



MINUTES

of the

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

CHAIRMAN: Cr A Perrett

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

**On Wednesday, 11th March 2009, following the
General Meeting.**

**For Adoption at the
General Meeting
To be held on the 25th March 2009**

Gympie Regional Council **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT MEETING**
*Cr A Perrett (Chairman),
(Mayor) R Dyne, Crs D Neilson, I. Petersen, L
Friske, J Watt, G Engeman, J Walker, R Gâté.*

APPOINTMENTS etc.

Nil

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Meeting opened at 10.29 am

PRESENT: Cr A Perrett (*Committee Chairman*), (Mayor) R Dyne, Crs D Neilson, I Petersen, G Engeman, Cr J Watt, Cr R Gâté, Mr K Mason (Chief Executive Officer), Mr M Grant (Director of Community Services), Mrs V Knight (Minutes Secretary)

Cr Friske was not present when meeting opened.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE / APOLOGIES

G13/01/09: That Cr Julie Walker be granted Leave of absence from all Council Meetings for the duration of her rehabilitation.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

CS01/03/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté Seconded: Cr R Dyne

That the Minutes of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on the 11th February 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

CS02/03/09 Moved: Cr J Watt Seconded: Cr R Gâté

Recommend that Council suspend standing orders and Section 3/1 and Section 5/2 be dealt with at this stage of the meeting.

Carried

Julie Gibbs, Gallery Co-ordinator, entered the meeting at 10.31am.

3/1 Gympie Regional Gallery Monthly Report – February 2009

Re: CS03/03/09 Gympie Regional Gallery Monthly Report – February 2009

From: Gallery Co-ordinator – Joolie Gibbs

File:

Date: 2nd March 2009

Report: (Gallery Co-ordinator – Ms J Gibbs)

Exhibitions

The Gympie Times Exhibition Space - 20th January 2009 – 22nd February 2009 - “Erasure” by Sunshine Coast artist Margaret Ellen Turner.

The Gympie Times Exhibition Space - 24th February 2009 – 4th April 2009
Native Pods – a creative interpretation curated by Sam Keane. This exhibition is timed to coincide with the Mary River Festival which has a theme of ‘seedpods’.

Hugo Du Rietz Gallery - 3rd – 22nd February 2009
Heritage Building Society Acquisitive Photographic Awards 20 Years Celebrating Photography. Toured by Queensland Arts Council – “Ontour onexhibition”.

Hugo Du Rietz Gallery - 24th February 2009 – 21st March 2009
“Shibori Unbound” by Sunshine Coast fibre artist Margaret Barnett.

Gallery Three - 3rd – 22nd February 2009
Greatest Hits/Previously Unreleased Hits – the tour, Videos from eleven Queensland artists. Project of Institute of Modern Art (IMA) Brisbane.

Gallery Three - 27th February 2009 – 21st March 2009
“Intimate Transactions” by Transmute Collective - interactive new media installation, toured by Museums and Gallery Services Queensland. We are doing a live link-up with Rockhampton Regional Gallery for this exhibition.

Public Programs for month of February

- Opening of Heritage Building Society Acquisitive Photographic awards - Tuesday, 3rd February 2009 with Queensland Arts Council and Heritage Building Society members in attendance. Preceded by Cooloola Community Arts Council Annual General Meeting. Catering and refreshments provided by Heritage Building Society.
- Artist Floor Talk and Opening of “Greatest Hits” by Christopher Bennie - one of the exhibiting artists from Brisbane on Wednesday, 4th February 2009.
- FOGlets – first Saturday of the month. The year began with sixteen (16) children attending the 7th February 2009 meeting with two (2) volunteer helpers.
- Photoshop Seminar with Brian Hanson conducted three (3) seminars in Adobe Photoshop for beginners on Thursday, 19th February 2009.

- Volunteer training for “Intimate Transactions” Friday, 27th February 2009 (all day).
- Opening of three exhibitions on Saturday, 28th February 2009 – “Native Pods”, “Shibori Unbound” and “Intimate Transactions”.
- Artist Floor talks for “Intimate Transactions” and “Native Pods” Saturday, 28th February 2009. “Intimate Transactions” was a time consuming installation due to the amount of equipment involved.
- Bizzart Day – Saturday, 28th February 2009. Lots of children and adult activities and demonstrations happened around the building. Approx 100 visitors.
- Second Life - The Gallery joined several other regional galleries, instigated by and including the Queensland Art Gallery in an on-line discussion and exploration of Adam Nash’s new media installation on Saturday, 7th February 2009.

Visitor Numbers for February: 1,072

Gallery Focus Group

Meeting held on Thursday, 5th February 2009. The Charter for the Group is ready to be set up as a QA document, as well as the Collections Plan. The sponsorship Package is still being updated. There have been several enquiries for use of the Gallery Space upstairs for functions and a pricing schedule is being worked out.

The Gallery now has DGR status and we need to find how best to advertise this, as well as a general plan on bequests.

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

The year started with two (2) committee meetings - 20th January 2009 and 4th February 2009 to decide on the structure of the next round. The Cultural Planning Group have met twice this year and are still working on the draft Cultural Plan. A general RADF Brochure and Poster have been designed professionally and are ready for the printer. Quotes and enquiries on banners are underway. Flyers printed for public information sessions and distributed around shire.

Public info sessions were held at Kilkivan and Goomeri on 10th February 2009, Gympie Library on 19th February 2009 and Tin Can Bay Library on 24th February 2009. The next round closes 15th March 2009 and applications have been printed and distributed to the libraries, Gallery and Council. Extensive work has been done by Cindy and Eva updating RADF Finances.

Workshops, Rentals/Room usage

Regulars

Friends of the Gallery painting group every Tuesday;
 U3A classes – Creative Writing, Book Club, Book Ends, French for Beginners, Spanish for Beginners, Memoir Writing;
 Cooloola Arts Society, every Wednesday;
 Gympie Camera Club;
 Gympie Field Naturalists;
 Gympie Greens Party;
 Cooloola Heritage and Tourism Inc. - 1st Monday of month;
 Cooloola Community Arts Council - 2nd Tuesday of month;
 QCWA Younger set - 2nd and 4th Saturday of month;
 Soul Sisters Choir.

Others

Seedpod workshops – Sculptures and Shadow Puppets - Funded by Festivals Australia and RADF;
 Mary River Festival meetings;
 FOGlets meeting - 24th February 2009;
 Gold Rush Festival meeting 24th February 2009;
 United Synergies Art Workshop with At Risk Youth – Friday, 27th February 2009 (will be every last Friday of the month for the rest of 2009).

Friends of the Gallery

The Friends have voted to change their name to Friends of the Gympie Regional Gallery at their February meeting. They have put in an application into Gaming Community Benefit Fund for another Data projector, a Safety Platform Ladder, a LCD TV, light meter and paper drying rack needed to assist with exhibitions. A new Catering Co-ordinator has come on board – Judy Balmforth and her sister Caroline. The annual Bizzart Day – the eleventh birthday of the Gallery was held on Saturday, 28th February 2009 and organised by the Friends. The cake was cut by Mayoress Dulcie Dyne and Lee McGruer (Vice President FOG) and an eleven year old member of the audience and daughter of one of the “Native Pods” artists, Reahanna Gillham. The Friends sponsored the Lunchtime Lecture by Chris Bennie for \$200 and head set for the “Second Life” link up session.

Volunteers

Approximate Hours for month of February	
Front Desk	255
Catering events	7
Installation approx.	101

Volunteer Office assistance	40
Education and Public Programs	72
Gardening	0
Desk Volunteer Coordinator	10
Exhibition training	77
Total	562

Other happenings and Gallery Staff

Robyn McCormack has been helping the Gallery set up a comprehensive working database.

CS03/03/09 Moved: Cr G Engeman Seconded: Cr R Gâté,

Recommend that Council receive the Gallery Report for the month of February 2009.

Carried

Joolie Gibbs, Gallery Co-ordinator, left the meeting at 10.36am.

Bonnie Farrow, Manager Branch Administration Kilkivan, entered the meeting at 10.37am.

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Future of Goomeri Weighbridge

Re: **CS04/03/09** Future of Goomeri Weighbridge
 From: Manager Branch Administration (Kilkivan Office – Bonnie Farrow)
 File: 4/8/02/0007
 File: 5 March 2009

Report: (Manager Branch Administration (Kilkivan Office – Bonnie Farrow)

Property Address

It would appear the weighbridge is situated on part (312.5m²) of Lot 124 on SP 128648, Memorial Place, Goomeri. This particular area backs onto Post Office Lane.

Tenure

The land is owned by the State Government - Queensland Rail.

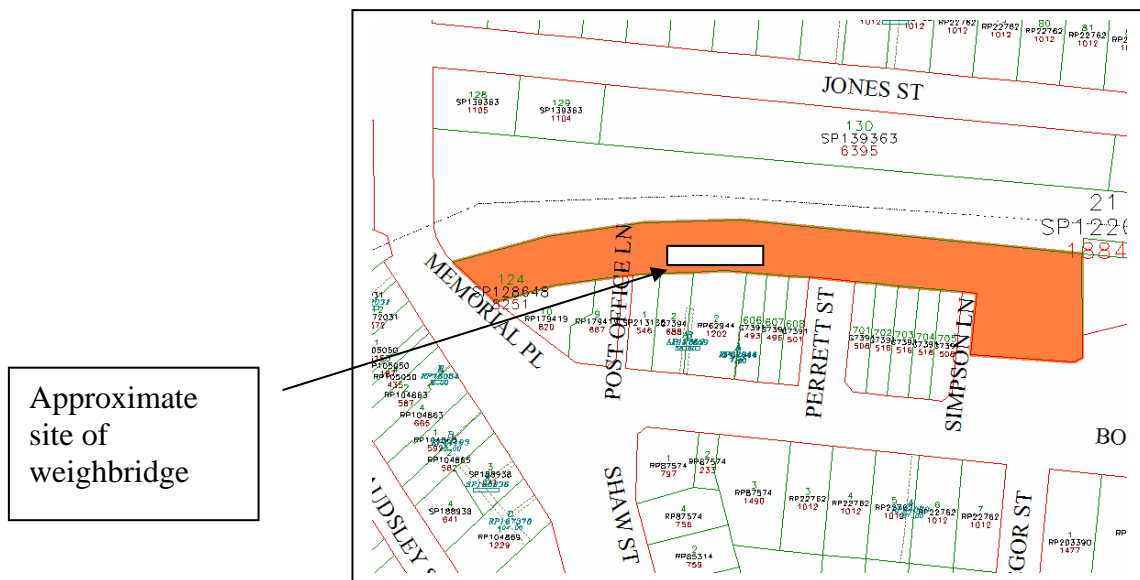
The former Kilkivan Shire Council had a lease arrangement with Queensland Rail and that lease expired some years ago, but operation has been ongoing.

The former Kilkivan Shire Council had an informal arrangement with Ms Dianne Little of the local newsagency, whereby, through operation of a Council mobile telephone she could be informed of persons wishing to utilise the weighbridge and would walk over from the newsagency. She is paid half of the weigh.

Environmental Management and Contaminated Land issues

The nature of the use of the land would indicate that this is a contaminated site.

Locality Plan



On the 15th September 2008, I forwarded an application for a new licence in the name of Gympie Regional Council for the public weighbridge located in the railway yards at Goomeri.

I have been recently advised by Brock Shears and John Gamble, Principal Quality Adviser, Trade Measurement, Compliance, Fair Trading Operations, Department of Justice and Attorney-General that the Trade Measurement Act 1990 which deals with public weighbridges sets certain conditions for the holding of a public weighbridge licence. The conditions state in part “the licence must ensure that a weighbridge mentioned in the licence is not operated by any person other than the licensee or an employee of the licensee”.

This means that the present arrangement with Diane Little, Graham Little and Gai Lehman being paid as operators on a contract basis, is not acceptable.

John Gamble has verbally told me to continue operating as we are doing until after the Christmas break on the understanding that we would correct

the operation of the weighbridge. The new licence will not be issued until this time.

As the viability of the weighbridge is in question, the following is a report of the fees and charges and also the income and expenditure for the past 12 months.

Operating hours are Monday to Friday 6.30am to 5.30pm.

08/09 Charges:

Vehicles with a maximum of 3 axles \$16.00 including GST.

Vehicles with more than 3 axles \$21.00 including GST.

Use of the weighbridge outside normal operating hours attracts an opening charge of \$21.00 per weigh and is subject to the availability of the operator.

Operators are paid one half of all charges of weighbridge fees.

Income

Weighbridge docketts from 21-11-2007 to 07-02-2008

94 @ \$20.00 \$1880.00

18 @ \$15.00 \$ 270.00

Weighbridge docketts from 08-02-2008 to 06-05-2008

38 @ \$20.00 \$ 760.00

12 @ \$10.00 \$ 120.00

Weighbridge docketts from 07-05-2008 to 01-08-2008

61 @ \$20.00 \$1220.00

11 @ \$10.00 \$ 110.00

Weighbridge docketts from 02-08-2008 to 24-11-2008

39 @ \$20.00 \$ 780.00

9 @ \$10.00 \$ 90.00

Weighbridge docketts up to the 31-12-2008

2 @ \$21.00 \$ 42.00

2 @ \$20.00 \$ 40.00

8 @ \$15.00 \$ 120.00

Total \$5,432.00

Expenditure

Expenses from 01-01-2008 to 17-12-2008

Ambulance \$ 50.25

Electricity & Telephone \$ 272.31

Gympie Regional Council

Wages	\$2767.72
Goods & Services	<u>\$5649.17</u>
Total	\$8,739.45

As can be seen from the above information, the number of weighbridge dockets has decreased. In the last 12 months there has been two major services conducted on the weighbridge, each costing more than \$2,000. As the weighbridge licence was in the name of Kilkivan Shire Council and had to be licenced in the name of Gympie Regional Council, I have had to order another amount of new docket books at a cost of \$500. The licence could not be transferred therefore a new and annual application fee of \$320 was also an expense not otherwise envisaged.

Council has received a Notice of Expiry of Agreement between Kilkivan Shire Council and Queensland Rail for the Goomeri Weighbridge lease over 312.5 m² of land where the weighbridge is situated. The agreement was for a term of 25 years and was due to expire on the 30th April 2007.

The current agreement does not provide for an option to extend the period and if Council wishes to remain in possession of the property for a further term then negotiations will need to commence immediately.

On investigation, the closest public weighbridges to Goomeri are at Cooloola Plaster Board, Kingaroy BGA, Goldmix at Windera, and Ridleys Feedlot at Proston. On speaking to these companies, I found that most of these weighbridges are not on a highway and are quite often a long way out of the town associated with them. Also, some are not keen to do public work but prefer to only allow their own clients to use their weighbridge. Some were surprised that Council had a public weighbridge in Goomeri and were not aware of it. The fees they all charge for weighs is comparable to what we already charge with the exception of Cooloola Plaster Board, which is a little more expensive.

Information that I have gained from longer serving staff is that the Goomeri Weighbridge was erected in the days that grain wagons were loaded onto trucks from the Goomeri Railway Station. The station has long since closed. Feedlots in the area are the main source of income now. It has been said that the weighbridge was not a profit making exercise but a service to the public in general.

Report: (Corporate Administration Manager – Mr John Nancarrow)

It is noted that this weighbridge is the only true public weighbridge in the Shire.

Council needs to determine whether it considers the weighbridge a necessary community facility.

Further, Council needs to determine whether it wishes to request another lease from Queensland Rail for part of Lot 124 on SP 128648 or look at acquiring the land.

Cr L Friske entered the meeting at 10.56am.

CS04/03/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté

Seconded: Cr I Petersen

Recommend that Council close the weighbridge facility at the Goomeri Railway Yards within a period of 60 days from today's meeting. Notices to be posted at the weighbridge facility advising of the imminent closure and further advise Queensland Rail that Council will not be renewing the lease.

Further that Council authorise the Director of Community Services to investigate the possible use of the weighbridge, currently located at Goomeri, in the redevelopment of the Bonnick Road Transfer Station.

Further that should the weighbridge prove not to be suitable for use at the Bonnick Road Transfer Station that it be offered for disposal in accordance with Council policy.

Carried

Bonnie Farrow, Manager Branch Administration Kilkivan left the meeting at 10.58am.

Ian Wolff, Health & Community Services Co-ordinator entered the meeting at 10.58am.

SECTION 1: HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1/1 Health & Environmental Services Report – February 2009

Re: **CS05/03/09** Health & Environmental Services Report - February 2009
 From: Health & Environmental Services Co-ordinator – Mr I Wolff
 File: CG98/0014
 Date: 4 March 2009

Report: (Health & Environmental Services Co-ordinator – Mr I Wolff)

IMMUNISATIONS

Immunisation treatment is available at the Surgery of Council's Medical Officer of Health as follows:

General

Channon Street Medical Centre –Dr R Day - 12 Reef Street, Gympie
 Injections: Each weekday 9.30am to 12.30pm and from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

These arrangements should ensure that residents have ready access to immunisation treatments. Immunisations were administered for the period 27 January 2009 to 27 February 2009 as follows:

Injections: 228

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Queensland Health has advised Council of the following cases of notifiable diseases currently being treated by local medical practitioners between 26 January 2009 and 8 February 2009.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Location</u>
Salmonella, Specified	Gympie
Campylobacter Enteritis	Gympie
Campylobacter Enteritis	Gympie
Cryptosporidiosis	Gympie
Cryptosporidiosis	Gympie
Pertussis	Gympie
Ross River Virus	Amamoor

WATER SAMPLES

The following water samples were forwarded to the Government Laboratory for microbiological analysis.

Location	Total
Gympie reticulated water supply	9
Imbil reticulated water supply	2
Kandanga reticulated water supply	2
Amamoor reticulated water supply	2
Rainbow Beach reticulated water supply	5
Tin Can Bay/Cooloola Cove reticulated water supply	7
Kilkivan reticulated water supply	2
Goomeri reticulated water supply	2
Gympie Memorial Swimming Pool	3
Tin Can Bay Swimming Pool	1
Kandanga Swimming Pool	1
Kilkivan Swimming Pool	1
Goomeri Swimming Pool	2

Gympie Reticulated Water Supply

Analysis results for all samples indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2004*.

The analytical results of one water sample is pending.

Mary Valley Reticulated Water Supply

Analysis results for all samples indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2004*.

Rainbow Beach Reticulated Water Supply

Analysis results for all samples indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2004*.

The analytical results of one water sample is pending.

Tin Can Bay/Cooloola Cove Reticulated Water Supply

Analysis results for all samples indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2004*.

The analytical results of one water sample is pending.

Kilkivan Reticulated Water Supply

Analysis results for all samples indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2004*.

Goomeri Reticulated Water Supply

Analysis results for all samples indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2004*.

Municipal Pools

One (1) sample taken from the Memorial Wading Pool revealed a high standard plate count and did not comply with the *Queensland Health Swimming and Spa Pool Water Quality and Operations Guidelines 2004*.

The analysis results indicated that no *E coli* or *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* were detected in the sample.

Corrective action was taken and further sampling was carried out. The analytical results of one water sample is pending.

All other samples taken from municipal pools complied with the *Queensland Health Swimming and Spa Pool Water Quality and Operations Guidelines 2004*.

FOOD

(Food Act 2006)

Council's Environmental Health Officers conducted routine inspections of licensed food premises during February and continued to assist operators in achieving compliance with legislative standards specified in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.

During the month of February 2009 the Community Services Directorate issued a Food Business Licence to one (1) new food business being conducted within the region.

As of 28 February 2009, there were 306 licensed food businesses operating in the Gympie Regional Council area.

Food Safety Programs for caterers and private hospitals

It is now a requirement of the *Food Act 2006* that the following food businesses have a Food Safety Program in place:

- a) Food businesses undertaking off-site catering which is serving potentially hazardous food at a place other than the principal place of business for the food business;
- b) Food businesses where the primary activity of the food business is on-site catering at the premises stated in the licence;
- c) Food businesses where the primary activity is on-site catering at part of the premises stated in the licence where they are serving 200 or more people on 12 or more occasions per year; or
- d) Food businesses carried on as part of the operations of a private hospital under the *Private Health Facilities Act 1999*.

Council's Environmental Health Officers have either already undergone training or are currently awaiting the next training session to become accredited through Queensland Health to be authorised to accredit and audit these Food Safety Programs.

This requirement to have a Food Safety Program in place will affect ten (10) caterers and one (1) private hospital within the Region. Council's Community Services Directorate will be sending out correspondence to all affected food businesses advising them of the new requirements this month.

STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS

(Dangerous Good Safety Management Regulation 2001)

During the period Environmental Health Officers continued to assist operators in achieving compliance with the *Dangerous Goods Safety Management Regulation 2001*.

As of 28 February 2009, there were 56 premises in the Gympie Regional Council area licenced to store flammable and combustible liquids in accordance with the *Dangerous Goods Safety Management Regulation 2001*.

ENVIRONMENTALLY RELEVANT ACTIVITIES

(Environmental Protection Act 1994)

Environmental Health Officers continued to assist operators in achieving compliance with the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

As of 28 February 2009, there were 201 Environmentally Relevant Activities regulated by the Gympie Regional Council pursuant to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Joint Gympie Industrial Estate Inspections with EPA

Throughout January and February 2009 Council's Community Services Directorate assisted the Environmental Protection Agency with inspections within the Gympie Industrial Estate. Approximately forty (40) sites were visited and this resulted in Council having to follow up with seven (7) premises for further action.

The inspections were triggered by the Binary fire at Narangba and the subsequent damage to the surrounding water ways from fire water run off. The primary purpose of the inspections were to assess whether the activities being conducted on each site were in compliance with the general environmental duty, as set out under Section 319 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. This requires anyone who carries out an activity that causes or is likely to cause environmental harm to take all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent or minimise the harm.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

The 20th annual Clean Up Australia Day took place on Sunday, 1st March 2009 with a strong contingent of volunteers from local community organisations and service clubs targeting major roads, parks and foreshores in Gympie, Rainbow Beach, the Mary Valley and Tin Can Bay.

Council once again lent its support to the event by organising litter pick up and rubbish removal activities for various sites throughout the day as well as the provision of cold drinks to all participants.

Four (4) schools also participated in the School's Clean Up Day which took place on Friday, 28th February 2009. The Gympie Regional Council provided its support to the School's Clean Up by providing schools with kits containing bags and gloves and offering a litter collection service after the clean up.

A special thanks is extended to the following organisations and individuals for their assistance in making Clean Up Australia Day a success.

Gympie Sites:

Gympie-Cooloola Rotary Club
Gympie Apex Club
Gympie South Lions Club

Schools:

Gympie State High School
Gympie West State School
Chatsworth State School
St. Patrick's Primary School

Rainbow Beach:

Qld National Parks & Wildlife Service

Tin Can Bay:

Tin Can Bay SES

Mary Valley:

Widgee Mary Valley Lions Club

PENSIONER UNITS – GOOMERI AND KILKIVAN

During February 2009, Officers from Council's Community Services Directorate met with tenants, on an individual basis, at Council's pensioner units located at Goomeri and Kilkivan.

The purpose of these meetings with the tenants was to discuss any issues that they may have in relation to the state of their units.

As a result of these meetings, Council's Community Services Directorate has arranged for maintenance work to be undertaken in the majority of units.

This work has included rectifying minor plumbing matters (ie. repairing leaking taps) and minor electrical matters (ie. faulty power points).

Council's Community Services Directorate further undertook during the period to have the external surfaces of these pensioner units pressure cleaned to remove accumulated mould, dirt, cobwebs and grime.

External pest control of these units was also undertaken by a licensed pest control operator.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

Operations at Council's Waste Management Facilities progressed satisfactorily during the period.

Southside

Relocation works for Council's recycler continued during the period with a new colourbond screening fence installed.

A colourbond shed has been ordered and will be erected during March 2009 for the recyclers.

This relocation of the recycler's area is necessary in order to allow for landfilling activities to progress at the facility.

These landfilling activities at the Southside Waste Management Facility will occur where the recycler's goods are currently housed.

Tansey Waste Transfer Station

Quotations are sought from persons or businesses that are interested in undertaking gatekeeping services and recycling activities at Council's Tansey Waste Transfer Station, Planted Creek Road, Tansey on a contract basis.

The successful party will be granted recycling rights and will be required to attend the facility at all times during opening hours.

The successful party will further be required to supervise the facility and exercise control over all activities (with the exception of Council controlled activities) to ensure efficient disposal of waste materials and the safety of the public is maintained.

An information pack can be obtained by contacting Council's Community Services Directorate on (07) 5481 0611. Quotations must address the criteria as listed in the information pack.

Closing date 2:00 pm, Tuesday, 31 March 2009.

Mulching of Greenwaste

Mulching of accumulated greenwaste at Council's Southside, Bonnick Road and Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facilities has been arranged for March 2009.

The resultant mulch will be utilised at each of these sites with this material particularly useful for spreading over completed landfill cells and external batter walls to improve the aesthetics of these areas.

SWIMMING POOLS

Tender and Lease documents for a new lease of the Gympie War Memorial Swimming Pool for the period to 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2012 were prepared and advertised in local papers on Saturday 21 February 2009. The new lease allows for the option to extend the lease for a further two (2)

year period. The format of the tender documents allows for either a subsidy or rental arrangement. Tenders close Tuesday 24 March 2009 at 2.00 pm.

Some stability issues were identified with the new disabled chairlift. Adjustments were made with the fastening system that attaches the lift to the concourse. This appears to have improved stability to the lift. The lessee is to provide training to staff members in the correct use of the lift. The lift will then be available for public use shortly.

MOSQUITOES.

Ovitrap for the detection of Aedes Aegypti breeding have been located in Goomeri and environs of Gympie. These traps consist of a smooth black plastic container with nutrient rich water inside. The nutrient rich water serves as an attraction for egg laying female mosquitoes. A roughened wooden paddle is placed into the container for eggs to be deposited onto. The traps will be monitored weekly. Peak breeding for mosquitoes is February and March. Queensland Health will be checking paddles for the presence of eggs.

Cr R Gâté left the meeting at 11.20am.

HEALTH NUISANCES

A verbal report will be given to the meeting concerning multiple notices issued to a land owner in Gympie concerning Health Nuisances and Local Law matters.

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

The following weights of recyclable material were collected by Council's Cleansing Contractor for the former Cooloola Shire Council.

PRODUCT	DUAL BIN SYSTEM (Weight- kg)	
	01/02/09 - 28/02/09	2009
Aluminium	1,696	3,560
Glass – Clear	8,035	16,866
Glass – Coloured	13,772	28,908
HDPE	3,372	7,078
Plastic - Mixed	1,628	3,417
Paper/Cardboard – Mixed	105,317	221,064
P.E.T.	3,233	6,786
Steel	5,315	11,156
Glass Fines	59,641	125,189
Total Recoverables	202,009	424,024
Waste/Ceramics	47,811	100,356
Total including all Waste	249,820	524,380

Cr R Gâté returned to the meeting at 11.22am.

CS05/03/09 Moved: Cr J Watt

Seconded: Cr G Engeman

Recommend that Council receive the Health & Environmental Services Report for the month of February 2009.

Carried

Cr I Petersen left the meeting at 11.23am.

Cr G Engeman left the meeting at 11.24am.

Cr I T Petersen returned to meeting at 11.25am.

1/2	Application for Approval to Carry Out Waste Management Works
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Re: **CS06/03/09** Application for Approval to Carry Out Waste Management Works
 From: J. J. Richards & Sons Pty Ltd, PO Box 235 CLEVELAND QLD 4163
 File: CG94/00079
 Date: 4 March 2009

Report: (Cadet Environmental Health Officer – T. M. Allen)

Council has received an application from J. J. Richards & Sons Pty Ltd who propose to carry out waste management operations within the Gympie Regional Council area, collecting the following types of waste from commercial/industrial customers:

- Commercial/industrial general waste
- Cardboard recycling
- Steel recycling
- Construction, demolition waste
- Green waste
- Grey water/holding tank waters
- Regulated waste
- Cooking oil
- Grease trap waste
- Oil/water mixtures

The proposal constitutes “waste management works” and requires Council approval pursuant to Section 369A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

The applicant proposes to operate from the J. J. Richards & Sons Pty Ltd Maroochy Depot located at Lot 1 Sippy Creek Road, Tanawha QLD 4556.

The applicant currently holds a Registration Certificate, issued by the Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* to transport regulated waste (tyres and other regulated waste).

The proposed services do not conflict with Council's Cleansing Contract with Cleanaway with the exception of proposed waste management activities in relation to commercial general waste.

"Commercial waste" refers to waste (other than green waste, recyclable waste, interceptor waste or waste discharged to a sewer) produced as a result of the ordinary use or occupation of commercial premises (other than where a manufacturing process is carried out).

Council's Cleansing Contract, valid until 30 June 2014, authorises the contractor – Cleanaway – sole rights for the collection, removal and conveyancing of commercial refuse from premises and places within the former Cooloola Shire area (excluding Rainbow Beach). Any approval given by Council would need to consider this contract.

J. J. Richards & Sons Pty Ltd are currently contracted to Council to provide cleansing services to the former Kilkivan Shire Council area.

Cr J Watt left the meeting at 11.27am.

Cr J Watt returned to the meeting at 11.28am.

CS06/03/09 Moved: Cr L Friske

Seconded: Cr R Gâté

Recommend that Council grant approval to J. J. Richards & Sons Pty Ltd for conduct of waste management works in accordance with the following conditions:

1.0 Duration of Approval:

This approval shall commence on 1 April 2009 and shall remain valid for a period terminating on 30 June 2010. If intending to apply for a further approval, an application for renewal of the approval is to be lodged with Council one (1) month prior to expiry of this approval i.e. by 30 May 2010.

2.0 Specified Works:

This approval permits the removal, collection, conveyance and disposal of the following waste:

- (a) "Construction or demolition waste" means waste resulting from carrying out a construction or demolition activity, and including paper, cardboard, unseasoned timber, vegetation, paper-covered plasterboard, metals;**
- (b) "Garden waste" means grass cuttings, trees, bushes, shrubs, lopping of trees, bushes and shrubs and material of a like nature**

resulting from the ordinary use or occupation of any premises or any part thereof;

- (c) “Industrial waste” means interceptor waste, or waste other than the following— commercial waste; domestic clean-up waste; domestic waste; green waste; recyclable interceptor waste; recyclable waste; waste discharged to a sewer;
- (d) “Commercial waste” means waste, other than green waste, recyclable waste, interceptor waste or waste discharged to a sewer, produced as a result of the ordinary use or occupation of commercial premises.
- (e) Cardboard
- (f) Steel
- (g) Grey water/ holding tank waters
- (h) Cooking oil (regulated waste)
- (i) Grease trap waste (regulated waste)
- (j) Oil/water mixtures (regulated waste)
- (k) Other regulated waste

from premises situated within the specified area.

3.0 Specified Area:

This approval permits the conduct of specified works (as defined in Condition 2) at properties situated within the Gympie Regional Council area, with the exception of item (d) “commercial waste” (as defined in Condition 2), which shall be conducted in the following areas only:

- (a) former Kilkivan Shire areas;
- (b) former Division 3 of Tiaro Shire; and
- (c) Rainbow Beach areas.

4.0 Waste Tracking

Waste tracking is to be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency and relevant legislation.

The operation is to be conducted strictly in accordance with Council’s Waste Tracking Procedure (refer Schedule 2 – Waste Tracking Procedure).

5.0 Disposal

5.1 Solid Waste

All waste (as defined in condition 2) shall be disposed of at the following Council Waste Management Facilities:

- (a) Southside Waste Management Facility;
- (b) Bonnick Road Waste Management Facility (garden waste and commercial waste only)
- (c) Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility
- (d) Rainbow Beach Waste Management Facility (garden waste only)

- (e) **Goomeri Waste Management Facility**
- (f) **Kilkivan Waste Management Facility**
- (g) **Gunalda Waste Management Facility**

or at such other refuse disposal facility as nominated by Council.

Waste disposal at the above waste management facilities shall be in accordance with Council signage or directions issued by recycling contractors or Council's Director of Community Services.

Access to the above waste management facilities shall be between the advertised hours or as directed by Council's Director of Community Services.

Regulated waste may be accepted subject to the approval of Council's Director of Community Services. Disposal of regulated waste is via appointment only. Please contact Council's Community Services Directorate on (07) 5481 0611 to arrange disposal.

5.2 Liquid Waste

All holding tank and grey water tank waste shall be disposed of at Council's Sewerage Treatment Plant, Widgee Crossing Road, Gympie in accordance with Council's Works Directorate (Water and Sewerage Division) procedures.

Council will supply a printed self-inking waste tracking docket book at cost to the operator. Dockets must be fully completed and deposited at the sewerage treatment plant prior to discharge. Docket books remain the property of Gympie Regional Council and shall be produced to Council when required by Council. Please contact Council's Water and Sewerage Division General Manager on (07) 5481 0844.

Discharge may not be accepted at the disposal facility if waste has potential to have detrimental effects on Council operations. Wastes containing hydrocarbons (such as grease trap wastes and oil/water mixtures) will not be accepted for disposal at Council's Sewage Treatment Plant.

In addition, waste may be disposed of outside Gympie Regional Council area at an approved waste reception facility.

Council does not accept waste from outside the Gympie Regional Council area.

6.0 Disposal Charges:

As per Council's fees, charges for disposal of wastes shall be paid promptly on receipt of an invoice.

NOTE: Council may vary disposal charges by resolution.

7.0 Waste Analysis:

Council may take random samples of waste being disposed of to confirm the type of waste being discharged. Cost of such analysis shall be paid by the transporter in conjunction with waste disposal charges.

8.0 Waste Vehicles:

All collected waste is to be transported in the vehicles specified as follows:

<u>Vehicle Make</u>	<u>Registration No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
2004 Moore tri-axle trailer	529-QKH	Semi trailer	31.5
2003 Iveco prime mover	076-HLE	Semi prime mover	16.88
2003 Tri-axle trailer	769-QKO	Semi trailer	31
1990 Volvo prime mover	415-DWI	Semi prime mover	14.99
Acco HIAB	683-JTQ	Delivery vehicle	5.82
2004 Iveco MP4300	383-HVC	Hook truck	15.54
2007 Iveco Acco 2350G	621-KQR	Hook truck	11.36
2008 Iveco Acco F2350	457-LJV	Hook truck	11.36
Iveco Acco 2350G 8x4	410-KVJ	OHL	9.54

The vehicles are to comply with the requirements of an approval granted by the Environmental Protection Agency. Vehicles are to be cleaned, maintained and operated in accordance with the approval from the Environmental Protection Agency and relevant legislation.

9.0 Conveyance of Waste:

All waste shall be transported in a manner so as to comply with Environmental Protection Agency requirements, with particular reference to the following requirements:

- (a) Refuse to be enclosed and covered during transport so as to prevent spillage from the vehicle or dust and other emissions.

10.0 Vehicle Storage:

All waste transport vehicle, equipment and containers shall be stored at an approved location outside of the Gympie Regional Council area.

NOTE: Should vehicles, equipment or containers be stored within the Gympie Regional Council area, Council shall require a development approval for a waste depot and the provision of appropriate cleaning facilities in accordance with the relevant legislation.

11.0 State Legislation:

The operation is to be conducted in compliance with *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency and all other relevant legislation, regulations, orders and requirements.

NOTE: Council's Section 369A approval is the primary approval for the conduct of any waste management operations in Gympie Regional Council area. Any perceived conflict with the requirements of other approvals and the Environmental Protection Agency should be referred to Council for clarification of measures to be undertaken to comply with Council's requirements.

12.0 Dealings with Waste:

Waste from other local government areas: this approval prohibits the importation and/or disposal of any waste from other local government areas. Only waste collected from the Specified Area (as defined in Condition 3) is to be transported or disposed of in the Gympie Regional Council area.

This approval may by written notice given in accordance with Section 369A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* be revoked, cancelled or suspended or otherwise varied by the Council.

Carried

Ian Wolff, Health & Environmental Services Co-ordinator left the meeting at 11.30am.

Ron Potter, Compliance & Local Disaster Co-ordinator entered the meeting at 11.30am.

Cr G Engeman returned to meeting at 11.31am.

SECTION 2: COMPLIANCE & LOCAL DISASTER

2/1	Compliance & Local Disaster Report - February 2009
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Re: **CS07/03/09** Compliance & Local Disaster Report - February 2009
 From: Compliance & Local Disaster Co-ordinator – Mr R Potter
 File: CG98/00141
 Date: 3 March 2009

Report: (Compliance & Local Disaster Co-ordinator - Mr R Potter)**OVERGROWNS**

Due to the wet and humid weather, slashing inspections for the coastal areas were conducted on 12th February 2009. Numerous allotments were inspected at Cooloola Cove, Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach. Subsequently numerous notices were issued on 27th February 2009 for compliance. Property owners were given fourteen (14) days to clear the land. Other inspections were carried out for overgrown land throughout the Gympie and Kilkivan areas. Subsequently notices were issued for compliance and works orders served on property that did not comply with the notices.

ANIMAL CONTROL – (dog complaint nuisance dogs)

Complaints were routinely dealt with in relation to animal control including nuisance animals and particularly barking nuisances and permits were issued for the keeping of more than two dogs.

Legal Proceedings

On the 5 February 2009 one (1) case was dealt with in the Magistrate's Court in relation to the following charge:

- (Former) Cooloola Shire Council Local Law No 2 Section 8 (a) A person must not keep an animal for which registration is required unless the person holds a current registration receipt for the animal from the Council.

The dog owners were found guilty and were fined \$150.00 each with convictions recorded. Total professional costs of \$200.00 and court costs of \$216.40 were also ordered to be paid. The total amount to be paid by the dog owners is \$716.40.

Pound Figures

Council's animal control operation resulted in the impounding of the following animals: Dogs – 41, Cats – 43.

Fifteen (15) dogs and two (2) cats were released to their owners, subject to payment of fees.

Eight (8) dogs and twelve (12) cats were taken by the RSPCA.

Ten (10) dogs and twenty-three (23) cats were euthanased.

Eight (8) dog and six (6) cats are held in the pound from February.

Cr G Engeman left the meeting at 11.42am.

CS07/03/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté

Seconded: Cr R Dyne

Recommend that Council receive the Compliance & Local Disaster Report for the month of February 2009.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11.43am.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The meeting resumed at 12.05pm.

PRESENT: Cr A Perrett (*Committee Chairman*), (Mayor) R Dyne, Crs D Neilson, I Petersen, G Engeman, Cr J Watt, Cr R Gâté

Also in attendance were Mr M Grant (Director of Community Services), Mrs H Kelly (Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator) and Minutes Secretary - Mrs V Knight.

Cr L Friske was not present when the meeting resumed.

SECTION 3: COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES

3/2 Community Facilities & Services Report - February 2009

Re: CS08/03/09 Community Facilities & Services Report - February 2009

From: Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator – Mrs H Kelly

File:

Date: 4 March 2009

YOUTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Report: (Youth Development Officer – Mrs P Kuhn)

Youth & Community Development

The Youth & Community Development Unit was advised that we were successful in obtaining funding from the Department of Communities for some of our National Youth Week Activities.

The money will be used to take youth week activities into the schools as well as run the “Amazing Race” in Gympie.

The Youth Development Unit is currently in full swing getting all the activities and events for National Youth Week organised.

National Youth Week

In conjunction with various working groups of young people the Youth & Community Development Unit has compiled the following Gympie Regional Shire based, Youth Week activities:

- Friday, 27th March 2009 – Battle of the Bands in Nelson Reserve;
- Saturday, 28th March 2009 – skate and bmx competition at Nelson Reserve Skate Park with local band “Maybe Next Friday” playing after the competition;
- Wednesday, 1st April 2009 – Base Zero Rock Climbing Wall at Kilkivan in the “am” and at Goomeri in the “pm”. A Youth Council representative at each school will be will be organising ‘fun’ activities for the day;
- Thursday, 2nd April 2009 – A pool party at Tin Can Bay with free entry to young people 12 – 25 years old. There will also be the Base Zero Rock Climbing Wall available for interactive fun;
- Friday, 3rd April 2009 – BBQ lunch and the Base Zero Rock Climbing Wall will be at Mary Valley College;
- Saturday, 4th April 2009 – The Amazing Race in Gympie. This will see teams of young people making their way around the Gympie Central Business District (CBD) following the clues and completing the Roadblocks and Detours.

Youth Arts Project

In conjunction with Lyn Alsop, Children and Young Adults Librarian, the Community & Youth Development Unit is jointly running workshops throughout National Youth Week with artist/illustrator David Lovegrove. The object of these workshops is to engage local young artists throughout the region to join in creating vibrant works of art that can be showcased in the libraries, both Council and school, throughout the region.

Youth Council

Mayor Ron Dyne presented the incoming Youth Councillors with their badges at the first meeting for 2009. The Youth Councillors are now working on various committees incorporating community activities ie Mary Valley Show, Goomeri Pumpkin Festival as well as organising programs for the young people in the region ie Photographic competition, Where’s Wally race.

The Youth Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Secretary represented Youth Council at the Mayoral Prayer Breakfast on the 25th February 2009.

2009 Careers Expo

After consultation from a strong school and community based meeting on the 9th February 2009 at The Pavilion, it was decided that 5th August 2009 would be the date for the Careers Expo in Gympie. As we are not on the 2009 University circuit, the organising committee will be concentrating on engaging local employers to hold displays and exhibits to highlight their organisations profile and the employment opportunities that are available within the region.

The next meeting will be held on the 11th March 2009.

Imbil Youth Group

I am currently holding circus workshops on Friday evenings with the Imbil Youth Group to raise the profile of the group in the Mary Valley. To date Twenty (20) young people have enjoyed learning the various skills that have been taught at the workshops. These workshops will continue through to the 3rd April 2009. It is hope that the young people will be able to showcase their new skills with a performance/show in Term 2.

Meetings Attended

Redskins – Street Chaplaincy Australia
CRYPP
Lynne Alsop, Youth Arts Program
Simon Wilson, Back on Track
Ed French, Nelson Reserve Skate Park Upgrade
2009 Careers Expo

Cr L J Friske entered the at meeting at 12.10pm.

Report: (Community Development Officer – Ms K Peters)

Red Cross – Emergency Services Volunteers – Change of Meeting Date

The initial public meeting will be held Friday, 27th March 2009 at 6.00pm to gauge the interest from Gympie Residents and the training day is scheduled for 18th April 2009 at the Roadcraft Driver Education Centre, Drummond Drive, Gympie.

GRC Cultural Plan

The Community Development Officer is continuing to assist with the development of a regional Cultural Plan for Council.

GRC Financial Assistance Grants

The Community Development Officer is currently supporting community organisations to access and understand Council's Financial Assistance Grants. To date, meetings have been held with fourteen (14) community

organisations on a one on one basis to support them in their application to Council for funds.

Cooloola Human Services Network CHSN)

The Community Development Officer is continuing to assist with the development of a Community Development Plan for the Gympie Region and the development of structured policies for the organisation.

Grant writing support provided by the Community Development Officer to CHSN has assisted in CHSN, in partnership with Queensland Health and the Gympie Senior Citizens Centre, being successful in obtaining funding through the Eat Well Be Active Community Partnerships Program 2008 to provide a holistic program is aimed at improving the physical activity and nutrition of senior residents in Gympie and surrounds.

Community Training

Council, through the Youth and Community Development Unit, is providing training for not-for-profit organisations over the next two (2) months. The following training will be delivered throughout the Gympie Region:

“Tangle Free Finance” training is to be held on the:

- 15th April 2009 at the Gympie Civic Centre,
- 22nd April at the Kilkivan Hall,
- 2nd May at the Tin Can Bay RSL Hall;
- 13 May at the Imbil RSL Hall.

Events Co-ordination training to the held on the

- 9th May – Gympie Civic Centre;
- 30th May – Kilkivan Hall.

Invitations will be sent to over 400 community organisations in the Gympie Region in the next week.

Parents to the Future Program

The Tiaro Crime Prevention Team is delivering a series of workshops throughout the former Tiaro Shire. The Community Development Officer is working with this team to ensure the workshops are delivered in our region.

The “Parents of the Future” program is both a prevention tool and a tool to educate the community, teaching both parent skills and drug awareness.

The sessions will include:

- how to be a successful parent in this challenging times;
- how to avoid some of the pitfalls and challenges to raising resilient children through the teen years;

- drugs and alcohol how they effect your children and teens through the early years of brain development.

This program will also:

- build stronger parent networks in the community to support each other in difficult times;
- be an effective resource within the community through providing a package of information on parenting, drugs and alcohol.

Q150

In March 2009, the Gympie Regional Council is co-ordinating a series of community events throughout the region to celebrate Queensland's 150th Birthday.

Events program is as follows:

Day	Place	Event	Details
Saturday 14 th March 2009	Gympie Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve	Community Race Day Wollemi Pine Planting	Invitations have been sent to volunteers who have helped build our community and received Australia day Awards for their efforts. During the day a Wollemi pine will be planted with a commemorative plaque to be laid following event.
Sunday 15 th March 2009	Tin Can Bay Foreshore	Community commemorative tree planting on foreshore at Tin Can Bay and Cooloola Cove.	Members of the community have been invited to a tree planting along the foreshore in Tin Can Bay and Cooloola Cove. A commemorative Wollemi Pine will be planted at each location.
Sunday 15 th March 2009	Cooloola Cove		
Monday 16 th March 2009	Widgee State School	School Performance Then and Now Screening Wollemi Pine Planting Morning tea at Widgee State School.	The Widgee State school will provide musical entertainment and share in the "Then and Now" exhibition of Council.
Tuesday 17 th March 2009	Kilkivan and District Historical Society Museum	Open Morning at Museum Wollemi Pine Planting	The Kilkivan and District Historical Society Museum has an extensive collection of items relating to local history. Students will be invited to churn butter,

			write with ink and experience everyday life as it once was.
Wednesday 18 th March 2009	Mary Valley Rattler	A select number of Prep students will be invited to accompany able residents from aged care facilities on a steam train journey to Imbil with stops at Dagon and Kandanga. Wollemi Pines will be planted at each stop.	Schools were invited to register their interest in the train journey. A random draw was conducted in the Council foyer with Monkland and Cooloola Christian college being selected to participate in this historic journey. Students will be encouraged to interact with older travellers throughout the day and are planning inclusive activities
Thursday 19 th March 2009	Curra – Curra Country Club	“Then and Now” display at Curra Country Club,	The local community will be invited to share in a morning tea and witness the planting of the commemorative tree in their community
Friday 20 th March 2009	Gympie – Memorial Park Rotunda Community Orchestra	Lunch time performance of Community Orchestra.	The Gympie community will be invited to participate in a free lunchtime orchestral concert in the park to commemorate Q150.

Meetings Attended

CHSN – Management Meeting
 Community Development Network
 Curra Country Club
 Tiaro and District Crime Prevention Meeting
 Sunshine Coast Division of General Practice
 Drought Initiative Reference Group
 Curra Arts and Craft Think Tank
 Senior Citizens
 Gympie Remote Control Cars
 Gympie Gold Rush AGM
 Mary River Festival
 CHSN – Networking Meeting
 Gympie Communications and Electronics Group
 Tin Can Bay RSL

Community Groups Funding Meetings Held

Curra Country Club
 Gympie Senior Citizens Centre
 Gympie Communications and Electronics Group
 Supporting Chemotherapy in Cooloola
 Tin Can Bay Sailability

Veteran Rural Fire Brigade
Gympie Musical Union

LIBRARY REPORT

Report: (Libraries Manager – Mrs L Day-Wilson)

February 2009

Circulation - (Number of items borrowed)

Gympie	26 055
Tin Can Bay	4 336
Rainbow Beach	794
Imbil	822
Kilkivan	768
Goomeri	550
Total	33 325

Membership - (Active Borrowers from: 29 July 2003 onwards)

Gympie	21 650
Tin Can Bay	3 193
Rainbow Beach	1 151
Imbil	976
Kilkivan	607
Goomeri	489
Total	28 066

Total Number of New Members this month: 298

Branch Breakdown

Gympie	221
Tin Can Bay	45
Rainbow Beach	11
Imbil	6
Kilkivan	5
Goomeri	10

Stock - (including magazines)

Gympie	70 767
Tin Can Bay	12 172
Rainbow Beach	5 570
Imbil	6 533
Kilkivan	6 576
Goomeri	4 594
Stack	191
Total	106 403

Visits to the Library - (no. of people through the door)

Gympie	14 427
Tin Can Bay	3 109
Rainbow Beach	1 563
Imbil	651
Kilkivan	631
Goomeri	807
Total	21 188

Virtual Visits to the Library

(i.e. no. of times the Library Web Page was accessed this month): 5 786

GENERAL

The Friends of Gympie Regional Libraries held their second General Meeting for 2009 at the Gympie Library on Wednesday, 18 February 2009.

The Friends discussed intended plans for their 30th Birthday Anniversary. GRC Friends of the Library are the longest standing "Friends Group" in Queensland. The original group formed in July 1979 and has since moved on to become an incorporated body with some 68 active members and approximately 30 supportive members. Many of the original founding members are, to date, still involved in the group's functions.

The Friends anticipate that activities showcasing the work they undertake at the library to assist Council's library services staff and ultimately members of the community, will span a week of celebrations and culminate in a gala morning or afternoon tea, to which Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer, Directors and other distinguished guests will be invited. The exact date for this is yet to be set.

The Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale will take place on Thursday, 19 March 2009 in the Gympie Library foyer. Funds raised from the sale of discarded library items and donations which are not considered suitable to add to the library collections are then generated back to the library's Book Vote to enable staff to purchase additional large print and audio visual materials.

Cr R Gâté left the meeting at 12.21pm.

Regional Quick Response Grant

A Regional Quick Response Grant of \$1,500 was procured in a co-operative effort by Lynne Alsop, (Children's and Young Adults' Services Librarian), Pauline Kuhn, (Youth Development Officer) and Joolie Gibbs, (Co-Ordinator, Art Gallery) this month.

- Available funding will be used to conduct Youth Week Workshops for youth aged between 13-20 years, over a four day period, commencing from 31 March 2009.

- One workshop will be held at Gympie Library, one at the Gallery, one at Tin Can Bay Library/Meeting Room, one at Imbil and one at Kilkivan/Goomeri in an attempt to reach out to youth in all regions of Gympie.
- The workshops, which will run for around two hours per session, will be conducted by David Lovegrove, a classically trained artist who specialises in Manga, a form of comical illustration and digital art.
- The artworks will remain the property of Council and be displayed in the libraries to brighten up the youth space, before being displayed at the Gallery, as a prelude to next year's Youth Week.

It is pleasing that three sections within the Community Services Directorate were able to work together and pool some limited funds to the grant funding so that the project could go ahead. Congratulations are extended to the above staff on their innovation and their success in obtaining grant funding.

Budget Preparations

Budget Preparations for 2009/10 commenced late in February 2009. As is the usual practice, estimates are prepared for realistic requirements only, as Council's ability to fund these is always kept in mind by the staff who prepare the library's Draft Budget. Having the six (6) service points operational for almost twelve months now, will make budget predictions easier this year, as we have twelve months expenditure and operational costs to hand, on which to base our Draft.

Queensland Day

Queensland Day Celebrations were also discussed this month, with the outcome being a proposed cake-cutting celebration at Gympie Library on Friday, 5 June 2009 with the Mayor, Cr Ron Dyne, relevant Council staff and Alma Street Kindergarten children in attendance. Invitations will be issued closer to the date.

CLIENT SERVICES

Improvements to facilities at Tin Can Bay Library are proceeding, with plans already underway for the installation of a colourbond roof over the re-surfaced courtyard area adjacent to the Meeting Rooms. Building materials were ordered early this month, as well as new concourse seating which matches that on the front courtyard area of the library. The completion date is expected to be late March 2009. Pot plants and other foliage will be added once the area is completed.

Another successful Internet Demonstration was held in the Gympie Library foyer on Wednesday 18 February. Via the use of a large screen projector,

members of the public are shown how to access information through a variety of on-line resources.

E-mail technology is also demonstrated to those who are unfamiliar with electronic communication.

INFORMATION SERVICES

The Information Services Desk was again a busy outlet throughout February, with the following queries being attended to:

Reference Queries	2 700
Inter-Library Loans requests	118
Local History Enquiries	60

Gympie Times Newspapers

Owing to space constraints, the Gympie Library is unable to store old copies of the Gympie Times in the upstairs storage area. Staff can now only offer clients access to the Nashville Times and the Gympie Times on microfilm. More recent copies of the Gympie Times are held until they become available on Microfilm.

Gympie Region Then and Now – Part II

Reference and Local History staff have sourced further historical images from the Gympie Region to include in the “Gympie Region Then and Now” website. Working in partnership with the Kilkivan Museum, a photographer will visit Kilkivan and Goomeri in the coming weeks to take the “Now” images.

State Library of Queensland Database Access

The library service now has full access to all Online Databases using the new library card numbers. The State Library of Queensland has provided funding to allow all public library clients free access to an extensive range of databases, which include: Encyclopedia Britannica Online, Health and Wellness Resource Centre, Gale Virtual Reference Library, Proquest, Australia and New Zealand Reference Centre. Visit www.gympie.qld.gov.au/library and click on the Online Database link to access these databases.

James Nash’s grandson visits Gympie Library

Michael Moore, who is a great-grandson of James Nash, visited the Local History Room to undertake research about his great grandfather on Friday, 20 February 2009. Michael and his wife Linda were assisted by our Local History Officer, Dr Elaine Brown, in their efforts to find out more about the life of their famous ancestor.



Family Relationship Centre

The Gympie Branch of the Queensland Relationship Centre has mounted a display at Gympie Library this month. The Centre offers Family Dispute Resolution Services aimed to: strengthen family relationships, help families stay together and offer assistance to families going through separation.

Bowel Cancer Awareness

Bowel Cancer Queensland have mounted a display in the library foyer aimed at raising awareness for the prevention and early detection of this disease.

Free Online Tutoring

The State Library of Queensland has provided funding for the continuance of “Your Tutor” throughout Queensland. Peri Beecraft from “Your Tutor” visited Gympie Library on the 19 February 2009 to demonstrate this product to all Gympie library staff. “Your Tutor” provides students from years 4-12 with free online access to a tutor to help them with English, Maths, Science, Assignment Research, Study Skills and Proofreading of Assignments.

The BIG Book Club

Gympie Regional Libraries are proud to support the BIG Book Club. This national campaign, sponsored in Queensland by the Courier Mail, promotes reading, the discussion of books and Australian authors. Information advertising how people can be part of the Club is available from all service points or by visiting www.thebigbookclub.com.au. This month’s selection was “The Forgotten Garden” by Kate Morgan.

CHILDREN’S & YOUNG ADULTS’ SERVICES

Attendance at eight (8) sessions throughout the month of February 2009, across the library service’s six (6) service points totalled 258 children and their carers.

Events/Visits

Kilkivan Library celebrated their 2nd Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time birthday with a “Humpty Dumpty” cake on Thursday, 26 February 2009. Attendances at these branch library sessions are held every two (2) weeks and continue to attract pleasing attendances.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Contributed 399 hours to the library service this month. The hours were spent in Local History, home library service selection and delivery, sheet music, deletion of worn and out-of-date stock for FOL book sales and FOL Executive meetings.

PAVILION REPORT

Report: (Pavilion Manager – Mrs L Kempster)

General

We have had a busy month with business meetings and University Examinations being held at The Pavilion. USQ started the month with external examinations followed closely by numerous business meetings and workshops. The month finished off with the Mayoral Prayer Breakfast, an Engagement Celebration and the Red Cross Bush Fire Relief Dinner.

Sports

All sports are now back into full swing with Volleyball commencing the 2009 summer season. This year looks to be another great season for the association.

Basketball is now back in full swing even though the men's competition has lost one (1) team after the Christmas break.

Futsal have resumed their season with all players and spectators still doing the right thing.

Regular Bookings

Gympie Basketball Association

- Masters Competition – Corbet Stadium, Monday evenings
- Fixtures – Corbet Stadium, Monday, Tuesday.

Queensland Futsal

- Fixtures – Corbet Stadium, Wednesday evenings

Gympie Volleyball Association

- Fixtures – Corbet Stadium, Thursday evenings

Gympie Regional Council

E-Commerce

- Business meeting – Smith Room, 4th Tuesday evenings
- Business meeting - Smith Room, 4th Monday evenings

Cooloola Access Advisory Committee

- Meeting – Smith/Bishop Room, 1st Thursday mornings

March Bookings

School Aerobics
 Showgirl Fundraiser
 Races
 Meetings
 Workshops
 Training Sessions
 Sports
 Concert
 Wedding
 Heart of Gold Dinner

CIVIC CENTRE REPORTCivic Centre Usage February 2009

Area	Hirer	Function
Fossickers Room	Citizens Helping Inskip MRCCC Zodiac Players Gold Rush Committee GRC Youth Development Cooloola Schools Chaplaincy Gympie & District Eisteddfod Families for child safety CFMEU	Meeting Reptile Workshop Auditions AGM Youth Council Appreciation Supper AGM Seminar Union Meeting
Prospectors Hall	Qld Health Ken Mason Gympie Blue Light Association Weddings Exclusive	Tai Chi x 3 Wedding Reception Disco Bridal Expo
Heritage Theatre	Zodiac Players Tony Kishawi Heart of Gold Zodiac Players Heritage Qld Eisteddfod The Underground Opera	Oliver Auditions Rehearsals x 3 Film Festival Rehearsals x 7 Gala Concert Concert
Miner's Court	Gympie & District Women's Health Ken Mason Heart of Gold	Luncheon Wedding Reception Film Festival
Kitchen	Cooloola Schools Chaplaincy	Appreciation Supper

	Ken Mason Heritage Qld Eisteddfod	Wedding Reception Gala Concert
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CS08/03/09 Moved: Cr J Watt**Seconded: Cr I Petersen**

Recommend that Council receive the Community Facilities & Services Report for the month of February 2009.

Carried

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Woodworks Steering Committee Charter

Re: **CS09/03/09** Woodworks Steering Committee Charter
 From: Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator – Mrs H Kelly
 File:
 Date: 4 March 2009

Report: (Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator - Mrs H Kelly)

At the Woodworks Steering Committee meeting on Monday 16th February 2009, the committee moved to adopt the Woodworks Steering Committee Charter. A copy of the Charter is attached. See Attachment 1.

Council is asked to endorse the Committee's actions.

~~**CS09/03/09 Moved: Cr G Engeman**~~~~**Seconded: Cr R Dyne**~~

~~**Recommend that Council endorse the Woodworks Steering Committee Charter as amended.**~~

Carried

~~DELETED REFER MINUTE G35/03/09~~

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Arms and Collectables Fair – Use of The Pavilion

Re: **CS10/03/09** Arms and Collectables Fair – Use of The Pavilion
 From: Jason Harelle, Gympie & District Collectors Assoc. Inc., PO Box 346, GYMPIE QLD 4570
 File: Doc ID 1010300
 Date: 12 January 2009

I am writing to obtain written Council permission for our small organisation to use The Pavilion for our annual Arms & Collectables Fair to be held on Saturday & Sunday 20 & 21 June 2009.

This permission is required by the Weapons Licensing Branch prior to the issue of a permit for us to proceed with organisation of the fair. I thank you in anticipation of a positive reply."

Report: (Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator - Mrs H Kelly)

The Gympie & District Collectors Association Incorporated are seeking written permission from Council to use The Pavilion for the Arms & Collectables Fair on June 20th and 21st, 2009.

Such permission is a permit requirement of the Weapons Licensing Branch.

Council has in the past granted permission for this annual event to be held at The Pavilion.

CS10/03/09 Moved: Cr L Friske

Seconded: Cr R Dyne

Recommend that Council approve the holding of the Arms & Collectables Fair at The Pavilion on 20th/21st June 2009 and that written advice of such approval be forwarded to the Secretary of the Gympie & District Collectors Association Incorporated.

Further, that Council note that the Chief Executive Officer has been authorised to send this advice from today's meeting and it is recommended that the Committee's action in this matter be endorsed.

Carried

SECTION 4: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

4/1 Recommendations from Waste Strategy Work Group Meeting – 20 February 2009

Re: CS11/03/09 Recommendations from Waste Strategy Work Group Meeting – 20/02/2009

From: Director of Community Services – Mr M Grant

File:

Date: 3 March 2009

Report: (Director of Community Services – Mr M Grant)

At the meeting of the Waste Strategy Work Group held on the 20th February 2009 the following recommendations were made to Council:

Tagigan Road 3m³ Road Side Bulk Bin Site

Recommend that Council authorise the Director of Community Services to close the Tagigan Road 3m³ road side bulk bin site by the same procedure as previously adopted in relation to closure of similar sites within the region.

Sandy Creek Road 3m³ Road Side Bulk Bin Site

Recommend that Council authorise the Director of Community Services to write to the residents of Laurel Road to offer an interim 240 litre wheeled refuse/recycling bin service to be serviced from the constructed pad until such time as the road issue is resolved.

Further Council should consider including the following clause as part of the above recommendation:

That the Sandy Creek Road 3m³ road side bulk bin site be closed using the same procedure as previously adopted in relation to closure of similar sites within the region.

Langshaw Petition – 240 litre Wheeled Bin Refuse/Recycling Service

Minute CS05/05/08 refers:

RECOMMEND THAT WHEELIE BIN SERVICES BE MAINTAINED TO THOSE PROPERTIES CURRENTLY SERVICED BY WHEELIE BINS AND FURTHER OBJECTORS TO THE SERVICE DO NOT NEED TO HAVE WHEELIE BINS AND THAT THE BULK (GREEN) BINS WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY REMOVED AS THE WHEELIE BIN SERVICE IS MADE AVAILABLE. FURTHER THE EXPLANATION THAT THE REMOVAL OF THE BULK BIN SERVICE IS DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

Recommend that Council authorise the Director of Community Services to write to the Primary Petitioner, Mrs K Berry, to advise in terms of Council's resolution CS05/05/08 and that Council will not be exempting an individual area from the wheelie bin service.

Southside Waste Management Facility

Minute W39/04/07 in part refers:

SOUTHSIDE WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY ACCEPTS:

- ALL SKIP BIN WASTE;
- BUILDING WASTE;
- RESIDENTIAL WASTE (SHORT TERM UNTIL EXPANSION OF WHEELED BIN SERVICE IS COMPLETE IN GLASTONBURY AREA);
- GREEN WASTE/METAL WASTE;

Recommend that Council advise the EPA that once the Glastonbury area is able to be serviced by wheelie bins the Southside Waste Management Facility will be used for disposal of building waste, greenwaste and metal waste only pursuant to W39/04/07 and that domestic refuse/putrescible waste will not be accepted. Signage is to be erected as soon as possible advising residents of the impending changed use of the site.

Recycling for the Former Tiaro Area

That Council authorise the Director of Community Services to obtain quotations for a recycling wheelie bin service in the former Tiaro Division 3 area to begin 1st July 2009.

CS11/03/09 Moved: Cr L Friske

Seconded: Cr I Petersen

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Recommend that Council authorise the Director of Community Services to write to the residents of Laurel Road to offer an interim 240 litre wheeled refuse/recycling bin service to be serviced from the constructed pad until such time as the road issue is resolved.

Further that the Sandy Creek Road 3m³ road side bulk bin site will be closed using the same procedure as previously adopted in relation to closure of similar sites within the region.

Langshaw Petition – 240 litre Wheeled Bin Refuse/Recycling Service

Recommend that Council authorise the Director of Community Services to write to the Primary Petitioner, Mrs K Berry, to advise in terms of Council's resolution CS05/05/08 and that Council will not be exempting a specific area from the wheelie bin service.

Southside Waste Management Facility

The matter of the use of the Southside Waste Management Facility be referred back to a future Waste Strategy Meeting.

Recycling for the Former Tiaro Area

That Council authorise the Director of Community Services to obtain quotations for a recycling wheelie bin service in the former Tiaro Division 3 area to begin 1st July 2009.

Carried

SECTION 5: GENERAL BUSINESS**5/1** Tourism Sunshine Coast

Re: Tourism Sunshine Coast
From: Cr Tony Perrett
File:
Date: 3 March 2009

Report: Cr Tony Perrett

Minute refers CS12/02/09

RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL AUTHORISE CR TONY PERRETT, AS A BOARD MEMBER OF TOURISM SUNSHINE COAST, TO MAKE ENQUIRIES AS TO THE PROMOTION OF EVENTS INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL SHOWS IN THE GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA AND TO REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL.

Cr A Perrett gave a verbal report as a result of his and Cr G Engeman's attendance at a meeting held by Tourism Sunshine Coast. Cr Perrett advised that representations were made by himself and Cr Engeman in relation to the advertising of various events held in the Gympie Regional Council area i.e. agricultural shows, festivals etc.

Late Item - Kilkivan First Responders Group

Re: **CS12/03/09** Kilkivan First Responders Group
From: Kilkivan First Responder Group, PO Box 71, Kilkivan Qld 4600
File: Doc ID 1019297
Date: Received via email 18/02/09

"Re: Request for Training Room facilities, Kilkivan Public Hall

Further to our recent conversations with the Mayor, Cr Ron Dyne, and yourself, I hereby now confirm our request to be allowed to use the Supper Room in the Kilkivan Public Hall as a training room facility.

We have been using the training room in the council depot. This has been a really terrific venue – however, due to the difficult access via the very steep external stairs, we feel that should Council be willing to allow us the use of the Supper Room facilities, it would really be a much preferable venue, particularly when carrying heavy equipment and accessing the room in an emergency. We have had a couple of callouts whilst training on Tuesday nights and the responders attending have had to be extremely careful when carrying the gear down the stairs (particularly in wet weather).

We have a couple of steel cabinets which would also need to be moved across, but I am sure they could be accommodated in the breezeway at the side of the supper room or near where the tables and chairs are stored near the bar area.

Council's favourable reply would be greatly appreciated."

Cr R Gâté returned to the meeting at 1.06pm.

Mr K Mason left the meeting at 1.06pm.

Mr K Mason returned to the meeting at 1.07pm.

Report: (Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator - Mrs H Kelly)

The first responders are requesting use of the Kilkivan Hall Supper room for their regular meetings and to store equipment.

Bonnie Farrow – Branch Administration Manager, Kilkivan Branch has reported that the group currently meet once a week in the training room and it was here the lockable cabinets were stored. The group have keys to this area and as such are able to access their equipment should they be called to an emergency.

The group also accessed the kitchen facilities within Council for the purposes of making hot drinks.

Current hire procedures at the Kilkivan Hall require either office staff or the cleaners to open the relevant areas for hirers when requested with the exception of weekends when a key is supplied and returned as soon as the office is open following the event. The Kilkivan Hall key provides access to all areas within the hall.

If Council were to view the First Responders request favourably consideration should be given to the storage of their equipment and their need to access this at short notice. Consideration should also be given to the location of such equipment so as to cause minimal impact on other hirers should access be required at short notice.

The current hire cost of the supper room is \$10 per function for meetings and \$30 per function where the kitchen and covered bar area at the rear of the supper room are used.

Hirers are expected to leave the hall in a tidy condition.

Recommend that Council authorise the use of the Supper Room at the Kilkivan Hall by the First Responders for their weekly training/meetings at no charge.

Further that the storage cabinets used by the First Responders be located in the breezeway adjacent to the library.

Carried

SECTION 6: IN COMMITTEE ITEMS

Nil

SECTION 7: ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Woodworks Steering Committee Charter

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.13pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 25th OF MARCH 2009.

Cr A.J. Perrett
Chairman