



MINUTES
of the
GENERAL MEETING

CHAIRPERSON: Cr R Dyne (Mayor)

**Held in the Boardroom
Old Bank Building,
46 Nash Street,
Gympie Qld 4570**

**On Wednesday 25th February 2009
At 9.00 am**

Gympie Regional Council **GENERAL**

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

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The meeting commenced at 9:21 am.

PRESENT: Mayor Cr R.J. Dyne (Chairman), Cr A.J. Perrett, Cr G.L. Engeman, Cr I.T. Petersen, Cr L.J. Friske, Cr R.A. Gâté, Cr D.R. Neilson, and Cr J. Watt.

Also in attendance were Acting Chief Executive Officer (Mr C. Manson), and Minutes Clerk (Miss S Bull).

Cr L.J. Friske was not present at the commencement of the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS

Planning & Development Committee Meeting
P34/02/09 – Cr G.L. Engeman – Conflict Of Interest

SECTION 1: OPEN WITH PRAYER

Reverend John Smith from Mary Valley Wesleyan and Methodist Church offered a Prayer for the advancement of the Region and the true welfare of its people.

One Minute's silence was observed for family and friends of deceased residents of the Region.

Leave of Absence

G13/02/09 - That Cr Julie Walker be granted Leave of absence from all Council Meetings for the duration of her rehabilitation.

SECTION 2: APOLOGIES

SECTION 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

G20/02/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That the Minutes of the Gympie Regional Council General Meeting held on 11 February 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

SECTION 4: PETITIONS

**SECTION 5: ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

G21/02/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 11 February 2009 as presented, be received.

Carried

G22/02/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 11 February 2009, be adopted.

Carried

**SECTION 6: REPORT BY THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Cr Perrett presented the following Report:-

As part of the Committee's changed reporting procedure Gympie Regional Libraries Report for the month of January was presented in person by Mrs Leonie Day-Wilson. The GRC Libraries Manager reported on the seamless integration of the Libraries throughout the amalgamated region and how the active membership of the Libraries now totals 27 773. Mrs Day-Wilson answered a number of questions from Councillors on the role of the Libraries throughout the region.

The Committee received the Community Facilities and Services report noting the Q150 Train will travel to Gympie on the 14th April, 2009 and depart on the 15th April, 2009. The traveling message of goodwill is carried by students from one location to the next. It is envisaged that approximately thirty (30) young people representing each of the schools in the region will be able to make the journey from Gympie to Bundaberg; the next stop in this journey of celebration.

The Committee received the Health & Environmental Services and Compliance & Local Disaster Reports for the month of January with no notable concerns.

Council's negotiations with the Department of Public Works in respect to tenure of the Gympie Woodworks Museum are close to being finalised. The Committee is recommending that Council expand the Museum operations to incorporate a tourist information centre with operational management being a responsibility of the Cooloola Regional Development Bureau. A Woodworks Steering Committee will be formed to direct the management of the Woodworks Museum and oversee disbursement of budgetary funds.

The Committee considered a written request concerning the interment of ashes at an existing grave site at the Gunalda Cemetery. The Committee agreed to allow the interment into the identified existing grave site. However, the Committee resolved not to allow any further burials of human remains, including the interment of ashes in Sections 1, 3 and 4 of the Gunalda Cemetery due to a lack of accurate records and concerns about disturbing unmarked graves. All future burials will be restricted to Section 2 of the Cemetery.

Council contractual arrangements for the provision of cleaning services for the Public Amenities – Gympie Central and surrounding areas has been extended for a further one (1) year period. Current contractors - U Asked 4 It are not seeking an increase in payment for their duties as part of the contract extension proposal, except for an increase in payment to cover additional duties now required as a result of 'Echelon Park' becoming Council's responsibility for maintenance.

The Management Agreement between the RSPCA and Gympie Regional Council to manage Council's Animal Facility expires on 30 June 2009. The Committee is recommending that the Management Agreement be renewed for a further two (2) years, expiring on the 30th June 2011.

Stanton Productions trading as Circus Ringbarkus has approached Council wishing to conduct performances in Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach. Their request includes Council's consideration of a weekly hire fee rather than a daily rate. The Committee recommends that Phil Rogers Park, Rainbow Beach and Lions Park, Tin Can Bay be made available for the performances. Further, that the weekly fee be discounted by 55% of a full 7 day hire charge with a bond payable of \$810.00. The Company are also required to have a minimum public liability insurance coverage of \$20 000 000 pursuant to Council's policy.

G23/02/09

Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

That the Report be received.

Carried

Cr G.L. Engeman declared a Conflict of Interest in the Recommendation P34/02/09 due to perceived business interests and abstained from voting.

SECTION 7: ADOPTION OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

G24/02/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2009 as presented, be received.

Carried

G25/02/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2009, be adopted.

Carried

SECTION 8: REPORT BY THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Cr Ian Petersen presented the following report:-

A compromise has been reached in relation to a request to change an existing approval on Old Maryborough Road. It is hoped that this will allow settlement of a long running dispute and allow the project to move forward to completion.

Council's Environmental Planning Officer provided a comprehensive report on a conservancy arrangement to protect the glossy black cockatoo, a threatened species which has been noted in the Gympie and Kilkivan areas. The Committee is recommending that Council provide in kind support for the project.

Due to the lack of sufficient lead time, the Committee is recommending that Council not accept an invitation from Fraser Coast Council to participate in a Great Sandy Waterways and Catchments Project but to provide a letter of support and to participate in future discussions on the issue.

The Committee is recommending that the Manager Strategic Planning be requested to liaise with the newly appointed consultants for the Planning Scheme Study in relation to rural zoned land which is already serviced by urban infrastructure and will be required as future urban.

Approval is recommended for a development application to update the status of the ongoing development of the Cooloola Christian College. The project includes a multi purpose facility along with other alterations and additions to the College campus.

The Committee is recommending discretion to allow approval of a one lot subdivision at Curra in which the lot size will be below the prescribed area to better accommodate vegetation constraints and outcomes.

The number of applications assessed and finalised again exceeded the number of new applications received. Whilst this obviously indicates some slowdown in activity, it is encouraging to be making some impression on the current backlog. Interestingly, the number of building approvals of new dwellings is up on last year with 31 approvals for January 09 against 24 for January 08.

G26/02/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Report be received.

Carried

SECTION 9: OTHER MATTERS

9/1	2009 Suncorp Queenslanders of the Year Awards, 2009 Queensland Greats Awards
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Re: **G27/02/09** 2009 Suncorp Queenslanders of the Year Awards, 2009 Queensland Greats Awards
 From: Premier of Queensland, Anna Bligh MP, PO Box 15185, City East Qld 4002.
 File: 3/2/2/8
 Date: 10 February 2009 Doc ID 1015472

"I am delighted to announce the launch of the 2009 Suncorp Queenslanders of the Year Awards and the 2009 Queensland Greats Awards. These prestigious award programs both play a significant role in the 2009 Queensland Week program of events and I invite you to nominate a high achiever for these awards.

The 2009 Suncorp Queenslanders of the Year Awards recognise individuals who have made a significant achievement in their chosen field and have made a difference in their community. Nominees do not have to be well known, or known to you personally, but they do need to have made a significant contribution to our State.

The 2009 Queensland Greats Award honour Queensland individuals and institutions whose ongoing contributions and achievements have played a significant role in the history and development of Queensland.

Many Queenslanders contribute to the growth and value of our State, and these awards acknowledge those outstanding Queenslanders and their work.

To obtain electronic nomination forms for your distribution please visit the website at www.queenslandweek.qld.gov.au or contact Events Coordination, Department of the Premiers and Cabinet on telephone (07) 3405 5215. nominations for the awards close on 20 March 2009.

I thank you for your support of these Queensland Week awards.”

G27/02/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the information be received.

Further that the local newspapers be advised of the 2009 Queensland Greats Awards.

Carried

Cr L.J. Friske entered that meeting at 9.34am.

9/2	Urban Local Government Association of Qld – Annual Conference 13 – 15 May 2009
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Re: **G28/02/09** Urban Local Government Association of Qld Annual Conference 13 – 15 May 2009

From: ULGA

File:

Date: 18 February 2009

Urban Local Government Association of Queensland

Date Claimer – 58th Annual Conference

“Connecting Cities”

13th – 15th May 2009 – Bundaberg, Queensland

“One of the things about this conference is that delegates will leave with the skills and tools needed to build better cities for their people. We have taken particular notice and listened to our members and you will find this conference different from all others. I look forward to meeting up with you all in Bundaberg”

*Mayor Paul Pisasale
President – ULGA*



‘As Mayor Of Bundaberg And Host Council For The 2009 ULGA Conference, I Extend An Invitation To You To Attend The 58th Conference In Bundaberg Where You Are Guaranteed A Very Warm Welcome And A Conference Not To Be Forgotten’.

*Mayor Lorraine Pyefinch
Bundaberg Regional Council*

CONFERENCE CONTACT and registration:

*Kim Ovens – Bundaberg regional council
Tel 07 41304264 or kim.ovens@bundaberg.qld.gov.au*

Or

*Judy Millie - ULGA Secretary
Tel 07 3810 7733 or jmillie@ipswich.qld.gov.au”*

G28/02/09 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the matter be referred to the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting later in this day.

Carried

9/3

Purchase of replacement body tip truck – Units 177 & 191

Re: **G29/02/09** Purchase of replacement body tip truck – Units 177 & 191
From: Acting Works Department Manager, Mr D Waugh
File:
Date: 12 February 2009

Report: (Fleet Manager – P. Stevenson)

Provision has been allowed for in this financial year's budget (08/09) for the replacement of Unit 177 and 191 body tip trucks.

The specifications called for two (2) body tip trucks with heavy duty steel bodies.

Council received several tenders from a number of suppliers offering a variety trucks and body options.

The Nissan Diesel UD product tendered by Westco Truck Sales does not meet the engine power output specification and has been removed from the final assessment process.

The Volvo and Mack products tendered by Volvo Commercial Vehicles Australia meet the specifications however carry an initial purchase price approximately twenty percent (20%) higher than other suitable machines and have been removed from the final assessment process.

The Mitsubishi Fuso offered by Ray Grace Truck Centre meets the tender specifications however the engine power and torque ratings are approximately ten percent (10%) lower than other vehicles offered. As the power and torque ratings may affect vehicle driveability (i.e. on road performance and load carrying capabilities) this machine has been removed from the final assessment process.

The remaining two (2) vehicles Hino FS 440 and Isuzu Giga CXY 455 meet the specifications and are priced similarly and have been assessed for task suitability, driver comfort/control position, fitter assessment/serviceability and price. Both rated very well in these assessments. Each manufacturer offers an extended warranty the coverage is similar in both cases, pricing includes this coverage.

Each truck supplier offered bodies built by J Smith and Son, Paulger Engineering, Ross Allen Engineering and Tracwell Motor Body Builders. The Tracwell Motor Body Builders and Paulger Engineering bodies have been removed from the final assessment as the hoist is mounted internally which may add weight and can cause unloading issues i.e. material hang up.

The Ross Allen and J Smith & Son bodies meet the specifications, the J Smith and Son body carries a lower price, Council already has in excess of ten (10) J Smith and Son bodies in the fleet which have proven to be reliable and of high quality.

As the assessed vehicles are very close in price, specification, driver/fitter acceptance and warranty coverage the decision has been made on vehicle trade offers. The Hino dealer Hi-way 1 Truck and Tractor has offered higher trade values for both trade machines, therefore the Hino FS 440 equipped with the J Smith and Son body represents better value.

Supplier	Make	Model	Body	Total Price exc GST	Trade Unit	Trade offer exc GST	Change over exc GST
Hi-Way 1	Hino	FS440	Smiths	\$190,637.69	177	\$45,454.54	\$145,183.15
Hi-Way 1	Hino	FS440	Smiths	\$190,637.69	191	\$63,636.36	\$127,001.33
Madill's Isuzu	Isuzu	CXY455	Smiths	\$190,585.63	177	\$32,272.72	\$158,331.09
Madill's Isuzu	Isuzu	CXY455	Smiths	\$190,585.63	191	\$59,090.90	\$131,947.73

G29/02/09 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That:

- 1. Council purchases two (2) body tip trucks as specified from Hi-way 1 Truck and Tractor for \$ 190,637.69 exc GST (\$ 209,701.46 inc GST) per unit total purchase \$ 381,275.38, exc GST (\$ 419,402.92 inc GST)**
- 2. Council accepts the trade offers from Hi Way 1 Truck and Tractor for both units,
Unit 177 \$ 45,454.55 exc GST (\$ 50,000 inc GST)
Unit 191 \$ 63,636.36 exc GST (\$ 70,000 inc GST)**

Carried

9/4	Councillor Representatives on Various Committees
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Re: **G30/02/09** Councillor Representatives on Various Committees
 From: Acting Chief Executive Officer – Mr Craig Manson
 File:
 Date: 18 February 2009

Report: (Acting Chief Executive Officer – Craig Manson)

Councillors are aware that Cr Walker will be incapacitated for sometime. Representatives are required to stand in for Cr Walker on various Committees, Sub-Committees, Advisory Committees and Workgroups.

Heritage Sub Committee - Cr J.A. Walker, Cr G.L. Engeman, Cr R.A. Gâté

Local Cadet Advisory Committee (YDO) – Cr J.A. Walker

Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee – Cr G.L. Engeman, Cr J. Walker

Mary Valley Heritage Rail - Cr J.A. Walker (Cr D.R. Neilson – G14/02/09), Cr J. Watt

Regional Animal Advisory Committee – Cr J.A. Walker

Sports, Recreation & Parks Coordinating Committee - Cr J. Watt, Cr I.T. Petersen,
Cr J.A. Walker

ADVISORY COMMITTEES/WORK GROUPS

Audit Committee - Cr I.T. Petersen (*Chairman*), Cr A.J. Perrett, Cr J.A. Walker, Cr J. Watt

City Farm Committee - Cr J.A. Walker

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G30/02/09

Moved: Cr R.J. Dyne

Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske

That while Cr Walker is incapacitated the following Councillors stand in as representatives on the following Committees, Sub-Committees, Advisory Committees and Workgroups:

Heritage Sub Committee - Cr G.L. Engeman, Cr R.A. Gâté, Cr J. Watt

Local Cadet Advisory Committee (YDO) – Cr J.A. Walker (Cr J. Watt)

Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee – Cr G.L. Engeman

Mary Valley Heritage Rail - Cr J.A. Walker (Cr D.R. Neilson – G14/02/09), Cr J. Watt

Regional Animal Advisory Committee – Cr J.A. Walker (Cr A.J. Perrett)

Sports, Recreation & Parks Coordinating Committee - Cr J. Watt, Cr I.T. Petersen, Cr J.A. Walker (Cr G.L. Engeman)

ADVISORY COMMITTEES/WORK GROUPS

Audit Committee - Cr I.T. Petersen (*Chairman*), Cr A.J. Perrett, Cr J.A. Walker (Cr R.A. Gâté), Cr J. Watt

City Farm Committee - Cr J.A. Walker (Cr J. Watt)

Carried

SECTION 10: GENERAL BUSINESS**Deputation to Canberra – Hon Anthony Albanese Mp**

Mayor Dyne reported on the deputation with Hon Anthony Albanese MP, the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government appealing for the Federal Government to provide the necessary funds to upgrade the Cooroy-Curra section of the Bruce Highway.

Mayor Dyne, Federal Member for Wide Bay, Hon Warren Truss MP and Mr Wayne Sachs formed the deputation. Mayor Dyne advised that they were well received by the Minister, with the meeting lasting 35 minutes.

The Minister advised that Infrastructure Australia will recommend the re allocation of Infrastructure Funding which would be followed by a political decision regarding funding allocations.

Gympie Industrial Land Use Study

Cr Ian Petersen advised that a meeting with Mr Bob Hockey of Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry is scheduled for Friday, 27 February 2009 regarding the Study.

Discussion ensued regarding Industrial Land Use Strategies within the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Wide Bay Burnett and adjoining ROC areas and the need to work together as modelled by North Queensland ROC areas.

The purpose of Industrial Land Use Study is to establish a whole of Government approach.

Infrastructure Funding Applications

Mrs Janet Lee entered the meeting in response to a request for clarification regarding the funding applications by Cr Tony Perrett.

Mrs Lee advised that there are two separate funding sources in place – the first, the \$945,000 allocation to Gympie Regional Council where Council submitted an application which prioritised projects prior to the 31 January deadline. The decision is still pending regarding this submission.

The second, Community Infrastructure Program was initially part of the \$50m RLCIP funding and Council submitted an application on 23 December 08 for one major project, the Bonnick Road Waste Management Facility. The \$500m recently announced is an expansion of this \$50m program.

Mrs Lee advised under this subsequent funding allocation Council may take one of three options: retain the original application, apply with a different project or amend the original application. Discussions regarding suitable projects have revealed no other projects would meet the current timing deadlines.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.11am.

Confirmed this ELEVENTH day of MARCH 2009

CHAIRMAN
Cr R.J. Dyne