



Management Committee Meeting 16 Minutes

Date: Monday 1 February 2016

Time: 10:00am to 12:30pm

Location: Leo Zussino Building, CQ University Gladstone Campus

Attendees

Name	Position	Organisation
Community		
Mr Paul Birch (Chair)	CEO	Fitzroy Basin Association
Mr Peter Brady	Management Committee Representative	Gladstone Region Environmental Advisory Network
Government		
Mr Greg Greene		Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Ms Angela Stokes	Proxy for Ms Rachel Parry	Department of Environment
Councillor Col Chapman	Councillor	Gladstone Regional Council
Industry		
Mr Patrick Hastings	CEO	Gladstone Industry Leadership Group
Mr Andrew Tapsall		QGC
Mr John Sherriff	General Manager, Safety Environment & Risk	Gladstone Ports Corporation
Research		
Prof. Owen Nevin	Associate Vice-Chancellor	Central Queensland University
Other Attendees		
Dr Ian Poiner	Chair	GHHP Independent Science Panel
Dr John Kirkwood	GHHP Science Convenor	Fitzroy Basin Association
Ms Crystal McGregor	Media and Communication Team	Amarna Consulting
Ms Lyndal Hansen	Media and Communication Team	Amarna Consulting
Ms Maddy Willey	Secretariat	GHHP

Apologies

Name	Position	Organisation
Mr Peter Brockhurst		Gidarjil Development Corporation

Introduction

Paul Birch noted the change of event of the Gladstone Harbour Report Card 2015 Release from Spinnaker Park to CQU.

The new date of the release of the report card came as a result of discussions with the Hon Dr Steven Miles MP who made the Chair aware of the Community Cabinet Meeting in Gladstone on the 1st February, 2016 and presented an opportunity for the release to coincide with the cabinet meeting. The delay in the release also allowed the report card process to be completed with plenty of time.

Please note further to the decision at the Partnership meeting that ammonia has been removed from the results – PCIMP contacted GHHP and advised that the information on ammonia was incorrect.

Agenda Item 3 – Reports

3.1 Previous Minutes and Actions

Noted.

3.2 – Science Program Report

Dr Ian Poiner tabled the Science Program Report

- MC noted the Science Team have undertaken an evaluation of the science aspects of the 2015 Report Card to identify opportunities for improvements and what has been learnt. This is part of an ISP review that will be completed on the 9 February 2016.
- Seeking MC views on the possibility of releasing the report card in early February
- Review of the Science Program – seeking guidance and what is required of ISP and Science Team.
- ISP and MC will do a scenario assessment using the Gladstone Harbour Model – joint workshop and are seeking possible dates.
- Review of the report card
 - Working process – what went well and what did not
 - Timeline issues – bottle neck of work flow from November – January, can be removed by pushing release until February
 - Specific date when ISP report to MC to outline what specific measurements will be available each year
 - Improvements in contracts – QA/QC controls
 - Getting better interpretation from contractors around data
 - ISP will not do spelling and grammar checking, MC responsibility
 - Shared understanding where the certainties and uncertainties are in terms of results
 - Should we be reporting on all zones or would it make sense to break them down in groups and aggregate – for future years
 - Communications to be improves with Media and Communications Team
 - Best ways to use and report on Connectivity – to come back to MC at next meeting
 - Parallel sampling event between PCIMP and QLD govt. – continuing negotiations
 - Proposal to get a coral coring project undertaken

MC Comments/Questions

- When is the likely time for DIMS to be completed – scheduled date is 31st of March – don't believe that date will be achievable, have asked for a more realistic date – will be delivered this financial year.
- General support to change date of report card due to a staged approach to release of report cards
- Science Report finalised in December – released to MC and Partners internally
 - Science presents report card in late November to MC – release in February allows for finishing off period
 - Report Card to be ready for presentation at Partnership meeting in November/December
 - Extra time allows for ISP to meet with PCIMP and present their interpretation of data

MC agreed to an out of session consideration of the ISP's report and recommendations from their evaluation of the science aspects of the 2015 Report Card to ensure any agreed improvement actions are completed in a timely way.

MC agreed to shift the release date of the Report Card from December to February the following year with the final draft of the report card release to Partners in November/December and released to public in February.

MC identified MC members (Paul Birch, John Sherriff and Andrew Tapsall) that will progress the GHHP science program review's terms of reference and other matters required to initiate and complete the review

MC agreed to schedule the joint MC/ISP Gladstone Harbour Model scenario workshop from 9:00am to 12:00pm on Wednesday 13 April 2016 and that there would be a MC meeting in the afternoon from 1:00pm-3:00pm

MC noted the update on the feasibility of undertaking the coral coring project in the current financial year taking into account the available budget and logistical issues (availability of suitable corals to be cored) and noted a proposal is likely to be submitted to the Chair in March 2016.

3.4 – Finance Report

Paul Birch tabled Finance Report.

Finance group to recode income expenditure to match income and expenditure lines.

Budgets to be reviewed at next Management Committee meeting.

3.5 – Media and Communications Update

Media and Communications team provided a verbal update and presented the updated GHHP Website.

- Roll out of report card – shopping centre displays, EcoFest, Harbour Festival and technical focus group for community (April)
- Science Education Resource Kit – breakdown of report card and processes made into activities for students from day care to grade 12
 - To be NAPLAN compliant and tie in with year 12 assessment pieces
 - All available online with kit to be in each school in the Gladstone Region

MC Comments/Questions

- Is there something that explains the difference between the changes in grades from 2014 to 2015?
 - Only things to compare are social and economic components – different suite of measures, cannot compare at the environmental level between the two years.
- What is being done in terms of media and social media to promote the updated website
 - Facebook page – regular updates, shopping centre and event displays, promotional material, fortnightly column
- Community will want feedback as to how we are progressing
 - 2015 is the first data point – comparisons will be made in future report cards

3.6 Presentation of 2015 Report Card and Website

- Report card did not have any major change in terms of results, changes were instead seen in key observation 1 and Auckland Creek (only has water quality measures) – overall environment score stayed as a 'C'.
- Website material compliments report card and provides more information, technical report provides clear in-depth explanations.
- A parallel testing of ammonia between PCIMP and QLD govt. and a review of QA/QC compliance for testing procedures.

MC Comments/Questions:

- Did ammonia stay in technical report?
 - Has been removed – flagged in technical report that the figures are not valid.
- Data compliance in each contract – rely on methods reports from contractors

Agenda Item 4 – Items requiring decision

4.1 GHHP Hosting Arrangements

Working group to review GHHP Hosting Arrangements. Col Chapman to run process – Patrick Hastings and John Sherriff to work with Col to work out what FBA and CQU need to deliver.

4.1 Report Card release date

MC agreed that report card will be released to Partners in November/December and released to public in February.

Agenda Item 5- Items for noting

5.1 Management Committee Meeting Calendar 2016

- Meetings to be held every 8 weeks – starting after 10am (10:30am – 3:00pm) on Wednesdays.

5.2 Presentation from Chief Scientist from Office of the Great Barrier Reef (Q&A) Dr Geoff Garrett

- Working to put together an interim report to get feedback from community – work based on responses from stakeholders across the state
 - Significant loss of coral cover (50%)
 - In order to improve resilience of the reef to climactic events - water quality needs to be improved
 - Fragmentation, complexity and poor communication were the three issues flagged
- A major change program with all hands to the public
 - Change because if we just have best management practice across all communities, we will still only be halfway to achieving stretching targets
- Experimenting with report to be comprehensive
- Tasked to say to the Government how the current situation should be improved
- Trying to define priority areas so funding can be distributed efficiently
- Challenge in reduced funding towards monitoring, recording and mapping

MC Comments/Questions

- Are low commodity prices the things that make farmers not able to protect the reef?
 - Profitability and sustainability are hand in hand. Stewardship payments offered to farmers to put in best practice management processes.

- What do scientists think about the effect of climate change on the GBR?
 - The occurrence of tropical species will occur in different places – geological change time scale is millions of years
- Different emphasis from different levels of government
 - Reef 2050 plan outlines the Australian and QLD Governments outline and plan
- Why was the recommendation for the two major projects to occur in the Wet Tropics and Burdekin?
 - Where are the maximum problems at this time? Water quality = Wet Tropics, sediment = Burdekin

Next meeting: 13th April 2016

Meeting closed 12:40pm

Meeting Actions Register: GHHP and MC

(Once actions have been endorsed as complete in the meeting outcomes, they will be deleted from the list)

Action Number	Action	Who is responsible?	When it is due?	Status	Notes
MC Meeting 9					
MC9.3	Circulate GHHP Columns and GHHP media releases to the MC following the Chair's approval.	GHHP Secretariat	ASAP	Ongoing	
MC9.6	Circulate updated Communications Plan to the Management Committee.	GHHP Comms Contractor	ASAP	Ongoing	Communications Plan is being addressed regularly through updates on activities, such as the GHHP Community Engagement Strategy, and Report Card Feedback Process.
MC Meeting 16					
MC 16.5	Renegotiation of PCIMP contract				
MC 16.6	Negotiate data sharing agreement with GPC				
MC Meeting 17					
MC 17.2	Col Chapman, Patrick Hastings and John Sherriff to work together to outline requirements for hosting	Col Chapman, Patrick Hastings and John Sherriff			
MC 17.3	Paul Birch, John Sherriff and Andrew Tapsall to provide guidance as to the nature and form of the proposed GHHP science review – teleconference within next 14 days.	Paul Birch, John Sherriff and Andrew Tapsall	Teleconference 15/2/16		