

Community Reference Group

PROFILES

ROWAN BOND

CHAIRPERSON



Rowan recently retired as the Superintendent, District Officer, Bundaberg District after over 39 years service with the Queensland Police Service in operational, management and leadership roles.

Rowan has served in most uniform positions including 12 years in operational traffic duty. He served as District Officer at Gladstone, Mackay and, since 2010, in Bundaberg. Rowan has substantial experience in disaster and incident management, community response and recovery, and disaster mitigation. Rowan is a passionate advocate for the future prosperity and development of Bundaberg.

HELEN DAYMAN

SECRETARY: GOODNIGHT SCRUB/MORGANVILLE PROGRESS ASSOC.



Helen has lived in Goodnight Scrub for about 10 years and is the Secretary of the Goodnight Scrub/Morganville Progress Associated formed following the 2013 floods and also the Vice Chairperson of the Goodnight Scrub Hall. Goodnight Scrub experienced an extended period of isolation during the 2013 event and Helen would like to explore any measures that can provide improved contact for the community during emergencies.

JOHN OLSEN

PROFESSIONAL FISHERMAN



As a professional fisherman with a lifetime spent in the industry John is extremely familiar with the history of local waterways and particularly the Burnett River. John hopes to bring this experience and expertise to the meeting table to ensure every possible mitigation option is canvassed for the benefit of our community. John has a passion for our natural resources and the need for protecting our environment.





PROFILES

STEVE COOPER

BUSINESS OWNER



Steve has operated a successful local hardware business for the past 22 years and has taken a strong interest in the development of the Bundaberg business sector. Steve has been involved with the Chamber of Commerce and has witnessed the impact on both business operators and their employees from local flood events. Steve said his store has been subjected to flooding in the past two events and is well placed to offer a perspective based on first hand experience.

JOHN LEE

LONG STANDING LOCAL NORTH RESIDENT



John came to Bundaberg in 1973 to initially work in the Sugar Industry before working with Qld Railways, Main Roads and with a local Gyprock Plaster Firm. John started work with Qld Health at Bundaberg Hospital in 1983 and retired in May this year with close to 30 years service. John and his wife purchased their house in North Bundaberg in 1984. Over the years John has acquired good local knowledge of the area and has many North-side friends and acquaintances. John said he would like to see some positive outcomes emerge from the CRG process.

KAY AMSLER

RETIRED ORGANIC FARMER



Kay is a retired organic farmer who has lived in the Electra/Pine Creek area for nearly 30 years. Kay has a passionate belief in the values of a strong rural community and has actively participated with a number of local community groups holding executive positions and is currently a representative on the BRC Cedars Road Landfill Community Consultation Group and is Secretary of Pine Creek Community Hall. An interest in local history led to her writing a book on the Givelda School and history of the area. Like many others, Kay was severely affected by the recent floods.

BARRY EHRKE

QLD GOVERNMENT AND TOURISM



Before taking on the role of Industry Recovery Officer for Tourism, Recreational/Commercial Fishing and Marine industries following the Australian Day floods, Barry worked for the Queensland Government. One of Barry's roles was as Operations Manager/ Coordinator for Operation Clean Up following severe tropical Cyclone Yasi in North Queensland. Part of that role was arranging the cleaning out of rivers and creeks of built up sand and debris so that streams could flow unimpeded and reduce flooding of properties.

JOHN BAILEY

WALLAVILLE CANE FARMER



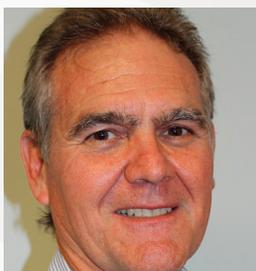
John is a passionate, third generation farmer in the Wallaville region. John's property is located on the banks of Currajong Creek near its junction with the Burnett River. John is concerned by the impact of flooding in this area of the Burnett River catchment. He says very little information regarding the upper reaches flooding is getting through to the more populated flood plain areas in Bundaberg. John says that because of his years of local knowledge he will be able to supply relevant information to the Group.



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JON CARMAN

SOUTH KOLAN COMMUNITY RESIDENTS



Jon and Jill Carman have been members of the South Kolan community for almost 30 years. Jon, a teacher by profession, was born and raised in the North Bundaberg area between the 1950's and 1970's. His family have lived in Perry Street since 1916 and is well acquainted with flooding in North Bundaberg. Jon has a strong interest in boating and fishing and has gathered a significant amount of information about the local river systems. Overall Jon believes reliable, tested information should form the basis of any future flood minimisation strategies.

ROB MARSHMAN

CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT



Robert is a Civil Engineering Consultant having worked within the property development industry of Bundaberg for the past 5 years, is representing the local branch of the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA). The UDIA (QLD) Bundaberg Branch having a significant engineering, planning, legal, and development construction experience, has been actively assisting with the Flood Plain Modelling of the Burnett River following the 2013 event. Rob intends to represent the expertise of the local branch to ensure the most effective short and long term flood mitigation options are considered.

MARK PRESSLER

DIRECTOR ON BUNDABERG CANEGROWERS LTD



Mark is a Director on Bundaberg CANEGROWERS Ltd and was personally impacted by the flooding event in January 2013. He said Bundaberg CANEGROWERS has a dedicated team of professional and qualified elected members and staff who clearly understand our Mission Statement - "Bundaberg CANEGROWERS provides representation, leadership and services, and promotes unity in the interest of our members." Mark said CANEGROWERS is dedicated to its vision of "Ensuring a secure and profitable future for Bundaberg cane growers".



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