

## Minutes of TAPP Inc. General Meeting 10 March 2020 3pm

Wave Room Caloundra Power Boat Club 2 Lamerough Parade Golden Beach Qld 4551

**Welcome:** Paul Harney, President welcomed members and John Roberts, Treasurer chaired the meeting as Brady Sullivan has stepped down from the Vice President's role.

**Member Attendance:** Ken Mewburn, Paul Harney, Colin White, Jill Chamberlain, Michael McNamara, John Roberts, Don Ritchie, Brady Sullivan, Kerrie Chandler, Helen Crook, Muriel Bates, Colin White, Graeme Smith, Allan McKay and Tom Cole.

**Apologies:** Carla Clynick, Erica Mansfield, Di Hearn, Gerry Bell and Jude Crighton.

Motion put that the apologies be accepted

Moved: Colin, Seconded: Ken. Carried

### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion put that the minutes of previous meeting be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Moved: Ken, Seconded: Colin. Carried

### Correspondence:

- **OSCAR** minutes were received and the link is available on the TAPP website. OSCAR'S key activities last month was the mayoral election meetings and the National Communities in Control Conference on 18-19 May 2020 in Melbourne with Paul Bongiorno as a key note speaker.
- **SCEC** Newsletter was received and the link is available on TAPP website. SCEC'S key achievements are outlined as they celebration reaching 40 years of service to the Sunshine Coast community.
- **Healthy, Land & Water** has a wide range of projects on their website.
- **Terry Langsberg's** letter was acknowledged and thanks was expressed to Terry for responding to the questions that were sent to him. Terry attendance the last TAPP meeting as a guest.

Motion put to accept correspondence

Moved: Ken, Seconded: Paul. Carried

### Treasurer's Report: John

#### TAPP General Account

As at 29 February 2020	
Balance brought Forward from 31/01/2020	\$11,577.42
Less Grant Funds	0.00
	\$11,577.42
Interest 01/02/2020	\$ .28
Memberships	\$20
Donations -	
Cheque	\$

EFT - Electronic Funds Transfer	
Bank Transaction Fees	\$
Direct Credit Deposit (from TAPP Grant Account)	\$
Balance as 29/02/2020	\$11,597.70

#### TAPP Grant Account

<b>As 29 February 2020</b>	
Balance brought forward from 29/02/2020	\$
Cash Withdrawal	
Cheques – #	\$ 0.00
Transferred to TAPP Account	\$
Bank Transaction Fee	
Deposits -	
Balance as at: 29/02/2020	\$ 0.00

Cl Balance brought forward from 31/01/2020	\$11,577.42
<b>Closing Balance as at 29/02/2020</b> Add TAPP General Account and TAPP Grant Account	<b>\$ 11,597.70</b>

Financial Membership: 31 as at 31/01/2020  
 Motion put to accept Treasurer's Report  
 Moved: John, Seconded: Helen. Carried

## 1. Business Arising from the Minutes

### 1.1 Local Waterway Authority

Mark McArdle the local State member of parliament called a meeting on 5 March to open a discussion to establish a Local Waterway Authority - a one stop shop to have the authority to make decisions about the Pumicestone Passage and its catchment. More than 50 people attended the meeting and it met with strong support. Graeme Smith, our newest member, attended the meeting and immediately started collecting information about other Authorities that had been set up and has begun a preliminary scoping and planning process so that the momentum continues. Graeme met with the executive and other TAPP members before the TAPP meeting. He outline his ideas and then presented his research to the group. It was extremely well received.

**Action: Graeme to meet with Mark McArdle to keep him updated on his research. (Graeme)**  
**An open invitation to any TAPP members to offer their support and expertise as the scoping and planning takes more shape (All)**

## **1.2 Ramsar Information Boards for the Passage**

Ken is continuing to work with Susie Chapman in regard to wording and layout of signage to ensure standardised signage for Sunshine Coast & Moreton Council Ramsar site areas.

**ACTION: Continue to liaise with Susie Chapman to finalise signage (Ken)**

## **1.3 Environmental Protection & Diversity Conservation Act 1999 review**

The interest group preparing the submission has completed their work and have submitted their response. The submission cutoff date is 17 April.

**ACTION: TAPP members are encouraged to send in a personal response. (All)**

## **1.4 World Environment Day (WED)**

TAPP will update the current handout to provide more professional cards similar to the BIEPA handout to distribute at WED. The card will include the species of the passage and threats to the passage. It is most economical to have a run of 1,000 cards and they can continue to be handed out at events after WED.

**ACTION: Finalise handout and arrange for printing. (Ken/Paul/Randy)**

## **1.5 Vegetation on TS Onslow site**

Brady has contacted the botanist and she is reluctant to get involved. Ken suggested that we not trim the bushes that have grown to more than two metres instead we cut them out. Some concern was expressed about cutting out plants we had originally planted. Michael suggest we inform the residents that were concerned about their view.

**Motion: : A motion was moved that the situation be further assessed and the plants that are causing the problem be removed. Moved: Paul, seconded Don. Carried.**

**Action: The site will be assessed and action taken. (Ken/Paul)**

## **1.6 Application for Hero Grant**

An application has been submitted for a Hero Grant from Mark McArdle's office.

**Action: Follow up loan outcome. (Paul)**

## **1.7 USC Pumicestone Passage Forum 2020**

A three-day forum is to be held at USC with the tentative dates 24-26 June. Seven key areas will be explored - Traditional Knowledge, Community Science & Stewardship, Agricultural Knowledge & Practice, Marine Habitat & Species, Climate Projections and Adaptation, Sustainable Development and Terrestrial Habitat & Species. On the final day there will be a consultation with key stakeholder groups to inform the new Pumicestone Passage Catchment Action Plan.

Mike Ronan the Manager of the Wetland Unit DES is the key note speaker.

**ACTION: Continue to attend and contribute to planning meetings (Executive)**

## **1.8 Water Police in Pumicestone Passage**

Brady contacted the police (Kyle Bates) who informed him Mark Muddiman has been appointed to be responsible for the Passage. He is available to attend a TAPP meeting. Members observed that police have been in the Passage more often lately. Brady will forward Mark's details to Paul.

**ACTION: Invite Mark Muddiman to attend a TAPP meeting (Paul)**

## **1.9 Houseboat**

There have been 32 complaints about a houseboat in the passage but the complaints seem to have gone to the wrong authority.

**ACTION: The problem continues with the houseboat and action needs to be taken. (Michael)**

### **1.10 Bill Hoffman's article**

Paul and Michael spoke to Bill Hoffman about our concerns in relation to safety, erosion and wildlife preservation as he is working on a feature story about these issues. He had been looking at the Maroochy Rover and will now also look at Pumicestone Passage and is currently caught up with the local government elections. He will contact TAPP after the elections are over.

**ACTION: Continue to liaise with Bill Hoffman (Paul/Michael)**

### **1.11 Certificates of Appreciation**

Randy has prepared a certificate for presentation to Ken. John spoke and presented the certificate of appreciation. Other members spoke affirming Ken including Helen. Ken also received a Seniors Volunteer of the Year award which is linked to an OAM.

**ACTION: Certificates will be individualised for groups and individuals as the need arises (Randy).**

### **1.12 TAPP Polo-shirts:**

Col contacted a Moffat Beach supplier (Impact Gear) who is able to do the whole process to deliver polo shirts with no pockets. He needs 20 orders and the cost will be \$30. The material is polyester/cotton. Please get on the IMPACT GEAR website [www.impactgear.com.au](http://www.impactgear.com.au) or [clothing@impactgear.com.au](mailto:clothing@impactgear.com.au) and check your size and bring \$30 to the next meeting. We need 20 orders.

**ACTION: Members come to April meeting with their size and \$30.00(All & Col).**

### **1.13 \$2000 Grants**

The Sunshine Coast Council provides \$2000.00 grants for events and other activities. TAPP will apply for a grant to put toward the Forum in June.

**Action: Loan applications to be submitted after 1 April. (Executive)**

### **1.14 Website article by Dr Ben Diggles**

Ken tabled an article by Dr Diggles, a marine scientist, about Trichodesmium. The outbreak usually occurs between August and September. Ken is doing more research.

**ACTION: Produce an abridged version of the article for the TAPP website, perhaps to be posted in August / September (Ken)**

## **2. New Business**

### **2.1 Duplication of the Bruce Highway**

The Executive met with three Sunshine Coast officers and the discussion was led by James Coutts, Program Director for Urban Growth, regarding the proposed feasibility study of a parallel highway on the Eastern side of the Bruce Highway at a cost of \$650,000. Sunshine Coast Council has written to the State Government opposing the study. TAPP has also written to the Minister opposing the study. However, the feasibility study is going ahead and it is hoped that the study's finding will confirm that the highway proposal needs to be discarded. The Council believes the three current transport systems need firstly to be upgraded. Paul has contacted the Minister Roads and Transport and asked that TAPP be invited to be part of the investigation.

**ACTION: Keep TAPP members informed of any development in relation to the investigation. (Paul)**

**TAPP encourages TAPP members to write to the Minister expressing concern. (All)**

### **2.2 Pumicestone Passage Network Paul/Ken**

The meeting focussed on the four key objectives of the **Pumicestone Passage Catchment Action Plan 2017-2020**. The meeting was held on Thursday 20 February at the Beewah Golf Club.

There are 4 objectives in the Action Plan:

1. Improve water quality
2. Enhance habitats and biodiversity
3. Increase community benefits and stewardship
4. Increase industry benefits and stewardship
5. Strengthen knowledge, planning and advocacy

Each objective was analysed and achievements, works in progress and work needing to be commenced were identified. A case study was presented for each objective to provide a flavour of what had been achieved.

**Case Study 1.** A total water management plan is being developed by Unity Water for the northern section of the Pumicestone Passage, Mooloolah River, Maroochy River and Burgess Creek. An initial study is being conducted currently.

**Case Study 2.** A number of private properties are being utilised to plant a variety of eucalyptus trees to preserve the local koala population and provide support to other areas.

**Case Study 3.** Dr Diggles oyster farming project where he invited Bribie residents to garden 12,000 oyster shells in early 2016 and in November 2017 30,000 oysters were harvested. He found that mixing up the oyster shells work better than the same oyster shells in each garden.

**Case Study 4.** There are 3 floating wetlands in the new Pelican Waters development to filter rain and storm water run off and the research thus far is positive.

**Case Study 5.** A forum of key groups and stakeholders is being organised by USC and TAPP entitled: Pumicestone Catchment Convergence 2020 - Insights for a healthy future.

The form and shape of the Network will be revisited in the light of the Forum. The third day of the Forum will feed into a new Pumicestone Passage Catchment Action Plan.

**Action: The Forum on 24,25, 26 June to be held at USC will take up the challenge to create a new plan for the next 3-4 years.**

### **2.3 Insurance and World Environment Day Application**

Paul and Ken completed the insurance forms and they have been submitted and the application for a site at the World Environment Day Saturday 6 June has been accepted.

### **2.4 Visit by Jenny McKay**

John has spoken to Jenny and she will speak at a TAPP meeting after the local Council elections.

**Action: Organise with Jenny a date to attend a TAPP meeting (John)**

### **2.5 Explore the possibility for a Bell's Creek Project**

Ken attended the visit to Bell's Creek to inspect the erosion that is occurring in some areas on 6 February. The following observations were made by Ken in the light of his visit. A special thanks to Randy for providing his drone for taking photographs of the area.

The attached photos are of the boat ramp at Bells Creek. This boat ramp is not too far away from the boat ramp at Jensen's Park. It is situated at the end of Bells Creek Road where it meets Tweedale Rd.

It seems that skiing was permitted north of this boat ramp for vessels under 4.3 metres. The erosion along this bank is our concern - the photos show that the trees are close to falling in near this ramp.

From this correspondence there have been couple of issues identified that we have investigated.

- The boat ramp is identified as a local boat ramp and is not planned to be upgraded at this point as it supports small numbers of local resident's traffic.
- The boat ramp is down for renewal design as part of a 10 year capital program.
- Construction funds will be allocated depending on asset condition assessments.



- Erosion along the bank was reviewed during the rehabilitation project carried out along Bells Creek about 7 years ago. In this time no major changes have been observed.
- The aerial imagery on Nearmap was compared on this area from 2010 to present time with no impacts identified.
- This area could be reinforced by statically planting ground covers and a couple shade trees, without creating a major impact on this local fishing spot.
- The rocks have reduced impact in this area and grass is re-establishing.

Ken contacted MSQ in reference to the Skiing area.

*MSQ "I've attached some information on restrictions for water skiing in Pumicestone Strait. I have copied and pasted the relevant parts of the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation and the gazette notice that defines that area as a restricted water ski area"*

This documentation makes no reference to Bells Creek ski area and future management would be a state responsibility.

This answers the questions identified in the CRM. It appears that no major impacts have been identified by Council staff who are on this waterway regularly, water quality monitoring etc.

**Action: TAPP may be interested in being part of a planting and mulching activity that could be organised by Council. Ken will stay in touch with the Peter Armstrong from the Council to progress the conversation. (Ken)**

## 2.6 Henzell's and Jensen Park Upgrade

On 26 February a group from TAPP met with Phil Tyrer and Hamish Presland from Henzells and two consultants engaged by Henzells - Tim Hindley a lands cape architect and environmental scientist and Aaron Holaway an ecologist. They showed the group the revised plans for the

Jensen Park development and told the group they were looking for support from community groups to support the upgraded plan before it is presented to Council. The draft drawings were shown to the TAPP meeting. A visit to the site is now to be organised.

**Action: A site visit to be organised with Hamish Pressland (Paul/Ken)**

### **3. Around the Table**

#### **3.1 Plastics**

The only way to get rid of plastics is to stop using plastic products (Helen)

#### **3.2 Website**

The website has been used by a number people interested in the work of TAPP and has been given a very high recommendation. A special thanks to Randy for his professional contribution.

#### **3.3 Education**

Ken spoke at Unity College on the TS Onslow project and is to speak at the Anglican Mens Dinner.

John thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 4.25pm

**Next Meeting:** 14 April 3pm at Wave Room at Caloundra Power Boat Club