

**Minutes of the General Meeting Mission Beach Community Association Inc. held at the
Mission Beach Resort Tuesday 10th of October 2023**

1. Meeting opened: 6.04pm. Attendance 63
2. Apologies: Cr. Trudy Tschui, Evelyn Swarbrick, Guy Laird, Bill Mathers
3. Guest Speakers:
 - 3.1 Sgt. Rob Smith Mission Beach Police: update on grant re. safe driving course for year 12 kids. Initial grant involved driver trainers attending Mission Beach for course, however it was determined to be more beneficial to get kids to attend driving facility in Townsville. The existing grant application did not have sufficient funding to transport kids to Townsville, so a new grant application will be completed by cut off in March 2024 seeking funding to transport kids to Townsville. Sgt. Smith emphasized the importance of dialing 000 in case of emergency and how to contact police via Policelink (131444), online through website (police.qld.gov.au), via blue phone at front of station and by calling / attending station during office hours. Calls are triaged and the most urgent job is attended first. Mission Beach Police have officer on call 24/7 and outside of rostered hours, callouts are approved by District Duty Officer in Cairns. Police do not have borders and local officers attend calls for service within neighbouring police divisions. Likewise, officers from neighbouring divisions also attend calls for service and general patrols within Mission Beach. Presentation has been sent out with newsletter.
 - 3.2 Mayor Mark Nolan:

Mission Beach Medical Centre: Primary Health Care came 2nd in the "Score Card". The council will pay the rent for 3 years and get 3 months rent free. (\$105,000 cost a year) The lessee will negotiate with CCRC for a fee to be paid. It is ridiculous that a community of 4000 which can double in the tourist season has no medical facilities.

They hope to open the Centre in early 2024. *Query from the floor:* was consideration of other primary care availability e.g., pathology. Reply: plenty of rooms available. *Question from the floor:* the government supplies housing for teachers why not doctors? Cardwell has funding for accommodation support now. Will be investigated.
 - 3.3 Mission Beach CBD Revitalisation: detailed design is complete and tender will be announced and awarded in December. Build to be done July-December 2024.
 - 3.4 Richard Giuliany asked the community if they feel there is a need for an upgrade to the Tully hospital. Address your support letter to Shane Knuth hill@parliament.qld.gov.au
4. Patrick Bluett: Tourism update including Dunk Island. A media release was read out regarding the temporary closure of the camping area and café on the Dunk Island Spit. The closure of the camping area was pre planned to enable the refurbishment of campsites, café & installation of 4 family glamping tents and 4 smaller tents. The amenities block & BBQ will remain open for day trippers. (dawn till dusk). The commencement of refurbishments was delayed due to barge issues. Photo: *Glamping tent at WA Eco Resort south of Broome.*



Opening is expected late November early December

Patrick mentioned the opening of the extensive refurbishment of the Elandra Resort on the 2nd of December. The Today Show will broadcast from the resort on the 27th of November.

Sanctuary Resort is being totally renewed. Mission Beach Resort will next year have improvements done.

5. Treasurers report Moved: Dawn Seconded: Lynn Attached to minutes
6. Minutes of the August Meeting: Moved: Truus Seconded Lynn
7. General Business:
- 7.1 Committee vacancies at AGM February 13 2024. Treasurer Helen and Newsletter editor Truus will not be standing for the next committee. Replacements needed urgently! (for training purposes)
- 7.2 Paul Roxby requested rates review per division on income. The CEO replied that the request was declined *“as it is considered that complying with the request was an unreasonable diversion of council resources. Council allocates funding based on community priorities, best practice asset management and funding not an arbitrary figure based on rate yield per road or area.”*
- 7.3 MBCA has applied for a grant with the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to have a memorial bench erected at Wongaling Beach in memory of its past vice-president Michael Johnson. Council has given approval.
8. Meeting closed: 7.29 pm.

Cyclone Preparedness meeting: Tuesday 28th November 2023

General Meeting & AGM February 13th 2024

Meet the Candidates Meeting (Council election) Tuesday February 27th 2024

Agenda General Meeting MBCA Tuesday 13th February 2024

1. Meeting opens:
2. Welcome by President Patrick Bluett
3. Apologies
4. Presentation by: Ari Gilham and Tyson Martin “Scientists from Fisheries Queensland will provide an overview of how they monitor recreational fisheries, and outline a new pilot study that is currently underway in the Cassowary Coast. We will discuss how we collect data including trailer data, and how the public can access and use this data. We will also discuss other public participation programs that keen anglers may wish to join such as the Keen Angler Program
<https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/fisheries/monitoring-research/monitoring-reporting/keen-angler-program>
5. Presentation by Jeal Napper CCRC: Major Projects Update
6. CCRC CEO Andew Graffen will give updates and reply to your questions
7. Minutes of the October 2023 meeting: Moved:
Seconded:
8. Treasurers Report: Moved
Seconded
9. General Business:
10. Meeting close:

