed (1,400 tube-stock).
- Although planting occurred in early December with very little rainfall since, there has been minimal losses which is testament to the care taken by the contractor (Totem Fauna & Flora) and the quality of tube-stock (Barung and Brush Turkey).

Cavanagh – 2013-14 Seqwater Landslide Support Program

- Waterway crossing completed. Drainage activities commenced on the upper slopes of the property draining areas where water has pooled. Stacey has also constructed/rehabilitated other crossings and rehabilitated access tracks on the property which allows access to the landslips.

2013-14 Seqwater Landslide Program

- Queensland University have commenced on-ground investigations with LBCCG securing access and providing information on the properties of Craig Ling, Stacey Cavanagh and Don Barlow's.

Walkers Creek Restoration Stage 2

- Concreting around dairy has been completed ensuring all waste is directed to the recently installed Biolytix Treatment system.

Project Development

Ling Landslip Remediation

- see General Business LBCCG Management Committee Meeting No. 66 (13 February 2014).

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

- Continuing to develop 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).

Other

- Continuing to update the Tesch Park sign with assistance from Penny Riddoch.
- Conducted interview with Range News regarding the closure of Lake Baroon due to algae bloom and the work LBCCG is doing to address water quality issues in the storage.
- Liaising with Sunshine Coast Council officers regarding Landholder Environment Grants including identifying projects where collaboration can occur.
- Provided comments on Griffith University/Seqwater handout “The role of riparian vegetation in improving water quality in Lake Baroon”.
- Jono Hooper has come on board LBCCG to provide IT and Administration Support. Already Jono has redesigned the LBCCG website from the ground up – including changing webhosts which allows simpler and improved uploading ability and more storage.
- Assisted Griffith Universities’ Peter Pollard with access to various properties in the catchment looking at faecal material signatures and why the Obi Obi Creek appears to cleanse itself on its journey to Lake Baroon.
- Removed fencing on Unitywater’s MCP lease – LBCCG kept all removed materials.