



MINUTES

of the

WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

CHAIRMAN: *Cr Larry Friske*

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

on Tuesday 3 March 2009

*to be confirmed at the General Meeting
to be held on 11 March 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*

APPOINTMENTS:

- 10.30am Mr Jon Douglas (Traffic Engineering & Road Safety Main Roads Brisbane), Mr David Reed (Director – Research Policy & Strategy QT Brisbane) and Mr Lawry O'Brien (District Director Gympie Main Roads Dept) re speed along Bruce Highway from Cooroy to Curra (90kph).
- 11.00am Lawry O'Brien (District Director Gympie Main Roads Dept) to address Council re relocation of signage to Tin Can Bay via various routes through Gympie (W06/02/09).

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The meeting commenced at 9.00am.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE / APOLOGIES

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS

W17/03/09 Cr Perrett - Conflict of Interest due to him being a member of the Kilkivan Show Committee.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

W01/03/09 **Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté** **Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett**

That the Minutes of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on the 3 February 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

SECTION 1: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

1/1 Turnbull Road, Corella

Re: **W02/03/09** Turnbull Road, Corella
From: RL Prince & YL Treloar, PO Box 1204, Gympie Qld 4570
File: 4/8/7/7 Doc ID:1018235
Date: 16 February 2009

“We are writing on behalf of the residents and users of Turnbull Road, Corella, to request that your Council takes over maintenance of Turnbull Road.

At present Turnbull Road is a very rough, dusty and sometimes dangerous dirt road used by many people, not just the residents, which is maintained on an ad hoc and costly basis, which costs are borne by the landowners solely. This is unjust as the landowners using the road are a minority compared to the amount of other vehicles using the road, but the landowners are unable to recover any costs from other users of the road.

Turnbull Road is not only used by the four (4) permanent resident landholders but it and the other road reserves in this area are also frequently used by people accessing their properties which would otherwise be inaccessible. Further, it is also used by various service agents and Government Departments as the only access to the phone tower situated on the top of Mount Corella.

In flooding in 2008 the road suffered significant damage with parts of the road washing away, the cost of repair of which was again borne by the landowners.

We, as ratepayers of this community, feel that, given we have an unmaintained road, no access to town water or sewerage pipelines and no refuse disposal service, we have not been offered the same amount of service by your Council as other residents in relation to value for money.

By your Council taking over maintenance of Turnbull Road it would allow you to then have the opportunity to re-offer the residents a more logical refuse disposal service which was recently refused by most residents due to the complicated nature of the service (having to permanently leave wheelie bins at the intersection of Turnbull Road and Old Maryborough Road).

We understand that recently the Cooloola Shire Council took over maintenance of Albrecht Road, Corella, which we believe has fewer permanent residents and fewer landowners which access their properties from the road. We wonder why Albrecht Road is maintained by your Council and Turnbull Road is not? We are of the opinion that Turnbull Road is in about the same state and condition as Albrecht Road was prior to Council taking over maintenance but that we have substantially more vehicles using the road.

We also take this opportunity to point out that Turnbull Road, although it appears on the latest Cooloola Shire Council Street Directory and has a street sign, is not a recognised address by Australia Post. This has caused great inconvenience and needs to be corrected immediately. Accordingly, please advise what steps need to be taken to ensure that Turnbull Road is recognised by Australia Post.

We ask that you give due consideration to our request for your Council to maintain Turnbull Road and continually advise us of your Council's discussions in relation to this matter and further advise when this matter will be mentioned at your meetings so as we may attend.

We look forward to hearing from you."

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

Turnbull Road is not a maintained road on Council's Road Register. Albrecht Road is an old Council maintained road nearby. Council has set a minimum standard for acceptance of previously unmaintained roads onto the Register, which Turnbull Road does not meet.

The bin site has to remain on the maintained road (Old Maryborough Road).

Australia Post recognises all road names in Council's Road Register and has confirmed that it recognises Turnbull Road as an address.

W02/03/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that Council advise the writer that it has a process for accepting roads on to the Register of maintained roads and provide information accordingly.

Further, that the writer contact Australia Post (phone 5480 5630) regarding any postal issues with respect to Turnbull Road.

Carried

1/2

Greendale Road, Glastonbury

Re: **W03/03/09** Greendale Road, Glastonbury
 From: TS & CE Hore, "Dalradie", 72 Greendale Road, Glastonbury Qld 4570
 File: 4/8/7/7 Doc ID: 1017952
 Date: 14 February 2009

As a resident of Greendale Road, I find it necessary to again bring to Council's attention the poor state of this road.

Following on from the letter Mr Belford wrote to Council on 9th February 2009, a meeting was held today of all the residents who are regular road users of Greendale Road. This meeting resolved that a further letter should be written to Council to express our frustration and disappointment that Council should ignore the previous correspondence and meetings held since year 2000.

Whilst a part of our initial concern was satisfied with the extension of bitumen seal, the balance of the concern seems to have been forgotten to the extent of Council's failure to even adequately maintain the road surface. Our motor vehicles are quickly ruined because of the lack of road maintenance. In addition, previous correspondence has pointed out the dangerous bend in the road shortly before Glastonbury Creek Crossing. There have been several accidents and near

accidents in the vicinity of this bend before and since the issue was raised by me in correspondence in 2000. To repeat – this section of the road is highly dangerous.

The residents have resolved that the whole of the unsealed section of Greendale Road needs to be urgently reviewed by Council, given the volume of traffic using it. In our correspondence in 2001, we pointed out that 10,000 visitors annually use the road to the camping ground. Eight years later, that number would have increased significantly.

Many other matters were raised at the meeting with the major points being set out below in order of their priority for rectification.

- *Immediately carry out proper maintenance of the road surface and follow up at regular intervals to have a safe carriageway.*
- *Reconstruct the road to bitumen standard through to the creek crossing*
- *Provide better vision at both creek crossings, together with adequate signage.*
- *Improve the gully pipe crossing about 200m north of the first creek crossing, and again provide adequate signage.*
- *Significantly improve the quantity of gravel on the surface, particularly at the northern end towards the camping ground.*
- *Maintenance on a regular basis of the road through Brooyar Forest to the bitumen link on Petersen Road.*

While everyone accepts Council cannot provide short term resolution of all matters necessary to fix the problems on Greendale Road, the residents consider Council needs to address our matters raised as a priority.

So that we can expand further, we respectfully request Council members meet with us at a convenient time soon, and preferably on site. Such a meeting was held previously and Council was able to better understand the problems.

We would appreciate your advices at the earliest possible time.”

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

Information which may assist:-

- Funding was allocated in each year 2001/02, 2002/03 and 2003/04 for the extension of bitumen on Greendale Road.

- Road maintenance has been occurring in accord with no less a standard than that applied from time to time across the Shire
- The local group in 2003 determined that funding should be allocated to extend the bitumen along Greendale Road to the Hore residence, rather than be expended on the subject corner and crossings which Council was proposing.
- The traffic on Greendale Road is relatively light. Current data shows sixty (60) vehicles per day with an average speed (on the bitumen section) of 86 kph, most of which would be local.
- The road has several narrow crossings and grids, a common characteristic, although not necessarily desirable, of a minor rural road. Improvement is always possible, subject to funding.
- The road link to Petersen Road is over 3km in difficult country and is not a Council-maintained road. There is no reason why it could not become a Council road, subject to funding for upgrading and maintenance.
- Funding for extending bitumen in rural areas has been tight recently, due to commitments to asset management and arterial (higher trafficked) road upgrading.

W03/03/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr J. Watt

Recommend that the Mayor arrange an on-site meeting as requested.

Carried

1/3	Access to Kandanga Imbil Road
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Re: **W04/03/09** Access to Kandanga Imbil Road via Island Reach Caravan Park
From: Director of Engineering Services – RA Fredman
File:
Date: 25/02/09

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

Recommendation W17/01/09 – Recommend that the Director of Engineering Services be requested to table a report to Council on the response from the Island Reach Caravan park owners re closure of the vehicular access to Kandanga Imbil Road.

Council's letter dated 8 October 2008 requested that the vehicular access point to Kandanga Imbil Road be physically closed off.

Email from Island Reach Caravan Park owners dated 4/2/09:

Regarding the access. We do not allow people to enter or exit the park at that point. We are going to put up a fence along that boundary, but that takes time and money, which we are both lacking at this time.

Again we do not encourage the usage of that point.

Thanks for your understanding

Council's response to the above email was as follows dated 10/2/09:

Thank you for your response.

A temporary fence will suffice in the interim, however Council requests that such temporary fence be erected as soon as possible as cars are reported to be continuing to use the access and an accident must be avoided.

Your cooperation in this respect would be appreciated.

Many thanks.

No further correspondence has been received.

W04/03/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that the information be noted.

Carried

1/4

Cooroy to Bells Bridge Section of Bruce Highway

Re: **W05/03/09** Cooroy to Bells Bridge Section of Bruce Highway
From: Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and Leader of the House, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600
File: 4/8/14/1-1 Doc ID:1013821
Date: 27 Jan 2009

"Thank you for your letter dated 11 December 2008 about the speed limit on the Cooroy to Bells Bridge section of the Bruce Highway.

The implementation of speed limits on the state's roads is a decision of the Queensland Government and I have referred your letter to the Hon Warren Pitt MP, Queensland Minister for Main Roads and Local Government, for his direct reply on this issue.

In regard to the upgrade of the Cooroy to Curra section of the Bruce Highway, the Australian Government has announced a commitment of \$200 million as part of the next five year investment program to kick start work on the 65 kilometre bypass to get planning and design moving and to properly compensate landowners. This commitment is part of nearly \$2.2 billion in funding announced to improve the Bruce Highway over the five year program.

The Cooroy to Curra section of the Bruce Highway is also one of the projects identified by Infrastructure Australia to be subject to further analysis for funding from the Building Australia Fund (BAF). Further announcements on the prioritised list of projects to receive funding from the BAF will be made in early 2009.

Thank you for raising this matter."

W05/03/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

1/5

Extension of 80km/h zone near Two Mile State School

Re: **W06/03/09** Extension of 80km/h zone near Two Mile State School
 From: LJ O'Brien, District Director (Gympie), Department of Main Roads, PO Box 183, Gympie Qld 4570
 File: 4/8/6/8-1 Doc ID:1013649
 Date: 19 January 2009

"Thank you for your letter of 12 November 2008 requesting an extension of the 80km/h zone on the Bruce Highway near Two Mile State School to a location north of Fraser Road intersection. I apologise for the delay in responding while this matter was being investigated.

Speed limits in Queensland are set and reviewed in accordance with Part 4 of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The Department of Main Roads performed a speed review on the Bruce Highway between Wadell Road and Purcell Road in April 2008.

The recommendation from this review was to install a 60km/h school zone along the frontage of the Two Mile State School and extend the existing 80km/h zone further north to provide the required 300m buffer zone. It was further recommended that the remaining section retain the existing default rural speed limit of 100 km/h. This recommendation was endorsed by the Gympie Regional Speed Management Committee (GRSMC) in June 2008 without objection.

As you would be aware, since the GRSMC meeting in June, the State Government has announced a new initiative to improve the safety of the Bruce Highway between Cooroy to Curra. As such, the speed limit along the rural sections of this road is now 90km/h. While the 100km/h was appropriate for the road, it was evident that more had to be done to improve safety.

Speed limit reviews are only performed within three years of a previous review if there have been significant changes to the road function, road environment, crash history or prevailing vehicle speeds that are likely to alter the original recommendation. In this instance there have been no such changes in the past eight months that would warrant a subsequent review.

Main Roads will continue to monitor the performance of this road section and consult with the GRSMC if circumstances change. If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter please contact Mr Luke Kidd, Technical Officer on 5482 0462.”

W06/03/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

1/6	Safety Measures for Bruce Highway Upgrade from Cooroy to Curra
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Re: **W07/03/09** Safety Measures for Bruce Highway Upgrade from Cooroy to Curra

From: Ray Cowell, 132 Deans Road, The Palms

File:

Date: 27 Jan 2009

“I am writing to you today to encourage further safety measures to be introduced to compliment the introduction of the recently reduced speed from 100km/h to 90km/h on the Bruce Highway from Cooroy to Wide Bay Highway.

I sincerely propose that double white lines be introduced from Cooroy to Gympie to help reduce the incidence of serious collisions.

In September 08, before approaching our member for Gympie David Gibson MP for support on approaching Main Roads on this issue I asked various people would they support the surrender of the option to overtake a vehicle over broken lines on the Bruce Highway. The answer was overwhelmingly in favour of having double white lines introduced.

Furthermore what was revealed to me was that most drivers questioned had had threatening experiences on that section of road, being confronted with vehicles overtaking them or oncoming traffic being overtaken toward them with near misses of collisions expressed.

Response from Main Roads has been disappointing at this stage, however I believe we must push on with this proposal to eliminate the poor overtaking judgement faction by drivers of cars and other vehicles which occurs daily on this section of highway in the belief that there are now adequate overtaking lanes to bury unsafe overtaking manoeuvres of this nature which in fairness, cannot be enforced totally by Traffic Police because of the enormity of this task.”

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

An email received from the Member for Gympie Mr David Gibson MP’s office has requested that Council consider supporting Mr Cowell’s suggestion by supplying a letter implying Council support to the Department of Main Roads, Gympie, as Council has previously been very vocal about issues concerning this section of the Bruce Highway.

W07/03/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that the writer be advised that this matter was discussed at the Traffic Advisory Committee where it did not gain any support from the Departments represented.

Carried

1/7

Dickabram Bridge Maintenance

Re: **W08/03/09** Dickabram Bridge Maintenance
From: LJ O’Brien, District Director, Dept of Main Roads, PO Box 183, Gympie Qld 4570
File: Doc ID:1019414
Date: 18 February 2009

“The Department of Main Roads would like to advise that maintenance work on the Dickabram Bridge has been extended until Tuesday 31 March 2009.

The bridge closure period has also been extended until Friday 27 February 2009. Closure times for the bridge will be between the hours of 9.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday to minimise the impact on motorists.

The bridge will be reopened to traffic from Monday March 2 2009, however maintenance work will continue between the hours of 8am and 3pm Monday to Friday until Tuesday 31 March 2009. Traffic controllers will be in place during this time and motorists may experience short delays of up to 15 minutes while work is undertaken.

Main Roads would also like to advise that two weekend closure periods will be required to complete the maintenance work. These weekend bridge closures have been scheduled for Saturday 14 March 2009 and Saturday 28 March 2009 between the hours of 7am and 5pm.

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

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

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."

Attachment 1 – "Temporary Closure of Dickabram Bridge – Construction Update February 2009".

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

Work duration on projects of this type is difficult to predict. Council has similar problems from time to time on some of its timber bridge projects.

W08/03/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett****Recommend that the information be received and noted.****Carried****1/8****Gympie Hospital Helipad****Re: W09/03/09 Gympie Hospital Helipad****From: Hon Stephen Robertson MP, Minister for Health, GPO Box 48, Brisbane Qld 4001****File: 4/8/30/5 Doc ID:1017533****Date: 11 February 2009**

“Thank you for your letter dated 15 January 2009 regarding the Gympie Hospital helipad.

Mr Kevin Hegarty, Chief Executive Officer, Sunshine Coast – Wide Bay Health Service District, has advised that in late December 2008, the Manager, Building Engineering Services, Sunshine Coast – Wide Bay Health Service District (Southern Cluster), met with helicopter service providers Energex Community Helicopter Rescue Services (ECHRS) and Emergency Management Queensland.

The District representative was advised by the Chief Pilot of ECHRS, that due to the residential housing and aerial obstructions that surround the Gympie Hospital helipad, it is unlikely the current site will meet the Civil Aviation Safety Authority safety regulations for a safe ‘dumping’ area in an emergency crash landing situation.

I understand that, following discussions between the District’s Manager, Building and Engineering Services and the Manager of Parks, Gympie Regional Council, an in principle agreement to permit the temporary landing of helicopters at Archery Park was reached.

The decision to relocate helicopter landings to Archery Park was made to ensure the safety of patients, staff, helicopter operators and other people who may be in the vicinity of the helipad.

I have been assured that the District is keen to progress discussions with the helicopter service providers, Energex and the Gympie Regional Council to ensure an appropriate solution to the helipad needs of Gympie Hospital and a site that all classes of helicopters can use safely.

I am also advised that a detailed proposal for permanent use of Archery Park is currently being prepared by the District for consideration by the Gympie Regional Council and should be finalised by the end of February 2009.

Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Mr Dale Klenner, Manager, Building and Engineering Services, Sunshine Coast – Wide Bay Health Service District, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 5470 6866.”

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

Archery Park has long been a helicopter landing area, albeit with a break while the hospital grounds were used. There are no known issues in regard to permanent use of Archery Park, or with improvements to facilitate same. A detailed proposal is awaited.

W09/03/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr J. Watt

Recommend that Council authorise the ongoing use of Archery Park as a helipad for hospital transfers and authorise staff to arrange a lease accordingly.

Carried

1/9

Burnett/Wide Bay Highway Intersection

Re: **W10/03/09** Burnett/Wide Bay Highway Intersection
From: LJ O’Brien, District Director (Gympie), Dept of Main Roads, PO Box 183,
Gympie Qld 4570
File: 4/8/10/2 Doc ID:1018740
Date: 17 February 2009

“Thank you for your letters dated 16 and 28 January 2009 regarding the Burnett Highway and Wide Bay Highway intersection.

I am advised Mr Peter Wilson, Manager (Network Planning and Performance) for the Wide Bay/Burnett Region has contacted Mr Bob Fredman to discuss this intersection.

Mr Wilson explained there are currently no funds allocated to upgrade this intersection. The Department of Main Roads must carefully prioritise expenditure so that its funds go to those works identified as being needed the most. When deciding where money is spent, issues such as the volume and type of traffic, the strategic importance of the road, condition of the road and the safety record are all considered. For example, crash data show there have been no crashes at the intersection in the past five years.

As you are aware, Main Roads works on a five year program for work. Mr Wilson will include the intersection upgrade on the list for future consideration, and if funds do become available Mr Fredman's suggestions will certainly be considered in the planning stage.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (07) 5477 8450 for further information regarding Main Roads projects in the Gympie area. I look forward to working together with Council to ensure the safety of all road users."

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

Council's letter to DMR dated 28/01/09 -

RE: Intersection of Burnett & Wide Bay Highways

At a recent meeting, Council resolved to seek your advice on the time frame for the upgrading of the Burnett/Wide Bay Highway intersection in Goomeri.

It is understood that Kilkivan Shire Council may have previously discussed their concerns regarding the problem of merging traffic with your Department. The concerns however are ongoing and with a new Council and Main Roads district in place, it is opportune to review this matter.

Council's contact on this matter is the Director of Engineering Services Mr Bob Fredman – telephone 5481 0655.

W10/03/09 Moved: Cr R. Dyne

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that the information be received.

Further that the Mayor arrange a meeting with the Goomeri Chamber of Commerce to discuss toilet issues.

Carried

1/10	Upgrading Sections of Tin Can Bay Road
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Re: **W11/03/09** Upgrading sections of Tin Can Bay Road
From: LJ O'Brien, District Director (Gympie), Dept of Main Roads, PO Box 183,
Gympie Qld 4570
File: 4/8/10/2 Doc ID:1018776
Date: 17 February 2009

'The Department of Main Roads would like to advise you that work to upgrade sections of Tin Can Bay Road will start early next week.

The project aims to improve safety and will involve:

- *Widening sections of Tin Can Bay Road between Bobrei Court and Kangaroo Creek and between south of Snapper Creek and Bayside Road*
- *Upgrading the Tin Can Bay/Rainbow Beach Road intersection to provide dedicated left and right turn lanes.*

A map showing the location of these works is available for your information.

Main Roads has appointed Gympie Regional Council as the contractor for the project.

Work will be generally performed between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday with construction expected to be finished by mid 2009, weather permitting.

Main Roads will maintain close contact with residents and businesses adjacent to the work and will provide details of changed traffic conditions on construction message boards and via advertisements in the local press.

We are committed to keeping you updated on construction activities and will welcome future opportunities to brief you on progress. If you would like any further information, please contact the Department's Project Manager, Mr Brian Garrad on 5482 0333."

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

Council has entered into a formal contract to construct this job.

W11/03/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

1/11	Stormwater in Cooloola Cove
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Re: **W12/03/09** Stormwater in Cooloola Cove
From: P Graham, Secretary, Cooloola Cove Residents & Friends Inc, PO Box 103, Tin Can Bay Qld 4580
File: 2/3/2/6 Doc ID:1018284
Date: Received 18 February 2009

“We are aware that the creeks are used to disperse the storm water in Cooloola Cove, but we fail to understand HOW they do it when they are so overgrown and still have fir trees crossing them and well along them.

There is a policy of clearing creeks and burning from time to time.

Recently a large tractor/slasher went along the creeks cutting down some of the longer grasses to clear the drainage channels, but with the last rains this has further blocked those creeks.

Please can something be done urgently to prevent flooding at a serious level?

Thanking you in advance.”

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

The creeks in Cooloola Cove are natural drainage systems and have always been intended to be retained as such. They provide important natural filtration and buffering to the inlet. Whilst not having the same capacity as open channels, there is no evidence that they have caused any house flooding.

W12/03/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that the writer be advised that Council policy is to progressively remove pine trees from reserves and the process is continuing. The slashing Council undertakes in only for fire hazard management, not drainage. The principle of the drainage reserve management is to retain all endemic vegetation, noting that the capacity of the reserves is believed to be sufficient to ensure no house flooding occurs from backwater.

Carried

1/12 Road Construction Costs

Re: **W13/03/09** Road Construction Costs
From: Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman
File:
Date: 25 February 2009

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

LGAQ has advised that the Road & Bridge Cost Construction Index for Queensland for December 2007 to December 2008 was 12.9%. Council has been seeing similar cost increases for its own roadworks, with a resultant straining of the budget.

Efficiency gains cannot offset these increases and workplace health and safety cannot be compromised. To live within Council's means, jobs may be reduced in size or maintenance standards modified.

W13/03/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

**SECTION 2: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES -
GENERAL BUSINESS**

General Manager Design Services Division – Mr R Chapman entered the meeting at 9.40am.

SECTION 3: DESIGN SERVICES DIVISION**3/1 2008/09 Capital Works Program**

Re: **W14/03/09** 2008/09 Capital Works Program
From: General Manager Design Services Division – R Chapman
File: 4/8/20/0005
Date: 23 January 2009

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

1. Council's Finance Division has confirmed that the former Tiaro Shire Council passed on funds to Gympie Regional Council for projects as allocated by that Council. The recommendation below includes that list of projects to be included in the carry forward section of the Works Cost Statement. Two projects being Scotchy Pocket Road and a section of Anderleigh Road were completed by Gympie Regional Council in 2007/08 around the time of amalgamation.
2. There are now several accumulations of contributed development funds worthy of allocating to projects. Generally for projects to be worth while, road projects need to be of the order of \$100,000 and pathways of the order of \$20,000. Smaller amounts are best used to "add-on" to already funded jobs. Several jobs are included in the recommendations.

W14/03/09 **Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett****Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

Recommend that Council add the following projects to the 2008/09 Capital Works Program as follows:-

1. Ex Tiaro Shire Council Projects

\$100,000	Hoopers Road widening and intersection works
\$137,500	Neerdie Road sealing along Shire boundary road
\$100,000	Neerdie Road widening from Gunalda end
\$135,000	Munna Miva Road extend seal from Miva end
\$66,667	Minor Works
\$83,333	Reseal Program
\$21,000	Street Lighting

2. Contribution Projects

\$235,346	Extend Widening Old Veteran (Rural Roads Area 2)
\$167,937	Extend Widening Witham Road (Rural Roads Area 3)
\$100,000	Widen Regan Road (Rural Roads Area 5)
\$150,479	Add to previously approved \$30,534 project widening of Rocks Road (Rural Roads Area 5)
\$171,096	Add to previously approved \$46,068 project widening of Jimbour Road (Rural Roads Area 6)
\$54,000	Add to Hoopers Road widening project above (ex Tiaro Hoopers Road area)
\$100,364	Widening Ballard Road (Miscellaneous Imbil Area)

Carried

3/2	Regulatory Signage Report
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Re: **W15/03/09** Regulatory Signage Report
 From: Design Services
 File: 4/8/07/0008-04 DOC ID: 1008816
 Date: 25 February 2009

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

This report is presented for Council's consideration and adoption.

LOCATION	REQUEST / BY	RECOMMENDATION / BY
Rainbow Beach Bathing Reserve and Car Park	* Speed of vehicles including those off the beach is too high and visibility restricted due to parking at ramp. * <i>Rainbow Beach Surf Life Saving Club.</i>	* Install shared area signage across whole carpark and beach access area being 10kph max speed. * Install no standing zone along BBQ area to beach access. * <i>R. Chapman</i>

W15/03/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that the above recommendation be approved by Council.

Carried

SECTION 4: DESIGN SERVICES DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Chapman left the meeting at 9.56am.

General Manager Water & Sewerage Mr I Schiefelbein entered the meeting at 9.56am.

SECTION 13: WATER & SEWERAGE DIVISION
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13/1	Works Cost Statement – Water & Sewerage
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WORKS COST STATEMENT

W16/03/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

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

Carried

Cr Perrett declared a Conflict of Interest in the next matter due to him being a member of the Kilkivan Show Committee and chose to stay in the room and elected not to vote.

13/2	Water Supply at Kilkivan Show Grounds
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Re: **W17/03/09** Water Supply at Kilkivan Show Grounds

From: Ms Donna Atthow, Secretary, Kilkivan Show & Campdraft Assoc Inc, PO Box 1 Kilkivan Qld 4600

File: 4/10/7/3 Doc ID:1016713

Date: 11 February 2009

“On behalf of the Kilkivan Show and Campdraft Association I am writing to ask the Gympie Regional Council for an exemption on current water restrictions in place in Kilkivan.

Our organization annually holds a 2 day Campdraft at the Showgrounds on the 2nd week-end in May, (9th and 10th May 2009) and in the past few years while these restrictions have been in place we have carted water to the grounds to enable our event to be run. We require water for the shower and toilet blocks and to water competitor’s horses and campdraft cattle (approx. 700 head).

The Kilkivan Show and Campdraft Association would greatly appreciate the exemption if granted, looking forward to a favourable response.”

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

This event is similar to the Kilkivan Horse Ride for which a Conditional Water Restriction Permit has been issued for similar purposes.

W17/03/09 Moved: Cr R. Dyne

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

Recommend that a Conditional Restriction Permit be issued to the Kilkivan Show and Campdraft Association with appropriate conditions for the 2 day Campdraft in May 2009.

Carried

Cr Petersen left the meeting at 10.04am and returned to the meeting at 10.05am.

13/3

Projects in Progress

Re: **W18/03/09** Projects in Progress
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein
File:
Date 25 February 2009

Report: (General Manager Water & Sewerage – 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 plants has commenced and is expected to be completed during March and April.

Design of the effluent storages are 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 forwarded to the EPA. Tenders have been called for construction of the Sewage Treatment Plant. These have been extended to close on 3 March 2009.

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. The pump station has been completed. The existing pump station in Heights Drive has been bypassed. This pump station will be used in the future and consequently will be retained.

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 commenced.

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 Street 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 complete and operational. Design work for the Treatment Plant Upgrade in progress.

10 Highway Diversions

Work on Stage 3 is complete.

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 to the existing pipeline), design work will commence once the agreement is finalised. An EMP for this work has been completed and forwarded to the consultants. Tenders have been called for pipes and fittings.

Construction is planned to commence in April using Council's Works Department.

13. Kilkivan Water Supply Upgrade

Construction of the pipelines has been completed. Construction of a new Reservoir in Kilkivan is completed. Tenders have been accepted for treatment plant equipment. Tenders have been called for the treatment plant building. (Refer separate report) Tenders for a shed to house the equipment have been called. (Refer separate report). Construction of the storage reservoir on the treatment plant site has commenced.

W18/03/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

13/4

Contract 2008/09-T18 Water Treatment Plant – Kilkivan and
Contract 2008/09-T19 Water Treatment Plant - Kilkivan

Re: **W19/03/09** Contract No: 2008/09-T18 Water Treatment Plant– Kilkivan.
Construct Building.

Contract No: 2008/09-T19 Water Treatment Plant- Kilkivan. Construct
Shed

From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein

File:

Date: 25 February 2009

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

Tenders for the above contract were advertised in the Gympie Times and South Burnett Times on 24-25 January 2009

Tenders closed at 2.00pm on 24 February 2009.

Tenders were received as follows

Hoult Constructions	\$261,250.00
Gympie Building Company	\$182,859.15
Aquatic Constructions	\$185,500.00
Olmar	\$225,680.00
Scott Sutton	\$147,990.00
Hotondo Gympie	\$148,465.53
Symphony Homes	\$218,302.92
Ordanga Properties	\$ 28,600.00
Dean McCarthy Constructions	\$229,295.00
Sellwood Constructions	\$121,968.00 * (1)
Anthony McGill	\$157,133.84 * (2)

*(1) The tender of Sellwood Construction was submitted late due to their error.

*(2) The tender of Anthony McGill was submitted late due to a mix up with the closing date for the shed tender which closes one week later.

Ordanga Properties were contacted to clarify the extent of their offer. They advised they had made a mistake and that the tender should have been \$100,000 higher plus GST ie \$138,600.00.

The lowest priced tender of Sellwood Constructions is from a builder in Goomeri. However this tender was late. It is unlikely that this tenderer was aware of the prices submitted by the other tenderers.

The tenders of Hotondo Gympie and Scott Sutton are the next lowest. The remaining tenders offer no advantage over the two lower priced tenders and will not be considered further.

Hotondo Gympie and Scott Sutton are considered capable of carrying out the work. There are no clarifications in their tenders which would alter the ranking of the tenderers.

Previous customers of these tenderers were contacted to assess quality of product and delivery performance. Both tenderers received good reports.

The tenders are within budget allocations.

Tenders for the construction of the shed to house the treatment plant equipment at the Kilkivan Water Treatment plant (2008/09-T19) close on Monday 2nd March. A report will be presented at the meeting.

W19/03/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

Recommend that Council accept the tender of Scott Sutton for the lump sum price of \$147,990.

Further that the unsuccessful tenderers be advised accordingly.

Carried

13/5	Progress Report – Cooloola Coast Sewage Treatment Plants
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Re: **W20/03/09** Progress Report – Cooloola Coast Sewage Treatment Plants
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein
File:
Date 25 February 2009

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

Cooloola Cove

Concrete, mechanical and civil works complete
Control Building complete
Electrical Work Complete
Civil Works substantially complete
Programming in progress
Commissioning testing commenced.

Tin Can Bay

Concrete work complete
Work on control building substantially complete
Pipe work substantially complete
Mechanical work complete
Electrical works commenced
Roadworks well advances

Rainbow Beach

Concrete, Mechanical works, roadworks and pipe work complete
Control building substantially complete
Electrical work substantially complete.

Variation Approvals

Var56	Cooloola Cove Extended deflector manhole line 6	\$ 1,532.00
Var57	Sampling point at RAS pump - 3 sites	\$ 750.00
Var58	Cooloola Cove SH Washing Machine	\$ 320.00
Var59	Low level float switches Chlorine Contact tanks-3 sites	\$ 4,320.00
Var60	Site Identification Signage TCB and RBB.	\$1,450.00
Var61	Rainbow Beach Lagoon Extra Pipework	\$ 795.51
Var62	Gate at Rainbow Beach- Supply and install	\$ 900.00
Var63	Cooloola Roadworks Revisions	\$16,737.25
Variations approved in January/ February		\$ 26,804.76
Adjusted contract value		\$17,551,359.67
Value of work completed to date		\$16,845,880.21
Date due for completion of contract		4th June 2009

- (a) The manhole on the Cooloola Cove effluent line was raised to prevent overflows under high flow conditions.
- (b) A sampling point has been added on all three sewage treatment plant sludge lines to enable a sample of fresh sludge to be obtained.
- (c) A washing machine has been purchased for the Cooloola Cove Sewage Treatment Plant to allow cleaning of soiled clothing. This machine will service all Cooloola Coast facilities
- (d) Low level float switches were incorporated into the plants to protect pumps and motors during low flow conditions which may occur on rare occasions during commission or power failure circumstances.
- (e) Signs have been provided at all three storage treatment plants to identify the facility.
- (f) Pipework has been extended at the Rainbow Beach plant to allow diversion to the future effluent storage.
- (g) An extra gate has been provided at the rear of the Rainbow Beach plant to allow access to the rear of the site.
- (h) Significant modification were made to the intersection at the entrance to the Cooloola Cove Sewage Treatment Plant.

W20/03/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr R. Dyne

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

13/6

Kitts Crescent

Re: **W21/03/09** Kitts Crescent
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein
File:
Date 25 February 2009

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

An investigation of the property and bore in Kitts Crescent has been carried out to determine the most appropriate actions with respect to the water supply in Kilkivan.

Council owns a parcel of land in Kilkivan which had been purchased with the aim of utilising a bore on the property for the Kilkivan Water Supply. This purchase was made when bore water options in Kilkivan were limited and other sources were not developed.

The bore is relatively small however testing of the bore indicates that the bore has relatively good capacity. It has similar capacity to the showgrounds bore and is likely to be utilising the same aquifer.

It would be advantageous to maintain a bore at or near this site to supplement other bores in the area. It is possible that a bore could be constructed near this site so that the land could be sold.

Alternatively an easement could be placed over the bore and access path so that in the future it could be incorporated into the water supply system even if the property were sold.

In the first instance it is recommended that a test bore be placed on the road reserve. This work would be done as part of the Kilkivan Water Supply upgrade.

W21/03/09 Moved: Cr R. Dyne

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that a test bore be constructed in a road reserve near Kitts Crescent as part of the Kilkivan Water Supply Upgrade, and if successful the subject property be sold.

Carried

13/7

Sewerage Connection to 4 Kimberley Avenue, Southside

Re: **W22/03/09** Sewerage Connection to 4 Kimberley Avenue, South Side
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein
File: 2008-669 Doc ID:1005567
Date 25 February 2009

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

W32/01/09 refers:

Recommend that Council contact all of the downstream owners to determine the level of contribution that they would be willing to make to enable a scheme to proceed.

The sewerage scheme to service this area has been investigated and the property owners contacted.

The response of property owners affected by the proposed schemes are as follows:

- 100 Sorensen Road – Would give approval for the scheme and would pay for work on their property. Would not be willing to pay for the scheme. Currently have a septic tank and absorption trenches.
- 102 Sorensen Road - “As above”
- 104 Sorensen Road - Would give approval for the scheme. Would not be interested in connection at this time and would not be willing to pay for scheme. Currently have treatment plant.
- 106 Sorensen Road - Would give approval for the scheme and would pay for work on their property. May be willing to pay for part of the sewer to service their property. Currently have septic tank and absorption trenches.
- 4 Kimberley Avenue - Would give approval for the scheme and have offered \$13,500.00 for the project (based on cost of a treatment plant).
- 4 Jasmine Avenue - Would give approval to the scheme. Would not be interested in paying any costs. Currently have treatment plant.
- 6 Jasmine Avenue- Not interested. Has treatment plant. Can be avoided

8 Jasmine Avenue- Currently connected. Would give approval for the scheme.

It can be seen that there have been a range of responses depending on individual circumstances.

The cost of the scheme including house drains to affected properties (excluding those with treatment plants) is estimated to be \$36,000. The scheme would service 5 properties and provide for the provision of a further 2 properties in the future.

Should the property owners be responsible for their own house drains and the owner of 4 Kimberley Avenue contribute \$13,500.00 to the scheme then Council's costs would reduce to approximately \$15,000.00.

W22/03/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that Council advise the owners that Council would proceed with a sewage scheme for this area subject to:

- (a) The property owner of 4 Kimberley Avenue contributing \$13,500.00 for the sewer connection,**
- (b) The property owners of 100, 102, 104 and 106 Sorensen Road all giving approval for construction of the sewer and accepting responsibility for construction of internal house drains.**

Carried

SECTION 14: GENERAL BUSINESS – WATER & SEWERAGE DIVISION

Mr Schiefelbein left the meeting at 10.18am.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.18am.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The meeting resumed at 10.35am.

Mr Ross Chapman was present when the meeting resumed.

Cr Friske welcomed the guests from Department of Main Roads, Mr Lawry O'Brien, Mr Jon Douglas and Mr David Reed to the meeting.

Address by Queensland Transport and Department of Main Roads
Representatives

Mr Lawry O'Brien (District Director Gympie), Mr Jon Douglas (Traffic Engineering & Road Safety Main Roads Brisbane) and Mr David Reed (Director – Research Policy & Strategy QT Brisbane) entered the meeting at 10.35am.

A power point presentation on “Speed Limit Reduction on the Bruce Highway” was given to Councillors – Refer Attachment 3.

General discussion ensued.

Mr O'Brien (District Director Gympie), Dept of Main Roads addressed Councillors on the following matters:-

- (1) Council re relocation of signage to Tin Can Bay via various routes through Gympie (W06/02/09).
- (2) Speed limit (80kph) near Two Mile School to past Fraser Road intersection and the forthcoming Information Centre at the Woodworks Museum.
- (3) Letter from Constable Brad Hargraves re side road signage on the Bruce Highway.
- (4) Tuchekoi intersection – works currently in progress.
- (5) Sole Invitee Contracts with Main Roads and Council.

Cr Friske thanked Mr O'Brien, Mr Douglas and Mr Reed for addressing Council.

The guests left the meeting at 11.52am.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11.52am.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The meeting resumed at 12.14pm.

PRESENT:

Crs L.J. Friske (*Committee Chairman*), R. Dyne (*Mayor*), G.L. Engeman, R.A. Gâté, D.R. Neilson, A.J. Perrett, I.T. Petersen, J. Watt, Mr R.A. Fredman (Director of Engineering Services), General Manager Works Western Division – Mr G. Curry, Land Protection Manager Mr M Webb, and Mrs L. Birt (Minutes Secretary).

SECTION 11: WORKS - LAND PROTECTION**11/1 Land Protection Monthly Report**

Re: **W23/03/09** Land Protection Monthly Report
From: Lands Protection Manager – Mr M Webb
File:
Date: 25 February 2009

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

Weed control on various Council roads throughout the Council area.
Guide post and roadside furniture spraying on all main roads in Western Division.
Weed control on Main Roads in Eastern Division

Declared Weeds:

Section 80 Enter and Clear Notices for groundsel were served on 12 properties during the report period. Six property owners have responded by either treating the pest themselves or engaging a contractor to do so. Spraying operations by Council's contractor have commenced on the remaining six properties.

The current round of parthenium inspections has been completed and landholders throughout the whole Council area have done an excellent job in keeping on top of this weed.

Giant Rats Tail Grass is enjoying ideal growing conditions at this time and Lands Protection staff are reporting new infestations mainly in the Eastern Division. These properties are being issued with the appropriate notices. A draft of the new policy for Giant Rats Tail Grass control for Gympie Regional Council is ready for discussion.

The Salvinnia Bio – Control breeding facility at the Gympie Landcare Depot is operational. Some finetuning of the pump system will be carried out this week and when that is done, the construction phase of the project will be completed.

Pest Animals

There have been an increased number of sightings of wild dogs throughout the region and officers have conducted two baiting campaigns in the Western Division and a number of property owners have been trapping in the Eastern Division.

A co-ordinated baiting campaign is scheduled on May 13 in areas of the Western Division as part of the vertebrate pest management project in South Burnett region. The former Kilkivan Shire was part of this project.

A rabbit control information day will be held at Woolooga Saleyards on Wednesday February 25th.

W23/03/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

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

Carried

Informal Discussion on Draft Giant Rats Tail Grass Policy

Re: **W24/03/09** Informal Discussion on Draft Giant Rats Tail Grass Policy
From: Land Protection Manager – M Webb
File:
Date: 03 March 2009

DRAFT GIANT RATS TAIL GRASS CONTROL POLICY

AIM:

The aim of this policy is to provide guidelines for the control of Giant Rats Tail Grass over the whole of the Gympie Regional Council area. These guidelines will ensure that landholders, land managers and Council are working together to achieve the desired outcomes.

BACKGROUND

The three local governments which now comprise the Gympie Regional Council, that is the former shires of Cooloola and Kilkivan and Division 3 of the former Tiaro Shire, has each had previously a different approach to the control of Giant Rats Tail Grass, which is one of the most serious declared pest weeds facing Gympie Regional Council. It is well established in a number of areas and in addition there are scattered infestations on Council roads, and Main Roads. Council is working hard to controlling the pest on roads and Council land and many private landholders are working hard to control, and in some cases, eradicate the pest. There are many more private landholders who either cannot identify Giant Rats Tail Grass or who do not see it as a threat to their property or business.

Achieving total eradication of Giant Rats Tail Grass over the whole of Gympie Regional Council area, under short term time frames, is an unrealistic goal at this point in time for the following reasons:

1. The pest is so well established in some areas that the cost to landholders could potentially cause severe financial stress if total eradication was enforced under tight timelines.
2. The resources required by the Council to conduct inspections and enforcement procedures under a total eradication policy are greater than Council can afford to commit at this time, given that we have several other declared weeds to manage.
3. The pest is now established in some areas where it is almost impossible to achieve chemical or mechanical control.
4. There are members of the general public who believe that there are more threatening pests than Giant Rats Tail Grass and therefore not everyone who has Giant Rats Tail Grass may see it as a priority for control.
5. The increase in rural residential and small acreage lifestyle blocks in all areas of the region, has led to a lowering of awareness about weed pest issues.

6. Many new residents in the region cannot identify declared weeds particularly Giant Rats Tail Grass.

OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Given the above factors Council needs an operational plan that addresses three main criteria;

- (1) A local education and awareness campaign for Giant Rats Tail Grass, which is available to all property owners in the Gympie Regional Council area.
- (2) A tiered approach to a control program which encompasses control and eradications in strategic areas where eradication is possible and desirable and control and containment in areas where total eradication is not possible in the short term.
- (3) Ongoing inspections and monitoring of properties with Giant Rats Tail Grass, to ensure that landholders are adhering to their particular programmes as outlined in (2) above.

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

1. A press release in local newspapers (South Burnett Times and Gympie Times) to inform people of Council's new Giant Rats Tail Grass Policy and also to describe Giant Rats Tail Grass in some detail, to assist people in its identification.
2. A wide distribution of Biosecurity Queensland Fact Sheets on Giant Rats Tail Grass, by having them available at all Council offices' public counters.
3. Enlisting the support and cooperation of rural orientated businesses throughout the region, to display the above materials in their stores.
4. Council will conduct identification and awareness training for staff, to assist in containing the spread of Giant Rats Tail Grass on roadsides.

CONTROL PROGRAMME:

- i) A system of graduated control is proposed, where landholders would be required to begin control measures on a 20 metre buffer strip along their external boundaries, along creeks and waterways and along access roads and easements through their properties, with the property owner being required to systematically increase their boundary buffer strip by a minimum of 20 metres each time, until they have achieved control over the whole of the property in their allotted time. The suggested property sizes and time frames are as follows:-

On properties of 4ha or less:	2 years
On properties of >4ha up to 40ha	4 years
On properties >40 ha	8 years
- ii) Chemical or mechanical control would be required on all treated infestations – that is spraying with an approved herbicide such as Flu Propanate (Taskforce) or Glyphosate (round-up) or ploughing the infested area and re-planting with a competitive pasture or crop species. The other acceptable control method would be digging out individual plants by hand and destroying them by burning. Naturally this method would only be employed where it was practical to do so. Slashing of Giant Rats Tail Grass infestations would not be permitted as a means of mechanical control. It may stop plants from seeding but does not reduce plant population.
- iii) In strategic locations, where an infested property has a common boundary with Giant Rats Tail Grass free properties or properties which are carrying out intensive control programs of their own, Council, through its Lands Protection Officers, would have the discretion to require shorter time frames for a control program, regardless of the property size.

COMPLIANCE PROCESS

- (I) Landholders who are already carrying out control programmes on their properties would be asked to adapt their programmes to comply with the new policy.
- (II) Landholders whose properties are identified as having a Giant Rats Tail Grass infestation would be issued with a warning letter, informing them of the presence

of the pest, and a property pest management plan which they would be required to complete and return to Council so it could be signed off and recorded. This pest management plan would be completed in consultation with Council's Lands Protection Officers and would need to comply with the control programme as set out in this policy.

- (III) If a landholder fails to acknowledge the warning letter and complete the Property Pest Management Plan within twenty one (21) days, then Council would issue a pest control notice and the normal legal processes as set out in the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2003, would follow.
- (IV) Lands Protection Officers would conduct ongoing inspections and monitoring of properties to ensure that landholders are maintaining their obligations under their Property Pest Management Plans. Those who do not would be issued with a Pest Control Notice as in Section (III) above.

DRAFT POLICY FOR THE CONTROL OF GIANT RATS TAIL GRASS IN THE GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA

Aim:

The aim of this Policy is to provide guidelines for the management of Giant Rats Tail Grass over the whole of the Gympie Regional Council area. Council recognises the availability of resources as an issue to both local government and landholders. This Policy aims to ensure also, that landholders, land managers and Council are working together to achieve the desired outcomes.

Policy:

That landowners and land managers comply with the following requirements in relation to controlling Giant Rats Tail Grass on their land.

1. That landholders be required to begin control of Giant Rats Tail Grass on a 20 metre wide buffer strip along their external boundaries, along creeks and waterways and along access roads and easements through their properties.
2. That landholders be required to systematically increase the buffer strip along their external boundaries, by a minimum of 20 metres increment until they have achieved control over the whole property, in the designated compliance period.
3. That property sizes and associated compliance periods be as follows:

On properties of 4ha or less	2 years
On properties >4ha up to 40ha	4 years
On properties >40 ha	8 years
4. Chemical or mechanical control is required on all infestations.
5. Slashing is not permitted as a mechanical control, in the buffer zone.
6. In strategic locations, where an infested property has a common boundary with Giant Rats Tail Grass free properties or properties which are already conducting intensive control programmes of their own, Council, through its Lands Protection Officers has the discretion to require a shorter compliance period for a control programme, regardless of the property size.

7. As part of the compliance process landholders who have been served with a warning letter or a pest control notice in relation to Giant Rats Tail Grass, will be required to complete a Property Pest Management Plan which would be signed off by the landholder and Gympie Regional Council.
8. On occasions where the landowners do not comply with the pest control notice, Council may take action under the provisions of the Land Protection (Pest & Stock Route Management) Act 2003 including entry and works on the land. Council's costs in undertaking this work are recoverable from the landowner.
9. Council will conduct education and awareness campaigns for Council staff and the general public.

Discussion ensued.

W24/03/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that Council authorise this Draft Policy for the control of Giants Rats Tail Grass through the Gympie Regional Council area. Further that this Draft Policy be utilised as a basis of discussion with stakeholder groups, with a view to reporting back to a future Meeting with a recommended Policy.

Carried

Mr Webb left the meeting at 1.04pm.
Cr Perrett left the meeting at 1.04pm.

SECTION 9: WORKS – WESTERN DIVISION

9/1 Job Construction Report

Re: **W25/03/09** Job Construction Report
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry
File:
Date: 24 February 2009

Report: (General Manager Works – Western Division – GG Curry)

Fraser Street

Widening of seal in Fraser Street to 6m.
Subgrade preparation in progress.

Abel Road

Widening of section of Abel Road between Philips Road and Wide Bay Highway. Excavation and preparation of subgrade commenced. Works have been delayed by inclement weather.

Main Roads Network

Slashing has been undertaken on Burnett Highway, Murgon Gayndah Road, Kilkivan Tansey Road, and Kilcoy Murgon Road.

Herbicide spraying has been undertaken on Burnett Highway, Wide Bay Highway, Murgon Gayndah Road, Kilcoy Murgon Road and Gympie Woolooga Road.

Pavement repairs were undertaken on the Burnett Highway. Temporary repairs were made to a failed culvert on the Wide Bay Highway in Kilkivan.

At the time of writing, grading of Kilcoy Murgon Road was in progress.

W25/03/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

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

Carried

9/2	Waste Projects
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Re: **W26/03/09** Waste Projects
 From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry
 File:
 Date: 24 February 2009

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

Bonnick Road

Further geotechnical test pits have indicated a good probability of suitable clay on the western side of the new cell. Based on this information GHD have been instructed to proceed on the basis of a clay liner.

GHD have also been advised that Council will assess the need for a groundwater pressure release system during excavation of the landfill cell.

Tenders for the supply of pipes for the diversion channel have been recalled and close on 26 February 2009. A report on the tender assessment will be provided for Council's consideration in due course.

Cooloola Cove Transfer Station

Further information requested by the Department of Natural Resources has been provided.

W26/03/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté **Seconded: Cr R. Dyne**

Recommend that the Waste Projects Report be received.

Carried

9/3	Road Maintenance Report
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Re: **W27/03/09** Road Maintenance Report
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry
File:
Date: 24 February 2009

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

Road Maintenance

Phillips Road Grading

Reseal preparation continues on various roads within the Division.

W27/03/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt **Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson**

Recommend that the Road Maintenance Report be received.

Carried

9/4	Works Report
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Re: **W28/03/09** Works Report
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry
File:
Date: 24 February 2009

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

Council has confirmed its intent to progressively remove bulk (green) bins and continue the extension of the wheelie bin service (CS 05/05/08). Significant progress has been made in this regard. A review has been undertaken to align works done with the asset record.

The standard 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 have now been inspected. Roads within townships have not been reviewed, as they should not have any issues.

Councillors have previously received details on the progress of the wheelie bin rollout from the Community Services Directorate.

There are significant numbers of parcels of land which are currently vacant but which could be sold individually and have a house constructed. Those properties have access to a road reserve and will not be subject to Development requirements for road construction, turnarounds etc. As houses are constructed these areas will move into the next category (Houses on unmaintained roads).

The 2005 version of the Cooloola Shire Council Road Register indicated some 117 named but unmaintained roads. This number is likely to increase as individual parcels are sold and houses constructed.

A number of existing unmaintained roads have the potential for a large number of allotments to be sold.

These include:

Outlook Road	12
Gumnut Drive	12
Irvine Road	10
Laurel Road (and tributaries)	18
Turnbull Road (and tributaries)	18
Glastonbury Creek Road – McGill Road (if a cluster at McGill Road)	20

If and when these allotments are used for residential purposes the number of bins at these cluster sites will steadily increase. A point may be reached where there is deemed to be too many bins at a particular site. It is suggested that these scenarios be assessed on a case by case basis if they arise.

It is proposed to amend the Cooloola Shire Council Road Register – October 2005 version for the following roads.

Bellwood Road, Offer Road, Outlook Road and Buranda Road.

Further work is imminent at Ric-Glen Road to provide a satisfactory solution.

As Councillors are aware the rollout of bins continues and the need for further funds for the construction of cluster sites, road extensions and turning areas will be reviewed as part of the budget preparation process.

W28/03/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

Recommend that Council authorise the Road Register modifications for the following roads to reflect work done to facilitate the roll-out of the wheelie bin service:-

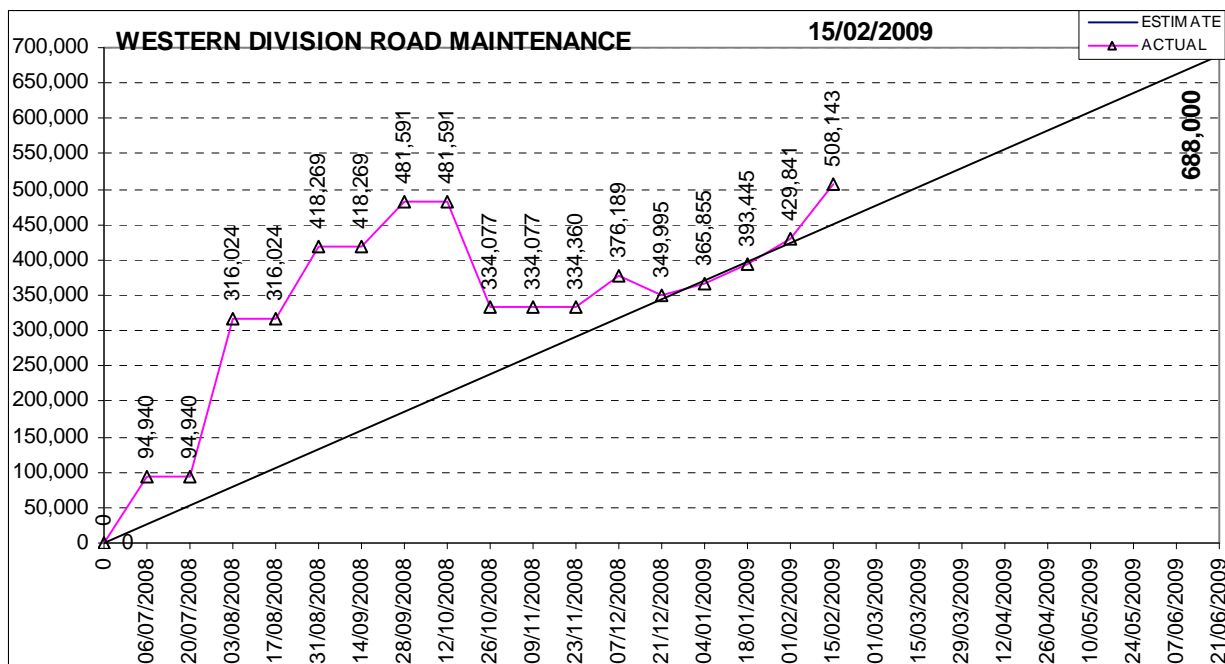
**Bellwood Road
Offer Road
Outlook Road
Buranda Road
Ric Glen Road**

Carried

9/5

Works Dept Maintenance Report – Western Division

Re: **W29/03/09** Works Department Maintenance Report Western Division
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – GG Curry
File: WR94/00018
Date: 25 February 2009



Report: (General Manager Works – Western Division – GG Curry)

The reduction in expenditure in October is due to expenditure for gravel re-sheeting being transferred to the capital item for gravel re-sheeting.

Expenditure will be closely monitored to ensure that Road Maintenance is brought in on budget.

W29/03/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr R. Dyne

Recommend that the Works Department Maintenance Report – Western Division, as presented, be received.

Carried

9/6	Works Cost Statement – Western Division
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WORKS COST STATEMENT

W30/03/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

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

Carried

SECTION 10: WORKS WESTERN DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Curry left the meeting at 1.14pm.
Parks Manager Mr E French entered the meeting at 1.14pm.

SECTION 7: WORKS - PARKS**7/1 Parks Monthly Report**

Re: **W31/03/09** Parks Monthly Report
From: Parks Manager - Ed French
File: EP94/00008
Date: 25 February 2009

Report (Parks Manager – E. French)**Maintenance Works**

Continued wet weather has maintained heavy vegetation growth for Parks staff to contend with. It is anticipated that present workloads will continue for at least the following 6-8 weeks given the existing soil moisture levels.

Parks Capital Improvement Works Fairway Park

Works to address storm water drainage problems on the eastern end of Fairway Park are currently being undertaken. Establishment of grassed drains and native plant hedges will follow when conditions permit.

The erection of a fence, between the level turfed area and Corella Road, and the adjacent concrete drain, should be completed by early March. The installation of a drinking fountain, wheelie bin & stand, and a number of shade trees will complete this project.

A.J. Mitchell Park

The project is almost complete with a short section of concrete path and repairs/improvements to the weir wall remaining. A number of plants have been removed and replacements will be replanted when resources allow.

Fire Management Plans

Council staff has recently participated in a Fire & Biodiversity Monitoring workshop that was run by Coung Tran of Griffith University and the South East Queensland Fire & Biodiversity Consortium. The workshop was partly funded by the Burnett Mary Regional Group.

The information and skills gained from the workshop will be invaluable, with staff to start work shortly on formulating the Cooloola Cove and Rainbow Shores Fire Management Plans. Following preliminary investigations, stakeholders including Emergency Services, other Government agencies, and surrounding landholders will be consulted with in completing the plans.

It is anticipated that the Cooloola Cove plan will be ready for Council consideration in July of this year.

As part of Bushfire Mitigation Program funding for firebreak constructions at Cooloola Cove, investigations for location of new firebreaks will be undertaken in March, with works completed by May 2009.

W31/03/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

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

Carried

7/2	Works Cost Statement – Parks
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WORKS COST STATEMENT

W32/03/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

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

Carried

7/3	Request for BBQ & Picnic Tables – Traveston Residents Assn
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Re: **W33/03/09** Request for BBQ & Picnic Tables – Traveston Residents Association

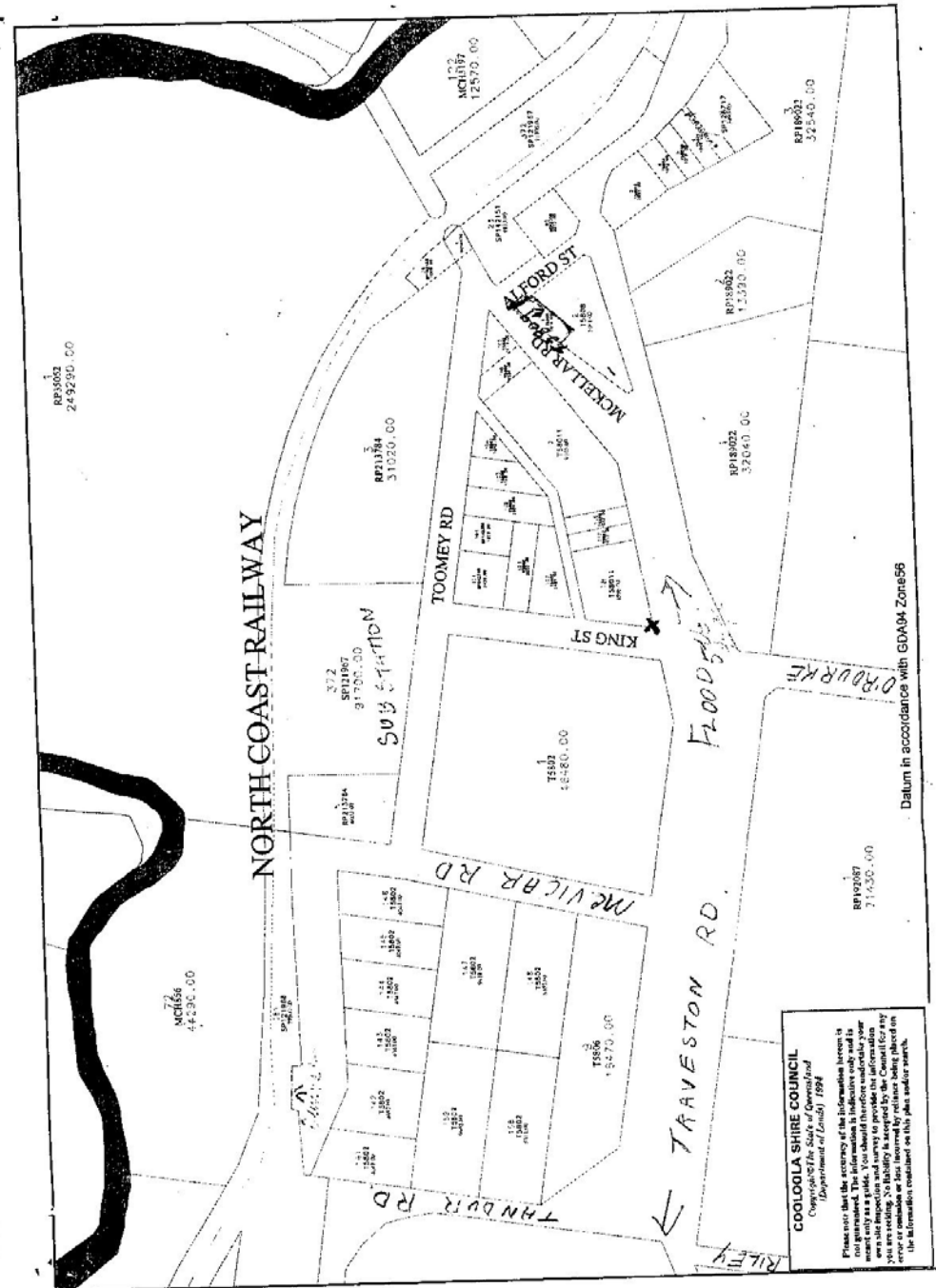
From: G Buckley, President, Traveston Residents Association Inc, 12 Toomey St, Traveston Qld 4570

File: 4/6/6/6 Doc ID:1006732

Date: Received 16 December 2008

“The Traveston Residents Association Incorporated is submitting a request for the erecting of a barbeque and covered picnic table/s on the area marked in pink on the enclosed map.

The Traveston Residents Association Incorporated wish to be nominated as caretakers of the area marked.”



Report: (Parks Manager – Ed French)

The Traveston Residents Association is requesting Council to erect park facilities in the reserve located on the corner of McKellar Road and Alford Street, Traveston. They have indicated their wish to be caretakers of the park and new facilities.

Council is trustee for Lot 127 MCH4013, Reserve for Recreation. There was a tennis court on the site but the Traveston Tennis Club has moved to another location in Traveston. The site is small; approximately 1000 square metres, and is visible from McKellar Road and Alford Street only. There is insufficient area to locate facilities that would be included at either a Local or District/Township level park, including playground, shelters, barbecue and sufficient space for a kick and play grassed area.

In regards to the stated wish of the Association to be nominated as caretakers of the proposed new facilities, Council staff should in the majority of situations, undertake or coordinate the basic maintenance of Council's parks and reserves. This reduces the need and cost of insurance for community members/organisations, and improves the uniformity of standards of Council's parks and reserves throughout the region. Community members may be engaged to assist with certain activities that further improve the park or facilities that may not attract higher insurance or liability issues.

It is proposed to direct the matter of the provision of a suitable sized park and associated facilities to the Sport, Recreation and Parks Coordinating Committee for further consideration.

W33/03/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the matter of provision and location of park facilities within the Traveston community be referred to the Sport, Recreation and Parks Coordinating Committee for consideration.

Further that the writer be advised accordingly.

Carried

7/4

Park Names

Re: **W34/03/09** Park Names
From: Parks Manager – Ed French
File:
Date: 25 February 2009

Report (Parks Manager – E. French)

To assist with the use of and uniform recognition of Council Parks, it is necessary to name recent and soon to be accepted Council parks. Stage one of the park in the Echelon development is Council's responsibility, and the small park on Ridgeview Drive in the Fairview Park development is likely to transfer to Council in the near future.

It is proposed to adopt the name of the park, Lot 900 SP186307, in the Echelon development, to be Echelon Park, in recognition of the location.

It is proposed to refer the matter of naming the park on Ridgeview Drive, Lot 500 SP214646, to the Sport, Recreation and Parks Coordinating Committee for further consideration, as there may be a number of possibilities such as recognising persons, plants and animals or events of local importance.

W34/03/09 Moved: Cr R. Dyne

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that Council formally adopt the name of Echelon Park for Lot 900 SP186307 - the park within the Echelon development.

Further, that Council refer the matter of identifying a suitable name for the park located on Ridgeview Drive, Lot 500 SP214646, to the Sport, Recreation and Parks Coordinating Committee.

Carried

SECTION 8: WORKS – PARKS – GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr French left the meeting at 1.21pm.

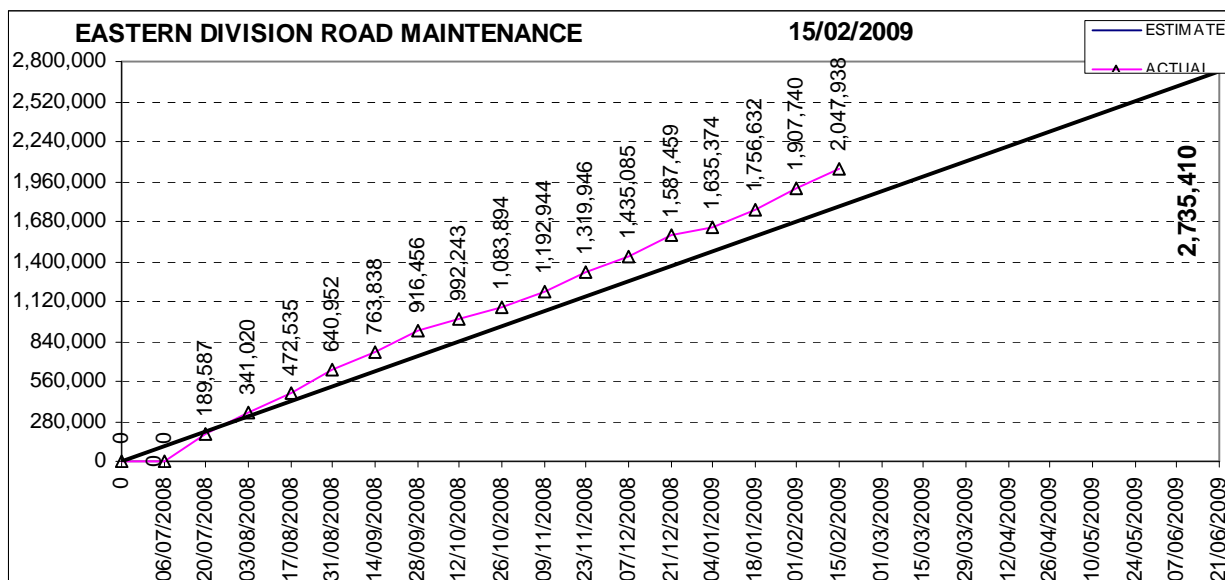
General Manager Works – Eastern Division Mr G Ingham and Capacity Development Manager Mr Stuart Thorne entered the meeting at 1.21pm.

SECTION 5: WORKS - EASTERN DIVISION

5/1 Works Department Maintenance Reports

Re: **W35/03/09** Works Department Maintenance Reports
From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division - GC Ingham
File: WR94/00018
Date: 25 February 2009

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



W35/03/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the Works Department Maintenance Reports – Eastern Division, as presented, be received.

Carried

5/2 Job Construction Report

Re: **W36/03/09** Job Construction Report
 From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division - GC Ingham
 File: FF94/00018
 Date: 25 February 2009

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

MOY POCKET ROAD – WIDENING AND OVERLAY

The works involve preparing the existing formation for in-situ stabilisation. Post stabilisation, the existing roadway is to be overlaid and widened to an 8.0m formation with full width 2 coat bitumen seal.

Clearing and earthworks has commenced.

BRISBANE ROAD – PATHWAY

The works included construction of a pathway, installing pram ramps and installing culvert.

Final tidy up works in progress.

ANDERLEIGH ROAD – BITUMEN SEAL

The works involve shaping existing gravel road and placing 250mm gravel pavement, bitumen seal, installing reinforced box culverts, erecting warning signage and installing road edge guide posts.

Clearing and earthworks has commenced.

EAST DEEP CREEK ROAD – BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The works involve replacing bridge and associated road construction located on East Deep Creek Road.

Clearing and earthworks has commenced.

RESEALS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS GYMPIE REGION

The works involves Reseal work on various roads in the Gympie Region.

Prep work has began, bitumen spraying will commence in early March.

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.

Job Complete.

GYMPIE EAST STATE SCHOOL CARPARK

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

Job Complete.

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.

Works still includes sealing and installing guardrail.

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.

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.

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

- RMPC grading Wolvi range
- Macrae Road
- Lowe Road
- Whelan Road
- Tagigan Road
- Wilson Pocket Road
- Yeltuka Road
- Ormes Road
- Nall Road
- Reseal preparation works

Programmed Maintenance Grading for coming month, subject to weather conditions.

- Hansen Road
- Stephan Road
- Red Gully Road
- Paling Road

Drainage Repairs carried out on the following roads.

- Withey Street
- Grabs Lane
- Lillis Road
- Noosa Road
- Calico Creek Road
- Amamoor Creek Road
- Gibson Road
- Paling Road
- Jerrys Creek Road
- Glenbar Road
- Heather Joy Road
- Fleming Road
- Lagoon Pocket Road

Tractor Slashing carried out in the following areas.

- Moy Pocket Area
- Carters Ridge Area
- Traveston Area
- Noosa Road Area
- Cedar Pocket Road Area

Bridge Works carried out

- Baramba Creek Bridge

SECTION 16: IN COMMITTEE MATTERS

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.50pm.

CONFIRMED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF MARCH 2009.

Cr L.J. Friske
Chairman