

**Minutes of the General Meeting of the Mission Beach Community Association Inc. held
on Tuesday 10th October 2017 at the Mission Beach Resort.**

Meeting Opened: 18.00

Apologies: Shane Knuth, Wayne Kimberley, Pete Faulkner, George Gaal, Les Douglas

Attendance: 42

Welcome: Vice-President Michael Johnson welcomed special guests Bob Katter MP, Johanna Kloot (Greens candidate for Hill), John Kremastos (Mayor CCRC), Rick Taylor (CCRC)

Bob Katter:

- Spoke on the Clump Point Marine Infrastructure and thanked John Kremastos for his leadership and Shane Knuth (Katter Party) for furthering the cause. BK & James Neville Smith (Castaways) made presentations to Minister Frydenberg.
- Keith Corr suggested that when Australians holiday at home they should be eligible for a \$3000 tax deduction. BK will instruct his staff to look into it.

Johanna Kloot: (Greens candidate for Hill) introduced herself. Former Qantas Pilot; has discovered sustainability; several degrees from JCU & has a green business consultancy; ran against Warren Entsch in Cairns. Don't over pollute; the economy is driven by the environment. Not against development, develop with ecosystems intact as that is what maintains us.

John Kremastos:

- Some questions with regards to rates issues have to be referred to Council staff.
- JK has done research and highlighted that Mission Beach in the year 2015-2016 had the 4th highest rates in Queensland and is now 11th highest.
- 90% income of CCRC is from the rates
- CCRC has been looking for an alternative income stream. Main Roads maintenance jobs is now producing a 300% increase in income.
- Rates increase average of 1.65% which was disputed by Dominic Mobbs who stated that for Mission Beach it has been 5% or more. According to JK they are aiming for the same increase for the next two years.
- Paying off the loans: there was \$18 million in the bank. (2 bank loans at 6.5% and 1 at 7% and the current rate would have been 3%. There were penalties involved to pay them out. They are not planning to have any new loans. Increase of pool costs will be paid out of cash reserves.
- Costs of running the showgrounds: Innisfail \$600,000 + \$260,000 depreciation. Insurance \$90,000. Tully Depreciation \$248,000 & \$44,000 insurance.
- Assets that are not income producing will be slowly removed.
- Question was asked if money had been allocated in the 2017-2018 budget for extension of the Kennedy Walking Track. The Mayor replied NO however the budget summary which comes with the rates notice shows "\$117,800 for walking track renewals, extensions including Kennedy Walking Track & works for Qld projects at Tully Heads & Kurrimine Beach".

What efficiencies or cost-savings can we expect as a result of the restructure?

Councillors & staff had a meeting last Friday and efficiencies are started to be rolled out now. Not about sacking people. 2 people laid off.

How much has the restructure cost ratepayers? \$50,000 under budget

Retrain staff. For example, now 1 work crew fixes all issues in one area which helps with fuel efficiencies.

Has any money been saved through job losses? Yes

What new positions have been created (and at what cost)?

It is all about a business model of having the right people in the right places. 6 apprentices & 4 trainees. Tully has not had any apprentices for 10 years.

Is it correct that there are now several additional positions at management or executive level with \$100,000-plus annual remuneration packages? Not correct

Is it true, as stated in the newspaper, that a consultant commissioned to review Council's organisational structure recommended a new high-level position of executive manager be created - and then successfully applied for that position?

No and yes. CEO and 4 directors all over \$200,000. In the past there was no acting CEO and now we have an Executive Manager who will act as CEO in his absence. He went through an extensive application process and was chosen from 50 applicants. The number 2 from the process has been appointed Library Manager.

Is it correct that that consultant who now has the new position of Executive Manager is on a remuneration package worth \$200,000 annually?

No, but cannot divulge amount (against the law)

Aquatic Facility Update: it was on track for March but now may blow out to June. A meeting has been arranged with the contractor to find out the reasons.

Dunk Island: question was asked what is going to happen in November when the lease expires.
Reply: *negotiations on going with traditional owners with regards to Native Title. No arrangements have been made so far with regards to the management of the Spit.*

General Business:

- Truus spoke on the Green Cemetery: council has requested meeting with a subcommittee to further the issue. Anyone interested in being on the subcommittee should contact Truus on 0409262953 as soon as possible.
- Sand replenishment at South Mission Beach: replenished and washes away each year.
- Paul Roxby reminded members of the Aquatic Festival 4-5 November.

- **Minutes of August meeting:** moved Shannon Siebel Seconded Jane Coward

- **Treasurers Report** Bank Balance \$3,532.95 Moved Peter Heywood Seconded Dominic Mobbs

Meeting closed 19.20hrs

Next meeting February 13 AGM & General Meeting Mission Beach Resort 6 pm.

In case of a State Election a “meet the candidates” meeting will be held on a date suitable to all candidates.

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