

HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

***Thursday 1st June 2017
at 9.00 am***



A. ATTENDANCE – Present were Mrs LF Carr (Secretary), Cr AJ Lancini (Member), Cr WG Skinner (Member), Mr KT Phillips (Member), Mr GB Accornero (Member) and Mr T Smith (Trust Engineer.)

B. APOLOGY – Mr RA Bosworth (Chairperson)

C. MINUTES - Confirmation of minutes of the General Meeting held on 4th May 2017.

RESOLVED – That the minutes be approved.
(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

D. WORKS REPORT – The Trust Engineer, Mr Tim Smith, provided an update of works for the month of May.

RESOLVED – That:

- G Guazzo - Palm Creek bank restoration (two sites) is to be included in the 2017/18 annual works program, with an estimated cost of \$10 000, with Mr G Guazzo to contribute half of 60% of the cost (after the 40% subsidy is applied).
- Project 2, the Washaway project - works has commenced, with sites 1 and 2 having been completed.
- Russo (pump station) – Tim met with Mr John Russo to plan the commencement of works.

(Mr KT Phillips and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

E. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. EMAIL FROM JOANNE LINNEWEBER (SECRETARY WHITSUNDAY RIVERS IMPROVEMENT TRUST)

Consideration of email received 11th May 2017 thanking HRIT for the kind offer for Tim's (Trust Engineer) assistance and advises that their engineer is working through their issues but advises that he would call upon Tim for his wealth of knowledge if required.

RESOLVED – That the email be received and noted.
(Mr GB Accornero and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

2. EMAIL FROM Cr WG SKINNER Re: GULLY AND STREAM BANK EROSION PROJECT

Consideration of email received 12th May 2017 attaching a letter confirming that HRIT is in support of Terrain NRM's application of the project, and confirms HRIT's contribution of \$5 000+GST to the project. The letter also confirms that HRIT will provide a number of in-kind services.

RESOLVED – That the email be received and noted.
(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

3. EMAIL FROM ED SWANN (DNRM)

Consideration of email dated 19th May 2017, advising that a newly created generic mailbox named "statutory authorities" specific to RIT's and CAR 2 water authorities will be used for all future electronic correspondence, which will ensure all urgent emails received from secretaries and members can be acted upon by approved officers in the event the designated person is away from work.

RESOLVED – That the email be received and noted.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

4. EMAIL FROM ANDREW CARR, CORDELIA

Consideration of email from Andrew (22nd May 2017) forwarded on by Cr Skinner 25th May 2017 regarding various issues:

- Building up of house block (house and shed) of G and C Venturato and K and A Barnes has increased water heights and current at Carr's residence
- Expressed concern that if G and C Venturato acquires the road reserve (Backo Road – Andrew is led to believe that they are trying to purchase it, which is adjacent to their property) this will make matters worse, with the reserve already having been partially cleared and has a levee on it – these actions could have been stopped
- Andrew believes that Ergon has approached Council regarding access to the power lines which cross the river in the gully between Venturato's and his place and suggests that making Backo Road the access as it is the highest access into that area (presently the only access is a track from the bottom of the gully into the river which Ergon service vehicles are not able to access)
- Clearing of Blue Butterfly Creek to aid in the alleviation of the water flowing directly below the Venturato's and out from the river bank, as HRIT has previously done this
- Clearing of grass and small trees in the gully (Blue Butterfly Creek) where it crosses Eddleston Drive (where Main Roads did some work a year or so ago) to maintain flow in flood times.

RESOLVED – That this issue be held over to a future HRIT meeting (pending the receipt of an official report from Council). The Trust is currently of the opinion that the road should remain gazetted to allow access for riverine management. That the Trust does intend to include some vegetation maintenance works in Blue Butterfly Creek in the annual works program for 2017/18.

(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

5. EMAIL FROM Cr WG SKINNER

Consideration of email received 29th May 2017 for HRIT to discuss possible strategies for the area known as the island at the Washaway re: the management of vegetation established thereon, with the area in question being approximately 1.6km long with an area of 34Ha.

RESOLVED – That the Trust include in the annual works program for 2017/18, works to use a mulcher to remove vegetation on 20Ha on the washaway island (Castorina's) in the Herbert River, with the works complimenting the current stabilisation works (Projects 1 and 2) at the Washaway, at an estimated cost of \$20 000 (before the 40% subsidy). That Keith Phillips contacts Michael Zanghi regarding the permit conditions regarding sand removal on the island, and that the Trust Engineer proceeds to commence the application process.
(Mr GB Accornero and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

F. BUSINESS –

1. ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS – PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTION

RESOLVED – To hold decision over until the next meeting.

2. FACE TO FACE PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL Re: REPORT ON TRUST ACTIVITIES OVER THE LAST BUDGET CYCLE AND PROPOSED WORKS PROGRAM

RESOLVED – That a presentation is prepared and Mr KT Phillips will present it to Council on Tuesday, 6th June.
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

3. ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

RESOLVED – The report has been circulated to members and adopted.
(Mr GB Accornero and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –

1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 1st June 2017:

J T Smith & Assoc. Pty Ltd	\$ 8 272.00
Luke Rosadi	92.00
JK's Deli	64.00 Paid 4/5
Cr AJ Lancini	150.00
Mr KT Phillips	172.20
Mr GB Accornero	158.88
Cr WG Skinner	195.00
News Corp Australia	270.08
Hastings NQ	29 478.06
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Colonial (LF Carr – Salary Sacrifice)	6 000.00
Colonial (LF Carr – Super Guarantee @ 9.5%)	1 821.60

RESOLVED – That the secretary pay accounts relating to the Washaway Project 2 on receipt of the invoice and that the accounts (as per above) be approved for payment.
(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

- H. CONCLUSION** – The meeting concluded at 1.07pm with the next meeting scheduled for 6th July 2017.

Cr WG Skinner
Deputy Chair