



MINUTES
of the
GENERAL MEETING

CHAIRPERSON: Cr A.J. Perrett (Deputy Mayor)

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

**On Wednesday 22nd April 2009
At 9.00 am**

Gympie Regional Council **GENERAL**

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

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The meeting commenced at 9:01 am.

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

Also in attendance were Director of Corporate Services (Mr C Manson), and Minutes Clerk (Miss S Bull).

Cr J. Watt was not present at the commencement of the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS

Planning & Development Committee Meeting
P23/04/09– Cr I.T. Petersen– Conflict of Interest.

SECTION 1: OPEN WITH PRAYER

Pastor George Miller from the Victory Church offered a Prayer for the advancement of the Region and the true welfare of its people.

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

Cr J. Watt entered the meeting at 9.03am.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

G17/04/09 **Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté** **Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman**

That Mayor, Cr Ron Dyne and Cr Ian Petersen be granted Leave of Absence from all Council Meetings to be held between 22 - 24 April 2009 due to their attendance at the 2009 Infrastructure Symposium in Brisbane as per Minute G11/01/09.

Carried

SECTION 2: APOLOGIES

**SECTION 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING**

G18/04/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske

That the Minutes of the Gympie Regional Council General Meeting held on 8 April 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

SECTION 3a: PETITIONS

**SECTION 4: ADOPTION OF WORKS & SERVICES
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

G19/04/09 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2009 as presented, be received.

Carried

G20/04/09 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2009, be adopted.

Carried

**SECTION 4a: REPORT BY THE WORKS & SERVICES
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Nil

<p>SECTION 6: REPORT BY THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN</p>
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Cr Perrett presented the following Report:-

The Committee considered a request from the Goomeri Penguins Swimming Club to erect a mural at the Goomeri Public Swimming Pool. The Committee recommends that Council support the proposal for the painting of murals on boards which are to be attached to the front facade of the Goomeri Pool. An agreement will be entered into between Council and the Goomeri Swimming Club regarding the provision of the murals.

The Kilkivan & District Swimming Club have written to Council seeking support for the erection of a shed to store Club property on the pool grounds. The Club has indicated they would contribute \$2000.00 towards the construction costs of the shed. The matter will be referred to the draft budget discussions for further consideration.

Following the close of tenders for the lease on the Gympie Memorial Swimming Pool, the Committee recommends that Council accept the tender submitted by the current lessees Mr & Mrs Manthey for a further three (3) year period commencing the 1 July, 2009 with the option of extending the lease for further two (2) years, subject to satisfactory performance.

The Health & Environmental Services, Compliance & Local Disaster and Community Services and Facilities Reports for the month of March were received with no notable concerns.

Mr Ken Meldrum, President of Cooloola Human Services Network addressed the Committee on activities and programs initiated by the organisation.

Following an unconfirmed minute the Committee considered a number of amendments to the Woodworks Steering Committee Charter and now recommends its adoption.

The Cooloola Regional Development Bureau Report for March was presented by Acting General Manager, Amanda LePeilbet. The CRDB continue to prepare and plan for the management and opening of the Woodworks Museum. A very successful networking evening was held at the Rainbow Beach Hotel on the 2nd March with 35 guests attending. Guest speaker for the night was TSC CEO – Russell Mason. The Bureau along with Fraser Coast/South Burnett Tourism and the Left Bank Restaurant will operate an information desk at the Kilkivan Great Horse Ride.

Dave Mcleod, Director of the Bicentennial National Trail Board has contacted Council seeking in principle support and assistance in mounting a

plaque, identifying the site where a Cobb & Co Coach was swept off the crossing on Wide Bay Creek known as 'Homers Gate Crossing'. The Committee is recommending the matter be considered during Council's Financial Assistance Grants deliberations for 2009/10.

G24/04/09 **Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett** **Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

That the Report be received.

Carried

<p>SECTION 7: ADOPTION OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS</p>
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G25/04/09 **Moved: Cr J. Watt** **Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2009 as presented, be received.

Carried

G26/04/09 **Moved: Cr J. Watt** **Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske**

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2009, be adopted.

Carried

<p>SECTION 8: REPORT BY THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN</p>
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Nil

SECTION 9: OTHER MATTERS

9/1	Town Hall Doll House - Gympie's Christmas Competition
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Re: **G27/04/09** Town Hall Doll House – Gympie's Christmas Competition

From: Kellie Stewart, Marketing Manager, Centro Gympie, Cnr Bruce Hwy & Excelsior Road, Gympie Qld 4570.

File: 3/3/15/1

Date: 8 April 2009 Doc ID 1031622

Centro Gympie recently ran a promotion with the Gympie Times to find four local historic buildings to replicate into doll houses 1:12 of their original size. Twelve local buildings were put forward to the community to vote on And 346 votes received in just eight days, the top four building have been chosen. They are...

1. Town Hall (21% of votes)
2. The Muster Office (18.5% of votes)
3. Neilson, Stanton & Parkinson Solicitors (15.6 of votes)
4. Daze Gone By (7.8% of votes)

When completed these doll houses will be valued at around \$3,200 each, except for Town Hall which will be valued at approximately \$7,500. they will form the core of Centro Gympie's Christmas competition with three of the doll houses to be won by Centro Gympie Shoppers. The remaining building will form part of a competition to be run by the Gympie Times in early 2010.

This is a very exciting project for the local community as it embraces the wonderful historic Australian architect of which Gympie is so very proud of.

As a caretaker of one of these buildings you will be kept up to date as the project unfolds and invited to a grand unveiling in early November.

In the meantime, if you would like to take a look at some of the doll house architects work to date please visit James Dowdall's website at <http://www.victoriandollhouses.com.au/> James is a very well respected doll house architect and specialises in Australian architecture and period wall paper.

Also if you are able to assist James in anyway (ie with historic photos, internal and external of the buildings), please feel free to contact him by phoning 02 6294 2294 or email at dowdallja@netspace.net.au

G27/04/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the information be received.

Carried

9/2

Solar Hot Water Rebate

Re: **G28/04/09** Solar Hot Water Rebate
From: David Jarratt, Director, Household Water Rebates Section,
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.
File: 6/3/14/2
Date: 3 April 2009 Doc ID 1029921

Thankyou for expressing interest in Gympie Regional Council co-operating with the Australian Government to promote the solar hot water rebate along with other initiatives of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts. These initiatives include:

- The Energy Efficient Homes Package which provides ceiling insulation worth up to \$1,600 to all Australian home owner-occupiers with limited or no ceiling insulation,
Or
a \$1,600 rebate on the cost of installing a solar hot water system; and help for renters, with a rebate for landlords on the costs of insulating their rental properties.
- The National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative which provides rebates of up to \$500 for households to install rainwater tanks or grey water systems.

Previous co-operation between the tiers of government has included this Department's sponsorship of free community information evenings on energy and water savings in the home and the various government rebates available in four neighbouring shires in NSW; as well as being a joint sponsor of the SOS (Sustaining Our Shoalhaven) House Project.

We are keen to co-operate with local councils as much as possible to promote the uptake of renewable energy and are happy to discuss opportunities that you feel will be effective in your local area. This can include providing your council with information for its events, website and regular council mail outs; and funding or sponsorship for public information evenings. Please contact Janet Matthews via e-mail janet.matthews@environment.gov.au or telephone 02-6275 9888 to discuss how we can work together.

We look forward to hearing from you.

G28/04/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That Council advise of its participation and advise the Resident of the Gympie Region.

Carried

9/3

Potential Impacts of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam

Re: **G29/04/09** Potential Impacts of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam
From: The Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts.
File: 4/1/09/0002
Date: 1 April 2009 Doc ID 1029373

Thank you for your letter of 11 December 2008 concerning the potential impacts of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.

The focus of the recently published independent expert reports was the potential impacts of the Traveston Crossing Dam proposal on listed threatened species, in particular the Mary River Turtle, Mary River Cod and Australian Lungfish. I am satisfied that the independent experts took into account the sources of information necessary to provide a comprehensive review of those impacts.

I am aware of the significant public concern regarding the environment downstream of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam and the range of views expressed by stakeholders. I am also aware of the submission on the Draft EIS by the Mary River Council of Mayors including the report by the MWA Environmental. The information in these documents is being carefully considered by the Department, which will provide their advice to me for consideration as part of the decision-making process under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 ('EPBC Act').

I understand that the Department is also currently seeking to clarify a range of issues relating to the hydrological data presented in the EIS including data relevant to the Mary River estuary. I will continue to seek additional information and advice if necessary, to ensure that my decision is well informed.

My decision under the EPBC Act will be made after careful assessment of the relevant environmental impacts of the Traveston Crossing Dam matters of national environmental significance, in addition to other economic and social matters and will involve consideration of a range of information including public submissions made throughout the assessment process.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

G29/04/09**Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman****Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté****That the information be received.****Carried**

9/4

Water Fluoridation

Re: **G30/04/09** Water Fluoridation
From: Nick Williams, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Premier, PO
Box 15185, City East Qld 4002
File: 4/10/22/2
Date: 7 April 2009 Doc ID 1030954

“Thank you for your letter of 27 January 2009 concerning water fluoridation. I have been requested to reply to you on the Premier’s behalf. I apologise for the delay in replying.

I have noted Gympie Regional Council’s views regarding the Government’s decision to introduce water fluoridation and thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

I would like to reassure you that the Queensland Government did not take the decision to introduce water fluoridation lightly, nor in haste. At all time the health and safety of the Queenslanders has been our paramount concern, and we have based our decision on the overwhelming amount of credible, peer-reviewed medical and scientific evidence, form long-term use around the world, that suggests that fluoridation is a safe, proven and effective preventative health measure to combat tooth decay and improve oral health.

The most recent review by Australia’s National Health and Medical Research Council found the Fluoridation does not cause bone fractures, allergies or cancer or other adverse health effects. Townsville water has been fluoridated since 1964 and there have been no scientifically or medically documented cases involving adverse consumption of fluoridated water. In fact, in 1996 study found that Townsville children suffered 40 per cent less tooth decay than children living in Brisbane.

The Queensland Government will not be holding a referendum on Fluoridation. The views of Queenslanders regarding fluoridation have been tested over the years through surveys conducted by the Officer of Economic and Statistical Research, Central Queensland University, the Local Government Association of Queensland, and the Queensland Oral Health Alliance. These surveys have consistently demonstrated that between 60-70 per cent of Queenslanders support fluoridation. The Queensland Government’s decision to fluoridate Queensland’s water supplies therefore concords with the wishes of the majority of Queenslanders who want to access the benefits of fluoridated water. On the 13 March 2008, the Water Fluoridation Bill 2008 was passed by the Queensland Parliament, with a significant majority of parliamentarians supporting the Bill.

Further, as you would be aware, in 2005 the Queensland Government established a \$6 million 100 per cent capital reimbursement program for councils to introduce fluoride into their local drinking supplies, in consultation with their local communities. No council took the opportunity to work with their communities to implement this preventative health measure, and that is why the Premier took decisive action to address our escalating rates of tooth decay and safeguard the oral health of current and future generations of Queenslanders.

I appreciate that council may be receiving questions and concerns from some ratepayers regarding the Queensland Government's decision to introduce water fluoridation. If that is the case, I also appreciate that this may have had some bearing on Council's current position on fluoridation.

Close cooperation between the Queensland Government and councils will be vital in ensuring that Queenslanders have access to the benefits of fluoridated water.

Again, thank you for writing to the Premier. I trust this information has been of assistance to you."

G30/04/09

Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the information be received.

Carried

9/5

Walk Safely to School Day – 15 May 2009

Re: **G31/04/09** Walk Safely to School Day – 15 May 2009
 From: The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.
 File: 3/2/3/5
 Date: 8 April 2009 Doc ID 1031166

"I am writing to encourage your council's participation in the Walk Safely to School Day. This is an annual, national event, supported by the Australian Government.

The event is an initiative of the Pedestrian Council of Australia (PCA) which seeks to promote the road safety, health, and environmental benefits of walking and/or taking public transport to school.

The PCA provides promotional materials to schools and councils and promotes the event with a national television, radio, press and poster campaign.

Councils can assist the marketing campaign by working with schools and parent organisations to arrange promotional activities. Further details on the event are available at the PCA website at www.walk.com.au.

Your support and participation in this event can help ensure its success.”

G31/04/09 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

That the matter be referred to the Youth Development Officer for Co-ordination.

Carried

9/6

Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program

Re: **G32/04/09** Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program
 From: Janet Lee
 File:
 Date: 15 April 2009

Report: (Executive Policy and Liaison Officer – Janet Lee)

Further to G14/04/09 Council has received written confirmation of the funding of the following projects and has signed a funding agreement and forwarded this back to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

The \$75,000 allocation listed as footpaths under G14/04/09 is included in the 012 Norman Point beautification program.

	RLCIP Funds
016 Nelson Reserve Recreation and Skate Park project	\$170,000
004 Senior Citizens Exercise Park	\$30,000
017 Gympie Regional Gallery Heritage Restoration Project - Verandah	\$48,000
020 Upgrade Gympie Town Hall - Lift	\$90,000
019 Covered area for Gympie Showgrounds - Bill Bishop Building Roof	\$60,000

001 Calton Gardens Restoration & Rotunda	\$30,000
014 Enhancement of Main Streets - Entry statements for Tin Can Bay & Rainbow Beach	\$30,000
002 One Mile Ovals — Irrigation improvements — central automation control, Irrigation mains, levelling/ drainage improvements, cricket field alignment Jim Geiger Oval,	\$60,000
011 Community Volunteer Centre - Southside SES Building	\$110,000
003 Chatsworth Hall - Kitchen	\$30,000
006 Woolooga Community Hall Upgrade	\$8,000
007 Gunalda Playground Safety Fencing	\$10,000
005 Tin Can Bay Infant Swimming Pool	\$35,000
015 Tin Can Bay - Fitness equipment/safety surfacing/path Wes Mitchell Park	\$29,000
010 Rainbow Beach –Phil Rogers Park upgrade	\$22,000
013 Mullins Creek Heritage Site — vehicle exclusion bollards	\$18,000
008 Amamoor Playground — install safety fencing, rationalise existing play space, new equipment	\$20,000
012 Norman Point Beautification and Community Recreation project includes \$75,000 pathways)	\$115,000
009 Upgrade Imbil Memorial Park - Public Seating, Shade & Sprinkler system	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$945,000

Policy & Liaison Officer Ms Janet Lee entered the meeting at 9.27 am.

Mary Valley Connect Inc *CATEGORY: Building Community Cultural Capacity*
\$4867

Employment of a professional artist to facilitate outcomes of a Transport Study – developing art work to reinvigorate Mary Valley Bus Shelters – conditional on Council approval

Marie Edmiston Prior *CATEGORY: Regional Partnerships \$968*
Creation of sand relief sculptures on 2 Gympie Regional Foreshores to coincide with the Great Walks Touring exhibition in Gympie in September and other local events

Kim Barrett *CATEGORY Developing Regional Skills \$827*
Attending Geoff Dupree workshops for further professional development

TOTAL AMOUNT \$11,290”

G33/04/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That Council approve the above applications.

Carried

SECTION 10: GENERAL BUSINESS

Queensland Mother of the Year Awards - Brisbane

Cr Donna Neilson reported that she attended the Mother of the Year Awards in Brisbane on Thursday, 16 April. The Awards were presented by the Governor, Ms Penelope Wensley OA. Ms Rosemary Dailly of Gympie was a finalist.

Further that Barbara Pope, formally from Gympie, won the Queensland Mother of the Year Awards 2009 and will go on to represent our State at the National Awards in Sydney.

Mary Valley Chamber of Commerce AGM

Cr Rae Gâté and Cr Graham Engeman reported that they attended the first AGM of the Mary Valley Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, 21 April. The Councillors commended the members on their significant achievements in the first year of operation.

City Farm Meeting

Cr Jan Watt reported that she attended the City Farm meeting on Monday, 20 April representing Cr Julie Walker. City Farm is now registered as an incorporated body.

Gympie and District Landcare Group – Skilling Queenslanders for Work Graduation

Cr Rae Gâté reported that she attended the recent graduation of participants from Skilling Queenslanders for Work Program as conducted by the Gympie and District Landcare Group.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work Program - 10 participants over 13 weeks.

The project targeted improvements to infrastructure in the Gympie Community which will give jobseekers skills to enable them to perform work with a number of large scale projects.

Work was completed by the work-team at Gympie East State School and involved:

·Construction of access stairways to the high ropes course (This can be utilised by up to 28 schools in the district).

Construction of a 6m x 6m storage shed and awning

Paving a courtyard.

Stage 2 of works involved infill and erosion planting of 12 000 plants at ‘The Willows’ at Tozer Gully revegetation site.

Stage 3 involved completion of upgrade of the Disability Access footpaths, installation of irrigation, construction of nursery benches, painting nursery benches and painting of nursery and workshop shed at Gympie Landcare facility.

All participants gained skills in concreting, paving, shed construction, revegetation and landscaping. Participants undertook life skills, internet job search training, resume building, application writing and interview skills training.

Crs Gâté and Engeman commended the participants on the standard of work and the value of their contribution to the community.

Kilkivan Great Horse Ride

Cr Tony Perrett reported that Gympie Regional Council's involvement and assistance with the Kilkivan Great Horse Ride was acknowledged during the event on the weekend 18/19 April. The event attracted 750 riders and was deemed very successful.

Road Damage following Recent Flood

Cr Larry Friske reported that the majority of the damage to roads and bridges during the recent flood occurred on the eastern side of the Region. A claim will be submitted for Disaster Relief. Much of the damage involved gravel and bitumen stripping both of which will be replaced as soon as possible. Cr Friske advised that programmed maintenance works will now need to be delayed by some weeks while flood damage in the affected areas is repaired.

G34/04/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That Council commend the Staff for their efforts in providing excellent service and safety for the Community during the recent flooding.

Further, that the Council thank the Community for their feedback in providing up to date information during the recent flood event.

Carried

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.43am.

Confirmed this THIRTEENTH day of APRIL 2009

CHAIRMAN
Cr R.J. Dyne