

6th Mar 2008

7.00pm Kandanga Info
Center

Committee Meeting

Meeting called	Kevin Ingersole	Type:	General
		Note taker:	Glenda Pickersgill

Attendees : Kevin Ingersole, Victor Hill, Glenda Pickersgill, Helga Hill, David Sims, Anne Stephens, Lyndall Ensbev, David Kreutz, Glenda Pickersgill, Steve Dennis

Minutes

1. **Plan needed to lobby Federal Labor politicians with non confrontational campaign of education.** **Action:** 2 pager being finished by Steve Burgess in next few days and Kevin will circulate.
2. **Updated slogans and highway signs required.** Some general maintenance of existing signs been completed by David and Victor.
Action: Anne has advertised competition in local media. Anne to forward details to Kaili for wider distribution. Kevin to collate suggestions. Anne to work with Sally to send stickers to all entrants. David/Victor to get another working bee going. Eg Dam not a done deal yet.
3. **Update of website:** Waiting on spare time with Steve. **Action:** Anne to contact Steve re firm date for working on updating website.
4. **Fm broadcast facility on the hiway:** Anne gave update that it is possible to do.
Action: Anne to continue with project - band fm application in May.
5. **Raising youth awareness in campaign:** Good progress being made with downstream youth with Emma from the GMA promoting in Fraser Coast Chronicle. Lyndall sent out info to youth groups.
Action: Lyndall to followup with Ashley re contacting Emma to help start more contact with youth. (Heather Kelly?)
6. **Paradise audit:** report available. Fish transfer only operates when dam full enough. Was to be a lungfish recovery plan within 2 years. Number of non-compliances. **Action:** Kevin to circulate with comments –good media material.
7. **Greater Mary Association (GMA):** Important to link in with downstream activities. Info day being organized for 22nd March.
Action: Glenda to contact Elizebeth re help with organising. David K offered Tanzi help with providing info and merchandise. Kevin and Glenda to be reps to attend GMA monthly meeting. Minutes of meetings to be sent to GMA and to request minutes of GMA meetings.
8. **Friends of Mary:** Kevin explained concept of the group to gather Imbil,

- kandanga, Kenilworth Amamoor Dagon community groups together and to plan for if the dam doesn't go ahead eg Future landuse - food bowl.
Action: Kevin is participating in first meeting.
9. **Peter Garrett meeting:** It was a 45 mins meeting. We were able to get our message that during the dry years the proposed dam won't perform and during the dry months of each year, climate change was not considered, the risk to biodiversity, and our international focus for the campaign. We hopefully convinced him that we have the experience and knowledge on the shortcomings of the EIS and want to be actively informing the assessing federal department on the issues.
 10. **Ecoforum at Gold Coast:** Save the Mary stall set up and Anne met with ACF(Anna Keane), Gecko and SCEC. **Action:** Anne to invite Anna Keane to next meeting.
 11. **Council voting:** Discussed opportunity to distribute 2 pager info at polling booths. Agreed that best effect would be to encourage GMA to be handing out info at Hervey Bay in Andrew McNamera's seat.
Action: Glenda contacting Elilzebeth about opportunities.
 12. **Submission to Garaut review:** Opportunity to put forward our concerns on climate change and the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.
Action: Glenda to circulate draft submission – submissions close 14th April.
 13. **Mary River Festival:** A good turnout in Gympie and lots of entertainment for the families. We were able to get 300 letters signed to send off to the politicians. Big thanks to all who helped make it such a success.
 14. **Steve Possett proposal:** Steve has offered to raise awareness in the media by doing a 6 week canoe trip up the Brisbane River , across Wivenhoe and Somerset dams, over the range and down the Mary River to the Great Sandy Straits and back to Brisbane. His objective is currently to raise awareness for alternatives – water recycling and a barrage on the Brisbane river.
Action: Glenda to contact and discuss options to change the focus of the alternatives to more in line with Stuart Whites submission and what help he is looking for from the STMRCG.
 15. **Treasures Report:** Receipts for membership \$325, sales at the info center \$637 from. Balance \$18,230. Dave Kreutz moved that report be accepted, Victor Hill seconded.
 16. **Anniversary Party:** Discussed the idea of having a public update combined with a party at Imbil on Sat 26th April. Invite to Anna Keane to be a guest speaker.
Action: Kaili to investigate availability of venue at Imbil.
 17. **Next meeting:** Thurs 20th Mar 7pm at Kandanga info center