



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@gbmpa.gov.au.

CAIRNS
LOCAL MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
10 March 2016 - Cairns
COMMUNIQUE

Members of the Cairns Local Marine Advisory Committee met on 10 March 2016 for their third meeting of the 2015 – 2018 term.

Community networking and projects

A Reef Guardian networking event was held prior to the LMAC meeting and several community stakeholders stayed on as observers at the meeting. A number of project proposals were suggested as the result of discussions at the networking meeting. The committee endorsed two projects: assisting disadvantaged students in participating in reef educational trips; and updating marine debris data sheets used by the Tangaroa Blue Foundation.

Recreational use of the Marine Park

An LMAC member's presentation highlighted how sea kayakers have travelled and observed the marine park over the past 30 years. Limited resources for island facilities such as toilets and camping grounds were raised. Illegal camping, fires and dogs are other problems that could be addressed by a greater ranger presence. Toilets are considered a priority for High and Kent Islands. A proposal will be prepared for discussion at the next LMAC meeting.

Proposed port expansion update

A representative reported Ports North will be reassessing the demand forecast for the Cairns Port, refining the channel design and exploring options for land-based dredge spoil disposal over the next 18 months. Members questioned whether a new Terms of Reference would be required and asked for a briefing on the new business case when it is known. Members were concerned about the relatively short time frames for community consultation on complex impact assessments like the port proposal.

Commercial fishing

A Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) representative gave a presentation on the Reef Guardian fishers program. Members hoped the program would lead to greater awareness in the community of best practices in the commercial fishing industry, and discussed the benefit of consumers being able to identify sustainable products. Best practice commercial fishing will be discussed further at the LMAC meeting in May.

Next meeting

The next committee meeting will be held in Cairns on 17 May 2016.

LMAC Membership

Present

Ryan Donnelly (Chair)	Community interests	Independent
Greg Fennell	Local Government	Cairns Regional Council
Jim Newman	Commercial Fishing	Portsmith
Bruce Corcoran	Conservation & NRM	Terrain NRM
Adam Fletcher	Ports & Shipping	Ports North
Stella Martin	Conservation/NRM	Treeforce
David Welch	Recreational Fishing / Fisheries Science	Independent
Mike Kennedy	Tourism	Independent
Debbie Townsend	Education	Education Qld
Helen Underwood (Secretary)	Education	Independent
Tim Trehearn	Education/Recreational Boating	Independent
Alison Smith	Recreational Diving	Nautilus Dive Club
Josh Coates	Conservation & NRM	Aust'n Marine Conservation Society
Robert Russell	WH Management Partner Agency	QDAF
Malcolm Pearce	WH Management Partner Agency	QDAF
Belinda Jago	WH Management Partner Agency	GBRMPA
Doon McColl	WH Management Partner Agency	GBRMPA
Randall Owens	WH Management Partner Agency	GBRMPA

Guests

Angie Volz	Tangaroa Blue Foundation
Kahlia Pepper	Skyrail
Patricia O'Laughlin	Wet Tropics Management Authority
Areti Matuamate	Cairns and Far North Environment Centre
Irna Spigariol	Redlynch State College
Christine Raus	Freshwater P&C
Maree Taylor	Reef Magic Cruises

Absent

Johanna Kloot	Conservation/NRM	Bramston Beach Ratepayers Assoc'n
Ian Osborn	WH Management Partner Agency	NPSR
Glen Docherty	Tourism	Dive Industry
Ashley Field	Recreational Boating	Independent
Angela Strain	Conservation/NRM	Conservation Volunteers Australia
Jennie Gilbert	Education & Research	Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre
Lyndal Singleton	Traditional Owner	Yirrkanjji
Steve Moon	Tourism	Dive Queensland