

# HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2013

AT 9.00 AM



- A. ATTENDANCE – Present were Mr RA Bosworth (Chairperson), Cr DG Carr (Member), Mr GB Accornero (Member), Mr BE Leach (Trust Engineer), Ms LE Mash (Trust Secretary) and Mr Steve Hall (Trust Works Manager).

*Also in attendance was Mr Colin Gray.*

*Cr WG Skinner (Member) and Mr KT Phillips (Member) were not present when the meeting commenced.*

- B. MINUTES – Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 10 October 2013.

Resolved – That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 10 October 2013 be approved.  
(Cr Carr and Mr Accornero - Carried)

- C. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS -

1. The Secretary submitted accounts for payment as hereunder and statement of receipts and disbursements for the period up to 7 November 2013:-

<u>General Fund</u> -	EFT .....	\$57,773.94
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Resolved – That payment of accounts as submitted be approved and the statement of receipts and disbursements be received and noted.  
(Cr Carr and Mr Accornero - Carried)

- D. WORKS REPORT –

Consideration of Trust Engineer's October 2013 report of works performed to date and activities in progress.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.  
(Mr Accornero and Cr Carr - Carried)

E. CORRESPONDENCE –

1. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS INC  
Consideration of correspondence dated 23 October 2013 forwarding the audit report of the State Council's financial report for 2012/2013. (104/0001)  
  
Resolved – That the report be received and noted.  
(Mr Accornero and Cr Carr – Carried)
2. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS INC  
Consideration of correspondence dated 18 October 2013 forwarding advice from Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) that following *Water Act 2000* amendments proclaimed at the end of September riverine protection permit provisions have been updated. The DNRM website has been updated with the new information and there is now a single Riverine Protection Permits – Exemption Requirements guideline that applies instead of the previous multiple various entities and landholder guidelines. (101/0002)  
  
Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.  
(Cr Carr and Mr Accornero – Carried)
3. STATE COUNCIL OF RIVER TRUSTS INC  
Consideration of correspondence dated 23 October 2013 advising that the State Council Executive has determined the distribution of grant funds for 2013/2014 financial year based on the annual works programs submitted by each Trust and the grant funds available to HRIT is \$27,000.00. (102/0001)  
  
Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.  
(Mr Accornero and Cr Carr – Carried)
4. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES  
Consideration of correspondence dated 28 October 2013 advising that the Queensland River Improvement Trusts Annual Reports and Financial Statements 2012-13 was tabled by the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Hon Andrew Cripps MP on 22 October 2013 and providing a link to access the document online. (101/0001)  
  
Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.  
(Cr Carr and Mr Accornero – Carried)
5. MR COLIN GRAY  
Consideration of correspondence dated 13 October 2013 advising that he accepts the offer of the position of Acting Trust Engineer from 15 November 2013.  
  
Resolved – That the Trust endorse the appointment of Mr Colin Gray to the position of Acting Trust Engineer on an interim basis from 15 November 2013.  
(Mr Accornero and Cr Carr – Carried)
6. TERRAIN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
Consideration of correspondence dated 28 October 2013 inviting Trust members to their 2013 Annual General Meeting to be held at the Cairns Colonial Club Resort, 18-26 Cannon Street, Manunda from 4pm Friday 29 November 2013 to be followed by an informal get together from 6pm. Seeking RSVPs by Monday 18 November 2013. (101/0002)  
  
Resolved – That the Trust convey their apologies regarding inability to attend Terrain NRM AGM given a previous commitment to attend the retirement dinner of the Trust Engineer.  
(Cr Carr and Mr Accornero – Carried)

*Cr Skinner entered the meeting at 10.00am*

*The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.05am and resumed at 10.20am*

*Mr Phillips was present when the meeting resumed.*

7. BURNSIDE (INGHAM) PTY LTD

Consideration of correspondence dated 4 November 2013 regarding a river embankment washout on his farm at 192 Capras Road, Abergowrie seeking the Trusts permission to extend and follow the river's natural flow, which has been altered due to an island having developed in the middle of the river. As the Trust are unable to fund these works, he is willing to try fund the job. Would like to complete before the wet season. (103/0003)

Resolved – That the Trust advise that unfortunately the channels have been constructed in this area in the past and have proved not to be a long term solution therefore the Trust is not able to endorse your proposal, but instead feels more comfortable with the proposal suggested by Tim Smith as a long term solution to the issue of bank stabilisation.

*(Mr Phillips and Cr Skinner – Carried)*

F. BUSINESS

1. INSPECTION OF MAHONY PROPERTY, HALIFAX

Discussions were held regarding an inspection of Bruce Mahony's property at Halifax conducted on Monday 28 October 2013.

Resolved – That the Trust advise Mr Mahony that we appreciate the issues advised during the inspection and the Trust are currently reviewing the Levee Risk Analysis after which the Trust will approach the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Hon Andrew Cripps for assistance in this matter.

*(Crs Carr and Skinner - Carried)*

2. Discussions were held regarding the appointment of Whitsunday Mayor, Cr Jennifer Whitney to the Chair of the State Council of River Trusts Qld.

Action – That the Trust send a letter of congratulations be sent to Cr Jennifer Whitney.

*Mr Mark Jempson of BMT WBM PTY LTD entered the meeting at 11.00am*

G. PRESENTATION BY MR MARK JEMPSON OF BMT WBM PTY LTD

The meeting was attended at 11.00am by Mr Mark Jempson of BMT WBM Pty Ltd for a presentation on the levee study and Halifax Risk analysis.

*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm and resumed at 1.20pm. LE Mash, KT Phillips and GB Accornero were not present when the meeting resumed.*

Resolved – that the Trust request Mark Jempson to model the impacts of removing the natural levee that has formed on the northern side of Halifax Road just to the east of the Four Mile Road intersection near the Halifax washaway.

*(Crs Skinner and Carr – Carried)*

Resolved – that the Trust request Mark Jempson to model the impacts of removing sand islands from the Herbert River as per the Preliminary Lower Herbert Sand Island Removal Proposal provided by the Trust Engineer dated 9 September 2013.  
(*Cr Carr and Skinner – Carried*)

H. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 2.25pm.

Mr R A Bosworth  
TRUST CHAIRPERSON