



**LAKE
BAROON
CATCHMENT
CARE
GROUP**

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

Held at 455 North Maleny Road, Maleny on
Thursday June 18th 2015

'Working with our community, for our waterways'

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm. Chaired by Peter Stevens

0079.1 **Welcome and Apologies**

Attendance:

Peter Stevens	President	Keith Schelberg	Treasurer
Gillian Pechey	Secretary	Mark Amos	Project Manager (LBCCG)
Steven Lang	Committee Member	Matt Bateman	Project Officer (LBCCG)

Apologies: M. Malter, S. Watter, B. Philpot, K. Enkelmann, P. Gilmour-Walsh, T. Odgers, S. Skull

0079.2 **Minutes of the last Management Committee Meeting of Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group held on Thursday May 14th 2014**

Motion: **That the Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated be accepted.**

Moved Peter Stevens

Seconded Steven Lang

CARRIED

Business arising

0078.6.6 Project Plan – Farmhouse Macadamia Waterway Crossings and Weed Management (1415-004)

Project has been approved in an amended form, ie, with an increased contribution by the Landholder.

0079.3 **Correspondence**

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

Motion: **That the Correspondence be received and endorsed.**

Moved Gillian Pechey

Seconded Steven Lang

CARRIED

0079.4 **Treasurer's Report**

Financials tabled.

Motion: **That the Treasurer's Report as tabled be endorsed.**

Moved Keith Schelberg

Seconded Peter Stevens

CARRIED

Vote of thanks to Keith for the simplified Report.

0079.5 **Reports**

0079.5.1 **Hinterland Bush Links Coordinator**

Tabled (See Attachment 2: HBL Report)

0079.5.2 **Seqwater**
No Report.

0079.5.3 **LBCCG Project Manager Report**
Mark presented a Powerpoint presentation to the meeting.
To view please click **LBCCG Project Manager Report – [79.June-2015.pdf](#)**
(Please note this is an edited version of the Presentation omitting sensitive information).

0079.6 **General Business**

0079.6.1 **Workplace Health and Safety Report**

No incidents have been reported.

0079.6.2 **Project Plan – Erowal Riparian Fencing and Off Stream Watering STAGE 3 (1415-008)**

Erowal Riparian Fencing and Off Stream Watering is a multi-year project designed to address unmanaged livestock access to major watercourses, degraded riparian buffers and the proliferation of environmental weeds that provide limited protection to creek banks and associated water quality.

The proposed project (over three years) aimed to complete three components:

1. Replace riparian fencing on Obi Obi Creek (2012-13 – approved and funding allocated);
2. Weed management within fenced area (riparian zone) – particularly upstream zone that has been revegetated in the past. Lower zone (primarily large mature camphor laurel) to be managed to allow installation of fencing with possible future removal (2012-14);
3. Provide alternative watering points for agisted livestock – off stream watering system comprising tank and trough utilising existing pump from Obi Obi creek (2013-14).

However efficiencies in the implementation of the weed management component have led to significant savings and the ability to expand the project. Recent regular and severe flooding have damaged flood fences upstream and downstream on Walkers Creek permitting livestock to enter an old Barung Landcare revegetation site and cross the Obi Obi Creek onto the MCP and also upstream onto the LBCCG project, *Mid Obi Riparian Corridor*.

Consequently the project has completed a further three additional components:

1. Extended existing off stream watering system (two troughs);
2. Install fencing (80 metres) on Obi Obi Creek; and
3. Install permanent fencing (60 metres) on Walkers Creek.

Motion: ***That the Project Plan as presented and tabled be approved.***

Moved Peter Stevens
Seconded Keith Schelberg

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th July 2015.
at
the LBCCG Office - 455 North Maleny Road. (5494 3775)

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 20

Signature of President _____

Attachment 1: Correspondence

All figures where applicable include GST.

Inwards Correspondence from 15th May 2015			
Date	Notes	Action	Person
15-May-15	Maleny Town & Country - OSW materials 1415-008 (\$15.90)	Pay	MA/DL
15-May-15	Maleny Town & Country - safety boots WH&S (\$121.00)	Pay	MA/DL
15-May-15	Barung - tubestock 1415-010 (\$660.00)	Pay	MA/DL
15-May-15	Dept Environment & Heritage - 1415-017 (\$19,800.00)	Reconcile	MA
15-May-15	Assist Ecological - project management 1415-018 (\$2,006.00)	Pay	MA/DL
18-May-15	Glass House Electorate Office - volunteer awards (P. Stevens)	Circulate	GP
18-May-15	Langdale Stud - fencing 1415-010 (\$9,273.00)	Pay	MA/DL
18-May-15	Barung - Gardening to connect habitat workshop (29/5/15)	Circulate	GP
19-May-15	MRCCC - River Month	Circulate	GP
20-May-15	J. Bateman - maintenance 0708-005 (\$210.00)	Pay	MA/DL
20-May-15	J. Bateman - maintenance 1314-005 (\$175.00)	Pay	MA/DL
20-May-15	BMRG - bulletin	Circulate	GP
20-May-15	Watsons - diesel (\$88.00)	Pay	MA/DL
21-May-15	Pump House - float valve 1415-022	Pay	MA/DL
21-May-15	Barung - Native plants & Garage sale (23/5/15)	Circulate	GP
25-May-15	SC Council - confirmation of submission to Partnership Grants	File	MA
25-May-15	Seqwater (A. Watkinson) - CP letter of support	File	MA
26-May-15	Barung - getting to know rainforest workshop (5/6/15)	Circulate	GP
27-May-15	BMRG - bulletin	Circulate	GP
27-May-15	Langdale Stud - off stream watering 1415-022 (\$5,584.00)	Pay	MA/DL
29-May-15	Healthy Waterways - news	Circulate	GP
29-May-15	BBC Digital - new Account Manager	File	MA/DL
29-May-15	BMRG - Natural Matters newsletter	Circulate	GP
31-May-15	A. Sparrow (River School) - request for assistance	Respond	MA/DL
31-May-15	SCEC - invitation to attend SCEC AGM	Circulate	GP
01-Jun-15	Glass House Electorate Office - members Speech	Circulate	GP
01-Jun-15	MRCCC - Totally Wild TV in Mary River	Circulate	GP
01-Jun-15	Watsons - diesel (\$80.00)	Pay	MA/DL
02-Jun-15	Isaac Sheppard - weed management 1415-017 (\$1,200.00)	Pay	MA/DL
02-Jun-15	Telstra - Apr-May account (\$128.70)	Pay	MA/DL
02-Jun-15	Telstra - mobile account (\$66.95)	Pay	MA/DL
03-Jun-15	MRCCC - Lake MacDonald Catch & Release Fishing Comp. (28/6/15)	Circulate	GP
03-Jun-15	Barung - Roving Restorers @ Booloumba Ck (12/6/15)	Circulate	GP
03-Jun-15	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
04-Jun-15	Andrew Powell - newsletter	Circulate	GP
04-Jun-15	NSW DPI - NRM on farms newsletter	Circulate	GP
04-Jun-15	East Coast TAFE - letter of support	File	MA
04-Jun-15	BMRG - Burnett Mary WQ Improvement Plan launch	Attend	MA
09-Jun-15	Barung - 2015 Tax Refund Appeal	Circulate	GP
09-Jun-15	Barung - Nursery Stock list	File	MA
10-Jun-15	BMRG - Bulletin	Circulate	GP
10-Jun-15	BMRG - Holistic Management open day (4/7/15)	Circulate	GP
11-Jun-15	Assist Ecological - project management 1415-018 (\$1,140.00)	Pay	MA/DL
11-Jun-15	BMRG - RLF steering committee meeting travel (\$254.10)	Reconcile	MA

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11-Jun-15	BBC Digital - printer hire (\$153.47)	Pay	MA/DL
11-Jun-15	MRCCC - General Meeting (18/6/15)	Attend	MA
12-Jun-15	Seqwater - materials 1415-018 (\$9,894.50)	Reconcile	MA
12-Jun-15	BMRG - Landcare Conference Sponsorship EOI	Circulate	GP
15-Jun-15	Barung - Roving Restorers @ Johnston Nature Refuge (22/6/15)	Circulate	GP
16-Jun-15	Seqwater - Project funding pay 2 (\$65,377.95)	Reconcile	MA
16-Jun-15	Weed Spotters Network - June bulletin	Circulate	GP
16-Jun-15	D. Lalor: bookkeeping (\$112.00)	Pay	MA
16-Jun-15	BMRG - ERF Auction Results	Circulate	GP
17-Jun-15	ATO: Changes to submitting Annual Report	Comply	MA
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15-May-15	Range News - TAFE volunteers photo for article	Sent	MA
18-May-15	Barung - tubestock 1415-018 (\$3,466.10)	Paid	MA/DL
18-May-15	Assist Ecological - project management 1415-018 (\$2,006.00)	Paid	MA/DL
20-May-15	Watsons - diesel (\$88.00)	Paid	MA/DL
21-May-15	Pump House - float valve 1415-022 (\$144.48)	Paid	MA/DL
21-May-15	Susie Duncan - HBL Financials	Sent	MA
22-May-15	J. Bateman - maintenance 0708-005 (\$210.00)	Paid	MA/DL
22-May-15	J. Bateman - maintenance 1314-005 (\$175.00)	Paid	MA/DL
22-May-15	Seqwater - Project funding pay 2 (\$65,377.95)	Sent	MA
22-May-15	Seqwater - LBCCG May Report & Plans (1415-015; 1415-022)	Sent	MA
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11-Jun-15	BBC Digital - printer hire (\$153.47)	Paid	MA/DL
15-Jun-15	Seqwater - Project management 1415-018 (\$19,360.00)	Sent	MA
17-Jun-15	D. Lalor: bookkeeping (\$112.00)	Paid	MA
17-Jun-15	N. Macleod - materials 1415-006 (\$359.96)	Sent	MA

Attachment 2: HBL Report

Minutes for HBL Advisory Group

17 May 2015

Present: Joan & John Dillon, Paul Magee, Kim Holcroft, Sue Brieschke, Eric Anderson, Mary-Jane Weld, Susie Duncan

Apologies: Craig Hosmer, Daryl Reinke, Martina Gordon

Minute taker: Sue Brieschke.

The Report and Agenda to the Advisory Group was prepared by Susie and distributed to the Advisory Group prior to the meeting.

Events since last meeting

- Roving Restorers planting and weeding days: Harper Ck, Policemans Spur, Booloumba Ck, Elaman Ck, Obi Ck. RR also helped out at Dilkusha Conservation day.
- 3 Little Yabba Bushcare and 1 Maleny Precinct Bushcare weeding & planting days.
- Barung Wood Expo – held HBL stall with the help of 5 great volunteers
- Kenilworth Food Festival at Easter – HBL stall
- GFW workshops – hosted Butterfly workshop and Invertebrates workshop

Updates and Business

1. Selection process for HBL Project Officer – 32 applicants. Sue Brieschke was the successful candidate and started work on 13 April 2015. She is working 2 days a week and has made a great contribution to date.
2. Organising incorporation for HBL. Meeting with Barung management committee who are comfortable with the process. HBL will organize an MOU with Barung to ensure the continuation of our close working relationship, including administrative support of the project officer position, data base and funding arrangements. QWALC will provide public liability insurance to the value of \$20million, free of charge.
3. ***Incorporation process to occur at HBL meeting on 17 May 2015 – passing of resolution to incorporate, agreement on objectives (see revised objectives below*), sign on of HBL members, election of office holder,.***
4. Community Partnership progress report to Sunshine Coast Council (SCC) end of Feb.
5. Discussion with Julie O'Connor, Senior Community Partnerships Officer with SCC re renewal of HBL Community Partnership when the current funding period expires in June 2015. She has indicated that we may receive \$20K per year for the next 3 years which is well short of the current \$50K. HBL is working on the new application with clear evidence of achievements. We also have a meeting on 18 May with Julie and Denise Lyndon, both from SCC CP section to put a strong case for maintaining the current funding level. Susie Duncan will prepare a brief paper for SCC staff.
6. BMRG provided an additional \$20K for the Weed Vine project – these works are close to completion for the current financial year. Matt Bateman & Susie Duncan are compiling a 3-year report to BMRG which outlines mapping, control works and education activities for this period, and a management strategy for the future.
7. Photos of Madeira Vine and Cats Claw infestations on Main Roads land in the Upper Mary Valley were collected to present to Andrew Powell who is pushing Main Roads to deal with weeds on their land.
8. Planning of Subtropical Forests Ecology Course. Likely to be in September. Venue and instructors still being arranged.
9. Glideways project – ground-truthing and preparing brief for habitat restoration project to assist survival and dispersal of gliders. Funding from Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife through Great Eastern Ranges Initiative.
10. Discussions with one potential donor.
11. Teeing up Roving Restorers events for the next few months.
12. Planning HBL/GFW “Gardening to connect habitat” workshop, and Little Yabba Bushcare “Getting to know rainforest plants & wildlife” workshop.
13. Avocado Lane Bushcare group, Walkers Ck, Maleny, set up thru SCC.
14. Visited six landholders.
15. Prepared Barung Newsletter article.
16. GER phone link-ups and ½ day Skype planning conference. General phone enquiries.
17. HBL Facebook items posted
18. Advertising HBL events.
19. Updating of website.
20. Sue Brieschke attended a full-day First Aid Course courtesy of SCC

Funding

21. BMRG - \$20K received to complement current funding (\$15K) for Upper Mary Valley Weed Vine Project 2014-15.
22. Glideways project - \$15K to be received soon from Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife through the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative
23. GER Regional Partnership Project Development Grant - \$7,500 from GER for HBL to develop projects and seek funding to back them.

Revised HBL objectives for Incorporation

The objects for which the association is established are:

1. To ensure that all native plants and animals in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland survive and flourish in the long term.
2. To achieve this by protecting, restoring and connecting habitat and supporting ecologically sound management on both private and public land.
3. To use the best possible science to inform connectivity conservation planning and on-ground works.
4. To engage landholders, the broad community and other organisations in connectivity related conservation activities.
5. To incorporate a vision for habitat connectivity from Cape York to Victoria, into our planning approach.

Discussion:

1. Mary Jane asked about the Subtropical Forests Ecology Course and the intended audience. Susie explained that the course is aimed at landowners, Council Natural Area Management officers, other Landcare groups, other government employees, Uni students. The course is designed for participants to learn about landscapes, disturbance and restoration including connectivity. The aim is to equip people with the knowledge so that they can plan for restoration of disturbed sites (either on their own land or land they may be working on).
Mary-Jane suggested Yabbaloumba as a possible venue for the course. Lindsay suggested an EEC near Imbil. Eric suggested a venue on the Kenilworth-Eumundi Road.
2. Joan asked about the reduction in funding for Community Partnerships. Susie explained that she has had a conversation with Julie O'Connor (Council officer) who suggests that HBL could expect to receive \$20,000. Susie has arranged a meeting with Julie and Denise Lyndon at 9.00am on 18.05.2015 to present the case for HBL to maintain the level of funding to date (\$50,000 per annum). Meetings with Bill Hadrill (Council officer responsible for Environmental Levy funds) and Cr Jenny McKay may follow.
3. Incorporation. Meeting of HBL with Barung Landcare Management Committee – Committee supportive of HBL incorporating. A Memorandum of Understanding will be drawn up in order to maintain the positive relationship with Barung. Hinterland Bush Links needs to be in the process of Incorporation when the Community Partnerships grant application is submitted and must be incorporated by the time the funds are dispersed.

The meeting needed to formalize membership, pass a resolution that HBL will incorporate and appoint Susie to undertake this application. As others have expressed interest in involvement in HBL and many of the Advisory Group do not wish to nominate for positions on the Management Committee, it was decided to leave the process of election of officers to a later date and a meeting was set for 14 June to fulfill this process.

Most present at the meeting completed HBL membership forms and Daryl & Craig had previously submitted their forms.

Motion: That Hinterland Bush Links proceed to become an incorporate under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* and to adopt the proposed rules (model rules) for the incorporated association.

Moved: Kim Holcroft Seconded: Joan Dillon Motion carried

Motion: That Susie Duncan be appointed to make the application to incorporate.

Moved: Kim Holcroft Seconded: Joan Dillon Motion carried

4. Objects. Susie acknowledged the feedback she had received regarding the Objects. Joan argued that the 1st point was an objective and the following were actions. Kim felt that the Objects should be visionary. Mary-Jane was concerned that the Objects were unachievable and the wording unrealistic. Susie suggested that we go back to the website and look at the statement on there. A vigorous discussion about the Objects resulted in there being one statement that reflected the vision and purpose of HBL.

The draft Object, "*A connected landscape of resilient native plants and animals in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland*" is to be distributed for further feedback and review.

5. Mary-Jane asked about the Glideways project.

Susie explained that funding is available from the National Parks & Wildlife Foundation through Great Eastern Ranges Initiative. \$15K available to each of 5 groups in the GER corridor. Gliders were nominated as the focus for this connectivity project. Four sites are being considered at Reesville, Elaman Creek and Curramore. Nick Clancy has suggested Pat Fuller's property as a good site. A visit has been organized for 31 May. The project will incorporate weed management, revegetation and nest boxes as incentives.

6. Kim asked about funding from other sources.

Susie explained that she intends to continue to seek private donors and to investigate funds that may be available from State Government.

Meeting closed at 5.15pm

Next Meeting date & venue:

2 Treehaven Way

Sun 14 June, 3.30pm