

**MINUTES OF LIPS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 15TH
OCTOBER AT 7.30 AM**

PRESENT: Qamar, Jan, Valda

APOLOGIES: Julia, Alex, Andrew

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- **Public Forum**

Suggestions for speakers provided by Julia was noted and it was agreed that both Professor Jon Nott and his team who investigate effects of cyclones, floods, tsunamis, etc., and Associate Professor Scott Smithers and his team who research reef and coral response to environmental change, especially sea-level and climate variation and some of their work focuses on inshore reefs in not-so-clear water (like Low!) and much more, would be very suitable for next year.

Qamar said she would look into the possibility of doing a turtle presentation - not definite. Maybe a presentation could be combined with an end of year Christmas break-up with a free sausage sizzle (LIPS members would be asked to provide salads). Planning will require further discussion among committee members.

Valda to approach Steve Edmonston or possibly Graeme Jones for free tickets for 2 to the reef or Low Isles, which we could raffle on the night. The proceeds would cover the sausage sizzle.

- **Turtle meeting with Elders**

Qamar advised that this meeting between GBRMPA and the Elders is to be held sometime end of October. She has not been advised details, but did know that it would **not** be an open meeting. It was suggested that it would be good if either Qamar or Alex could attend on behalf of LIPS. Qamar to follow up.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **LMAC nomination form.**

Qamar tabled her nomination form for the LMAC Committee as President of LIPS. This was endorsed by Jan as Vice President.

- **Committee Roles**

Qamar tabled the document she had forwarded to members. The role of the Vice President needed to be amended and roles of Committee members added. Qamar to adjust.

- **Grant for Turtles or for Dickson Inlet Water Quality with the Caring for Country Action Grant.**

Although we could apply for a grant for monitoring the turtles at Low Isles, as the grant closes on 22nd October, this would not allow enough time to submit a proposal.

In future we could apply for a grant for the turtle monitoring, which would allow for some funding for a part-salary and liaison with tour operators. Following on from this, presentations could be made at local schools.

However, GBRMPA have requested that we submit a proposal for a grant for the Dickson Inlet Water Quality – this would be written by GBRMPA and submitted through LIPS. If successful, the monies would need to be transferred through the LIPS account. It was agreed we go ahead with this option, but we need to review the grant submission before it is sent. Qamar to contact GBRMPA and request that a copy of the submission be forwarded to Alex for her perusal.

It was also pointed out that there would be no point in LIPS making a submission for two grants and that we should look at other sources for a grant for the turtle monitoring.

- **LIPS position for November LMAC meeting**

A draft letter was tabled by Qamar. The purpose of this draft is to set out the position that LIPS will present at the LMAC meeting of Low Isles stakeholders on 16th November. Comments on the draft to be sought from all LIPS committee members via email.

Meeting closed at 8.20 am