

# Mary River GetUp! Climate Torch Relay

**Welcome to the biggest event yet in the campaign to Save the Mary River.**

The proposed Traveston Crossing dam will have a profound and direct impact on communities along the 200km length of the Mary River. The Save the Mary River Coordinating Group (SMRCG) was formed following the announcement of the project in April 2006. It is based at Kandanga, a township which would be inundated if the proposal goes ahead. The SMRCG represents all of us who want to find sustainable, energy and cost effective reliable water supplies for South East Queensland.

The Greater Mary Association represents communities in the north of the river including Maryborough and Hervey Bay. The dam poses both direct and indirect threats to areas of national cultural and environmental significance including World Heritage Fraser Island, the RAMSAR Wetlands of the Great Sandy Strait and threatened species. Flow reduction and degradation of the river threatens the viability and livelihoods of farming, fishing (recreational and commercial), tourism and other industry.

GetUp is a national organisation of activists for social and environmental issues. They have over 280,000 subscribers who participate principally in online campaigns. They raise the profile of issues to pressure action by the Federal Government on matters of national significance. Recent campaigns include lobbying against the Gunn's Pulp Mill in Tasmania; Equal Wages for Women in the Workforce and Indigenous Reconciliation.

**Together, on the weekend of the 5 – 7<sup>th</sup> of September, we will send our strongest message ever to our Federal Parliament. We say NO to Climate Change; No to Traveston Crossing Dam.**

We're striving to reduce our carbon footprint. Please take the bus or car pool with your neighbours and friends. Bus bookings must be made by **29 AUGUST**

## Events

[Community Relay fun run pre-event party 5 September Evening](#)

[Community Relay Fun Run from Maleny to the proposed dam wall site - 6 September Early Morning](#)

**Meet the Torch and Bust the dam! 6 September Morning**  
**Human Chain at the Traveston Crossing Bridge 6 September Morning**  
**Camp Paradise! 6 September Afternoon/Evening**  
**Mitigation Tour (for Camp Paradise participants) 7 September Morning**  
**Hervey Bay Human Sign 7 September Afternoon**

## **Climate Torch Lights up the Mary Valley Community - Beginning the Relay from the hills to the Sea.**

Support the GetUp Climate Torch at our ceremonial welcome on the banks of the Upper Mary River before it begins its relay from the hills to the sea. Send the Mary River your well wishes. Kids will love the Mary River Tribe Characters and special guests share their understanding of the implications of the Traveston Crossing dam from research over the last 2 years. Dance and dine with a black board of Local Musicians, wholefoods and like minded people willing to make sustainable living a living reality. We'll send off the torch with a vision of what is sustainable and possible for our Valley and this region.

Time: 5.30pm till

Date: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Venue: The Village Green – Crystal Waters Permaculture Village. Kilcoy Lane off Aherns Rd – Conondale Valley via Maleny and Kenilworth.

Cost: \$10 cover charge

Catering: \$10 wholesome homestyle meals

RSVP: Please ring: 5494 4650 For Catering Purposes.

Parking: available

Maps and Directions see [ourguesthouse@bigpond.com](mailto:ourguesthouse@bigpond.com)

Crystal Waters [www.crystalwaters.org.au](http://www.crystalwaters.org.au) UNITED NATIONS AWARDED FOR HABITAT AND DESIGN.

## **Community Relay Fun Run from Maleny to the proposed dam wall site**

Committed runners in yellow & black commence in the early hours of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> to run the torch from Crystal Waters to Imbil. Early risers come out and join Peter Wellington MLA as he runs the Torch through Kenilworth from 5.30am. Why don't you hold the Torch & run it between Imbil and Traveston Crossing? Run your sister in her pram, ride your horse, bike or skateboard. Carry your best mate on your back... even use a wheelbarrow! Hand the torch to Bob Brown & run with him to the Mary river. Shuttle bus to take you to your relay leg & onto Traveston Crossing for the next event. Escort vehicle with Snr First officer.

Time: Midnight to 10am

Date: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Registration: Required. email: [ducati@spiderweb.com.au](mailto:ducati@spiderweb.com.au) or ring Lew on 5484 3057

## **Meet the Torch and Bust the dam!**

Bring your canoe and paddle to the proposed wall to meet Senator Bob Brown and Steve Posselt as they arrive with the GetUp Climate Torch. Free the endangered Lungfish stranded at a fish ladder. Bring the torch and 'Lug the Lungfish' safely to an awaiting crowd at Traveston Crossing Bridge.

Time: On water at 9.30am

Registration opens 8.30am

Date: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Registration: Please [print out](#) and bring along signed registration form  
Email: [anneandbill@bordnet.com.au](mailto:anneandbill@bordnet.com.au) and let us know if you are coming. (helps planning)  
Parking: available

## Human Chain at the Traveston Crossing Bridge

Hold the Torch with hundreds of us as we form the longest human chain ever seen by the banks of the Mary. Bob Brown & Steve Posselt will deliver the Torch to Dr Eve, Fesl Gubbi Gubbi Elder, who will pass it along our chain stretching far down the river. Wear yellow and black and be part of the most colourful spectacle seen from the air this year! Enjoy a BBQ & entertainment. Bring your togs and enjoy our beautiful river on a day out with friends. Parking available at the bridge. Shuttle bus available to take people back to parked cars.

Time: 11am – 1pm

Date: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Venue: Traveston Crossing Bridge, Traveston Crossing road Amamoor turnoff from the Bruce Hwy

Registration: Please [print out](#) and bring along signed registration form

Email: [anneandbill@bordnet.com.au](mailto:anneandbill@bordnet.com.au) and let us know if you are coming. (helps planning)

Catering: BBQ, coffee/tea, cool drinks and refreshments available from 10am at cost

Parking: available

Buses: See below.

Leaving from Brisbane. Reservations essential. Email:

[sarahforsyth99@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahforsyth99@hotmail.com)

Leaving from Hervey Bay via Maryborough. Reservations essential: Email:

[greatermary@gmail.com](mailto:greatermary@gmail.com)

Cost: Brisbane Bus (going onto Paradise dam): Cost TBA

Maryborough & Hervey Bay bus return: Cost TBA

## Camp Paradise!

Ever wondered what the Paradise dam fuss is all about? Travel with the Climate Torch as it visits the Paradise dam on the evening of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Play the 'catch n' carry' relay, watch movies, listen to guest experts and see for yourself why the fishway at the Paradise dam has never worked. We'll project a message that can't be missed! Camp or catch the bus to return to your car at Hervey Bay, Maryborough or Traveston Crossing. Campers return to Brisbane via the Mitigation Tour and Hervey Bay Human Sign. -

Time: 1pm all buses leave Traveston Crossing Bridge. Day Bus returns to Traveston Crossing approx 11pm.

Campers' bus returns to Brisbane Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Approx arrival 8pm.

Meal and entertainment at Paradise Dam – 6pm-8pm

Date: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Venue: Paradise dam

Catering: Saturday evening dinner; Sunday breakfast and lunch included

Registration: Please [print out](#) and bring along signed registration form.

Email: [anneandbill@bordnet.com.au](mailto:anneandbill@bordnet.com.au) and let us know if you are coming. (helps planning)

Parking: available (discouraged. Catch the bus!) Security for cars left at Traveston

Crossing Bridge will be provided

Buses: See below.

Bus convoy leaves Traveston Crossing Bridge at 1pm

Day bus returns to Traveston Crossing approx 11pm  
call or

Day bus Maryborough/Hervey Bay returns approx 11pm  
 call or email Tanzi: 0405 848 375 [greatermary@gmail.com](mailto:greatermary@gmail.com)  
 Campers' bus returns to Brisbane Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September ring  
 Helga: (07) 5447 9288 [bensoncooroy@bigpond.com](mailto:bensoncooroy@bigpond.com)  
 Cost: Camping overnight: \$20 per adult, \$5 per child  
 Saturday evening dinner; Sunday breakfast and lunch included  
 BYO Tent, Sleeping bag & mat, chair, cutlery, plate & cup

## Mitigation Tour (for Camp Paradise participants)

Paradise was built with conditions to mitigate environmental costs. In this bus tour from Camp Paradise, we'll help you get up close and personal with the range of conditions that allowed this dam to happen with talks from experts from both sides of the wall. You judge for yourself if a dam can be environmentally friendly.

Time: 10am – 2pm

Date: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Venue: Paradise dam to Hervey Bay via Maryborough and River Heads

Registration: Please [print out](#) and bring along signed registration form

Email: [anneandbill@border.net.com.au](mailto:anneandbill@border.net.com.au) and let us know if you are coming. (helps planning)

Buses: leave from Paradise Dam to Hervey Bay via Maryborough and River Heads. See below.

Cost: inclusive with Camp Paradise TBA

## Hervey Bay Human Sign

A great line up of fun things to do on Father's Day at beautiful Hervey Bay, culminating in the arrival of the GetUp Climate Torch to be passed along people forming a huge sign on the Dayman Point Beach. Sand sculpture comps, relay games, kids' activities, congo with the Mary's endangered species & take part in a ceremonial closing ceremony to be remembered.

Tell our leaders to turn the tide and support

environmentally and socially sustainable water security for current and future generations.

Date: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Venue: Dayman Point Beach

RSVP: Please call Tanzi Smith 0405 848 375. Registration on site from 1.30pm

Food: TBA

Parking: available

Buses: Traveston Crossing via Maryborough to Hervey Bay. Reservations essential.

Call Helga: (07) 5447 9288

Cost: refreshments available

BYO: chair, hat and sunscreen

<i>Bus departure</i>	<i>Arrival</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Make a booking:</i>
<b>Brisbane 6.30am</b>	<b>Traveston 9.00am</b>	6 September	\$25 (return)	Sarah Forsyth email: <a href="mailto:sarahforsyth99@hotmail.com">sarahforsyth99@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Traveston 1pm</b>	<b>Brisbane 4.30pm via scenic drive of Mary Valley</b>	6 September		

<b>Traveston Crossing (6 Sept)</b> Goes to: Paradise Dam (overnight camping) Hervey Bay	<b>Traveston Crossing and connection to Brisbane 8pm (7 Sept)</b>	6 – 7 September	\$55 Includes dinner 6 <sup>th</sup> breakfast 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Forsyth email: sarahforsyth99@hotmail.com
<b>Traveston Crossing shuttle bus</b> Mary Valley circuit	<b>Mary Valley Hwy and Traveston Crossing 7am</b> from Imbil Showgrounds	6 September	Free	
<b>Maryborough 7.30am</b>	<b>Traveston Crossing 9.00am</b>	6 September	\$20 (return)	Call Tanzi 0405 848 375 or email: <a href="mailto:greatermary@gmail.com">greatermary@gmail.com</a>
<b>Traveston Crossing 1:00pm</b>	<b>Maryborough 2.30pm</b> Includes brief tour of MV			
<b>Traveston 1pm</b>	<b>Paradise Dam 4.15pm</b>	6 September	\$25 (return) Dinner \$10 per head additional Kids free	Call Helga: (07) 5447 9288 or email: benensoncooroy@bigpond.com
<b>Paradise Dam 8pm</b>	<b>Traveston Crossing approx 11pm</b> Drop off in Maryborough West train station approx 10pm			
<b>Maryborough approx 1:00pm</b>	<b>Hervey Bay approx 1:30pm</b>	7 September	TBA (return)	Call Tanzi 0405 848 375 or email: <a href="mailto:greatermary@gmail.com">greatermary@gmail.com</a>
<b>Hervey Bay approx 4:30pm</b>	<b>Maryborough and may include historic interlude with Lindsay Titmarsh TBC on day.</b>			