

# The Great Sandy Biosphere - What next?

## Systems workshop 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Last year, the Great Sandy region including Gympie, received international recognition as a Biosphere. How do we use this status to create a more sustainable future – to promote harmony between people and nature and maintain the liveability of the Biosphere?

To help our community find the answers, a “Learning Laboratory” process developed by a University of Queensland professor is being used. The process commenced last month with a community workshop held in Gympie.

*“The first Learning Lab workshop was very informative and I’m glad I attended. It was interesting to learn about leverage points and how identifying them can maximise our results when working with limited time and resources. These techniques and perspectives are useful in trying to create change in other contexts as well. I look forward to seeing the process unfold. Zela Bissett”*

*The engagement across a spectrum of community people from all components of the Great Sandy area was a great step forward to build community support and interest. I think the next stages will only enhance the Great Sandy Biosphere in its overall goals with community awareness to support it. Well done by all especially the workshop leaders from University of Queensland. Bruce Cresswell, CEO, GPS Eco Tourism P/L*

### *You are invited to the next step. It will:*

- Verify a systems map of the Biosphere
- Discuss the implications for co-ordinated actions and policies
- Identify leverage areas for change

This process works! There are no simple solutions to complex problems – just opportunities for consensus and creativity.

**When:** 2pm- 5:30pm, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Where:** Gympie Conference Centre, 28 Fraser Rd (Cnr Bruce Hwy)

**Cost:** \$10 per person (payable in cash/cheque on the day or we will invoice you)

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***The Great Sandy Biosphere – a place to keep special for our future generations***

