



MINUTES
of the
GENERAL MEETING

CHAIRPERSON: Cr R Dyne (Mayor)

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

**On Wednesday 14th October 2009
At 9.00 am**

Gympie Regional Council **GENERAL**

*Mayor R.J. Dyne (Chairman),
Crs A.J. Perrett, G.L. Engeman, R.A. Gâté, L.J. Friske,
D.R. Neilson, I.T. Petersen, J. Watt and J.A. Walker.*

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SECTION 4: PETITIONS

Nil

SECTION 5: ADOPTION OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

G03/10/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 23 September 2009 as presented, be received.

Carried

G04/10/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 23 September 2009, be adopted.

Carried

SECTION 6: REPORT BY THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Cr Donna Neilson presented the following report:-

A block of land in Old Maryborough Road, which was originally purchased by Gympie City Council for a water reservoir site, will be offered for sale as it has been deemed to be superfluous to requirements. The site currently contains a communications tower previously leased to Queensland Police, and expressions of interest will be called for its removal prior to the sale of land.

Letters of thanks were received from the Senior Citizens' Management Committee for their annual operational grant, the Tin Can Bay Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Inc for the contribution of \$3000 towards staging of the Seafood Festival and the Make-a-Wish Foundation for money raised by Council staff.

A request for funding for an Australia Day breakfast in Kilkivan has been referred to the Australia Day committee for consideration.

The focus on staff training during August was on upskilling of works staff in the area of traffic control. As a cost-saving initiative, sufficient staff have now been trained to enable the majority of traffic control to be provided in-house.

An Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan was adopted, as well as a Media Protocol Policy. While the Mayor is Council's official media spokesperson, Councillors are able to make statements and respond to media enquiries.

G05/10/09 **Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson** **Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

That the Report be received.

Carried

SECTION 7: ADOPTION OF WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
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G06/10/09 **Moved: Cr L.J. Friske** **Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

That the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 6 October 2009 as presented, be received.

Carried

G07/10/09 **Moved: Cr L.J. Friske** **Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett**

That the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 6 October 2009, be adopted.

Carried

SECTION 8: REPORT BY THE WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Cr Larry Friske presented the following Report:-

At the Works & Services Committee Meeting this month Council considered a wide range of issues.

- Council has directed staff to proceed with design and construction within the next five (5) years of the Cave Street Kilkivan bridge replacement, Gympie-Woolooga Road bitumen sealing and Brooweena-Woolooga Road bitumen sealing as funding permits. Funding is to be from Queensland Rail Network through the closure of the Theebine-Kingaroy branch line MOU.
- Council has completed the bitumen widening and intersection upgrading on Tin Can Bay Road – works which were carried out on behalf of the Department of Main Roads. This work will make the Rainbow Beach turnoff on Tin Can Bay Road safer for motorists.
- Council has extended to all staff, its congratulations on the excellent work in bringing the Federally funded parks projects in on time and on budget. This was achieved through the cooperation of all Divisions within Council. Thanks were extended to the Parks Manager Mr Ed French for his tireless efforts in ensuring these projects were achieved on time and on budget. Councillors also congratulated the John Street depot staff for their assistance in realising the completion of these works.
- The Department of Environment and Resource Management has released a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) Stock Route Network Management Bill 2009 outlining the likely impacts from proposed regulatory changes to stock route management, particularly a revised fee structure. Council has resolved to forward an objection to the proposed Bill to DERM and to request the Local Government Association of Queensland to act promptly on behalf of Councils as in its proposed form the legislation is unworkable for Gympie and many other Queensland Councils.
- Work is proceeding steadily with the upgrade of the Kilkivan Water Supply.
- Council has modified the current permanent water restrictions to allow the use of hand held hoses with trigger nozzles (ie turn off when not held) for garden watering between the hours of 8.00am and 4.00pm. All other water restrictions will remain in force until further notice.

- Council has approved a \$3M upgrade for the Gympie Water Treatment Plant. The upgrade will improve plant performance.

G08/10/09 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

That the Report be received.

Carried

<p>SECTION 9: ADOPTION OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS</p>

Cr G.L. Engeman declared a Conflict of Interest in the Minute P16/10/09 due to perceived business interests.

Cr A.J. Perrett declared a Conflict of Interest in 2009-0796 Minute P16/10/09 due to being a Member of the Board of St Patrick's College.

Cr G.L. Engeman and Cr A.J. Perrett voted for the motion.

G09/10/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 7 October 2009 as presented, be received with the exception of Minutes P17/10/09 and P06/10/09 to be withdrawn and dealt with later in this meeting.

Further that P11/10/09 be withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

Carried

G10/10/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 7 October 2009 as amended, be adopted.

Carried

Cr G.L. Engeman declared a Material Personal Interest in Minute P17/10/09 due to perceived business interests and left the meeting at 9:14 am.

Recommendation P17/10/09 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on the 7 October 2009

G11/10/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

That Recommendation P17/10/09 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 7 October 2009 be received and adopted.

Carried

Cr G.L. Engeman returned to the meeting at 9.15 am

Recommendation P06/10/09 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on the 7 October 2009

G12/10/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That Council staff meet with the applicant to discuss the possibility of building three units on the subject land.

Carried

SECTION 10: REPORT BY THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Nil

SECTION 11: OTHER MATTERS**11/1** Local Government Association of Queensland – Executive Report

Re: **G13/10/09** Local Government Association of Queensland – Executive Report
From: Local Government Association of Queensland Inc
File:
Date: 7 October 2009

Report: (Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason)

Council is in receipt of the LGAQ Executive Report to 113th Annual Conference 2009, the Report details the activities and services provided to Local Governments throughout Queensland.

The association acts as an advocate for Council on many issues that impact on the operations of Local Government which include but are not limited to:

- Community Development & Human Services
- Planning & Development
- Environment & Health
- Roads, Transport & Infrastructure
- Water Policy, Reform & Management
- Disaster Management
- Local Government Workforce & Organisation Reforms

Business Enterprises including:

- Local Government Infrastructure
- LGM (Insurance)
- Local Government Workcare (LGW)
- Resolute Information Technology
- Local Buy
- QPG (LG Shared Services)

A hard copy of the report will be available at the meeting.

G13/10/09 **Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté** **Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson**

That the report be received.

Carried

11/2	Mary Valley Agri Business Project Stakeholder Reference Group - Nomination
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Re: **G14/10/09** Mary Valley Agri Business Project Stakeholder Reference Group - Nomination
 From: Chief Executive Officer – Mr Ken Mason
 File:
 Date: 7 October 2009

Report: (Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason)

Council has received advice that Lynne Wilbraham and one Councillor will be invited to participate in the Mary Valley Agri Business Project Stakeholder Reference Group.

It is recommended that one Councillor be nominated to participate in the above Reference Group.

G14/10/09 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

That Cr Jan Watt be nominated to represent Gympie Regional Council on the Mary Valley Agri Business Project Stakeholder Reference Group.

Carried

11/3	Central Queensland Regional Conference - Dysart in April 2010
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Re: **G15/10/09** Central Queensland Regional Conference - Dysart in April 2010
 From: Spencer Slatter, Executive Officer, Wide Bay Burnett Regional Organisation of Councils Inc.
 File:
 Date: 6 October 2009

“Please find attached a letter from CQLGA regarding a proposed Central Queensland Regional Conference to be held in Dysart in April 2010. The aims of the conference are essentially consistent with what the ROC was seeking to achieve when we wrote to CQLGA quite some time ago i.e. a forum to discuss issues of importance to our regions....only now Mackay region has been included.

Cr Dyne has asked me to circulate the invitation to members Councils with the suggestion that we indicate a desire for the ROC to be involved. Could you please advise me of your Council’s thoughts no later than 21st October so that I can respond to CQLGA.”



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24 September 2009

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FAXED
29.9.09
CR DYNE

Dear Ron

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND REGIONAL CONFERENCE - DYSART 15 - 18 APRIL 2010

The Central Queensland Local Government Association (CQLGA) is facilitating the development of a regional conference for all levels of government (local, state, and federal) and regional organisations working in Central Queensland.

The conference will be in the heart of Central Queensland - at Dysart on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 April, with a charity golf tournament during the day on Saturday 17 April and culminating with the Mayors Charity Ball on the Saturday evening.

For the purposes of this conference the Central Queensland region includes the Fitzroy, Central West, Mackay, and Wide Bay -Burnett statistical regions. These statistical regions are increasingly being identified as the Central Queensland region by state and federal government agencies. The conference will focus specifically on activities and issues that are of importance to the whole of the region.

On behalf of the CQLGA I would like to invite you and your organisation to be involved in the CQ Regional Conference 2010 in two ways. Firstly, the CQLGA is facilitating a conference organising committee and is seeking your input by having a representative on this committee. Meetings will be quite frequent up until the end of 2009, however most of these meetings will be via teleconferencing. The organising committee will be responsible for the development of the structure, theme, and identification of speakers, and the associated social events, with CQLGA as the lead agency responsible for the implementation of the organising committee's directions.

Secondly, the CQLGA invites you and your organisation to attend and participate in the conference in April 2010.

This invitation is being sent to appropriate state and federal government agencies, councils in the region, Regional Organisations of Councils, Local Government Associations and Regional Development Organisations.

The CQLGA is seeking a response to this invitation to be a partner in the development of the CQ Regional Conference by COB Friday 23 October 2009. If you require any further information please contact the CQLGA Executive Officer, Jenny Moore.

I look forward to working with you in developing this conference for the Central Queensland Region.

Yours sincerely

Cr Cedric Marshall
President

G15/10/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That the information be received.

Further that Gympie Regional Council participate in the Central Queensland Local Government Association's Regional Conference and the Mayor be nominated as representative on the Committee.

Further that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO attend the conference.

Carried

SECTION 12: MEETING DATES

The meeting dates for the month of November 2009 have been set as follows:

TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2009	Works & Services Committee Meeting 9am
WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2009	Planning & Development Committee Meeting 9am
WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2009	General 9am Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting to Commence at the Conclusion of the Preceding General Meeting
WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2009	Planning & Development Committee Meeting 9am
WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2009	General 9am Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting to Commence at the Conclusion of the Preceding General Meeting.

G16/10/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

That the meeting dates for the month of November 2009 be adopted.

Carried

SECTION 13: LATE ITEMS**Late Item 1 Cobb & Co Re-enactment – Kilkivan to Maryborough**

Re: **G17/10/09** Cobb & Co Re-enactment – Kilkivan to Maryborough
From: Martine Britton, Executive Officer, Fraser Coast Show Society.
File: 5/3/15/1
Date: 7 October 2009 Doc ID: 1078313

“Thank you kindly for your letter of support which was submitted along with the application for funding for the Cobb & Co Coach re-enactment as part of the Q150 celebrations.

You will be pleased to know that we were successful in securing funds sufficient to go ahead with the project.

Your letter and support was an integral part of obtaining those funds from both the Q150 department of the Premiers Department and the Community Gambling Benefit Fund.

Ron as I discussed with you last year, the coach run will depart the Post Office at Kilkivan arriving at the Post Office in Maryborough. We are planning celebrations prior to the departure and on arrival and intend giving local community groups and your Council the opportunity to be involved in those celebrations and at changeover points. I have attached a draft outline of the project for your consideration and you will note that Len Baldry from Sunshine Carriages in Gympie is providing the coach services.

I will contact your office shortly to discuss joint involvement and consultation but in the meantime, should you or your Events team have any ideas that you might like to put forward, please contact me on 4123 5311.

Again we thank you for your support and faith in the Fraser Coast Show Society and look forward to working with you on this project.”

Date	Time	Event	Location/Host	Comments	Contact
Friday 18 th December	6 pm	Cobb & Co Dinner	Kilkivan Pub	Dinner, Entertainment	GRC
Sat 19 th December	5 am	Breakfast in the P.O. Park	Kilkivan Comm. Group	Bbq break, near PO	GRC
	6 am	Depart Kilkivan	Kilkivan Post Office		
	7.30 am	Changeover	Oakview		Lions
	9.30 am	Morning Tea	Ray Matthews Property	Woolooga Comm groups	Ray Matthews
	11 am	Changeover	Miva Township		Lions
	12.00 noon	Lunch	Theebine Pub	2 hour stopover, lunch & entertainment	Publican
	2.00 pm	Depart Theebine			
	4.30 pm	Arrive Gundiah	Gundiah Pub	Dinner, Entertainment	Publican
				Store horses at HB's	Heather Beh
Sunday 20 th December	7.30 am	Breakfast in the Park	Gundiah comm. group	Bbq breakfast	Gundiah Progress
	9 am	Depart Gundiah			
	11 am	Tiaro – changeover	Early Lunch at Tiaro Pub	Either Pub	Tiaro Lions
	12.30 pm	Depart Tiaro			
	2.30 pm	Changeover	Teddington		Scouts
	4.00 pm	Mock "Hold Up"	Ned Kelly Cnr, Tinana		Tony MCarthy QPS
	5.00 pm	Arrive Maryborough	Maryborough Post Office	Hand over mail, Celebrations at Wharf Street	FCRC & Wharf St Committee (Kate)

G17/10/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That Gympie Regional Council participate in the Q150 Cobb & Co Re-enactment celebrations.

Carried

SECTION 14: GENERAL BUSINESS

Research on Compactor Required for Waste Management Facilities

Cr Larry Friske advised that he, together with staff had visited Maryborough and Bundaberg facilities to undertake research in relation to operations and compactors. Extensive research will be necessary prior to awarding tenders for the compactor.

Community Futures Task Force Meeting

Cr A.J. Perrett reported that he, Cr Jan Watt and the CEO, Ken Mason attended the Community Futures Task Force Meeting in Brisbane on Monday, 12 October. Cr Perrett advised that significant discussion occurred at the meeting regarding the release of the Co-ordinator General's report re Traveston Crossing Dam. He also advised that the role of the Community Futures Task Force is drawing to a close, given that it has served its purpose in the Mary Valley. It provided an

avenue and opportunity for views to be put forward through these difficult times. The CEO added that Major General Peter Arnison is due to visit Gympie twice this month.

Keeping Australia Working Forum

Cr Donna Neilson reported that she and the Mayor attended the Keeping Australia Working Forum on Monday, 12 October, that the forum was well attended and that Mr Gary Davison was announced as employment coordinator for the southern Wide Bay Region.

Queensland Heritage Council Visit

Cr Donna Neilson reported that members of the Queensland Heritage Council visited Gympie on Friday, 9 October. Members were impressed with rich heritage on display and beauty of the Jacarandas and gardens. They had lunch on Art Gallery Verandah, undertook a walking tour of streets, visited Memorial Park, the AICM building and travelled on the Rattler to Amamoor. Cr Neilson expressed her appreciation to Council for hosting the visit.

Schoolies Week Alternative

Cr Jan Watt read a letter she received from a local student promoting an alternative approach to schoolies week. A group of students is raising funds to visit disadvantaged countries to offer assistance. An art-based fund raising activity will be held on 6 November at the Gympie Regional Gallery. Cr Watt commended the young people involved for undertaking such a venture.

Review of Sport and Recreation Funding

Cr Jan Watt reported that at the recent Sport and Recreation Committee meeting, it was raised that a review of the funding program is being conducted by State Government. The objectives seem to be melding with issues of the Department of Communities. Cr Watt and the Sport and Recreation Committee were concerned that future sport and recreation funding could be linked to Department of Communities guidelines. Workshops are being conducted within the region, but given the short notice, members of local community groups may not be aware of these workshops. Cr Watt requested that dates be confirmed and information be passed onto community groups in conjunction with the Gympie Times.

Friends of the Library AGM

Cr Jan Watt reported that she attended the Friends of Library AGM on 9 September, during which Dr Elaine Brown provided a report on the Local History Section of the Library. Cr Watt commended this Section of the library's operations to Council and staff and congratulated the members involved.

Mental Health Week

Cr Rae Gâté advised that as part of Mental Health Week, Choice Support Services opened its new premises in Lady Mary Terrace on Saturday, 10 October. Cr Gâté extended her congratulations to Choice Support Services for the work undertaken for the benefit their clients.

125th Anniversary Celebrations – Monkland State School

Cr Rae Gâté reported that she represented the Mayor and Gympie Regional Council at the 125th Anniversary Celebrations for Monkland State School on 3 October. Cr Gâté advised that the celebrations were extremely well attended by the members of the community and ex-students some of whom travelled considerable distances to attend.

Gold Rush Celebrations

Cr Rae Gâté advised that the Gold Rush Celebrations are progressing well which is a credit to the Committee.

Cr R.A. Gâté left the meeting at 9:56 am.

Caravan and Motorhome Club of Australia

Cr Graham Engeman and Cr Larry Friske attended the Caravan and Motorhome Club of Australia Rally held in Rockhampton on Thursday, 1 October. Cr Engeman reported that the rally was highly organised, well funded and provides an economic boost to the Region in which it is held. The organisers expressed interest in holding a rally in Gympie in 2011 or 2013 and will approach Gympie Regional Council on this matter in due course.

Cr R.A. Gâté returned to the meeting at 10:13 am

Co-ordinator General's Report – Traveston Dam

Extensive discussion ensued on the matter.

G18/10/09 **Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman** **Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske**

That Gympie Regional Council notes the Co-ordinator General's report and the social and economic conditions there-in as well as the Federal Government's role in the final assessment and in the event that the Project is fully approved Gympie Regional Council resolves to keep QWI and the State Government accountable to deliver what is promised in that report and through Council negotiations with QWI and the State Government to maximise the benefit to the Mary Valley and Gympie Regions.

Carried

A **DIVISION** was called with the following results:

FOR: Cr G.L. Engeman, Cr L.J. Friske, Cr A.J. Perrett,
 Mayor R.J. Dyne

AGAINST: Cr R.A. Gâté, Cr J. Watt, Cr D.R. Neilson

Regional, Local and Community Infrastructure Projects

Through the Chair, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ken Mason commented that whilst Council has previously acknowledged the staff contribution to the RLCIP projects, additional acknowledgement should be made of the significant contribution made by Mrs Janet Lee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:21 am.

Confirmed this TWENTY-EIGHTH day of OCTOBER 2009.

CHAIRMAN
Cr R.J. Dyne