

Lake Macdonald Dam Improvement Project - CRG

Date and Time	21 May 2025; 3:30pm-5:30pm
Location	Cooroy Library, Cooroy
Attendees	Seqwater: 3 members John Holland: 3 members CRG – Paul O'Hare, Philip Moran, Russell Manning, Trish Gray, Brad Wedlock ODAPTIC – Jessica Gallienne, Alana McDermaid
Apologies	Nick Cooke, Norman Bond, Kerry Jones, Daniela (Seqwater)
Purpose	Meeting 3 of the Lake Macdonald CRG

Meeting Minutes

Item	Description
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>ODAPTIC opened the meeting and welcomed all members.</p> <p>Apologies: Nick Cooke, Norman Bond, Kerry Jones, Daniela (Seqwater)</p> <p>Introductions: Each attendee introduced themselves and their connection to the project or community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brad – Community member from the Maybrook catchment area, has been active in the region for 27 years.• Peter (John Holland) – Construction Manager, involved since 2016.• Russ – Local resident, fish stocking advocate, over 34 years at the water treatment plant.• Liam (Seqwater) – Communications & Stakeholder Engagement, one year in the role.• Simon (John Holland) – Environmental and Sustainability Lead, local resident from Tewantin.• Luke (Seqwater) – Project Manager, passionate about dams, strong personal connection to Lake Macdonald.• Kristy (John Holland) – Communications & Stakeholder Engagement, Sunshine Coast resident for 15 years.• Richard (Seqwater) – Project Director, long-time local, originally from Africa.• Trish – Local resident of 41 years, strong interest in lake use and community representation.• Paul – Local resident of 20+ years, involved in Noosa Botanic Gardens Committee.

2.	<p>Administrative Update</p> <p>Outstanding Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talent release forms – Members were reminded to return any outstanding forms. • Park overgrowth – Raised with Noosa Shire Council by Kristy; awaiting formal feedback. • Paul spoke with Sean Walsh regarding maintenance zones (Perch Park and LM Park). • Mowing was undertaken recently; ongoing updates to be provided. <p>Speed Limits & Road Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed signage remains unchanged; traffic management includes 60 km/h signage and 40 km/h zones when active works are in place. • Multiple members raised concerns regarding child safety near the playground and construction site. • Kristy, Peter and Luke committed to raising these concerns again with the Council and traffic management group. • CRG members were encouraged to submit written requests to strengthen advocacy. • Kristy emphasised ongoing communication with the community, including tracking specific traffic complaints. <p>QPS & Traffic Monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergeant Ryan Hanlan is supporting monitoring efforts on LM Drive. • Kristy confirmed collaboration with QPS will continue. <p>TMR Pomona–Kin Kin Road Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No longer publicly available. Richard confirmed it has been shared with TMR; a formal response is pending.
3.	<p>Project Approvals (Richard)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approvals include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coordinator-General's Change Report (Construction) – Approved 1 May 2025 ○ SARA Waterway Barrier Works – Approved 8 May 2025 ○ Site Environmental Management Plan (SEMP) – Approved 12 May 2025 ○ Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) – Approved 8 May 2025 • A major milestone was achieved with the finalisation of the Cultural Heritage Agreement with the Kabi Kabi people.

4.	<p>Project Update (Kristy, Peter, Simon)</p> <p>Construction Phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitioned from Phase 0 to Phase 1 (approx. 6–12 months duration). • Activities include sheet piling, cofferdam construction, and lake lowering. • Works underway at Hardstands 2 and 3. <p>Key Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheet piling involves 6–17m piles, installed by a large crane. • The cofferdam will be in place by Christmas 2025. • Flooding contingency planning and safety protocols are in place. • Rock bag technology being trialed – partnered with University of NSW. • Haulage routes approved; quarry materials sourced from Chevallum and potentially Kin Kin (pending trials). <p>Community Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dust and noise are being monitored via gauges and live noise data. • Kristy shared that mitigation actions are in place and complaints can be addressed immediately. • A “Coffee in the Park” initiative will be reintroduced for community engagement. <p>Environmental Monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Platypus monitoring inconclusive; low sightings and rain possibly a factor. • Turtles recorded – low diversity but healthy population. • Fish salvage survey identified over 12,000 fish, no tilapia detected, ongoing water quality monitoring. <p>Rain Event (29–30 March):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recorded 110mm in 90 minutes, spillway saw 1.4m of flow. • No damage reported; clean-up commended by the Department of Environment.
5.	<p>Recreation and Access Updates (Kristy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian trail detours and signage updated. • LM Boat Ramp remains open; Mary River code boat ramp is closed. • Jetty at LM Park temporarily closed. • Bird hide remains unaffected.

6.	<p>Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Update (Liam)</p> <p>Communications Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuance of various works notices, including the main construction notice and traffic impacts notice. • Upcoming engagement activities include continued engagement with impacted residents, a tentative media event scheduled for 19 June 2025, and ongoing Community Reference Group (CRG) meetings. <p>Resident Mitigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project team is planning to implement tailored mitigation measures for residents directly affected by construction. • Engagement has commenced with impacted residents to develop individualised mitigation strategies to reduce construction-related impacts. • These measures are informed by noise and vibration assessments and are being customised to suit the needs of each affected property. • The project team remains committed to minimising disruptions where possible. <p>Rowing Club – Development Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bennett & Bennett have been re-engaged to assist with the development application process. • A notice has been submitted to Noosa Shire Council (NSC) to suspend the appeal period. This is a temporary suspension, intended to allow for the submission of change representations. • The period for lodging a change representation with NSC will end on 5 June 2025. • Bennett & Bennett have already provided the requested initial changes to NSC on behalf of the Lake Macdonald Rowing Club, with the change request currently being finalised and expected to be sent to Seqwater within the week. • NSC has indicated a willingness to support the Rowing Club through this process. Seqwater continues to keep the Club informed and involved. <p>No feedback or concerns were raised by CRG members regarding the above updates.</p>
7.	<p>Future Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting 4 (11 August 2025): Demolition, fish passage • Meeting 5 (19 November 2025): Gympie Weir • General updates on project progress, environment, and community issues to continue at each meeting. • Paul requested an item on CRG fundraising to be added to the August agenda. <p>Construction Site Tour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trish suggested a tour for CRG members. • Peter and Kristy agreed to explore options and provide further information.

8.	General Business and Close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting: Monday, 11 August 2025 • Contact: Alana to be notified of any agenda items or if members cannot attend. • Talent Release Forms: All forms have now been received. Closing remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristy reminded members to reach out at any time with issues or concerns. • Richard encouraged reporting of any road deterioration. • Jess closed the meeting and thanked attendees for their continued involvement.
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Action items

Item	Action	Assigned to
1.	CRG to consider submitting a written request to Council regarding speed limit concerns on Lake MacDonald Drive.	CRG Members
2.	CRG to consider submitting a written request to Council off the back of initial request by John Holland to follow up on park maintenance/overgrowth concerns	CRG Members
3.	Follow up on TMR response regarding Pomona-Kin Kin report removal.	Richard/Kristy
4.	Elm St intersection: design with TMR with intention to all some widening. Next meeting will be back with update.	Richard

Forward Agenda items

Item	Action	Assigned to
1.	Investigate logistics for a potential CRG construction site tour.	Daniela, Peter/Richard
2.	Demolition & fish passage	Peter & Simon
3.	Rowing Club - finalise change request	Liam
4.	Fundraising Event for August	Seqwater

The meeting closed at 5:20pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Cooroy Library on **Monday, 11 August 2025** from **3:30pm – 5:30pm**.