

TRAVESTON CROSSING DAM

Latest Community News from the Task Force

The Community Futures Task Force (CFTF) provides regular information for the people and communities of the region about activities being undertaken for the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.

The CFTF meets regularly with the heads of State Government Departments and community leaders to

identify and address issues of concern.

The CFTF also meets with residents, community groups and local councils as an integral part of this process.

If you require help or advice please feel free to contact

the Task Force on **1800 133 258**. You can also visit our website at www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au for the latest news or to view a calendar of events and activities in the region.

Major General Peter Arnison – Chair

THANK YOU KEN



Lifeline counsellor Ken Campbell has departed the Kandanga One Stop Shop after a year of providing experienced, independent and impartial advice and support to the residents of the Mary Valley.

Ken will not be completely lost to local

residents though and will remain involved in the One-Stop Shop each Wednesday as the financial counsellor.

Since June 2006, Ken provided emotional support, financial counselling and advocacy work to residents affected by the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.

HELP DECIDE THE FUTURE OF KANDANGA CEMETERY

The Community Futures Task Force held a community discussion on 12 July 2007 to discuss future options for the Kandanga Cemetery.

The meeting was advertised in Issue 10 of this newsletter.

Task Force officers presented a number of options that would allow the cemetery to continue into the future should the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam proceed.

Through extensive community consultation, the Task Force identified an option that ensures the cemetery is free from the effects of major flood events at Stage 1, and that no graves or memorials are affected by full supply or flooding at Stage 2 of the proposed dam (should it proceed around 2035).

The option presented was to establish a grassed verge along the front of the cemetery.

This verge could be extended to protect the cemetery at Stage 2 (should it proceed around 2035).

Ken worked tirelessly and leaves the residents of the Mary Valley better equipped to manage their concerns and decisions around the proposed dam.

The Task Force would like to extend its sincere thanks to Ken for the invaluable contribution he's made to the lives of many people in the Valley, and to wish him every success in the future.

Gary Cullen commenced as the new Lifeline coordinator in the One-Stop Shop on Wednesday 11 July.

Katrina Steel and Carmel Boutchard remain at Lifeline as Community Support Workers and Counsellors.

Please drop in and visit the team or phone them on (07) 5488 4929.

You can also contact Lifeline's counselling service at any time on 13 11 14.

The verge would be landscaped to complement the current appearance of the cemetery and would be easy to walk over.

Contour banks would divert rainwater away from the cemetery or into a stormwater control basin and pump out which would be located well away from the cemetery and graves.

Another alternative presented was to temporarily remove the headstones, build the area up, then replace them using accurate GPS measurements.

The options presented would ensure that the Kandanga Cemetery could continue to be used as the community cemetery until such time as expansion of the cemetery was required.

Community members, should they wish to, were asked to provide their views on the future of Kandanga Cemetery as a basis for further consultation and discussion.

The meeting attendees however, by consensus, chose to defer a decision regarding a preferred option for Kandanga Cemetery at this time.

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The community said they would only consider a decision about the future of the cemetery should the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam proceed.

This feedback will be used in a report on the future for Kandanga Cemetery to be made available to relatives, the community and interested parties.

Feedback from relatives and interested parties unable to attend the meeting will also be included in the report.

This report, along with other community feedback on the cemetery, will be made available to inform the Environmental Impact Statement.

To provide your views, please read the cemetery information sheet and complete the feedback form which now includes an option to decide on the cemetery's future only if the proposed dam proceeds.

This information sheet and feedback form are available online at www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au, from the Kandanga One-Stop Shop or by telephoning the Task Force on 1800 133 258.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS TRAINING IN THE MARY VALLEY

* Content provided by the Kandanga One Stop Shop

Lifeline Sunshine Coast recently arranged an eight-week Communication Skills Training Course at Imbil for residents affected by the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.

Twenty people participated in the course that was designed to strengthen the existing community support network.

Participants were taught communication skills including active listening, anger management, suicide intervention, understanding grief and loss, and most importantly, self care.

Residents who took part said the course was both enjoyable and useful, both in their own lives and in helping others in their community.

They said they gained practical skills and knowledge, particularly awareness and understanding of the active listening process and strategies to deal with difficult situations.

The areas participants found most helpful were practising their new skills and dealing with anger and thoughts of suicide.

Residents also described the course as an invaluable opportunity to strengthen community spirit while having fun at the same time.



Janine Gledhill (right) and Lorne Maitland both plan to use the skills they learnt at the course.

Many participants have expressed an interest in following through with regular meetings for further skills practice and training.

Following on from the success of the Communication Skills training, a **Living Works workshop** was held in Imbil on 17/18 July and the second **will be held in Federal on 9/10 August 2007.**

Living Works workshops equip participants with awareness about suicide and provide them with intervention strategies to assist people around them who are experiencing these thoughts or tendencies.

The workshops will be facilitated by professionals from United Synergies who have run these work-

shops for many years in South East Queensland.

The workshops are the next step in a series of community training courses which Lifeline counselors at the Kandanga One Stop Shop have arranged.

They consider them vital to assist community members in building their capacity to cope with personal and emotional impacts and gain confidence in responding effectively to people in need.

If anyone is interested in taking part in the workshops, please contact Carmel of Lifeline at the Kandanga One-Stop Shop on **(07) 5488 4929** for a confidential discussion.

BUSINESS PLANNING WORKSHOP AND NETWORKING LUNCH

A business plan is essential if you're thinking of starting a business, but it's also an important tool for established businesses. Viable businesses are dynamic; they change and grow.

An original business plan needs to be revised as new goals are set and opportunities arise.

Reviewing the plan can help you to identify what changes need to be made, or what new directions

your company's growth should take.

This workshop will cover topics including:

- market research
- strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats (SWOT analysis)
- the links between operational, financial and marketing activities
- identifying who your customers really are, and
- developing goals and strategies for growth.

You are also invited to stay for a business networking lunch to informally discuss and meet with other workshop participants.

Date: Tuesday 7 August 2007
Time: 9.30am-12.30pm followed by Business Network Lunch
Venue: Kandanga Community Hall, Kandanga
Cost: Free (refreshments and light lunch will be provided)

To register: Please reply with names and FULL contact details of guests attending to sunshine.coast@sd.qld.gov.au by Thursday 2 August 2007.

For further details call State Development Centre, Sunshine Coast on **(07) 5437 1300.**

FREE COMMUNITY HISTORY WORKSHOPS FOR COOLOOLA RESEARCHERS

Want to know the difference between the records kept at Queensland State Archives, State Library of Queensland and the National Archives of Australia?

Cooloola history buffs can attend a free Community History Workshop at the Uniting Church Community Hall at Imbil on Saturday 4 August to find out more.

Specialists from all three organisations will discuss how to use public records for research, present information about each collection and detail the differences in the collection of each institution.

These research professionals will also answer questions from the audience.

State Archivist Janet Prowse said the workshop is suitable for anyone interested in using public records for their family history or local history research.

"Many people use public records to research the histories of their family and community," Janet said.

"While this workshop is aimed at the new researcher it is also suitable for the more advanced researcher looking for specific advice."

Cr Mick Vernados, Mayor of Cooloola Shire, said the council fully supported the workshops.

"This workshop provides the opportunity for local residents to start their research or receive specific advice about using public records. It will be of particular interest to those researching our local history," Cr Vernados said.

This free workshop has been organised by the Cooloola Shire Council and Queensland State Archives in conjunction with the Community Futures Task Force.

It will be held at the Uniting Church Community Hall at Imbil from 9.30am until 4pm on Saturday 4 August. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea is included.

Bookings are essential. Phone Cate on 3131 7760 by Thursday 2 August 2007.

GOVERNMENT OWNED RENTAL PROPERTIES

An increase in availability of rental properties in the Mary Valley resulted in some community members seeking clarification on rental of government owned properties.

Prospective tenants of government owned houses are subject to standard industry checks on suitability prior to being granted tenancy.

Management systems are also in place to monitor these houses once a tenancy has commenced.

Queensland Water Infrastructure (QWI), the company purchasing properties for the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam, uses registered real estate agents in all cases to select tenants.

Prospective tenants are required to complete industry recognised application forms and agents complete checks on potential tenants to ensure that appropriate people are selected.

Weekly meetings are conducted with the appointed agents to ensure selection criteria are adhered to and to ensure proposed tenants are approved by QWI.

QWI has also employed two security firms since late 2006 to conduct random surveillance of vacant properties.

These patrols are conducted wherever there is a vacant Government owned property and a minimum of three random visits are conducted each night.

The appointed real estate agents instruct the security companies regarding vacant properties and in turn liaise with the local police at Pomona, Imbil and Kenilworth as required.

QWI has met with the respective police and has also provided them with details of vacant houses.

Community safety and security is the responsibility of everyone in the Valley and people are asked to look out for their neighbours and report any suspicious behaviour to the police.

WILLS AND ENDURING POWERS OF ATTORNEY - PREPARING FOR THE UNEXPECTED!

Have you ever considered what might happen to you if you lost your ability to make decisions for yourself?

Many people accept that one day they will die and prepare for this by making a Will.

But most of us give little thought to what would happen if we were involved in an accident or became affected by the onset of a condition that impaired our ability to make decisions while we are alive.

One way to prepare for this is by having an **Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA)**.

The Public Trustee of Queensland has extensive experience in preparing EPA's and can make sure that the document is legally correct, properly witnessed and allows for special clauses if required.

An EPA is a formal agreement by which you can legally appoint another person (an Attorney) to act on your behalf should you lose the capacity to make decisions yourself.

The person you choose to be your Attorney should be over eighteen years of age and not a paid carer (i.e. someone paid to take care of you).

It allows you to give your Attorney the power to make financial, personal and health decisions and allows you to plan for the unexpected.

You can also set out what duties your Attorney can perform and when their power will begin so it's very important to choose someone you trust as they will be making decisions on your behalf that are legally binding.

Your Attorney will also need to take in to account your existing relationships, values and culture and respect your views and wishes.

Equally as important as an EPA is your Will which is one of the most important documents you will ever sign.

Leaving a clear guide of how you would like your assets distributed can save heartache, time and expense for family members and your loved ones.

If you already have a Will, ensuring that it is up to date is just as important.

The Public Trustee recommends that you review your Will every three to five years to ensure that your wishes still reflect your life circumstances.

The Public Trustee offers a free Will-making service to all Queenslanders and the specially designed service ensures that no aspect of your personal details is overlooked.

The Public Trustee also provide free storage of the original document so there is no chance of it being lost or destroyed and your executor can easily locate it.

The Public Trustee in conjunction with the Department of Communities will hold a community presentation on EPA's and Wills at the Imbil RSL Hall on 9 August at 10am – 11.30am.

For further information about the Public Trustee Will and Enduring Power of Attorney service or to make an appointment contact the Public Trustee's Nambour Office on 07 5444 9400. You can also send an email to pt_nambour@pt.qld.gov.au or visit the Public Trustee's web-site www.pt.qld.gov.au.

Leaflets on EPA are also available from the Kandanga One-Stop Shop.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

- Two bus stops on the Mary Valley school bus route were reviewed for safety on June 19 by representatives from Queensland Transport, Main Roads and Coooloolo Shire Council. More information on the review and future plans in upcoming editions.
- Residents of the Mary Valley have been asking what will happen if approval of the dam triggers the Government's ability to pursue a compulsory acquisition process. The Task Force is compiling this information with an update to be included in a future newsletter.
- The Mary Valley Economic Development Strategy is currently being finalised. The key points of the strategy will be highlighted in an upcoming article.

TRAVESTON CROSSING CONTACT NUMBERS

Kandanga One Stop Shop	07 5488 4929
Counselling Services	
1. Crisis counselling (Lifeline) 24/7	13 11 14
2. Lifeline at Kandanga	07 5488 4929
Community Futures Task Force	1800 133 258
QLD Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd	1800 225 384
Department of State Development	1300 363 711

Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries	13 25 23
Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority	1800 623 946
Department of Main Roads	1800 180 566
Department of Natural Resources and Water	1800 243 585
Office of Urban Management	1800 021 818
Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation	(07) 3234 1870

CONTACT THE TASK FORCE

Phone: 1800 133 258
 Fax: 3224 5310
 Email: info@communityfutures.qld.gov.au
 Website: www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au
 Post: PO Box 15637
 City East QLD 4002

KEY WEBSITES

Links to additional departmental websites can be found at

- www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au
- Queensland Water Infrastructure
- www.qldwi.com.au
- Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority
- www.qraa.qld.gov.au
- Office of Urban Management
- www.oum.qld.gov.au
- Department of Environment & Heritage
- www.deh.gov.au

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time and Location	Events	Contact
July			
Tue 10	School Term 3 commences		
Thu 12		Chair of the Community Futures Task Force to visit Cooloola Shire Council, Borumba Dam and Kandanga One Stop Shop	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Thu 12	6:00pm - 8:00pm, Kandanga Hall	Community discussion on the future of Kandanga Cemetery	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Tue 17 and Wed 18	Imbil	Living Works suicide awareness and prevention program	Lifeline ph 07 5484 3299
Mon 23	10:30am - 11:30am, Nambour Red Cross Centre, Price Street, Nambour	Information forum for local businesses to gear up for potential business opportunities associated with the construction of the proposed dam	Department of State Development ph 07 5437 1300
August			
tba		Draft Land Use Plan and Infrastructure Delivery program for the Traveston area	Office Of Urban Management ph 1800 021 818
tba		Final Terms of Reference for the Environmental Impact Statement to be released	Office of the Coordinator-General ph 1800 996 829
Sat 4	9.30am – 4pm Uniting Church Community Hall, Imbil	Community Archive Workshop	For bookings contact Cate at Qld State Archives ph 3131 7760
Mon 6	1:00pm - 2:00pm, Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane	Community Futures Task Force Meeting attended by Mayors from Cooloola, Maroochy, Noosa, Boonah and Beaudesert Shires and relevant Directors-General	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Thu 9	10:00am - 11:30am, Imbil RSL Hall, Mary Valley	Public Trustee of Queensland and Local Area Coordination, Disability Services Queensland workshop for the community on Enduring Power of Attorney, Will Making and Guardianship and Administration	Disability Services Queensland ph 07 5482 5799
Thu 9	1:00pm - 2:30pm, Community Place, Gympie	Public Trustee of Queensland and Local Area Coordination, Disability Services Queensland workshop for the community on Enduring Power of Attorney, Will Making and Guardianship and Administration	Disability Services Queensland ph 07 5482 5799
Thu 9 and Fri 10	Federal	Living Works suicide awareness and prevention program	Lifeline ph 07 5484 3299
Mon 20	1:00pm - 2:00pm, Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane	Community Futures Task Force Meeting attended by Mayors from Cooloola, Maroochy, Noosa, Boonah and Beaudesert Shires and relevant Directors-General	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
September			
Mon 3	1:00pm - 2:00pm, Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane	Community Futures Task Force Meeting attended by Mayors from Cooloola, Maroochy, Noosa, Boonah and Beaudesert Shires and relevant Directors-General	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Mon 17	1:00pm - 2:00pm, Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane	Community Futures Task Force Meeting attended by Mayors from Cooloola, Maroochy, Noosa, Boonah and Beaudesert Shires and relevant Directors-General	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
October			
Mon 1	1:00pm - 2:00pm, Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane	Community Futures Task Force Meeting attended by Mayors from Cooloola, Maroochy, Noosa, Boonah and Beaudesert Shires and relevant Directors-General	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Mon 15	1:00pm - 2:00pm, Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane	Community Futures Task Force Meeting attended by Mayors from Cooloola, Maroochy, Noosa, Boonah and Beaudesert Shires and relevant Directors-General	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
by late October 2007		Environmental Impact Statement - Draft EIS available on public display	Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd ph 1800 225 384
November			
tba	tba	Draft study reports on the findings of both the Sunshine Coast Needs Investigation and the Bridges Investigation to go on display for public comment.	Office Of Urban Management ph 1800 021 818
Mon 5	1:00pm - 2:00pm, Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane	Community Futures Task Force Meeting attended by Mayors from Cooloola, Maroochy, Noosa, Boonah and Beaudesert Shires and relevant Directors-General	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Mon 19	1:00pm - 2:00pm, Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane	Community Futures Task Force Meeting attended by Mayors from Cooloola, Maroochy, Noosa, Boonah and Beaudesert Shires and relevant Directors-General	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
December			
Mon 3	1:00pm - 2:00pm, Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane	Community Futures Task Force Meeting attended by Mayors from Cooloola, Maroochy, Noosa, Boonah and Beaudesert Shires and relevant Directors-General	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Mon 17	1:00pm - 2:00pm, Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane	Community Futures Task Force Meeting attended by Mayors from Cooloola, Maroochy, Noosa, Boonah and Beaudesert Shires and relevant Directors-General	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
by late 2007		Finalisation of the Statutory Land Use Plan and Infrastructure Program	Office Of Urban Management ph 1800 021 818
Future Dates to be advised			
by early 2008		Environmental Impact Statement - State and Commonwealth assessment	Office of the Coordinator-General ph 1800 996 829