

WYARALONG DAM

Latest Community News from the Task Force

The Task Force developed the Community Futures Fund to ensure the ongoing viability of community groups in areas affected by the proposed Wyaralong and Traveston Crossing dams.

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 on the fund 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** or 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

CEDAR GROVE WEIR AND BROMELTON OFFSTREAM STORAGE UPDATE

In mid 2006 the Queensland Government announced a package of measures to ensure a safe and sustainable water supply for South East Queensland's growing population.

Included in the package was a proposal to harvest water from the Logan River and its tributaries by constructing an offstream water storage facility at Bromelton, to operate in conjunction with a weir at Cedar Grove (15 km north of Beaudesert) and the proposed Wyaralong Dam on the Teviot Brook.

Queensland Water Infrastructure (QWI) has responsibility for delivering both the Bromelton Offstream Storage and Cedar Grove weir facilities. Construction of the weir is already underway.

Bromelton Offstream Storage (BOS)

BOS will be located south-east of the proposed dam site with a preferred site having been identified next to the Logan River at Brabazone Road. Negotiations are underway with relevant landholders for the purchase

of land however no houses will be directly affected.

A Review of Environmental Factors will be undertaken as part of this project and an Environmental Management Plan will be implemented to minimize the construction's impact on the environment and local communities. Construction is scheduled to be completed by March 2009.

Cedar Grove Weir

Cedar Grove Weir will be located on the Logan River, about five kilometres downstream of where it meets Teviot Brook, 30 kilometres downstream of the existing Bromelton Weir and 10 kilometres upstream of South Maclean Weir.

Construction of the weir is scheduled for completion by the end of this year.

Increased water levels resulting from the weir will be contained within the existing bed and banks of Teviot Brook and the Logan River.

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 Wyaralong and Traveston Crossing 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 on **1800 133 258** to discuss the eligibility of your organisation's event.

Copies of the Community Futures Fund Grants Program guidelines and application form are available online at www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au or by telephoning the Task Force on **1800 133 258**.

You can also contact the Task Force should you require assistance with or information on your application.

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 Wyaralong and Traveston Crossing dams, the Directors-General of 12 key Government departments and is chaired by Major General Peter Arnison AC CVO (Ret'd).



Task Force Chair Major General Peter Arnison and Boonah Shire Mayor, John Brent, met in the Shire on May 8.

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RE-INTRODUCING THE TASK FORCE CONTINUED

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 provide regular information to the community, and
- developing community and government linkages to address issues and impacts.

The mayors (Councillor John Brent, Mayor, Boonah Shire pictured page 1) 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**.

Major General Peter Arnison AC CVO (Ret'd)	Chair, Community Futures Task Force
Cr Mick Venardos	Mayor, Cooloolo 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time and Location	Events	Contact
May			
Fri 4	10:00am, Tourism Qld, 30 Makerston Street, Brisbane	Project Steering Group Meeting 1 for the Scenic Rim Tourism Action Plan attended by Tourism Qld, Brisbane Marketing, Boonah Shire Council, Beaudesert Shire Council, Ipswich Shire Council and Office of Urban Management	Tourism Qld ph 3535 3535
Mon 14	1:00pm - 2:00pm, Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane	Community Futures Task Force Meeting attended by Mayors from Cooloolo, Maroochy, Noosa, Boonah and Beaudesert Shires and relevant Directors-General	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Fri 18	10:00am, 4 Little High Street, Boonah	Opening of the new Fassifern Community Centre Facilities	Fassifern Community Centre Office ph 5463 2966
June			
Mon 4	1:00pm - 2:00pm, Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane	Community Futures Task Force Meeting attended by Mayors from Cooloolo, Maroochy, Noosa, Boonah and Beaudesert Shires and relevant Directors-General - meeting not required	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
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Fri 22	School Term 2 ends		
July			
tba		Land Use and Infrastructure Planning Study - development of community consultation program	Office of Urban Management ph 1800 021 818
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Mon 2	1:00pm - 2:00pm, Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane	Community Futures Task Force Meeting attended by Mayors from Cooloolo, Maroochy, Noosa, Boonah and Beaudesert Shires and relevant Directors-General	Community Futures Task Force ph 1800 133 258
Tue 10	School Term 3 commences		

WYARALONG DAM CONTACT NUMBERS

Community Futures Task Force	1800 133 258
QLD Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd	1800 225 384
Counselling Services	
<i>Crisis counselling (Lifeline) 24/7</i>	13 11 14
Department of State Development	1300 363 711
Department of Natural Resources and Water	1800 243 585
Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries	13 25 23
Office of Urban Management	1800 021 818
Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation	(07) 3234 1870

CONTACT THE TASK FORCE

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KEY WEBSITES

Links to additional departmental websites can be found at

- www.communityfutures.qld.gov.au
- **Department of Natural Resources and Water**
• www.nrm.qld.gov.au/water
- **Office of Urban Management**
• www.oum.qld.gov.au
- **Queensland Water Infrastructure**
• www.qldwi.com.au