

Community Futures Task Force

Annual Report 2006 - 2007

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1. Chair's Introduction

In April 2006, the Queensland Government announced its intention to build dams at Traveston Crossing on the Mary River and Wyaralong on Teviot Brook in the Logan River System.

On 7 July 2006, the former Premier, the Honourable Peter Beattie, established the Community Future Task Force to respond to the social and economic impacts of the proposed dams and appointed me as Chair.

The announcement of the proposed Traveston Crossing and Wyaralong Dams has affected the social and economic fabric of surrounding communities, particularly in the Mary Valley.

These major infrastructure proposals are currently the subject of environmental impact assessments. Should the proposals proceed, they will permanently alter the built and natural environments of the regions, and impact the lives of the communities residing there.

The Task Force is an independent body comprising the mayors of the five affected shires and the chief executive officers of eleven Queensland Government agencies with varying degrees of involvement in the project. I chair the monthly Task Force meetings.

While some members of the Task Force (the Mayors) have personal views about whether or not the proposed dams should proceed, the Task Force has been able to focus on its primary charter: to assist those impacted by the proposed decision and to improve short to medium term outcomes for the affected communities.

The Task Force works to achieve these improved outcomes by developing strategies to address both the immediate effects of the dam proposals and the longer term opportunities that the proposals may present.

This document is a report on the work of the Task Force and its member agencies for the 2006-2007 financial year. The financial statements of the member entities are reported separately in their respective Annual Reports.

Major General Peter Arnison AC, CVO (Ret'd)
Chair
Communities Future Task Force

2. About the Community Futures Task Force

2.1 Purpose

The Community Futures Task Force (the Task Force) was established in July 2006 to act as an independent body to work with those communities affected by the proposals to build the Traveston Crossing and Wyaralong Dams and associated facilities including the Bromelton Off Stream Storage and the Cedar Grove Weir.

2.2 Terms of Reference

1. Address the immediate effects that the decision to build the dams has had for affected communities, and develop strategies and approaches in relation to:
 - the impact on health and wider social issues
 - property resumptions
 - the impact on business and industry continuity and
 - the prospects for regional industry adjustment.
2. Develop strategies to maximise the longer term opportunities presented by the proposed dam developments to enable the communities to position themselves for a better future by:
 - identifying the social, economic and land use impacts of the development on individuals, businesses, community social infrastructure and the broader communities and
 - developing short-term and long-term action plans to assess and manage social, economic and land use implications of the developments on individuals, businesses, community social infrastructure and the broader communities.
3. Engage the community in the Community Futures Taskforce work program and provide regular community information by way of the One Stop Shop, visits, the newsletter, the web site and the 1800 number.
4. Provide linkages between individuals, communities, businesses, local governments, the Federal Government, and the State Government to address issues and impacts as appropriate.

2.3 Membership

The Task Force maintains a leadership and coordination role and ensures the activities of member agencies are achieved in a timely and effective manner.

Major General Peter Arnison acts as an independent Chair of the Task Force and is appointed to Chair the Task Force until 31 July 2009.

The Task Force includes:

representatives of the five shire councils affected by the proposed Dams

- Cooloolool Shire Council
- Noosa Shire Council
- Maroochy Shire Council
- Boonah Shire Council
- Beaudesert Shire Council

heads of eleven Queensland Government agencies,

- Director-General, Department of Infrastructure and Planning
- Director-General, Department of Communities
- Executive Director, Office of Urban Management
- Director-General, Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation
- Director-General, Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry
- Director-General, Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries
- Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Queensland
- Director-General, Department of Natural Resources and Water
- Director-General, Department of Main Roads
- Director-General, Department of Public Works
- Director-General, Department of Education, Training and the Arts

and

the Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd (project proponent)

Members are listed at **Appendix A**.

3. Community Futures Task Force Unit

The work of the Task Force is supported by a small team, the Community Futures Task Force Unit (the Task Force Unit), which reports to the Task Force Chair.

The Task Force Unit is comprised of 9.6 full time equivalent officers, managed by an Executive Director, Mr Steve Mill.

The costs associated with the Task Force Unit are met from the operating budget of the Department of Infrastructure and Planning. However, to preserve the independence of the Task Force Unit, its operations are overseen by the Task Force Chair and it is not recognised in the Department's structure.

The work of the Task Force Unit is to continue until mid 2009.

3.1 Role

The role of the Task Force Unit is to:

1. undertake individual and community consultations
2. produce information on behalf of the Task Force for community members
3. identify issues affecting the communities and develop options for consideration by the Task Force and Government
4. assist in the coordination of cross Government responses and projects and
5. Provide secretarial services for the Task Force meetings.

3.2 Information

The provision of timely and accurate information was a key focus of the Task Force Unit in the first half of 2006-07. During this period, the Task Force Unit established a:

- regular newsletter for the communities affected by the proposed Dams. These newsletters provide timely and factual information.
- website to inform communities about information resources and services that are available as well as forthcoming events. www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au This material is also available in hard copy through the One Stop Shops and
- 1800 number for individuals to speak to an officer of the Task Force Unit (1800 133 258).

Throughout the year the Task Force Unit assisted members of the affected communities to access information from other Government Agencies. For example, the Department of Natural Resources and Water and the Office of Urban Management convened workshops in 2006 for Mary Valley residents. These workshops generated 288 and 87 questions respectively from community members. The Task Force Unit coordinated responses to these questions that were distributed to workshop attendees and made available on the Task Force website www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au.

3.3 Engaging the Community

Through discussions with individuals and community groups, the Task Force Unit has gained an understanding of many of the key issues and impacts facing the affected communities and has coordinated Government services and programs to meet the needs of the community.

Keeping Kandanga Whole

Kandanga township is located in the Mary Valley south-west of Gympie and is expected to be directly affected by the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam. Consultation with the community has indicated a strong desire to keep the township together and retain as much of the current amenity and character of the township as possible. Keeping the township of Kandanga connected as a whole is a priority of the Task Force Unit.

In consultation with other Government agencies, the Task Force Unit is working with the community to plan for a future which maximises retention of existing aspects of Kandanga, including the current population level, businesses, community facilities, and other infrastructure.

The Task Force Chair and members of the Unit have conducted regular visits to the affected regions to meet community members, community and service clubs and business leaders.

3.4 Project Facilitation

The second half of 2006-07 saw a gradual change in emphasis on the demands of the community upon the Task Force Unit. This change has been from a demand for information and support for individuals with property affected by the dams, to a greater focus on medium to longer term community based projects and future social and economic possibilities .

The intensive work of the Task Force Unit on the future of the Kandanga Cemetery is an example of this shift towards medium to longer term projects.

Kandanga Cemetery

The Kandanga Cemetery is in use and will be affected by the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam. The Task Force Unit is facilitating discussion and planning on the sensitive issue of the cemetery's future through an extensive community consultation and research process.

Information on future options was developed following discussions with families, individual community members, the Kandanga Cemetery Trust and the Cooloola Shire Council.

These options were developed for discussion at a public information session. The Task Force Unit arranged to partner with local church groups, undertakers, grief counsellors and a forensic anthropologist to deliver the session. The session will help inform the community in deciding the future of the cemetery.

The Task Force Unit has also facilitated the provision of community infrastructure. For example, the Unit addressed community concerns regarding the safety and adequacy of a public toilet building in Kandanga, and school bus drop off zones on the Mary Valley Road.

The Task Force Unit arranged for appropriate works to be undertaken for these two projects with the funding support of the Cooloola Shire Council, the Department of Main Roads and Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd.

4. Community Support

4.1 Community Support

In the first six months of its operation, the Task Force focussed on addressing the immediate impacts of the dam announcements through case management of affected individuals and the provision of timely, factual information.

4.1.1 One Stop Shops

Following the announcement of the proposed dams, the Department of Communities immediately established a range of support strategies, including the engagement of Lifeline counselling services and establishment of two One Stop Shops to improve individuals access to Government services— one at Kandanga and one at Boonah.

The One Stop Shops were established to provide:

1. information about the proposed dams
2. referral service to other Government agencies and
3. counselling support to individuals through Lifeline

A number of Queensland Government agencies had staff visit the shops to provide assistance to people in the affected areas.

As at 30 June 2007 there were 2,447 enquiries at the Kandanga One Stop Shop which included: 570 counselling appointments (including outreach), 192 community development contacts, 1,423 referrals to Queensland Government agencies, and 262 general enquiries.



The Kadanga One Stop Shop.

In March 2007, demand for information from the Boonah One Stop Shop had declined to less than one inquiry per day. Consequently, the Boonah One Stop Shop closed in March 2007 and was replaced by services provided through the Fassifern Community Centre, Boonah Shire Council and the Boonah Shire Public Library. Lifeline counselling services continued to be available by appointment and access to the 24 hour telephone service was maintained.

As at 30 June 2007, there were 114 enquiries through the Boonah One Stop Shop and four enquiries received through the Boonah Shire Council and Fassifern Community Centre. These figures include a total of eight counselling contacts in the region.

4.1.2 Support for school children

Maintaining and supporting education activities in the affected communities is a priority of the Task Force.

The Department of Education, Training and the Arts has been working with schools in the Mary Valley to manage issues relating to school children. On 7 February 2007, teacher numbers were confirmed to remain at 2006 levels.

Education Queensland has increased guidance officer availability to work with children and teachers in Mary Valley schools.

Safety for school children is a priority. In response to community concerns, Task Force members completed an audit of two school bus routes and funded remedial work.

The Community Futures Fund has supported educational activities for students living in the Mary Valley (see *Appendix B*). These students have also received improved access to Government supported sport and recreation activities.

4.2 Business Support

4.2.1 Business Assistance

The Queensland Government's *Business Adjustment Scheme* was established in November 2006 to assist eligible businesses that have experienced negative impacts due to the proposed Traveston Crossing and Wyaralong Dams.

The Scheme is administered by the Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority on behalf of the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, and the Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry.

As at 30 June 2007, 44 applications for assistance through the Scheme had been received from the Traveston Crossing area and a total of \$1,289,825 (excluding GST) in grant funding had been approved to successful applicants. As at 30 June 2007, the number of applications received by Fund Type is as follows:

Fund Type	Applications Received 2006-07
Business Advice	24
Business Restructure	13
Business Exit	7
Total	44

The needs of businesses located in the inundation area of the proposed dam are addressed through land purchasing activities undertaken by QWI.

4.2.2 Workers Assistance

The Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry used its Worker Assistance Program to provide access to training, job preparation, relocation and wage subsidy assistance to eligible workers who lost their jobs as a result of the Government's decision to build the Traveston Crossing and Wyaralong Dams.

As at 30 June 2007, service providers have been paid \$3,138 for training and job preparation to eight applicants under the Worker Assistance Program. All applicants have been from the Traveston Crossing area.

In support of the activities of the Community Futures Task Force, Smart State Recruitment assisted individuals who faced immediate and extreme financial crisis as a result of the proposal to build the dams.

5. Community Development Activities

5.1 Community Development and Engagement Officer

A Community Development and Engagement Officer (the officer) was appointed to the Kandanga One Stop Shop in January 2007.

The officer has facilitated a range of local initiatives to maintain and strengthen the connections between the people and communities in the Mary Valley. For example, the Officer assisted local community and sporting groups to remain viable and to grow through access to a range of agency services and programs, including the Community Futures Fund (see 5.2 below).

The officer has played a significant role in identifying how some of the needs of the communities affected by the Traveston Crossing Dam can be better met by member agencies of the Communities Futures Task Force.

The officer, in conjunction with the Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry, has facilitated the establishment of the Imbil Development Group. The Group is engaging with Mary Valley based businesses and other community groups to revitalise local tourism, business and community activities.

As at 30 June 2007, the officer was working on approximately 20 local projects and activities.

5.2 Community Futures Fund

The Community Futures Task Force established the Community Futures Fund (the Fund) in March 2007 to support community activities in the areas affected by the proposed Traveston Crossing and Wyaralong Dams.

The Fund is helping community groups, including service clubs, associations and charitable organizations, continue to provide services, and is alleviating concerns about the ongoing viability of these groups.

Cash grants of up to \$5,000 are provided for eligible projects. Funding decisions are made by an assessment committee comprising senior representatives from the Community Futures Task Force Unit, the Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry, and the Department of Communities.

As at 30 June 2007, 19 grants had been approved under the Fund at a total of \$61,932. The projects supported by the Fund include:

- the Sing for Joy concert (attended by about 200 Mary Valley residents)
- the establishment of the Kandanga Information Centre (opening day attended by about 500 participants)
- the Mary Valley Playhouse (children's playgroup) for educational products
- the Mary Valley Show Society for a children's Christmas party
- Mary Valley students to attend creative writing, maths and science courses and
- the Valley Rangers Soccer Club Inc, to help purchase a line marker

A complete list of approved projects is at **Appendix B**

Kandanga Information Centre

As part of a major community initiative, the Community Futures Fund provided assistance to the Friends of Kandanga to establish the Kandanga Information Centre.

Funding was granted to help provide the centre with new computers and the installation of telephone, computer and television connections.

The Information Centre is located in a building purchased by Queensland Water Infrastructure. The Friends of Kandanga has a discounted lease arrangement on the building which was facilitated by the Task Force Unit.

The Information Centre opened on 21 June 2007, with more than 500 people attending the event.

In addition to information provision, the centre will be a community hub providing computer, lead lighting, craft, scrap booking and woodworking classes. It will also provide a focus for social and community events.

Historical displays of the timber and pineapple industries are planned. Artworks from the region and an assortment of historical photos from community members are also on display. A 'book-swap' style library for local residents will also operate from the premises.

Initial volunteer numbers have now grown from 14 to 27. The Kandanga Information Centre operates Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm.

5.3 Historical Research

Queensland State Archives, Department of Public Works organised a project to document the historical significance of the two regions to be affected by the proposed Traveston Crossing and Wyaralong Dams. The project will provide a lasting acknowledgement of the history of the areas.

The project will provide:

1. two booklets to document the historical significance of the regions affected by the proposed dams and
2. Community Archive Workshops to help local Boonah and Cooloola historical groups and individuals record and manage local historically significant materials, including photographic collections

Queensland State Archives engaged two professional historians to research the historical heritage of the affected communities and produce first drafts of both booklets. Publications will be produced and available for distribution in early 2008.

The first of the Community Archive Workshops were delivered in Boonah on 31 March 2007, and in the Mary Valley on 28 April 2007. Both workshops were well attended. Experts from Queensland State Archives presented sessions on collecting and caring for historical records to help Cooloola and Boonah Shire residents preserve their personal memorabilia, records and photos.

5.4 Supporting Local Sport and Recreation

The Task Force member agencies commenced discussions with the community on options to maintain or enhance sport and recreation facilities. As a member of the Task Force, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation funded and delivered sport and recreation activities to benefit young people in the Mary Valley including:

- assisting the Valley Rangers Soccer Club
- providing school camps and the *Get Active Queensland Schools Program* for Mary Valley State College, Federal State School, Kandanga State School and Kandanga Creek State School
- providing four Mary Valley sport and recreation clubs with grants of \$4,000 each to assist in continuing their operations and
- sports forums in the Mary Valley to provide community members with the opportunity to exchange ideas and share the knowledge and experiences of high profile coaches, officials and industry professionals

6. Economic Futures

The Department of Tourism, Regional Development, and Industry, and the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries are jointly undertaking an Economic Futures Project to address the immediate impacts of the announcement of the dams on farm and non-farm businesses, and to maximise the medium to long term economic development opportunities for these businesses within the affected communities.

6.1 Economic and Business Development

Key economic scoping and planning work completed to 30 June 2007 has included:

- *Scoping Economic Futures – Traveston Crossing Region* (ACIL Tasman)
- *Economic Development Strategy - Traveston Crossing/ Mary Valley Area* (PriceWaterhouseCoopers) and
- A draft *Scoping Economic Futures – Wyaralong Region* report (Core Economics).

The *Scoping Economic Futures – Traveston Crossing Region* report was publicly released on 5 March 2007, and was made available electronically on the Task Force website.

The *Economic Development Strategy - Traveston Crossing/ Mary Valley Area* is being used as a basis for identifying and planning economic development projects in the Traveston Crossing area.

The Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry is pursuing several projects identified in this report, including the following business opportunity and capacity development activities:

- A Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry officer is based in the Cooloola Local Government Area. This officer is working closely with key regional stakeholders to implement and develop business and economic development projects in the Cooloola Local Government Area.
- Task Force members initiated a Business Retention and Expansion project for the Mary Valley which will strengthen connections between business operators in the region, and facilitate business growth.
- The Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry is supporting affected businesses through providing business development training workshops and targeted business case management services. The Department provided business advisory services and, where appropriate, facilitated access to funding programs.
 - As at 30 June 2007, more than 178 businesses have been supported through consultations and appointments and over 98 businesses have attended business seminars and workshops.

- The Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry, Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd, the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations, and TAFE worked collaboratively in establishing a local industry suppliers register. As at 30 June 2007, over 400 business (350 for the Traveston Crossing Project, and 50 for the Wyaralong Project) have registered with Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd and more than 100 people attended briefing sessions about supply opportunities.

6.2 Primary Industry Futures

The Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries has dedicated case managers who work with primary producers in the regions affected by the proposed dams.

The Department's case manager in the Mary Valley is working with individual primary producers. As of 30 June 2007, the officer has met with 29 clients. Support provided included financial counselling, assistance with access to information, services and support to assist relocation of displaced primary producers, and referrals to other agencies. Similar support has been offered to primary producers in the Boonah area.

The Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries commenced a *Food and Fibre Futures* project in early 2007. Scenario development for agricultural futures in the region of the proposed Traveston Crossing dam has been undertaken and production opportunities for a range of crops were identified. Issues, opportunities and strategies to accelerate agricultural growth were identified.

Industry bodies and other interested parties were consulted to assist strategy development. Implementation of the strategies is to commence in August 2007 and be completed by July 2009.

The Department organised a dairy project in the Mary Valley in collaboration with the Queensland Dairyfarmers' Organisation. When completed, the project will develop dairy farm business models to inform scenario development and industry projections on the future of the Queensland dairy industry in the Mary Valley, and the broader South East Queensland region. A dairy industry strategy is expected to be finalised by November 2007.

6.3 Tourism Development

The Task Force commenced work to develop tourism action plans for the Mary Valley and Scenic Rim. Tourism Queensland engaged consultants to undertake product audits and industry consultation to inform the action plans.

The action plans will include the key development, marketing and tourism management priorities for the years 2008 through to end 2010. The projects will also identify long-term strategic priorities up to 2013.



The Mary Valley Rattler

The Mary Valley Rattler steam train is a dominant feature of the tourism in the Valley which links and binds the Mary Valley. The Rattler also provides an important boost to local businesses in the Valley.

The Community Futures Task Force through Tourism Queensland is developing a Tourism Action Plan for the Mary Valley that will aim to ensure that the Rattler continues to be an important draw card for the enjoyment of the Mary Valley community and tourists.

The Task Force and the Department of Tourism Regional Development and Industry are working with business throughout the Valley to maximise the opportunities that arise from tourism opportunities that are created by the Rattler.

7. Land Use and Infrastructure Planning

The Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study for the Mary Valley (draft Planning Study) is being conducted by the Office of Urban Management in the Department of Infrastructure and Planning.

The draft Planning Study will assist in producing a long-term land use plan and infrastructure program for the environs of the proposed dam. This will include investigating the impacts of the proposed dam on existing land uses and settlement patterns, in addition to identifying and assessing options for locating future land uses and infrastructure.

Feedback received from two rounds of community meetings (three in 2006 and ten in 2007) at the townships/localities of Kandanga, Carters Ridge, Imbil and Federal will be used to inform the draft Planning Study. Input from local Councils and relevant State agencies will also inform the draft Planning Study.

Draft concept plans for the townships of Imbil and Kandanga were prepared and discussed at public meetings. Final draft concept plans for the townships of Imbil and Kandanga will be informed by community feedback associated with draft Planning Study.

It is intended that the draft Planning Study will be released for public consultation in October 2007 with a final Planning Study to be completed in early 2008.

In addition, the Office of Urban Management commenced a Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study for the Wyaralong area.

This study will identify the direct and indirect impacts of the Wyaralong Dam on existing land uses, settlement patterns and infrastructure and identify strategies to maximise opportunities created by the proposed dam. It will also investigate means of implementing land use planning and infrastructure strategies, including the introduction of rural precincts plans and amendments to relevant local government planning schemes.

The Office of Urban Management completed preliminary discussions with Boonah and Beaudesert Shire Councils and several State agencies to identify planning issues within the Wyaralong area and to obtain stakeholder input into the Planning Study process.

8. Future Directions

Regardless of any decision about the future of the proposed dams, the Community Futures Task Force will continue to work to address the impacts on affected individuals and communities until mid 2009.

Provision of timely and factual information to individuals and communities will remain the priority of the Task Force. Discussions between Task Force member agencies, and individuals and communities will continue to inform delivery of targeted Government programs and support services to the affected communities.

There are some key medium term projects that are expected to progress in 2007-08. These include the following:

- release of historical booklets for the Cooloolo and Boonah Shire
- completion of a Master Planning and Feasibility Study for the proposed Imbil Multi-Function Facility
- completion of a Business Retention and Expansion Program for the Mary Valley
- progression of the Boonah Shire Economic Future projects
- drafting of an investment prospectus for the Cooloolo Shire
- completion of the Mary Valley and Scenic Rim tourism audits and action plans
- commencement of 'Tourism Training Initiatives' for the Scenic Rim and Mary Valley Tourism Projects
- release of the draft Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study for the Mary Valley and
- drafting of the Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study for the Wyaralong area

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY FUTURES TASK FORCE

Chair

Major General Peter Arnison AC, CVO (Ret'd)

Members

Cr Mick Venardos	Mayor, Cooloola Shire Council
Cr Bob Abbott	Mayor, Noosa Shire Council
Cr Joe Natoli	Mayor, Maroochy Shire Council
Cr John Brent	Mayor, Boonah Shire Council
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Lindsay Enright	Executive Director, Office of Urban Management
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Bob McCarthy	Director-General, Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry
Jim Varghese	Director-General, Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries
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Scott Spencer	Director-General, Department of Natural Resources, and Water
Alan Tesch	Director-General, Department of Main Roads
Mal Grierson	Director-General, Department of Public Works
Rachel Hunter	Director-General, Department of Education, Training and the Arts

Graeme Newton	Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd
Steve Mill	Executive Director, Community Futures Task Force

Community Futures Fund: Approved Applications as at 30 June 07

Organisation Name	Project Name	Purpose of Project
Cooloola Regional Development Bureau	Mary Valley Tourism Map	Contribute to promotional map / brochure for Mary Valley
Kandanga Swimming Club	Trophies for Annual Presentation Awards	Purchase trophies for awards ceremony
Cooloola Regional Development Bureau	TV Commercials for Mary Valley	Contribute to TV commercials to Promote tourism
Kandanga State School P&C	Mary Valley Play House -Educational Supplies	Pay cost of excursion and purchase craft material for Play Group
Kandanga Public Hall Association Inc	Imbil A Cappella Choir - Sing for Joy workshop	Contribute to professional fees for 10 singing workshops and facilitate concert
James Nash State High School	Maths and Science Program	Contribute to program costs for 33 students
James Nash State High School	Creative Writing Course	Contribute to program costs for 7 students
Kandanga State School P & C	Kandanga School Camp	Contribute to accommodation and excursion fees for 43 students and staff
Cooloola Shire Council	Imbil Sewerage Scheme	Contribute to catering costs for official opening
Mary Valley Show Society Inc	Imbil Children's Christmas Party	Contribute to rides for children
Imbil Tennis Club Inc	Mary Valley Cup Tennis Competition	Purchase tennis supplies and provide coaching lessons over two terms. Contribute to five barbeques
Mary Valley Show Society Inc	Volunteers Event & Recruitment Drive	Contribute to catering costs for volunteers
Valley Rangers Soccer Club Inc	Line Marker	Contribute to a new line marker
Kandanga Public Hall Association Inc	Go-Kan-ryu Karate Annual Presentation Night	Purchase trophies for presentation night.
Mary Valley Show Society Inc	Staging Annual Show	Contribute to show expenses including fireworks, advertising, band, ribbons and transport costs.
Imbil Development Group	Imbil Walkabout	Engage a consultant to assist with business presentation in Main Street, and provide morning tea.

Imbil Development Group	Business Retention and Expansion Program	Assistance to help revitalise small regional and rural communities
Mary Valley RSL Inc RSL Youth Group	Shout It Out Loud Festival	Contribute to accommodation and transport cost for youth to attend an Arts festival
Mary Valley State College	Major Raffle and Trivia Night	Contribute to printing raffle tickets and purchase raffle prizes, covering hall and catering costs for the trivia night.
Brooloo Hall Committee Group Inc	Equipment for showing movies in Brooloo Hall	Support for the purchase of projection equipment to keep door charge reasonable especially for the youth
Friends of Kandanga Inc	Setting up Kandanga Information Centre	Purchase signage and office equipment to make centre functional