



# MINUTES

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## **WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CHAIRMAN:** *Cr Larry Friske*

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

**on Tuesday 3 November 2009**

*to be confirmed at the General Meeting  
to be held on 11 November 2009*

*at 9.00am.*

## Gympie Regional Council      **WORKS & SERVICES MEETING**

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

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The meeting commenced at 9.03am.

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

Also in attendance were Mr K.A. Mason (Chief Executive Officer), Mr R.A. Fredman (Director of Engineering Services) and Mrs L. Birt (Minutes Secretary).

Mr Mason was not present when the meeting commenced.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G15/09/09 – Cr R Dyne has been granted Leave of Absence from today’s meeting.

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**W01/11/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen**

**That the Minutes of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on the 6 October 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.**

**Carried**

### SECTION 1: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

1/1 Location of Medivac Helicopter Landing Sites at Cooloola Cove and Rainbow Beach

Re: **W02/11/09** Location of Medivac Helicopter Landing Sites at Cooloola Cove and Rainbow Beach

From: Cooloola Coast Local Ambulance Committee, Caroline Taylor, Secretary, 2 Pangatta Court, Rainbow Beach Qld 4581

File: 4/8/30/5 Doc # 1077936

Date: 1 October 2009

*“As you may be aware, there is an increasingly pressing need to relocate and upgrade the helicopter landing sites for medical evacuation at both Cooloola Cove and Rainbow Beach.*

*This has been brought about by the fact that the Cooloola Cove site is now too close to existing residences. When this site was originally made available by the developer some years ago there were no nearby houses, which is no longer the case. Whereas at Rainbow Beach there is little likelihood of the existing site continuing to be available into the future.*

*In both cases neither site landing pads meet current specifications. With the helicopters in use becoming bigger and heavier the existing concrete landing pads are inadequate.*

*Medical evacuations by helicopter take place on the coast far more often than many people realise, and this service is an integral part of the provision of medical services for people living and visiting the coast.*

*With an ageing population and increasing tourist numbers, the need in the future will only be greater.*

*We therefore request that you arrange for an appropriate officer to liaise in the first instance, with our Committee so that we can move forward without delay in identifying suitable replacement sites.*

*For the information of your nominated officer we enclose State Government literature regarding site specifications.*

*We look forward to your early response in order that this matter can be addressed without delay.”*

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

A copy of the State Government literature will be available at the meeting for Councillors perusal.

The Cooloola cove site was moved to its new location last year. There has been no suggestion that staff are aware that the Rainbow beach site will not be available in the medium term. That said, there is no problem in appointing a liaison officer. This officer will have the responsibility of liaising with officers in other departments of Council as necessary.

**W02/11/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Recommend that the Cooloola Coast Local Ambulance Committee be advised that Council’s liaison officer is Mr Ed French or his delegate.**

**Carried**

1/2

**Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Grant Assistance**

Re: **W03/11/09** Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Grant Assistance  
From: Hon Desley Boyle MP, Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, PO Box 15031, City East Qld 4002  
File: 4/1/5/1 Doc # 1080813  
Date: 16 October 2009

*“I refer to Council’s further application for Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements grant assistance towards repairing submergence damage to essential public assets caused by flooding during April 2009.*

*I am pleased to advise an additional grant of \$208 195 towards the cost of repairing submergence damage has been approved. This brings the total grant assistance approved to \$1 893 793.*

*As of 1 July 2009, Local Governments receiving a grant or subsidy under the Local Government funding programs will be required to enter into a Funding Agreement and the delivery of the approved project will constitute a taxable supply, therefore the approved amount will be grossed up to include GST at time of payment.*

*The Local Government and Planning Group, Department of Infrastructure and Planning will send a letter to Council in the near future detailing the approved funding, including the release of payment and reporting requirements. Council must sign a Funding Agreement for the project with the Department prior to the project commencing. It is important to note that Council must ensure the project is completed within the two-year timeframe.*

*I have also written to Cr Ron Dyne, Mayor, Gympie Regional Council advising him of this approval.*

*Should you require any further information in relation to this approval, please contact Ms Leisa Dowling of the Department on telephone number 4971 2337.”*

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

The grant received completes Council’s claim for eligible damage arising from the April 2009 rain event. Note that a lot of general damage (not caused by flooding) occurred in this event, which was borne by Council’s maintenance budget.

**W03/11/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett****Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson****Recommend that the information be received.****Carried**

1/3	Water Problem Nannygai Court
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Re: **W04/11/09** Water Problem - Nannygai Court  
From: Norma Moore, 2/5 Nannygai Court, Tin Can Bay Qld 4580  
File: Doc # 1080535  
Date: 14/10/09

*“For the attention of the Mayor Mr Ron Dyne.*

*Subsequent to and continuation of my letter (no 1074750) in your office file.*

*We would like now to present this very urgent case of placing a culvert drain in Nannygai Court, between Lot 5 and Lot 7 on Council job sheets. Please submit these letters to Council at your next General Meeting on 28 October 2009.*

*After speaking with the CEO Mr Mason that the findings (as are ours) at the time of your visit with Mr Bob Fredman Chief Engineer, that storm water floods through many lots down hill to lowest point Lot 5 and Lot 7 Nannygai Court. (This meeting was on 30 September 2009 with myself and Mr Warren Schmidt on site).*

*As if this is not bad enough the water flowing through Lot 7 next door (the land being higher than Lot 5). The water floods back into foundations of Unit 3 and sits for months undermining foundations and ruining whole flooring.*

*This has been happening for approx 8 years or since the A frame house was constructed next door and lots of letters sent to Council from both properties to rectify this urgent matter to no avail until my letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> September was received. A meeting arranged between yourself and Mr Bob Fredman Chief Engineer with Mr Warren Schmidt and myself. The writer of these letters his tenant on site 5 Nannygai Court on the 30 September 2009.*

*Mr Bob Fredman explained this job is not on current work sheets (Mr Mason CEO then informed me on the phone) in this case the matter could be years to be rectified.*

*We are asking you to put before the Council at the next General Meeting to have this job installed on work sheets brought forward and prioritised for this very*

*urgent cast of placing a drain in Nannygai Court between Lot 5 and Lot 7 respectively so this matter can be finally rectified.*

*Therefore the owner Mr Graham Cook of Unit 3 can then after an assessment with the builder on 18 October 2009 will be able to at last talk to his insurers and be able to go ahead with repairs to his property, which can only be done after a date at least is set for job completion to arrest. At last the source of the problem.*

*Copies of this letter to  
Mr Larry Friske,  
Mr Bob Fredman Chief Engineer  
All three owners of property and Body Corporate Management.”*

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

The road drainage in Nannygai Court is in accord with standards that applied when it was constructed. It has been compromised to a degree by the driveway to Lot 5 (the letter writer’s land) being lower than the adjacent kerb height, thus attracting water from the road onto Lot 5. The owner had a right to do this.

There is a lot of overland flow water in the area in the event of a storm, and this gradually finds its way across lots and into the gully at the bottom of Lot 5. The land is relatively flat and the soil profile is wallum with a high watertable. These characteristics mean that the area where the units are built is wet. The writer has problems as a result thereof.

**W04/11/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Recommend that Council advise the writer that it has no plans to upgrade drainage in Nannygai Court. Council considers that the problems she is experiencing are the result of the general wet nature of the country, together with the design of the building.**

**Carried**

1/4	Petition – Kenman Road, Traveston
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Re: **W05/11/09** Petition – Kenman Road - Traveston  
From: Paul & Rosey Chippendale and 18 other signatories.  
File: 4/8/7/7 Doc ID: 1080810  
Date: 19 October 2009

*“We the residents of Kenman Road Traveston demand that Kenman Road be upgraded to a two lane bitumen road. There are now 18 residential properties*



*along Kenman Road - each property has two to three vehicles driving to and from each property. This is a 50% increase of vehicle traffic using Kenman Road from 1996. This does not include the vehicles required to service the properties with ancillary items required to service large blocks of land.*

*Kenman Road has had four single vehicle accidents over the past 13 years and two head on accidents in the past 13 years. Kenman Road requires widening and sealing with bitumen urgently. Kenman Road residents are continually experiencing possible head on accidents or the side swiping of two vehicles due to the state of the blind hills, blind corners and the narrowness of most sections of Kenman Road.”*

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

Minute G20/10/09 refers.

*That the Petition be received and referred to the Director of Engineering to investigate and report to a future Works & Service Committee Meeting.*

\$105 000 has been allocated in the Budget for the bitumen sealing of the steep hill on the mid-section of the road. This is being done in response to maintenance and safety issues on this specific hill, and not because of traffic volume. It would be difficult to justify sealing any more of the road in the current funding climate.

**W05/11/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Recommend that Council advise the writer that Council has programmed to bitumen seal the hill approximately half way along the road in the interest of safety.**

**Carried**

1/5

Increased Traffic Flow along Rainbow Beach Road

Re: **W06/11/09** Increased Traffic Flow along Rainbow Beach Road  
 From: Shirley Ruescher, Secretary, Rainbow Beach Residents' & Ratepayers' Association Inc, PO Box 532, Rainbow Beach Qld 4581  
 File: 4/8/7/7-4 Doc # 1082210  
 Date: 17 October 2009

*“At the October meeting of our Association, a member raised a matter of concern regarding the increased traffic flow along Rainbow Beach Road in the last few years.*

*The big increase in the number of cars, trucks and especially vehicles towing trailers and caravans travelling this road, has meant that there are often hold-ups in the flow, increasing the journey time and resulting in frustration for regular commuters and visitors alike. There are only a couple of places where it is safe for a towing vehicle to pull over to allow a backup of vehicles to pass and if you are not familiar with the road, it is difficult to identify these places in time to pull over with safety. Every year that passes sees an increase in the number of vehicles using this stretch of road with a consequent increase in the likelihood of a serious accident occurring.*

*It was felt therefore, that the time has come to ask for the addition of at least 2 designated passing areas on this very busy road. I would ask you to pass on our concerns and offered solution to the appropriate department in Council. I am aware that the lead time for such work is quite long and we think it is therefore even more urgent that something be put in motion as soon as possible."*

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

The process for more passing lanes on Rainbow Beach Road is indeed a long one. There is arguably already a need for more passing opportunities, due to the winding nature of much of the road and the disparity of cruising speeds between caravans and commuters.

**W06/11/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen**

**Recommend that the correspondence be referred to the Department of Transport and Main Roads for their attention, with Council's endorsement of the need and advise the writer accordingly.**

**Carried**

1/6

Sewering of Acacia Circle area at the Southside

Re: **W07/11/09** Sewering of Acacia Circle area at the Southside  
 From: Ashley (Joe) Groves, 6 Acacia Circle, Gympie Qld 4570  
 File: 4/9/6/1 Doc # 1078611  
 Date: 4 October 2009

*“(i) Sewerage*

*I am writing regarding the sewerage of the Acacia Circle area of the Southside.*

*In February 2004 the residents of Acacia Circle had a meeting with the then Cooloola Council regarding the sewerage of this area because of problems with septic systems etc, leading to health risks.*

*The outcome of the meeting with the Council on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2004 was that it would be feasible if there was development to our rear. It has been well over 12 months since a sewerage main was put in place behind our area, and we would ask the Council to investigate the possibility of our being connected to it in the near future or could we at least be given a timeframe as to what is happening.*

*(ii) Stormwater*

*In 2006 when kerb and channelling was done in Acacia Circle, stormwater was piped through an easement on our property which was a blessing but unfortunately the job was not completed, (a couple of lengths short) which has created a damming effect and the pooling of some very unsavoury water on our property due to the build up of silt etc. It would be appreciated if the Works Department could have a look and repair this problem.*

*Looking forward to your response and/or a site meeting at a date in the near future.”*

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

Council may opt to sewer some Acacia Circle lots at no cost to the landowners when the adjoining landowner proceeds with a subdivision. At the time, an offer may be extended to other Acacia Circle lots to be sewered at a cost in accordance with Council's Sewer Extension Policy.

Currently the timetable of the adjoining developer is not known. If the Acacia Circle residents wish to be sewered now, actual cost without headworks would apply. Estimated cost is approx \$12,000 per lot.

The stormwater scheme for Acacia Circle was completed. Scour often occurs at the outlet of stormwater pipes, so extending them just moves the problem. Placing rock in the outlet pool in the normal solution to the problem, but is not necessarily popular with the landowner.

**W07/11/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Recommend that Councillors conduct a survey of the neighbourhood to ascertain who is prepared to have the sewerage connected now at a price.**

**Further that Councillors advise the landowners that they will be contacted regarding sewerage when the adjoining landowner commences subdivision along their boundary. At this stage his timetable is unknown.**

**Further that the writer be advised that Council is prepared to place rock at the outlet to the stormwater pipe. Arrangements will be made with staff at the Works Department to have this matter attended to.**

**Carried**

1/7	Riflefish Road, Tin Can Bay
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Re: **W08/11/09** Riflefish Road, Tin Can Bay  
 From: Cr G Engeman  
 File:  
 Date: email received on 26 October 2009

*“Is it possible to consider laying an extra strip of bitumen, approx 4m at the intersection with Tin Can Bay Road to allow vehicles exiting Riflefish Rd from the gun club and model planes to stand on bitumen as at present being on gravel onto a 100kph busy road causes them to wheel spin to some degree in the gravel causing road surface damage as well as slowing their exit from Riflefish Rd.”*

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

Cr Engeman’s concern regarding excessive wheel spin at takeoff is related to various issues:-

- (a) For a patient driver there is no need to wheel spin in this location. Note that wheel spinning is an offence under the Traffic Act.
- (b) Tin Can Bay is a main road, whereby statutory standards for intersection upgrading apply. The minimum standard that would normally apply to intersection upgrading means significant cost.
- (c) Many gravel roads intersect with Tin Can Bay or similar main roads. In the list of possible intersection jobs for funding, other intersections with higher traffic volumes are likely to be a higher priority.

**W08/11/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson**

**Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Recommend that the writer be advised that Council has no plans to petition the Department of Transport and Main Roads to upgrade the Riflefish Road/Tin Can Bay Road intersection.**

**Carried**

1/8	Rainbow Beach Amenities Block Progress Report
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Re: **W09/11/09** Rainbow Beach Amenities Block Progress Report  
 From: Director of Planning & Development – Mr M Hartley  
 File:  
 Date: 26 October 2009

*“The application for the new Rainbow Beach amenities block comprises:*

- (a) building work*
- (b) compliance assessment under the Plumbing Act; and*
- (c) Tidal work and coastal management districts.*

*Design Division sent a letter to DERM on 21 September requesting resource entitlement. The application will then require referral to DERM (Ecoaccess).”*

**W09/11/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

1/9

### Bullock Point Jetty Demolition

Re: **W10/11/09** Bullock Point Jetty Demolition  
 From: R.A. Fredman, Director of Engineering Services  
 File:  
 Date: 28 October 2009

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

The following request has come from Cr Engeman.  
 Note that numerous discussions with the relevant government departments have been held in the past.

*1. Re Bullock Point Jetty demolition*

*Discussion re the loss of local infrastructure and the future of the boat ramp given that the Lands Office at Nambour have announced that they intend to demolish the jetty which is in an unsafe condition and the pylons are also beyond use.*

*Recommend that Council authorise the Mayor and CEO to have urgent discussions with the relevant State Government Departments with a view to replacing the current jetty with a suitable jetty/pontoon to accommodate recreational fishing/boats given the areas safe anchorage attributes and close proximity to the Camping grounds of Inskip Point.*

*Further that discussions also be had in regard to the upgrading of the boat ramp and associated parking area.*

W10/11/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

**Recommend that Council request the State Government include a new public boating facility at Bullock Point when it is drafting the Inskip Master Plan.**

**Carried**

Late Item 1: Re: Request for Extension of Maintained Road on Bridge Creek Road
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Re: **W11/11/09** Request for extension of maintained road on Bridge Creek Road  
 From: Mr Graham Rickards, 198 Goodyear Road, Cedar Pocket QLD 4570  
 File: Doc # 1080885  
 Date: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009

*“I am writing to request urgent consideration of repairs (approximately one kilometre) to the upper section of Bridge Creek Road where it meets Goodyear Road in Cedar Pocket. To my knowledge, this section of road has received no Council attention during the three years since the occupancy of my property.*

*As a “continuation” of Goodyear Road, Bridge Creek Road offers an important secondary egress to the households occupying the upper sections of Goodyear Road. This is significant in time of flood when Bedega Bridge may be closed. More importantly, it offers the only escape and access alternative in the event of bushfires through this heavily timbered, hilly area.*

*In establishing an “escape plan” in the event of fire, the use of Bridge Creek Road is essential for the families in the immediate area and of course access to potential fire fronts will be necessary for emergency services.*

*I look forward to Council’s response in relation to this matter as soon as possible.”*

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

Corporate Plan: 4.1  
 Operational: 2.0  
 Budget: Road Construction and Road Maintenance  
 Legal: King and Co advice ex LGAQ  
 Issues:

- a) Budget implications
- b) Precedent setting
- c) Emergency access planning

Consultation: Internal

The upper section of Bridge Creek Road is not a maintained road. There is a track, possibly on road reserve, which was constructed a long time ago by either locals or Forestry. It has not been properly constructed and could not be taken over by Council in its current condition. A risk analysis of the issues is as follows:-

- a) The cost of upgrading has not been allowed for in the 2009/10 Budget. In isolation the cost is not great.
- b) The precedent of approving other similar requests across the region would be very costly.
- c) The writer refers to emergency access as an alternative way out of the area. Whilst an alternative way out is desirable, the regional road network has not been designed on this basis and it is not seen as essential. There is of course a 4WD emergency access available in this case.

**W11/11/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr G. Engeman**

**Recommend that Council resolve not to change the maintained length of Bridge Creek Road, due to the budgetary implications of extending the road network. Note that the region has a very large length of unmaintained roads.**

**Carried**

<p><b>Late Item 2: Inquiry into Enhanced Land Force Stage 2 Facilities – Wide Bay Training Area, Gympie</b></p>
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Re: **W12/11/09** Inquiry into Enhanced Land Force Stage 2 Facilities – Wide Bay Training Area, Gympie  
 From: Director of Engineering Services, R.A. Fredman  
 File:  
 Date: 30 October 2009

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

The following letter was forwarded to the Secretary of the Committee, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in respect to the Inquiry into Enhanced Land Force Stage 2 Facilities – Wide Bay Training Area, Gympie (Camp Kerr Facilities at Tin Can Bay)

*I refer to the proposed works to take place at the Wide Bay Training Area (WBTA), Gympie and the Inquiry into Enhanced Land Force Stage 2 Facilities.*

*The current access from Brisbane to the Wide Bay Training Area is via the Bruce Highway, through Gympie and thence along Tin Can Bay Road. Whilst Council is*

fully in support of the proposed upgrading of the facility, it is concerned that there is only one road of access, and it passes through a sensitive area of Gympie with four (4) schools and a major regional junior sports field complex. Potential issues include the volume of traffic, type of traffic and the nature of cargoes (fuel, munitions etc).

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (Qld) and Council have been planning for several years a new road that, when constructed, will provide the WBTA with an excellent alternative access. Currently, however no funds are available for the final twelve kilometres at the northern end which is a section of the road called Counter Road.

Counter Road is the final section of the route from Cooroy on the Bruce Highway. It joins Tin Can Bay Road from the south, fifteen kilometres from the main entrance of the WBTA. Currently it is a low standard gravel forestry road. Council's current estimate to upgrade Counter Road to two lane bitumen sealed all-weather public road standard is \$6.0M (tourist traffic) to \$9.0M (significant commercial traffic).

The two relevant Regional Planning documents recommend the construction of Counter Road. The Great Sandy Regional Management Plan 2005 and the Wide Bay Integrated Transport Plan 2006 refer. Both acknowledge that no funding has been identified.

The proposal to upgrade Counter Road has come to the attention of the Federal Government previously. In July 2006 it was submitted to DOTARS for funding under the Auslink Strategic Regional Program (unsuccessfully). In June 2001 an application for funding under the Roads of National Importance was unsuccessful.

DOTARS would be aware also of the bad crash history of the Bruce Highway between Cooroy and Gympie. The availability of an alternative route north/south which could be used by coastal tourist traffic and Army traffic would have a beneficial effect on road safety on the national highway.

The option of two access roads to the WBTA may have strategic benefits, giving the Army the benefit of two options for delivery / exit routes.

You are urged to consider the construction of Counter Road if the expansion of the WBTA is to proceed. The need is particularly important if the new facility is to be serviced by bulk munitions transport.

Council's contact for enquiries in this regard is the Director of Engineering Services, Mr R.A. Fredman (telephone 07 5481 0655).

W12/11/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

**Recommend that staff actions be endorsed in this instance.**

**Carried**

<p><b>SECTION 2: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES - GENERAL BUSINESS</b></p>
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General Manager Design Services – Mr R Chapman entered the meeting at 9.30am.

### SECTION 3: DESIGN SERVICES DIVISION

#### 3/1 Parking Issues on Rainbow Beach Road

Re: **W13/11/09** Parking Issues on Rainbow Beach Road  
 From: General Manager Design Services – R Chapman  
 File: 4/8/07/0007-07 Doc # 1062710  
 Date: 12 October 2009

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

*W10/09/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen                      Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté*

*Recommend that the Director of Engineering Services contact the Queensland Police Service regarding the policing of parking signs in Rainbow Beach and report back to a future meeting.*

Carried

Contact was made with the Queensland Police Service regarding this minute.

Verbal advice received is that Police would attend to breaches of parking signage upon complaints.

The original complaint requested that parking be restricted to three (3) hours to prevent tourists to Fraser Island for day and up to three (3) day tours parking there.

It is concluded that a three (3) hour limit at this location could lead to other areas of Rainbow Beach requiring similar or even less time parking restrictions. This may lead to Council having to implement its own parking control should Police work become excessive.

Hence an eight (8) hour parking limit is proposed.

~~W13/11/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson                      Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté~~

~~Recommend that Council erect eight (8) hour parking signs on Rainbow Beach Road outside of the Hardware Store / Library between the hours of 9am-5pm.~~

Carried

**MINUTE G08/11/09 refers.**

3/2	Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting Record 7/09/09
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Re: **W14/11/09** Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting Record – 7 September 2009  
 From: Acting General Manager Design Services – N Weller  
 File: 4/8/13/0001  
 Date: 12 October 2009

**Report: (Acting General Manager Design Services – N. Weller)**

The record of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 June 2009 have been distributed to members and was attached to the October Works Agenda.

**W14/11/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Recommend that the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting Record of 7 September 2009, be accepted.**

**Carried**

3/3	B-Double Combination Vehicles – Victorian Ferries BD1136
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Re: **W15/11/09** B-Double Combination Vehicles – Victorian Ferries BD1136  
 From: District Director (Gympie), Dept of Main Roads, PO Box 183, Gympie Qld 4570  
 File: 4/8/17/3 Doc # 1080291  
 Date: 14 October 2009

*“An application has been received from Victorian Ferries to operate 25 metre B-Double combination Vehicles on the following routes:*

*Access: Mineral Sands Stockpile Site (Government Land Reserve) Clarkson Drive, Rainbow Beach*

*Route: From Tin Can Bay Road (approved route), continue via Rainbow Beach Road, left onto Clarkson Drive access Mineral Sand Stockpile Site (Government Land Reserve)*

*Exit: Reserve about route*

*Before a final decision is made to grant this permit, your comments are invited regarding whether this route is suitable for 25 metre B-Double Combination Vehicles and whether this route is suitable to be made ‘as of right’.*”

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

The Council roads affected by this application only include Clarkson Drive from Rainbow Beach Road for a distance of 1.27km.

Victorian Ferries, the applicants for the approval, have proposed a Memorandum of Agreement with Council to rectify damage caused by their vehicles offering Council 25 cents per tonne as full payment for any long term damage to the road as well as repairing any pavement failures within seven (7) days as part of its Mass Export Management Scheme.

B-Doubles should actually reduce traffic loads over the road and therefore this application is supported.

**W15/11/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

**Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Recommend that Council offer no objection to the proposed use of Victorian Ferries 25 metre B-Doubles using Clarkson Drive solely for the removal of mineral sands in accordance with its Memorandum of Understanding with Council.**

**Carried**

3/4	Proposed Roadworks – Mount Pleasant Road/Hilton Road/John Street Intersection
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Re: **W16/11/09** Proposed Roadworks – Mount Pleasant/Hilton Road/John Street  
 From: Glenn Sinclair, 41 Mt Pleasant Road, Gympie Qld 4570  
 File: 4/4/6/7-9 Doc # 1080531  
 Date: 15 October 2009

*“I am writing to request that, prior to the commencement of redeveloping the Mt Pleasant Road/Hilton Road & John Street intersection that council instructs Energex to relocate Pole # 13842426 to either its original, intended, pegged and approved location or, preferably, to the opposite side of Hilton Road where it would be in a less vulnerable position with regards vehicular collisions.*

*It is obvious from Council’s advice to Mr David Gibson MP, that this pole is an unapproved installation that is far too close to my boundary and has resulted in the devaluation of my property. This pole has also raised serious health concerns relating to electromagnetic radiation (EMR).*

*Could Council please also inform me how many other unapproved Energex installations that have so far gone uncorrected?*

*Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this issue. I am more than happy to help if it means protecting the life of my son and myself.”*

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

The design of the intersection works is nearing completion and Council has not identified any engineering based reasons to require Energex to relocate the pole referred to in the letter.

Whilst the pole was not specifically installed in the pegged position it is within the corridor allocated to Energex for power pole installation. This and the matter of health concerns is one between Mr Sinclair and Energex.

Council is unaware of any Energex facilities requiring relocation that have been installed as agreed by Council.

Mr Sinclair’s fence may not be on his boundary line.

**W16/11/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Recommend that the report be received and the writer be advised as per the report.**

**Carried**

Chief Executive Officer Mr K Mason entered the meeting at 9.44am.

3/5

**Proposal for Reduced Speed Zones on Wide Bay Highway, Tin Can Bay Road, Rainbow Beach Road, Gympie Brooloo Road**

Re: **W17/11/09** Proposal for Reduced Speed Zones on Wide Bay Highway, Tin Can Bay Road, Rainbow Beach Road, Gympie Brooloo Road  
 From: Graham Smith, 88 Lorikeet Drive, Gympie Qld 4570  
 File: 4/8/07/0008-01 Doc # 1079426  
 Date: 8 October 2009

*“In view of the recent catastrophes suffered on our roads I would like to make a few comments on some possible crash reduction measures.*

*I have been, for 25 years, a senior instructor at Roadcraft Gympie. In this capacity I have worked with and closely observed the behaviour of many thousands of vehicle drivers. These people have ranged from pre-license learners, through to average car and truck drivers, motor sport enthusiasts and diplomatic chauffeurs teaching counter terrorists driving techniques.*

*I have provided consultation services and staff training in Europe and North America as well as extensive work in Papua New Guinea.*

*I am currently a management committee member of the Queensland Chapter of the Australasian College of Road Safety (A.C.R.S.)*

*There has been no successful attempt by authorities here in Queensland or anywhere else in the world to research, design, develop and present effective driver/road use education for young drivers or the general public.*

*Governments have the power to reduce speed limits and provide policing to ensure traffic moves at a lower speed. This is probably the only avenue open to us by which we can reasonably expect to reduce road tragedy in the short term.*

*In December last year the Queensland Government imposed lower speed limits on several sections of major highways. As yet, I know of no outcomes which have been published from these interventions.*

*The A.C.R.S. intends to hold a seminar to define the outcomes of the 90k speed limit on the Cooroy/Curra section of the Bruce Highway in December 2009.*

*Recent studies in Europe and in the USA indicate that when traffic speeds are lowered there is a corresponding lowering of both the incidence and seriousness of road crash. Results of the European studies were recently presented at a CARRS.Q conference in Brisbane by Emeritus Professor of Transport Studies, University of London, Richard Allsop.*

*The work Professor Allsop reported was commissioned by the European Transport Safety Council.*

*It is interesting to note that during recent visits to Europe and North America my wife Lyn and I observed that there were no B-Doubles in Europe and very few in North America. The largest vehicles we observed in these countries were standard semi trailers.*

*I ask your committee to give serious consideration to the introduction of a 90k speed limit on the following sections of Highway in the Gympie Region.*

- The Mary Valley Highway*
- The Gympie-Tin Can Bay-Rainbow Beach Road*
- The Wide Bay Highway*

*Should your committee require any further information on these matters please contact me as referred below."*

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

These roads are under the control of Department of Transport and Main Roads and this letter should be referred to that Department.

However, the opportunity is taken to comment on the letter as follows:

1. Government should place much greater emphasis on “driving at a safe speed to suit the road conditions prevailing at the time”, rather than emphasising lesser maximum speed zones that cannot be effectively policed and encourage a psyche in the drive that the posted speed is safe.
2. It is not proven that the lowering of the posted speed on the Bruce Highway to 90km/h has reduced crash numbers and severity. There is ample evidence that it has increased platooning as observed at the Wide Bay Highway intersection where frustration is becoming a potential hazard.
3. It is agreed that B-Double vehicles are virtually non-existent in Europe. However, railways are in much greater use for both pedestrians and freights. This would require a major change to Australian Government Transportation Policy.

W17/11/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

**Recommend that the matter be referred to the Department of Transport and Main Roads for consideration at the December Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting.**

**Carried**

<b>SECTION 4: DESIGN SERVICES DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS</b>
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Mr Chapman left the meeting at 9.49am.

General Manager Water & Sewerage Mr I Schiefelbein entered the meeting at 9.49am.

<b>SECTION 13: WATER &amp; SEWERAGE DIVISION</b>
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13/1	Works Cost Statement – Water & Sewerage
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## WORKS COST STATEMENT

**W18/11/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson**

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

**Carried**

13/2	Commonwealth Funding for Water Security Water Saving and Loss Reduction Initiatives
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Re: **W19/11/09** Commonwealth Funding for Water Security Water Saving and Loss Reduction Initiatives

From: LGAQ

File: 1/4/2/1 Doc # 1080295

Date: 15 October 2009

*“Circular 2009-292*

*Councils of less than 50,000 people are eligible for funding to upgrade or install new infrastructure for practical water saving and loss reduction projects.*

*The Australian Government has just released two sets of implementation and funding guidelines focused on water savings and water loss reduction initiatives that will be of interest to Queensland councils. The National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns was announced along with the Strengthening Basin communities Program: Water Saving Initiative element which is focused on assisting communities within the Murray-Darling Basin. Communities within the Murray-Darling Basin have been encouraged to apply under a dedicated Murray-Darling Basin element.*

*Please note that the National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns competitive grants element funding round closes Tuesday 1 December 2009. Whilst the first stage of the Strengthening Basin Communities Program; Water Saving initiative element closed on 21 August 2009, applications for this second stage of the program closes 5pm (EDT) Friday 6 November 2009.*

*National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns.*

*As part of the Water for the Future framework, the Australian Government has announced the National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns, which is providing \$254.8 million to cities and towns for funding to save water and reduce water losses. This round of funding is a component of the 190-year, \$12.9 billion Water for the Future plan under which the Government has already committed more than \$100 million to projects outlined prior to the 2007 election.*

*This second stage of the Water for the Future plan is intended to provide support to Councils representing communities of less than 50,000 people which are eligible for funding to upgrade older pipes and water systems and to install new infrastructure. Eligible activities may include but not limited to:*

- Recycling and reuse*
- Leakage and pressure reduction*
- Smart metering*
- Efficient urban irrigation technologies*
- Stormwater capture and reuse schemes*
- Desalination*
- Water sensitive urban design initiatives.*

*Projects which are not permitted include those that increase net extraction from groundwater or surface water resources such as bores, dams or transfer pipelines, or activities that are not supported by sound water supply planning.*

*The National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns competitive grants element documents including implementation and funding guidelines released last week can be found online.*

*Applications are to be lodged electronically. An on-line application form will be made available for submission to this program shortly. Initial funding round closes 5pm (EDT) Tuesday 1 December 2009. Enquiries can be made directly to the Commonwealth on 1800 218 478 (toll free) or by email [NWSPCTenvironment.gov.au](mailto:NWSPCTenvironment.gov.au)*

*Strengthening Basin Communities Program: Water Saving Initiative*

*Those communities located within the Murray-Darling Basin are encouraged to apply for funding under the Strengthening Basin Communities Program: Water Saving Initiative element which has similar criteria. Under this program competitive grants will be available for local governments in the Murray-Darling Basin (MDB) to:*

- Assist them in community-wide planning for a future with less water*
- Invest in water savings initiatives including cost effective water infrastructure that meets the needs of communities now and into the future.*



*The Strengthening Basin Communities – Water Savings Initiative documents including implementation and funding guidelines released last week can be found online.*

*Applications are to be lodged electronically. An on-line application form has been made available for submission to this program from Monday 19 October 2009. The initial funding round closes 5pm (EDT) Friday 6 November 2009. Enquiries can be made directly to the Commonwealth at 1800 218 478 (toll free), or by email [SBC@environment.gov.au](mailto:SBC@environment.gov.au).*

*If you require further information please contact Rob Fearon, Executive Director, Queensland Water Directorate, on 3252 4701 email: [Rfearon@qldwater.com.au](mailto:Rfearon@qldwater.com.au) or Mark Piorkowski, Manager Environment and Planning on 3000 2226 email: [mark\\_piorkowski@lgaq.asn.au](mailto:mark_piorkowski@lgaq.asn.au).*

*Councils interested in submitting an application involving new water saving infrastructure or pressure and leakage initiatives may wish to contact David Lewis at Local Government Infrastructure Services (LGIS) at [DLewis@lqis.com.au](mailto:DLewis@lqis.com.au) or 3842 4856.*

*These resources are also available in the library:*

*Water for the Future: National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns October 2009*

*Implementation and Funding Guidelines published by the Australian Government*  
*Water for the Future – Strengthening Basin Communities: Water Saving Initiatives*

*One page summary published by the Australian Government*

*Water for the Future: Strengthening Basin Communities Program September 2009*  
*Water Saving initiatives Component – implementation and funding guidelines, published by the Australian Government.*

*Water for the Future: National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns Competitive Grants Element*

*Round One, published by the Australian Government*

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

Based on the criteria provided and a review of Councils budget it is considered that Council could make an application for funding of smart metering (Replacement water meter with remote reading and programming capabilities)

Council has a budget of \$400,000 in 2009/2010 for commencement of the installation of smart meters in Gympie and Tin Can Bay. A grant would be of great assistance in expanding this project.

W19/11/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

**Recommend that Council apply to the Commonwealth for Funding of Smart Metering as part of the Commonwealth Funding for Water Security Water Saving and Loss Reduction Initiatives.**

**Carried**

13/3

Projects in Progress

Re: **W20/11/09** Projects in Progress  
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein  
File:  
Date: 28 October 2009

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

### **SEWERAGE**

#### **1. Tin Can Bay / Cooloola Cove & Rainbow Beach Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrading**

Work on construction of the three new plants is complete. The plants are working well producing good quality effluent. The levels of nitrogen and Phosphorous are currently within licensed requirements.

Earthworks on the Cooloola Cove wet weather effluent storage is complete.

Earthworks for the Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay wet weather effluent storages are well advanced. Development of the irrigated areas has also commenced. Tenders and quotations have been accepted for irrigation equipment, fencing, pumping equipment, pipework, valves and pump buildings for these treatment plants.

#### **2 Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant**

The Contractor QCGC has recommenced construction of the treatment plant works in areas which have not been leased.

When Council obtains access to the remainder of the site the contractor will move on to construction in these areas. Work is under way to obtain access to these areas by compulsory acquisition. No objections to the compulsory acquisition were received by Council. An application for the acquisitions has now been forwarded by the Solicitors to the property section of DERM.

**3. CCTV Inspection Program**

A tender has been let for cleaning and CCTV inspection of areas of the sewer system network in Tin Can Bay and Cooloola Cove. Inspection of Tin Can Bay is complete and work is progressing in Cooloola Cove.

**4 Rainbow Beach Sewage Rising Main and Pump Station Upgrade**

Work on the rising main is complete. Work on the pump station upgrade is substantially complete.

**5 Old Imbil Road Pump Station**

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

**WATER**

**6 Jones Hill Water Treatment Plant Upgrade**

Bulk excavation for Chemical Building Upgrade is complete.

Raw Water Pump Station Upgrade is complete and operational. Design work for the Treatment Plant Upgrade is in progress. Tenders have been called for maintenance/upgrade of the filtration system.

**7 Highway Diversions**

Work on Stage 4 – Cross Street to Pine Street is well advanced. The majority of work for this stage of the upgrade has been completed.

**8. Tin Can Bay Reticulation Improvements**

Work on pressure reduction and zone modification in Tin Can Bay to improve the water reticulation network is substantially complete

**9. Kilkivan Water Supply Upgrade**

Construction of the new Treatment Plant in Kilkivan is substantially complete. (Refer separate report). Commissioning has commenced.

**10. Red Hill Road Water Main**

Work on replacement of a 300mm dia trunk main in Red Hill has commenced. This work is planned to be complete prior to resurfacing of the road.

**11. Overpass/Water Mains**

Work is well advanced on relocation of water mains across the highway near Normanby Bridge. The mains are being lowered to allow the highway under the bridge to be lowered.

Some dirty water has been encountered due to changes in the reticulation system required to allow the work to proceed. Work is being undertaken to minimize disruptions.

**W20/11/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt**

**Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

13/4	<b>Progress Report – Kilkivan Water Supply Upgrade</b>
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Re: **W21/11/09** Progress Report – Kilkivan Water Supply Upgrade

From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein

File:

Date: 28 October 2009

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

Work is proceeding steadily with the upgrade of the Kilkivan Water Supply.

**Works Progress**

Whitaker Road Bore and pipeline	Complete
Pipeline Upgrades	Complete
600kL Reservoir	Complete
Control Building	Complete
Treatment Plant Shed	Complete
Treatment Plant Equipment	Installation complete, commissioning commenced
Clear Water Storage	Complete
Treatment Plant Site works	In progress, pipework complete
Upgrading of Switchboards	Showgrounds and Whitaker Road Bores complete. Building switchboard complete
	Mudlo and Running Creek Bore awaiting installation
Control System	Semi automatic system complete awaiting commissioning, SCADA

Upgrade of Wide Bay Creek Pump	and Alarm system being arranged. Complete
Pipeline to Reservoir	Complete
Mudlo Running Creek Bores	Equipment obtained, bore programmed for installation

Work is proceeding well with anticipated final cost within budget estimates and complete by late November 2009.

**W21/11/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

13/5	Goomeri Water Softener
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Re: **W22/11/09** Goomeri Water Softener  
 From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein  
 File:  
 Date: 28 October 2009

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

The water treatment plant at Goomeri has a water softener to reduce the hardness of the water. Without softening the water quality with respect to hardness is above guideline limits. The guideline limits are not health related. They are based on scaling characteristics of the water.

The softener wastes a substantial quantity of water for back-flushing. The media in the softener is nearing the end of its effective life and will need replacement in the near future. When the media is nearing the end of its useful life it is not as effective and more back-flushing is required to regenerate the softener resulting in more wastage of water.

The cost to replace the media is approximately \$15,000.00.

In the past when supply was critical and water softener was not used there were complaints from some consumers with respect to the hardness.

As the water situation is still critical it is considered that the water softener should be turned off. It is also considered that allowance should be made in the 2010/2011 budget for new media for the softener.

W22/11/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

**Recommend that the Goomeri water softener be turned off and the residents be advised that in order to conserve water the water softener at the treatment plant in Goomeri has been decommissioned. The matter will be reassessed in six months.**

**Carried**

## **SECTION 14: WATER & SEWERAGE DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr Schiefelbein left the meeting at 10.07am.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.07am.

### **RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

The Meeting resumed at 10.24am.

General Manager Works – Eastern Division – Mr G Ingham entered the meeting at 10.24am.

## **SECTION 5: WORKS - EASTERN DIVISION**

### **5/1 Monthly Rural Maintenance Report**

Re: **W23/11/09** Monthly Rural Maintenance Report  
 From: Works Department Manager – G. Ingham.  
 File: FF94/00018  
 Date: 20 October 2009

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

#### **Strategic Implications**

Corporate Plan: Nil

Budget: Nil. Activities undertaken as part of 2009/10 maintenance budget.

Legal/Statutory: Nil

Risk: Nil

**Overview**

Continual dry weather has shifted priority from unsealed road grading to unsealed shoulder grading. An extensive shoulder grading programme is underway.

Tractor Slashing has not occurred over the last 3 months due to dry weather and slow vegetation growth. Vegetation Management carried out on Randwick Road. A separate report on vegetation control is included in this agenda.

**Works Summary****Routine maintenance activities****Programmed maintenance grading**

- Greendale Road
- Paff Road
- Diggings Road
- Reinke Road
- Little Road
- Portas Road
- Geiger Road
- Madill Road
- Glastonbury Creek Road
- Anderleigh Road
- Anderleigh Road Shoulders
- Neerdie Road
- Fosters Lane
- Roberts Road
- Sorensen Road
- Winns Road
- Doels Road
- Domans Road
- Jenkins Road
- Scotchy Pocket Road

**Drainage Repairs**

- Randwick Road
- Rush Road
- Opal Court
- Dan Murant Road
- Hill Road
- Melbern Road

**Bridge works carried out**

- Routine Maintenance East
- Gear Bridge Cedar Pocket
- Horton Road
- Sorensen Bridge Cedar Pocket

**Sorensen Bridge**

Bridge was closed over the weekend of 17/18<sup>th</sup> October to allow a girder to be replaced. Alternative routes were provided and road users notified of impending road closure. The bridge deck was repaired on completion. Project was successfully completed in a short time frame to minimise effects on travelling public.

**Sealed Road Pavement Repairs**

It is expected that sealed pavement repairs will increase with the onset of wet weather.

- East Deep Creek Road
- Bacon Road
- Cedar Pocket Road
- Grice Crescent
- Derrilin Drive

W23/11/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

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

**Carried**

5/2

Job Construction Report
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Re: **W24/11/09** Job Construction Report  
 From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division - GC Ingham  
 File: FF94/00018  
 Date: 26 October 2009

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

Construction Projects have progressed well with an extended period of fine weather and have been managed effectively with limited resources.

**LAKE ALFORD – ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND PROJECT**

The car park and associated road works are nearing completion. New traffic signs and road marking will be undertaken in the following month with the intention of having the car park and revised works in operation for the Christmas Holiday period.

**110 EMPEROR STREET STORMWATER UPGRADE**



Job successfully completed.

#### RAINBOW BEACH STORMWATER UPGRADE

The works includes installing twin-cell 1200mm dia stormwater pipe culvert, installing stormwater catching pits, relocating existing sewer services, altering existing water services and reinstating roadway.

Residents will be notified of disruptions and traffic accommodated in accordance with plans. The stormwater outfall has been completed and sewer line relocated. Work has commenced on stormwater pipes.

#### SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT – STORAGE PONDS

The works include constructing water storage ponds at Sewerage Treatment Plants located at Cooloola Cove, Rainbow Beach, and Tin Can Bay.

Cooloola Cove water storage pond earthworks have been completed. Work has started at Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay.

#### IAN ALLEN SUBDIVISION

Council undertaking subdivision off existing subdivision for Mr Ian Allen located Channel Court, Pie Creek.

Works include earthworks, placing 250mm gravel pavement, 300mm RCP stormwater pipe, Culvert, two driveway access, and bitumen seal.

Earthworks are underway.

#### JELLY ROAD SUBDIVISION

Job successfully completed.

#### IAN CAULLEY SUBDIVISION

Council has commenced subdivision works for Mr Ian Caulley located at 17 Ilga Road, The Dawn.

The works include earthworks, drainage, placing 250mm gravel pavement, installing property accesses and 7.0m formation bitumen seal.

Earthworks have been completed.

#### DART STREET – SUBDIVISION

The works involve preparing Council owned property for subdivision. The works include allotment fill, inter allotment drainage, connecting water and sewerage services, planting trees and topsoiling and grassing the affected land.

Allotment fill and drainage works has been successfully completed with minor tidy up works still in progress.

#### REGAN ROAD WIDENING

Works are located on Regan Road between Fernvale Drive and Lawson Road.

The works include clearing and grubbing, bulk earthworks, placing gravel pavement, bitumen sealing, reinstating property accesses, erecting new and existing signage and installing road edge guide posts.

Clearing and grubbing has commenced.

#### BUSBY STREET – REHABILITATION

The works involved reconstructing kerb and channel on the south-western side of Busby Street, upgrading and installing new stormwater infrastructure and reprofiling both Thomas Street and Amamoor Street.

Job successfully completed.

#### ANDERLEIGH ROAD – BITUMEN SEAL CH:9030 to CH:10000

The works start at the end of the existing bitumen seal at Ch9030 to Ch10000.

The works involved shaping existing gravel road and placing 250mm gravel pavement, bitumen seal, installing reinforced pipe culverts and reinforced concrete box culvert, erecting warning signage and road edge guide posts.

Project successfully completed.

#### BONNICK ROAD WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

The works involved upgrading of stormwater drainage diversion located at the Bonnick Road Waste Management Facility. The works include earthworks, laying of RCP 2100mm dia pipe approximately 360 metres.

Stormwater pipe successfully in place.

Work on sewer line about to start. Involves approximately 500m of 300mm dia pvc sewer line.

Earthworks commenced on new cell.

**EAST DEEP CREEK ROAD – WIDENING**

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

Project completed.

**UPCOMING PROJECTS**

- Berrie Street / Ada Street / Power Street intersection upgrade
- Mt Pleasant Road / John Street intersection upgrade
- Nash Gully stormwater upgrade
- Monkland Quarry Weigh bridge installation

**W24/11/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt**

**Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson**

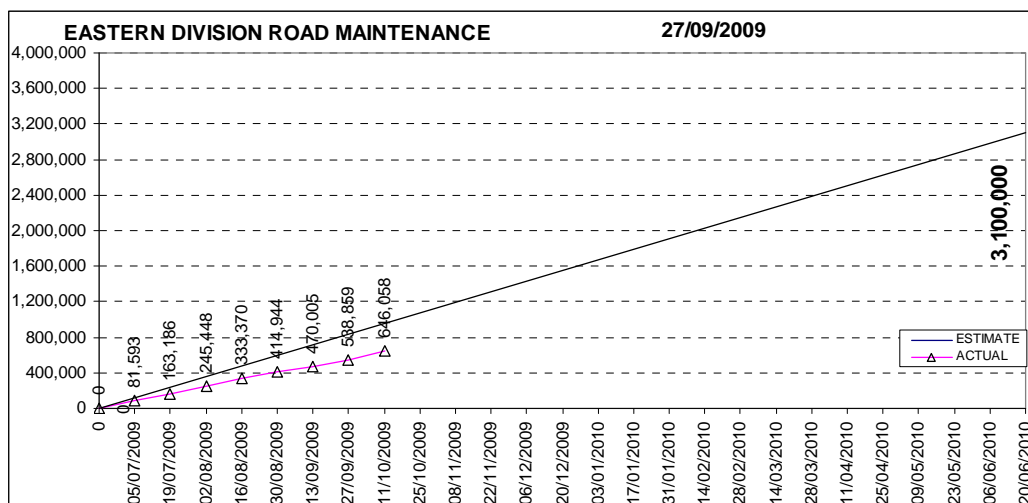
**Recommend that the Job Construction Report, as presented, be received.**

**Carried**

**5/3 Works Department Maintenance Reports**

Re: **W25/11/09** Works Department Maintenance Reports  
 From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division - GC Ingham  
 File: WR94/00018  
 Date: 26 October 2009

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



W25/11/09 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

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

**Carried**

5/4	Works Cost Statement – Eastern Divisions
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### **WORKS COST STATEMENT**

W26/11/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

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

**Carried**

5/5	Rural Road Maintenance – Vegetation Control
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Re: **W27/11/09** Rural Road Maintenance – Vegetation Control  
 From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division – GC Ingham  
 File:  
 Date: 23 October 2009

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

#### **Strategic Implications**

Corporate Plan: Nil  
 Budget: Provided within overall road maintenance budget  
 Legal/Statutory: Duty of care, budget permitting  
 Risk: Reduced visibility/hazard for drivers

Gympie Regional Council maintains a road network of 2362km excluding roads maintained for Main Roads under contract. Keeping these roads free of vegetation is an important and significant part of the road maintenance operation comprising of over 10% of the overall budget.

Roadside slashing comprises the largest portion of the vegetation control budget. Council endeavours to intervene and slash roadsides when the grass/vegetation

reaches 500mm. In most circumstances a 1 slasher width beyond the centre of the table drain is sufficient. On sealed roads the edge marker posts need to be clear of vegetation and visible. Slashing is only undertaken where practical, i.e. where a tractor mounted slasher can operate safely and effectively. In certain circumstances works may undertake slashing beyond 1 width on the inside of road bends to improve visibility. In the summer months the slashing activity increases significantly with associated vegetation growth.

Road Envelope – Works endeavour to keep a road envelope of 4.5m high and 2.5m from the road edge clear from vegetation. This is not always possible or practical, i.e. with flora and fauna corridors. Larger vegetation is pruned back to ensure the road envelope is kept clear. On the inside of corners vegetation may be taken back further than 2.5m to improve visibility.

Hazardous trees – Works is sometimes notified of potentially hazardous trees within the road reserve. Works inspects these trees and determines whether any pruning or cutting needs to take place. Often entire trees are taken down.

Spraying – Council spray (poison) vegetation with environmental friendly products to control growth where practical i.e. around edge marker posts.

**W27/11/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Recommend that the report be received.**

**Carried**

## **SECTION 6: WORKS EASTERN DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr Ingham left the meeting at 10.31am.

Parks Manager Mr E French entered the meeting at 10.31am.

## **SECTION 7: WORKS - PARKS**

### **7/1 Parks Monthly Report**

Re: **W28/11/09** Parks Monthly Report  
 From: Parks Manager - Ed French  
 File: EP94/00008  
 Date: 26 October 2009

**Report: (Parks Manager – E. French)**

**Maintenance Works**

Staff have undertaken some parks maintenance works such as painting of the small shelters at Imbil Memorial Park, playground equipment repairs and minor improvements. If current weather patterns continue, parks staff will undertake priority capital improvement projects and asset maintenance works.

**Tree/vegetation pruning and removals**

A Parks team has re-started a major programme of pruning and tree removals in parks and urban road reserves, as well as vegetation related works requested by the Water & Sewerage Division. This team will now remain on these works for approximately 6 weeks.

**Coastal Erosion**

Parks staff have undertaken the majority of the rebuilding of pedestrian access paths on to swimming reserve at Lions Park Rainbow Beach, and will complete the project in November, as resources permit.

**Fire Management**

Parks staff will be attending the Rainbow Beach Fire Committee on the 27<sup>th</sup> October. Discussions with relevant stakeholders within the Rainbow Beach community regarding fire management issues will be discussed. Matters relating to Cooloola Cove will also be raised with some stakeholders following this meeting.

Due to past & existing workloads, staff have not been able to undertake the required investigations and subsequent issuing of notices to property owners adjacent to encroachments on Council controlled lands in Cooloola Cove and Rainbow Beach. This will be a priority for November and December work programmes.

**Football Gympie funded improvements**

The initial works for improvements to Field 1 at One Mile Ovals are almost complete, with areas of turf on high wear areas to be laid before the end of October.

**CRDB Office Pedestrian Access Path**

The plans for the proposed works have been referred to the Access Committee for comments. Start on the works may now be in November 2009.

**Rainbow Beach Entry Statement**

A number of volunteers from the Rainbow Beach community undertook landscaping works at the new Rainbow Beach Entry sign to further improve the effectiveness of the sign and aesthetics of the immediate surrounds. Works included the planting of turf and a number of advanced plants, of which the Rainbow Beach Chamber of Commerce have contributed \$1000 towards the

purchase of. Council officers will investigate the provision of a small automated irrigation system to service the new plantings.

Staff will liaise with the Rainbow Beach community for other parks and gardening related works that volunteers can assist Council with.

#### **RLCIP & other Federal Stimulus funding projects**

Staff from a number of Council Directorates are investigating a list of possible projects and packages to present to Council for upcoming Australian Government funding. Advice from Federal Government representatives indicates that funding applications may be called for within the next two months.

#### **PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

##### **Cod Street Shelter Replacement – Tin Can Bay Performance Shelter**

Awaiting approval and costing of interpretative signage.

##### **Gympie Regional All Abilities Play Space**

The car park and associated road works are nearing completion. The landscaping/planting of the eastern embankment adjacent to the new car park, and removal/transfer of the adjacent stockpiled material will be undertaken in November.

It is anticipated that the new car park will be open for the Christmas holidays.

The final approval of the play space design is still to be obtained from the Department of Community Services.

Council staff are awaiting Council approval of a policy relating to sponsorship and contributions from private and commercial interests to Council projects such as the All Abilities project prior to actively seeking partnerships with companies, groups and individuals.

##### **Memorial Park Rotunda - Gympie**

With the inclusion of the Memorial Park Rotunda and gardens on the Heritage Register, staff are investigating the implications this may have on the proposed works.

##### **Australian Government Funded Parks- Managed Projects**

Parks staff will ensure that the Parks-managed projects to be inspected, as part of the opening ceremony for the Australian Government Stimulus projects to be held on the 10 November, present well.

**W28/11/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

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

**Carried**





**Report:(Parks Manager – E. French)**

W29/10/09 in part: *“Further that the Parks Manager report back to the Works Committee with recommendations for funding of further improvement works in the Imbil Memorial Park.”*

With the possibility of further Australian Government Stimulus funding being available in the near future, it would be beneficial to have a large number of possible community infrastructure improvement projects “shovel ready”. It would be of advantage that further Imbil Memorial Park improvements be funded under such programmes.

To facilitate the timely preparation of designs, undertake a short but comprehensive community consultation and to include other issues of importance to the Imbil community and the further development of the Memorial Park, it would be advisable for the following to be undertaken;

- Formation of a working group to investigate and undertake community consultation on the park site issues, possible streetscape improvements, and Imbil Markets location & requirements.
- Appointment of a suitably qualified/experienced landscape architect to produce designs and required documentation to enable costing of the project
- Investigation of suitable models of delivery for the project to maximize the input of local resources, training programmes and labour.

It is recommended that, given the community issues of interest and works involved, the Chairpersons of the Works Committee and the Sport, Recreation & Parks Committee and Cr Julie Walker represent Council on the proposed Working Group, with Council’s Design Manager, Strategic Planning Manager and Parks Manager also included. The involvement of Mary Valley Inc would also be beneficial with the work this organisation has undertaken.

It is proposed that the Working Group would consult with community organisations such as the Imbil Scouts (organisers of the Imbil Markets), Mary Valley Heritage Railway and other groups or persons as deemed necessary or beneficial.

The Working Group would be responsible for ensuring that a concept design, with cost estimations, that best meets Council’s and the Imbil community’s interests is available for Council’s consideration for application for Australian Jobs Funding or similar Australian Government funding programmes.

To fund the cost of a landscape architect to undertake the necessary works, it is proposed that a sum of up to \$8000 be allocated from the Imbil Parks Contributions, of which there are approximately \$35,000 unallocated. The expenditure of these funds to improve Council’s ability to attract outside funding and to do so within a short time frame is considered well justified.

W31/11/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

**Recommend that an Imbil Memorial Park Improvements Working Group be formed to:**

- Investigate and undertake community consultation on the park site issues, possible streetscape improvements, and Imbil Markets location & requirements.
- Recommend the appointment of a suitably qualified/experienced landscape architect to produce designs and required documentation to enable costing of the project
- Investigation of suitable models of delivery for the project to maximize the input of local resources, training programmes and labour

**Further, that Council appoint and or invite the following persons to the Working Group:**

- Chairperson of the Works Committee
- Chairperson of the Sport, Recreation & Parks Committee
- Cr Walker
- Council's Design Manager, Strategic Planning Manager & Parks Manager or their delegates
- Representatives of Mary Valley Inc.

**Further, that Council allocates \$8 000 from the Imbil Parks Contributions for the cost of producing a concept design including cost estimates for construction/implementation of proposed new works in Imbil Memorial Park and if funds permit, the adjacent streetscape and an alternative Imbil Markets location and infrastructure should investigations/community consultation direct.**

**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**

<b>SECTION 8: WORKS – PARKS – GENERAL BUSINESS</b>
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Mr French left the meeting at 10.41am.

General Manager Works – Western Division – Mr G Curry entered the meeting at 10.41am.

Cr Engeman left the meeting at 10.41am.

## **SECTION 9: WORKS – WESTERN DIVISION**

9/1 Works Cost Statement – Western Divisions

### **WORKS COST STATEMENT**

**W32/11/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson**

**Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

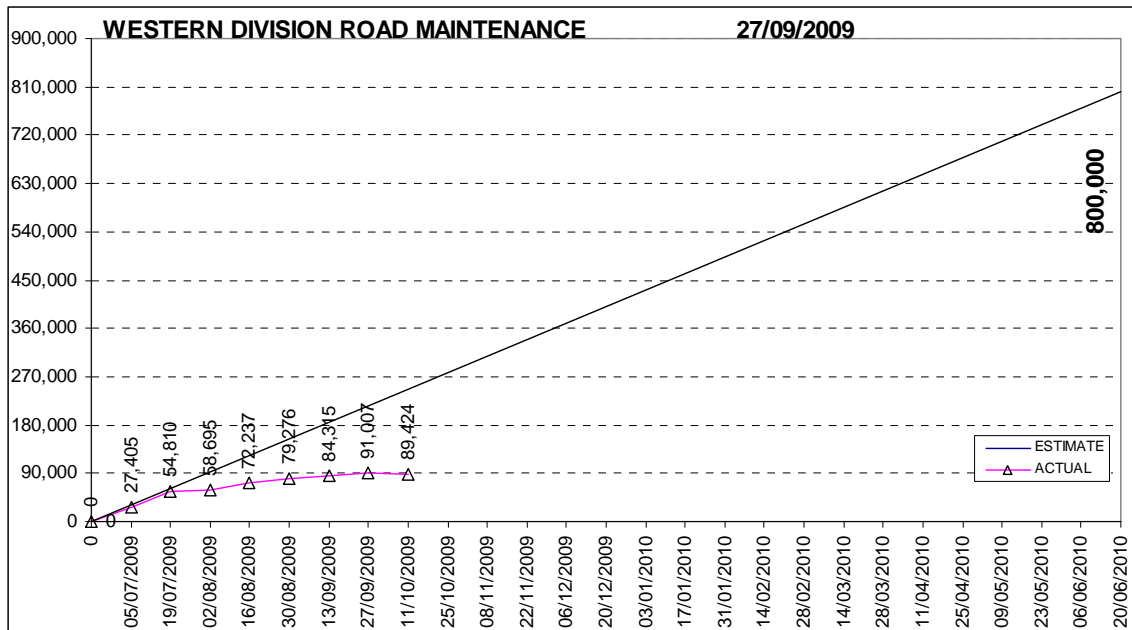
**Recommend that the Road Maintenance, Road Construction and Road Contribution sections of the Works Cost Statement, as presented, be received.**

**Carried**

9/2 Works Department Maintenance Reports

Re: **W33/11/09** Works Department Maintenance Reports  
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – GG Curry  
File: WR94/00018  
Date: 26 October 2009

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



**W33/11/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen**

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

**Carried**

**9/3 Road Maintenance Report**

Re: **W34/11/09** Road Maintenance Report  
 From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry  
 File:  
 Date: 27 October 2009

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

Road Maintenance  
**Sexton Road:** Sections graded

**W34/11/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Recommend that the Road Maintenance Report, Western Division, be received.**

**Carried**

9/4	Job Construction Report
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Re: **W35/11/09** Job Construction Report  
 From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry  
 File:  
 Date: 27 October 2009

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

**Munna Miva Road**

Construction of a section of Munna Miva Road to a sealed standard. Bitumen sealing is planned for 28 October 2009, weather permitting.

**Main Roads Network**

Pavement repairs in preparation for the reseal program on the Bauple – Woolooga Road have been completed.

Pavement repairs in preparation for the reseal program on the Gympie – Woolooga Road have been completed.

Grading of the unsealed section of the Gympie Woolooga Road has been undertaken.

**W35/11/09**      **Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson**                      **Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Recommend that the Job Construction Report – Western Division, as presented, be received.**

**Carried**

9/5	Gympie Sewerage Treatment Plant
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Re: **W36/11/09** Gympie Sewerage Treatment Plant  
 From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry  
 File:  
 Date: 27 October 2009

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

**Strategic Implications**

Corporate Plan	Outcome 2.1
	Outcome 3.1

Operational Plan	Outcome 3.3
Budget	Sub program 6.4 Capital Works – Sewerage
Legal / Statutory	\$22,000,000
Risks	Funding agreement with State Environmental Compliance
	Environmental
	Financial
	Contractual

Works to Flowmeter Pit No. 1 and the bioreactor are in progress.

**Payments to August (GST exc)**

Variations to date	\$102, 030.91
Adjusted contract value	\$19, 242, 818.15
Value of completed to date	\$369, 600.60
Date for practical completion	11 March 2011

**W36/11/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

**Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson**

**Recommend that the above report be received.**

**Carried**

9/6	Report on Waste Projects
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Re: **W37/11/09** Report on Waste Projects  
 From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry  
 File:  
 Date: 27 October 2009

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

**Bonnick Road**

Installation of 2100mm dia reinforced concrete pipes is complete and construction of personnel access chambers is well advanced. Backfilling of the trench has commenced. It is planned to install a trunk sewer in the trench with the balance of backfilling to continue after the sewer installation. Filling of the transfer station and hardstand has commenced.

Excavation of the new land fill cell is underway.

**Cooloola Cove Transfer Station**

An offer and clarification of the offer for the Bayside Road Pit site have been received from the Department of Environment and Resource Management, and Council has declined the offer. The Mayor has written on two occasions to the Hon Kate Jones MP Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability seeking to have a re - assignment of the lease land from Gravel to Transfer Station.

Should the appeal to the Minister not be successful Council will need to determine whether it wishes to accept the conditions of the previously declined Department of Environment and Resource Management offer; if the Department is willing to accept a late acceptance.

A consultancy for the design of the transfer station at Cooloola Cove has been advertised and will close in the near future.

Cr G. Engeman returned to the meeting at 10.45am.

**W37/11/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Recommend that the above report be received.**

**Further that the matter be referred to the Mayor to finalise negotiations for the Bayside Road Transfer Station site.**

**Carried**

## **SECTION 10: WORKS WESTERN DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr Curry left the meeting at 10.49am.

Lands Protection Manager Mr M Webb entered the meeting at 10.49am.

## **SECTION 11: WORKS - LAND PROTECTION**

**11/1 Land Protection Monthly Report**

Re: **W38/11/09** Land Protection Monthly Report

From: Lands Protection Manager – Mr M Webb

File:

Date: 26 October 2009

**Report: (Land Protection Manager – M Webb)**

**Herbicide Spraying:**

Continued, hot, dry weather has restricted weed growth but spray crews have reported finding young Groundsel seedlings on some Council roads. These have been sprayed.

**Declared Weeds:**

The latest round of warning letters relating to the control of Giant Rats Tail Grass have been issued. Inspections have indicated that approximately 60% of landholders contacted in the first round have commenced some sort of control measures, including filling out a property management plan. Several others have contacted Lands Protection Officers to discuss their problem and to seek advice on how to implement a control programme.

Groundsel Bush remains a problem in some areas. Even though there is an increased focus on Giant Rats Tail Grass, staff are maintaining their efforts in the control and inspections and compliance on Groundsel and other declared weeds throughout the region.

**Declared Animals:**

The co-ordinated 1080 baiting campaign for the control of wild dogs in the Eastern Division has been successfully completed with 150 Landholders participating, covering 21 syndicated baiting areas. Parts of four state forests and Q.P.W.S lands as well as part of the Tin Can Bay Army training area were also baited. The results of the campaign will not be known for a couple of months, but experience from previous programs has shown that organised syndicated baiting is a very useful tool in the control of wild dogs.

One area which could be improved is the participation of State Government Agencies in the campaign. Many of the properties that currently carry out baiting campaigns adjoin State Forest or National Parks and if these areas are not baited at the same time, they provide a safe haven for wild dogs to live in and from which to launch further predatory attacks on stock after the effects of the baiting campaign have abated.

As mentioned above, we have had co-operation from some area of forestry and parks but more is needed to enhance the success of the current baiting programme. Although there is some cost to Council and a considerable amount of work involved for Lands Protection Officers and baiting syndicate co-ordinators, I believe the effort is well worthwhile. The threat of wild dog attacks is on the increase and every effort should be made to support the responsible use of 1080 as a means of control.

Rabbits are still plentiful although we have had some good results with the release of the Calisi Virus on several properties in the Western Division. Each of the properties reported a significant decrease in their rabbit populations. With the current shortage of good quality green feed, now is probably a good time to try to



trap rabbits to be used as carriers of the virus or to bait them. They will take bait more readily and fresh, green feed is a source of Vitamin K, which is an antidote for Pindone, one of the more commonly used rabbit poisons.

**W38/11/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

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

**Carried**

11/2	<b>Council Pest Management Plan</b>
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Re: **W39/11/09 Council Pest Management Plan**  
 From: Lands Protection Manager – M.J. Webb  
 File:  
 Date: 27 October 2009

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

Council has an obligation under the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002, to have in place a plan for the management of all pests within its geographic area. Prior to amalgamation, the three former local government areas of Cooloola, Kilkivan and Tiaro, each had its own Pest Management plan. These individual plans are still current but are all due to expire in June 2010.

Council Officers have done some preliminary work in producing a Pest Management Plan for Gympie Regional Council and we are about to commence the next part of the process. As a result of the three former Councils working fairly closely together in producing the existing plans, much of the required information is already available.

As part of the process, we are required to form a working group made up of Council Officers and at least one Councillor, representatives from producer groups and Natural Resource Management and environmental groups and individual stakeholders from rural industries. As well we need to consult with State Government agencies such as D.P.I and Forestry, Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland Rail, Bio – Security Queensland and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. This group will provide input to the draft plan and will review the plan before its adoption and sign - off by the Minister.

Due to the number of stakeholders in the region, it is proposed to form two working groups. The first group will be a sustainable production working group which will comprise representatives from Council, the producer groups and

individual producers. The second group will be an environmental pest working group comprised of representatives from Council (most probably the same as for the production) and representatives from the various N.R.M and environmental groups from throughout the Council area.

It is anticipated that the process will take between three to six months to produce a draft copy of the new plan.

**W39/11/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson**

**Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Recommend that the report, as presented, be received and that Council appoint its representatives - Cr A.J. Perrett to be on the Sustainable Production Group and Cr G. Engeman on the Environmental Pest Group.**

**Carried**

**SECTION 12: WORKS - LAND PROTECTION - GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr Webb left the meeting at 11.00am.

**SECTION 15: ATTACHMENTS**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.01am.**

CONFIRMED THIS *ELEVENTH* DAY OF *NOVEMBER* 2009.

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Cr L.J. Friske  
Chairman