



A communique is prepared after each scheduled official meeting of the twelve Local Marine Advisory Committees (LMACs) to inform relevant stakeholders, including the public, of the business of the LMAC. The document forms part of the records of the meeting and its content is limited to matters raised in the meeting. Any inquiries should be referred to the relevant LMAC email address or lmac@gbrmpa.gov.au.

BOWEN - BURDEKIN LOCAL MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2 November 2016 - Bowen COMMUNIQUE

Members of the Bowen-Burdekin Local Marine Advisory Committee (LMAC) met in Bowen on 2 November 2016 as part of their official meeting schedule for the 2015 – 2018 LMAC term.

Welcome

Joe Linton welcomed members and observers to the meeting. As there were several new people attending the meeting, everyone was offered the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Field Trip

A proposed agenda was circulated to the members for the field trip.

There were not many members in attendance at the meeting and as such there was no confirmation on how many people will attend the event. Although a bus has been tentatively booked to take people from Bowen to Ayr, this may not be cost effective as the number of people travelling from Bowen may fit in one or two cars.

Cr Lyn McLaughlin has offered the use of the Burdekin Shire Council bus to transport everyone in while in the Burdekin region.

LMAC Shirts

All members have submitted their shirt size and the sun safe shirts have been ordered. These shirts can be worn by the members and management partners when attending events that are being supported by the LMAC.

It is hoped that this in turn will help promote the Bowen Burdekin LMAC in the community, increase the awareness of the group and possibly get more people to join the committee.

Business Cards

The Bowen Burdekin LMAC business cards have been proof read and will be ordered.

Like the sun safe shirts, it is hoped that these will increase the awareness of the LMAC in the region and inform the public about activities that the LMAC are involved in.

Bowen Sewerage Treatment Plant

Cr David Clark advised that the Bowen Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) has been recently upgraded. The Whitsunday Regional Council will also build new facilities next door to the current STP to enhance the STP operations with the current plant.

Abandoned crab pots

Robert Ibell and his staff recently removed 130 abandoned crab pots in the region. He informed the members about the new staffing arrangements - there are five staff in the Airlie Beach office and three staff in the Mackay office.

He mentioned that there is 94% compliance in the region and with the increase in number of staff, they are able to do a lot more work out in the field.

Turtle Tagging

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) recently spent a week off Cape Upstart. During that time, two people tagged 180 turtles.

The staff also took various measurements of all of the turtles that were tagged.

LMAC meetings

A discussion was held regarding the how to get members consistently attend the meetings.

Joe, as LMAC Chair, will send a survey to identify why attendance of members has dropped off and what could be done to encourage members to attend the meetings.

LMAC secretary

Mardi announced her resignation as secretary from the BBLMAC. Members were advised that she would be available to give a hand over to the incoming secretary if required.

Members were encouraged to identify someone else in the community who is available to take on the role as the Bowen Burdekin LMAC secretary.

Next meeting

The next official meeting of the Bowen – Burdekin LMAC will be held in Bowen on 28 February 2017. This will be the ninth meeting of the 2015-2018 LMAC term.

LMAC Membership

Ivan Garrod (Member)	Conservation	Queens Beach Action Group
Joe Linton (Chair)	Recreational Boating	Independent
Mardi Mathieson		Secretariat

Management Partners

Carolyn Thompson	World Heritage Partner	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Richard Quincey	World Heritage Partner	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Sandra Garvin	World Heritage Partner	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Robert Ibell	World Heritage Partner	Qld Boating & Fishing Patrol

Apologies

Ian Anderson (Member)	Recreational Fishing	Independent
Arthur Darwen (Member)	Agriculture	Independent
Stephen Darwen (Member)	Tourism	The Bowen Independent
Gordon Little (Member)	Recreation Fishing	Bowen Outdoor Supplies
Ross Lewis (Member)	Marine Rescue	Transport Services
Anne Mecklem (Member)	Tourism	Aussie Reef Dive
John Moloney (Member)	Aquaculture	Pacific Reef Fisheries
Tom Mullins (Member)	Agriculture	Independent
Matt Quadrell (Member)	Commercial Fishing	Independent
Anne Smith (Member)	Progress Association	Independent

Observers

Cr Dave Clarke	Local Government	Whitsunday Regional Council
Cr Lyn McLaughlin	Local Government	Burdekin Shire council
Greg Rossato	Agriculture	Burdekin Cane growers