



MINUTES

of the

WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

CHAIRMAN: *Cr Ron Dyne*

**Held in the Boardroom
Old Bank Building,
Cnr Nash & Channon Streets
Gympie Qld 4570**

on Tuesday 3rd February 2009

*to be confirmed at the General Meeting
to be held on 11 February 2009*

Gympie Regional Council WORKS & SERVICES MEETING

*Cr L Friske (Chairman),
Cr R Dyne (Mayor), Crs G Engeman, R.A. Gâté, DR
Neilson, AJ Perrett, IT Petersen, J Walker & J Watt*

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The meeting commenced at 9.00am.

PRESENT: R. Dyne (Mayor) (*Committee Chairman*), G.L. Engeman, R.A. Gâté, D.R. Neilson, A.J. Perrett, Mr R.A. Fredman (Director of Engineering Services) and Miss K Watson (Minutes Secretary).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE / APOLOGY

W01/02/09 **Moved:** Cr D.R. Neilson **Seconded:** Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that in the absence of the chairman and proxy chairman that Mayor Cr R. Dyne be nominated to chair the Works and Services Committee meeting today.

Carried

G43/01/09 - Cr L.J. Friske was granted absence from all Council meetings from the 30 January 2009 to the 9 February 2009.

W02/02/09 **Moved:** Cr R.A. Gâté **Seconded:** Cr A.J. Perrett

That the apology from Cr J. Watt, Cr J.A. Walker & Cr I.T. Petersen be accepted.

Carried

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

W03/02/09 **Moved:** Cr A.J. Perrett **Seconded:** Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Minutes of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on the 13 January 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

SECTION 1: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**1/1 Road Names – Kilkivan Area**

Re: **W04/02/09** Road Names – Kilkivan Area
From: Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman
File:
Date: 28 January 2009

Report: (Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman)

Council has requested advice on the adoption of the road names Threlkeld, Lahiff, Richardson and Mengel in the Black Snake Road area. Each of these names was adopted at the Kilkivan Shire council General Meeting of 16 January 2003. No plan was provided.

The pending Road Register Report will clarify the location and status of these roads.

W04/02/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that the report be received.

Further that Department of Natural Resources and Water be advised accordingly.

Carried

1/2 Bruce Highway Upgrade Between Channon Street and Pine Street in Gympie

Re: **W05/02/09** Bruce Highway Upgrade between Channon Street and Pine Street in Gympie.
From: Mr LJ O'Brien, District Director (Gympie), Dept of Main Roads, PO Box 183, Gympie Qld 4570
File: 4/8/21/1-1 Doc ID: 1008536
Date: 24 December 2008

“The department’s correspondence of 1 September 2008 and the attached plans outlined the extent of stormwater drainage and footpath works proposed for the next stage of the Bruce Highway upgrade between Channon Street and Pine Street in Gympie. This letter aims to formalise cost sharing arrangements for this section of the highway upgrading.”

The Agreement between Local Government Association of Queensland Inc and Department of Main Roads for Cost Sharing based on responsibilities within State controlled roads provides the basis for determining Council's and Main Roads' responsibilities for drainage and footpaths.

Further to discussions between Council's Mr Bob Fredman and Mr Lawry O'Brien of this office, I can confirm that Main Roads will accept Council's contribution of \$50,000 towards this project stage for the cost of stormwater drainage and concrete footpaths. Unless council advises otherwise, I will assume that the contribution will be paid in the 2009/10 financial year.

At the end of the defects liability period for the construction contract, responsibility for maintenance of the concrete footpaths and the urban stormwater drainage network will pass to Council in accordance with the LGAQ/ State agreement. Council will also be responsible for all maintenance of the Wickham, Cross, Jane and Pine Streets in accordance with the agreement. The department will forward Maintenance Responsibility Diagrams for Stages 3 for Council's information and comment in due course.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr Grahame Webster at this office on 5482 0333."

Report: (Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman)

Council is obliged to contribute to the upgrading of its infrastructure in conjunction with the new Highway works. The tentative offer made on behalf of Council has been accepted. Details of the offer can be provided at this meeting.

W05/02/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that Council endorse staff action and program the payment of \$50,000 in the 2009/10 roads and drainage capital works (Gympie) budget.

Carried

1/3	Relocating Signage to Tin Can Bay
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Re: **W06/02/09** Relocating Signage to Tin Can Bay
 From: LJ O'Brien, District Director (Gympie), Dept of Main Roads, PO Box 183, Gympie Qld 4570
 File: 4/8/6/8-5 Doc ID:1011724
 Date: 19 January 2009

"Thank you for your letter of 14 August 2008 about relocating signage to Tin Can Bay to either Hughes Terrace or Brisbane Road. I apologise for the delay in responding while this matter was investigated.

The function of a state controlled road is to carry traffic between communities as safely and efficiently as possible. Gympie Connection Road is gazetted as a state controlled roads as it provides one of the safest and most direct routes to Tin Can Bay Road for traffic approaching Gympie from the north.

If coast bound traffic was directed via Hughes Terrace or Brisbane Road, it would result in a circuitous route past many residential areas, which would decrease efficiency and increase congestion at all of the intersections in between (Monkland Street, River Road, Excelsior Road, Centro Way etc).

Hughes Terrace is also a residential street that links to Graham Street, Mt Pleasant Road and Perseverance Street where I am aware that there have been complaints in the past regarding over us by through traffic.

It should also be noted that the current design of the Bruce Highway duplication (Gympie Bypass) includes a major interchange that is located on Gympie Connection Road (Bath Terrace) to the west of Barton Road. Upon completion of the bypass, Gympie Connection Road will become a major feeder road to the new highway and will therefore continue to carry a significant volume of traffic.

Generally it makes good network sense to deal with traffic so that it travels the least possible distance on the strategic road network. Based on the existing function of Gympie Connection Road and the planned role it will play upon completion of the Gympie Bypass, the department does not support the request to redirect coast bound traffic through the local road network.

If you would like to discuss this matter or require further information, please contact the department's Technical Officer, Mr Luke Kidd on 0754 820 462."

Report: (Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman)

There is no doubt that the Gympie By-pass, when constructed, will alleviate some of the congestion on Channon Street / Horseshoe Bend (Gympie Connection Road). However the Gympie By-pass will be a political decision and may take a long time to come to reality.

The mix of local traffic, development and through traffic on Channon Street / Horseshoe Bend remains a serious issue in the medium term. Main Roads may not concur with Council's suggestion, but they do need to work with Council on a solution.

W06/02/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that Council forward an invitation to the District Director, Department of Main Roads to attend a future Works & Services Committee Meeting to discuss this issue.

Carried

1/4

Domestic & Family Violence

Re: **W07/02/09** Domestic & Family Violence
From: Lee Prince, Cooloola Partnerships Against Domestic & Family Violence,
File: 4/8/7/7-15 Doc ID:1010979
Date: 19 January 2008

Letter addressed to Mayor Dyne.

“I am writing on behalf of the Cooloola Partnerships Against Domestic & Family Violence (CPAD&FV). We are a network of local human service providers who are directly or indirectly dealing with the issues surrounding domestic and family violence in this region. Members of the network include, but are not exclusive to, the Queensland Police Service, Erin House Women’s Refuge, Cooloola Youth Service, Gympie & District Women’s Health Centre, SCOPE, Probation and Parole, Department of Child Safety, the Family Relationship Centre and Laurel House. The Magistrate, Ms Maxine Baldwin, has also given her support to this network and has indicated a desire to do all that is possible in order to reduce the number of incidents that she has to deal with in Court.”

The purpose of this letter is to seek approval from the Gympie Regional Council to erect signage at the northern and southern entrances to Gympie to raise awareness around domestic and family violence and to get the message across that this community has a commitment to a zero tolerance approach to domestic and family violence. Other towns, such as Yamba in northern New South Wales, have erected such signs. This serves the purpose of bringing the issue out into the open and informing the public that this is not acceptable in their community.

If Council gave their approval, the CPAD&FV network would be submitting a funding submission to the Department of Communities to cover the cost of the signs as part of Domestic & Family Violence Prevention month held annually in May. There would be no cost to ratepayers. If successful, it is anticipated that the signs would be erected in May 2009. It would be appreciated if a decision could be made in the very near future.

The specifications for the proposed signs are attached with a mock-up of the sign and it’s wording, as are photos of the current Gympie signs. The dimensions of the proposed sign is 1.2 metres by 1.2 metres, with black writing on a yellow background.

The wording for the signs reads as follows: ‘This community has a zero tolerance approach to domestic and family violence.’ Underneath this would be: “For assistance phone DVConnect on 1800 811 811” and underneath that: “This is a joint initiative of Cooloola Partnerships Against Domestic & Family Violence & Gympie Regional Council.”

As the representative of CPAD&FV in charge of this project, I am available to provide any further information that may be required, so please do not hesitate to

contact me on 5483 6588 by mobile phone on 0427 627 003 or via e-mail at leeprince@gwhc.com.

The CPAD&FV network looks forward to receiving a favourable reply from Council as soon as possible.

Report: (Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman)

Firstly Council needs to decide whether it sees as desirable this type of signage on a major road at the entrance to Gympie. Clearly CPAD&FV sees a need and Council may be interested in learning more about the issue first. If Council decides to approve such signage then there is a Development Approval process to do so.

Generally speaking any application will require Main Roads approval and a combined building and Op Works application for an “Advertising Device”.

W07/02/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that Council extend an invitation to representatives of the Cooloola Partnerships Against Domestic & Family Violence to address Council at a future Community Services Committee Meeting regarding their request.

Carried

1/5	Unmaintained Roads
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Re: **W08/02/09** Unmaintained Roads
 From: Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman
 File:
 Date: 28 January 2009

Report: (Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman)

Consideration of compensation trends has demonstrated a potential need for signage that could assist in protecting Council from road-related liability claims in the future. This relates specifically to road reserves with no Council road that are used as a thoroughfare on a regular basis. Part of Laurel Road, North Deep Creek is an example. Note that a new Road Register, to clearly define Council maintained roads throughout the region, is due before mid-year.

W08/02/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that Council authorise the Director of Engineering Services to erect signage similar to “Caution. End maintained road.” Or “Caution, 4WD Only” Or “Caution Unmaintained Road” depending on the circumstances, for

road reserves that are used as a through road but are not Council-maintained roads.

Further authorise that the signage be introduced on road reserves with the highest risk, based on volumes of through traffic, with further rollouts subject to future budget considerations.

Carried

1/6	Temporary Business Premises – Gympie Airport
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Re: **W09/02/09** Temporary Business Premises – Gympie Airport
From: The Recreational Flying Company, Captain Paul McKeown, Chief Flying Instructor, PO Box 167, Eumundi Qld 4562
File: 3/3/3/1 Doc ID: 1010994
Date: 6th January 2009

We seek approval to operate a business from temporary premises on council property at Gympie Airport. Thank you for giving your careful consideration to our proposal.

BACKGROUND

The Recreational Flying Company Pty Ltd is a specialist flying training and aviation consultancy business. We provide expert support to the sport and general aviation industries and high level, professional tuition in advanced fields such as Flight Instructor training and advanced pilot endorsements.

We have been active in the Gympie region for around two years and our principles are long time Sunshine Coast residents.

Under our former name 'McKeown Air Training' we made enquiries toward gaining a lease site to erect a hangar at Gympie Airport but unfortunately were restricted at the eleventh hour by the 'Master Plan' and subsequent moratorium on lease access. When the moratorium was lifted we immediately filed an attractive tender proposal (in terms of value, business development and employment) but this too, was not successful.

We continue our pursuit of permanent facilities to operate our business at Gympie Airport and are maintaining routine contact with your Engineering Manager Mr Bob Fredman. We feel that facilities at Gympie Airport are integral to our business growth and given the opportunity would look forward to significant investment therein.

TEMPORARY FACILITIES

To ensure the continued viability of our business whilst we await access to further development opportunities at Gympie Airport we have invested in a customised mobile office/ flight hut. The mobile flight hut is a converted caravan with a modern air-conditioned interior. The flight hut has been recently re-sprayed in a distinctive 'training yellow' and black livery, will carry the company logo and be road registered.

As a temporary solution to operate our business at Gympie Airport, we wish to request permission to position the flight hut in the council car park area, adjacent to the terminal building. Additionally, we would like to access power from the terminal. This position would give our business good visibility and flight-line access (our aircraft are already based at Gympie) whilst not impacting on the airport car parking facilities or pedestrian access.

BUSINESS FUTURE

May we again re-iterate our intention to pursue business opportunities in the Gympie Region We believe that Gympie Airport is a significant asset and holds enormous potential for future employment and local investment. We wish to enter a relationship with Gympie Regional Council to ensure that the Recreational Flying Company has a strong and prominent place in any future development.

Please give your due consideration to our request for temporary business premises and advise if any further details are required."

Report: (Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman)

It is preferable that Council and its infrastructure remain independent of any commercial activity at the Airport. Another flying school has asked previously for Council space and has since negotiated with the Aero Club.

W09/02/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the writer be advised that Council does not support the use of the carpark for the purpose requested.

Further that Council suggest that the writer discuss their accommodation needs with the Gympie Aero Club as a short term solution.

Carried

**SECTION 2: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES -
GENERAL BUSINESS****Late Item 1 Maintenance Works on Dickabram Bridge**

Re: **W10/02/09** Maintenance Works on Dickabram Bridge
From: LJ O'Brien, District Director, Dept of Main Roads, PO Box 183,
Gympie Qld 4570
File: 4/8/10/2 Doc ID:1011778
Date: 20 January 2009

"The Department of Main Roads would like to advise that maintenance work on the Dickabram Bridge has been extended until Friday 20 February 2009.

Until repair work is complete, the bridge will be temporarily closed to traffic between the hours of 9.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday.

Arrangements have been made with the local school bus company and Australia Post contractor to ensure these services continue to operate as normal.

During the closure, motorists are encouraged to use the local road network or arrange their journey via the Bruce Highway and Bauple-Woolooga Road.

Traffic controllers will be in attendance during construction to ensure the safety of workers and motorists. Motorists are encouraged to slow down, proceed with care and obey the instructions of traffic controllers and signage.

The bridge repair work is being undertaken by Queensland Rail (QR). Main Roads is working closely with QR to keep the community informed of traffic changes on Miva Road as a result of the bridge work.

As part of the department's communication program for the project, a construction update has been developed for distribution to local businesses, schools emergency services and transport operators. Several copies of this construction update are enclosed. Please feel free to distribute these to persons who express an interest in the works.

Main Roads will also send letters to adjacent residents and keep the wider community informed of traffic changes through advertisements in the local newspaper.

If you would like any further information about the project, please contact Main Roads on 5482 0333."

Report: (Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman)

For Council's information.

W10/02/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

Design Services General Manager – Mr R Chapman entered the meeting at 9.27am.

SECTION 3: DESIGN SERVICES DIVISION
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3/1	Reduction of Speed Zone from 80km/h to 60km/h near Old Veteran Road Intersection
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Re: **W11/02/09** Reduction of Speed Zone for 80km/h to 60km/h near Old Veteran Road Intersection

From: Joanne Chubb, 147 Old Goomboorian Road, Gympie Qld 4570

File: 4/8/7/8-01 Doc ID:1009694

Date: 8 January 2009

“I would like to request that Council consider a reduction in the speed limit on Old Goomboorian Road. The current speed limit is 80km per hour. However, about 1km along Old Goomboorian Road there is a cluster of more than a dozen houses in close proximity to one another, until the intersection with Old Veteran Road. I am requesting that Council consider reducing the speed limit along this section to 60km per hour, similar to that along Power Road, Southside, where the speed limit is reduced to 60km where there is a small cluster of houses (about the middle of Power Road).

Along with the families living along this section of Old Goomboorian Road there is also a school bus operator who has a high volume of both buses and drivers pulling on and off the road four times daily during school days.

Your consideration would be greatly appreciated.”

Report: (General Manager Design Services Division - R. Chapman)

Rural and Rural Residential Speed Zones are set in accordance with a procedure set out in the MUTCD (Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices).

There may be a case for Old Veteran Road and adjoining section of Old Goomboorian Road meeting the requirements for inclusion in a lower speed zone.

W11/02/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the matter be referred to the Design Division to undertake a speed review of roads in this area for consideration by the Traffic Advisory Committee for referral to Council and advise the writer accordingly.

Further that the review of speeds on Fisher Road also be undertaken.

Carried

3/2	Federal Road Safety Black Spot Program Submissions for 2009-10
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Re: **W12/02/09** Federal Road Safety Black Spot Program Submissions for 2009/10
 From: GS Dawson, A/Regional Director (North Coast), Department of Main Roads, PO Box 183, Gympie Qld 4570
 File: 4/1/5/15 Doc ID: 1010475
 Date: 12 January 2009

“The Federal Government has announced an increase in the funding allocation for the 2009 calendar year under the National Building Package. The additional funding is dependant on projects starting in 2009 and completed by 31 December 2009, and meeting the eligibility criteria set out in the Black Spot Notes on Administration.

We are currently seeking new project nominations from Council for inclusion in the additional funding allocation. Nomination should be forwarded to this office by 27 February 2009.

Nomination information and forms may be found on the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government website (<http://www.auslink.gov.au>).

Please contact Mr Ian Swift on (07) 54820 333 if you have any further queries.”>

Report: (General Manager Design Services Division - R. Chapman)

Council was unsuccessful with its applications for Blackspot funding approved late in 2008.

The projects previously nominated should be renominated. In order to gain Blackspot funding, accident rates need to be relatively high in number and severity. The Gympie Regional Council network has limited blackspots meeting this criteria.

In addition to the previous submissions another low cost treatment at Jane Street/Clematis Street intersection could also be added but it has a lesser accident rate than the others.

W12/02/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that Council submit the following projects for the additional blackspot funding:

- **Station Road / Tozer Street intersection**
- **Mt Pleasant Road / John Street / Hilton Road intersection**
- **Jane Street / Clematis Street intersection**
- **Ada Street / Power Street / Berrie Street Intersection**

Further that the Blackgate Road / Mary Valley Road / Meddleton Road be included if other projects fail to meet the necessary threshold.

Carried

3/3	Road Opening and Closure over Lot 40 on L371187 and Lot 1435 on L37850
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Re: **W13/02/09** Road Opening and Closure over Lot 40 on L371187 and Lot 1435 on L37850
 From: General Manager Design Services Division – R Chapman
 File: 4/8/25/0002 and 4/8/24/0002
 Date: 27 January 2009

Report: (General Manager Design Services Division - R. Chapman)

The previous Tiaro Shire Council began a road opening and closing process in November 2003 over the above lands with subsequent survey undertaken and accepted by the then Council in August 2007 (copy of survey attached) with an application made to Department of Natural Resources and Water in September 2007.

Since that time it would appear that nothing further has happened with Department of Natural Resources and Water claiming it was awaiting a valuation of the road opening / closing.

Discussion with the owners of the property indicates that the Tiaro Shire Council was committed to undertaking this action.

Funding could be provided from the list of committed projects shown in the 2008/09 Capital Works Program for the amount of \$15,100 for Curra Street Lighting as it has now become evident that these works were paid for in 2007/08.

W13/02/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that Gympie Regional Council continue to open and close Glen Echo Road Reserve through Lot 40 on L371187 and Lot 1435 on L37850 with funding provided in lieu of approved project 4208622 Curra Street Lighting.

Carried

3/4	Proposed Road Names for Subdivision – Achilles Avenue, Cooloola Cove
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Re: **W14/02/09** Proposed Road Names for Subdivision – Achilles Avenue, Cooloola Cove
 From: General Manager Design Services Division – R Chapman
 File: DA12772
 Date: 20 January 2009

Report: (Design Services Cadet Technical Officer – T.L. Johnston)

A. It is recommended that the following proposed road name be approved for the subdivision over Lot 212 on RP174249, Achilles Avenue, Cooloola Cove (DA12772):-

Sandpiper Court
 Jabiru Court

The supplied names have been submitted for public comment according to Council's Roads & Streets Naming Policy PR-D-004. No submissions were received either for or against the proposed names and is therefore recommended.

W14/02/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that Council approve the road names:

A. Sandpiper Court and Jabiru Court off Achilles Avenue, Cooloola Cove

Carried

3/5

Stormwater Drain at 45 Station Road, Gympie

Re: **W15/02/09** Stormwater Drain at 45 Station Road, Gympie
From: D Etican, 45 Station Road, Gympie Qld 4570
File: 4/8/7/7-9 Doc ID: 1011065
Date: 17 Jan 2009

"I have recently purchased 45 Station Road and have been living there with my two children for the past 3 months. I knew when I purchased the property that there was an open storm water drain running through the back yard. But I was shocked to realise that each time there is a heavy downpour a flash flood rips through the back yard.

As my neighbour Michael Condon informs me, this is a regular occurrence. It is happening approx 20 times a year.

I believe that this is a serious problem and there could be a drowning in the future. May I suggest that you purchase the bottom 1/3 of the property affected on Station Road, put a fence up to protect the residences and enclose the drains.

Please respond to this matter – phone 5483 9882."

Report: (General Manager Design Services Division - R. Chapman)

This property changed hands on 22 October 2008. The previous owner was opposed to Council acquiring an easement for the purposes of providing piped drainage between Cogan Street and Station Road when the project was included in the 2002/03 Capital Works Program for the former Cooloola Shire Council.

The piping of the gully was subject to an engineering consultants report in the 1980's.

The project should be considered along with many others as a potential project in forthcoming Capital Works Programs provided easements can now be acquired.

W15/02/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the writer be advised that efforts to acquire drainage easements over the drain had not been agreed to in the past. Prior to Council considering funding of a piped drain between Cogan Street and Station Road an easement agreement would need to be put in place with all affected land owners.

Carried

Overview

January's weather pattern continues to be favourable for maintenance activities. Much needed rain fall across the eastern region have impacted nicely on continuing maintenance programs. This has allowed council staff to execute another productive month's maintenance program.

Works Summary

Road Maintenance Grading completed for month is as follows:

- Noosa Road Shoulders
- Tandur Road.Shoulders
- Dagon Pocket Road
- Knobby Glen Road
- Hyne estate Road
- Lowe Road
- Kernke Road
- Reseal Preparation Works
- Rural Maintenance grading team currently on RMPC maintenance grading activities.

Programmed Maintenance Grading for coming month, subject to weather conditions are:

- Hansen Road
- Whelan Road
- Red Gully Road
- Paling Road

Drainage Repairs carried out on the following roads:

- Beenham Valley Road
- East Deep Creek Road
- Hyland Road
- Noosa Road
- Traveston Township

Tractor Slashing carried out in the following areas:

- Mary Valley Area
- Moy Pocket Area
- Carters Ridge Area
- Cedar Pocket Area
- Chatsworth Area
- Anderleigh Area
- Theebine Area
- Curra Area

Bridge Works carried out

- Blue Creek Bridge
- Kandanga Creek Bridge
- Barambah Creek Bridge
- At the time of writing further routine maintenance will be undertaken on Bridges.

Sealed Road Pavement Repairs carried out on the following roads:

- Moy Pocket Road

The above mentioned sealed road repairs were mechanical majors.

W17/02/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that the Construction Programme, as presented, be received.

Carried

5/2	Job Construction Report
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Re: **W18/02/09** Job Construction Report
 From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division - GC Ingham
 File: FF94/00018
 Date: 28 January 2009

Report: (General Manager Works Eastern Division – G.C. Ingham)

CORELLA ROAD WIDENING

The works are located on Corella Road from adjacent to Ridgeview Drive to near Hamilton Road intersection and include clearing, earthworks, table drain regrading, widening of the existing formation, stabilisation of the sub-base, base course overlay, sealing and cross road drainage.

First coat bitumen seal complete.

MCINTOSH CREEK ROAD – BITUMEN SEAL

The works involved the widening and sealing of an existing, unsealed section (630m) of McIntosh Creek Road to a sealed width of 7.0 metres. Work included earthworks, trimming existing material, placing gravel pavement, bitumen surfacing, replacement of cross road culverts, reinstatement of driveway accesses and a full width seal.

Bitumen seal to be completed.

OCEAN VIEW PARADE REHAB

Work included the replacement of kerb and channel, asphalt overlay.

Job complete.

GYMPIE EAST STATE SCHOOL CARPARK

Work involves kerb and channelling, traffic channelling and pavement improvement.

Final tidy up works in progress.

ROBINSON ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The works involve extending the existing concrete bridge abutments downstream, replacing existing bridge super structure with reinforced concrete deck, sealing, and widening the bridge approaches, installing steel beam guardrail and the end terminals, signs, linemarking, and relocating any existing services, fencing.

Work has commenced.

JAMES NASH CAR PARK & PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

The works involved widening the roadway to allow additional on-street carparking and constructing a pathway to connect pedestrian crossing facilities.

Job complete with final tidy up work in progress.

GYMPIE WEST CARPARK

The work involved the construction of a new carpark on a subsidiary road reserve off Cartwright Road and upgrading of an existing carpark on Coinda Street.

The work included construction reinforced concrete bus bay, kerb and invert, kerb and channel, pathways, kerb ramps, raised pedestrian hump crossing, wheel stops, extending existing pipe culvert and catchpit, and signage and linemarking.

Job complete with final tidy up work in progress.

PHOENIX STREET PATHWAY & RAISED HUMP PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The works included constructing a new concrete pathway, installing a raised hump pedestrian crossing and erecting associated signage and widening existing roadway and constructing kerb and channel.

Job complete.

KENMAN ROAD HILL – BITUMEN SEAL

The works involve the widening and sealing of 144m of Kenman Road to a formation width of 6.0m with a 6.0m bitumen seal.

The works include earthworks, placing gravel, pavement, bitumen surfacing and reinstatement of driveway access.

Works has commenced, ready for bitumen seal.

GALLUZZO STORMWATER DRAINAGE

The works are located on drainage easement traversing 12 Somerset Street and 2 Palm Crescent, Gympie.

The works involve upgrading existing and installing new stormwater drainage. The works include laying RCP, laying PVC pipe, removing existing RCP, constructing an overland flow path, installing catchpits and reinstating a property access.

Earthworks have commenced.

W18/02/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that the Job Construction Report, as presented, be received.

Carried

5/3	Works Cost Statement – Eastern/Western Divisions
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WORKS COST STATEMENT

W19/02/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that the Road Maintenance, Road Construction and Road Contribution sections of the Works Cost Statement, as presented, be received.

Carried

5/4	Assistance with costs to Tourist Signs
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Re: **W20/02/09** Assistance with costs to tourist signs
From: Paul Elbourne, Publicity Officer, Gympie & District Historical Society Inc, PO Box 626. Gympie Qld 4570
File: 4/8/7/7-15 Doc ID:1003225
Date: 20 November 2008

“The Gympie Gold Mine and Historical Society Museum requests some assistance with the proposed signage, as per the approval (attached) by the DMR.

It is our understanding from Cr Tony Perrett, that your department may be able to assist by supplying the manpower in producing and erecting the signs, as per the attached DMR plans.

We are not seeking any monetary assistance. Of course, the Museum will pay for any costs of materials required in the manufacture of the signs.

Can your department assist us in any manner? Could we have a meeting to discuss this with you? My phone number is 0409 725 912.”

Letter addressed to Paul Elbourne, Gympie Historical Gold Mining Museum dated 29 October 2008 from Dept of Main Roads.

“I refer to recent discussions with Main Roads officers regarding the installation of tourist signs on the Bruce Highway and Tin Can Bay Road (Brisbane Road) for the Gympie Historical Gold Mining Museum.

I wish to confirm that Main Roads will approve the installation of tourist signs, subject to the attached conditions.

The department has prepared sign designs in accordance with the current tourist signing guidelines (refer attached tourist and service signage plan, sign designs and sign schedules). The cost to supply and install the tourist component of this signage scheme is \$7,4146.60. Should you wish to proceed with the installation of these signs, you are required to make a cheque/money order payable to “Main Roads” for the amount of \$7,146.60 and return the attached signed conditions form together with payment to this office.

If you have any queries, please contact Mr Luke Kidd on 5482 0462, who will be happy to assist.”

Report: (General Manager Works - Eastern Division – GC Ingham)

The price of \$7,146.60 (ext GST) is Council quote to DMR under RMPC contract rates for council to supply and install signs as directed by DMR.

The conditions of approval from DMR to Historical Gold Mining Museum require payment to DMR of above amount prior to authorising Council to proceed with the job under RMPC and DMR directions. Ownership of the signs will remain with DMR.

Cost for supply only of materials is \$2 982 (ex GST).

W20/02/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that Council refer the erection of tourist signage to the draft budget meeting and the GDHS be advised accordingly. Further that the cost of materials for the signs as requested is \$2982 and the signs can be manufactured upon receipt of this amount.

Carried

General Manager Works eastern Division -Mr Greg Ingham left the meeting at 10.05am

Parks Manager, Mr French entered the meeting at 10.05am.

SECTION 10: WORKS - PARKS

10/1 Parks Monthly Report

Re: **W21/02/09 Parks Monthly Report**
 From: Parks Manager - E French
 File:
 Date: 27 January 2009

Report (Parks Manager – E. French)

Maintenance Works

Recent good rainfalls have created excellent growing conditions with the expectation that staff will be extended to maintain existing standards. With one Parks staff member having already transferred to another section of Council and another to transfer in early February, additional casual resources/staffing arrangements will be put in place to compensate.

The maintenance of the parks, footpaths and verges will remain the priority of the Parks staff whilst the existing conditions prevail.

Parks Capital Improvement Works Fairway Park

Works are continuing at Fairway Park with completion planned for the end of February. The construction of a fence, to reduce the possibility of children from

accessing Corella Road from the play area, and the adjacent storm water drain should be under way shortly. It is not intended to fully enclose the play area at this stage, rather to provide public access from the play area's eastern end only.

There have been a number of complaints from some property owners adjacent to one section of the park, requesting Council to prevent the overland flow of storm water from the park into their properties. Works have been undertaken to reduce the problem in small areas but this has not been very successful overall.

Council staff are presently reviewing the situation and will undertake works as soon as possible to resolve the problem, resources permitting. There are some funds available from the budget for the Fairway Park project within the Parks Capital Improvements Program.

A.J.Mitchell Park

Planting of the batters of the water bodies and shade trees has commenced. Landcare Gympie is assisting with this part of the project, with trainees participating. There are some other works to undertake, with completion expected by end of February.

Cod Street Tin Can Bay Shelter Replacement

Councillors would be aware of negotiations between Council and the Queensland Department of Transport regarding the demolition of the shelter in Cod Street and the construction of a replacement structure of a style and in a location that is of greater use to the community.

At the time of preparing this report, consultation with the Tin Can Bay Chamber of Commerce is continuing regarding the type and construction of the shelter. It would appear that a shelter that is suitable for use as a covered performance stage is most appropriate. The most suitable location identified is in the area of the Lions Park and Brian Tebbutt Gardens, to the north of the Library.

Plans, maps etc will be available at the February Works meeting for Council's comment. It is anticipated that a report will be presented at a future Council meeting.

Council staff are awaiting written advice from the Department of Transport requesting Council to demolish the existing Cod Street structure.

Works In Progress for Parks Staff

The Parks Manager and Parks Technical Officer are currently working on a large number of significant projects. The following list is not inclusive of all works in progress. Many of the projects involve other Council departments.

- Cooloola Coast Foreshore Management Plan Review
- Rainbow Beach Shelter adjacent to Cenotaph

- Lions Park Rainbow Beach improvements including new amenities building, landscaping and beach stabilisation measures
- Cod Street Tin Can Bay Shelter replacement. State Government funded.
- Crab Creek shelter repairs and furniture replacement
- Cooloola Cove Fire Management Plan
- Bushfire Mitigation Program - Cooloola Cove Firebreak Improvements. Partly funded by Federal and State governments.
- Gympie Netball Courts relocation, investigation of suitable sites
- Fairway Park improvements
- AJ Mitchell Park Improvements
- Gympie Regional All Abilities Play Space Project – Lake Alford. Partly funded by State, seeking additional State Government funding.
- One Mile Irrigation Improvements. Seeking additional funding.
- Calton Terrace Park – Q150 Project. Partly funded by State Government.
- Nelson Reserve Skate Park facility improvements
- Lake Alford Water Edge & Water Quality Improvements. Seeking additional funding.
- Major repairs/maintenance works to rotunda in Memorial Park, Gympie. Applying for State Government funding to assist.
- Planting of suitable reserves/parks by contractors with carbon credit funding.
- Various Federal Government funded projects under consideration/awaiting approval
- One Mile Recreation Area Master Plan
- Gympie Senior Citizens fitness equipment/trail
- Gympie Riverwalk
- Dick Quigg Bike Track Proposed improvements
- Centro development related road reserve landscaping works

W21/02/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that the Parks Monthly Report, as presented, be received.

Carried

10/2	Works Cost Statement – Parks
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WORKS COST STATEMENT

W22/02/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that the Parks sections of the Works Cost Statement, as presented, be received.

Carried

SECTION 11: WORKS – PARKS – GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr French left the meeting at 10.17am.

General Manager Works – Western Division – Mr G Curry entered the meeting at 10.17am.

SECTION 6: WORKS – WESTERN DIVISION

6/1 Gates and Grids Policy

Re: **W23/02/09** Gates and Grids Policy
 From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry
 File:
 Date: 22 December 2008

Report: (General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry)

Gates and Grids

All the former local government areas had local laws concerning gates and grids. Cooloola and Tiaro shires also had local law policies or subordinate local laws and Kilkivan Shire had a Gate/Grid policy.

Cooloola Shire had a Licensed grid or gate application form.

Since amalgamation, Gympie Regional Council has adopted a minimum grid size excluding former Tiaro Shire (W24/07/08) and a position regarding grid signage (W19/08/08).

The local laws are very similar.

The **Cooloola Local Law Policy** refers to;

- the form of application
- advises of an application fee
- refers to an annual renewal fee
- comments on proof of public liability insurance
- comments on transferring an approval
- requires comment from land owners adjoining the gate or grid
- comments that if the grid is to be removed the road must be restored to the same standard as the adjoining road
- sets a minimum public liability cover of \$5,000,000 or greater as approved by Council
- and recommends that the applicant seek independent advice regarding the sum insured

The **Tiaro Local Law Policy** refers to;

- requirement for the application to be accompanied by a plan

- Council may require a grid as well as a gate
- the application to be in writing
- the standard of construction for gates and grids
- the licensee to pay for the construction and maintenance of all warning signage
- the form of the license
- process for transferring the license
- the process for removal of a gate or grid
- refers to an annual license fee
- process for dealing with unlicensed gates or grids
- sets a minimum public liability cover of \$6,000,000 or as set by council from time to time
- delegation to register in particular situations

The **Kilkivan Policy** refers to

- the standard of the gate and grid
- the requirement to sign the gate/grid as “licensed”
- the requirement to have warning signs
- requirement for the license holder to keep the gate/grid in good repair
- refers to an annual license fee
- required public liability insurance
- advises that Council will only license gates/grids for roads included in Council’s Road Register
- advised that Council does not permit grids where both sides of the road reserve are fenced
- advises that the licensee is responsible for the cost of removal and reinstatement of the road to the same standard as the road on either side

It is likely to be some time before a Gympie Regional Council Local Law and subordinate Local law are adapted which may incorporate some of the issues raised in the following proposed policy.

That it be the Policy of Gympie Regional Council that all applicants and licensees of licensed gates/grids across Council’s roads comply with the following minimum requirements:

1. That the fence with gate and grid be constructed to Council standard in accordance with the Department of Main Roads Drawing No’s 1351 or 1448 with a minimum width of 4.0m and span of 2.33m.
2. That a gate be provided adjacent to the grid and the gate shall have the words ‘LICENSED GATE’ on some conspicuous part thereof. Attachment of Council’s licensed gate plate on the gate shall comply with this requirement.
3. Warning signs in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices indicating the presence of a grid on the

road are to be on each approach to the grid for all new applications. Signage in accordance with Council's Gate/Grid Procedure is required for existing gates/grids. Gate/grid owners are responsible for all signage associated with the gate/grid.

4. In accordance with the Local Government Act and Council's Local Laws, the holder of the licence shall be required to keep the gate and grid in good and sufficient repair, and to maintain the road in a reasonable repair for a distance of five (5) meters on each side of the grid so that public traffic shall not be impeded or obstructed.
5. The licence shall be for the period ending 30th June following, and each year Council shall review whether the licences should be renewed for a further period of twelve (12) months, and if so will forward to the licensee an account for the annual registration fee.
6. The applicant maintains \$10m Public Liability Insurance for the licensed gate/grid.
7. Council will only licence gate/grids on roads listed in Council's Road Register.
8. Council requires the Applicant to provide comments regarding proposed grid from adjoining land owners.
9. Council will not permit grids in locations where both sides of the road reserve have been fenced.
10. The owner of the grid is liable for the cost of its removal and reinstatement of the road to the same standard as the road in either side of the grid.
11. Council will assess each application for a new gate/grid in accordance with the relevant Local Laws, Local Laws Policies and this policy.

W23/02/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that Council endorse the Licensed Gate/Grid Policy as presented.

Further that Kilkivan Shire Licensed Gate/Grid Policy – 2007 be archived.

Carried

Cooloola Coast Transfer Stations

Planning officers for the Department of National Resources have requested further information to aid their assessment. This information is being sought.

W25/02/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that the above report be received.

Carried

6/4	Review of Roads with Respect to Wheelie Bins
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Re: **W26/02/09** Review of Roads with Respect to Wheelie Bins.
 From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry
 File:
 Date: 28 January 2009

Report: (General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry)

Council has confirmed its intent to progressively remove bulk (green) wheelie bins and continue the extension of the wheelie bin service (CS 05/05/08). Significant progress has been made in this regard.

The perceived suitability of existing roads has not been addressed as the intent of the review has been on location of turning or cluster sites, maintenance status of roads, and whether existing allotments have the potential to be developed for housing without Development Assessment. (ie they have a frontage to a road reserve)

The majority of rural roads identified for review south of the Mary River have been inspected. Roads within the townships have not been reviewed.

To date a small number of anomalies have been identified which will require resolution by amendments to the road register or the means .

A further report will be presented to Council when the review is complete.

W26/02/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that the above report be received.

Carried

6/5	Job Construction Report
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Re: **W27/02/09** Job Construction Report
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry
File:
Date: 28 January 2009

Report: (General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry)

Mudlo Road

Widening of Mudlo Road between Ash Street and Kilkivan Showgrounds.
Job complete.

Gatehouse Road

Sealing of Gatehouse Road to Cullen Road.
Job complete.

Fraser Street

Widening of seal in Fraser Street to 6m.
Clearing commenced

Abel Road

Widening of sections of Abel Road between Philips Road and Wide Bay Highway. Lengthening of culverts and stripping of top soil have commenced

Main Roads Network

Slashing has been undertaken on Burnett Highway, Wide Bay Highway, Kilcoy-Murgon Road, Bunya Highway.

W27/02/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that the Job Construction Report, as presented, be received.

Carried

SECTION 7: WORKS DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS

General Manager Works – Western Division – Mr G Curry left the meeting at 10.28am.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.28am.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The Meeting resumed at 10.46am.

Lands Protection Manager Mr M Webb entered the meeting at 10.46am.

SECTION 8: WORKS - LAND PROTECTION**8/1 Land Protection Monthly Report**

Re: **W28/02/09** Land Protection Monthly Report (January)
From: Lands Protection Manager – Mr M Webb
File:
Date: 28 January 2009

Report: (Lands Protection Manager – M.J. Webb)**Herbicide Spraying**

Weed control on various Council Roads throughout Council Area.
Control of Giant Rats Tail Grass and Leuceana Bush on Bruce Highway, Wide Bay Highway, Burnett Highway, Mary Valley Road and Tin Can Bay Road.

Declared Weeds

Groundsel inspections will be completed this week, and where necessary, notices will be issued. Parthenium inspections are being undertaken at present and results are pleasing with the majority of properties with infestations being clean and only isolated plants found on the remainder.

Bio-Security Queensland has advised that all Mexican Feather Grass plants in our region, bar one, have been recovered and destroyed and the sites re-habilitated. Officers from the Department will continue to monitor these sites and try to locate the other plant.

Work has commenced on drafting the new policy for the control of Giant Rats Tail in the Gympie Regional Council Area. This task is still in its very early stages. Council will be kept informed of progress.

Animal Pests

Lands Protection Officers have been receiving an increasing number of complaints regarding rabbits, particularly in the Western Division. As a result of this, the Lands Protection unit will run a rabbit control information day in Woolooga on a date to be set. The day will inform people of the various options available to them to control rabbits and also the support that Land Protection Officers can provide to them.

There are reports of increased sightings of feral pigs throughout the region. Lands Protection Officers are conducting a joint project with the Gympie TAFE College to manufacture a number of portable pig traps. When these traps are completed they will be on loan to landholders who wish to trap wild pigs on their properties.

W28/02/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the Lands Protection Monthly Report, as presented, be received.

Carried

8/2	Mexican Feather Grass
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Re: **W29/02/09** Mexican Feather Grass
 From: Dr Bruce Wilson, General Manager, Invasive Plants and Animals, Dept Primary Industries and Fisheries, GPO Box 46, Brisbane Qld 4001
 File: 4/5/9/1 Doc ID:1008518
 Date: 24 December 2008

“Mexican Feather Grass found in Gympie City Council area.

I am writing to inform you of the current situation of Mexican Feather Grass in the Gympie City Council area.

Investigations have revealed that the plants had been mislabelled when supplied to a Queensland production nursery from Victoria and have been on-sold under the incorrect name Stipa capriccio.

The majority of the plants have been sold to nurseries and landscaping businesses throughout southern and central Queensland and these businesses have assisted with the tracing. Plants have been recovered from all nurseries and landscapers, however 77 plants from retail sales have not yet been traced throughout Queensland.

A public request is being made to gardeners and landscapers, asking for suspect Mexican feather grass plants to be reported. Gardeners are asked not to move the plants but to contact the DPI&F. There has been media coverage on ABC TV and in the Courier Mail and there will be further targeted local media releases in your area.

Plants were retrieved from a property in Gympie Quarantine Notices are being issued to all properties where seeding Mexican feather grass plants were retrieved to limit movement of any seed from these properties in soil or mulch. Further decontamination and monitoring of these sites will be undertaken by Biosecurity Queensland.

As at 22 December 2008 there is 1 plant requiring retrieval from the Gympie City Council area. These were sold through a retail outlet in Gympie. I would appreciate any assistance you could offer or ideas you have for finding this plant in Gympie City Council area.

I ask that any public feedback or sightings of any suspect plants encountered by Gympie City Council officers be reported through the DPI&F Business Information Centre on 13 25 23."

Report: (General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry)

Land Protection staff has been assisting Bio Security Queensland where possible to locate Mexican Feather grass and will advise Bio Security Queensland should any sighting is made.

W29/02/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that the above report be received.

Carried

SECTION 9: WORKS - LAND PROTECTION - GENERAL BUSINESS
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Mr Webb left the meeting at 10.57am

General Manager Water & Sewerage Division Mr I Schiefelbein entered the meeting at 10.57am.

SECTION 12: WATER & SEWERAGE DIVISION**12/1 Works Cost Statement – Water & Sewerage****WORKS COST STATEMENT****W30/02/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté****Seconded: Cr G. Engeman**

Recommend that Water & Sewerage sections of the Works Cost Statement, as presented, be received.

Carried

12/2 Projects in Progress

Re: **W31/02/09** Projects in Progress
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein
File:
Date: 28 January 2009

Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

SEWERAGE**1. Tin Can Bay / Cooloola Cove & Rainbow Beach Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrading**

Work on construction of the three new plants is well advanced. The project is approximately 90% complete. Commissioning of the plant is expected to commence in February/March.

Design of the effluent storage is being carried out by Council officers in the Engineering Services Directorate based on advice received from the geotechnical consultants.

Design of the irrigated areas has also commenced.

2 Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant Design

An MCU for the treatment plant upgrade has been forwarded to the EPA who are the Assessment Manager. The EPA has requested a significant amount of

additional information in order to access the application. A response to their request has been prepared and will be forwarded to the EPA. Tenders have been called for construction of the Sewage Treatment Plant and close in February 2009. A transitional environmental plan has been forwarded to the EPA for the period March 2009 to March 2011.

3. CCTV Inspection Program

Work on the CCTV Investigation program Gympie PS2 Catchment is complete. The work on Smoke Testing and Survey has been commenced.

4. Gum Tree Road Pump Station, Rising Main and Trunk Sewer

Work on the trunk sewer by the contractor M & K Pipelines is complete. Completion of the pump station has recommenced and is expected to be complete by the end of February.

5. Trade Waste

The Trade Waste inspection program has been deferred due to the availability of suitable staff and other priorities.

6. Rainbow Beach Sewage Rising Main and Pump Station Upgrade

Work on the rising main is complete. Work on the pump station upgrade has been delayed and now deferred. Work is now planned for February/March 2009.

7. Old Imbil Road Pump Station

Work by Council on the sewage pump station upgrade in Old Imbil Road has commenced. Design work on the rising main to John St has commenced.

8. Stumm Road Rising Main

Work on the rising main to upgrade the capacity at the Stumm Road Sewage Pump Station has commenced.

WATER

9. Jones Hill Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

Bulk excavation for Chemical Building Upgrade is completed

Raw Water Pump Station Upgrade is substantially complete and operational. Difficulties due to electrical faults and wet weather have delayed the completion of the project. Design work for the Treatment Plant Upgrade in progress.

10. Highway Diversions

Work on Stage 3 is complete. The work is being funded by the Main Roads Dept.

Design work on Stage 4 – Cross Street to Pine Street has commenced. Work is planned to commence in March/April 2009.

11. Tin Can Bay Reticulation Improvements

Work on pressure reduction in Tin Can Bay to improve the water reticulation network has commenced. The initial pipework modifications have been completed. System modifications are planned for April-May 2009.

12. Teewah Creek Trunk Main

EPA are drafting an agreement to allow construction through the National Park (adjacent the existing pipeline), design work will commence once the agreement is finalised. The EPA requires an EMP for this work. The work is being carried out by consultants and is substantially complete.

13. Kilkivan Water Supply Upgrade

Construction of the pipelines has been completed. Construction of a new Reservoir in Kilkivan is progressing. Tenders have been accepted for treatment plant equipment. Tenders have been called for the treatment plant building. Tenders for a shed to house the equipment are being prepared. Construction of the storage reservoir on the treatment plant site are planned to commence early in February 2009.

W31/02/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

12/3	Pressure/water flow rates in vicinity of No 2 Buchanan Street, Tin Can Bay
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Re: **W32/02/09** Pressure/water flow rates in vicinity of No 2 Buchanan Street, Tin Can Bay

From: John Griffiths, 17 Hume Parade, Paradise Point Qld 4216 (via email)

File:

Date: 27 January 09

“Subsequent to my telephone call of September 24th, 2008 and inspection of the water supply meter by Council employees, I feel it is very important to now write

and register my concerns about the seemingly deterioration of water/flow characteristics of the system in the area of my residence.

In my opinion fire hydrants in the area would be inadequate in any emergency situation and as it now stands household amenities are barely acceptable.

ie The use of one cold water tap depletes the system flow to such an extent that the gas fired hot water system fails to ignite. Other examples of poor water flow performance can be provided if required.

I am advised that a simple test apparatus could readily confirm the conditions of the system

So to the issues that I would appreciate your comment on

- 1) Does the Council acknowledge the inadequacy of the system in the area?*
- 2) What plans are in place to correct the pressure/flow characteristics of the water supply system in the area?*
- 3) When can action to improve the situation be expected?*

Your advice in regards to the above would be very much appreciated.”

Report: (General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein)

An investigation has been undertaken with respect to water pressure in Buchanan Avenue, Tin Can Bay. From the investigation the following has been determined:

- a) There has been no works in the area that would have caused deterioration in the water pressure in the area.
- b) The supply to the residence in question has been checked. The flow and pressure recorded at the residence are in excess of Council's service standard at 12 meters of pressure at 20 litres/minute.
- c) Council has an ongoing program in this area to replace existing unlined cast iron tees, valves and bends which have been found to have nodular iron growths which could restrict flows.
- d) It is also possible that some reduction in flows to the residence are due to corrosion of internal fittings or the service line to the property.

The water pressure in this area is provided by the water tower in Bream Street. This means that the water pressure and flows will be relatively low though adequate. An ongoing program to replace unlined fittings may improve pressures and flows. Council officers will attend and investigate any complaints from residents with water pressure concerns. In this instance work on the service line to the water meter is expected to improve the situation.

It is considered that the fire hydrants in the area are adequate.

W32/02/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that Mr Griffith be advised that

- (a) Council is aware of some restrictions in the pipe network and has a program to replace fittings which could restrict flow. A substantial amount of work has been carried out in 2008/09 to improve pressure and no work would have contributed to a deterioration in water pressure. The system is however considered to be adequate for both supply to residents and fire fighting.
- (b) Council officers attend any complaint regarding water pressure. Many difficulties are due to deterioration in internal plumbing or in the service from the main to the meter. Internal plumbing is the responsibility of the owner. Council is responsible for the service from the main to the meter and will carry out work to ensure that there are no restrictions in the service line.
- (c) Once the fitting replacement program is complete it is expected that no further upgrading will be required.

Carried

12/4	Kilkivan Horse Ride – Water Supply
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Re: **W33/02/09** Kilkivan Horse Ride – Water Supply
 From: General Manager –Water & Sewerage Division – I Schiefelbein
 File:
 Date 27 January 2009

Report: (General Manager Water & Sewerage– I Schiefelbein)

The Kilkivan Horse Ride commences from Kilkivan in April this year. One of the issues the event organisers have to resolve is the availability of water for stock watering and associated animal welfare needs. Based on previous events the organisers have estimated that 40 kL of water will be required. In the past (during the drought) water has been carted for the event.

Severe Level 5 water restrictions are currently in force in Kilkivan. Current water restrictions do not permit the use of water of stock. The watering restrictions have been put in place because of the limited system capacity and drought conditions. Work is currently being undertaken to upgrade the system to ease these restrictions.

The work will not be complete until much later in the year. However as part of the upgrade a new reservoir is being constructed. This work is well advanced and is anticipated to be completed by the end of February. This will increase the

amount of water storage from about 250kL to 600kL. It would also be possible in the very short term to retain the existing 250kL tank making the available storage approx 850kL. Ultimately the existing reservoir which is in poor condition will be disconnected and demolished.

Because of the potential extra storage of water it is considered that water from the town supply water could be used for stock watering during the event without compromising the water supply to Kilkivan residents. To allow this to happen Council could issue a “Conditional Restrictions Permit” for the event which would allow stock watering subject to conditions. The conditions would be framed so that water use and supply rate was reduced to the minimum possible. The amount of water planned to be used is less than the amount of additional water which can be held in the extra reservoir.

W33/02/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that Council issue a Conditional Restriction Permit with conditions for the Kilkivan Horse Ride.

Carried

12/5	Goomeri Water Supply – Power Supply to Site
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Re: **W34/02/09** Goomeri Water Supply – Power Supply to Site
 From: General Manager –Water & Sewerage Division –I. Schiefelbein
 File:
 Date 28 January 2009

Report: (General Manager Water & Sewerage– I Schiefelbein)

The switch box that supplies power to the bore at Goomeri has had an electrical failure which has caused a fire in the board. This switch box also supplies the sports ground including kiosk and lighting in the area on a separate meter from the bore. The initial failure was not in the system supplying the bore. Ergon has permitted Council to reconnect the bore on the understanding that work would be carried out on the switch box and pole. This temporary system is now operational, however the system supplying the sports ground is now deactivated.

It is recommended that a new switchbox be provided on a new pole. This work is expected to cost \$15,000 and would service the bore and other facilities on the site with separate meter.

W34/02/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that Council authorise the expenditure of \$15,000 for a new switchboard at the Goomeri Sports Ground.

Carried

12/6	Progress Report – Cooloola Coast Sewage Treatment Plants
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Re: **W35/02/09** Progress Report – Cooloola Coast Sewage Treatment Plants
 From: General Manager – Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein
 File:
 Date: 28 January 2009

Report: (General Manager Water & Sewerage– I Schiefelbein)

Cooloola Cove

Concrete work complete.
 Mechanical equipment installation complete
 Control Building - complete
 Pipework and pump stations are substantially complete
 Roadworks complete.
 Electrical work well advanced.

Tin Can Bay

Concrete work substantially complete.
 Work on the Control Building is well advanced
 Work on the mechanical equipment is substantial complete.
 Pipework and pump station work substantially complete.
 Electrical work commenced

Rainbow Beach

Concrete work complete.
 Site filling is complete.
 Roadworks complete
 Pipework complete
 Control Building substantial complete
 Electrical works commenced

Variation approved in December/January	\$ 80,570.40
Adjusted contract value	\$17,524,500.91
Value of Work completed to Date (excl GST)	\$16,139,785.32
Due date for completion of Contract	4 June 2009

Variations Approval

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| (a) Installation of goertextile fabric under pavements to strengthen pavements at Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay | \$22,517.00 |
| (b) Provision of drainage line at Cooloola Cove to intercept groundwater seepage | \$ 3,541.00 |
| (c) Replacement of unsuitable pavement material at Cooloola Cove under the roadworks which was showing signs of failure under preload testing | \$2,6474.00 |
| (d) Modification to Rainbow Beach entrance road to provide ramp and turning area | \$ 3,607.51 |
| (e) Modification for entrance to Tin Can Bay plant reducing area of pavement | -\$7,094.16 |
| (f) Stairway and platform at rear entrance to Tin Can Bay plant to provide overview of plant operation | \$ 6,892.20 |
| (g) Provision at Concrete headwalls at inlet and outlet of sludge lagoon (existing lagoon). Work includes clearing and pumping of lagoon. Work on sludge lagoon was deleted from the tender documentation. | \$24,632.85 |

Summary

Commissioning of the treatment plants is expected to commence early in February.

W35/02/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

SECTION 13: WATER & SEWERAGE DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Schiefelbein left the meeting at 11.20am.

SECTION 14: ATTACHMENTS

SECTION 15: IN COMMITTEE MATTERS

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.20am

CONFIRMED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009

Cr R. Dyne
Chairman