

Save the Mary River Co-ordinating Group

Meeting Minutes

- Date:** 4th December 2006
- Location:** Kandanga Information Centre
- Members:** Kevin Ingersole (Chairperson), Keith Gall, Lyndall Ensbey, Steve Dennis, Sue Smith, John Porter, Jan Porter, Amanda Warren, Victor Hill, Helga Hill, Alan Sheridan, Tricia Roth, Iain Watt, David Sims, Lars Hedberg, Glenda Pickersgill, Beryl Spencer, Kaili Parker-Price, David Kruetz
- Apologies:** Tony Hawkyard, Lin Dillon, Wayne Dillon, Tamielle Andreassen
- Agenda:** As per Agenda received at meeting

Glossary of Terms:

- Committee* The Management Committee, *Save the Mary River Co-ordinating Group*, and its members.
- Chairperson* Committee Chairperson or President
- Member/s* Individual/s of Ordinary Members of the *Save the Mary River Co-ordinating Group*
- Guest/s* Meeting attendees not classed as Ordinary Members
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OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 7.00pm at Kandanga Information Centre.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved By: Alan Sheridan. Seconded By: Victor Hill.

APPROVAL FOR CHANGE OF MODEL RULES

John Porter advised the meeting that he had not yet received confirmation from the Department of Fair Trading for the change of the Model Rules.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Amanda presented a draft schedule of meetings for 2007 to the meeting. Kevin asked if the schedule allowed for Public Holidays. Amanda advised that it did not, however, she would amend the schedule to do so and forward to members.

Motion: Schedule be accepted with meetings on Public Holidays removed.

Moved By: Kaili Parker-Price. Seconded By: Steve Dennis.

GYMPIE TIMES RESPONSE REGARDING FORWARDING COPIES TO SENATORS

Lars advised the meeting that he has not had time to contact the Gympie Times editor. Kaili said that she would approach the editor on Lars behalf.

FUNDRAISING STANDING COMMITTEE

Lars and Lyndal thanked everyone for their help at the Monster Auction. \$17,000 was raised at the event. Lars added that attendance was good. Lars has purchased a gift voucher for Tom and Lyn Grady to thank them for their support at the Monster Auction and a letter of appreciation will be sent to Tom and Lyn. A thank you note was also published in the Gympie Times.

Lars advised that they were considering another auction around Easter time and again Tom Grady had offered his support for the event.

Alan also asked members to seek donations for a possible art auction in 2007.

TECHNICAL STANDING COMMITTEE

Alan advised the members that the Stage 1 Technical Study is to be presented to the Mary River Council of Mayors on Monday, 11th December. Alan added that he was to spend a day with Bob Fredman shortly to assist in the Stage 2 study (Least Cost study) which was due to be completed by the end of January 2007.

Alan also informed the members that he had received a letter from Malcolm Turnbull regarding meeting with him. Alan advised that he would attend with Professor Stuart White and present the preliminary study findings.

MEDIA STANDING COMMITTEE

Kaili advised the members that the media had been fairly quiet recently. Kaili added that she would like to include an article about the membership drive and also welcomed any other suggestions. Kevin advised the members that an article regarding the Canberra meeting would be released afterwards so that expectations of the outcome weren't heightened. A few members suggested that media releases before the meeting would help to bring pressure on the Federal Government, however, Kevin suggested that this should be a last resort.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING COMMITTEE

John advised the members that the Membership Standing Committee had met on a few occasions to organize the membership drive. The outcomes of these meetings are detailed in a report which John released to the members (please see attached).

Kaili suggested that they consider approaching Murray Views for assistance in producing lapel badges for members.

John advised the members that they were looking at using businesses to distribute membership forms throughout the community. John added that they were also looking to forward membership forms to people who had signed the Guest Book at the Kandanga Information Centre. Tricia also offered to work with John to organize an online membership form.

SIGNAGE STANDING COMMITTEE

Keith advised the members that new signage had been erected. Kevin added that Main Roads had a few minor complaints about the new signage but they had been resolved. Keith added that the flood level signs were to be erected next. Alan advised that he was trying to organize equipment to measure flood levels for the signage. David Sims added that signage be erected throughout the Mary Valley. Iain also advised that he had forwarded some suggestions for signage to Keith.

MERCHANDISE STANDING COMMITTEE

Sue advised the members that the Christmas Cards were almost sold out and that an appreciation letter should be forwarded to the card designers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyndall advised the members of payments to be passed. Lyndall also added that the Fundraising Standing Committee had discussed what to do with the monies raised from the Monster Auction and agreed that the monies should be deposited into a Term Deposit account until it is required.

Motion: Financial Report be accepted as true and correct and payments be accepted.

Moved By: David Sims. Seconded By: Lars Hedberg.

Motion: Monies from the Monster Auction be deposited into a Term Deposit account.

Moved By: Lars Hedberg. Seconded By: Victor Hill.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Scope of Role – People Impacts Standing Committee

Kevin asked Beryl to advise the members as to what she sees as issues that need addressing and what resources she requires to assist her in this role. Beryl advised the committee that she would particularly like to look at Rental Agreements and also asked the members to assist her in identifying people or areas that need help. Beryl suggested that members keep notes of comments or stories heard from the community as it will help to strength the argument against the Government.

David Kruetz suggested that a volunteer legal team could be assembled to provide information to residents. Kaili advised that Steve Watson had volunteered his services and could provide a team of legal representatives to assist in this process.

Lars, David Sims, David Kruetz and Iain all agreed to provide support to Beryl and assist her in organizing a plan for the Standing Committee. Kevin asked Beryl to provide the members with an outline of the plan as soon as possible. Kevin also suggested that Beryl could approach Dave Gibson for assistance.

QLD Government EIS process facilitator

Kevin advised the members that he has had discussions with 3Plus, a Public Relations company acting for the Queensland Government, regarding the EIS process flowchart and other questions. Sue advised the members that 3Plus had left a message at the Kandanga Information Centre advising that they would be arriving on the 11th December for a consultation as well as informing the Committee that 3Plus would be meeting with the Mary River Council of Mayors. Kevin advised the members that he had informed the 3Plus representative that until the information flowed both ways, the Committee would be unwilling to provide their time to 3Plus. Kevin also added that Steve Burgess would be attending the meeting with the Mary River Council of Mayors and would provide feedback to the Committee.

Delegation to Canberra

Kevin advised the members that a meeting with Ian Campbell was confirmed for Wednesday afternoon, 6th December and that himself, David Kruetz, Alan Sheridan and Glenda Pickersgill would be attending. Kevin added that the original purpose of the meeting was to attempt to persuade the Federal Government from using the Bilateral Agreement to assess the proposal under the EPBC. However, this was no longer applicable and therefore, the main focus would be convincing Mr Campbell to either reverse the decision or to take a close interest over the matter. Kevin advised that the delegation had put together two documents to submit to the Minister detailing why the Queensland Government is unfit to assess this proposal.

Kevin added that the delegation intended to speak with any politician they can with the hope of creating more support and place pressure on Mr Campbell. Kevin informed the members that it would be difficult to convince the Minister to hold a Public Inquiry as the Government considers this to be too expensive and time consuming. Steve asked if any of the research conducted by the Environment Consultant would be of use. Kevin advised the members that the Minister was not under any obligation to consider submissions, however, they were going to attempt to convince the Minister to read the documents.

Kevin informed the members that he has asked Rob Hale to complete a Social Impacts study for use. Kevin advised that he had read the report and suggested that this report may be used

in future media releases. Lars asked if Mr Hale would allow us to use his study and Kevin believed that he would. Beryl also suggested that the report might be helpful in future for legal advances.

Iain suggested that former Senator John Woodley might also provide some help in this area. Kevin asked Iain if he would contact John and ask for his assistance. Steve added that he had also contacted a Senator that he knew in Victoria in the hope of providing more pressure on Mr Campbell.

Attendance at Suicide Prevention workshop

Kevin encouraged all members to attend the workshop on the 12th December to show our support for the community. The workshop is to be held at the Imbil RSL Hall at 7pm.

Recycling Awareness Strategy

Glenda informed the members that the Recycling Plebiseth was to be held on the 17th March 2007. Glenda added that she has spoken with the leaders of a Recycling Education group. Glenda suggested that the community begin lobbying our local politicians and mayors regarding the issue. Lars suggested that the Mary River Council of Mayors should support this issue publicly. Beryl advised the members that she could provide a presentation produced by Di Thorley regarding recycling water.

Photographic Fund Raising Competition

Glenda advised the committee that Ian Smith from the Gympie Camera Club had approached her regarding organizing a photographic competition for fundraising. Lars asked that Ian put together a brief on the competition and provide it to the Committee.

SMR Website Forum Update

Tricia advised the members that there had been plenty of threads posted on the forum regarding QWI which may be useful for Beryl. Tricia also suggested that we consider public comments regarding the communication between the Committee and the community, as they may be useful. Tricia also added that the section on Media was really popular. Tricia agreed to speak with Kaili regarding how to keep the public informed.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting was announced for 18th December at 7pm, Kandanga Information Centre.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm.

ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION

Issue	Person Responsible	Required By
Approach Gympie Times Editor regarding forwarding copies of paper to Senators	Kaili Parker-Price	ASAP
Organize flood measuring equipment for use in erecting flood level signage	Alan Sheridan	ASAP
Amend Meetings Schedule allowing for Public Holidays and provide to members	Amanda Warren	ASAP
Organize online membership form	Tricia Roth and John Porter	ASAP
Prepare and send an Appreciation Letter to Christmas card designers	Not Allocated	ASAP
Organize a Term Deposit account for proceeds of Monster Auction	Lyndal Ensbey	ASAP
Prepare an objectives plan for the Social Impacts Standing Committee and provide to the Committee	Beryl Spencer	ASAP
Approach Ian Smith from Gympie Camera Club and ask for a plan for the suggested photographic competition	Glenda Pickersgill	ASAP