

**Mackay Regional Council
Natural Environment Advisory Committee**

MINUTES OF MEETING

***12.30pm, Tuesday, 19th May, 2015
Venue: Council Chambers***

Attendance: Cr Jones (Councillor Representative and acting Chair), Gerard Carlyon (Director Community and Client Services), Lisa Kermode (Natural Environment Coordinator), Peter Owen (Manager Parks and Environment), Margaret Lane (Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group Representative), Debbie Chamberlain (Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association Representative), Christine Petersen (Mackay Regional Pest Management Group Proxy), Rob Cocco (Reef Catchments Representative), Caitlin Davies (Community Representative), Matthew Newland (Community Representative).

Apologies: Cr Morgan (Committee Chair and Councillor Representative), Caroline Sandral (Community Representative), Lalith Gunasekera (Mackay Regional Pest Management Group Representative).

ITEMS	COMMENTS	ACTION / RECOMENDATION	DATE TO BE COMPLETED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.0 Welcome to new community and agency representatives 	The acting Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and committee members introduced themselves.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.0 Confirmation of minutes 	Minutes of the meeting held 17 th February 2015 were confirmed as being true and correct. Moved – Margaret Lane Seconded – Lisa Kermode		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 Councillor update on acceptance of the previous minutes by Council 	Cr Jones confirmed that the previous minutes were received at Council’s Ordinary Meeting on 11 th March 2015. There was no discussion regarding the minutes.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.0 Business arising from the previous minutes 	The action list from the previous meeting held 17 th February 2015 was reviewed and updated. Rob Cocco asked for a copy of the Land Acquisition Policy.	Lisa to email the policy to Rob Cocco.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.2 Green Army update 	<p>A new section has been added to the Environment page on Council’s website highlighting environmental news.</p> <p>The Natural Environment Levy brochure has been printed and was circulated.</p> <p>Council currently has two Green Army programs running.</p> <p>The Beach Green Army team started in April and has been undertaking work at several coastal sites including Iluka Park where weed control has been undertaken in the recently fenced area.</p> <p>The Riparian team has continued its work along the Blue Water Trail and at Demoleyns lagoon, and has assisted with fencing at Landings Road, Koumala.</p> <p>Rob Cocco mentioned that the Federal government is likely to continue its focus on the Green Army program, particularly in relation to coastal and waterway activities.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.0 Financials 	<p>The committee received the financial report as at end of April.</p> <p>It was noted that spending was on track to meet the budget by the end of the financial year.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.0 Other Business • 8.1 Roadside spraying • 8.2 Acknowledgment of retiring members 	<p>Margaret raised a community member’s concern with spraying of roadsides at Diane St, Andergrove where rare Painted Snipe birds have been sighted as well as near a stormwater drain off Celeber Drive.</p> <p>Letters of thanks for retiring members are currently being prepared.</p>	<p>Margaret to raise a customer request so relevant department can action.</p>	

Meeting closed 2.10pm. Next meeting TBA