



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group**

Held at 455 North Maleny Road, Maleny on
Thursday October 14th 2010

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm. Chaired by Peter Stevens

Attendance:

Peter Stevens	President
Darryl Ebenezer	Treasurer
Steven Lang	Committee Member
Mark Amos	Coordinator (LBCCG)
Jenny McKay	Councillor
Paul Gilmour-Walsh	Member
Mark Dwyer	Member

1. **Welcome to AGM** (current President Peter Stevens)
2. **Apologies:** Steve Skull, Gillian Pechey, Andrew Powell, Bob Philpot, Fran Guard, Marek Malter, Eric Anderson, Tim Odgers
3. **Confirmation of minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting.**
Moved Peter Stevens, seconded Steven Lang *that the minutes of the LBCCG AGM of 10th October 2009 be accepted, as presented, as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*
CARRIED
4. **Treasurer's report/Auditor's report & adoption of accounts (financial report)** Tabled.
Moved Darryl, seconded Peter Stevens *that the independent financial audit and Treasurer's Reports be accepted as presented.*
CARRIED
5. **Election of auditor**
Moved Darryl, seconded Paul Gilmour-Walsh *that Michael Harper be accepted as external auditor for 2010-11 financial year.*
CARRIED
6. **President's report** Tabled.
Moved Steven Lang, seconded Darryl Ebenezer *that the President's report be accepted as presented.*
CARRIED

- 7. **Catchment Coordinator’s report** Tabled.
 Moved Mark Amos seconded Paul Gilmour-Walsh *that the Catchment Coordinator’s Annual Report be accepted.*

CARRIED

- 8. **Election of Management Committee**
 Peter Stevens stood down and handed the chair to Jenny McKay who declared all positions vacant. There being no dissent, the following were moved and carried in block.

President

Nominated by Gillian Pechey, seconded by Steven Lang.
MOTION: *That Peter Stevens be accepted as President of LBCCG.*

Vice-President

Nominated by Peter Stevens, seconded by Steven Lang.
MOTION: *That Steve Skull be accepted as Vice-President of LBCCG*

Treasurer

Nominated by Gillian Pechey, seconded by Peter Stevens.
MOTION: *That Darryl Ebenezer be accepted as Treasurer of LBCCG*

Secretary

Nominated by Peter Stevens, seconded by Steven Lang.
MOTION: *That Gillian Pechey be accepted as Secretary of LBCCG*

Committee member

Nominated by Peter Stevens, seconded by Gillian Pechey.
MOTION: *That Steven Lang be accepted as Committee Member of LBCCG.*

Moved Paul Gilmour-Walsh, seconded Mark Dwyer.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 20

Signature of President _____

Presidents AGM Report 2010

This year has been one of consolidation where we have worked with participants from our previous PMP workshops to deliver projects for them as well as recruiting new interest from other large landholders. All of this work has been a result of our decision many years ago to implement a large grants program targeting larger landholders. The fruits of this approach are now beginning to bear through increased contact with landholders and a mutual appreciation of how can we can work together from a basis of respect and professionalism.

Having said that, all would not have been possible without our excellent Catchment Co-ordinator Mark Amos. In truth, this has been Mark's year, where he has demonstrated his excellent skills in working with landholders, developing projects, and seeing the whole process through whilst keeping thorough records and concise reporting. In fact Mark's monthly report featuring slideshows of photographs from projects and the catchment have become somewhat legendary and are eagerly anticipated at each meeting. Of course Mark appears to do this in a leisurely fashion, completely unflustered and with a sense of humour, what a guy!

I would also like to profusely thank our small but very effective committee who volunteer their time towards LBCCG's objectives and achieve better outcomes for our community. Special mention is due to Gillian Peachey our secretary, who this year received the Glasshouse Volunteers Award from Andrew Powell MP for almost twenty years of volunteering with LBCCG, and this does not take into account all the many other good causes that Gillian has contributed to during that period. Congratulations Gillian.

Also I would like to thank SEQ Water and particularly Tim Odgers who have supported us throughout the year financially and through frequent contact and assistance in our endeavours. Tim allows us to receive a broader perspective of catchment management and is always helpful when assistance is required.

Over the next few years LBCCG would like to see a more regional approach to catchment management and looks to SEQ Water and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) to provide a framework to facilitate this. SCRC has already commenced Catchment Group meetings and another is to be held shortly. Regional integration and support to what are essentially community groups is important so that we may learn from each other and lobby as a region to access better funding wherever it is available. Past experience shows us that this funding is multiplied many times over at the implementation phase and is a net gain for our region and the community that supports it. The SEQ Water Grid is a good example of how water goes out of a region but little if any support for catchment management comes back to the catchment that supplied the water. When the value of the water going out is calculated, the figures are substantial and does little to reflect the small value of existing catchment management support. A regional approach is the only way that communities will be able to effectively lobby for funding to catchment management at a level which it deserves.

Unless catchment groups get organised and work together effectively, they will go the way of Landcare who have seen the number of groups in this State halve in the last twenty years, their funding has been slashed and is ineffective in supporting them through existing natural resource management groups and the way they operate. Thankfully water has a significant real ongoing value and the job is to access a proportional slice of that revenue stream from the appropriate keeper.

Treasurers AGM Report 2010

I have great pleasure in presenting the audited financial statements for the year ending June 2010.

We have finished the year in an excellent financial position.

The support of Seqwater is especially recognised.

The opportunity for the group to devolve funds to landholders in the catchment in a planned way and for practical, on ground work to be delivered are great activities to be part of. This work does make a difference to water quality, enhances biodiversity and improves the visual amenity of the Lake Baroon catchment

I would especially like to thank our book keeper David Binstead and Mark for doing all the hard financial work and making my role much easier.

I would like to move that we request Michael T Harper to be our auditor for the year 2010/2011.

Darryl Ebenezer
Treasurer

LBCCG Coordinator's Annual Report

Introduction

I have now been employed by LBCCG for just on 18 months – feels like yesterday that I stepped back into the community group area. The past year has presented many challenges, however I feel I and the group have made a significant step forward.

Office and Technology

We are making great strides forward with the professionalism of the office with both the desktop and laptop computers replaced. This became essential as storage space and speeds diminished.

Furthermore the addition of an A3 colour laser printer has resulted in a far more efficient and professional appearance for LBCCG documents.

Once again we utilised the heavily discounted Microsoft software available through Donortec with the purchase of Office 2010 licences to the value of \$4,000 for less than \$200.

Highlights

Highlights for the year were varied. Standing on the bank of the Obi at David Gole's watching seven big fat catfish in the shallows, and similarly watching several platypus on Peter's property one chilly morning.

The purchase and fit out of the tool trailer was a highlight because we now have a valuable resource that not only means our Green Corps team has the right tools for the job but also can be loaned to other groups to achieve real outcomes on the ground.

The successful Community Action Grant was a highlight – not because of the useful \$20,000 but the success of receiving funding in a tight economic climate.

I've added a news section to the website and have started to receive some feedback – encouragement to continue and expand the site.

The LBCCG Field Walk to Dilkusha was a highlight – I've visited the property several times but each visit there has always been something new to see, and the commitment to the property and its restoration by essentially retired individuals is inspiring.

Looking back I realised I enjoyed providing presentations to visiting school students – something I thought I would never admit to. This ranged from PowerPoint presentations in the meeting room, to workshops in the yard, to a casual chat but always talking about who we are and what we do.

Also we had several visits from Seqwater Staff and Board – looking at our projects and also discussing the future direction of the group.

Speaking of partnerships we finally got the Mistflower project underway with CSIRO, strengthened the partnership with Conservation Volunteers Australia through the Green Jobs Corps project and made further progress with Council.

But by far the best experience during the year has been visiting incredible properties that you would normally never get to see – taking great photos (which I have shared with the group through monthly Coordinator Reports) but particularly receiving acceptance from landholders. Almost without exception landholders have been generous with time and often a coffee. There are certainly some characters on the range too!

The future

Publicity has often taken a back seat in prioritisation and I will devote more time to this important aspect of the group. More newsletters – especially aimed at local landholders, more website improvements and accessibility of information, and more Field Walks, not only to project sites but also areas of interest.

Seqwater has suggested we concentrate on on-ground projects for the future which is no surprise however our community awareness role will need to be funded from other sources if continued.

Finally I would like to thank the LBCCG Committee, Tim Odgers from Seqwater for his support, Matt from Barung who helps at the drop of a hat, project participants, and anyone else that has assisted me throughout the year.