



# **MINUTES**

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## **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CHAIRMAN: Cr A Perrett**

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

**On Wednesday, 14 October 2009, following the  
General Meeting.**

**For Adoption at the  
General Meeting  
To be held on the 28 October 2009**

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

**APPOINTMENTS etc.**

**Nil**

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The meeting commenced at 10.40am.

**PRESENT:** Cr A Perrett (*Committee Chairman*), (Mayor) R Dyne, Crs D Neilson, L Friske, J Watt, G Engeman, R Gâté, Mr M Grant (Director of Community Services), Mr K Mason (Chief Executive Officer), Mr I Wolff (Health & Environmental Services Co-ordinator) and Mrs V Knight (Minutes Secretary).

## **APOLOGIES**

**CS01/10/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr J Watt**

**Recommend that the apology from Cr J Walker and Cr I Petersen be accepted.**

**Carried**

## **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS**

**CS04/10/09 – Cr R Dyne declared a conflict of interest in the Surf Lifesaving Queensland matter.**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**CS02/10/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr G Engeman**

**That the Minutes of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on the 9 September 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.**

**Carried**

## **SECTION 1: HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**1/1 Health & Environmental Services Report - September 2009**

**Re: CS03/10/09 Health & Environmental Services Report - September 2009**  
**From: Health & Environmental Services Co-ordinator – Mr I Wolff**  
**File: CG98/0014**  
**Date: 7 October 2009**

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

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

**General**

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

These arrangements should ensure that residents have ready access to immunisation treatments. Immunisations were administered for the period 1 August 2009 – 30 September 2009 as follows:

Month of August 2009 - Injections: 207  
Month of September 2009 - Injections: 188

**NOTIFIABLE DISEASES**

Queensland Health has advised Council of the following case of notifiable disease currently being treated by local medical practitioners between 17 August 2009 and 27 September 2009.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Location</u>
Campylobacter Enteritis	Gympie (2 cases)
Cryptosporidiosis	Gympie
Barmah Forest Virus	Gympie
Barmah Forest Virus	Rainbow Beach
Pertussis	Amamoor
Pertussis	Cooloola Cove
Pertussis	Imbil
Pertussis	Goomboorian
Pertussis	Gympie (12 cases)
Pertussis	Southside
Pertussis	The Palms
Pertussis	Traveston
Ross River Virus	Gympie (4 cases)
Ross River Virus	Tin Can Bay

**WATER SAMPLES**

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

<b>Location</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gympie reticulated water supply	9
Imbil reticulated water supply	2
Kandanga reticulated water supply	2

Amamoor reticulated water supply	2
Rainbow Beach reticulated water supply	5
Tin Can Bay/Cooloola Cove reticulated water supply	7
Kilkivan reticulated water supply	2
Goomeri reticulated water supply	2
Gympie War Memorial Swimming Pool	2
Kandanga Swimming Pool	1
Tin Can Bay Swimming Pool	1
Kilkivan Swimming Pool	1
Goomeri Swimming Pool	2

### Reticulated Water Supply

Analysis results for all samples taken from reticulated water supplies to Gympie, Mary Valley townships, Rainbow Beach, Tin Can Bay/Cooloola Cove, Kilkivan and Goomeri indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2004*.

Analysis results for all samples taken from municipal swimming pools in Gympie, Kandanga, Tin Can Bay, Kilkivan and Goomeri indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *Queensland Health Swimming and Spa Pool Water Quality and Operations Guidelines 2004*.

### FOOD

*(Food Act 2006)*

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

During the month of September 2009 the Community Services Directorate issued Food Business Licences to two (2) new businesses being conducted within the region.

As of 30 September 2009, there were 307 licensed food businesses operating in the Gympie Regional Council area.

### STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS

*(Dangerous Good Safety Management Regulation 2001)*

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

As of 30 September 2009, there were 58 premises in the Gympie Regional Council area licensed to store flammable and combustible liquids in accordance with the *Dangerous Goods Safety Management Regulation 2001*.

### ENVIRONMENTALLY RELEVANT ACTIVITIES

*(Environmental Protection Act 1994)*

During the period Environmental Health Officers conducted routine inspections of registered environmentally relevant activities and continued to assist operators in achieving compliance with the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Council's Community Service Directorate has undertaken a review of Registration Certificates to conduct environmentally relevant activities within the Gympie Regional Council area in order to reflect changes to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* and subordinate legislation.

The following activities are no longer environmentally relevant activities and accordingly the Community Services Directorate has notified the operators (19 in total) that they no longer require a Registration Certificate under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* to operate these activities.

Crematorium
Animal housing
Extracting rock or other material (less than 5,000 tonnes in a year)
Screening (less than 5,000 tonnes in a year)
Pet, stock or aquaculture food manufacturing (for activities not involving meat or seafood processing)
Marina or sea plane mooring
Heliport
Motor racing.

The conditions of development approval/s, including environmental conditions, still apply to the operation of the activities.

Changes to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* and the adoption of the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008* now require the operators of all Environmentally Relevant Activities to lodge Annual Returns.

Annual Return Notices have been forwarded to operators of all Environmentally Relevant Activities requiring operators to submit an Annual Return prior to 31 October 2009.

As of 30 September 2009, there were 186 Environmentally Relevant Activities regulated by the Gympie Regional Council pursuant to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

### SWIMMING POOLS

The majority of off season works have been completed satisfactorily.

Items include:

- New Plant room at Tin Can Bay. The solar blanket winding motor will be fitted shortly.
- An extension of the bund for the chlorine solution tank at Goomeri, including internal coating and external valve.
- Installation of removable starting blocks at Goomeri and Kandanga.
- General maintenance, repairs, paintings, signs, etc.
- Replacement of damaged furniture at Goomeri and some other items will be completed during the swimming season.

Construction of the variable depth swimming pool at the Tin Can Bay Swimming Pool has been completed.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

### Southside Waste Management Facility

Following the cessation of landfilling of putrescible domestic waste at Council's Southside Waste Management Facility, the use of the 3m<sup>3</sup> bins installed at the facility to receive refuse and recyclable items has been greater than expected. Accordingly, Council's Community Services Directorate has increased the servicing and number of bins at the facility and is investigating further increases to refuse and recycling services.

### Bonnick Road Waste Management Facility

In accordance with Council Minute CS12/09/09, Council's Community Services Directorate has arranged for signage to be erected at the Bonnick Road Waste Management Facility and advertising in local media to notify residents and businesses about the changes to opening hours of the facility.

### Building Waste Disposal Charges

In accordance with Minute CS12/09/09, Council's Community Services Directorate has notified (via a circular) all businesses known to, or likely to dispose of building (including construction and demolition) waste at Council's Southside or Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facilities of the change to disposal charges for building (including construction and demolition) waste commencing from Monday, 2 November 2009.

Council's Community Services Directorate has further arranged for signage to be erected at the Southside and Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facilities and advertising of the changes in local media.

## RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

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

PRODUCT	WEIGHT - kg	
	01/09/09 30/09/09	2009
Aluminium	1 943	15 616
Glass – Clear	9 209	73 997
Glass – Coloured	15 783	126 824
HDPE	3 864	31 051
Plastic - Mixed	1 866	13 544
Paper/Cardboard – Mixed	120 696	969 844
P.E.T.	3 705	29 770
Steel	6 091	48 944
Glass Fines	68 350	549 225
<b>Total Recoverables</b>	<b>231 507kg</b>	<b>1 858 815kg</b>
Waste/Ceramics	54 792	440 278
<b>Total including all Waste</b>	<b>286 29kg</b>	<b>2 299 093kg</b>

CS03/10/09 Moved: Cr J Watt

Seconded: Cr D Neilson

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

**Carried**

Cr R Dyne (Mayor) declared a conflict of interest in the next matter because he is Patron of Rainbow Beach Surf Lifesaving Club and Vice-Patron of Surf Lifesaving Queensland and remained in the meeting and abstained from voting.

1/2	Revised Lifeguard Service Submission – Rainbow Beach 2009-2011
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Re: **CS04/10/09** Revised Lifeguard Service Submission – Rainbow Beach 2009-2011  
 From: George Hill, Lifesaving Services Manager, Surf Lifesaving Queensland, PO Box 3747, South Brisbane Qld 4101  
 File: 2/2/13/4 Doc ID 1070323  
 Date: 1 September 2009

*“RE: REVISED LIFEGUARD SERVICE SUBMISSION 2009-11*



*SLSQ are pleased to provide our revised submission for provision of lifeguard services at Rainbow Beach for 2009 – 2011.*

*I would like to direct your attention to Part 4 “Financial Proposal” (page 42), which contains a summary of services and costs for the proposed services. Please advise your acceptance of our submission by signing and returning page 46 with a letter indicating your position on the service on year one, year two and the additional service recommendations in year two.*

*It is the resolve of SLSQ to work in partnership with all coastal councils to reach our vision of “Zero Preventable Deaths and Injuries on Queensland Beaches”. As such we value our current relationship with Gympie Regional Council, and see expanding the service at Rainbow Beach to become a year round service as a key part of reaching this vision.*

*To assist this vision I am pleased to advise that the Lifeguard Service has been successful in obtaining funding from SLSQ’s “More Beaches Under Guard” funding to complete the additional service recommendations in year one tabled on page 43.*

*This service is currently being completed however there is no guarantee that this funding can continue to include the additional service recommendations in the 2010-2011 year.*

*Given this I have included a year two costing as a part of the submission in the hope that council will be able to include this in 2010-2011 budget considerations.*

*SLSQ would be only too pleased to meet with Gympie Regional Council to further discuss our submission and ways we can work together to continue to deliver cost effective services for the residents and visitors to Rainbow Beach. Should you wish to discuss this submission please contact our Chief Lifeguard on 07 3846 8123.”*

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

The above correspondence has been received from Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) and relates to the provision of lifeguard services at Rainbow Beach for 2009 – 2011.

The lifeguard services at Rainbow Beach proposed by SLSQ for the two (2) year period appear below.

**PART 4 FINANCIAL PROPOSAL****4.1 PROPOSED SERVICES****Table 1: Provision of Surf Lifeguard Services**

<b>YEAR ONE 2009/2010</b>			
<b>Beach</b>	<b>No. of Lifeguards</b>	<b>Service Duration</b>	<b>Hours of Operation</b>
Rainbow Beach	1	July school holidays 01/07/09 to 12/07/09	Monday-Friday 9am – 5pm
	2	September school holidays 21/09/09 to 02/10/09	Monday-Friday 9am – 5pm
	1	To Christmas school holidays 05/10/09 to 27/11/09	Monday-Friday 8am – 6pm
	2	Christmas school holidays 30/11/09 to 25/01/10	Monday-Friday 9am – 5pm
	1	To Easter school holidays 27/01/10 to 01/04/10	Monday-Friday 9am – 5pm
	2	Easter school holidays 06/04/10 to 09/04/10	Monday-Friday 9am – 5pm
	1	To May Day long weekend 12/04/10 to 30/04/10	Monday-Friday 9am – 5pm
	1	To June/ July school holidays 04/05/10 to 30/06/10	Monday-Sunday 9am – 5pm
	Note: Rainbow Beach Surf Life Saving Club patrols all weekends and public holidays from the first weekend of September Queensland school holidays to the May Day long weekend.		
<b>TOTAL COST Year 1</b>			<b>\$ 103,000.00 (excluding GST)</b>
<b>TOTAL COST Year 2</b>			<b>\$ 108,166.50 (excluding GST)</b>

- Service costs include all wages (Supervisory costs); administration; rescue equipment and maintenance (as per Section 3.4.5 Resources), power craft, and insurance.
- Service costs do not include motor vehicles and associated expenses.
- Note: Lifeguard tower construction and maintenance has not been allowed for in total costs. Upon request, SLSQ will work with Council to formulate a Facility Maintenance Replacement Program if and when required. Council can contact George Hill on 07 3846 8020 for further information.
- Pricing shall be firm for 12 months, until 30 June 2010.
- Price quoted commences on first day of lifesaving service, 1 July 2009.
- Minimum service levels are to be reviewed by SLSQ and Gympie Regional Council representatives in March annually to ensure most effective service is delivered.

**4.2 ADDITIONAL SERVICE RECOMMENDATIONS**

<b>Beach</b>	<b>No. of Lifeguards</b>	<b>Service Duration</b>	<b>Hours of Operation</b>
Rainbow Beach	1	13/7/09 to 18/09/09	Monday-Sunday 9am – 5pm
<b>TOTAL COST Year 1</b>			<b>\$ 24,864.40 (excluding GST) To be funded by SLSQ</b>
<b>TOTAL COST Year 2</b>			<b>\$ 26,107.60 (excluding GST)</b>

Council has allowed \$103,000.00 (excluding GST) in its budget for the provision of life guard services at Rainbow Beach for the 2009/2010 period. This level of service excludes the period between 12 July 2009 to 21 September 2009 (10 week period).

For the period 2010/2011, to maintain the same level of services, SLSQ is seeking an increase of \$5,166.50.

In the event of Council desiring to engage the services of SLSQ for the 2010/2011 period to provide a “year round” service, this would require Council allowing an additional amount of \$31,274.10, which includes the proposed \$5,166.50 increase for the 2010/11 period, (excluding GST) in its budget to cater for increased costs.

Council needs to consider the level of service it desires SLSQ to provide at Rainbow Beach.

**CS04/10/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr G Engeman**

**Recommend that Council accept the proposal from Surf Life Saving Queensland for the provision of Surf Life Guard Services at Rainbow Beach for the period 2009/10 and 2010/11 providing the current level of service excluding the period 12 July 2009 to 21 September 2009 as follows:-**

<b>Beach</b>	<b>No. of Lifeguards</b>	<b>Service Duration</b>	<b>Hours of Operation</b>
<b>Rainbow Beach</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>July school holidays (01/07/09 to 12/07/09)</b>	<b>Monday-Friday 9am – 5 pm</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>September school holidays (21/09/09 to 02/10/09)</b>	<b>Monday-Friday 9am – 5 pm</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>To Christmas school holidays (05/10/09 to 27/11/09)</b>	<b>Monday-Friday 8am – 6pm</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>Christmas school holidays (30/11/09 to 25/01/10)</b>	<b>Monday-Friday 9am – 5 pm</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>To Easter school holidays (27/01/10 to 01/04/10)</b>	<b>Monday-Friday 9am – 5 pm</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>Easter school holidays (06/04/10 to 09/04/10)</b>	<b>Monday-Friday 9am – 5 pm</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>To May Day long weekend (12/04/10 to 30/04/10)</b>	<b>Monday-Friday 9am – 5 pm</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>To June/July</b>	<b>Monday-Sunday</b>

		school holidays (04/05/10 to 30/06/10)	9am – 5pm
		<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$103,000.00 (excluding GST)</b>

**Further, that the proposal by Surf Life Saving Services to provide a year round service at Rainbow Beach for the financial year 2010/2011 be referred to Council's Draft Budget Meeting to receive further consideration.**

**Carried**

1/3	Provision of Local Law Services – Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay areas
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Re: **CS05/10/09** Provision of Local Law Services – Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay areas  
 From: Health & Environmental Services Co-ordinator – Mr I Wolff  
 Date: 30 September 2009

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

Reference is made to Council Minute CS19/09/09 relating to the provision of local law patrol services in the Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay areas.

Minute CS19/09/09 refers:

RECOMMEND THAT THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND COUNCIL'S PARKS MANAGER INVESTIGATE THE MATTER AND REPORT BACK TO A FUTURE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING.

Further to this Minute, a meeting was held in September 2009 attended by:

- Council's Director Community Services;
- Council's Co-ordinator Health and Environmental Services;
- Council's Parks Manager; and
- Council's General Manager – Works Eastern Division.

At this meeting, Council's Parks Manager and General Manager – Works Eastern Division indicated that the Engineering Services Directorate is not in a position to provide staff to perform Local Law duties at the Cooloola Coast nor locking or unlocking duties of public toilets located at Rainbow Beach.

The current contract with Mr AR Young for the provision of these services is currently in its extension period and due to expire on 30 November 2009.

Under the current contract arrangement, the scope of duties includes:

5. *SCOPE OF DUTIES*

5.1 *The services required to be performed by the Contractor shall include general surveillance of Council controlled areas and facilities and also patrols of these areas at the following times on a daily basis, i.e. seven (7) days per week, three hundred and sixty-five (365) days per year:-*

(a) *Times*

- (i) *Early morning;*
- (ii) *Late afternoon;*
- (iii) *Late at night;*

*Or at such times during the above periods as may be specified by Council from time to time.*

(b) *Deterrent to Vandalism*

*Patrols are to be conducted to provide a deterrent to vandalism.*

(c) *Identify Persons*

*Patrols are to attempt to identify persons who have vandalised facilities or breached Council Local Laws as listed in Schedule 2 to this Specification and report details of such incidents to relevant Council Officer(s) and Police if the situation warrants Police involvement.*

(d) *Patrols to Include*

*Patrols are to include:-*

(i) *Monitoring of illegal camping*

*Camping in township and foreshore areas (including Carlo Point) and the fenced area at the northern beach access track is not permitted. (Specific information on camping control will be provided to the Contractor from time to time.).*

(ii) *Monitoring of vehicles in the bathing area*

*Monitor vehicles in the bathing area (at Rainbow Beach) (noting the registration number of offenders if possible).*

(iii) *Dog control*

*Advice to dog owners regarding Local Law requirements prohibiting dogs in the bathing area and keeping dogs on leads in public places.*

(iv) *Litter Control*

*Park users etc. to be monitored to prevent litter, especially bottles and broken glass.*

(v) *Hang Gliders*

*Not permitted in bathing areas.*

(vi) *Public Safety*

*Matter identified to be reported to Council.*

- (vii) *Locking and Unlocking Public Amenity Security Gates*  
*Unlock public amenity security gates at the Rainbow Beach bathing area and Phil Rogers Park Rainbow Beach during the early morning patrol at such time(s) as may be specified by Council and locking such security gates during the late night patrol at such time(s) as may be specified by Council.*

Remuneration for the provision of these services are detailed below.

Item	Price per Month (inc. GST, if applicable)	Price per Annum (inc. GST, if applicable)
Provision of Local Law Patrol Services – Rainbow Beach Area	\$3,850.00 <i>(includes GST amount of \$350)</i>	\$46,200.00 <i>(includes GST amount of \$4,200)</i>
Provision of Local Law Patrol Services – Tin Can Bay Area	\$1,200.00 <i>(includes GST amount of \$109)</i>	\$14,400.00 <i>(includes GST amount of \$1,309)</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,050.00</b> <i>(includes GST amount of \$459)</i>	<b>\$60,600.00</b> <i>(includes GST amount of \$5,509)</i>
Additional Duties/Callouts: Fixed Fee per Callout	-	\$45.00 <i>(includes GST amount of \$4)</i>

Money has been allowed in Council's 2009/2010 budget for the provision of these services (refer GRC ledger number 2120403).

Under the current arrangement, the primary focus of the contractor duties are to monitor illegal camping and perform locking and unlocking duties in respect of Council's public toilets at Rainbow Beach located near the bathing reserve and Phil Rogers park.

In respect of locking and unlocking of the subject toilet blocks at Rainbow Beach, the public toilet cleaning contract for the Cooloola Coast is due to be advertised and it is recommended that these locking and unlocking duties form part of the new cleaning contract.

In respect of the continuation of local law patrol services, Council needs to resolve whether it desires to continue with the provision of these services. If Council does desire to continue with these contracted services, strategic direction is required as to how it desires these services to continue.

As stated earlier in this report, Council's Engineering Services Directorate has indicated that it is not in a position to provide staff to perform these duties.

Council's Community Services Directorate does not have the available staff to monitor illegal camping and respond to illegal camping complaints in the same capacity as is currently required under the current contract specification.

**CS05/10/09 Moved: Cr L J Friske**

**Seconded: Cr R Gâté**

**Recommend that Council refer the matter to Council's Co-ordinator Compliance and Local Disaster to advertise for a new local law patrol services contract for the Cooloola Coast.**

**The term of this contract to be for a period of two (2) years with the option of extension of a further one (1) year at the sole discretion of Council.**

**Duties to be included in this contract to include general surveillance of Council controlled areas and facilities and also patrols of these areas at the following times on a daily basis, i.e. seven (7) days per week, three hundred and sixty-five (365) days per year:-**

**Times**

- (i) Early morning;**
- (ii) Late afternoon;**
- (iii) Late at night;**

**Or at such times during the above periods as may be specified by Council from time to time.**

**Patrols are to be conducted to provide a deterrent to vandalism and to monitor local law issues including:**

- Monitoring of illegal camping;**
- Vehicles in the bathing area at Rainbow Beach;**
- Animal control;**
- Litter control; and**
- Hang-gliders landing in bathing area at Rainbow Beach.**

**Further that locking and unlocking of public toilets at Rainbow Beach not form part of this contract but be included into the contract for the provision of cleaning services for public toilets at the Cooloola Coast.**

**Further that Council review the scope of duties in the future.**

**Further that it be noted that the Chief Executive Officer has been authorised to take action from this meeting and that the committee's actions in this respect be endorsed.**

**Carried**

1/4

**Permission to Erect Vault for the Disposal of Human Remains**

Re: **CS06/10/09** Permission to Erect Vault for the Disposal of Human Remains  
From: G & C Suthers, 2 Daisy Court, Gympie Qld 4570  
File: 2/8/2/1 Doc ID 1064321  
Date: 5 August 2009

*“As we have reserved two plots in the Cooloola Cemetery (monumental section), we are requesting permission to have a vault/vaults erected sometime in the future. Enclosed are photographs of what we have in mind as have been built in other cemeteries. We have had no luck in obtaining permission with the Gympie Cemetery Trust.*

*Is it also possible to find out the cost of a plot and if our request for a vault/vaults is granted, what conditions would we be required to meet. For example, we believe that the coffin would need to be lead lined and we have looked into that with Coman Reynolds, also would the body need to be embalmed. It would be our intention to have the vaults built to the specifications on the plan enclosed but to leave the final finishing off with granite until the time they are required. Also would Council object if the project was under the direction of Mr Ray Cavanagh who has been the monumentalist at the Gympie Cemetery for many years.*

*We hope our request is met with favourable results as we have been fighting the Gympie Cemetery Trust over this issue for about two and a half years and they have now put aside a section for vaults but the cost and other conditions have become excessive;. Even if our request is not granted, we still intend to be buried in the monumental section of Cooloola Cemetery.*

*Thanking you for your considering our request.”*

See Attachment 1 for enclosures to above letter.

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

The writers are requesting permission to have a vault/vaults erected at the Cooloola Coast Cemetery for the interment of human remains.

The writers have reserved two (2) plots in Monumental ‘B’ section of the subject cemetery, namely plot numbers B38 and B39.

The operation of this cemetery is regulated under (former) Cooloola Shire Council Local Law No. 10 (Cemeteries).

In respect of rights to burial sites, the local law prescribes as follows.

*Division 3 – Rights to burial sites etc.*



*Grant of burial rights etc.*

8. *The local government may enter into contracts giving rights to burial sites or other rights relating to the placement of human remains in a local government cemetery.*

*Private columbariums, mausoleums and vaults*

- 9.(1) *The local government may enter into a contract authorising a person to construct and maintain a private columbarium, mausoleum, or vault in local government cemetery.*
- (2) *A contract under this section does not dispense with the need for a development permit for the proposed structure under the Integrated Planning Act 1997.*
- (3) *A contract under this section must-*
- (a) *provide for the maintenance and repair of the structure; and*
  - (b) *if the structure is not to be maintained by the cemetery authority under the terms of the contract-authorise the local government to demolish and remove the structure if it falls into disrepair.*
- (4) *If a party to the contract under this section dies, the local government must (subject to the wishes of the deceased had made known to the local government) allow members of the deceased's family whose identity and whereabouts are known to the local government a reasonable opportunity to take over the deceased contractual rights and liabilities.*

The writer (DG Suthers) previously approached the Gympie Cemetery Trust with a similar proposal and the matter was considered by the former Cooloola Shire Council.

At its Works & Services Committee meeting on 3 July 2007, the former Cooloola Shire Council resolved as follows:

Former Cooloola Shire Council Minute W33/07/07 refers:

## RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ABOVEGROUND CRYPT AND ADVISE THE GYMPIE CEMETERY TRUST;
2. REFER THE MATTER TO BALDWIN CARTWRIGHT LAWYERS TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION; AND
3. ADVISE BOTH THE GYMPIE CEMETERY TRUST AND MR SUTHERS ACCORDINGLY.
4. THAT THE PLACEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CRYPTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH ALL RELEVANT LEGISLTATION.
5. ADVISE THE GYMPIE CEMETERY TRUST THAT THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED CRYPTS WILL BE THEIR DECISION.

The matter was not progressed at the time with the former Cooloola Shire Council resolving at a later Works & Services Committee meeting held on 4 September 2007:

Former Coolooloa Shire Council Minute W30/09/07 refers:

RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL ADVISE THE WRITER THAT:

1. MATTERS RELATING TO CRYPT CONSTRUCTION, LOCATION AND COST OF PLOTS ARE OPERATIONAL MATTERS MANAGED BY THE GYMPIE CEMTERY TRUST; AND
2. THE MATTER OF CRYPT CONSTRUCTION IS UNABLE TO PROGRESS UNTIL APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETED AND SIGNED.

Currently, no mausoleums or vaults exist at the Coolooloa Coast Cemetery and a dedicated area for mausoleums or vaults has not been established.

The monumental section where the writer's graves have been reserved has been designed (and surveyed) for the installation of graves and monumental memorials over these graves.

If the Council resolves to grant a permit for the erection of a vault or vaults over the reserved subject plots, it will set a precedent in respect of accepting applications for the erection of vaults at the Coolooloa Coast Cemetery.

The current cleared land at the cemetery has been surveyed and an expansion design adopted by the former Coolooloa Shire Council for the installation of additional lawn plots, as per the plan detailed below.



By far the greatest demand for plots at this cemetery, as is the case with other cemeteries, is for lawn plots.

No allowance has been made in this plan to dedicate an area of the cemetery solely for the erection of vaults for the interment of human remains. The current design maximises the number of lawn plots in the cleared area of the cemetery.

It is noted in this correspondence that the writers still intend to be buried in the monumental section of the Cooloola Coast Cemetery, even if their request is not granted.

**CS06/10/09 Moved: Cr D Neilson**

**Seconded: Cr R Gâté**

**Recommend that Council develop a policy for the construction and maintenance of vaults/crypts etc. in Council controlled cemeteries which will facilitate the application currently before Council.**

**Further that Council will contact the applicants once the cemetery policy is in place in relation to their request.**

**Carried**

*Mr Ian Wolff, Health & Environmental Services Co-ordinator left the meeting at 11.36am.*

*Mr Ron Potter, Compliance & Local Disaster Co-ordinator entered the meeting at 11.36am.*

## **SECTION 2: COMPLIANCE & LOCAL DISASTER**

### **2/1 Compliance & Local Disaster Report - September 2009**

Re: **CS07/10/09** Compliance & Local Disaster Report - September 2009  
 From: Compliance & Local Disaster Co-ordinator – Mr R Potter  
 File: CG98/00141  
 Date: 6 October 2009

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

#### **OVERGROWNS**

Inspections for overgrown land throughout Gympie, Curra, Kilkivan and Goomeri areas have continued. Subsequently notices were issued for compliance and works orders served on properties that did not comply with the notices.

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL – (dog complaint nuisance dogs)**

Complaints were routinely dealt with in relation to animal control including nuisance animals and particularly barking nuisances and permits were issued for the keeping of more than two (2) dogs.

Pet Pep( Pets and People Education Program)

Kilkivan and Theebine State Schools and Mary Valley College were visited by Council's Local Laws Officers with a total of 155 students attending the education program for the month of September 2009.

Pound Figures

Council's animal control operation resulted in the impounding of the following animals: Dogs – (36), Cats – (30).

Seven (7) dogs and two (2) cats were released to their owners, subject to payment of fees.

Ten (10) dogs and twelve (12) cats were taken by the RSPCA.

Ten (10) dogs and fourteen (14) cats were euthanased.

Nine (9) dogs and two (2) cats are held in the pound from September.

**CS07/10/09 Moved: Cr G Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr L J Friske**

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

**Carried**

*Mr Ron Potter, Compliance & Local Disaster Co-ordinator left the meeting at 11.38am*

**C08/10/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr J Watt**

**Recommend that Council suspend standing orders and that Section 4 be dealt with at this stage of the meeting.**

**Carried**

*Mrs L Wilbraham, Economic Development and Public Relations Officer entered the meeting at 11.38am.*

## **SECTION 4: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

4/1 Economic Development and Public Relations Officer Report – September 2009

Re: **CS09/10/09** Economic Development and Public Relations Officer Report – September 2009  
 From: Economic Development and Public Relations Officer – Ms L Wilbraham  
 Date: 7 October 2009

**Report: (Economic Development and Public Relations Officer – Ms L Wilbraham)**

### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Activities during the month included –

- Providing feedback and information regarding the establishment of two (2) new tourism related businesses;
- Regional information provided to assist with assessment of business opportunities and employment opportunities;
- Discussions with business operators to assess regional issues and opportunities – This will provide information for Council to prioritise actions and strategies;
- Discussions with business and industry groups to identify projects being undertaken in the region and where Council may be able to assist with information and input eg: Mary Valley Chamber of Commerce are currently focusing on projects including agri-business and business tourism.

### Upgrade of Council's Website Business Section

Format and content is being developed. Consultation will be undertaken with a sample of business operators and Council staff to obtain feedback prior to information going live on Council's website.

*Cr G Engeman left the meeting at 11.39am.*

### Planned Seminars and Workshops

October

Site tour of Best Practice Manufacturers - Organised by Maryborough Centre of Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI).

## November

Business Leader's Forum - To be organised in conjunction with DEEDI, AusIndustry and Regional Chambers of Commerce.

*Cr L J Friske left the meeting at 11.40am.*

## December

Sustainable Business Workshop – To be organised in conjunction with Department of Environment and Resource Management, DEEDI and Regional Chambers of Commerce.

### Chamber of Commerce Liaison

Chamber meetings at Mary Valley, Goomeri and Gympie have been attended as a guest speaker. The aim of attending these meetings is to provide information and updates about Council activities in relation to business and industry development and to also obtain feedback from Chamber members about issues and opportunities in their regions. These will then be identified and liaison continued with Chamber members to develop strategies to best address these.

The October Tin Can Bay Chamber meeting will also be attended.

Meeting scheduled in October with Goomeri Chamber of Commerce president, Peter McIntosh to visit businesses in the Goomeri area to further discuss issues and opportunities.

### Industry Development

Industry development activities are taking place in conjunction with State and Federal Government departments, business leaders and Chambers of Commerce.

### Transport Equipment Manufacturing Industry Reference Group

Committee meeting held at J Smith & Sons on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Focus on development of industry sector in the Wide Bay Burnett region and providing opportunities for businesses.

### Tourism and Agribusiness

The Mary Valley Agritourism Project is being facilitated by the Southern Cross University and delivered in the Mary Valley. An invitation has been extended and accepted to participate in the Project's Stakeholder Reference Group.

This Group will inform and support the Project Management Committee in their implementation of the project. The first meeting of the Reference Group will be held in late October.

*Cr G Engeman returned to the meeting 11.41am.*

*Cr R Gâté left the meeting at 11.41am.*

## PROJECTS

### Sustainable Business Cluster Project

Project is in the planning stages in conjunction with Maryborough office of DEEDi and will involve working with:

- The existing Gympie Region Lean Manufacturing Network;
- Transport Equipment Manufacturing Industry;
- Agribusiness and value adding businesses;
- Chambers of Commerce;
- Regional business leaders;
- All industry sectors in the region including tourism, hospitality and retail.

The aim of the Project is to inform business and raise awareness of the advantages of following sustainability principles. The project will also facilitate the development of industry clusters and networks.

### Gympie Region Investment Prospectus

The draft copy of the report has been presented to the Steering Committee, with feedback and comments provided to the consultants. The final copy of the Prospectus is being prepared by consultants with the tentative launch date for the document planned for November.

*Cr L J Friske returned to the meeting at 11.43am.*

### Economic Development Strategy for Gympie Region

Feedback from stakeholders is currently being compiled to assist the development of this strategy. The aim of this will be to develop an achievable plan for the region to capitalise on strengths and pursue identified opportunities.

### Regional Business Confidence Survey

Preliminary discussions have been held with Callister & Lawrence Media and Communications regarding the potential to undertake a survey of Gympie region businesses on a regular basis. This survey would have the advantage of helping to inform Council's strategic planning activities and also provide Council and the business community with lead economic indicators for business conditions.

The attached proposal has been received from Anne Lawrence of Callister & Lawrence Media and Communications (See Attachment 3).

*Cr R Gâté returned to the meeting at 11.44am.*

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Liaison undertaken with regional print and radio contacts;
- Media releases and Council updates will be prepared and circulated on at least a weekly basis and for special events and announcements;
- Media releases and Council updates will be uploaded to Council's website;
- Speaking engagements continuing with business organisations and Chambers of Commerce to provide information and updates regarding Council's activities and projects;
- Initial investigations and planning being undertaken to co-ordinate the preparation of a Corporate Communications program.

**CS09/10/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr G Engeman**

**Recommend that the survey activity be investigated further and consultation with the business community be undertaken by the Economic Development Officer.**

**Further that the report from the Economic Development Officer for the month of September 2009 be received.**

**Carried**

#### ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11.48am.

#### RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The meeting resumed at 1.07pm.

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

Also present when the meeting resumed was Mrs L Wilbraham (Economic Development and Public Relations Officer).



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**Mary Street Information Booth**

Re: **CS10/10/09** Mary Street Information Booth  
From: Economic Development and Public Relations Officer – Ms L Wilbraham  
Date: 7 October 2009

**Report: (Economic Development and Public Relations Officer – Ms L Wilbraham)**

The restoration work on the Mary Street Information Booth is complete and the future operations of the Booth and its location are open to discussion. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the Booth is regarded as a very useful information point, is well regarded by the public and is a somewhat iconic structure in Mary Street.

The operation of the Visitor Information Centre aspect of the Booth has been discontinued by the CRDB with the subsequent cancellation of the Licence Agreement with Council.

A primary consideration in the future operations of the Booth is to provide a service to the public and business community. Discussions have been held with a number of organisations and individuals regarding the management and use of the Booth, including –

- Gympie Times Manager and immediate past Gympie Chamber of Commerce president, Mr Andrew Smith;
- Gympie Chamber of Commerce president, Mr Simon Young;
- Gympie Chamber of Commerce executive;
- Past volunteers from the information booth;
- CRDB General Manager, Ms Amanda Le Pelbeit;
- Mr Derek Whitney, Site Manager, CTC Employment Services;
- Pauline Rees – Wide Bay Burnett GREET Program;
- Richard Malouf – SkillCentred.

Discussions have also been held with Datatrax Australia regarding the operation and installation of a Touchscreen in the Booth as this may help mitigate issues with having a physical presence at the Booth.

As a result of discussions, the following options are put forward for consideration by Council:

Installation of Touchscreen only

As per attached proposal by Mr Shane O'Donnell of Datatrax, a Touchscreen can be installed, fully operational and maintained in the Information Booth by Datatrax. This company manage the Touchscreens installed at the Matilda Information Centre and Cooloola Regional Development Bureau's Information

Centre at Lake Alford. Very favourable feedback has been obtained from the CRDB regarding the company and their conduct.

The screen is able to be installed in the Information Booth without having to undertake any major modifications to the structure of the Booth. It will be fully secure and accessible 24 hours, 7 days per week.

Promotional and informative material which Council wishes to have running on the Screen will be produced by Datatrax for no charge.

The value of this advertising per year is \$6,230.

Advantages for Council –

- Information and promotional material available to the public 24/7;
- Will provide an excellent opportunity for Council to promote its services and facilities eg: community services, upcoming events, infrastructure use including libraries, pools, parks and gardens, Civic Centre, at no charge;
- Geographical coverage of this promotion will be throughout Australia and New Zealand and not just restricted to the Gympie Region;
- Extremely cost effective method of promotion;
- Minimal maintenance required;
- Opportunity to partner with community and business organisations to contribute to costs of operation
- Opportunity for regional businesses and Chambers of Commerce to take advantage of very cost effective advertising.

Note - Discussions regarding the promotional opportunities for businesses have been held with Gympie Chamber of Commerce representatives. However, any advertising will be formalised with Datatrax. Council can use this opportunity to encourage regional businesses to take advantage of this opportunity either individually or as a group.

Disadvantages for Council –

- Lack of a personal presence at the Booth. Historically, there have been volunteers at the Booth. This may result in negative feedback to Council;
- There may be the potential for vandalism of the Screen, although, feedback from volunteers indicates that this was not a significant issue when the Booth was previously located in Mary Street.

<b>Once only costs</b>	
Connection of telephone	\$125
Connection of power	\$150
<b>Ongoing costs – per annum</b>	
Touchscreen lease and maintenance	\$4850 pa
Internet access - ADSL	Approx \$600

Power – ongoing costs	Approx \$400
Phone line rental	Approx \$480

Note – costs do not include general structural maintenance of the Booth as this is covered through Corporate Services.

#### Installation of Touchscreen and Engagement of Volunteers

As per above, the Touchscreen would be installed and managed by Datatrax. Discussions have been held with past volunteers, Mr Gary Loose, Mr Roger Warren and Ms Deborah Garrott and with Mr Terry Daw, owner operator of Terry's Tours.

They are willing and very keen to be involved with the Booth again and provide their services. Mention was made of the payment of \$20 per day honorarium to volunteers. This was historically paid by CRDB to Mary Street booth volunteers; however, no expectation has been created that this will be ongoing when Council recommences management of the Booth. A commitment has also been received by the CRDB to provide initial training to volunteers and also to provide promotional material for the Booth.

After discussions with Amanda LePeilbet, and previous volunteers, it is considered that the most beneficial opening days for the Booth would be Wednesday through to Friday from 10am to 3pm and Saturday until 1pm. However, subject to demand and feedback from the community, this may change.

This option will also provide opportunities for Council to link with regional employment and training providers to provide opportunities for unemployed people through existing training and employment development programs. These include the GREET initiative which is being conducted in the Region in conjunction with CTC Employment Services. This Program focuses on providing training in the tourism industry for unemployed people in the Wide Bay Burnett Region and will be delivered in Gympie. CTC is linking with GREET to provide candidates for training and help secure employment for these candidates after they have completed their training.

The training focuses on tourism and hospitality and also training people to be "Regional Ambassadors". This focus is in complete alignment with that of the Information Booth and also provides significant opportunities for participants in this program and also CTC clients to develop their skills and increase their employment opportunities.

Discussions have been held with CTC Employment, GREET and also SkillCentred regarding work experience and volunteer opportunities at the Booth. These organisations are very keen to engage with Council in the development of these opportunities and will provide the necessary support and management of candidates through these programs.

## Advantages for Council –

- Advantages as per Touchscreen option;
- Development of strong links with Regional employment organisations and provision of training opportunities – will provide excellent positive PR opportunities;
- Very time and cost effective as volunteers will be coordinated by training organisations and managed internally by volunteer co-ordinator;
- Initial training will be provided by CRDB – as confirmed by General Manager CRDB, Amanda LePeilbet;
- Council has the computers and infrastructure available to resource the booth as per advice received from Manager Information Systems.

<b>Once only costs</b>	
Connection of telephone	\$125
Connection of power	\$150
<b>Ongoing costs – per annum</b>	
Touchscreen lease and maintenance	\$4850
Internet access - ADSL	Approx \$1200
Power	Approx \$400
Phone line rental	Approx \$480
Volunteers	No cost

CS10/10/09 Moved: Cr L J Friske

Seconded: Cr G Engeman

**Recommend that Council reinstate the Mary Street Information Booth and that Council enter into a contract with Datatrax for a period of (twelve) 12 months for the installation and maintenance of an “Information Touchscreen” under the direction of Council’s Economic Development Officer.**

**Further that the Economic Development Officer report, on a quarterly basis, to the Community & Economic Development Committee meeting in relation to the operation of the “Information Touchscreen”.**

**Further that the Economic Development Officer organize for suitable volunteers to “man” the Information Booth with training of those volunteers to be provided by Cooloola Regional Development Bureau. Such volunteers to be at no cost to Council.**

**Further that funding for the Information Booth be allocated from Council’s Regional Promotion.**

**Carried**

*Mrs L Wilbraham, Economic Development and Public Relations Officer left the meeting at 1.37am.*

## **SECTION 3: COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES**

### **3/1 Community Facilities & Services Report - September 2009**

Re: **CS11/10/09** Community Facilities & Services Report - September 2009  
From: Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator – Mrs H Kelly  
Date: 6 October 2009

#### YOUTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### **Report: (Community Development Officer – Ms K Peters)**

##### Goomboorian Hall

The Youth and Community Development Officer held a workshop with the Goomboorian Hall Management Committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 to redevelop their constitution.

##### Tiaro Community Organisations Workshop

The Youth and Community Development Officer jointly co-ordinated the Tiaro Community Organisations Workshop held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009 with the Fraser Coast Regional Council to develop and implement ways in which the community organisations of the previous Tiaro Shire Council can access Community Development for their areas.

##### Wide Bay Burnett Human Services Network

The next Wide Bay Burnett Human Service Network will be held in Gympie, Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at a venue to be advised. Anyone interested in attending can contact the current Youth and Community Development Officer for further information.

##### Youth and Community Development Officer Position

The current Youth and Community Development Officer was involved in the selection process for the new Youth and Community Development Officer who is due to commence employment with Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

##### Youth Activities

In the continued absence of a second officer the current Youth and Community Development Officer is working with the Co-ordinator of Community

Facilities and Services to maintain current levels of service for the Youth and Community Development Unit.

#### Gympie Regional Youth Council

The Gympie Regional Youth Council is continuing to work with committees to develop activities for 2009.

The Youth Council had to cancel the Where's Wally activity scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009 due to wet weather. At this stage, this event has not been rescheduled.

The Amazing Race was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The race was well attended with fifteen (15) teams participating.

#### Tin Can Bay Seafood Festival

The Youth and Community Development Unit facilitated a BMX and Skate Competition in conjunction with the Tin Can Bay Seafood Festival on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The competition was well attended and provided a great display of skills.

#### Youth Health Day

The Youth Health Day 2009 is a partnership with QLD Health, Gympie Regional Council and the Cooloola Youth Service. The day is scheduled for Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009. The day will be held in conjunction with a BMX and Skate Competition in Nelson Reserve with competitions also being held for all young people who participate in the health checks.

#### National Youth Week Funding

The Youth and Community Development Unit is partnering with Cooloola Youth Service in an application for national Youth Week Funding. The project will involve a Youth Talent Search with heats in all areas and a final staged at the Civic Centre.

#### RADF

The next round of the Gympie Regional Council's RADF Program is currently open and will close Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 3.30pm.

Information sessions will be held at the Tin Can Bay, Kilkivan, Mary Valley and Gympie Libraries and the Gympie Regional Gallery from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009.

#### Meetings Attended

Youth Health Day  
CHSN Management Meeting  
Tiaro Crime Prevention

Youth Council  
 CHSN Network Meeting  
 Wide Bay Burnett Human Services Network Meeting

Funding Meetings

Goomeri Hall Committee  
 Widgee Rodeo Grounds  
 Wolvi Hall

LIBRARY REPORT

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

Circulation - (Number of items borrowed)

Gympie	27 410
Tin Can Bay	4 397
Rainbow Beach	1 048
Imbil	790
Kilkivan	747
Goomeri	485
<b>Total</b>	<b>34 877</b>

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

Gympie	22 805
Tin Can Bay	3 393
Rainbow Beach	1 247
Imbil	1 022
Kilkivan	625
Goomeri	505
<b>Total</b>	<b>29 597</b>

Total Number of New Members this month: 230

Branch Breakdown

Gympie	166
Tin Can Bay	28
Rainbow Beach	23
Imbil	6
Kilkivan	1
Goomeri	6

Stock - (including magazines)

Gympie	67 853
Tin Can Bay	11 954
Rainbow Beach	5 677
Imbil	6 387
Kilkivan	6 396
Goomeri	4 627
Stack	191

**Total** **103 085**

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

Gympie	14 356
Tin Can Bay	2 699
Rainbow Beach	2 124
Imbil	1 511
Kilkivan	733
Goomeri	728
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 151</b>

Virtual Visits to the Library

(i.e. no. of times the Library Web Page was accessed this month): Total 5 935

GENERAL

The Friends of Gympie Regional Libraries held their annual general meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009 in the Gympie Library.

Pleasingly, this year all officer bearers' positions were filled. It has been over two (2) years since the group has had a housebound convenor for the home library service, a vice president and a publicity officer.

Appreciation is extended to Mrs Dulcie Dyne for accepting an invitation as guest speaker at the meeting. Mrs Dyne is commended on her interesting speech which included a brief account of her new role within the Gympie region, both as The Mayor's wife and, in conjunction with Mayor Dyne, an olive grower and marketer on their local property.

Appreciation is also extended to Cr Jan Watt who officiated as chair in announcing this year's office bearers.

Attendees at library functions are always pleased to encounter the presence of our Councillors.

The new FOL Executive will continue to oversee the highly valued library volunteer efforts of members of the Friends group, which, in the past year, has extended over 3,252 volunteer hours of assistance to residents and visitors of the Gympie region.

Digital Downloading

A representative from Bolinda Publishing visited the Gympie Library in mid September to outline the viability of utilising the concept of digital downloading by patrons, which allows for e-content access 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

Whilst the implementation of this technology is considered desirable, the current library budget does not extend to this technology as licences and set-up fees are involved, along with the added cost of e-content purchases.



Senior staff agreed that it is prudent to wait until larger local government libraries implement this facility in order to avoid any initial integration problems which may occur.

#### Letter of support

Perri Beecraft, a representative of Tutoring Australasia, the company which delivers “your tutor” on-line, has requested a letter of support from me, in my capacity of Libraries Manager, in the company’s pursuit of government grant funding to implement an on-line learning facility to provide learning, training and educational support to business owners and entrepreneurs.

If the service is implemented and delivered with the same professionalism, quality and attention to detail as “your tutor”, the Gympie business sector would benefit from this proposed, innovative online support service. There are no details at present as to what costs may be involved as the project is still in the initial stage and totally dependent on the availability of grant funding.

#### CLIENT SERVICES

##### Computer Workshops during Adult Learners Week

Eighteen (18) people attended the introductory Internet workshop conducted by Client Services Librarian, Geoff Barlow at Gympie Library on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009, and nineteen (19) people attended a basic computer assistance session conducted by the Cooloola Computer User Group on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Other workshops held during the week covered a broad range of subjects including: mosaics, growing native plants, hat making, creating beaded jewellery, oil painting, card making and massage.

#### INFORMATION SERVICES

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

Reference Queries	2 920
Inter-Library Loans requests	132
Local History Enquiries	60

##### Adult Learners Week 2009

Gympie Regional Libraries and the Gympie Regional Gallery once again joined forces to host a variety of interesting and informative workshops during Adult Learners’ Week. A \$1 500 grant was secured through the Queensland Department of Education and Training to help make this year’s activities the most successful ever. Over 230 residents attended workshops held at most library service points and the Gympie Regional Gallery. Adult Learners’ Week is celebrated from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> September and is designed to promote

the benefits of learning – in the home, at work and in the community – and to highlight the many options available.

#### National E-learning Leader Award

Gympie Regional Libraries has ranked in the Top 15 out of 360 “Your Tutor” sites across Australia to achieve a National E-Learning Leader Award. This award is in recognition for learning and growing an innovative online learning community for students, families and schools and for the libraries work in promoting long-term, equal access to education support in the local area. We would like to thank the State Library of Queensland for providing the support that allows us to offer this fantastic service to students across the Gympie Region.

#### Bruce Highway Upgrade- Cooroy to Curra

Main Roads have provided all library service points with copies of the latest Bruce Highway Upgrade – Cooroy to Curra newsletter to distribute throughout the community.

#### 2009 Books Alive: 50 Books you can't put down

From the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2009 to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 Gympie Regional Libraries took part in the Australian Government's 50 books that you can't put down program. The reading guides were available from all library service points. This hand-picked collection of national and international books promotes books and the love of reading throughout the country.

#### CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULTS' SERVICES

Attendance at sixteen (16) sessions throughout the month of September, across the library service's six (6) branches, totalled an impressive total of 721 children and their carers.

Staff in Children's and Young Adults' Services are congratulated on their outstanding achievements.

#### Events/Visits

Children's Book Week was extended over a three (3) week period, leading into early September.

The reason for this was to ensure Children's Services staff were able to visit as many schools in our region as possible and interact with a maximum number of children and their teachers, further informing them on Australian books and literacy, in an entertaining and educational manner.

The response and feedback has been highly positive.

### Happy, Healthy Parenting Expo

11<sup>th</sup> September 2009 and provided yet another very suitable window of opportunity for library staff to promote Council's library service and the numerous facilities and services offered to families. Lynne Alsop (Children's and Young Adults' Services Librarian) spent from 10am until 4.00pm at the Centre, reading and relating (50) local organisations. The valuable contacts made with these community organisations will assist staff to further enhance services to families within our region

David Gibson, MP, who visited the Expo with Mayor Dyne, presented a story to children in attendance. David has also offered to attend Storytime at the library and present a future storytelling session.

### School Holidays

The spring holiday activities are currently in "full swing", and the libraries are very busy. The theme for the holiday activities follows on from the Children's Book Week slogan, but has been altered slightly to that of "African Safari". At the time of compiling this report, all activities at each of the library service points have been well attended, with the final figures being available in the next monthly report.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Contributed 283 hours and 10 minutes to the library service this month. This time was spent in local history, home library service selection and delivery, sheet music, deletion of worn and out-of-date stock for FOL book sales and FOL Executive meetings.

### PUBLIC GALLERY REPORT

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

#### Exhibitions

The Gympie Times Exhibition Space and the Hugo du Rietz Gallery - 1<sup>st</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009 "Habitus Habitat" Touring exhibition by Museums and Galleries Services Queensland.

Gallery Three - 1<sup>st</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009 "*After the Masters*" exhibition by the Friends of the Gallery Tuesday Group.

Foyer - 1<sup>st</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009

"Sent with Love" Handmade Christmas cards by Gallery Trainee Hannah Black's Grandfather, Neville Hunt.

Public Programs for month of September

- Lunchtime Lecture - Tin Can Bay artist Maree Edmiston Prior discussed her involvement in “Habitus Habitat”, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009.
- Openings: Opening of “Habitus Habitat”, Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009;  
“Sent with Love and After the Masters”, Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- FOGlets – Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Sam Keane made tiles as part of the All Abilities Playground Project.
- School Visits - James Nash High School 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- School Holiday workshops – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- Adult Learners Week activities.

Visitor Numbers for September: 1 301

Workshops, Rentals/Room usage

## Regular Bookings

Friends of the Gallery art groups - Tuesday painting group, Thursday night art group (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays), and Fibre and Threads (once a month);  
Life Drawing Classes - twice a month;  
U3A classes – Creative Writing, Book Club, Book Ends, French for Beginners, Spanish for Beginners, Memoir Writing;  
Cooloola Arts Society - every Wednesday;  
Gympie Camera Club - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month;  
Gympie Field Naturalists - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month;  
Cooloola Heritage and Tourism Inc. - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month;  
Cooloola Community Arts Council - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month;  
QCWA Younger Set - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday;  
Gold Rush Festival Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month;  
All Abilities Playground Project with Stephanie Outridge Field workshops and meetings for community and artists involved.

## Others

Mary River Festival meetings;  
Assessment and Training sessions of Public Art component of All Abilities Playground Project.

Friends of the Gallery

The Friends held their AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009. All incumbent officers were returned except for Lee McGruer, Vice President. The position was filled by Wendy Hanson.

VolunteersApproximate Hours for month of September

Front Desk	264
Catering events	0
Installation approx.	18
Volunteer Office assistance	0
Education and Public Programs	0
Gardening	0
Desk Volunteer Coordinator	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>287</b>

Other happenings and Gallery Staff

The Gallery participated in the Parenting Expo on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009 with Hannah Black and Wendy Hanson manning the stall.

Artwork was selected from local High Schools on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009 for Hi-Artwork exhibition.

PAVILION REPORT**Report: (Pavilion Manager – Mrs L Kempster)**General

September saw a variety of events held at The Pavilion. The largest event for the month was The Gympie Times Camp Quality Home Show. This was held over two (2) days and was well attended. Feedback from the organisers and stallholders was positive and another date was confirmed for next year.

The month also held a number of workshops and training days both during the day and evenings. School Volleyball and Aerobics also utilised the sports court during the day as well as our evening sporting fixtures. Examination sessions were also held in the upstairs areas and have confirmed bookings for the end of year.

The month concluded with a combined 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party being held in the Apex Restaurant. Everyone had a great night and praise was given by the hirer for the staff and the facility. Further interest and information was requested from some of their guests for future functions.

Sports

Basketball takes a break during the school holidays, but Volleyball continues to play their fixtures. The time was used to commence our annual floor polish, although this proved difficult with the dust storms around but some good progress was made.

Regular Bookings

## Gympie Basketball Association

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

## Queensland Futsal

- Fixtures – Corbet Stadium, Wednesday evenings;
- Gympie Volleyball Association;
- Fixtures – Corbet Stadium, Thursday evenings.

## E-Commerce

- Business meeting – Smith Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evenings;
- Business meeting - Smith Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evenings.

## Cooloola Access Advisory Committee

- Meeting – Smith/Bishop Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday mornings.

October Bookings

Title Fight Night

Training days

Information Evening

Birthday Party

Business Meeting

School Sports

Conference

Wedding Reception

Race Day Luncheon

Commemoration Night

German Dinner

KILKIVAN MUSEUM**Report: (Administration Officer Kilkivan Museum – Ms KForrest)**

For the month of September items from KM-6166-0 to KM-6363-0 were numbered, a total of 232 items. Some of the items for the month were books, documents, banking items, badges and souvenirs. Numbering items in the Military Room has begun.

With the help of a volunteer, some checking between the Museum Catalogue and the Data Base system was completed to make sure all information and numbering is correct on both systems.

642 people visited the tourist information part of the Museum. Some of these visitors toured the museum and left wonderful comments about the displays.

The volunteers and members of the Museum have provided wonderful support.

CIVIC CENTRE REPORT**Report: (Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator – Mrs H Kelly)**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Hirer</b>	<b>Function</b>
Fossicker's Room	Traveston Residents Association Qld Ambulance Service Family Relationship Centre  Wide Bay Regional Swimming GRC Gympie Blue Light River of Life	Book Launch Annual Awards Luncheon Community Information Expo Meeting Citizenship Ceremony Disco Church Service
Prospector's Hall	Senior Citizens Family Relationship Centre  Gympie Blue Light Desley Neal	Concert/Awards Community Information Expo Disco Wedding
Heritage Theatre	Mayoress Performance Jally Productions  Qld Arts Council Gympie Blue Light Tony Kishawi (4 bookings in Green Room)	Rehearsal Noah & The Ark production "Gods of Spicy Things" Disco Meeting
Miner's Court	Qld Ambulance Service (lower bar) Family Relationship Centre (lower bar) Qld Arts Council Gympie Womens Health Gympie Blue Light Desley Neal	Annual Awards Luncheon  Community Information Expo "Gods of Spicy Things" Annual Meeting Disco Wedding
Kitchen	Marina Taylor Catering Gympie Blue Light Desley Neal	Food preparation Disco Wedding

CS11/10/09 Moved: Cr G Engeman

Seconded: Cr R Gâté

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

**Carried**

3/2	<b>Woodworks Steering Committee Draft Minutes</b>
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Re: **CS12/10/09** Woodworks Steering Committee Draft Minutes  
 From: Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator – Mrs H Kelly  
 Date: 30 September 2009

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

The draft minutes of the Woodworks Steering Committee meeting held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 has been distributed to members and is attached to the Agenda (Attachment 2).

**CS12/10/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr G Engeman**

**Recommend that the Council adopt a broad Statement of Intent in relation to the collection of culturally significant items relevant to the region.**

**Further that Council receive the draft Minutes of the Woodworks Steering Committee dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009.**

**Carried**

3/3	<b>Cooloola Human Services Network – Office Space</b>
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Re: **CS13/10/09** Cooloola Human Services Network – Office Space  
 From: Cooloola Human Services Network, PO Box 1286, Gympie Qld 4570  
 Date: 7 October 2009

*“Re: Request for CHSN Employee to increase use of office space located at Youth & Community Development Unit, 3 Mellor Street*

*The Cooloola Human Services Network Inc (CHSN) is a not for profit community organisation that has been the peak body representing the human services sector in the Gympie Region since 2002. Organisations joining CHSN assist in building and promoting a stronger human service sector for the Gympie Region.*

*CHSN has recently been funded by the Department of Employment, Economic Development & Innovation to run a 12 month employment program called the “Participating in Prosperity Project – Gympie”. This program will employ a Case Manager.*

*The current CHSN Office location is centrally located for both clients as well as the CHSN network base for services that will be helping participants, therefore we would seek approval from Council to utilise the current office*



*space for both their administration officer who works part-time and also for the CHSN Case Manager of the PIP Program.*

*As the Case Manager of the PIP Program has already been appointed, a quick response would be appreciated".*

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

Cooloola Human Service Network have requested increased use of the allocated office space in the Youth and Community Development Building. Currently the administration officer is based in the office for two (2) days per week. The increased use would result in the CHSN office being occupied five (5) days per week for the life of the project (12 months). Currently the space is provided at no charge. This includes shared use of electricity, photocopier (although CHSN does supply own paper), fax and other basic office equipment. CHSN is responsible for their own telephone, insurance, internet and other office costs.

CHSN reports that the funding for the new position does not provide for rental costs.

In considering this request Council should consider the role CHSN plays in the community and the level of support Council is willing to provide to this organisation.

**CS13/10/09 Moved: Cr G Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr R Dyne**

**Recommend that this matter be referred to the next Community & Economic Development Meeting to be held in November 2009 to allow for further investigation.**

**Carried**

*Mrs Amanda LePeilbet, General Manager of Cooloola Regional Development Bureau entered the meeting at 1.45pm.*

## **SECTION 5: REGIONAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**5/1 Cooloola Regional Development Bureau Report - September 2009**

Re: **CS14/10/09** Cooloola Regional Development Bureau Report - September 2009  
 From: Cooloola Regional Development Bureau – General Manager – Mrs A LePeilbet  
 Date: 7 October 2009

**Report: (Cooloola Regional Development Bureau – General Manager – Ms A LePeilbet)**

**TOURISM AND PROMOTION**

American Premier Aussie Specialist travel agent famil – eleven (11) agents from across America and two (2) escorts from leading wholesaler, Down Under Answers, participated in the two (2) day famil. The agents and escorts were excited about the opportunity to discover a new region, with several suggesting that our region was a hidden jewel. The following is a summary of the famil:

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

- Transfer from Palazzo Versace on Gold Coast – agents were not overly impressed with Versace;
- 11.30 – 5pm Noosa Everglades tour with Discovery Group – tour went for an hour and half longer than supposed to, which created several issues (no lunch, plus late arrival to Rainbow);
- Transfer to Rainbow Beach with Cooloola Connections;
- 7pm arrive at the Plantation, check into rooms;
- Aussie BBQ dinner at Rainbow Beach Hotel with Scott Elms (Rainbow Chamber President), Peter Todd (TCB Chamber President) and Mark Simons (Developer of the Plantation Resort);
- Tourism gifts were given to all the guests.

**Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

- 6.30am Resort site inspection, followed by breakfast on the beach;
- 7.30am Dolphin Ferry Cruise from Carlo Point to Tin Can Bay;
- 8am Dolphin feeding TCB (some agents were given a quick tour of TCB)
- 9am Creation story presented by Butchulla Elder, Nai Nai Bird on the TCB foreshore (coffee and refreshments provided by Joey's café);
- 10am – 3pm Full day tour of Great Sandy Strait on Tin Can Bay Houseboats newest luxury vessel called Wide Bay. Marine biologist, Sue Sargent, Wildlife expert Rachel Lyons (both from BMRG) and local indigenous person, Luke Barrowcliffe provided commentary throughout the trip. The chef on board cooked up a smorgasbord of fresh seafood and other delights, including pavlova for dessert. The tour ended with some bush poetry from Mike Otswald;
- Return to Sunshine Coast with Cooloola Connections. Quick visit to Noosa National Park, then on to the Coolum Hyatt to check into the rooms, before returning to Noosa for dinner at Seasons on Hastings Street (sponsored by Tourism Noosa and Tourism Sunshine Coast). The Hyatt's Director of Marketing, Valerie Barry also attended the dinner;
- All the Agents and Escorts were given a final gift (a book on the legends of the region illustrated by Nai Nai Bird) before their departure.

The feedback from the agents was very positive with a couple of agents saying it was the best famil they had attended. There was talk about the agents getting together to do their own marketing campaign to promote our region in the USA (the 'hidden jewel' concept). The majority of agents stated that they preferred the Plantation to Versace and wished they had come to Rainbow a day earlier instead of the Gold Coast. The highlight was Nai Nai Bird sharing her knowledge and stories with the guests and of course the gourmet food and spectacular scenery on the Houseboat.

E-marketing - CRDB has signed up with Vison 6 as its email marketing platform. Databases for consumers, members, events and media e-newsletters have been set up.

Tin Can Bay Seafood Festival - New branded marquees provided a focal point for the CRDB's tourism hub at the festival. Regional Holiday Guides were given out to curious visitors on the day.

Roadside Minor Tourism Infrastructure Grant - Grant application completed for funding of picnic tables and shelter, along with interpretive signage at the Woodworks Museum

Brochure display rack installed at Gympie Times.

Mary Street Carriage - Discussions with GRC and Gympie Chamber of Commerce with regard to the reopening and ongoing operation of the carriage as a local information centre. (Includes discussions with CTC for possible supply of volunteers).

Tourism display at Gympie Home and Lifestyle Expo.

Tourism presentation to the Gympie Chamber of Commerce.

New commercials TV and Radio - Given Simon's production and promotion experience we have engaged his skills in script writing and voice over for new adverts on radio and TV. A new regional TV and radio ad have been produced.

Discussion with Gold Rush committee regarding membership. Simon has written and produced the Gold Rush radio advert, which is currently airing on Zinc.

Events calendar - New half page branded events calendar has been designed and distributed to various regional print publications. The Bay Bulletin and Rainbow Community News consistently print our events calendar in their respective publications each month. A calendar of the region's major events has also been designed and will be included in the Gympie Times Business Directory 2010.

Great Sandy Strait - A one minute web video of the Strait using Channel 7 aerial footage has been produced and posted on You Tube; this is linked to the Great Sandy Strait web page on [cooloola.org.au](http://cooloola.org.au).

Supplying Sunshine Coast Brochure Displays with over 25 boxes of Gympie Cooloola's Regional holiday guide which will be distributed to information centres and major attractions throughout the Sunshine Coast.

#### WOODWORKS MUSEUM

Mary Ann Steam Locomotive replica relocation – discussions with the Bauple Museum and the Maryborough City Whistle Stop Station regarding the possible relocation of the Mary Ann replica to the Woodworks Museum.

Tours – Facilitated six (6) tour groups (3 x coach tours, 3 x school groups) and four (4) groups of bridal party photos within the Museum.

Gympie Conference Centre discussions regarding forming a working relationship with visiting tours, groups and weddings.

Ongoing discussing with Cobb & Co Museum (Toowoomba) regarding some of our in storage wagons to be displayed in their museum.

Statement of Significance for the Woodworks Museum has been produced by Meredith Walker from Heritage Futures.

Centre	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	August 2009
Visitor No's.	679	432	440	527
Sales	\$1,124.00	\$ 960.00	\$1,221.00	\$1,914.00
Admission Fees	\$ 742.00	\$1,729.00	\$1,273.00	\$1,557.00

**CS14/10/09 Moved: Cr G Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr L J Friske**

**Recommend that Council receive the Cooloola Regional Development Bureau Report for the month of September 2009.**

**Carried**

*Mrs Amanda LePeilbet, General Manager of Cooloola Regional Development Bureau left the meeting at 1.56pm.*

5/2	<b>Tourism Sunshine Coast Project Funding</b>
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Re: **CS15/10/09, CS16/10/09, CS17/10/09, CS18/10/09** Tourism Sunshine Coast Project Funding  
 From: Cooloola Regional Development Bureau, PO Box 415, Gympie Qld 4570  
 Date: 25 September 2009

*“Recommendation for Tourism Sunshine Coast Project Funding*

*The Cooloola Regional Development Bureau (CRDB) Board has considered the Tourism Sunshine Coast project funding proposal and would like to recommend that the Gympie Regional Council financially support the following projects on behalf of the region:*

<b>Project*</b>	<b>Net Project Cost</b>	<b>Gympie Regional Project Contribution</b>
<i>Regional Collateral (domestic International)</i>	\$20,000	\$ 4,125
<i>Regional major events program</i>	\$ 3,800	\$ 625
<i>Trade famil program (domestic international)</i>	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000
<i>Trade training</i>	\$ 9,000	\$ 1,250
<i>Great Sunshine Way campaign</i>	\$10,000	\$ 2,125
<i>Destination and Business Events Website</i>	\$24,200	\$ 4,375
<i>Regional research program</i>	\$80,900	\$12,500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$26,000</b>

\* *Details of the individual projects are included*

*As the Regional Tourism Organisation, Tourism Sunshine Coast provides overall destination marketing initiatives for the wider region. They have assured us that Gympie and the Cooloola region will remain a strong partner of Tourism Sunshine Coast and will be represented in all whole of region activity, including their media program, digital program and regional booking platform.*

*TSC have clearly stated that the Gympie Cooloola region is a critical component in their selling proposition for the Sunshine Coast. The projects submitted all have strong benefits for our region.”*

Discussion ensued.

**CS15/10/09** **It was resolved that due to the confidentiality of the matter being discussed that Council go Into Committee to have further discussions.**



5/3

## Fraser Coast Tourism Project Funding

Re: **CS19/10/09** Fraser Coast Tourism Project Funding  
 From: Cooloola Regional Development Bureau, PO Box 415, Gympie Qld 4570  
 Date: 25 September 2009

*“Recommendation for Fraser Coast Tourism Project Funding*

*The Cooloola Regional Development Bureau (CRDB) Board has considered the Fraser Coast Tourism project funding proposal and would like to recommend that the Gympie Regional Council financially support the following projects on behalf of the region:*

<b>Project*</b>	<b>Net Project Cost</b>	<b>Gympie Regional Project Contribution</b>
<i>Holiday Planner</i>	<i>\$145,000</i>	<i>\$ 5,000</i>
<i>Kilkivan Goomeri Billboard</i>	<i>\$ 9,500</i>	<i>\$ 3,500</i>
<i>Whale Watching campaign/dolphin feeding</i>	<i>\$320,000</i>	<i>\$ 3,500</i>
<i>Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE) 2010</i>	<i>\$ 14,000</i>	<i>\$ 2,000</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$14,000</b>

\* *Details of the individual projects are included*

*As the Regional Tourism Organisation, Fraser Coast Tourism provides overall destination marketing initiatives for the wider region. Fraser Coast Tourism actively promotes the Cooloola Coast region in particular as they see Rainbow Beach as one of the gateways to the Fraser Coast. The projects submitted all have strong benefits for our region.”*

**CS19/10/09 Moved: Cr G Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr D Neilson**

**Recommend that Council adopt the project funding as recommended by Cooloola Regional Development Bureau.**

**Carried**

<b>SECTION 6: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>
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6/1	Voluntary Draft Transitional Environmental Program – Southside Waste Management Facility
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Re: **CS20/10/09** Voluntary Draft Transitional Environmental Program – Southside Waste Management Facility  
 From: Director of Community Services – Mr M Grant  
 File:  
 Date: 7 October 2009

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

I refer to Council Minute G45/07/09 and confirm that DERM has requested amendments to the submitted Draft Transitional Environmental Program (TEP) dated August 2009. Council officers and consultants have had a series of discussions and meetings with DERM and an amended Draft TEP has been developed. See Attachment 6.

As discussed, DERM are requiring a commitment from Council that all land filling at the Southside Waste Management Facility will cease at the expiry of the TEP (June 2012). The amended TEP includes this information. I confirm that Council is required to lodge the amended TEP on the 14 October 2009.

*Cr A Perrett left the meeting at 2.25pm.*

*Cr Perrett vacated the Chair and Cr R Gâté took over the role of Chairman of the meeting.*

*Cr A Perrett returned to the meeting at 2.28pm.*

*Cr R Gâté vacated the Chair and Cr A Perrett resumed the role of Chairman of the Meeting.*

**CS20/10/09 Moved: Cr L Friske**

**Seconded: Cr J Watt**

**Recommend that Council endorse the Draft Transitional Environmental Program dated October 2009 and revised operating procedures for Southside Waste Management Facility pending further negotiations with the Department of Environmental Resource Management.**

**Further that Council authorise additional funding of \$140,000 required for capital works at the Southside Waste Management Facility to complete Stage 1 for the budget period 2009/10 and that this matter be referred to the Corporate Governance and Finance Committee for attention at the three monthly budget review.**

**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 7: GENERAL BUSINESS****7/1 Local Government Arts and Culture Reference Group**

Re: **CS21/10/09** Local Government Arts and Culture Reference Group  
From: Email – Shane Rowlands@arts.qld.gov.au  
Date: 24 September 2009

*“Arts Queensland is establishing a Local Government Arts and Culture Reference Group (LGACRG) and would like to invite interested senior council officers and councillors to apply for membership. Expressions of interest close on Friday 16 October.*

*In 2008 Arts Queensland undertook an evaluation of the Queensland Arts Industry Sector Development Plan 2007-09, and received clear feedback about the need for stronger strategic partnerships between state and local government for the development of arts and culture across Queensland. The idea of establishing the LGACRG was tested in further consultation undertaken in 2009 to inform development of the Regional Arts and Culture Strategy (to be released later this year), and received strong support from all stakeholder groups including local councils.*

*In summary, the main role of the LGACRG will be to strengthen relationships between state and local government to effectively position arts and culture, improve advocacy, inform policy, identify strategic priorities and partnership opportunities, and discuss emerging trends and issues in arts and cultural development.*

*The group will be jointly chaired by Arts Queensland and the Local Government Association of Queensland, with membership invited from the Department of Local Government and up to 15 senior officers and councillors from local councils. The group will meet twice yearly.*

*Further information, including the draft Terms of Reference and Expression of Interest form, is available on the Arts Queensland website at <http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/policy/sectordevplans.html>*

*Should you have any questions, please contact Iona Cominos, Principal Arts Strategy Coordinator at [iona.cominos@arts.qld.gov.au](mailto:iona.cominos@arts.qld.gov.au) or on (07)3224 5115.*

*We look forward to continuing to work with you and your council in the development of arts and culture over the coming years.”*

CS21/10/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté

Seconded: Cr D Neilson

**Recommend that Cr Watt be the Council representative and that the Gallery Co-ordinator be nominated to apply for membership.**

**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**

7/2

Goomeri Pumpkin Festival – Letter of Thanks

Re: CS22/10/09 Goomeri Pumpkin Festival – Letter of Thanks  
 From: Geof Stumm, Goomeri Pumpkin Festival Co-ordinator, C/- MS 652  
 "Timbarra", Goomeri Qld 4601  
 File: 5/3/15/0001 – Doc ID 1074730  
 Date: 30 September 2009

*"The Goomeri Pumpkin Festival Committee wishes to thank you for your very generous sponsorship of the 2009 Goomeri Pumpkin Festival.*

*This year's festival was a huge success with record numbers attending. Channel 7 News and other media reported in excess of 15,000 visitors to the festival.*

*A survey was conducted on festival day and produced many positive results. Visitors from throughout Australia attended and International visitors came from countries such as Peru, Ireland, Japan and Canada.*

*Congratulations to the committee have flowed and comments from the festival visitor registration book include "brilliant", "wonderful country experience", "never seen anything like it – wonderful", "awesome", "better each year" and "magnificent, coming next year".*

*Numbers in the 2009 Great Australian Pumpkin Roll<sup>TM</sup> reflected the increased numbers to the town with 615 pumpkin rollers competing for the cash, a new record number.*

*Huge crowds flocked around entertainment such as Guy McLean, the horseman from Susan River, Mascot Working Dogs, Dreamtime Reptiles, whipcracking and the music in the park.*

*Channel 9 television show, The Shak filmed at the Pumpkin Festival and featured the festival in their programme on three different occasions during June and July.*

*The Goomeri Pumpkin Festival started in 1997 with 1000 visitors and has continued to grow and grow bringing many benefits to Goomeri and the entire South Burnett district.*

*Your support was greatly appreciated and well acknowledged on festival day.”*

**CS22/10/09 Moved: Cr L Friske**

**Seconded: Cr J Watt**

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

7/3

**Tourism Sunshine Coast – Board Report – August 2009**

Re: **CS23/10/09** Tourism Sunshine Coast – Board Report – August 2009  
 From: Russell Mason, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Sunshine Coast  
 File: 1/2/03/001  
 Date: 23 September 2009

*“The finalisation of the Business Plan 2009-10 is almost complete with the Sunshine Coast Tourism Partnership (SCTP, incorporating Caloundra Tourism Inc, Maroochy Central area, Tourism Noosa & Tourism Sunshine Coast and Gympie Cooloola Tourism Inc) now agreeing on the funding program with the removal of the NZ program. The SCTP want to address projects such as NZ on a project by project basis rather than a total program.*

*As you will be aware, the team is now under-resourced due to Vynka Carvill being on maternity leave, Linda Perry on six weeks annual leave and Anne-Marie Coulton’s departure. Due to this lack of permanent resourcing there may be some projects that require extra staffing from time to time such as the implementation of the Digital Strategy Phase 2.*

*I can now report that the new destination website [www.TourismSunshineCoast.com.au](http://www.TourismSunshineCoast.com.au) has been recognised with a Standard of Excellence Award in the international WebAwards, noted for its excellence in design, innovation and content. This is a premier annual website competition produced by The Web Marketing Association to identify the best web sites in 96 industries in 47 countries across the world that set the standard of excellence for website development (see <http://www.webaward.org/winners.asp>). [www.tourismsunshinecoast.com.au](http://www.tourismsunshinecoast.com.au) won its category against other international travel websites such as [www.visitlondon.com](http://www.visitlondon.com) and [www.discoverhongkong.com](http://www.discoverhongkong.com) as a leader in tourism websites. This is a tremendous achievement and I commend the Tourism Sunshine Coast team, EMU Webdesign and industry supporters who have worked tirelessly over the last 18 months to produce such an effective and innovative site.*

*A Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) program is now in place to ensure excellent search engine rankings continue. The SEO will be in place for the next six months and signs of improvement are evident, with [tourismsunshinecoast.com.au](http://tourismsunshinecoast.com.au) ranking first and second in Google searches. Website traffic is also increasing to that of the old site and advertising bookings for both hot deals and product placement are tracking well. The redevelopment of the SCCB website continues to progress with the replication of content from the SCCB Business Events Navigator 2009-2010. It is expected that the new website will be launched late September.*

*A partnership with the Sunshine Coast Daily has been developed for 2009-2010. The partnership aims to support for the Sunshine Coast tourism industry, grow Sunshine Coast Daily readership and deliver low cost marketing opportunities to members through the wider APN network. The partnership will commence with endorsement of APN's COAST magazine which will provide discounted advertising for SCTP members and guide content development in line with the region's key experiences. Sunshine Coast Daily will collaborate with the SCTP to produce bi-annual Holiday at Home campaigns to drive local bookings for tourism businesses and communicate the value of tourism to the Sunshine Coast community and economy.*

*The SCTP in conjunction with Tourism Queensland presented an industry forum entitled "**Best Bang for your Buck**". The forum was established to give Sunshine Coast operators a detailed briefing on the Tourism Queensland opportunities for 2009-2010 and outlined both whole of state and dedicated Sunshine Coast campaign activity.*

*In Mid-August I attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Tourism Futures Conference on the Gold Coast. In addition to the strong networking program I was able to attend some of the specialised Best Practice Forums, providing me with current position/challenges and future trends for the industry. The conference program and papers are available at [tourismfutures.com.au/proceedings09TFTopline.htm](http://tourismfutures.com.au/proceedings09TFTopline.htm)."*

**CS23/10/09 Moved: Cr J Watt**

**Seconded: Cr R Dyne**

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

*Mr Ian Wolff, Health & Environmental Services Co-ordinator entered the meeting at 2.30pm.*

## COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

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

1. Health Services Program - Kilkivan

**CS24/10/09 Moved: Cr L Friske**

**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. Health Services Program - Kilkivan**

**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

**CS25/10/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr G Engeman**

**That proceedings be resumed in Open Council.**

**Carried**

Health Service Program - Kilkivan
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**CS26/10/09 Moved: Cr L Friske**

**Seconded: Cr J Watt**

**Recommend that from 1 December 2009, Council discontinue the practice of providing a medical transportation service for persons not receiving a Community Aged Care Package (CACP) from Council.**

**Further, that from 1 December 2009 medical transportation services provided to Community Aged Care Package (CACP) Clients be restricted to the regional centres of Gympie and Murgon only.**

**Carried**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.43pm.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER 2009.**

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Cr A.J. Perrett  
Chairman