

## **LIPS Annual General Meeting**

Community Centre Port Douglas 2/12/08

Meeting opened at 6.25pm.

### **Present**

**Qamar Schuyler, Meredith Walsh, Loftus Overend, Rick Kilpatrick, Colin Horton, Mark Colbridge, Peter Moss, Alex Mateer, Freida Von Allen, Michael Rees, Heidi Taylor, Jill Booth, Lee Walters, Steve Edmondson, Robert Hanan, Kath Anich, Beth Hughes, Patrick Lighthart, Joanne Cameron**

### **Apologies**

**Caroline Unwin, Alex Conde, David Carey, Shirley Overend, Steve Sharpe, Louise Collier, Jill and Bix Bickford, Louise Bernstein, Grant Moulang, Ed Green, Sophie Dyball, Gale Shaw, Roisin Allen, Linda and John Rumney**

### **Treasurer's Report (Qamar Schuyler)**

18, 794 Balance

Income: \$6894

Donations and fundraising: \$4984

Membership Fees: \$1536

Expense (laptop, mobile phone, BBQ).. suggest we fill in amounts or don't include: \$2759

Profit: \$4,135

Current cash holdings: \$16,347

Net assets (including equipment): \$18,794

### **Presidents Report (Lee Walters)**

Low Isles was Heritage listed in May by Peter Garrett through much work done by GBRMPA.

GBRMPA currently has control over the lighthouse, instead of AMSA, so it may be opened for general access. GBRMPA is also in the process of making the island carbon neutral.

The facilities on the island have been upgraded. More solar panels have been added, dramatically reducing the need for the generator. Twelve new water tanks have been installed, and the sewerage treatment plant upgraded. The asbestos roofs on the care-takers house and the volunteer's cottage have also been replaced. The cottage has also got a new table, and the island walk signs have been cleaned.

The donation box has been quite successful, with a number of generous donations received from those visiting the island.

ArtHouse donated nearly \$3, 000 from the proceeds from the opening of their art exhibit at the Sugar Wharf.

Grants from the Combined Clubs and Port Village Medical Centre were used to purchase the laptop.

Ed Green represented LIPS on the waterfront committee. Robert Hanan represented LIPS on the LMAC.

Incidents of Indigenous turtle hunting have been discussed with GBRMPA.

A reef brief to ministers took place on the island during the year.

Committee members worked on both the Go Troppo Festival and IYOR (International Year of the Reef) celebrations.

Caretakers Steve and Louise are leaving on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December and will be missed. No new caretakers have yet been appointed.

Volunteer training will continue, initially in discussion with the new caretakers when appointed.

Thanks as always to the commercial operators for transporting volunteers, and to GBRMPA for making the island more sustainable.

### **Standing down of Present Committee**

President Lee Walters moved to stand down the committee.

Jill Booth moved to thank them for their time and energy.

### **Received Nominations**

President: Qamar Schuyler

Vice President: Alex Mateer

Treasurer: Michael Rees

Secretary: Meredith Walsh

All nominees were appointed without opposition.

Ed Green will be asked if he would like to continue to represent LIPS on the waterfront committee.

**Meeting Closed 18.40pm.**