



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 7 April 2009

*to be confirmed at the General Meeting
to be held on 22 April 2009.*

Gympie Regional Council WORKS & SERVICES MEETING

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

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The meeting commenced at 9.00am.

PRESENT: 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 K.A. Mason (*Chief Executive Officer*), Mr R.A. Fredman (*Director of Engineering Services*) and Mrs L. Birt (*Minutes Secretary*).

Cr Engeman was not present when the meeting commenced.

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.*

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

W01/04/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

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

Carried

SECTION 1: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

1/1 Tin Can Bay Foreshore Future

Re: **W02/04/09** Tin Can Bay Foreshore Future
From: Mr Peter Todd, President, Tin Can Bay Chamber of Commerce Inc,
PO Box 111, Tin Can Bay 4580
File: 1/2/2/10 Doc ID # 1026691
Date: 18 March 2009

“At the last Tin Can Bay Chamber of Commerce and Tourism monthly meeting it was decided that we should take a more active roll in preserving the Tin Can Bay foreshore from further erosion and deterioration.

It was felt that the most important action is to first make a start and the two areas we believe Council should make that start are:-

1. *The foreshore on The Esplanade opposite Cod Street. This serious erosion needs Geotec bags about 10 meters out from the current foreshore cliff, back filling and turfing.*
2. *The second area is at Bob Reibel Park, where again this needs the Geotec bags out about 15 meters from shore and backfilling protecting it from inundation and continual tidal damage all year round. Before doing that the parking and launch areas need to be filled and sealed with an increased amount of bollards to prevent traffic on the fragile grassed areas.*

If these initial two projects look good and meet with approval from everyone, we continue along susceptible areas of the foreshores at Cod Street and Bob Reibel Park in a southerly direction.

May I suggest that we meet on site to view first hand the areas in question and so that your people, councillors and engineering staff alike, are clear about what we are suggesting.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly to arrange a meeting time.”

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

Council has previously attempted to obtain State Government funding assistance for this project. The erosion continues, albeit slowly. Approvals are difficult to obtain for reclaiming land.

W02/04/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that Council authorise the Design Services Division to undertake a design and seek the necessary approvals.

Further that the writer be advised accordingly and an on-site meeting be arranged.

Carried

1/2

Institute of Public Works – Engineering Conference

Re: **W03/04/09** Institute of Public Works – Engineering Conference
From: Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman
File:
Date: 11/03/09

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

The Institute of Public Works Engineering Conference is at Barcaldine on 1-3 July 2009.

W03/04/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that Council authorise IPWEAQ members Mr Bob Fredman and Mr Grayden Curry and Works Chairman Cr L Friske to attend the Institute of Public Works Engineering Conference to be held at Barcaldine from the 1-3 July 2009.

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

1/3	Gympie Saleyards Truck Wash Facility
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Re: **W04/04/09** Gympie Saleyards Truck Wash Facility
 From: Liz Schmidt, President, L.T.A.Q. Office, 485A Stuart Drive, Stuart Qld 4811
 File: 4/2/11/3 Doc # 1024855
 Date: 10 March 2009

Letter addressed to Mayor Ron Dyne

“On behalf of the members and executive of the LTAQ, I would like to request that provision be made at the Gympie Saleyards Truck Wash for the facility to be linked to the Avdata key system which allows more efficient use of washout facilities at all times.

Below is information on the Avdata system that might be useful.

Avdata manages the whole billing process:

- Maintaining a database of truck owners & operators*
- Collecting and processing truckwash data*
- Calculating charges*
- Printing and mailing statement/tax invoices*
- Receipting payments*
- Handling queries*
- Referring debt recovery action.*

Advantages

Advantages of the centralised Avdata service include:

- Controlled truckwash access*
- A comprehensive database of truck ownership and key registration*
- All facilities in the National Truckwash System are accessible*
- Each customer receives one statement/tax invoice per month for all charges*
- Avdata handles all queries and receipts payments on your behalf.*
- Statement/tax invoices are fully GST compliant*
- Online database access and regular reports for management, planning and GST purposes.*

For more information go to avdata.com.au.

There has been a suggestion from members that it may be possible to have both coin operated and Avdata access.

Looking forward to your favourable reply in the near future.”

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

Avdata costs approx \$4000 to install and the charge is 10% of the gross income. The current system with coins is efficient. Council does not wish to expand usage at this stage, because of potential problems with disposing of a higher volume of effluent.

W04/04/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that Council advise the writer that it plans to continue with the current truck wash payment system at the Gympie Saleyards, however has noted their request for the future.

Carried

1/4

2009 Asia-Pacific Rally Championship – Rally Qld

Re: **W05/04/09** 2009 Asia-Pacific Rally Championship – Rally Qld
From: Brian Everitt, Deputy Clerk of Course, Rally Queensland, PO Box 3529, South Brisbane BC Qld 4101
File: 4/8/24/003 Doc # 1024269
Date: 5 March 2009

“The Brisbane Sporting Car Club has been granted permission from the Federation Internationale l’Automobile (FIA) to conduct a round of the 2009 Asia-Pacific Rally Championships titles for the first time. This ‘upgrade’ in event status to an international event supports past efforts of

the Rally Queensland organising team in presenting and conducting a professional, friendly and safe motor sport event.

The Club proposes to stage this event on Saturday 9th May and Sunday 10th May, 2009 in the Gympie Regional Council district.

Titles for which the rally counts:

- *2009 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers*
- *2009 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship for Manufacturers*
- *2009 FIA Pacific Cup for Drivers and Co-Drivers.*
- *2009 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Cup for Drivers, Co-Drivers and Manufacturers of 2 litre normally aspirated 2WD cars*
- *Pirelli Star Driver Award Qualifying Event*
- *2009 Australian Rally Championship*
- *2009 Queensland Rally Championship*

The rally will be run in compliance with the:

- FIA International Sporting Code (and its appendices)*
- 2009 FIA Regional Rally Championships Sporting Regulations*
- Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) National Sporting Code which complies with the FIA Regulations*
- 2009 Australian Rally Championship Sporting & Technical Regulations*
- City Subaru Queensland Rally Championship Regulations*

Significant interest from television and print media is expected from within Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

This year, the Rally will have an Official start with non-competition activities from Nambour Showground on Friday evening 8th May 2009. As in past years, competitive stages will then be held in the Imbil-Kandanga area on Saturday 9th May and Sunday 10th May, with the finish located at Imbil Showground on the Sunday afternoon.

The Organising Committee seeks the assistance of Gympie Regional Council in support of the Club's request to the Queensland Police Service to close certain sections of Shire roads for use as competitive stages and assembly areas of the event.

The sections of Gympie Regional Council roads we propose to close this year and approximate times of closure are shown below. They are all roads which have been used by this event in past years.

<i>Section of Road</i>	<i>Times and Dates</i>
<i>Melawondi Road from the State Forest boundary to Hyne's Sawmill (Melawondi)</i>	<i>Saturday 9th May 2009 from 0700 hrs to 1700 hrs. Sunday 10th May 2009 from 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs</i>

<i>Ernst Road from Hyne's Sawmill (Melawondi) to the intersection with Sterling Road</i>	<i>Saturday 9th May 2009 from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs Sunday 10th May 2009 from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs</i>
<i>Sterling Road from the intersection of Ernst Road to the Upper Kandanga Creek School</i>	<i>Saturday 9th May 2009 from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs Sunday 10th May 2009 from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs</i>

FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PURPOSES

<i>Arthur Street, Imbil from the junction of Edward Street, Imbil to the junction of Diggings Road, Imbil</i>	<i>Saturday 9th May 2009 from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs Sunday 10th May 2009 from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs</i>
<i>Edward St from the junction of Arthur St, Imbil to the reserve at the southern end of the Imbil Rodeo/Show Grounds</i>	<i>Saturday 9th May 2009 from 0700 hrs to 1800 hrs Sunday 10 May 2009 from 0700 hrs to 1800 hrs</i>

As in past years, we plan to meet with, and provide notice to, residents in the immediate areas concerning these road closures. Additional contact will be made with these residents prior to the event advising them of actual road closure times, along with advertising in local newspapers as required. Signs will also be erected several weeks prior to the event reminding residents of the road closure times and inviting them to contact us should there be any concerns. Newspaper advertisements will appear in the Gympie Times newspaper prior to the event advising of the road closures, relevant times and dates.

Enclosed are the following:

- *Itinerary "Tally Queensland" 2009*
- *Route Description "Rally Queensland" 2009-03-26 Stage map "Rally Queensland 2009" for Saturday and Sunday*

A copy of these documents and this letter will also be sent to the Queensland Police Service, Imbil/Gympie, for their approval and permits.

Qld Ambulance Service, Imbil SES and Qld Rural Fire Services will be in attendance during the event. Qld Fire Service and Hospitals in the region will also be alerted.

To enable event planning to continue, we would appreciate your earliest consideration of our requests for the appropriate permit to conduct this event.

If any further information is required please don't hesitate to contact me on one of the following numbers - 0439 821 786 or 07 3889 9139 (a/h)."

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

Previous rallies have used the proposed routes on Council roads with little real damage. The event has tourism benefits.

W05/04/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr J. Watt

Recommend that Council advise the Brisbane Sporting Car Club that Council approves the use of the roads as per their letter, and wishes them every success with the event.

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

Cr Engeman entered the meeting at 9.04am.

1/5	Roads to Recovery Program
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Re: **W06/04/09** Roads to Recovery Program July 2009 to June 2014
 From: The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and Leader of the House
 File: 4/1/5/3 Doc ID # 1027877
 Date: Received 27 March 2009

"I am writing to advise you of our Councils funding allocation under the Roads to Recovery Program from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2014.

The Rudd Labor Government has extended the Roads to Recovery Program for a further five years and will increase funding under the program to \$350 million per annum. This means that over the next five years the Australian Government will provide \$1.75 billion directly to local councils to help them fix local transport problems.

A total of \$356,000,000 has been allocated to Queensland. The interstate relativities will remain essentially the same as they have been since the program began in 2001. The amount for each State has been divided between the Councils in the State on the basis of the 2008-09 recommendations of your Local Government Grants Commission for the roads component of the Financial Assistance Grants. This methodology is

consistent with the allocation of Roads to Recovery funding under both the current and previous programs.

Your Council's life of the program allocation for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2014 will be \$4,887,365 and your nominal allocation for 2009-10 is one fifth of this amount. These funds will be available from 1 July 2009.

The program will continue to run under simple administrative arrangements with Councils free to decide the projects to be funded under the Program, as they are now. My department will advise you of the formal funding conditions in the coming months.

I am constantly reminded, as I travel around the country, of the good use to which Councils have put their Roads to Recovery money and I look forward to continuing the successful relationship between the Australian Government and your council over the coming years."

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

Roads to Recovery (R2R3) will bring \$977K per year to this Council for roads. This funding will be allocated to road upgrading or extension and a report will be presented to the next Works & Services Committee meeting accordingly.

This funding has previously been directed to the arterial road network to facilitate higher quality roads for our industrial, commercial and major residential needs.

W06/04/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr R. Dyne

Recommend that the correspondence be referred to the Director of Engineering Services to report on a Draft R2R3 Program focussing on upgrading the arterial road network.

Carried

1/6	10 th Queensland Weeds Symposium
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Re: **W07/04/09** 10th Queensland Weeds Symposium
 From: Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman
 File:
 Date: 02 April 2009

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

The 10th Queensland Weeds Symposium is being held at the Capricorn Resort, Yeppoon on the 26-29 July 2009. Full registration (if paid by 25

May 2009) will be \$550 per person or \$595 per person (for payment after 26 May 2009).

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

The Symposium is in Yeppoon. It provides valuable information that underpins our lands protection policies.

W07/04/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R. Dyne

Recommend that the Lands Protection Manager (Mr M Webb) be authorised to attend the 10th Queensland Weeds Symposium to be held at the Capricorn Resort, Yeppoon from 26-29 July 2009.

Carried

1/7

Upgrading a Section of Gympie-Brooloo Road

Re: **W08/04/09** Upgrading a Section of Gympie-Brooloo Road
 From: LJ O'Brien, District Director (Gympie), Department of Main Rods,
 PO Box 183, Gympie Qld 4570
 File: 4/8/18/2 Doc ID # 1026676
 Date: 20 March 2009

“Thank you for your letter of 28 January 2009 about Main Roads’ program for upgrading a section of Gympie-Brooloo Road, just prior to the Kandanga turnoff.

As this section of road is affected by the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam and associated infrastructure works, Main Roads does not intend undertaking any works, other than routine maintenance, until a decision on the dam construction is made.

If the dam construction does not proceed, this section of Gympie-Brooloo Road will be considered for future upgrading.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Ian Swift on 5482 0333.”

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

Main Roads has an obligation to ensure that this section of road is always safe to travel, dam or no dam. Therefore, it may require a future upgrading.

W08/04/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that the information be received and be referred to the Mayor and Chairman of Works to discuss with Main Roads Department.

Carried

1/8	2009/10 Blackspot Program
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Re: **W09/04/09** 2009/10 Blackspot Program
From: LJ O'Brien, District Director (Gympie), Department of Main Roads,
PO Box 183, Gympie Qld 4570
File: 4/8/20/1 Doc ID # 1026675
Date: 20 March 2009

Thank you for your letter of 27 February 2009 about nominations for the 2009/10 Blackspot Program.

Recently the federal government provided additional funding of the 2008/09 Blackspot Program and an extension of time to complete all 2008/09 eligible and approved projects by 31 December 2009.

Due to the short timeframe for a response to the federal government, Main Roads contacted the Council by phone for direction and all the existing nominations were put forward for the additional funding. Based on nomination criteria, the Ada Street/Power Street/Berrie Street intersection is eligible. Main Roads will be notified shortly regarding the success or otherwise of this nomination and will then inform Council of the outcome.

The remaining two existing nominations (Station Road/Tozer Street/Tozer Lane intersection, and Mt Pleasant Road/John Street/Hilton Road intersection) and the latest nomination (Jane Street/Clematis Street intersection) do not meet the eligibility criteria for the Blackspot Program. These criteria are available on the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government website at <http://www.auslink.gov.au/publications/administration/index.aspx> (Blackspot Notes on Administration).

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Ian Swift on 5482 0333."

Cr Petersen left the meeting at 9.10am.

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

This information may have been superceded.

W09/04/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté**Seconded: Cr J. Watt****Recommend that the information be received.****Carried****1/9****Wide Bay Burnett Water Strategy****Re: W10/04/09 Wide Bay Burnett Water Strategy****From: Max Winders & Associates Pty Ltd tas MWA Environmental, GP
Box 3137, Brisbane Qld 4001****File:****Date: 17 March 2009**

“I understand that a draft Wide Bay Burnett Regional Water Strategy has been prepared and is about to be released for public consultation.

One of the difficulties that stakeholders face when assessing such strategies is understanding the logic behind the basic principles which have been assumed by the engineers and hydrologists who have been given the responsibility to provide the numbers required to validate the strategy.

For example the South East Queensland Regional Water Strategy was developed from the assumption that the Traveston Crossing Dam would be constructed before any further desalination plants would be commissioned and this assumption derived from the fact that then Premier Beattie had previously legislated that the TCD would be constructed by 2011.

As meeting the 2011 target now appears unlikely because of widespread opposition to the TCD, the commissioning of new desalination plants has been required to be brought forward.

Nevertheless the Queensland Government has not abandoned the TCD proposal and is believed to have spent \$500 million on the project to date. If it can persuade Hon Peter Garrett that construction of the TCD can proceed without contravening the intent of the EPBC Act, then the Queensland Government can build the dam.

The point that I made in my submission to the EIS was that the TCD proposal, as then detailed, did not make provision for adequate environmental flows to pass downstream of the Mary River Barrage to maintain an adequate input of nutrients, to reduce salinities and to provide recurrent river freshes to stimulate the life-cycles of estuarine species with

sufficient frequency to protect the recognised environmental values of the river estuary and the Great Sandy Region.

Because I had access only to a water quality model of the estuary and other waterways of the Great Sandy Region and not to the IQQM model which generates the time-series of freshwater flows into the estuary below the Barrages, I was unable to demonstrate by how much the yield of the TCD would be reduced if those flows were provided for in an Environmental Flow Release Strategy which would be incorporated into the design and operation of a future dam.

Council's case rests on the assumption and not the proof that the consequent reduction in the sustainable yield of the TCD Project (including pipelines and pumping) would be such that the desalination option would be more viable.

In the meantime, it is believed that our submission demonstrated the actual impact that the construction of the Mary River Barrage, without specific environmental flow release provision, had upon the estuarine ecosystem. I understand that the draft Wide Bay Burnett Regional Water Strategy may now have been drafted on the basis that the Barrage would be demolished and that current and future supplies of water to Maryborough and the Fraser Coast would, instead, originate from the Burnett River where, at this point in time, there is believed to be an excess of water.

It can be readily demonstrated that the Mary River IQQM modelling has not been adequately validated against low flows. It is also considered likely that the modelling of the dam storage itself has not adequately accounted for the periodic and on-going losses into the vast deposits of sand and gravel which underlie the storage area and that; as a consequence, the IQQM model may further understate the low flows.

Thus the amount of water which will be required to be pumped from the Burnett and piped to the Fraser Coast, to offset the loss of environmental flows from the Traveston Crossing Dam and the replacement of supplies to the Fraser Coast lost to the SE Queensland Water Grid, is heavily dependent upon how these matters have been and will be incorporated into the development of a final Wide Bay Burnett Regional Water Strategy.

In my opinion, the current situation as far as stakeholders in your area is concerned, is as follows:

- 1. We have not demonstrated by how much the yield of the TCD, as far as the SEQ water grid is concerned, will be reduced to provide the environmental flows that are needed by the Great Sandy Region and lungfish, river turtles and cod to satisfy the requirements of the EPBC Act. To do this we need access to the IQQM model but with it validated against low flow criteria.*

2. *There has been no demonstration to date that the removal of the Mary River Barrage would offset the impact of the TCD and that further IQQM modelling would be required to assess the impact on the sustainable supply into the SEQ water grid – even if the Barrage is removed, as the current situation is far from satisfactory (eg. Nutrients halved) and there is still no provision in the TCD to compensate for the further loss of environmental flows downstream of the TCD or into the estuary.*
3. *There has been no modelling undertaken to identify a new storage/pipeline scenario on the Mary River which could be designed to provide current and future water supplies from the Mary River to downstream users which would allow Mary River Barrage to be removed but which would not require the water from the Barrage to be supplied from the Burnett River.*

To be properly informed of the above, stakeholders need to be confident that the IQQM modelling being undertaken and the results produced from it have fully and impartially considered all of the options. This has certainly not been the case with the TCD EIS nor, it would appear, with the development of the SEQ Water Strategy.

I don't believe that this has been the fault of the modellers in NRW and I believe that, properly instructed by their superiors, they could re-validate the model and run the options suggested above, providing the results in numerical form and in an appropriate format.

It is suggested that council might consider approaching Mr John Ruffini in NRW in this regard to determine under what conditions they might undertake the above and pass the results on to Council for its consideration and use in further negotiations likely to occur as part of the development of the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Water Strategy.

We could assist Council and other stakeholders with regard to Items 1 & 2. We do not need to obtain a copy of the existing model to run ourselves. We only need an explanation of the input information and an electronic output file – although a hard copy in normal IQQM output format would assist.

With regard to Item 3, I believe that this is likely to be the outcome of the discussions expected to develop out of the modelling undertaken to address Items 1 & 2 – in fact there are probably a number of existing model runs which might only require minor modification of the model to look for this type of solution.

I would be pleased to discuss the above with you, your Council and other stakeholders if there is interest in this approach.”

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

MWA Environmental was commissioned by the Council of Mayors to provide a review of the Traveston Crossing Dam EIS, with specific reference to the hydrology and associated impacts on reaches downstream of the dam. They found significant issues with environmental flows for a dry year scenario.

Council through Cr Friske has been actively involved in the WBB Regional Water Strategy group. Council has submitted concerns regarding the draft Strategy and has requested it be delayed until the outcome of the dam and its operating conditions are known.

MWA Environmental has been further reviewing the issue (in their own time) and is now suggesting, inter alia, that the Council of Mayors' concerns could be verified through re-validating the river flow model. It would appear that the process may not be overly complex and could be something that NRW would be able to do.

The Strategy will dictate future Gympie water supply options, and as such is an extremely important document for the future. Given that all water from the proposed dam will be directed south, and that the balance of the river downstream may be oversubscribed, options are limited. One option that Council buys up water allocations from irrigators, has serious negative ramifications for the future of the primary industry sector in the region. There are no other known practical options.

Cr Petersen returned to the meeting at 9.12am.

W10/04/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr J. Watt

Recommend that Council

- 1. refer the letter to Department of Natural Resources, Mines & Energy (DNRME) requesting that they provide the information requested as per the MWS letter. Further that a copy of correspondence to DNRME be forwarded to RPAC.**
- 2. advise MWA Environmental that Council is interested in their proposal, and has sought the requested information from DNRME.**
- 3. authorise Cr Friske to advise the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Water Strategy Group of Council's strong opposition to any proposal that involves transferring water allocation from agriculture in this region, for urban use.**

Carried

1/10	Kingfisher Rise Estate – Complaint Regarding Hazardous Dust Problem
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Re: **W11/04/09** Kingfisher Rise Estate – Complaint Regarding Hazardous Dust Problem
From: Gary & Alexis Outram, 30 Blue Wing Blvd, Gympie Qld 4570
File: 4/8/7/7 Doc ID # 1027996
Date: Received 25 March 2009

We refer to your letter to us dated 28 January 2009 in response to our letter to the Mayor and the Petition signed by the residents of Kingfisher Rise Estate.

We are completely unsatisfied by Council's response. Your letter explained nothing and did not address one single concern expressed in our letter the contents of which was supported by all those residents who signed the petition. Many others are now aware of the Petition who were away at the time the petition needed to be signed and presented before close of Council business for 2008.

An article concerning the matter and the outcome of a Council Meeting, about which we had no knowledge, notice or opportunity to attend, appeared in the Gympie Times 2 weeks before receipt of your letter to us and added further insult to the residents and petitioners.

We do not believe our Petition was given proper and reasonable consideration.

We believe at the least, Council could have undertaken to cover "the Road" with dust-suppressing material which, contrary to some Councillors' doubtful opinions, we have experienced in other Shires to be extremely effective.

It would be a small price to pay for safe-guarding the health of the residents and their small children and avoiding considerable problems for everyone in the future.

If Council could reconsider its position and see its way clear to assisting the residents and their families by suppressing the dust, it would show a refreshingly responsible professional maturity which is a prerequisite for a growing town and large regional shire."

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

Signage has now been erected that should lead to lower traffic speeds and hence a reduction in dust.

No solution that involves a dust free surface comes at a 'small price'.

If people consider dust to be a health issue they should not choose to purchase land adjoining a gravel road.

Many residents in the region live beside a gravel road and have to live with the nuisance of dust from time to time.

W11/04/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr R. Dyne

Recommend that the writer be advised that signage has now been erected that should slow vehicles down, thereby reducing the dust nuisance.

Further that the writer be advised that Council has investigated concerns about possible contaminants in the dust and is confident that such contaminants are highly unlikely. Dust free gravels, or bitumen, do not come at a small price. There are many ratepayers on gravel roads that would have equal right to Council funds for such a service, if such funds were available.

Carried

1/11	Vehicle Changeover
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Re: **W12/04/09** Vehicle Changeover
From: Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman
File:
Date: 31 March 2009

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

As a consequence of the recent dramatic changes in the car and machinery market, a review has been undertaken of Council's Purchasing Policy. The mileage of most classes of plant at changeover will be increased. Further, more classes of vehicle will be specified as diesel.

W12/04/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

1/12	Woolooga to Cooroy South Transmission Line and Cooroy South Substation Project – Release of Draft EIS for Public Comment
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Re: **W13/04/09** Woolooga to Cooroy South Transmission Line and Cooroy South Substation Project – Release of Draft EIS for Public Comment

From: Stuart Topp, Project Manager, Powerlink Queensland, PO Box 1193, Virginia Qld 4014

File: 4/1/8/2 Doc # 1028264

Date: 26 March 2009

“Powerlink is inviting landowners, stakeholders and interested members of the community to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Woolooga to Cooroy South transmission line and Cooroy South Substation project.

The new transmission line and substation are needed by around 2014 to meet the growing electricity demand in the large area encompassing the northern Sunshine Coast and Gympie and surrounds. About 90% of the new powerline is planned to be located alongside an existing line on existing easements which run southwards from Woolooga. These easements were acquired about 30 years ago. New 60 metre wide easements will be required for the final 8 to 8.5 kilometres of line which will provide the link from the existing easements located west of Cooroy, to the proposed new substation at Eerwah Vale (presently named Cooroy South Substation).

Release of Draft EIS for Public Comment

The Draft EIS has been prepared by environmental consultant Parsons Brickerhoff (PB) and provides a comprehensive assessment of the environmental, social and economic impacts of the proposed project, as well as the project need and alternatives considered. It also includes a Draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which outlines how any impacts are to be mitigated and managed.

The Draft EIS concludes that, with the proposed environmental management plans that Powerlink will apply, there are no environmental factors that would prevent the project from proceeding.

The Draft EIS investigations did identify some species and potential habitat for species that are listed as ‘endangered’ or ‘vulnerable’ under the Commonwealth’s Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act, but a detailed assessment has concluded that there will be no significant impacts on these species/habitats, provided the mitigation measures outlined in the EIS are adopted. While this means that it is not

mandatory for the project to be referred to the Commonwealth Department of Environment, Heritage, Water and Arts. Powerlink has voluntarily referred the project to the department for review to provide assurance to the community.

The Draft EIS will be available for public comment for a six week period between Tuesday 31 March and Friday 15 May 2009 (this is double the period required under legislation, and should ensure interested parties have sufficient time to review the document and submit any comments).

Details of how to request a copy and locations for viewing the document are contained in the enclosed newsletter.

Written submissions on the Draft EIS must be received by PB by 5pm on 15 May 2009. All submissions received will be reviewed, considered and addressed in the Final EIS, and every submitter will receive a response to their submission.

Community Information Drop-In Days and Draft EIS Workshops

Interested members of the community are invited to attend upcoming Community Information Drop-In Days to discuss the Draft EIS with representatives of PB and Powerlink in Gympie and Federal on 27 and 28 April respectively.

At the conclusion of each of the Community Information Drop-In Days, PB will conduct workshops to assist interested members of the community understand the process of making a submission on the Draft EIS.

Details about the information days and Draft EIS submission workshops can be found in the enclosed newsletter.

Further Information.

No decision will be made regarding the final alignment of the new line until landowner and stakeholder consultation has been completed, and the full Environmental Impact Assessment has been completed, including the preparation of the Final EIS.

We thank stakeholders for their input to date in the Environmental Impact Assessment process, and we will continue to provide you with regular updates about the project.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this project, please contact me on our FREECALL number 1800 635 369."

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

The proposed power line duplication, whilst no popular, is for the direct benefit of this region. There are no likely impacts to public assets. The EIS conclusion therefore appears to be reasonable from Council's perspective although it has not been read in full at this time.

W13/04/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the matter be referred to the Director of Engineering Services to review the EIS and report back to Council if it appears a response is needed for the protection of public assets.

Carried

1/13

21st Century Saleyards Conference and AGMRe: W14/04/09 21st Century Saleyards Conference and AGM

From: Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman

File:

Date: 2 April 2009

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

The 2009 SAQ Saleyards Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held in Dalby on 12 and 13 May 2009.

W14/04/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that the Chairman of the Works & Services Committee and the Saleyards Superintendent be authorised to attend the 2009 SAQ Conference and AGM.

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 2: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES - GENERAL BUSINESS

Netball Courts Parking Area – Rose Street, Gympie

The Mayor will discuss the damage to the Netball Courts parking area and to the Vintage Car Club frontage with the District Director, Main Roads Gympie at their pending meeting.

General Manager Design Services Division – Mr R Chapman entered the meeting at 9.33am.

SECTION 3: DESIGN SERVICES DIVISION**3/1 Road Safety and Confusing Speed Signs in your Area**

Re: **W15/03/09** Road Safety and Confusing Speed Signs in your Area
From: EG Cordner, 33 Queen Street, Cooran Qld 4569
File: 4/8/7/8-1 Doc ID:1023080
Date: 3 March 2009

“Please find enclosed a copy of a letter I sent to the Qld Police Minister which is self explanatory. Ms Spence referred it on to the Main Roads Minister and no reply has as yet come to hand.

I think the matter is of importance, not only for the day to day traffic using this road between Pomona and the Bruce Highway but particularly at times of Highway fatal accidents when 100% of the north/south traffic is diverted for many hours through Traveston, Cooran and Pomona.

Frankly, I am amazed that no serious accident has occurred during these not infrequent highway traffic diversions but it is only a matter of time I am sure as I live beside this road and see the speed laws continuously abused.

Being a mature age driver and having driven more than two and a half million kilometres in cars, heavy and articulated vehicles, I have always considered the 100kph speed limit allowed between Traveston and the Bruce Highway too generous for the narrow winding aspect of this road sector. It is not only narrow but has little or no shoulder width to enable vehicles any chance of escaping a collision with another travelling out of control.

Since my letter to Brisbane, I note the Sunshine Coast Regional Council has erected an 80 kph sign at the Gympie RC /SCRC border which finally brings some sense and safety to this section of the road and removes the former 20 kph discrepancy between the two travel directions.

I would suggest the 100 kph sign at Traveston (Rileys Road) for northbound traffic be replaced with a 90 kph sign, or even an 80 kph. The former would at least bring it into line with the new Highway speed limit but a reminder sign of 90 kph erected just before the junction advising that it applied in both directions would remove all doubts, especially for Interstate visitors not familiar with these frequent changes.

Now that the SCRC has changed the limit from their boundary, there seems even more reason to rationalise the 1km or so section between Traveston and your Council boundary where the 80 kph north parallels the 100 kph south. As we do most of our shopping in Gympie, I travel this road weekly and hope to shortly see an improvement in the road signage for this area.”

Letter from Mr Cordner addressed to Minister for Police dated 13 January 2009.

“I sometimes travel the Traveston Road through Traveston village to join the Bruce Highway thence proceed to Gympie.

Quite recently, after exiting the Traveston Road and proceeding north on the Bruce Highway, I wondered why vehicles just ahead of me were travelling more slowly than I usually encountered on that straight stretch.

It was not until I had passed the Amamoor exit, about a kilometre after joining the highway, that the first speed control sign was erected, indicating that the speed limit “from that point onwards” had been reduced to 90 km/h. But as there are no speed limit signs when entering the highway from Traveston Road, I would probably have increased my speed to 100 km/hr for that 1 km stretch of highway, therefore being technically in breach of the Law but here there were, and still remain at this date, two different rules applying to the same roadway.

On my return travel from Gympie, proceeding south at 90 km/hr, I turned left on to Traveston Road once more, aware that now the speed limit was reduced to 90 km/hr on that road also as the next sign is 80km/hr at Traveston. As I turned off the highway, I looked for a 90km/hr speed sign to alert drivers turning left onto the Bruce Highway and proceeding southwards but no such warning sign is in sight so those going in that direction would face the same dilemma.

I write because I am astounded that those responsible for checking such things have missed this important situation. I must advise that when travelling north through Traveston, which has speed signs at both 60 and 80 km/hr where needed, a 100 km/hr sign at the Riley Road exit allows that

speed through to and onto the Bruce Highway, where as stated no signs exist to indicate differently.

As I understand the implementation of road rules, the speed limit on the last sign one passes, remains in force until another sign is encountered indicating that an increased/decreased limit applies. This means that any driver unfamiliar with the new highway limits in this area, could be unknowingly committing an offence when travelling north. The rule also create a silly situation now where a driver going south from the highway on Traveston Road must not exceed 90km/hr, whilst his counterpart driving north on the same several kilometres can drive to 100 km/hr. That is not sensible to my mind.

Another similar speed control situation exists (has done for years) but signs are in place to alert drivers. We and others, fail to understand why a vehicle travelling south from Traveston village can immediately accelerate to 100km/hr and continue for several kilometres to the Old Noosa Road exit before being restricted to 80km/hr. Drivers on this same stretch of road going north are restricted to 80km/hr. The same 80 km/hr limit for southbound traffic would seem appropriate as some parts are quite winding and have blind corners.

I would also like to suggest that during school holiday closures, 40 km/hr speed signs near schools be covered with a Hessian or canvas sleeve. At times, whilst entering Cooroy from Pomona during school closures, I have had to follow vehicles in front that reduced to 40 km/hr. Impatient drivers behind me have accelerated above the 60 km/hr limit to overtake 2 and 3 vehicles at one action on a left hand turn in the road, creating a very potentially dangerous situation. There are different school closure dates both within Queensland and relative to Interstate Terms and these covers once removed would again indicate the resumption of school activity.”

Letter to Mr Cordner from the Hon Judy Spence MP, Minister for Police dated 20 February 2009.

“Thank you for your letter of 13 January 2009 concerning speed signage along the Bruce Highway and in the Traveston area.

This issue falls within the responsibilities of the Hon Warren Pitt MP, Minister for Main Roads and Local Government. I have therefore forwarded a copy of your correspondence to Minister Pitt for consideration and direct reply.

I trust this information is of assistance.”

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

There are numerous instances where speed zones set by the former Noosa Shire Council differ from these set by the former Cooloola Shire Council in accordance with the MUTCD and Traveston Road is one such instance.

Changes to the MUTCD now permit lesser speed zones than the default rural speed zones of 100km/h and Council is progressively investigating these areas where such a reduction could be possible. This Traveston area is on the list to be investigated.

W15/03/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the writer be advised that Council is investigating the speed zone on Traveston Road and in the general area of Traveston under new guidelines set by Queensland Transport.

Further that the existing speed zone of 100km/h was the appropriate speed zone under the guidelines previously set by Queensland Transport.

Carried

3/2

Proposed Road Names for Subdivision - Achilles Avenue

Re: **W16/04/09** Proposed Road Names for Subdivision – Achilles Avenue

From: Cooloola Cove Residents & Friends Inc, PO Box 103, Tin Can Bay Qld 4580

File: DA12772 Doc ID:1020684

Date: 20 February 2009

“It has been brought to our organisation’s attention that the names, Sandpiper Court and Jabiru Court have been chosen for these new street names. This is not in keeping with the shipping names of Cooloola Cove.

At recent meetings of Cooloola cove Residents & Friends Inc, there has been much discussion over the naming of the proposed Tavern, and the consensus is definitely in favour of retaining the shipping theme within Cooloola Cove. With this in mind we are not in favour of the names of birds being used for our road names.

You state in the Minutes of Works and Services Committee Meeting of 03/02/09 that Sandpiper and Jabiru Courts had been submitted for public comment according to Council’s Road & Street Naming Policy PR-D-004. With the greatest of respect, would you please supply details of where this was published, as we have not been able to find amongst our members anyone who was aware of this publication? This is possibly why no submissions for or against were received. Would it be possible to in the future make sure such items are inserted into our local Cooloola Bay Bulletin? Many locals of Tin Can Bay, Cooloola Cove and Rainbow beach do not purchase the Gympie Times, and the distribution of the Observer and the Cooloola Advertiser to householders in these areas is not guaranteed.

3/3	Proposed Road Names for Various Developments
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Re: **W17 & W18/04/09** Proposed Road Names for Various Developments

From: Design Services

File: 2008-0324, 2008-0326

Date: 25 March 2009

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

- A. It is recommended that the following proposed road name be approved for the subdivision over Lot 3 on SP170147, Kandanga Amamoor Road, Amamoor (2008-0324):-

Muster Court

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

- B. It is recommended that the following proposed road name be approved for the unnamed road giving access to Lots 10-12 & 870 on RP865582, 988-1006 Yabba Creek Road, Imbil:-

Wirin Court

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

- C. It is recommended that the following proposed road name be approved for the subdivision over Lot 5 on MPH33235, 71A Noosa Road, Monkland (2008-0326):-

Serenity Court

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

Cr Dyne and Cr Engeman left the meeting at 9.47am.

As part of the upgrade the Main Roads' contractor will provide a rural fence along the realigned property boundary. The fence provided will be a 4 barb and timber hardwood post standard.

The enclosed plan (drawing number 438068) shows the extent of the proposed fence.

A layout of the upgrade is also attached for your information.

If you do not agree with the department's approach as outlined above, please advise in writing within 30 days of this letter date.

In the meantime should you require any further information, please contact the department's Project Manager, Mr Graham Webster on (07) 5482 0333."

3/4b

**Bruce Highway Upgrade between Channon and Pine Streets,
Gympie**

Re: **W19/04/09** Bruce Highway Upgrade between Channon and Pine Streets, Gympie
From: Department of Main Roads, PO Box 183, Gympie Qld 4570
File: 4/8/21/1-01 Doc ID # 1026005
Date: 17 March 2009

"As you are aware, the Department of Main Roads is proposing to upgrade the Bruce Highway in Gympie between Channon Street and Pine Street. Construction is likely to commence over the coming months, after completion of the works between Albert Park and Channon Street.

The department's Project Manager, Mr Garhame Webster has met with Mr Warren Arnell and other Committee members of the Gympie Cooloola Veterans Tennis Association Inc and Council's Mr Ed French about works necessary to resolve any issues along the property frontage of Lot 203 SP137511 as a consequence of the highway upgrading. This letter aims to formalise Main Roads' previous discussions with these parties and also details what is proposed.

As part of the upgrade the Main Roads' contractor will undertake the following works:

- *Provide concrete path from the bottom of the existing steps to the gate*
- *Provide concrete v-drain along frontage of 'middle' court to ensure drainage away from court surface*
- *Provide topsoil, mulch and landscaping to the 1:2 batter adjacent to the southern court.*

The enclosed plans (drawing numbers 438046, 438150 and 438152) detail the department's proposed standard for works adjacent to this site.

A layout of the upgrade is also attached for your information.

To allow the above works to be undertaken it will be necessary for the Main Roads' contractor to temporarily enter the property. Under the Transport Infrastructure Act (1994) Main Roads is required to serve a Notice of Entry (NoE) prior to accessing your property. Closer to the start of construction, Main Roads will forward a NoE to you.

If you do not agree with the department's approach as outlined above, please advise in writing within 30 days of this letter date.

In the meantime should you require any further information, please contact the department's Project Manager, Mr Graham Webster on (07) 5482 0333."

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

The two letters from the Department of Transport and Main Roads are to inform Council of the Department's dealings with the Gympie Horse and Rodeo Association and the Gympie Cooloola Veterans Tennis Association who both lease from Council these lands / reserves under Council's control.

Whilst from an engineering point of view, the Department's proposals are acceptable, it is not known if the lessees are satisfied with the outcomes.

W19/04/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that Council staff be authorised to discuss with the lessees the proposed changes to Council property before responding to the Department.

Carried

3/5	Regulatory Signage Report
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Re: **W20/04/09** Regulatory Signage Report
From: Design Services Division
File: 4/8/07/0008-04
Date: 1 April 2009

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

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

LOCATION	REQUEST / BY	RECOMMENDATION / BY
Panorama Drive / Valley Vista Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Regulatory Traffic Sign required at 'Y' intersection of Panorama Drive and Valley Vista Road, to minimise confusion of right of way at intersection. * <i>S. Sachs & M. Murphy</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Erect Give Way Sign on Panorama Drive leg of 'Y' intersection, ie. Valley Vista Road to have priority. * <i>R. Chapman</i>
Reef Street (adjacent to Memorial Lane)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Loading Zone to be implemented in front of 3 Reef Street for deliveries to shop. * <i>B. Tiplady – Wild Harvest Co.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Install Loading Zone (8.0m) in front of 3 Reef Street. * <i>R. Chapman</i>

W20/04/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr J. Watt

Recommend that the above recommendation be approved by Council.

Carried

**SECTION 4: DESIGN SERVICES DIVISION –
GENERAL BUSINESS**

Kerb & Channel - Busby Street, Amamoor

W21/04/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr J. Watt

Recommend that Council authorise the reduction in width of Busby Street, Amamoor to 10 metres and a 40 kph speed limit.

Carried

General Manager Works Eastern Division Mr G Ingham and Mr R Brook entered the meeting at 10.02am.

Mr Chapman left the meeting at 10.02am.

The Chairman introduced Mr Rob Brook to Councillors and congratulated him on his and his team's efforts with Main Roads jobs.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.04am.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The Meeting resumed at 10.21am.

Mr Brook did not return to the meeting.

Cr Engeman and Cr Dyne were not present when the meeting resumed.

SECTION 5: WORKS - EASTERN DIVISION

5/1 Job Construction Report

Re: **W22 & W23/04/09** Job Construction Report
From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division - GC Ingham
File: FF94/00018
Date: 26 March 2009

Report: (General Manager Works Eastern Division – G.C. 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 overlain and widened to an 8.0m formation with full width 2 coat bitumen seal.

Clearing and earthworks has been complete. Pavement construction under way.

BRISBANE ROAD – PATHWAY

The works included construction of a pathway, installing pram ramps and installing culvert. A section of a new concrete product was installed as a trial during construction.

Job complete.

ANDERLEIGH ROAD – BITUMEN SEAL

The works involves 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 involves reconstructing the full width of formation placing gravel, bitumen seal, removing existing single lane timber bridge, reinforced concrete box culvert and associated base slab and headwall, reconstructing Hyland Road intersection and installing signage and guide posts.

Clearing and earthworks has commenced, timber bridge has been removed and replaced with culverts. Bridge expected to be open to traffic in two weeks.

RESEALS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS GYMPIE REGION

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

Bitumen spraying has commenced.

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.

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.

GALLUZZO STORMWATER DRAINAGE

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

The works involved upgrading existing and installing new stormwater drainage. The works included laying RCP, laying PVC pipe, removing

existing RCP, constructing an overland flow path, installing catchpits and reinstating a property access.

Job complete

Cr Engeman entered the meeting at 10.23am.

W22/04/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that Council write to the Department of Main Roads requesting they give serious consideration to vegetation management across the full width of the road reserve on Bruce Highway due to safety concerns in the event of uncontrolled fires.

Further that a copy of the correspondence be forwarded to the Bush Fire Hazard Management Committee.

Carried

Cr Engeman left the meeting at 10.30am.

W23/04/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson Seconded: Cr J. Watt

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

Carried

Cr Dyne returned to the meeting at 10.30am.

5/2 Monthly Rural Maintenance Report
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Re: **W24/04/09** Monthly Rural Maintenance Report
From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division - GC Ingham
File: FF94/00018
Date: 31 March 2009

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

Works Summary

Road Maintenance Grading completed for month is as follows:

- Buchanan Road
- Johnston Road
- Kew Road
- McCarthy Road

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- Treeby Road
 - Stephan Road
 - Henry Road
 - Erin's Knob Road (Patch graded)
 - Messmate Road
 - Antimony Road (Patch Graded)
 - Anderleigh Road(Patch Graded)
 - Wolvi Road
 - Ryan Road
 - Vines Road
 - Beenham Valley Road
 - Walker Road
 - Moy Pocket Gap
 - Diamondfield Road shoulders
 - Reseal Preparation works

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

- Hansen Road
- Shadbolt Road
- Red gully Road
- Paling Road

Tractor Slashing carried out in the following areas.

- Tagigan Area
- Anderleigh Area
- Gunalda Area
- Fisherman Pocket Area
- Old Maryborough Road area

Bridge Works carried out

- Bath Road Bridge
- Greens Creek Bridge (Cedar Pocket Road)
- Gears Bridge (Cedar Pocket Road)

At the time of writing further routine maintenance will be undertaken on Bridges.

Sealed Road Pavement Repairs carried out on the following roads.

- Old Maryborough Road
- Moy Pocket Road.

The above mentioned sealed road repairs were mechanical majors.

W24/04/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R. Dyne

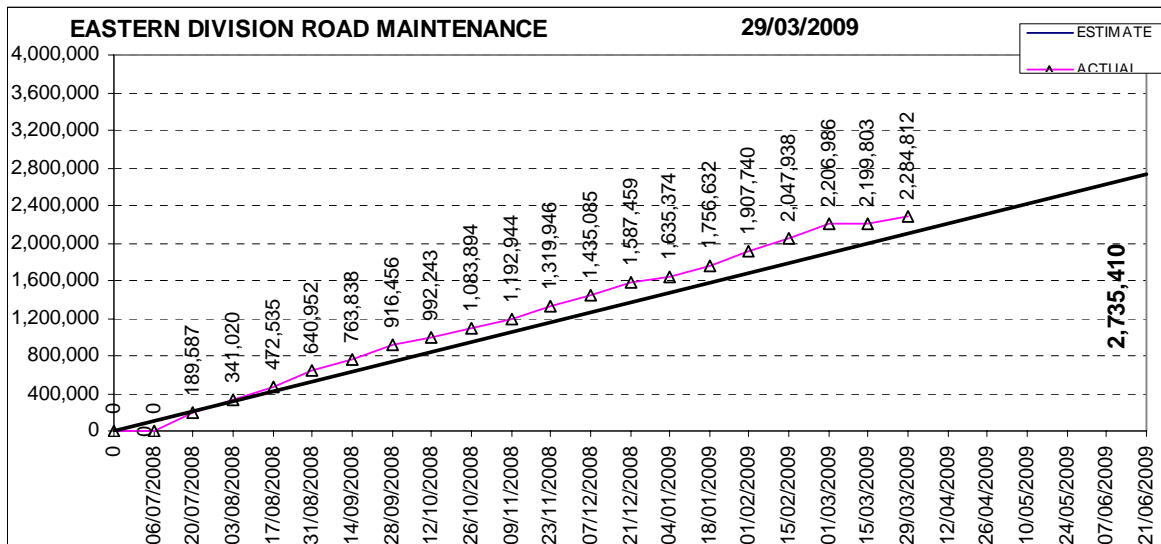
Recommend that the Monthly Rural Maintenance Report, as presented, be received.

Carried

5/3 Works Department Maintenance Reports

Re: W25/04/09 Works Department Maintenance Reports
 From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division - GC Ingham
 File: WR94/00018
 Date: 23 March 2009

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



W25/04/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

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

Carried

Cr Engeman returned to the meeting

5/4	Works Cost Statement – Eastern Divisions
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WORKS COST STATEMENT**W26/04/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman****Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen**

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

Carried

5/5	Fishermans Pocket Road
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Re: **W27/04/09** Fishermans Pocket Road
From: Theresa Justin, PO Box 899, Gympie Qld 4570
File: 4/8/7/7 Doc ID # 1022317
Date: 02 March 2009

“I need to bring to your attention the dangerous state of Fishermans Pocket Road.

I hold the school bus contract for this road and over the past few months the road has fallen into a badly potholed, corrugated and overgrown route for my school service.

I feel this road is becoming very dangerous to use as I have had to slow down to a speed of 40kph instead of the usual 60kph. I need to use both sides of the road to avoid pot holes and ruts, and in doing this makes me feel in danger of traffic coming the other way. Also at the bus terminus, where I turn the bus around has a gutter that has become washed out and difficult to get over and most times I’m throwing rocks and stones to get the back of the bus over it. I’m sure it’s only a matter of time before a child is injured. The road is narrow at the best of times but at the moment the grass has grown very long over parts of the road which becomes a problem for two cars passing each other (in different directions) and visibility is very poor.

I would deeply appreciate some attention to this matter ASAP.

Last year I wore out a set of tyres in 10 months on this road, so as well as being a rough road it has become a costly one for me.”

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

Fishermans Pocket Road has been on the maintenance program for slashing and grading.

Wet weather has delayed the grading program but the road will be graded in the near future.

Both sides of the road have now been recently slashed. Portions of the road do have potholes and corrugations but these defects will be rectified with the grading and are not considered dangerous.

To improve width and visibility on Fishermans Pocket Road requires a Capital Works upgrade that would need to be considered and prioritised against other road projects in the region.

W27/04/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that the writer be advised of the impending grading program.

Carried

SECTION 6: WORKS EASTERN DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS**SECTION 7: WORKS - PARKS**

7/1 Parks Monthly Report

Re: **W28/04/09** Parks Monthly Report
From: Parks Manager - Ed French
File: EP94/00008
Date: 31 March 2009

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

Staff have been kept busy with continued maintenance vegetation management throughout the region's parks and reserves. The focus for the following month will be the presentation of priority parks for the Easter and

school holidays, and Anzac Day memorial services whilst working within existing budgets.

Staff leave

To work within workloads experienced by the Parks section, Parks staff are encouraged to take the majority of their leave within the slower vegetation growth periods. To assist with maintaining expenditure within Council's budgets, a number of staff will be taking leave in April/May/June. Standards of delivery may be affected; however these actions are necessary to work within Council's resources.

Parks Capital Improvement Works

Fairway Park

The project is nearing completion with shrub planting and garden mulching to be undertaken in April.

A.J. Mitchell Park

The project is now completed. On-going maintenance priority will be given to control regrowth of environmental weeds adjacent to the school grounds and satisfactory establishment of the plantings adjacent to the water bodies within the park.

The project has achieved good outcomes utilising funds from Nestle and Council and resources from both Council and Gympie Landcare.

Council staff will be applying for similar funding from Nestle in the latter part of 2009 to assist with revegetation works on two of the islands within Lake Alford.

Laurie Hanson Park Shelter

Works have started on the construction of a shelter in Laurie Hanson Park adjacent to the RSL Cenotaph. It is anticipated the shelter will be completed by early April, with associated path works and landscaping finished prior to this year's Anzac Day memorial services.

Crab Creek Shelter – Replacement Seating

The project is almost complete with additional seating to be installed adjacent to the playground.

Some maintenance works to the shelter were undertaken at the same time. This included the replacement of the roofing materials and installation of stainless steel sheeting over the barbecue bench. The repainting of the posts and fascia boards will be undertaken during the winter period, as resources permit.

Beresford Crescent Park – Playground improvements

This small project includes improvements to the retaining wall, and associated fence, and installation of a wheelie bin. The project should be completed in April.

W28/04/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that the Parks Manager Mr Ed French and his staff be congratulated on the presentation of the parks in the region.

Carried

Parks Manager Mr E French entered the meeting at 10.44am.
Mr Ingham left the meeting at 10.44am.

W29/04/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

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

Carried

7/2	Works Cost Statement – Parks
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WORKS COST STATEMENT

W30/04/09 Moved: Cr R. Dyne Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

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

Carried

7/3	Request for BBQ & Picnic Tables at Traveston
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Re: **W31/04/09** Request for BBQ & Picnic Tables at Traveston
From: Manager Strategic Planning – Mrs K Rolfe
File:
Date: 23 March 2009

Report: (Strategic Planning Manager – Mrs K Rolfe)

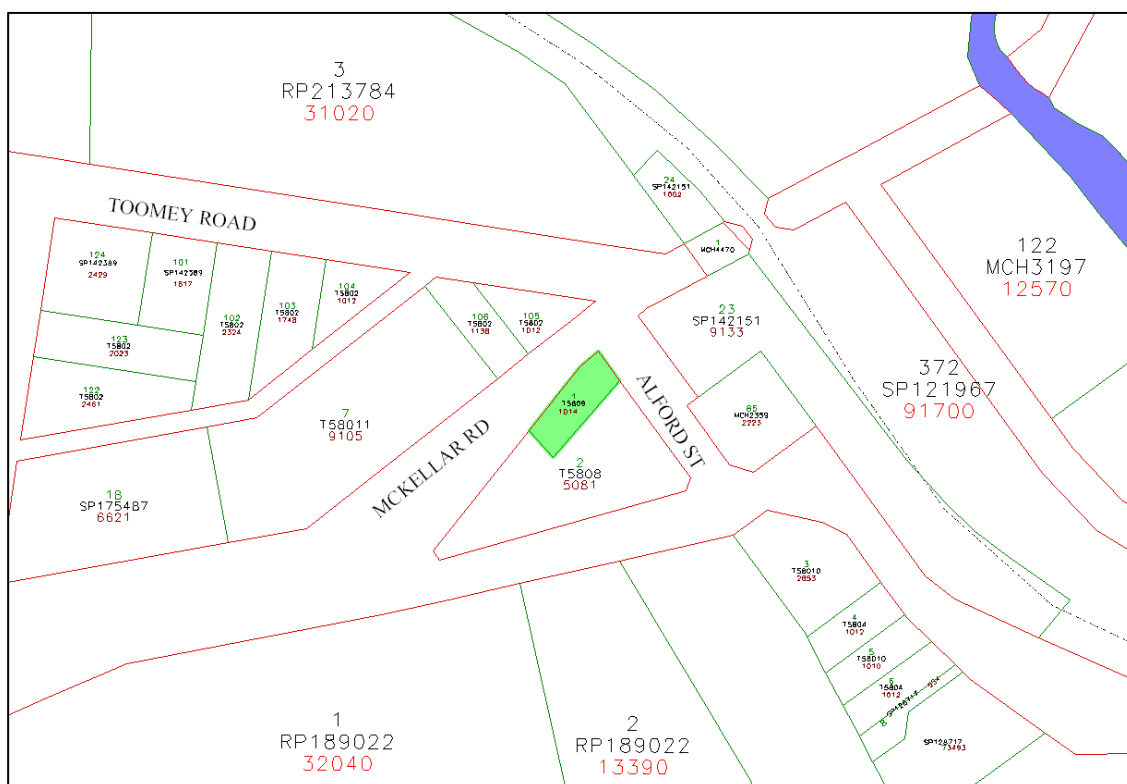
Minute W33/03/09 refers.

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.

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

Following consideration by the Sport, Recreation and Parks Coordinating Committee the following recommendation is made to Council:-

That the Sport, Recreation and Parks Coordinating Committee recommend that Council, through the Works and Services Committee, advise the writer that it does not support the provision of facilities and development of a park on Lot 1 T5809 (Reserve for Recreation) at Traveston, as the block of land does not meet the minimum size for park development and is not identified as a priority in the Cooloola Shire Open Space and Recreation Plan.



W31/04/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr R. Dyne

Recommend that Council advise the writer that it does not support the provision of facilities and development of a park on Lot 1 T5809 (Reserve for Recreation) at Traveston, as the block of land does not meet the minimum size for park development and is not identified as a priority in the Cooloola Shire Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Carried

7/4

Park Name – Ridgeview Drive Fairview Estate

Re: **W32/04/09** Park Name – Ridgeview Drive, Fairview Estate
 From: Strategic Planning Manager – K Rolfe
 File:
 Date: 23 March 2009

Report: (Strategic Planning Manager – Mrs K Rolfe)

Minute W34/03/09 refers.

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.

Following consideration of this matter at a recent Sport, Recreation and Parks Coordinating Meeting, the following recommendation is submitted to Council for consideration:

That the park in Ridgeview Drive be named “Ridgeview Park”.

W32/04/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the park in Ridgeview Drive be named “Ridgeview Park”.

Carried

7/5

Outdoor Fitness Equipment

Re: **W33/04/09** Outdoor Fitness Equipment
 From: Maree Lorensen
 File: 2/3/1/1 Doc ID # 1027124
 Date: 19 March 2009

“As a concerned Gympie resident on health and fitness, I am aware of the limited facilities for bikeways and walkways compared to other towns in our region. Our hilly terrain does not help.

Recently it has been brought to my attention that Maroochydore, Kawana and Caloundra have outdoor fitness equipment in some of their parks and at Maroochydore High School.

I have enclosed an equipment summary and price list and contact details that I googled off Maroochy Council website.

As we don't have a PYC in Gympie, to facilitate and provide exercise options, I would think having such equipment in our parks would motivate some people to exercise.

I would think it worthwhile to investigate this option and would appreciate if it was given some consideration.”

Report (Parks Manager – E. French)

The writer is requesting Council to consider the provision of outdoor fitness equipment in parks in Gympie.

A number of schools in the Gympie region have installed outdoor fitness equipment and the ex-Tiaro Shire Council installed a small station at the Curra Country Club.

Council is currently working with the Senior Citizens in Gympie to assist in purchasing & installing equipment in the park adjacent to the Senior Citizens centre. The Tin Can Bay Lions Club has been seeking funding from outside of Council for a number of years for a similar project for placement on the Tin Can Bay Foreshore.

With an increasing emphasis on improving the health and lifestyle options of the public, the role of Council's parks and provision of fitness related activities & equipment in public spaces is likely to increase in the future. State and Federal funding sources appear to be responding to this issue and may well continue to increase or bias funding to projects that address obesity or health related concerns.

There are some concerns with the quality and safety of some outdoor fitness equipment being supplied, and as there are no relevant Australian Standards relating to the design of the equipment to meet safety standards, caution needs to be exercised when locating such equipment in a public space.

It may be advisable for Council to identify suitable locations for placement of outdoor fitness equipment and include in the management/development plans for these locations. Suitable sites may include regional/township or

district parks, or local parks that may attract suitable levels of use within suburbs/estates, such as Fairway Park or Davidson Road Park.

W33/04/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the writer be advised that Council is embarking on a project to install outdoor fitness equipment in the park adjacent to the Gympie Senior Citizens Centre and will investigate other locations for provision of such equipment as funding and resources allow.

Further, that the matter of the provision of and suitable locations for outdoor fitness equipment be referred to the Sport, Recreation and Parks Coordinating Committee.

Carried

7/6

Naming a Section of Tin Can Bay after the late William Henry Dodt and Dinah Dodt

Re: **W34/04/09** Naming a Section of Tin Can Bay after the late William Henry Dodt and Dinah Dodt

From: Ken Dodt, 78 Esplanade, Tin Can Bay Qld 4580

File: 4/8/15/2 Doc ID:1017363

Date: 11 February 2009

I am writing to you on behalf of the Dodt families in respect to my grandparents William Henry Dodt and his wife Dinah Dodt, pioneering settlers of Tin Can Bay in the early 1920's. Below is a brief outline of the history of William Dodt, better known as Bill, and his participation in the settlement of Tin Can Bay.

Grandfather Dodt, Bill, at this time was a businessman in Mary Street, Gympie, owner and proprietor of a butchery and also owned the Jones Hill slaughter yards which supplied bulk meat to other butchers in the area.

Bill, along with other businessmen in Gympie, namely McArthur Schumann, grocer, Mr Gus Austin, dentist and land agent Mr 'Pluck' Pearce held a meeting in Gympie to organise the building of a better access road from Coondoo Creek onto the bay, which at that time was inaccessible for most people.

The abovementioned men are mentioned in the book 'The First 50 years' as 'tail blazers' building bridges and road work to make travelling from Gympie to the Bay somewhat easier for fisherman and weekend travellers. Sections of the road were then taken care of by some of the Gympie and Tin Can Bay residents.

Grandfather purchased a block of land on Snapper Creek in the Bay sometime between 1918 and 1920 when the cost of land, presented by the Lands Office was between 5 pound and 10 pound each.

I have enclosed a photo of William Dodt's home built in the mid 1920's on this site by my father Stan Dodt. The home no longer stands today and the land was later sold to Mr Sam Murray of Gympie, who has since built a new home there called 'Captains Rest' – still standing today.

Bill and Dinah retired to the Bay in the late 1920's. Bill had great visions for this little fishing village, welcoming day trippers and fishermen alike who called on him for a good fishing spot and other local knowledge. Some would ask for a billycan of boiling water to make a 'cuppa' on the beach in front of his house.

Bill suggested to long time friend Mr Tom Steel, first councillor elected for Tin Can Bay, whether the Widgee Shire Council would give consideration to clearing a roadway from the end of Gympie- Tin Can Bay Road, approximately where the swimming baths are today, out to the point and to building a shelter shed for the day trippers. Once again, Bill offered his services at no cost of council to clear the roadway and construct the shelter shed (photo enclosed of the first shelter shed built by William Dodt). Some of the timber cleared from the access road was used to construct the shed. The shelter shed at Norman Point today has been rebuilt in the same way. If Bill only knew the number of people who visit the Bay today and enjoy the view from his shelter.

I have enclosed also another photo of Bill's organised working bees at Tin Can Bay.

This photo was placed in the Gympie Time some years back. The Gympie Times asked if anyone knew the identities of the working party. My mother phoned the Gympie Times and notified them from her own knowledge of that day.

Her words:-

"This is my husband Stan Dodt driving our work truck, the passenger beside him Cr Mr Tom Steel and Mr Viv Dodt, Bill Dodt and Mr Ted Stolberg sitting atop of the load. The working bee was replacing corduroy to the approach of Snapper Creek crossing on the Gympie-Tin Can Bay Road, prior to the small bridge later constructed there.

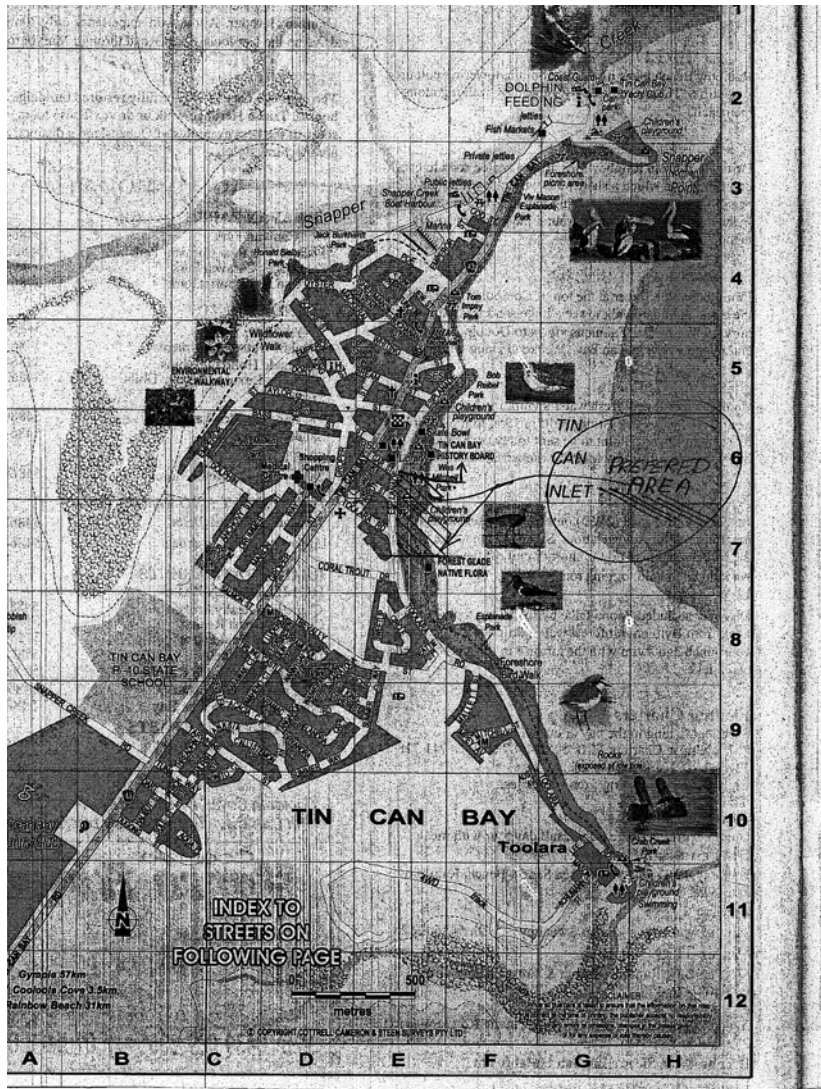
Bill and Dinah resided at Tin Can Bay for many years. At Easter and Christmas holidays Dinah, along with Mrs Bayliss, Mrs Skyring and Mrs Mason organised sand castle competitions and other family activities.

In respect of Bill Dodt's pioneering spirit and input to the early settlement of Tin Can Bay, I on behalf of the Dodt families, am writing to the Gympie

Regional Council to request that a section of the Tin Can Bay Esplanade be named after William Dodt.

Our request for this section would be adjoining the existing ‘Wes Mitchell Park’ at the intersection of Esplanade and Gar Street through to the intersection of Esplanade and Toolara Road, Tin Can Bay as indicated by shaded area on map provided.

We hope the Gympie Regional Council will give its utmost consideration to the approval of our request.”



Report: (Parks Manager – Ed French)

Council has previously agreed to consider the naming of a park in Tin Can Bay after William Dodt. The writer has proposed a section of the park immediately south of Wes Mitchell Park, between Gar Street and the intersection of Esplanade and Toolara Road.

This section of the Foreshore includes an area that may sometimes be referred to as Toolara Esplanade Park.

If an area within this section were to be renamed, it would be preferable to determine boundaries on set points that would be convenient for placement of signage and for any regulation (park usage) purposes, planning or park management requirements.

For these reasons, it is suggested that the northern boundary of a newly defined park would be the creek/gully pedestrian path crossing south of public toilets in Wes Mitchell Park opposite 77 Esplanade, extending through to the wooden pedestrian bridge opposite 34 Toolara Road.

Council staff can erect standard signage within an appropriate time frame should Council agree with the above location.

W34/04/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that an area within the Tin Can Bay Foreshore, defined as being between the pedestrian gully crossing opposite 77 Esplanade south of Wes Mitchell Park, and the wooden pedestrian bridge opposite 34 Toolara Road, be named the William Dodt Park.

Further, that the writer be advised of Council's decision.

Carried

7/7	Cod Street Shelter Tin Can Bay
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Re: **W35/04/09** Cod Street Shelter Tin Can Bay
 From: Queensland Transport, PO Box 869, Nundah Qld 4012
 File:
 Date: 20 March 2009

“Queensland Transport (QT) wishes to confirm the offer to grant Gympie regional Council (GRC) \$40,000 towards the cost of:

- *Removal of the QT owned shelter structure at Cod Street*
- *A replacement shelter structure that council will build and own as part of the tin can Bay foreshore redevelopment project*

I understand that all parties have agreed to the following:

- *GRC staff will demolish the QT owned Cod Street Shelter by the end of April 2009. GRC will salvage any building materials that can be incorporated in the new structure or be used as part of interpretive signage to provide a link between the history and use of the existing*

Cod Street structure to that of the proposed new shelter shed. GRC will remove and dispose of any non-salvageable materials from the shelter structure and reinstate the Cod Street site to a level grassed footpath.

- *GRC will complete construction of the new shelter by the end of May or early June 2009.*
- *QT will pay GRC \$40,000 on completion of project in the 08/09 financial year.*

Queensland Transport grants approval for Gympie Regional Council staff to demolish the QT owned Cod Street Shelter and salvage suitable materials.

Please contact either of the following QT staff if you need further information or assistance with this project – Stuart Underhill, Manager State Boat Harbours – Ph 3146 1668; or Tony Slocombe Manager Waterways Planning & Infrastructure, SEQ North – Ph 3370 2811.”

Report (Parks Manager – E. French)

Council has previously been informed regarding the removal of the Cod Street shelter and the Queensland State Department of Transport's offer to fund the removal of the shelter and replacement with a suitable structure at another location. In a previous report to the Works Committee, a suitable location nominated was in the Lions Park/ Tebbutt Gardens vicinity with the shelter facing the bay.

The best option put forward for consideration at the time was a permanent structure, approximately 12 m x 6 m, comprised of three skillion rooves. This design offered the ability to be used for small or medium community events as well as shelter for everyday use.

A second style of structure was investigated for comparison purposes. It is a waterproof membrane roof structure utilising five posts and a cantilevered arm. This structure provides increased open area and may have a stronger visual impact. It does have the significant disadvantage though requiring the membrane to be removed prior to cyclones and possibly severe storm events. The cost of a replacement membrane every 10 - 15 years at approximately \$6,500 plus GST & freight must also be considered.

Drawings of the suggested different styles of structures will be available for Council's consideration at the Works Committee meeting.

Should Council agree with the skillion roof style structure, it is recommended that Council staff erect the structure and undertake associated concrete works.

The Department of Transport has previously offered \$40,000 towards the removal/demolition of the existing Cod Street shelter and replacing with a suitable structure. This includes the installation of interpretive signage to

relate the story of the Cod Street shelter. Costs estimates indicate that there will be a requirement for approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000 in additional funding to undertake necessary works.

It would be possible to source the additional required funds from the Parks Capital Works 2008-09 Program, Tin Can Bay – Signs Bollards, Landscaping. The opportunity to maximise the funds from another Government agency to assist in providing valuable community infrastructure by deferring other smaller works would produce a better outcome in the long term.

Dependent on Council's choice of structure styles, it may be possible to have the project completed within less than two months of Council's decision. It would be preferable for Council staff to undertake all installation and associated construction works and that these works be completed within sufficient time prior to the Tin Can Bay Seafood Festival to permit newly turfed areas to become established.

W35/04/09 Moved: Cr R. Dyne

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that Council advise the Queensland Department of Transport that Council will accept the offer of \$40,000

- **to erect a structure that is suitable for the use of a performance/event stage in the vicinity of the Lions Park/Bryan Tebbutt Gardens adjacent to the northern side of the Tin Can Bay Library**
- **to remove the existing shelter in Cod Street**
- **and install interpretive signage relating to the Cod Street Shelter at a suitable location**

Further, that staff be authorised to purchase a timber shelter that will be erected by Council staff.

Further, that the necessary additional funds required for the completion of associated works be reallocated from the Parks Capital Works Program 2008-09, Tin Can Bay – Signs, Bollards, Landscaping.

Carried

7/8

Concerns regarding Council Freehold Lot 1 MPH 23994

Re: **W36/04/09** Concerns regarding Council Freehold Lot 1 MPH 23994

From: AP McGill, 41 Bligh Street, Gympie Qld 4570

File: 4/6/6/7 Doc ID # 1016994

Date: 11 February 2009

“With the horror of the Victorian bush fires before us on our TV screens, I write with concern at the overgrown state of many of the gullies and public areas within the Gympie City township.

Our house overlooks one such gully which runs from Hall Lane down to River Road. The trees, mainly Portuguese elms which should be declared a noxious weed and eradicated any how, are dense and heavily leaf covered with undergrowth to match.

It would just take one idiot to light a fire there and this whole area of Gympie would be alight.

I hereby request that CR Council clears out this gully and other overgrown areas before we too have a tragedy on our doorstep.

PS – With regard to these trees commonly “Portuguese Elms” I note that they have been allowed to take over many private properties as well as Council ground. These trees are reproduced rapidly by bird droppings, grow very tall and shed every leaf in winter. This dead leaf matter is a real fire hazard. It is time these trees were declared noxious pests and a project put in place to eradicate the city of them. The Toowoomba City Council declared war on private and both Council and residents did their part to rid the city of these trees. Such a project could be initiated here to get rid of the Portuguese Elms.”

Report (Parks Manager – E. French)

The writer has concerns regarding the vegetation on Lot 1 MPH 23994, an area of freehold Council land off Hall Lane, 1.2 hectares in size.

The property is steep in places, heavily vegetated in areas with some open sections. The vegetation is primarily of introduced species including environmental woody weeds. Storm water drains through the block and there is limited access from Hall Lane.

The land offers little recreation and open space value. Development of the land into a park or reserve would present difficult and costly on go-ing maintenance. Concerns that are presented by well-vegetated reserves immediately adjacent to small suburban lots such as wildfire control, snakes and misuse by the public would also need to be addressed.

Council presently maintains this property by slashing a number of times each year as well as brush cutting one portion. It could be argued that the community receives little value from the outlay of funds & resources to maintain this property.

Discussions with Kerry Rolfe, Manager Strategic Planning, and John Nancarrow, Manager Corporate Administration indicate their agreement with the above assessment.

It is recommended that Council dispose of the property.

Report: (Corporate Administration Manager – Mr J. Nancarrow)

Should Council resolve to dispose of this property, disposal will need to be in accordance with Section 491 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Further, it is recommended that the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to set the reserve.

W36/04/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that:

- 1. Council dispose of property described as Lot 1 on MPH 23994, off Hall Lane, Gympie in accordance with Section 491 of the Local Government Act 1993, through the calling of tenders.**
- 2. Further, that the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to set the reserve in respect to disposal of said property.**

Carried

SECTION 8: WORKS – PARKS – GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr French left the meeting at 11.15am.

General Manager Works Western Division – Mr G Curry entered the meeting at 11.15am.

SECTION 9: WORKS – WESTERN DIVISION

9/1 Works Cost Statement – Western Divisions

WORKS COST STATEMENT

W37/04/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

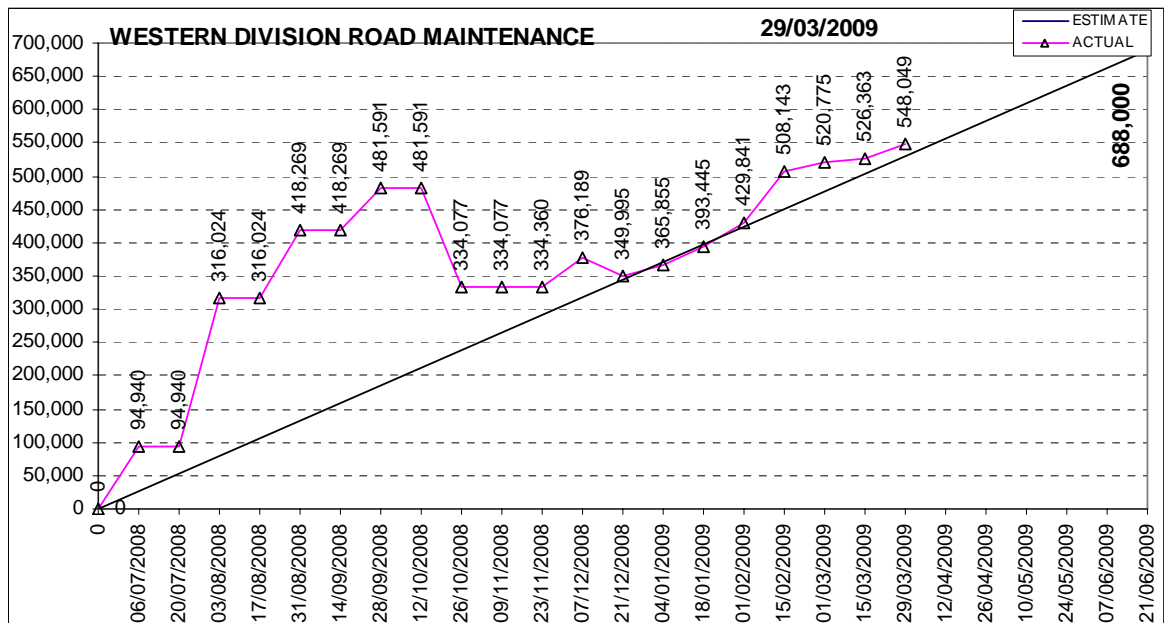
Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

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

Carried

9/2 Works Department Maintenance Reports

Re: **W38/04/09** Works Department Maintenance Reports
 From: General Manager Works – Western Division – GG Curry
 File: WR94/00018
 Date: 23 March 2009



W38/04/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

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

Carried

9/3 Kilkivan Community Garden and Railway Markets Project

Re: **W39/04/09** Kilkivan Community Garden & Railway Markets Project – Minute W42/08/08 refers.
 From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry
 File:
 Date: 23 April 2009

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

Minute W42/08/08 refers

Recommend that Council write to the Kilkivan Community Garden & Railway Markets Projects Inc requesting them to submit a detailed written proposal, including drawings, for their activities on Council's leased railway land beside Lester Miller Park in Kilkivan.

At the time of writing no written proposal had been received.

W39/04/09 Moved: Cr R. Dyne

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the Mayor Cr R Dyne, Cr J Watt and Cr R Gâté to hold discussions with the Kilkivan Community Garden Markets Project Inc Committee regarding their activities on Council's leased railway land beside Lester Miller Park in Kilkivan.

Carried

9/4	Report on Transfer Stations
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Re: **W40/04/09** Report on Transfer Stations

From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry

File:

Date: 23 April 2009

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

The pipes for the stormwater diversion around the landfill have been ordered and delivery may commence prior to 9 April 2009.

The drawings and specification for the pipeline have been received and are being reviewed. The proposed alignment has been slashed and centreline should be pegged in the near future.

Cooloola Coast Transfer Stations

Representatives of the Department of Natural Resources and Water have advised that the Department is still assessing the application over the Bayside Road Pit. As this site seems to be suitable for a transfer station it is suggested that Council prepare documentation and call tenders for the design of the transfer station.

The director of Engineering has sighted a copy of the Rainbow Beach Master Plan incorporating Council's requested site for the Rainbow Beach Transfer Station. It is suggested that tenders for the design of this Transfer Station also be sought.

Cr Petersen left the meeting at 11.23am.

W40/04/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that Council prepare documentation and call tenders for design of transfer stations at Cooloola Cove and Rainbow Beach.

Carried

9/5	Road Maintenance Report
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Re: **W41/04/09** Road Maintenance Report
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry
File:
Date: 23 April 2009

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

Road Maintenance

Goonuloom Road – Range Section Graded
Blacksnake – Gravel pothole patching undertaken
Upper Widgee Road - Gravel pothole patching undertaken
Little Widgee Road - Gravel pothole patching undertaken
Widgee Road - Gravel pothole patching undertaken
Caulley - Gravel pothole patching undertaken

Reseals within the Division have been completed.

W41/04/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that the above report be received.

Carried

9/6

Job Construction Report

Re: **W42/04/09** Job Construction Report
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry
File:
Date: 23 April 2009

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

Fraser Street

Widening of seal in Fraser Street to 6m
Job Complete

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 and other projects.

Main Roads Network

Slashing has been undertaken on Wide Bay Highway, Miva, Gympie – Woolooga, Bauple - Woolooga and Brooweena - Woolooga Roads.

Herbicide spraying has been undertaken on Brooweena – Woolooga, Bauple – Woolooga and Miva Roads.

Pavement repairs were undertaken on the Wide Bay Highway.

Grading of Kilcoy Murgon Road has been completed.

Drainage and shoulder works have been undertaken on Wide Bay Highway ahead of stabilizing by Roadtek.

W42/04/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

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

Carried

Cr Petersen returned to the meeting at 11.25am.

SECTION 10: WORKS WESTERN DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Curry left the meeting at 11.27am.
Lands Protection Manager Mr Webb entered the meeting at 11.27am.

SECTION 11: WORKS - LAND PROTECTION

11/1 Land Protection Monthly Report

Re: **W43/04/09** Land Protection Monthly Report
From: Lands Protection Manager – Mr M Webb
File:
Date: 31 March 2009

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

HERBICIDE SPRAYING:

Control of Giant Rats Tail Grass on Council Roads throughout the Council area.

Completion of the guide post and roadside furniture spraying on all Main Roads in the Western Division. Weed control on Tin Can Bay Road and Mary Valley Road. Guide Post spraying on Council Roads in the Eastern Division.

DECLARED WEEDS:

Spraying operations on Groundsel infestations by Councils contractor, under section 80 enter and clear notices have been completed.

Fireweed inspections have been carried out and all known infested properties have been reported as clear of Fireweed at this time.

Control of Giant Rats Tail Grass remains a priority and seasonal conditions have ensured a vigorous growth of this pest in all parts of the region.

Following preliminary discussions at the March Works meeting, a draft policy on the management of Giant Rats Tail Grass was presented to meeting of stakeholders for discussion on Friday March 6. Present at that meeting were Cr Engeman, the Lands Protection Manager and representations from various primary industry and community groups. A very productive discussion ensued, with those present generally agreeing with the Draft Policy and also advancing some interesting ideas. Following is a list of the ideas from that discussion.

- Information given to potential buyers on property searches.
- Movement of cattle between agistment properties in particular absentee owners with Traveston Dam blocks.
- Use of weed hygiene declarations

- Quarantine of livestock when moving off a Giant Rats Tail Grass infested property.
- Register of known Giant Rats Tail Grass infested properties with a rating of the level of infestation. (Could also be tied in with property searches).
- Fire Wardens to be able to report sightings of declared weeds.
- Incentive programs
- Council should push to get Giant Rats Tail Grass on W.O.N.S List
- Potential spread of weed seed by utility company vehicles and mining exploration companies.
- The use of a percentage of the environmental levy into research methods of weed control and bringing together all the available information on Giant Rats Tail Grass control.

It is felt that those who attended the stakeholder meeting, went away with a better understanding of the problems confronting Council in the area of weed control and I also believe that we established a foundation for future co-operation and discussions, on issues of lands protection.

PEST ANIMALS:

Lands Protection Officers have received a number of calls from landholders regarding the presence of wild deer on their properties. The most common species of deer in our region that is Red deer, fellow deer and Chittal deer are not declared as a pest in Queensland, and are therefore not the responsibility of Local Government Pest Management Officers. Any landholders who are having problems with wild deer should contact the Department of Primary Industries or in the case of illegal hunting they should contact the police.

PEST SURVEY PROGRAM

Council's proposed Pest Survey Program for the next three months will be conducted as per the next item.

W43/04/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

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

Carried

W44/04/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr R. Dyne

Recommend that the absence of Giant Rats Tail Grass on the W.O.N.S. List be raised at the LGAQ Conference.

Carried

11/2	Land Protection Survey Program (May to August)
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Re: **W45/04/09** Lands Protection Survey Program (May – August 2009)
From: Lands Protection Manager – M.J. Webb
File:
Date: 31 March 2009

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

Council, under Section 241 of the Lands Protection (Pest & Stock Route Management) Act 2002, must approve by resolution a Pest Survey Program. This then allows Council's authorised Officers to enter properties to monitor compliance with this Act. Compliance notices will result from these programs.

**LAND PROTECTION (PEST AND STOCK ROUTE
MANAGEMENT)
ACT 2002 SECTION 241**

PEST SURVEY PROGRAM

Areas to be covered in this Program

Property inspections throughout the following areas will be conducted by Council Officers authorised under Section 244 of the Act during the Program:

Area 1 – East of Mary River in the Gympie Regional Council Area

Area 2 – West of Mary River in the Gympie Regional Council Area

Criteria for Selection of Above Area

The area is a position of the local government area for which inspection by Council officers is feasible within 3 months, and the area is considered a high priority for all pests declared under the Lands Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 in accordance with the Local Government Area Pest Management Plan.

Purpose of the Program

- To monitor compliance with the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 in relation to declared pests.
- To aid in monitoring/mapping the distribution and spread of declared pests.

- To promote landowners Best Practice in the treatment of declared pests.
- To ensure that persons or organisations holding Declared Pest Permits are complying with the requirements of the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002.

These inspections will be conducted on urban and rural properties within the area/s stated above. In addition to this program, places open to the public, such Plant Nurseries, Landscape Garden Suppliers, Seed Merchants, Stock Fodder Suppliers and Quarry Material Suppliers, will be inspected from time to time by Council to monitor compliance with the Act.

Commencement and Duration of Survey:

The survey of **Area 2** will commence on the **2nd May 2009** and will be in force for a period of **3 Months**, expiring on **1st August 2009**.

The survey of **Area 1** will commence on the **3rd May 2009** and will be in force for a period of **3 Months**, expiring on **2nd August 2009**.

W45/04/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that Council approve two Pest Survey Programs under Section 241 of the Lands Protection (Pest & Stock Route Management) Act 2002 to begin on 2nd May 2009 for the area west of the Mary River and on the 3rd May 2009 for the area east of the Mary River.

Carried

SECTION 12: WORKS - LAND PROTECTION - GENERAL BUSINESS

Weed Spray

The matter of supplying free small quantities of weed spray to landholders to spray road reserves in close proximity to their properties has been referred to a Councillors Discussion Day for further consideration.

Cr Engeman left the meeting at 11.40am.

Mr Webb left the meeting at 11.43am.

General Manager Water & Sewerage – Mr I Schiefelbein entered the meeting at 11.43am.

Mr Mason left the meeting at 11.43am.

SECTION 13: WATER & SEWERAGE DIVISION**13/1 Works Cost Statement – Water & Sewerage****WORKS COST STATEMENT****W46/04/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson****Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

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

Carried

13/2 Radio Communications – Gympie Water Tower

Re: **W47/04/09** Radio Communications - Gympie Water Tower
From: Shane Wootton, Project Manager, Communications Project Centre,
Queensland Government
File: 3/3/3/1 Doc # 1019604
Date: 17 February 2009

“Radio Communications – Gympie Water Tower Site (Wine Glass) – 58 Old Maryborough Road, Gympie.

The Department of Emergency Services (DES) is progressively upgrading the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) UHF radio network in the Sunshine Coast Region. To improve handheld and mobile radio communication services in this area, a suitable radio repeater site is sought in the Gympie area.

During extensive site testing and consultation with Tom Turner, Water & Sewage Department the Gympie Water Tower site has been confirmed as an ideal site to enhance radio communications coverage in the Gympie area.

Your consideration is sought for DES to install a UHF radio repeater for the QAS at the Gympie Water Tower site. The development of a radio repeater on this site is considered important to QAS in providing effective widespread radio coverage for Gympie and the surrounding area.

The proposed configuration of the equipment is as follows:

- *The equipment proposed to be installed would be a UHF radio repeater operating in the 403.0250 MHz frequency ranges.*
- *The equipment proposed to be contained within a free standing, weather proof, lockable equipment rack to be located on the Water Tower Roof with an approx height of 1200mm and a footprint of 600mm x 600mm.*
- *The equipment rack would be secured to the Water Tower wall in a location already specified by the Water & Sewage Department.*
- *240V mains power will be supplied by an existing GPO in the proposed rack location.*
- *An antenna system comprising of a UHF dipole array would be mounted on an existing antenna bracket as specified by the Water & Sewage Department.*
- *All equipment will be ACMA compliant with full band pass filtering on the repeater.*

DES will operate the repeater on a non-interference basis and will fund all costs involved with the installation. If the proposal is acceptable in principal, DES would be pleased to enter into a formal agreement with advice to be sought on installation requirements and access conditions.

Should you have any queries regarding the site access proposal please contact Ron Thege, Technical Project Officer on telephone 07 3635 2201, fax 07 3406 8508 or email rthege@emergency.qld.gov.au

Forwarded for your consideration.”

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

There is sufficient space on the water tower for the proposed equipment.

W47/04/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

Recommend that Council approve the installation as indicated in the letter subject to the completion of a formal agreement for the installation.

Carried

13/3

RSL Park Toilets - Kilkivan

Re: **W48/04/09** RSL Park Toilets, Kilkivan
 From: Peter Hilton, Hon Secretary, RSL Sub-branch, PO Box 109, Kilkivan Qld 4600
 File: 2/2/02/0003 Doc # 1023713
 Date: 6th March 2009

“On behalf of the RSL members of Kilkivan Sub-Branch and members of the community including visitors, we would like to know if the toilets in the RSL Park in Kilkivan can be reopened.

We have had numerous complaints from various organisations and the general public. We know the water restrictions are still in force, but due to the rain that has fallen, the toilets should now be able to be used.

Anzac Day in April is specially significant to have the toilets open for the Dawn Service and general Parade March. We have school children and elderly people with the general public attending these services and it would be greatly appreciated if the toilets could be opened.

Thanking you in anticipation.”

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

In light of the additional security provided by the construction of the new reservoir in Kilkivan. It is considered that RSL Park Public Toilets could be reopened. Should conditions change then the toilets could be closed again. Monitoring water consumption would be undertaken to gauge water use.

W48/04/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the RSL Park Public Toilets be reopened on a trial basis for three months.

Further that the toilets in Lions Park be connected to town water.

Carried

13/4	Kilkivan Water Supply Upgrade – Increase in Project Scope
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Re: **W49/04/09** Kilkivan Water Supply Upgrade – Increase In Project Scope
 From: General Manager – Water & sewerage – I. Schiefelbein
 File:
 Date: 16 March 2009

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

Work is proceeding steadily on the project to upgrade the Kilkivan Water Supply. This project includes the following works:

1. New bore at Whittaker Road and pipeline to the treatment plant.
2. New reservoir in Kilkivan

3. New treatment plant including balance storage, treatment plant equipment and pump station
4. Minor upgrade of Wide Bay Creek pumping system and off stream storage.
5. Pipelines to connect the existing bores and Wide Bay Creek pumping system to the new treatment plant
6. Control Systems

In order to ensure that project costs did not exceed the budget some works were deleted or deferred from the project until final costs were known. This included River pump station, dedicated delivery line to the reservoir and connection of some bores.

A substantial part of the project has been completed it is appropriate to review costs. The estimated total project cost is as follows:

1. Preliminaries, Design etc	\$ 140,000
2. Whittaker Road Bore and pipeline	\$ 457,916
3. Interconnecting Pipelines	\$ 370,000
4. 600kL Reservoir	\$ 400,000
5. Control Building	\$ 134,536
6. Treatment Plants Equipment building	\$ 54,980
7. Treatment Plant Equipment	\$ 416,100
8. Balance Storage 200kL	\$ 182,000
9. Treatment Plant Site Works	\$ 50,000
10. Upgrade of existing Bore Switchboards	\$ 40,000
11. Bore pumps and Switchboards	\$ 120,000
12. Treatment Plant Control System and Switchboard	\$ 150,000
13. Upgrade of Wide Bay Creek Pumping Station	\$ 30,000
14 Misc. Work	<u>\$ 54,468</u>
Sub Total	<u>\$2,640,000</u>
Contingencies (allow approximately 10%)	<u>\$ 260,000</u>
Sub Total	<u>\$2,900,000</u>

Approved Funding for the project is \$3,416,290

Estimated Cost of optional Works are as follows:

(a) Equipping Running Creek Bore (No 1) and Pipeline	\$ 80,000
(b) Equipping Running Creek Bore (No 2) and Pipeline	\$ 80,000
(c) Equipping Kitts Crescent Bore including pipeline	\$ 100,000
(d) Dedicated pipeline between treatment plant & reservoir	\$ 200,000

Based upon the availability of funds it is recommended that additional bores be equipped. At this stage (subject to testing of Kitts Crescent Bore) it is recommended that one Running Creek Bore and the Kitts Crescent be included in the project at this stage. It is also recommended that the dedicated pipeline to the reservoir be constructed.

These works will provide greater security, reduce pressure variations in the supply system and reduce the potential of supply failures due to pipe breakages.

Cr R.A. Gâté left the meeting at 11.58am and returned at 12.00pm.

W49/04/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that:

1. **Two additional bores be incorporated into the project scope for the Kilkivan Water Supply upgrade - one at Running Creek (No1) and the other at either Running Creek (No2) or Kitts Crescent (depending on the bore investigation for Kitts Crescent).**
2. **A dedicated pipeline be installed between the treatment plant and the reservoir.**

Carried

Mrs Birt left the meeting at 12 noon.

Ms K Watson entered the meeting at 12 noon and took over the role of Minutes Clerk for the meeting.

13/5	Water & Sewer Connection – SES Southside
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Re: **W50/04/09** Water & Sewer Connection – SES Southside
 From: General Manager – Water & sewerage – I. Schiefelbein
 File:
 Date 18 March 2009

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

Council are assisting the SES to build a facility adjacent Johnston Road in Southside. As part of this development sewerage services will be required.

There are a number of options for the provision sewerage to this property as follows:

Option 1 – Onsite Sewerage System

Estimated cost \$12,000. There may be some difficulties due to the proximity of the adjacent water course.

Option 2 – Holding Tank

Initial cost \$2500.00

Tank pump out cost estimated to be about \$2500 per year.

Option 3 – Internal pump station

Onsite pump station would connect to an adjacent existing sewage rising main Estimated cost \$7000

Option 4 Sewerage Connection

Estimated cost \$25,000

With Option 4 the sewer provided would be located so that it would ultimately be incorporated into the system to service parts of the Jonhston Road/Heather Street areas which have known problems with respect to onsite systems ie. Council would save \$25,000 in future capital cost to service this area of Southside.

The cost of internal pump station, holding tank and onsite sewerage systems would be written off when a sewerage scheme was constructed to service the Johnson Road area.

W50/04/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

Recommend that Council adopt option 4 and fund the cost of sewer connection less \$7 000 (for the internal pump station) from the Southside sewerage budget and that Council proceed with the construction of the sewer to the property when required.

Carried

13/6

Progress Report – Cooloola Coast Sewage Treatment Plants

Re: **W51/04/09** Progress Report – Cooloola Coast Sewage Treatment Plants

From: General Manager – Water & sewerage – I. Schiefelbein

File:

Date 1st April 2009

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

Cooloola Cove

Commissioning in progress
Number of minor defects to be rectified

Tin Can Bay

Concrete work complete

Work on control building complete
 Pipe work complete
 Mechanical work complete
 Electrical/software works commenced
 Roadworks complete
 Site works substantially complete

Rainbow Beach

Concrete, Mechanical works, roadworks and pipe work complete
 Control building complete
 Electrical work complete.
 Programming and equipment commissioning commenced

Variation Approvals March 2009

Variations (GST excl.)	
Total to 01/04/2009 Variations: 1-63	\$ 1,034,306.7
Variations approved in March:	NIL
Adjusted contract value:	\$17,551,359.67
Value of work completed to date:	\$17,212,109.69
Date due for completion of contract:	4th June 2009

W51/04/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

13/7	Level 5 Water Restrictions
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Re: **W52/04/09** Level 5 Water Restrictions
 From: General Manager – Water & sewerage – I. Schiefelbein
 File:
 Date: 1 April 2009

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

Level 5 Water Restrictions have been in place in Kilkivan for a substantial period. With the construction of the new reservoir and resultant increase in security there is an opportunity to review the level of restrictions.

Level 5 restrictions ban external use of water except for washing of mirrors, windscreen and number plates on vehicles.

There are differences between the various levels of restrictions in Kilkivan and Cooloola Shires. A review is being undertaken to standardise these levels and align them to those in adjacent Council areas.

It is considered that restrictions could be relaxed to allow the use of hand held hoses for one hour per day between 4.00pm and 5.00pm for watering of gardens (not lawns) and for car washing (trigger hose). The situation would be monitored and if consumption increased to unacceptable levels then the restrictions would be adjusted accordingly.

A similar situation applies in Goomeri where water storage levels have been maintained for eight (8) months over summer.

The level of restriction would be designated Level 3.

If implemented it would be appropriate to advise the property owners of the changes in a newsletter.

W52/04/09 Moved: Cr R. Dyne

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that water restrictions in Kilkivan and Goomeri be changed to Level 3 – Hand held hoses for one hour between 4.00pm-5.00pm for watering of gardens and car washing (using a trigger hose) and that residents be advised accordingly.

Further that the Gympie Times, South Burnett Times and all other local publications be advised of Council's actions in respect to the above change.

Carried

13/8	Projects in Progress
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Re: **W53/04/09** Projects in Progress
 From: General Manager – Water & sewerage – I. Schiefelbein
 File:
 Date 1 April 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 95% complete. Commissioning of the plants has

commenced and is expected to be completed during March, April and May. Sewage was introduced into the Cooloola Cove Sewage Treatment Plant on Thursday 26 March 2009.

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. Conceptual design is complete.

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. A response to request has been forwarded to the EPA. The EPA extended the review period 20 days. Tenders have closed for construction of the Sewage Treatment Plant. Nine tenders were received. The tenders are being reviewed by the consultants.

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. Tenders have been called for Cleaning and CCTV Inspection of additional areas of the sewer system.

4 Trade Waste

The Trade Waste inspection program has been deferred due to the availability of suitable staff and other priorities. A Trade Waste office has now commenced work. The program will now recommence.

5. Rainbow Beach Sewage Rising Main and Pump Station Upgrade

Work on the rising main is complete. Work on the pump station upgrade has commenced.

6. Old Imbil Road Pump Station

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

7. Stumm Road Rising Main

Work on the rising main to upgrade the capacity at the Stumm Road Sewage Pump Station is complete.

WATER

8 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.

9 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 April 2009.

10. 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. Pressure reduction to some areas has commenced.

11 Teewah Creek Trunk Main

EPA are drafting an agreement to allow construction through the National Park (adjacent the existing pipeline), design work will commence once the agreement is finalised. A EMP for this work has been completed and forwarded to the consultants. Tenders have closed for pipes and fittings.

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

12. 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 accepted for the treatment plant building. Tenders for a shed to house the equipment have been accepted. Construction of the storage reservoir on the treatment plant site is substantially complete.

13. Rainbow Beach Air Valves

An investigation and testing of the air valves adjacent Rainbow Beach Road (near Water Treatment Plant) has been completed. The investigation determined that one of the air valves is no longer required because of changed pumping arrangements. The air valve has been removed. A protective device is being constructed to protect the other air valve from damage.

Cr A.J. Perrett left the meeting at 12.13pm.

W53/04/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

Recommend that the Report be received.

Carried

SECTION 14: WATER & SEWERAGE DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr A.J. Perrett returned to the meeting at 12.16pm.

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

The Chairman advised the meeting that Council was going “Into Committee” to discuss

1. Land purchase matter ex Kilkivan Shire Council

W54/04/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr R. Dyne

That pursuant to the provisions of Section 463 of the Local Government Act, Council resolves to close the meeting to the public and move “into committee” to consider the following matter:-

1. Land purchase matter ex Kilkivan Shire Council

Further, that in relation to the provisions of Section 250 of the Act, Council resolves that following the closing of the meeting to the public and the moving ‘into committee’ that all matters and all documents (whether in hard copy, electronic, optical, visual or magnetic form) discussed, raised, tabled and/or considered whilst the meeting is closed and ‘in committee’, are confidential to the Council and the Council wishes to keep them confidential.

Carried

COUNCIL OUT OF COMMITTEE

W55/04/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

That proceedings be resumed in Open Council.

Carried

SECTION 15: IN COMMITTEE MATTERS

15/1 Resumption matter ex Kilkivan Shire Council

Re: **W56/04/09** Resumption matter ex Kilkivan Shire Council
File:
Date: 18 March 2009

W56/04/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr G. Engeman

Recommend that General Manager Water & Sewerage be authorised to purchase the land at Goomeri for water supply purposes.

Further that Council pay all surveyors' fees, registration fees and any other fees associated with the boundary realignment.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.21pm.

CONFIRMED THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF APRIL 2009.

*Cr L.J. Friske
Chairman*