

Maclean Flying-fox Working Group
Meeting Outcomes from 9 February 2016

Attendees:

Linda Wright (Valley Watch) (LW)
Gillian Bennett (Bat Historian/Yamba resident) (GB)
Rod Wright (Clarence Valley Council) (RW)
Cat Smykowsky (Bush Regenerator) (CS)
Robert Perl (Principal – Maclean High School) (RP)
Dimitri Young (OEH) (DY)
Sue Hedges (OEH)
Megan Clarke – School Education Director – Clarence Valley (MC)

Apologies:

Andrew Petroschevsky (Trade & Investment – Crown Lands) (AP), Greg Bell (NSW Health) (GJB),
Trent Grimston (Essential Energy) (TG)

General Business and discussion points:

Meeting Start

- DY opened the meeting at 1:20pm.
- DY welcomed Megan Clark.
- Action items from the previous meeting were reviewed. IJ advised that Terms of Reference action should be GJB and not GB – noted. Updates and new actions arising are included in the summary table below.
- Detailed discussion points follow.

Student Pack

- Completed and forwarded to RP in January 2016 in time for new school students.

Letters

- Letter to TAFE sent 22 January and no response received as yet.

Educational materials

- DY advised the working group that the educational materials were not able to be updated, due to an OEH staff member being on leave.

Signage

- IJ advised signage design was finished and forwarded to the sign writer. Due to the Christmas break he has been unable to complete, but now progressing. The sign writer needs to know the size of the poles. Sign writer to contact RW at Clarence Valley Council on completion and arrange for pick up.

DET offset planting

- DY advised that he had conducted a search and that there were no licenses or certificates still in force.
- DY asked if the conditions of the certificates had been complied with and ascertain if we have any record of compliance and whether the offsets have been put in place. Were there any conditions and how were they managed. DY to check conditions and files.
- If the Green Army is able to be involved to manage offsets that would be good.
- GB suggested maintenance for offsets is an issue and timing doesn't always work out.

- RP advised group that there were not as many FF's this year as last year. The TAFE course is still running and working in between Showground and school and are assisting in a small way.

Draft Terms of reference and code of conduct

- LW advised that Greg was the driving force behind the new draft. LW had read and corrected some typos and formatting. Apart from tightening up both documents in general, the main change is references to media officer.
- MC asked DY to define 'core agency functions' within the code of conduct draft. Discussion around whether this sentence was relevant. Working group agreed that this sentence should be taken out.
- Working parties should be worded working group business.
- Working group agreed that standard meeting procedures were adequate.
- RP would like to see student engagement in meetings and get their view.
- DY happy to take more comments in regards to code of conduct and terms of reference. Action: DY to circulate via email for comment and bring back to next meeting.
- Thanks to Greg and Linda for pushing it forward.

Draft Media Release

- Discussion around types of media releases.
- It was suggested that each working group member prepare a set of dot points and what the working group has been doing over last couple of years to give to their interest groups.
- Working group agreed with dual approach of achievements and media release.
- GB suggested to have photo of signage going up with very brief latest action by working group.
- RW advised that Council would promote through tourism site.
- Action: IJ to pull together all achievements and media release. IJ to draft achievements and media release and circulate to working group. RW to run past Council's media unit. IJ is to be media contact.

Education opportunities in new Clarence Valley Council Educational Centre

- CS advised the group that it was more specifically around restoring FF habitats. Learn about rainforest restoration in general and get together reports over last 10 years and putting something together in simple terms with photos before, during and after. Explain why their habitat has been destroyed.
- RW advised that Council did meet with Ron with a view to talking about student led layout of the facility. Council can help with that educational theme and information on restoration. Action: RW and CS to work together with this in context of the broad biodiversity of the centre and CS to advise and brief group at next meeting.

Site visit

- RP conducted a walk with the working group around Maclean High School where the Flying Fox camp exists.

Meeting closed at 2:35pm.

Next meeting 10 May 2016

Action Items

Item	Responsibility	Timeframe
Meeting Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting reminder to be circulated the week prior all future WG meetings 	OEH	ongoing
Educational Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Require amendments based on comments received. 	OEH	May 2016
Signage Viewing Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signage to be finalised with sign writer - Signage to be collected and installed by Green Army 	IJ RW	Ongoing to be finalised out of session
DET Offset Planting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check records of compliance and whether the offsets have been put in place. Were there any conditions and how were they managed. 	OEH	May 2016
Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct for Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email to working group for comment 	OEH	May 2016
Media releases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pull together all achievements. Prepare draft of achievements and media release and circulate to working group. - RW to run past Council's media unit. 	IJ RW	May 2016
Education opportunities in new Clarence Valley Council Educational Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RW and CS to work together with this in context of the broad biodiversity of the centre and CS to advise and brief group at next meeting. 	CS/RW	May 2016

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting 10 May 2016 from 1 to 3pm at CVC to be confirmed with RW if room available