

# 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](http://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**

## TRIVIA NIGHT FILLS IMBIL HALL



Packed in 'like sardines' at the Mary Valley State College's trivia night.

Trivia buffs packed Imbil's public hall to the rafters last month to help fund the fit-out of the Mary Valley State College's new multi-purpose activity hall.

More than 250 adults and 70 children attended the evening hosted by teacher Diana King while Lisa James ran the junior trivia competition.

The college's P&C also drew the three major prizes in their monster raffle while the night provided a welcome opportunity for the community to enjoy a fun-filled evening.

P&C members and school staff have already called the evening one of their most successful events.

Newly retired Imbil Post Office owners Lyn and Peter Loveday were also farewelled with a present and card on the night which also marked their ruby wedding anniversary.

First prize in the raffle – a \$3000 Wish gift card – was won by Eschelle Knott of Cooran; second prize – two nights' accommodation at Nara Sea World Resort for a family of four and entry into Sea World – went to Clara Densley from Noosaville; and third prize – a \$100 voucher and an \$80 esky – went to Adrian Shailer.



Imbil Four Square staff made their presence felt at the trivia night. Round the table (from left) are Mary-Anne Griffiths, Sandra Buchanan, Vicki Costas, Glenda Vassallo, Megan Vassallo, Doris Adams, Jenessa Simpson, Janice Hansen, Ellen Ramsay and Rebecca Peckman.

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## TASK FORCE INFORMS QWI OF COMMUNITY CEMETERY DECISION

The Task Force recently provided information to families and community members on possible engineering options for the cemetery and individual gravesites should the Traveston Crossing Dam proceed.

Responses to these options were received via feedback sheets, a community meeting held on 12 July 2007, meetings with families and through discussions with individuals responding to newspaper advertisements.

The options developed were to build a grassy verge around the cemetery or to build-up the cemetery to above dam levels and accurately reposition the headstones directly above their original positions using GPS technology.

More than two-thirds of survey respondents said they would choose a future option for Kandanga Cemetery only if the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam went ahead (a summary of responses is included in the table to the right).

Based on this feedback the Task Force has recommended that Queensland Water Infrastructure include both engineering options designed to protect Kandanga Cemetery in their Environmental Impact Statement.

The Task Force will recommence the Kandanga Cemetery project to help the community decide a future option for the cemetery only if the proposed dam goes ahead.

For a copy of the report 'Kandanga Cemetery – Community feedback on future options' or the information sheet 'Kandanga Cemetery and the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam' visit [www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au](http://www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au) or telephone the Task Force on 1800 133 258.

	Feedback sheets	Family meetings	Advertisement respondents	Public meeting	Total
Grassy verge	4	0	7	0	11
Build-up	2	0	4	0	6
Defer decision	12	0	17	80	109
No preference	5	5	20	0	30
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>156</b>

A summary of community feedback on future options for Kandanga Cemetery.

## COMMUNITY FUTURES FUND PASSES \$50,000 IN GRANTS

In the six months since the Community Futures Fund was announced the Task Force has approved some 23 grants totalling more than \$50,000.

The fund was developed to support community activities in localities affected by the proposed Traveston Crossing and Wyaralong Dams.

The fund helps community groups continue to provide services and to alleviate concerns around decreasing membership and funding following the announcement of the dams.

A grant from the fund may be particularly useful at this time for those community organisations whose fundraiser was disrupted at the rain-affected Gympie Muster.

The fund focuses on traditional or new events that help lift the spirits of communities affected by the proposed dams and help maintain the strong sense of community in these areas.

Events more likely to receive funding are those which invite the community or your organisation's members to attend functions your group has arranged or activities of a cultural, educational, entertainment, informational or social nature.

Community groups can seek funding of up to \$3,000 for eligible projects on the basis that the fund will contribute up to \$2 for every \$1 contributed by the applicant.

The fund is managed by the Community Futures Task Force while the grant applications are evaluated in conjunction with the Department of Communities and Department of State Development.

The Task Force encourages eligible organisations

to apply for funding under the Community Futures Fund Guidelines 2007 and looks forward to working together on your community projects in the near future.

Please contact the Task Force or Marie Hensley (see numbers below) to discuss the eligibility of your organisation's event.

Copies of the Community Futures Fund Grants Program guidelines and application form are available from Marie Hensley at the Kandanga One Stop Shop (07) 5488 4929 or online at [www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au](http://www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au)

You can also contact the Task Force should you require assistance or information on your application by telephoning 1800 133 258 or by emailing [info@communityfutures.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@communityfutures.qld.gov.au)

Your grant application will take around three weeks to process.

## SERVICE NON-STOP AT THE KANDANGA ONE-STOP SHOP (KOSS)

KOSS coordinator Steve Kelly has departed the One-Stop Shop after 10 months of providing advice and support to residents of the Mary Valley.

While Steve has departed, the KOSS should remain your first point of call for information on and referral to government departments and access to counselling services through Lifeline.

The KOSS will also have a copy of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study available when that information is released.

Since November 2006, Steve has provided invaluable advice to residents on dealing with and contacting government departments and accessing government services.

The Task Force would like to extend its thanks to Steve for the contribution he's made to the Mary Valley community in establishing and running the KOSS.

Jenny Scott will act in Steve's position for the next few months while the position is advertised while Marie Hensley will continue as the community development officer.

The Department of Communities is also looking to engage a permanent officer in the KOSS to work on developing projects for the Mary Valley.

For more information please drop in and visit the team at the KOSS or phone them on (07) 5488 4929.

## KANDANGA PUBLIC TOILETS

Work will commence shortly on the preparatory works and erection of the new public toilets in Kandanga.

The old public toilets on Main St Kandanga were recently demolished to make way for the new facilities that will include disabled access and off-street parking.

These new toilets will be a welcome addition to the town centre for residents and visitors alike.

Costs for the new toilets have been jointly funded by Queensland Water Infrastructure (QWI) and the Cooloolool Shire Council (CSC). The council will also manage construction of the new toilets.

For more information on this project please contact the Task Force on 1800 133 258 or by emailing [info@communityfutures.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@communityfutures.qld.gov.au)

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DUE OUT SHORTLY

The Coordinator-General finalised the terms of reference that will govern studies into the environmental, social and economic impact of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam in early August.

The Government received more than 260 submissions from community groups, government agencies and individuals on what the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) into the dam should cover.

The submissions, most of them from the public, led to around 112 changes or additions to the draft terms of reference.

As a result of submissions from the public and local councils, the finalised terms of reference now require the EIS to include discussion of feasible alternatives to the dam project, including building other dams, recycling and desalination.

It will also include discussion of potential impacts of the dam on upstream and downstream infrastructure.

The EIS will also set out the impact of evaporation and seepage processes and assess any potential impact on boat access and navigation around the estuarine parts of the Mary River.

The EIS will identify the project's environmental effects and propose ways to eliminate or mitigate those which will impact adversely on the natural, social, cultural or economic environment. It should also advise on ways to maximise positive environmental impacts.

Queensland Water Infrastructure – the government owned company responsible for constructing the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam - are currently preparing the EIS, which is expected to be released shortly.

Members of the public will have further opportunities to put their point of view as part of the EIS review process. EIS feedback forms are available at <http://www.qldwi.com.au/approvals/environmental.shtm> or by phoning QWI on 1800 225 384.

## TWO NEW BUS VERGES FOR THE VALLEY

Work will commence shortly on the construction of two bus verges that will further enhance the safety of school bus routes in the Mary Valley.

The verges, on Sanders Road and at 2150 Mary Valley Road, have been equally funded by two members of the Community Futures Task Force, Queensland Water Infrastructure (QWI) and the Department of Main Roads (DMR).

These verges will allow school children to safely board and exit the school bus away from moving traffic on these roads.

For more information on this project please contact the Task Force on 1800 133 258 or by emailing [info@communityfutures.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@communityfutures.qld.gov.au)

## MARY VALLEY ECONOMIC STRATEGY

The Queensland Department of State Development engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers to prepare an Economic Development Strategy for the area surrounding the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.

The strategy will inform government decisions about policy and services to support economic development in the Traveston Crossing / Mary Valley area.

It also provides practical, realistic and achievable opportunities for economic development within this area.

The study explains that while agricultural and timber processing activities currently dominate the economy of the area, we expect that there will be a greater diversity of industries and businesses in the future.

These will provide incremental economic benefits for the Mary Valley. Based on stakeholder consulta-

tion and a review of previous economic development studies in the region, a number of economic development opportunities were identified and examined. These include:

- development of the tourism industry
- value-adding to timber processing
- development of a multi-purpose sports facility
- development of a business park, and
- provision of accommodation facilities.

An important feature of the opportunities is that they would potentially provide complementary benefits. For example, an increase in visitors due to the development of a multi-purpose sports facility may also benefit the tourism industry.

To view the whole report online visit [www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au](http://www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au) or visit the Kandanga One-Stop Shop or telephone the Task Force on 1800 133 258 to request a hard copy.

## PRIMARY PRODUCERS CONSIDER FUTURE POTENTIAL

The Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) conducted a forum in Gympie recently to consider future opportunities for local agribusiness.

DPI&F staff consulted with local producers, industry and community representatives to listen to their views on the best way forward for primary industries in the fast-growing region.



At the Gympie forum are (from left) John Cochrane, dairy farmer, Kandanga; Alan Stephens, DPI&F; Rachel McKenzie, GrowCorn; Jim Pekin DPI&F, Shane Mills bean grower, Calico Creek.

Alan Stephens, DPI&F integrated regional planning manager, said participants took a positive approach to the agricultural future of the region while he reiterated DPI&F's commitment to developing a profitable and sustainable primary industry sector.

"The forum provided delegates with an opportunity to discuss the status of the local industry and also trends in the region's dairy, beef, horticulture and sugar industries," Mr Stephens said.

"It also gave information that will assist industries to locate areas within the region best suited to their production requirements."

The group focused on the question of what primary

industries could and should look like by 2017."

"Participants discussed 'best case scenarios' for the development of agricultural industries in the region to 2017 and compared these to current trends if there was no intervention by government or industry," Mr Stephens said.

"Participating stakeholders displayed a high level of optimism for the future of agriculture in the region but saw the security of land and water tenure as the keys to ongoing viability."

For more information on the forum outcomes please contact Alan Stephens on (07) 5430 4947.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time and Location	Events	Contact
<b>October</b>			
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 - meeting not required	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Thu 4	10:30am - 12:30pm, Department of Communities, Maroochydhore	Regional Services Forum attended by Qld Government Agencies	Department of Communities ph 3224 8373
Fri 5	all day	Task Force members meeting with representatives of Cooloola Shire Council regarding projects in the Shire	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Wed 10	6:00pm - 9:00pm, Gympie Pines Golf Club, Shield Street, Gympie	Marketing Edge Workshop, Note: this workshop costs \$33	Maryborough State Development ph 07 41211780
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 - meeting not required	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Thu 18	9:00am - 9:30am, Telelink	Regional Services Forum attended by Qld Government Agencies	Department of Communities ph 3224 8373
<b>November</b>			
tba		Environmental Impact Statement - EIS available on public display	Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd ph 1800 225 384
tba		Draft Land Use Plan and Infrastructure Delivery program for the Traveston area	Office Of Urban Management ph 1800 021 818
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
Wed 7	12:00pm - 2:00pm, DPI Conference Room, Cnr Cartwright Road and Louisa Street, Gympie	Getting Started in Business Workshop, Note: this workshop is free	Maryborough State Development ph 07 41211780
Wed 7	6:00pm - 9:00pm, Gympie Pines Golf Club, Shield Street, Gympie	Managing your Profit and Cash, Note: This workshop costs \$33	Maryborough State Development ph 07 41211780
Thu 8	Details TBA, Kandanga Community Hall, Kandanga	Regional Services Forum attended by Qld Government Agencies	Department of Communities ph 3224 8373
Mon 12	tba	Community Oral History Skill Development and Planning Workshop - to be confirmed	One Stop Shop ph (07) 5488 4931
Tue 13	tba	Community Oral History Skill Development and Planning Workshop - to be confirmed	One Stop Shop ph (07) 5488 4931
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 - meeting not required	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Thu 22	9:00am - 9:30am, Telelink	Regional Services Forum attended by Qld Government Agencies	Department of Communities ph 3224 8373
Fri 23	tba	Launch of the Oral History Project - to be confirmed	One Stop Shop ph (07) 5488 4931
<b>December</b>			
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
Thu 6	9:00am - 9:30am, Telelink	Regional Services Forum attended by Qld Government Agencies	Department of Communities ph 3224 8373
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 - meeting not required	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Thu 20	10:30am - 12:30pm, Department of Communities, Maroochydhore	Regional Services Forum attended by Qld Government Agencies	Department of Communities ph 3224 8373
by late 2007		Finalisation of the Statutory Land Use Plan and Infrastructure Program	Office Of Urban Management ph 1800 021 818
<b>Jan-2008</b>			
by early 2008		Environmental Impact Statement - State and Commonwealth assessment	Office of the Coordinator-General ph 1800 996 829
<b>February</b>			
Mon 4	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

## TRAVESTON CROSSING CONTACT NUMBERS

<b>Kandanga One Stop Shop</b>	07 5488 4929	<b>Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries</b>	13 25 23	<b>CONTACT THE TASK FORCE</b> <b>Phone:</b> 1800 133 258 <b>Fax:</b> 3224 5310 <b>Email:</b> info@communityfutures.qld.gov.au <b>Website:</b> www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au <b>Post:</b> PO Box 15637 City East QLD 4002	<b>KEY WEBSITES</b> Links to additional departmental websites can be found at • www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au <b>Queensland Water Infrastructure</b> • www.qldwi.com.au <b>Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority</b> • www.qraa.qld.gov.au <b>Office of Urban Management</b> • www.oum.qld.gov.au <b>Department of Environment &amp; Heritage</b> • www.deh.gov.au
<b>Counselling Services</b>		<b>Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority</b>	1800 623 946		
1. Crisis counselling (Lifeline) 24/7	13 11 14	<b>Department of Main Roads</b>	1800 180 566		
2. Lifeline at Kandanga	07 5488 4929	<b>Department of Natural Resources and Water</b>	1800 243 585		
<b>Community Futures Task Force</b>	1800 133 258	<b>Office of Urban Management</b>	1800 021 818		
<b>QLD Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd</b>	1800 225 384	<b>Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation</b>	(07) 3234 1870		
<b>Department of State Development</b>	1300 363 711				