

**MINUTES OF LIPS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL AT 7.30 AM**

**PRESENT:** Qamar, Jan, Valda, Alex

**APOLOGIES:** Julia, Nicole, Andrew

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**General Meeting**

It was agreed that the next General Meeting be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30 pm. Valda to book hall from 5.30 pm – 8 pm. Everyone asked to bring a plate and request Nicole place an ad in the Gazette asking 'all old members to come along and look at the LIPS historical photos and hopefully identify people. Julia to advise all members prior to the meeting.

Valda to contact Nicole for a cheque made out to Cairns Regional Council (she and Danny could sign) and then post on to Valda.

**May MC meeting and weekend retreat**

The dates set were the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May. Alex suggested the main topic could be a review of the 1997 Management Plan. Other topics of discussion to possibly include grant proposal for book project, and writing a letter to GBRMPA in response to the lack of funding for maintenance and other projects (see below), suggesting that they could potentially partner with LIPS in grant proposals.

**Caretaker**

Rick has been offered another years contract at a reduced rate, which he has accepted. At this stage there has been no funding allocated for maintenance, and it is hoped that there will be funding allocated for this in the future. At the present time we're trying to look at ways we can keep the costs on the island as low as possible.

**Signature signatories**

Valda had not been into Port during Banking hours to sign, but hopefully Danny has.

**Environmentally responsible cap on number of persons authorized to stay overnight on the island.**

To be discussed at the weekend retreat.

**Lost Beach Trolley**

It was agreed that this was a devastating blow and that Rick should go ahead and get prices for a replacement trolley. Hopefully some funds might come from the grant Qamar has applied for. Other wise we could look at some other form of fundraising. However, if neither of these comes to fruition, then we should pay from LIPS funds.

### **Master Plan for the Port Douglas Waterfront.**

Andrew was not at the meeting so no feedback was available.

### **Carnivale**

There was no interest from members in participating in Carnivale

### **PO Box Change**

Qamar to see the Post Office people to see if the amount could be reduced, given she resides outside a delivery area.

### **Education Project**

Qamar has met with Hazel who is checking up on funding for a bus to transport people from Mossman. She needs to find lifejackets as there are no children's ones available on Undersea Explorer.

Blue cards may not be necessary, but Rick and Alex have blue cards and the children will be accompanied by parents.

### **Grants**

Qamar explained that the turtle project was not a great fit for the 'Caring for Country Grant'. Qamar has completed the application for volunteer organisations grant. The Combined Club and Bowls Club grants have not yet been announced. Further discussions can take place at the Island Retreat.

### **Full moon BBQ**

Valda to email Patrick to ask if he would look after the BBQ and be responsible for future BBQs. If he agrees, Patrick could set the date and venue and advise Julia who could email all members and then follow up with a reminder 5 days prior to the BBQ. The full moon BBQ could be held quarterly with the next one in June.

### **Speaker**

Qamar advised that a speaker would be available on either 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> July. Valda needs to contact the Council to see if either of these dates would be available. Closer to the time, Qamar will send Valda a blurb on the topic and the speaker which we will advertise in the local papers. Hopefully Danny can do some posters for distribution.

We shall ask Patrick to see if he is prepared to organize the BBQ beforehand. He would need to order 100 sausages and bread, onions and napkins. Alex to provide sauce and members asked to bring a salad.

### **Nomination of new member**

Carena Brookes

**The meeting closed at 8.30 am.**