

TRAVESTON CROSSING DAM

Latest Community News from the Task Force

Concerns around the ongoing viability of community groups following the announcement of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam led the Task Force to develop the Community Futures Fund.

The fund will help these groups continue to provide services and will focus on assisting those events

and celebrations that help maintain strong community spirits.

I encourage you to read the article below and complete a funding application if your organisation is eligible for funding.

If you require help or advice please 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

COMMUNITY FUTURES FUND – APPLY NOW

The Community Futures Fund has been developed to support community activities in the areas affected by the Queensland Government's decisions to develop the proposed Traveston Crossing and Wyalalong Dams.

It's designed to help community groups continue to provide services and to alleviate concerns around decreasing membership and funding following the announcement of the dams.

The fund will focus on traditional or new events that will 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 \$5,000 for eligible projects on the basis that the fund will contribute up to \$2 for every \$1 contributed by the applicant.

The fund will be managed by the Community Futures Task Force while grant applications will be 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

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

Applications to the fund will be processed in one month and you will be notified in writing of the outcome of your application.

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RE-INTRODUCING THE TASK FORCE

The Task Force comprises the Mayors of communities affected by the proposed Traveston Crossing and Wyalalong dams, the Directors-General of 12 key Government departments and is chaired by Major General Peter Arnison AC CVO (Ret'd). *Continued on Page 2*



Major General Peter Arnison and Cooloolo Shire Mayor, Mick Venardos at the most recent Task Force meeting.

SMART MARKETING WORKSHOP FOR BUSINESS OPERATORS

This workshop will show you how to -

- attract new and retain existing customers
- implement cost effective ideas for marketing your business, your products and yourselves, and
- use marketing skills and strategies to increase sales in your business.

Date: Thursday 31 May 2007
Time: 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Kandanga Community Hall
Cost: Free (refreshments will be provided)

You must register for this event by Monday 28 May 2007. To register, or to find out more information, please call Celena Ross or Lynne Wilbraham from the State Development Centre on (07) 5437 1300 or email names and contact details to sunshine.coast@sd.qld.gov.au

RE-INTRODUCING THE TASK FORCE CONTINUED

Major General Peter Arnison AC CVO (Ret'd)	Chair, Community Futures Task Force
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
Cr Joy Drescher	Mayor, Beaudesert Shire Council
Ken Smith	Director-General, Department of Infrastructure
Linda Apelt	Director-General, Department of Communities
Lindsay Enright	Executive Director, Office of Urban Management
Michael Kinnane	Director-General, Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation
Bob McCarthy	Director-General, Department of State Development
Jim Varghese	Director-General, Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries
Ian Mitchell	Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Queensland
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

The Task Force helps communities affected by the proposed dams by:

- addressing the immediate effects on individuals and communities arising from the proposals to build the dams,
- developing strategies to maximise the longer term opportunities presented by the proposed dams,
- undertaking community engagement in the Task Force work program and providing regular information to the community, and
- developing community and government linkages to address issues and impacts.

The mayors (Councillor Mick Venardos, Mayor, Cooloola Shire pictured previous page) bring an important local perspective to the work of the Task Force and play a critical role by:

- informing the Chair and other Task Force members of issues arising with individual constituents and issues arising regionally,
- contributing to land use and infrastructure planning and other key activities, and
- assisting in identifying and realising medium-to-long-term economic, social and other development opportunities for their shires.

The Directors-General ensure their departments meet their responsibilities, implement projects identified in the Task Force work program and respond to issues identified by the mayors and through individual and community consultations.

The Task Force meets on a monthly basis and notes of recent meetings are now available online at www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au Notes from previous meetings of the Task Force will be available online in the near future.

For more information on the role and work of the Task Force please view the website above or contact us on 1800 133 258.

FREE FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SERVICE

The Task Force has received anecdotal evidence that some individuals may find themselves 'cash' rich for the first time after selling their home or property.

If you have sold your property, or are thinking of selling, you may be a little uncertain of the effect this may have on your Pension or benefit.

Centrelink's Financial Information Service (FIS) can explain the impact of potential financial decisions on any Centrelink assistance you may be eligible for.

If you don't have a finance professional, and you require information on financial planning and investments the FIS can also point you in the right direction.

Centrelink's FIS can introduce you to the roles of different professionals in the finance industry, teach you how to be discerning when choosing a professional and how to use their information.

While FIS Officers are NOT financial planners they can help you make informed decisions about investment and financial issues for your current and future financial needs.

Talking with a FIS Officer will help increase your confidence with financial issues and your understanding of your financial affairs and the options available to you.

The service is independent, confidential, free and available to anyone. You don't need to be receiving Centrelink payments or other services to use this particular service.

For more information or to book an appointment with the Gympie FIS officer, Janine Quinn, telephone (07) 5481 0181 (you may have to leave a message on the answering machine) or find more information online at www.centrelink.gov.au

REACH OUT FOR A LIFELINE

** This content was provided by the Lifeline team in the Kandanga One Stop Shop.*

Lifeline has been working in the Mary Valley since June last year and has provided support to over 150 people in relation to issues arising from the proposal to build the Traveston Crossing Dam.

The Lifeline team (pictured right) help the community with a wide range of issues including emotional support, financial counselling and advocacy work in support of best outcomes for the community and individuals.

Recent events in the Mary Valley (sale of properties and houses and disruptions to business) may be disempowering and people may feel they are not in control of their own lives.

Some residents may also have experienced the loss of community support and feelings of vulnerability.

Lifeline can help these people discover ways to move forward by setting goals and establishing strategies to achieve these goals.

We focus on each person as an individual and focus on how the issues brought on by the proposed dam are affecting that person.

Our confidential service can cover issues such as emotional stress, depression, anxiety and concern about financial outcomes.

Lifeline have organised training programmes in relation to stress management and will continue to provide this support in the future.

If you would like to be advised of upcoming programmes you can register an expression of interest by phoning the Kandanga One Stop Shop.

The Lifeline community and individual support program will assist any adult or child within the affected dam area who might be experiencing difficulty in their lives at this time.

To arrange an appointment or find out more about Lifeline's service drop in at the Kandanga One Stop Shop or telephone them on (07) 5488 4929.

If you need to speak to a counsellor now please call Lifeline's 24 hour counselling service on 13 11 14.



The Lifeline team Ken Campbell (Coordinator), Katrina Steel (Admin Officer) and Carmel Boutchard (Community Service Worker).

SPORTS CLUBS SCORE INCREASED SUPPORT



Athletes from the Qld Academy of Sport will help inspire students at four local schools to remain physically active.

The Regional Services Forum helps implement the Task Force's program of activities, including supporting sporting events and clubs, in areas affected by the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.

Steve White, Regional Manager of Sport and Recreation Queensland, said Sport, Recreation and Racing was endeavouring to support events or funding requests that ensured the wellbeing of individuals and sporting clubs in the Mary Valley.

"The Department is bringing an exciting range of events to the community that will help local residents to remain active, healthy and inspired," Steve said.

LOCKER ROOM

The Locker Room forums are the ideal place for local communities to exchange ideas and share the knowledge and experiences of high profile sports coaches, officials and industry professionals.

Junior players can learn how to make it to the top in regional Queensland sport.

Parents of players will learn how to play a positive role in getting their children more active.

Coaches and officials of all levels of sport will learn tips from the best.

The Locker Room will be entertaining, informative and motivational and will help your community to remain active.

You should register for the upcoming Locker Room in Imbil if your sporting club could benefit from the knowledge of speakers like:

- Steve Nance (one of Australia's leading fitness consultants who's worked with the Brisbane Broncos, Wallabies and the English Premier League players),
- Glen Lazarus (former Kangaroo and Bronco's player),
- Selina Scoble (Olympic Indoor Volleyballer), and
- Brian Kerle (former Brisbane Bullet's Coach).

The Locker Room will be held in the Imbil RSL Hall from 6pm to 9pm, on Wednesday 20 June 2007.

For more information and to express an interest in attending the Locker Room telephone the Sport and Recreation Queensland Maroochydore office on (07) 5479 1199 or email info@srq.qld.gov.au

GET ACTIVE QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Students at four local schools will receive an action-packed schedule of healthy lifestyle presentations and activity sessions including memorable contact with athletes from the Queensland Academy of Sport.

The activity sessions are designed to improve sporting skills, agility, hand-eye coordination and teamwork, while demonstrating the fun side of physical activity.

Athletes work with students to help them become, and stay, physically active throughout their life.

The schools to be visited include Mary Valley State College, Federal State School, Kandanga State School and Kandanga Creek State School.

Federal State School principal Natalie Pilkington said her school is already particularly active and welcomed any chance to increase their understanding in this area.

"Any chance we have to encourage our students to be healthy, both physically and mentally, will always be welcomed by the school," Ms Pilkington said.

These visits have been scheduled from 19 - 21 June 2007 (the Task Force will confirm these dates in our June 2007 newsletter).

CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Three local clubs are being considered for Sport Recreation and Racing's Club Development Program grants which closed on 5 April 2007.

Kandanga Tennis Club, Mary Valley Rangers Soccer Club and the Kandanga Swimming Club may be eligible to receive up to \$4,000 for projects such as initiatives to increase participation and club membership.

Grants can also be used to assist in educating and training volunteers and to reward volunteers for the hard work they provide to a club throughout a season.

The Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport, Andrew Fraser, is anticipated to announce these state wide grants to successful clubs in June 2007.

INFORMATION CENTRE FOR KANDANGA

The Friends of Kandanga are only one month away from opening their Information Centre on Main Street Kandanga.

With carpets being laid and painting almost complete, the centre's doors will soon be open for computer, leadlighting, craft, scrapbooking and woodworking classes.

The shop will also provide information for visitors and will be a facility for other social and cultural activities.

Treasurer and Secretary of the Friends of Kandanga, Adrienne Dan, said the centre will also help preserve some of the rich history of the Mary Valley.

"We'll have one display featuring the long and varied timber industry of the valley with exhibits of different types of woods," Adrienne said.

"We also intend displaying a history of the pineapple industry in the area.

"And we'll also operate a 'book-swap' style library for local residents."

Around 14 residents have volunteered to staff the centre which will operate between 10am and 4pm, Tuesday to Sunday.

Queensland Water Infrastructure (QWI) and the Kandanga One Stop Shop have helped the Friends of Kandanga to establish the centre.

To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Adrienne on (07) 5484 3382.

OFFICE OF URBAN MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS NOW AVAILABLE

In late 2006 the Office of Urban Management (OUM) convened workshops in communities affected by the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.

These workshops were held in:

- Kandanga on 21 November 2006
- Imbil on 5 December 2006, and
- Carters Ridge on 7 December 2006.

The purpose of the workshops was to discuss planning options for the towns and how each community wanted the planning process organised.

Community members discussed a range of planning matters at these workshops and raised many questions regarding the proposed dam.

While some questions were answered on the nights, residents wanted greater levels of detail, certainty and information regarding the proposed dam.

The answers to the more than 200 questions asked and issues raised at these workshops are now available. The responses to the right are examples of topics discussed on the nights.

Issue raised at Kandanga meeting

Any future use of land at Kandanga should be for farming

The Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study will look at all land use options for Kandanga, including farming.

However, a number of facilities and infrastructure, including the Kandanga Bowls Club and Hall, will potentially need to be relocated within the township and provision made for houses adversely impacted upon.

It is the intent of the Government that people be able to remain living in their community should they choose to.

Question asked at Imbil meeting

What happens to the outcome of the planning study?

Response on the night: The planning study is being undertaken in cooperation with the local authorities and state agencies, and it will go through the existing legislative process including local government planning schemes. Additionally, the Study outcomes will assist

in ensuring communities can continue to access and use services and facilities in the area.

Issue raised at Carters Ridge meeting

We do not want band-aids. You can't just respond to the individuals who happen to be at meetings

The Office of Urban Management (OUM) has given the undertaking that community workshops will be based on how the community wishes to be consulted. Another series of community workshops are being held over March and April 2007. In addition to community workshops, people can get involved by making a written submission or by calling OUM to make their comment for consideration in the future planning for the Traveston Crossing area.

Hard copies of this publication are available online at www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au, from the Kandanga One Stop Shop by telephoning (07) 5488 4929 or by telephoning the Community Futures Task Force on 1800 133 258.

Records of the meetings in November and December last year are available at oum.qld.gov.au by selecting 'Dam planning studies'.

Date	Time and Location	Events	Contact
May			
tba		Final Terms of Reference for the Environmental Impact Statement to be released	Office of the Coordinator General 1800 996 829
Fri 4	By appointment	Major General Peter Arnison and Task Force Staff to visit the Kandanga One Stop Shop and Mary Valley	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Wed 9	6.00pm – 8.00pm, Federal Hall	Office of Urban Management follow up meeting at Federal	Office Of Urban Management ph 1800 021 818
Mon 14	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 17	10:30am - 12:00pm, venue tba	Regional Services Forum comprising Qld Government Agencies	Department of Communities ph 07 5459 8600
Tue 29	6:00pm - 8:00pm, Kandanga Hall	Office of Urban Management follow up meeting at Kandanga	Office Of Urban Management ph 1800 021 818
Thu 31	10:00am , Imbil-Brooloo Hall	Advance Mary Valley open meeting - business owners and residents to provide input in promoting the Mary Valley	Vince Carige ph 5488 6610
Thu 31	9.30am - 12.30pm, Kandanga Community Hall	Marketing workshops for Mary Valley businesses (see article page 1)	State Development Centre, Sunshine Coast ph 5437 1321
June			
tba	tba	Community workshop on settlement patterns and infrastructure delivery options for broader Traveston area	Office Of Urban Management ph 1800 021 818
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
Thu 7	9.00 - 9.30 am, by telelink	Regional Services Forum comprising Qld Government Agencies	Department of Communities ph 07 5459 8600
Wed 13	10:00am - 12:00pm, Gympie Town Hall	First Mary Valley Tourism Project Steering Group Meeting	Tourism Queensland
Mon 18	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 20	6pm - 9pm, Imbil RSL Hall	Locker Room forum for local sporting groups (see article page 3)	Sport and Recreation QLD ph 5479 1199
Thu 21	10:30am - 12:00 pm, venue tba	Regional Services Forum comprising Qld Government Agencies	Department of Communities ph 07 5459 8600
Fri 22	School Term 2 ends		
July			
tba	tba	Draft Land Use Plan and Infrastructure Delivery program for the Traveston Crossing area	Office Of Urban Management ph 1800 021 818
Mon 2	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 5	9.00 - 9.30 am, by telelink	Regional Services Forum comprising Qld Government Agencies	Department of Communities ph 07 5459 8600
Tue 10	School Term 3 commences		

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

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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