



# **MINUTES**

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

**CHAIRMAN: Cr A Perrett**

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

**On Wednesday, 11 November 2009, following the  
General Meeting.**

**For Adoption at the  
General Meeting  
To be held on the 25 November 2009**

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

**APPOINTMENTS etc.**  
**Nil**

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The meeting commenced at 11.15am.

**PRESENT:** Cr A Perrett (*Committee Chairman*), Crs D Neilson, J Watt, G Engeman, R Gâté, J Walker, I Petersen, Mr K Mason (Chief Executive Officer), Mr I Wolff (Health & Environmental Services Co-ordinator) and Mrs V Knight (Minutes Secretary).

## **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

G15/09/09 – Cr R Dyne (Mayor) – Leave of Absence  
G01/11/09 – Cr L Friske – Leave of Absence

## **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS**

Nil

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

CS01/11/09 **Moved:** Cr R Gâté

**Seconded:** Cr D Neilson

**That the Minutes of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on the 14 October 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.**

**Carried**

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

1/1 Health & Environmental Services Report - October 2009

**Re:** CS02/11/09 Health & Environmental Services Report - October 2009  
**From:** Health & Environmental Services Co-ordinator – Mr I Wolff  
**File:** CG98/0014  
**Date:** 4 November 2009

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

### **IMMUNISATIONS**

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

General

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

These arrangements should ensure that residents have ready access to immunisation treatments. Immunisations were administered for the period 28 September 2009 – 30 October 2009 as follows:

Injections: 205

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Queensland Health has advised Council of the following case of notifiable disease currently being treated by local medical practitioners between 1 October 2009 – 25 October 2009.

| <u>Disease</u>          | <u>Location</u>  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Campylobacter Enteritis | Gympie           |
| Campylobacter Enteritis | Wolvi            |
| Barmah Forest Virus     | Rainbow Beach    |
| Pertussis               | Gympie (3 cases) |
| Pertussis               | Lagoon Pocket    |
| Pertussis               | Long Flat        |
| Pertussis               | The Palms        |
| Pertussis               | Tin Can Bay      |
| Ross River Virus        | Gympie           |
| Ross River Virus        | Cooloola Cove    |
| Salmonella, specified   | Gympie           |

WATER SAMPLES

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

| <b>Location</b>                                    | <b>Total</b> |
|--|--------------|
| Gympie reticulated water supply                    | 9            |
| Imbil reticulated water supply                     | 2            |
| Kandanga reticulated water supply                  | 2            |
| Amamoor reticulated water supply                   | 2            |
| Rainbow Beach reticulated water supply             | 5            |
| Tin Can Bay/Cooloola Cove reticulated water supply | 7            |
| Kilkivan reticulated water supply                  | 2            |
| Goomeri reticulated water supply                   | 2            |
| Gympie War Memorial Swimming Pool                  | 2            |
| Kandanga Swimming Pool                             | 1            |
| Tin Can Bay Swimming Pool                          | 3            |
| Kilkivan Swimming Pool                             | 1            |
| Goomeri Swimming Pool                              | 2            |

### Reticulated Water Supply

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

### Public Swimming Pools

One (1) sample taken from the Tin Can Bay Variable Depth Pool revealed a high standard plate count and the presence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* therefore, the sample did not comply with the *Queensland Health Swimming and Spa Pool Water Quality and Operations Guidelines 2004*.

The analysis results indicated that no *E coli* was detected in the sample.

Corrective action was taken and further sampling was carried out.

Analysis of this subsequent sample indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *Queensland Health Swimming and Spa Pool Water Quality and Operations Guidelines 2004*.

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

### FOOD

*(Food Act 2006)*

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

During the month of October 2009 the Community Services Directorate issued Food Business Licences to three (3) new businesses being conducted within the region.

As of 31 October 2009, there are 309 licensed food businesses operating in the Gympie Regional Council area.

### STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS

*(Dangerous Good Safety Management Regulation 2001)*

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

As of 31 October 2009, there are 58 premises in the Gympie Regional Council area licensed to store flammable and combustible liquids in accordance with the *Dangerous Goods Safety Management Regulation 2001*.

#### ENVIRONMENTALLY RELEVANT ACTIVITIES (*Environmental Protection Act 1994*)

During the period Environmental Health Officers conducted routine inspections of registered Environmentally Relevant Activities (ERAs) and continued to assist operators in achieving compliance with the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Council's Community Service Directorate is continuing to receive and process Annual Returns in relation to ERAs conducted within the Gympie Regional Council area. Registration Certificates will be reissued in due course to the registered operators of ERAs in order to reflect the changes to ERA definitions set out in the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008*.

Further, Council's Community Services Directorate has notified the operators of certain activities that their operations are no longer defined as ERAs. Council's Community Services Directorate continues to assist these operators by providing information about the legislative changes and compliance with development conditions.

As of 31 October 2009, there are 183 Environmentally Relevant Activities regulated by the Gympie Regional Council pursuant to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

#### PUBLIC AMENITIES

##### Contracts for the Provision of Cleaning Services – Cooloola Coast and Gympie

Tenders were recently advertised for contracts to provide cleaning services to Council's Public Toilet Amenities located at:

- Tin Can Bay / Cooloola Cove / Rainbow Beach (Contract 2009/10-T03)
- Gympie – Central Area (Contract 2009/10-T23)
- Gympie – Surrounding Area (Contract 2009/10-T24)

Certain gatekeeping duties have been incorporated into each contract.

Each contract will be for a period of two (2) years with the option of extension for a further one (1) year subject to the contract conditions.

Tenders close 2:00 pm on Tuesday, 24 November 2009.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

Operations at Council's Waste Management Facilities progressed satisfactorily during the period.

Building Waste Disposal Charges

In accordance with Minute CS12/09/09, on Monday, 2 November 2009 Council's Community Services Directorate commenced implementation of the new charging structure for the disposal of building (including construction and demolition) waste at Council's Southside and Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facilities.

**CS02/11/09 Moved: Cr J Watt**

**Seconded: Cr J Walker**

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

**Carried**

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| 1/2 | Fees and Charges for the Disposal of Construction and Demolition Waste |
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Re: **CS03/11/09** Fees and Charges for the Disposal of Construction and Demolition Waste  
 From: Corbet Transport Industries, 114 Noosa Road, Gympie Qld 4570  
 File: 2/9/02/0003 – DOC ID 1077876  
 Date: 5 October 2009

*"I am writing in reply to notice of changes to "Charges for the Disposal of Building Waste" of 2 October 2009. I am fully in support of this concept particularly in relation to the ban on waste from outside areas being dumped at Gympie Regional facilities and hope that this will be strictly policed.*

*However, I believe there is a significant anomaly in the new charges in respect of the fact that the majority of house-site cleanups carried out by ourselves, and I would believe many other contractors, is delivered in 8m<sup>3</sup> tippers because of the efficiency in size. If a 6m<sup>3</sup> truck is used many site cleanups would entail a second part load to complete the task, which would create more traffic congestion on our roads and be a substantial cost burden to builders and home owners.*

*Could I suggest to Council that the rate for this common size truck be adjusted pro-rata ie say \$135.00.*

*I await your advice."*



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

The above correspondence has been received from a local business operator raising concerns about the way charges are now imposed for the disposal of construction and demolition waste at selected Waste Management Facilities in the former Cooloola Shire Council area.

The writer is suggesting that a pro-rata charging system apply for the disposal of these types of waste.

Council considered the matter of charges for the disposal of construction and demolition waste at its Community Services and Economic Development Committee meeting held in September 2009.

Gympie Regional Council Minute CS12/09/09 appears below.

Minute CS12/09/09 refers:

RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL AUTHORISE THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO OBTAIN A NOISE REPORT IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED TRANSFER STATION SITE AT BONNICK ROAD.

FURTHER THAT COUNCIL AUTHORISE THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:-

- (A) TO APPLY TO DERM FOR A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE TRANSFER STATION SITE AT BONNICK ROAD, GYMPIE.
- (B) TO ADVISE DERM THAT THE BONNICK ROAD WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY WILL BE OPEN FROM 8.00AM TO 5.00PM AND THAT THE FACILITY BE OPEN SEVEN (7) DAYS PER WEEK.

FURTHER THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE FOLLOWING FEES AND CHARGES FOR DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE:-

| CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE                    |            |
|--|------------|
| VEHICLES UP TO 3M <sup>3</sup> (INCLUDING SKIP BINS) | \$ 50.00   |
| VEHICLES UP TO 6M <sup>3</sup> (INCLUDING SKIP BINS) | \$100.00   |
| VEHICLES UP TO 12M <sup>3</sup>                      | \$200.00   |
| SEMI PER LOAD – UP TO 25M <sup>3</sup>               | \$400.00   |
| MIXED LOAD – PER SEMI LOAD – UP TO 25M <sup>3</sup>  | \$1,000.00 |

AND THAT

- 1 CHANGES TO OPENING HOURS AT BONNICK ROAD WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AND AMENDED FEES FOR CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE 2 NOVEMBER 2009;

- 2 THE MATTER OF FEES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE AS LISTED ABOVE BE REFERRED TO COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL DIRECTORATE FOR INCLUSION AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2009/10 FEES AND CHARGES.

AND THAT COUNCIL NOTE THAT THE ACTING 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.

In accordance with this Minute, the above fees for the disposal of construction and demolition waste commenced on Monday, 2 November 2009.

A considerable amount of resources have gone into preparing for this new pricing structure in terms of changing signage at facilities, advertising changes in local media, notifying businesses known to be affected by the pricing changes (via correspondence) and having new waste docket books printed for the on-site recyclers at the affected facilities.

Any further changes to the previously adopted fees and charges for the disposal of construction and demolition waste will consume additional Council resources.

A pro-rata system of charging for disposal is not recommended as the current system relies upon Council's contractors at its waste management facilities collecting information for charging users.

CS03/11/09 Moved: Cr D Neilson

Seconded: Cr R Gâté

**Recommend that Council advise the writer that Council will levy charges for the disposal of construction and demolition waste as per Council Minute CS12/09/09.**

**From Monday, 2 November 2009 fees and charges for the disposal of construction and demolition waste are therefore as follows:**

**Construction and Demolition Waste**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Vehicles up to 3m <sup>3</sup> (including skip bins) | \$ 50.00   |
| Vehicles up to 6m <sup>3</sup> (including skip bins) | \$ 100.00  |
| Vehicles up to 12m <sup>3</sup>                      | \$ 200.00  |
| Semi per load – up to 25m <sup>3</sup>               | \$ 400.00  |
| Mixed load – per semi load – up to 25m <sup>3</sup>  | \$1,000.00 |

**Further that an additional category be added to the Construction and Demolition Waste Fees and Charges:-**

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Vehicles up to 9m <sup>3</sup> | \$ 150.00 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|

**And further that the amendment be referred to the Corporate Governance & Finance Directorate for inclusion in the 2009/10 Fees and Charges.**

**Carried**

1/3      **Bonnick Road Waste Management Facility – Request for Extension of Contract for the Provision of Gatekeeping and Recycling Services**

Re:      **CS04/11/09** Bonnick Road Waste Management Facility – Request for Extension of Contract for the Provision of Gatekeeping and Recycling Services

From:    Catherine Bowman and Amanda Bowman

File:     2/9/1/2 DOC ID 1079735

Date:     8 October 2009

*“We, CATHERINE BOWMAN and AMANDA BOWMAN (The Recycler) at the Bonnick Road Waste Management Facility, hereby apply for an extended term of our services for 12 months in accordance with Section 16.1 Item 5 of the current agreement between The Recycler and Gympie Regional Council (The Council).*

*We (The Recycler) propose to maintain the same remuneration and payment option as detailed in Item 3 of the Schedule contained within our current agreement with The Council.”*

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

The above request has been received from Council’s incumbent contractor at the Bonnick Road Waste Management Facility. The contractor is requesting an extension to the current formal arrangement for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at this facility.

This contract is due to expire on 30 November 2009.

Under the current arrangement, the contractor pays Council \$31,200.00 per annum (inclusive of GST if any) payable by successive monthly instalments of \$2,600.00 each month.

The contract has extension provisions incorporated and the Council reserves the right to renew to the agreement for an extended term of twelve (12) months.

The Bonnick Road Waste Management Facility is currently undergoing significant redevelopment with the construction of a new waste disposal cell and proposed new waste transfer station.

Waste disposal operations at this facility will ultimately vary pending completion of the construction of this new infrastructure.

Any extension to the current formal arrangement with the contractor for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services must take this into consideration this future variation to current operations.

Council further reserves the right to, at any time by written notice, terminate the agreement upon giving thirty (30) days notice.

CS04/11/09 Moved: Cr D Neilson

Seconded: Cr J Watt

**Recommend that Council extend the formal agreement with Catherine Bowman and Amanda Bowman for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services for a further period of up to a maximum of twelve (12) months commencing at 12:01 am on 1 December 2009.**

**This extension is subject to Catherine Bowman and Amanda Bowman paying Council \$2,600.00 (inclusive of GST if any) on 31 December 2009 and thereafter on the last day of each following month that they perform gatekeeping and recycling duties at this facility.**

**Further, that this contract extension is subject to Catherine Bowman and Amanda Bowman satisfactorily complying with all conditions specified in the existing formal agreement particularly those conditions relating to public liability insurance.**

**Further that Council reserves the right to, at any time by written notice, terminate the agreement upon giving thirty (30) days notice.**

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

**Carried**

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| 1/4 | Southside Waste Management Facility – Request for Extension of Contract for the Provision of Gatekeeping and Recycling Services |
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Re: **CS05/11/09** Southside Waste Management Facility – Request for Extension of Contract for the Provision of Gatekeeping and Recycling Services

From: Narelle Laffey and Darren Laffey, 72 Boyle Road, The Palms Qld 4570

File:

Date: 26 October 2009

*“I Narelle Laffey and Darren Laffey would like to extend our contract for a further 12 month basis at the Southside Facility due to the facility now a transfer station. We have noticed a difference since the 1<sup>st</sup> October so overall its about \$500 per month.*

*If the Council is willing to pay the overall lose per month And we pay no fee for lesing of Southside Refuse Tip for the next 12 month. If you have any questions please contact us on number's below.”*

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

The above request has been received from Council's incumbent contractor at the Southside Waste Management Facility. The contractor is requesting an extension to the current formal arrangement for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at this facility.

This contract is due to expire on 30 November 2009.

Under the current arrangement, the contractor pays Council \$3 000.00 per annum (inclusive of GST if any) payable by successive monthly instalments of \$250.00 each month.

The contract has extension provisions incorporated and the Council reserves the right to renew to the agreement for an extended term of twelve (12) months.

Since 1 October 2009, Council has ceased the landfilling of putrescible domestic waste at this facility and installed refuse transfer bins to cater for the disposal of small quantities (ie. a bag of rubbish) of putrescible waste from residents.

The incumbent contractor has indicated in their correspondence that they have experienced a loss of earnings of around \$500.00 per month since 1 October 2009.

In their extension request, the contractor is seeking payment from Council of \$500.00 per month to compensate for this loss of earnings. This has been confirmed verbally with the contractor.

A comparison of current remuneration arrangements at other waste management facilities where Council pays contractors to perform gatekeeping and recycling duties appears below for Council's consideration.

| <b>WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY (WMF)</b> | <b>OPENING ARRANGEMENTS</b>  | <b>REMUNERATION</b>   |
|--|--|---|
| Traveston Bin Site                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday/Tuesday/Friday 7:00am to 5:00 pm</li> <li>• Wednesday/Thursday – Closed</li> <li>• Saturday/Sunday 8:00am to 4:00pm</li> </ul> | Council pays contractor \$600.00 per month (\$7,200.00 per annum) |
| Mary Valley Transfer Station           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday/Tuesday/Friday 7:00am to 5:00 pm</li> <li>• Wednesday/Thursday – Closed</li> <li>• Saturday/Sunday 8:00am to 4:00pm</li> </ul> | Council pays contractor \$325.00 per month (\$3,900.00 per annum) |

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|------------------|---|---|
| Amamoor Bin Site | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday/Tuesday/Friday 7:00am to 5:00 pm</li> <li>• Wednesday/Thursday – Closed</li> <li>• Saturday/Sunday 8:00am to 4:00pm</li> </ul>  | Council pays contractor \$825.00 per month (\$9,900.00 per annum) |
| Sexton Bin Site  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday – 7:00am to 12 noon</li> <li>• Tuesday – Closed</li> <li>• Wednesday – 7:00am to 12 noon</li> <li>• Thursday – 7:00am to 12 noon</li> <li>• Friday – Closed</li> <li>• Saturday – 7:00am to 12 noon</li> <li>• Sunday – 12 noon to 5:00 pm</li> </ul> | Council pays contractor \$1,767 per month (\$21,200.00) per annum |

The current opening hours of Council's Southside Waste Management Facility are 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Sunday (inclusive) (5:30pm closure during the months of June, July and August).

This facility requires a full-time attendance by the contractor in order to record the disposal of construction and demolition waste brought to the facility in order for charges to be levied.

The request for payment for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at Council's Southside Waste Management Facility by the contractor for the extension period is reasonable and the amount sought (ie. \$500.00 per month) is not exorbitant given duties required of the contractor and attendance required at the facility.

The contractor has verbally advised that they are willing to negotiate if Council is not agreeable to this proposal for the extension period.

In the event of Council agreeing to the proposal from the incumbent for the extension period, Council must further authorise additional expenditure as payment to the recycler has not been catered for in Council's 2009/2010 budget.

CS05/11/09 Moved: Cr D Neilson

Seconded: Cr I Petersen

**Recommend that Council extend the formal agreement with Narelle Laffey and Darren Laffey for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at the Southside Waste Management Facility for a further period of up to a maximum of twelve (12) months commencing at 12:01 am on 1 December 2009.**

**Further that Council pay remuneration of \$250.00 per month and that Narelle Laffey and Darren Laffey do not pay the monthly fee of \$250.00 to Council for an extension period of up to twelve (12) months from the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009.**

**Further, that this contract extension is subject to Narelle Laffey and Darren Laffey satisfactorily complying with all conditions specified in the existing formal agreement particularly those conditions relating to public liability insurance.**

**Further, that Council authorise additional expenditure against ledger number 2610103 (Waste Management Facility Maintenance) to cater for this arrangement for the 2009/2010 financial year.**

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

**Carried**

*Mrs Heather Kelly, Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator and Mr Matt Allard, Youth Development Officer, entered the meeting at 11.45am. Mr Allard was introduced to Councillors by Mrs Kelly. After introductions Mrs Kelly and Mr Allard left the meeting.*

1/5

**Request for Extension of Contract for the Provision of Cleaning Services - Public Toilets (Mary Valley) and Caretaker Duties Imbil Caravan Park**

**Re: CS06/11/09 Request for Extension of Contract for the Provision of Cleaning Services – Public Toilets (Mary Valley) and Caretaker Duties Imbil Caravan Park**

**From: U Asked 4 It Commercial Cleaning, 7 Lindsay Street, Southside Qld 4570**

**Date: Undated**

*“Re: One Year Option on Contract for cleaning Public Toilets Imbil Caravan Park and Mary Valley Toilets.*





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|----|---|--|---|
|    | <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$924.00</b><br>(inc GST if applicable) | <b>\$48 048.00</b><br>(inc GST if applicable) |
| 3. | Additional Duties/Callouts:-<br>Fixed fee per callout |  | \$48.00<br>(inc GST if applicable)            |

The contractor has advised in their correspondence that because of rising costs over the last two (2) years from when the contract was established in 2007 an increase in fees is necessary.

A breakdown of the new fees for the provision of these services appears below.

| <b>Item No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                                    | <b>U Asked 4 It Cleaning Services</b>        |   |
|-----------------|---|--|---|
|                 |   | <b>Price per Week</b>                        | <b>Price per Annum (x 52)</b>                 |
| 1.              | Cleaning of Public Toilets – Mary Valley              | \$784.00<br>(inc GST if applicable)          | \$40 768.00<br>(inc GST if applicable)        |
| 2.              | Caretaking Duties – Imbil Caravan Park                | \$294.00<br>(inc GST if applicable)          | \$15 288.00<br>(inc GST if applicable)        |
|                 | <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$1 078.00</b><br>(inc GST if applicable) | <b>\$56 056.00</b><br>(inc GST if applicable) |
| 3.              | Additional Duties/Callouts:-<br>Fixed fee per callout |  | \$56.00<br>(inc GST if applicable)            |

If Council desires to extend the formal agreement with the contractor for the provision of these services, additional funds will be required to cover the increased costs.

Investigations were made by Officers of the former Cooloola Shire Council in 2007 when this contract was established into the use of Council staff for the performance of the duties outlined in the contract however, costs associated with the seven (7) day/week operation were found to be prohibitive.

In the event of Council agreeing to the proposal from the contractor for the extension period, Council must authorise additional expenditure in its 2009/2010 to cater for these increased costs.

CS06/11/09 Moved: Cr I Petersen

Seconded: Cr R Gâté

**Recommend that Council enter into negotiations with U Asked 4 It cleansing contractors in relation to an increase in contractor payments being limited to CPI.**

**Further should such negotiations fail to reach agreement that Council advertise for a new contractor for the provision of cleaning services of public toilets in the Mary Valley and caretaking duties at the Imbil Caravan Park.**

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

**Carried**

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| 1/6 | Amamoor Bin Site – Request for Extension of Contract for the Provision of Gatekeeping and Recycling Services |
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Re: **CS07/11/09** Amamoor Bin Site – Request for Extension of Contract for the Provision of Gatekeeping and Recycling Services  
 From: Tony Hawkyard, Mary Valley Recycling, PO Box 5, Kandanga Qld 4570  
 Date: 4 November 2009

*I tony hawkyard trading as mary valley recycling wish to exercise the option of another 12 months for the care-taking of the AMAMOOR BULK BIN SITE, at the current rate of \$750 per mth plus gst,"*

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

The above request has been received from Council's incumbent contractor at the Amamoor Bin Site. The contractor is requesting an extension to the current formal arrangement for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at this facility.

This contract is due to expire on 15 December 2009.

Under the current arrangement, Council pays the contractor \$9,900.00 per annum (inclusive of GST) payable in twelve (12) instalments of \$825.00 (inclusive of GST) per month.

The contract has extension provisions incorporated and the Council reserves the right to renew to the agreement for an extended term of twelve (12) months.

Mr Hawkyard is not requesting an increase in fees for the provision of these services at this facility for the extension period.

**CS07/11/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr J Walker**

**Recommend that the Director of Community Services report back to the next General Meeting, 25 November 2009, in relation to the opening hours/days for the Amamoor Bulk Bin Site.**

**Carried**

*Mr Ron Potter, Compliance & Local Disaster Co-ordinator entered the meeting at 12.00pm.*

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

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

Re: **CS08/11/09** Compliance & Local Disaster Report - October 2009  
 From: Compliance & Local Disaster Co-ordinator – Mr R Potter  
 File: CG98/00141  
 Date: 2 November 2009

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

#### OVERGROWNS

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

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

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

#### Pet Pep (Pets and People Education Program)

Jones Hill, Gympie State High School, Goomeri State Schools and St Patrick's College were visited by Council's Local Laws Officers with a total of 407 students attending the pet's awareness education program for the month of October 2009.

### Pound Figures

Council's animal control operation resulted in the impounding of the following animals: Dogs – (54), Cats – (37).

Seventeen (17) dogs and five (5) cats were released to their owners, subject to payment of fees.

Fifteen (15) dogs and fourteen (14) cats were taken by the RSPCA.

Thirteen (13) dogs and seventeen (17) cats were euthanased.

Ten (10) dogs and one (1) cat are held in the pound from October.

### ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION

Five (5) unclaimed vehicles were sold at auction on 27 October 2009 and one (1) vehicle was released back to the owner.

### STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE VEHICLES

The State Emergency Service has taken possession of a new vehicle supplied by the State Government for the Glastonbury area. The State Government are releasing these vehicles over the next three (3) years and Boobyjan will receive a vehicle within this time frame.

### LOCAL LAW PATROL SERVICES – COOLOOLA COAST

In accordance with Minute CS05/10/09, quotations have been invited for the provision of Local Law Patrol Services in the Cooloola Coast area on a contract basis.

The contract will be for a period of two (2) years with the option of extending the contract for a period of up to a further one (1) year subject to the contract conditions.

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

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

Council has previously resolved (via Minute CS05/10/09) to review the scope of the duties performed under this contract in the future.

Quotations for this contract close 2:00 pm Tuesday, 24 November 2009.

**CS08/11/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr J Walker**

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

**Carried**

*Mr Ron Potter, Compliance & Local Disaster Co-ordinator left the meeting at 12.08pm.*

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.08pm.

**RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

The meeting resumed at 12.29pm.

**PRESENT:** Cr A Perrett (*Committee Chairman*), Crs D Neilson, J Watt, G Engeman, R Gâté, J Walker, I Petersen, Mr K Mason (*Chief Executive Officer*), Mr I Wolff (*Health & Environmental Services Co-ordinator*) and Mrs V Knight (*Minutes Secretary*).

**CS09/11/09 Moved: Cr J Walker**

**Seconded: Cr R Gâté**

**Recommend that Council suspend standing orders and that Section 5 and 7/1 be dealt with at this stage of the meeting.**

**Carried**

*Mrs Amanda LePeilbet, General Manager, Cooloola Regional Development Bureau entered the meeting at 12.30pm.*

## SECTION 5: REGIONAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### 5/1 Cooloola Regional Development Bureau Report - October 2009

Re: **CS10/11/09** Cooloola Regional Development Bureau Report - October 2009  
From: Cooloola Regional Development Bureau – General Manager – Mrs A LePeilbet  
Date: 4 November 2009

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

#### Special General Meeting

A special members meeting was convened on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009 to enact the official constitutional changes along with the organisation's change of name. A resolution was passed unanimously to enact the changes and the relevant documentation has been sent to the Dept of Fair Trading to make the changes official.

Note Gympie Cooloola Tourism now shares its birthday with Gympie – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009

#### Web Development

A range of “.org.au” and “.org” domain names have been purchased to help google searches for our keywords (Gympie regional township names) including:...

[www.rainbowbeach.org.au](http://www.rainbowbeach.org.au)

[www.maryvalley.org](http://www.maryvalley.org)

[www.gympie.org.au](http://www.gympie.org.au)

[www.tincanbay.org](http://www.tincanbay.org)

[www.tincanbay.org.au](http://www.tincanbay.org.au)

[www.fraserisland.org.au](http://www.fraserisland.org.au)

[www.maryvalley.org.au](http://www.maryvalley.org.au)

[www.greatsandystrait.org.au](http://www.greatsandystrait.org.au)

Our web developer has been commissioned to host these domain names, each with its own title and description, which will link directly to our existing website. This should assist with search engine optimisation and can be used for future sub regional campaigns.

#### Email Marketing

Our first consumer e-newsletter has been sent to our database (collected through the Ekka competition) with the theme being Rainbow Beach. Each month we will produce a newsletter that focuses either on a particular sub region or a type of tourism experience found throughout the region. Each month will have a special deal from one of our members and will provide the reader with some interesting trivia about our region.

### TSC Online Booking Platform

TSC and partners are considering the implementation of an online booking system called TXA (Tourism Exchange Australia) that will be easily facilitated across the region (a relatively easy system for small business operators to employ) and provide end users (consumers) with an easy portal to book tourism products.

### Internationally Ready

Several tourism operators have been provided information regarding preparing their respective businesses for international distribution and marketing.

### Maps

Preliminary artwork on the Kilkivan and Goomeri Directory and Street Map.

### Events

- Events listings for November have been produced and sent to print media for publication.
- Radio advertising – wrote and produced 30 second radio commercial for Gold Rush Festival aired on Zinc Fm.
- Design the feature event page on our website promoting the Gold Rush Festival and produced a video slideshow hosted on YouTube and linked to the page.
- Tin Can Bay Seafood Festival – the tourism hub, which featured our two new GCT branded marquees, provided general information to both locals and visitors at the Festival. Several boxes of regional holiday guides and maps were given out on the day. As a sponsor of the Festival we provided \$1000 worth of in-kind advertising through Zinc radio.

### Information Centres

Volunteer famil - with Terry's Tours and catering by Picnicin. Visited Wolvi, Kin Kin, Pomona, Mt Cooroora, Cooran, Mothar Mountain Rock Pools then to Gympie and a visit to the Suncoast Macadamia Company.

Duress buttons - it was identified that there was a risk issue with regard to elderly volunteers manning the information centres alone so a duress system that is linked through our current alarm system has been set up. Lake Alford Information Centre has a duress button under the counter along with a special duress button on a lanyard that volunteers wear around their neck. We have purchased a special audible duress alarm for Kybong Information Centre and looking into establishing a similar system at the Woodworks

Applied for Volunteers Grant for 2009 with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.



Woodworks

- Website – website development has commenced and should be completed in the next two weeks.
- Timber 2020 - Preliminary planning is underway to facilitate Timber 2020 – a discussion forum with key stakeholders in relation to the future development of the Museum.
- Wedding at the Museum – the first wedding since the re-opening, with approximately one hundred (100) guests and a bridal party of nine (9). Demonstrations/tours were organised for the special day and the Woodworkers Club organised the catering.
- Facilitated - seven (7) tours and two(2) groups of bridal party photos within the Museum (4 x coach tours, 2 x school groups & 1 retirement group).
- Met with Council staff to establish a Collections and Loans Policy and procedure.
- Wondai Museum and the Historical Society - meeting with Manager regarding collections database programme, museum development ideas and networking.
- Meeting with Ray Bacon committee member of the Kilkivan Museum regarding King Street storage and the possibility of loaning items to Kilkivan Museum.

| Centre         | May 2009   | June 2009  | July 2009  | August 2009 | September 2009 |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| Visitor No's.  | 679        | 432        | 440        | 527         | 419            |
| Sales          | \$1,124.00 | \$960.00   | \$1,221.00 | \$1,914.00  | \$1,116.00     |
| Admission Fees | \$742.00   | \$1,729.00 | \$1,273.00 | \$1,557.00  | \$1,353.00     |

CS10/11/09 Moved: Cr J Walker

Seconded: Cr R Gâté

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

**Carried**

*Mrs Amanda LePeilbet, General Manager, Cooloola Regional Development Bureau left the meeting at 12.37pm.*

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## Tourism Sunshine Coast – Board Report – September 2009

Re: CS11/11/09 Tourism Sunshine Coast – Board Report – September 2009  
From: Russell Mason, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Sunshine Coast  
File: 1/2/03/001  
Date: 30 October 2009

*“The finalisation of the Business Plan 2009-10 is now complete with the Sunshine Coast Tourism Partnership (SCTP, incorporating Caloundra Tourism Inc, Maroochy Central area, Tourism Noosa & Tourism Sunshine Coast and Gympie Cooloola Tourism Inc) agreeing on the partnership program. On top of this, the SCTP will work on a number of other projects over and above the agreed Business Plan 2009-10.*

*The team and I have been working closely with Tourism Queensland on the October Sunshine Coast campaign. Originally designed to only target the Sydney and Melbourne markets, it was extended to include some Brisbane activity (on request from Leanne from CTI) to encourage participation by Sunshine Coast product. Unfortunately the take up response by Sunshine Coast industry was below expectations (although better once Brisbane was added), with only 26 members participating. It is felt that the industry has been presented with so many opportunities that despite a dedicated workshop, there is still confusion regarding the best campaign to support.*

*The report for the Sunshine Coast Extension Campaign for June/July is now available, detailing excellent results for the campaign period. In particular the overall operator conversion rates were exceptionally high at 15.55% (a 40% increase on expectations). Visitors also spent on average an extra one minute longer on site than anticipated. (These figures are based on the site visitor requesting more information via an email as there was no direct booking function available on the campaign website.*

*This month’s print and media publicity generated a total of \$55,166 in publicity value. All articles included dedicated focus on the Sunshine Coast tourism business activities and included interviews or comment from Tourism Sunshine Coast. Please refer to media coverage report supplement for full article, sq cm and media value.*

*The implementation of the Sunshine Coast Digital Strategy is continuing with several meetings taking place with V3 and EMU. A partner workshop has been secured for the 14<sup>th</sup> October with an extra SCTP meeting to discuss the proposed booking system occurring on 13 October. The purpose of this workshop is to ensure all key stakeholders are aware of the system and the solution it provides from a whole of region perspective. Now that V3 is integrated with ATDW and BookEasy is a distributor of V3 it makes for a very different proposition to the V3 option 2 years ago.*

*The website is tracking well since the inception of the Search Engine Optimisation strategy. Over the first month of optimisation,*

[www.tourismsunshinecoast.com.au](http://www.tourismsunshinecoast.com.au) experienced an outstanding result with an overall rankings increase of 11,953 positions. The website has recouped its top positions, gaining 67 “Top Ten” search results.

Visiting traffic is still yet to reach that of the former site (on average 15,000 unique visits per month). Unique visits for the month of September was down by 17.5% from August, however August enjoyed the additional traffic due to the Escape e-newsletter send.

The July 2008 to June 2009 Domestic Media & Publicity Exposure Report produced by Tourism Queensland has been released. An excellent, \$26,373,109.00 worth of exposure was achieved which meant an average of 23 stories on the Sunshine Coast appeared each month across TV, print media or online. This figure is a clear representation of the close working relationship between the Sunshine Coast and Tourism Queensland’s PR representation, Synergy PR & Marketing.

In early September, Lauren McAtamney trained and updated over 100 Aussie Specialists from North America on the Sunshine Coast at Corroboree US, held in Adelaide. Corroboree US is the premier retail training event held annually by Tourism Australia to educate Aussie Specialist agents on Australian tourism products and experiences.

The ATEC Southern QLD workshops were held in Brisbane on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. Lauren McAtamney met with 32 Australian based ITO’s to introduce them to export ready product on the Sunshine Coast. Tourism Sunshine Coast coordinated a regional presence at the event, with 11 other Sunshine Coast operators attending – Hyatt Regency Coolum, Storeline Tours, Underwater World, Caloundra Tourism, Sheraton Noosa, Wyndham Vacations, Outrigger Resorts, Mirvac Hotels, Rydges Caloundra, Constellation and Clovelly Spicers Estate.

The redevelopment of the SCCB website continues to progress with the replication of content from the SCCB Business Events Navigator 2009-2010. The new website (see [www.sccb.net.au](http://www.sccb.net.au)) is now “live” and we expect to launch the new website in late October or early November.

Catherine Lowe attended PAICE representing the Sunshine Coast Convention Bureau, a one day show held annually in Auckland and the key trade event for face to face contact with over 250 New Zealand buyers including Professional conference and incentive organisers, in-house meeting managers and Executive/Administrative assistants. SCCB exhibited with a stand-alone booth along side of Hyatt Regency Coolum, Novotel Twin Waters and Crowne Plaza Pelican Waters.

SCCB’s next scheduled familiarisation is the Dreamtime Educational Program (Dreamtime is Tourism Australia’s premier event for the incentive market) and will be held 12-14 October 2009. SCCB expect to host in conjunction with Brisbane Marketing, 9 buyers from the UK/Europe region.

*The Tourism Skills Group (TSG) continues to collaborate with industry on workforce development issues. The final industry handover meeting has been set for mid November. This will be an opportunity for all people involved to come together for a final celebration and acknowledgement of the group's achievements to date.*

*The Nature Based Tourism Action Plan has now had the final feedback edits made and is being finalized. The steering committee is now considering a launch date for the document in consultation with the Minister for Tourism, The Hon Peter Lawlor."*

**CS11/11/09 Moved: Cr G Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr R Gâté**

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

*Mrs Heather Kelly, Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator entered the meeting at 12.49pm.*

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

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

Re: **CS12/11/09** Community Facilities & Services Report - October 2009  
 From: Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator – Mrs H Kelly  
 Date: 2 November 2009

#### YOUTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

#### Youth and Community Development Officer

Matt Allard commenced employment with the Gympie Regional Council as Youth and Community Development Officer on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

#### Gympie Regional Youth Council

The Gympie Regional Youth Council is winding down for the year with the last meeting and breakup day to be held Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

#### Youth Health Day

The Youth Health Day 2009 is a partnership with QLD Health, Gympie Regional Council and the Cooloola Youth Service. The day is scheduled for

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Youth health checks will be held in conjunction with a BMX and skate competition in Nelson Reserve.

### RADF

Twelve (12) meetings with potential applicants have been held throughout October in the lead up to the Gympie Regional Council RADF round closing Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Information sessions were held in Tin Can Bay, Gympie, Mary Valley and Kilkivan.

*Cr G Engeman left the meeting at 12.50pm.*

*Mr Ken Mason (Chief Executive Officer) left the meeting at 12.51pm.*

### Youth Dragon Boat Regatta

Practice sessions were held with the Tin Can Bay Dragon Boat Team Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009. The Youth Dragon Boat Regatta was held Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Training Sessions were well attended and developed some much needed skills for the twenty two (22) students who participated. The James Nash “A” team took out the novice trophy again this year.

### Gympie Regional Community Organisations Profile

Data is currently being inputted for the Gympie Regional Community Organisations Profile Database 2009.

Currently we are researching options for making this data more accessible and available to the broader community.

### Gympie Goldrush Youth Movie Night

The Youth and Community Development Unit supported the Gympie Goldrush Celebrations by holding a family movie night. In excess of 200 people watched “Bolt” on the big screen in Memorial Park.

### TS Quiberon Building

A public meeting was held at the TS Quiberon Building in Tin Can Bay to identify potential future users and needs for organisations in the area. Recommendations from this meeting will be presented to the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee.

### Meetings Attended

Youth Health Day  
CHSN Management Meeting

Youth Council  
 CHSN Network Meeting  
 Steve Dobson – Focus Youth Drug and Alcohol Worker  
 CoolPAT

Funding Meetings

Wolvi Hall  
 Mothar Mountain Hall

LIBRARY REPORT

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

Circulation – (Number of items borrowed)

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Gympie        | 28 126        |
| Tin Can Bay   | 4 587         |
| Rainbow Beach | 1 003         |
| Imbil         | 877           |
| Kilkivan      | 944           |
| Goomeri       | 467           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>36 004</b> |

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

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Gympie        | 22 934        |
| Tin Can Bay   | 3 428         |
| Rainbow Beach | 1 261         |
| Imbil         | 1 026         |
| Kilkivan      | 636           |
| Goomeri       | 510           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>29 795</b> |

Total Number of New Members this month: 202

Branch Breakdown

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Gympie        | 129 |
| Tin Can Bay   | 37  |
| Rainbow Beach | 15  |
| Imbil         | 4   |
| Kilkivan      | 11  |
| Goomeri       | 6   |

Stock - (including magazines)

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| Gympie        | 67 693 |
| Tin Can Bay   | 11 947 |
| Rainbow Beach | 5 704  |
| Imbil         | 6 413  |
| Kilkivan      | 6 455  |
| Goomeri       | 4 641  |

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Stack        | 189            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>103 042</b> |

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

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Gympie        | 14 783        |
| Tin Can Bay   | 3 450         |
| Rainbow Beach | 1 976         |
| Imbil         | 965           |
| Kilkivan      | 825           |
| Goomeri       | 718           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>22 717</b> |

Virtual Visits to the Library

(i.e. no. of times the Library Web Page was accessed this month): Total 7 103

GENERAL

Council Re-Inductions were held at Gympie Library for permanent full-time staff on Tuesday, 20 October 2009.

Branch staff and Gympie casuals will undertake their re-inductions, delivered by their immediate supervisor/s, on a “train the trainer” basis, within the next few weeks.

Gympie Police organised a display in the library foyer this month to highlight “Crime Prevention Month”.

The Q150 – Gympie Goldfield 1867-2008 book, written by Dr Elaine Brown and Dr John Ferguson, funded by the State Library of Queensland and Gympie Regional Council, is currently with the printers. The finalised copies are expected at the library on Thursday, 12 November 2009. The title will then be launched by Mayor Dyne at the Gympie Library on Proclamation Day, Thursday, 10 December 2009. Invitations are currently being prepared for distribution by 31 October 2009.

The re-tiling of the men’s Gympie Library staff toilet was completed this month. The tiles were badly worn and cracked following many years of service. The work, undertaken by Dennis Parker and Leon Morris, has resulted in a major improvement at minimal cost and eliminated WH&S concerns.

CLIENT SERVICES

Another successful internet demonstration was held in the Gympie Library foyer on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Via the use of a large screen projector, members of the public were shown how to access information through a variety of on-line resources. E-mail technology is also demonstrated at these sessions.

### INFORMATION SERVICES

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

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Reference Queries            | 3 160 |
| Inter-Library Loans requests | 106   |
| Local History Enquiries      | 65    |

### Beyondblue Anxiety and Depression Month

Gympie Regional Libraries supported “beyondblue anxiety and depression month” by distributing free materials to members of the community from all library service points. Beyondblue provided multitudes of free materials, which included:-

- The Beyond Blue Guide For Carers - supporting and caring for a person with depression, anxiety and/or a related disorder;
- I Just Want You To Be Happy - preventing and tackling teenage depression;
- Taking Care Of Yourself After Retrenchment Or Financial Loss;
- A Guide To What Works For Depression;
- Depression In Young People Kits; and
- Beyondblue shopping bags.

This wonderful initiative has helped to raise awareness in our region of the effects of anxiety and depression and what can be done to help those experiencing these conditions.

### CHILDREN’S & YOUNG ADULTS’ SERVICES

Attendance at eight (8) sessions this month, across the library services six (6) branches, totalled an impressive 359 children and their carers.

#### Events/Visits

School holidays - The spring holiday activities concluded with the last activity being held at Gympie Library on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009. “African Safari” was a well-received theme and proved to be a popular activity at all of the libraries.

Gold Rush Literary Event & Bendigo Literary Awards - The awards evening was held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Although the entries this year were well below the usual number, it was still a very successful and enjoyable event. The stormy weather was expected to threaten the success of attendances, but by 6.00pm, seventy four (74) people were present.

Appreciation is extended to Mayor Dyne and Cr R Gâté for their support on the evening.



It was also pleasing to note that David Gibson, MP, attended the function, along with representatives of the Bendigo Community Bank. Guest speaker and awards judge, Prue Mason, was equally well received as her knowledge and pleasant company are always impressive.

Children's Week will run from 24<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009 at the libraries and will be celebrated with storytelling sessions, posters and fliers.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Contributed 299 hours and 26 minutes to the library service this month. The time was spent in local history, home library service selection and delivery, sheet music, deletion of worn and out-of-date stock for FOL book sales and FOL Executive meetings.

### PUBLIC GALLERY REPORT

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

#### Exhibitions

All Gallery Spaces – 7<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009 Gympie Regional Council Gold Rush Art Competition - annual exhibition/competition

The Gympie Times Exhibition Space and the Hugo du Rietz Gallery - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2009 – “Hi-ARTWORKS & Beyond” - annual exhibition of high school art, plus Certificate 111 Visual Art and Contemporary Craft, wide Bay TAFE.

Gallery Three - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009 – “Re:Generate” - exhibition of digital illustration by advanced design students.

Foyer - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2009 “Everywhere for Everyone” - A small exhibition of surveying equipment, maps and interactive computer displays.

#### Public Programs for month of October

- Lunchtime Lecture - None due to school holidays;
- Openings:
  - ❖ Gold Rush Art Competition - Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009 by Mayor Ron Dyne with presentation of awards;
  - ❖ “Hi-ARTWORKS & Beyond” - Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 by Ms Karen Howes, Executive Director of Schools, Education Queensland, Wide Bay Burnett – South;
  - ❖ “Re: Generate”, Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 by Debra Livingstone, Lecturer Digital Design, University of the Sunshine Coast;

❖ “Everywhere for Everyone” – Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009 by Mayor Ron Dyne;

- FOGlets - No FOGlets due to school holidays;
- Demonstration of Chroma Australia products by Tracey Sims, as part of the Gold Rush activities at the Gallery. Chroma was a sponsor of one of the sections in the Art Competition.
- School Holiday workshops – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009.

Visitor Numbers for October: 2 076 (this may be a record)

#### Gallery Focus Group

On Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 Cr R Gâté welcomed Ms Lynne Wilbraham, Economic Development Officer and Wendy Hanson, Vice Presidents of Friends of the Gallery to the meeting. Discussion was held regarding Council’s Collection Policy and Council’s Sponsorship Package and the gallery will be kept in the loop on those issues.

Other topics discussed were “The Art of Investment” evening in 2010, the gallery website, gallery marketing, grants and funding for gallery staffing and a thank you and appreciation to the staff who took over in Joolie’s absence for a job well done. Joolie also distributed the exhibition schedule until the end of 2010.

#### Workshops, Rentals/Room usage

##### Regular Bookings

Friends of the Gallery art groups - Tuesday painting group, Thursday night art group (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays), and Fibre and Threads (once a month), Life Drawing-classes twice a month;

Friends of the Gallery monthly meeting;

U3A classes held only two (2) classes this month as they have now moved all their classes to the Senior Citizens’ building;

Cooloola Arts Society - every Wednesday;

Gympie Camera Club - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month;

Gympie Field Naturalists - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month;

Cooloola Heritage and Tourism Inc. - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month;

Cooloola Community Arts Council - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month;

QCWA Younger set - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays;

Gold Rush Festival Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month;

Gympie Women’s Health Choir and Home school choir - every Friday;

Department classes on Wednesday evenings.

##### Others

Mary River Festival meetings;

All Abilities Playground Project with Stephanie Outridge - Field workshops and meetings for community and artists involved - 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009;

Toastmasters Conference - 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009;  
 Queensland Heritage Council Lunch on the verandah - 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009;  
 James Nash State High School Performance evening - 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009;  
 Hat workshops - 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009;  
 Flying Arts workshop - 17/18<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

### Friends of the Gallery

The Friends are busy planning the Christmas Art and Craft Spectacular for Gallery Three for December, as well as organising a Melbourne Cup day gathering. As many of our volunteers are also Friends of the Gallery they have had an exhausting month. (see volunteers hours). Cecile Steenbergen organised a float for Gold Rush under the Gallery banner. The Friends have contributed \$5 557.95 towards the Gallery this month. (Catering \$464.95, TV antenna \$60.00, Gold Rush Art Prizes \$2,400, Data Projector \$2,184 (funded through GCBF), Gifts for speakers and Gold Rush Judge \$69.00. This also includes paying \$380 for four (4) people, including Sandra and Joolie, to do a Responsible Service of Alcohol course with Skillcentred. It is a requirement of their licence to have at least one (1) person on the premises who holds this.

The Friends have also taken over the paying of workshop tutors in the school holidays.

They have applied for a Volunteer Grant from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs for volunteer petrol money.

### Volunteers

#### Approximate Hours for month of October

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Front Desk                        | 278           |
| Catering events                   | 59            |
| Installation approx.              | 281.5         |
| Gold Rush in and out of artwork   | 90            |
| Volunteer Office assistance/other | 72            |
| Education and Public Programs     | 0             |
| Gardening                         | 0             |
| Desk Volunteer Coordinator        | 5             |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>785.50</b> |

Jim Sweeney has come on board for three (3) hours per week to volunteer around the building.

Work Experience student Jessica Taiaroa came back to volunteer for two (2) days during the holidays. We are in need of more volunteers to lessen the load for some.

The Gallery nominated one of our volunteers, Kerrie Atkins, for the Gallery and Museums Achievement Awards which she won. Kerrie will travel to Brisbane on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009 to collect her award.

## PAVILION REPORT

### **Report: (Pavilion Manager – Mrs L Kempster)**

#### General

October started with the Kickboxing Title Fight and Show. Numbers were a little disappointing with approximately 600 attending the evening event. The evening went well and the Gympie crowd certainly showed their vocal support with much cheering and applause. No issues or problems arose from the night and organisers are considering promoting an annual kickboxing event.

The month also saw a number of training days held and small conference sessions in the upstairs meeting rooms.

School sporting groups utilised the volleyball court for some practice and game sessions during the day.

Once again St. Patrick's College held their annual Commemoration evening in the Corbet Stadium. The month concluded with the Rotary Club hosting a German Dinner as a fundraising event.

*Cr G Engeman returned to the meeting at 12.53pm.*

*Mr Ken Mason (Chief Executive Officer) returned to the meeting at 12.53pm.*

#### Sports

Basketball season is starting to slow down with the finals commencing in late October.

Volleyball is still going strong and has another full month of competition before starting playoffs for their final series.

#### Regular Bookings

##### Gympie Basketball Association

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

##### Gympie Volleyball Association

- Fixtures – Corbet Stadium, Thursday evenings.

##### E-Commerce

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

##### Cooloola Access Advisory Committee

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

November Bookings

Gympie Turf Club Race Day  
 Little Haven Palliative Care Melbourne Cup Day  
 Information Evening  
 University of Southern Qld Examinations  
 St. Patrick's College Graduation Ball Practice  
 School Sports  
 St. Patrick's College Formal Night  
 James Nash High School Formal Night  
 Gympie High School Formal Night

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

237 items, numbered from KM-6364-0 to KM-6542-0, were catalogued this month. Items included badges (some Military), trophies, books, documents and spectacles. Many items were photographed and scanned after numbering.

With the help of a volunteer the Museum Catalogue system and the Data Base system were checked to ensure all information was correct. Once again wonderful support was provided from the volunteers at the Museum.

*Cr G Engeman left the meeting at 12.54pm.*

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

| <b>Area</b>       | <b>Hirer</b>  | <b>Function</b>  |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Fossicker's Room  | Heart of Gold<br>DEEWR<br>Youth Council<br>Mayoress Performance<br>Revival Fellowship<br>Environment Strategy Group<br>Mary River Catchment Cmt<br>CHATI<br>Seventh Day Adventist | PR Meeting<br>Conference<br>Meeting<br>Concert<br>Service<br>Meeting<br>Meeting<br>Book launch<br>Lectures x 2 |
| Prospector's Hall | DEEWR<br>St Patricks School<br>Gold Rush Ball<br>Gold Rush Service  | Conference<br>Rehearsal<br>Ball<br>Church service  |
| Heritage Theatre  | Mayoress Performance<br>Mayoress Performance<br>St Patricks School<br>Crossroads Touring Co   | Rehearsals x 3<br>Concert<br>Lecture<br>Adam Brand<br>concert  |

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|---------------|---|---|
| Miner's Court | Heart of Gold<br>Mayoress Performance<br>St Patricks School<br>Gold Rush Ball | PR meeting<br>Concert<br>Lecture<br>Ball          |
| Kitchen       | Mayoress Performance<br>CHATI   | Concert<br>Book Launch                            |
| Entire Centre | Baden Powell Guild of Qld<br>James Nash High School<br><br>Blue Light Disco   | Scouts function<br>Presentation<br>night<br>Disco |

*Cr G Engeman returned to the meeting at 12.55pm.*

**CS12/11/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr J Walker**

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

**Carried**

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| 3/2 | Proposed Library Opening Hours for Christmas and New Year Period - 2009/10 |
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Re: **CS13/11/09** Proposed Library Opening Hours for Christmas and New Year Period – 2009/10  
 From: Libraries Manager – Mrs L Day-Wilson  
 Date: 30 October 2009

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

All Council offices will close on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and re-open on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

During this closure period it is requested that the Gympie, Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach Libraries be open to the public on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 up to 5.00pm.

Statistics show that opening of the Imbil Library during this period is not cost effective and the Kilkivan and Goomeri Libraries have always remained closed during the period.

All Gympie Regional Libraries will re-open for normal business hours on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**CS13/11/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr D Neilson**

**Recommend that Council approve opening of Regional Libraries as follows:**

**(a) Gympie, Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach Libraries on 29<sup>th</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 inclusive (closing time to be 5.00pm each day).**

**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**

3/3

**Proposed Gallery Opening Hours for Christmas and New Year Period – 2009/10**

**Re: CS14/11/09 Proposed Gallery Opening Hours for Christmas and New Year Period – 2009/10**  
**From: Gallery Co-ordinator – Ms J Gibbs**  
**Date: 2 November 2009**

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

All Council offices will close on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and re-open on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

Permission is requested to open the Gympie Regional Gallery for the Christmas/New Year break as follows:-

- Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> December 2009 to Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 inclusive;
- Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2010.

Normal Gallery opening hours will resume as from Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**CS14/11/09 Moved: Cr J Walker**

**Seconded: Cr G Engeman**

**Recommend that Council approve opening of Gympie Regional Gallery as follows:**

- (a) Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> December 2009 to Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 inclusive;**
- (b) Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2010.**

**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**

3/4

**Cooloola Human Services Network – Office Space**

**Re: CS15/11/09**

Cooloola Human Services Network – Office Space

**From:** Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator - Mrs H Kelly

**Date:** 4 November 2009

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

Minute CS13/10/09 refers:

**RECOMMEND THAT THIS MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE NEXT COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2009 TO ALLOW FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.**

Cooloola Human Service Network have requested increased use of the allocated office space in the Youth and Community Development Building. Currently the administration officer is based in the office for two (2) days per week. The current arrangement offers desk space in a shared office, use of electricity, photocopier (although CHSN does supply own paper), fax and other basic office equipment and access to the storage area under the building. CHSN is responsible for their own telephone, insurance and internet access.

The CHSN proposal would increase the use of the CHSN desk to five (5) days per week. Mr Ken Meldrum, CHSN President, advises that CHSN has no funds currently available to pay for office rent, however, this will be taken into account in any future funding applications. He further requests Council consider the impact CHSN have within the local region, attracting over \$340,000 in program funding to support wellness and employment opportunities.



The office space currently allocated is shared with the Cooloola Emergency Cadet Co-ordinator, Mrs Tess Reardon. There is no further desk space in the office.

Mrs Reardon is grateful for the space made available to her organisation and is not averse to the CHSN proposal provided the worker respects privacy and confidentiality within the office.

The current arrangement does not impact negatively on Council staff, however it should be noted that space is limited and there is only room for one (1) CHSN worker to be working in the office at any given time.

Council should consider the implications of shared office space, including the perception that all workers in the building are Council staff and if supporting the proposal, should consider WH&S and Corporate Risk. Council should also ensure relevant insurance is held for the life of the occupancy.

**CS15/11/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr J Walker**

**Recommend that Council not permit an increase in use of the currently occupied CHSN office space and that the current arrangement be ratified through a formal agreement with Council detailing the terms and conditions of occupancy of the building.**

**Carried**

3/5

**Woodworks Steering Committee Draft Minutes**

Re: **CS16/11/09** Woodworks Steering Committee Draft Minutes  
 From: Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator – Mrs H Kelly  
 Date: 4 November 2009

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

The draft minutes of the Woodworks Steering Committee meeting held on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 are attached (Attachment 1).

Item 1.11 addresses the issue of billboard lights for the two billboards on site.

*“1.11 Billboard Lights*

*Initial estimates on billboard Lights are \$5,000 per billboard, a total of \$10,000. there are currently no funds available in the Woodworks budget for this expenditure.”*

Woodworks Minute 11/09/02 refers:-

THAT THE MATTER OF BILLBOARD LIGHTS BE REFERRED TO THE 2010/2011 DRAFT BUDGET FOR CONSIDERATION.

**CS16/11/09 Moved: Cr I Petersen**

**Seconded: Cr G Engeman**

**Recommend that Council receive the draft Minutes of the Woodworks Steering Committee**

**Further that the matter of Billboard Lights be referred to the 2010/2011 draft budget for consideration.**

**Carried**

*Mrs Heather Kelly, Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator left the meeting at 1.18pm.*

*Ms Lynne Wilbraham, Economic Development and Public Relations Officer entered the meeting at 1.19pm.*

## **SECTION 4: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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| 4/1 | Economic Development and Public Relations Officer Report - October 2009 |
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Re: **CS17/11/09** Economic Development and Public Relations Officer Report - October 2009

From: Economic Development and Public Relations Officer – Ms L Wilbraham

Date: 4 November 2009

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

### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Activities during the month included –

- Assisted with development enquiries for 3 local businesses;
- Enquiries from 2 new businesses seeking to establish in the region;
- Funding information provided to 3 businesses;
- Liaised with State Government and Department of Defence re opportunities associated with Camp Kerr expansion;
- Export and expansion opportunity discussions with 2 major employers in the region.

Discussions were also held regarding regional branding opportunities. This will be investigated further and presented to Council for consideration.

Upgrade of Council's Website Business Section

Format and content has been developed. Web designer completing preliminary design for review by mid November.

Planned Seminars, Workshops and Events

## November

- 11<sup>th</sup> - How to Successfully Implement a Website – DEEDI  
Gympie Conference Centre;
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Visit to region by Dr Ishwaran – CEO, UNESCO Biosphere Program – hosted by GRC and Gympie Cooloola Tourism;
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Food Tourism Field Day – Mary Valley;
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Agritourism & Nature-based Tourism Field Day – Mary Valley;
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Business Leader's Forum - organised in conjunction with DEEDI, AusIndustry and Regional Chambers of Commerce.

## December

- Considering a Business – DEEDI  
Imbil Church Hall

Chamber of Commerce liaison

Attended Tin Can Bay Chamber of Commerce meeting

- provided overview of economic development role and responsibilities;
- positive feedback from Chamber members.

Met with Goomeri Chamber of Commerce president Peter McIntosh

- tour of Goomeri and identification of opportunities for industry and business development.

Attended Gympie Chamber of Commerce meeting

- discussed a number of issues with members;
- attending to issues raised through Council channels.

## Future actions

- meet with individual businesses to identify industry and business development areas where Council can provide assistance or link to additional assistance;
- prepare summary of findings for consideration by Council.

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENTTransport Equipment Manufacturing Industry Reference Group

Industry Reference Group meeting 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in Maryborough includes - presentation by CEO of Gladstone Industry Leaders Group re current and upcoming project contracting opportunities.

*Cr J Watt left the meeting at 1.23pm.*

### Tourism and Agribusiness

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

Met with project co-ordinators to obtain project overview. Project has received positive support in the region and community.

Assistance being provided by Council to co-ordinators to access reports and information which will help inform the land use analysis and component of the Project.

Assistance provided with mail out of invitations to upcoming field days and workshops.

### PROJECTS

#### Sustainable Business Cluster Project

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

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

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

#### Climate Smart Business Clusters

Funding now announced by Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) for Project Facilitators.

Council is not eligible to apply, however, can facilitate cluster development with industry providers.

Potential facilitators are being encouraged to contact Council to discuss opportunities to partner in this project.

#### Great Sandy Biosphere

Attended meeting in Maryborough to discuss opportunities for Gympie Region in relation to the Biosphere.

Steering Committee is being established – representation from the Gympie Region was discussed.

Correspondence will be forthcoming from BMRG inviting representation from Council.

Dr Ishwaran – CEO, UNESCO Biosphere Committee will be visiting the Region on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The visit will be hosted by Gympie Regional Council, Gympie Cooloola Tourism and BMRG.

*Cr J Watt returned to the meeting at 1.26pm.*

#### Gympie Region Investment Prospectus

The final copy of the Prospectus has now been prepared and is ready for launch on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

An action plan to identify strategies for managing investment and business enquiries through three (3) levels of Government is being prepared for presentation to Council

#### Economic Development Strategy for Gympie Region

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

An Investment Attraction and Economic Development Forum will be attended in Bundaberg to gain further information about the development of this strategy.

#### Mary Valley Heritage Railway

Discussions have been held with MVHR management and training consultant regarding potential project incorporating heritage rail and national rail training.

The opportunity exists for a working alliance to be developed through MVHR, Wide Bay TAFE and the provider to create training facilities for rail infrastructure and supporting systems for training and development.

Further discussions will take place in late 2009/early 2010.

#### Mary Street Information Booth

- The Tourism Touchscreen will be installed in the railway carriage by mid November 2009.
- Volunteers have been secured and will participate in Council induction and training by end of November 2009.
- Further volunteers are also being sought to add to the pool of expertise and personnel.

- Aim to have the Information Booth installed and operational by December 2009.

#### Media and Public Relations

Excellent support has been received from local and regional media for distribution of information about Council activities and projects.

Media releases and information will be listed on Council's website under "What's New" section.

Major coming events and happenings for November 2009:

- Launch of Federal Government funded Projects – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009;
- Biosphere visit – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009;
- Agritourism workshops – 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009;
- Launch of investment prospectus – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

**CS17/11/09 Moved: Cr D Neilson**

**Seconded: Cr R Gâté**

**Recommend that Council receive the report from the Economic Development and Public Relations Officer for the month of October 2009.**

**Carried**

*Ms Lynne Wilbraham, Economic Development and Public Relations Officer left the meeting at 1.32pm.*

## **SECTION 6: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Nil

## **SECTION 7: GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7/2 Mary Valley Show Society Art Festival – Letter of Thanks**

Re: **CS18/11/09** Mary Valley Show Society Art Festival – Letter of Thanks  
 From: Co-ordinator, Mary Valley Show Society Art Festival, PO Box 107, Imbil QLD 4570  
 File: 3/2/7/1 Doc ID 1080287  
 Date: 3-6 September 2009

*“On behalf of the Mary Valley Art Festival Coordinating Committee I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your support of the Mary Valley Art Festival as a sponsor in 2009.*

*Statistics from our data this year demonstrate the benefits this event brings to the region’s cultural sector from both a professional development and economic perspective. With eighty artists entering the 2009 festival submitting 210 entries 61% were from the Gympie Region with a large increase to 37% from the Sunshine Coast with a small but constant representation from Brisbane. Ninety percent of the art works entered were placed for sale which equated to a combined value of \$56,835. Sales of 5% of the dollar value were achieved with 10% of the artists realising sales.*

*Investors were independently selective in their acquisitions with 50% of the sales being Award Winning art works. This indicates that purchasers were selective but also recognised the benefits of owning a winning painting. Repeat patrons from previous years also recognised the quality of work consistently available at the Mary Valley Art Festival. Prior judges have also indicated the Festival is a great market for the art investor.*

*So as you can see this event provides varying opportunities to the professional artist, the investor, the local economy and the region with artists being able to exhibit, be recognised by peers external to the region whilst also achieving sales. This is all made possible through sponsor involvement. We will continue to promote and acknowledge their interest and support of the Mary Valley cultural community and consequently the economic benefits derived from this event to the region.*

*We are excited to have been able to work with you in presenting this cultural event for the Cooloola/Gympie region and we hope to be able to continue our relationship in future years. Thank you again for our valued support!”*

**CS18/11/09 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr G Engeman**

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

7/3

**Kilkivan First Responder Group – Letter of Thanks**

Re: **CS19/11/09** Kilkivan First Responder Group – Letter of Thanks  
 From: Kilkivan First Responder Group, PO Box 71, Kilkivan Qld 4600  
 File: 2/4/11/1 DOC ID 1077085  
 Date: 30 October 2009

*“As generous supporters of the work of QAS Community First Responders, I am sure Council will be interested to know that ISCEP 2009 held in the Kilkivan Public Hall last Saturday was an outstanding success.*

Gympie Regional Council

*Sixty members from a number of first responder groups from the North Coast Region attended – Woodgate, Imbil, Kenilworth and Cooyar-Benarkin (which also includes Yarraman and Blackbutt) as well as the new kids on the block, Kilkivan.*

*Programs such as this are vital for the ongoing training for first responders so that they are better able to serve their communities. The facilities of the Kilkivan Public Hall were perfect for the event and on behalf of the staff at the Qld Ambulance Service Regional Staff Development Unit; the visiting first responders and in particular, the Kilkivan First Responder Group, I extend very sincere thanks for Council's ongoing support."*

**CS19/11/09 Moved: Cr J Walker**

**Seconded: Cr R Gâté**

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

7/4

**Gympie Cooloola Tourism Board – Nomination of Council Representatives**

Re: **CS20/11/09** Gympie Cooloola Tourism Board – Nomination of Council Representatives

Date: 4 November 2009

**CS20/11/09 Moved: Cr I Petersen**

**Seconded: Cr D Neilson**

**Recommend that Cr J Watt and Cr R Gâté be appointed as Council representatives of the Gympie Cooloola Tourism Board and that Cr G Engeman be appointed as proxy.**

**Carried**

*Cr R Gâté left the meeting at 2.02pm.*

*Cr J Walker left the meeting at 2.02pm.*



**SECTION 8: IN COMMITTEE ITEMS****COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE**

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

1. Proposed Tenders/Contracts;
2. Kilkivan Health Services Program;
3. Local Jobs Stream

**CS21/11/09 Moved: Cr J Watt**

**Seconded: Cr G Engeman**

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

- 1. Proposed Tenders/Contracts;**
- 2. Kilkivan Health Services Program;**
- 3. Local Jobs Stream.**

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

**Carried**

*Cr R Gâté returned to meeting at 2.04pm.*

*Mr Ed French, Manager Parks & Gardens entered the meeting at 2.12pm.*

*Cr J Watt left the meeting at 2.12pm.*

**COUNCIL OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**CS22/11/09 Moved: Cr I Petersen**

**Seconded: Cr R Gâté**

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

**Carried**

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| 8/1 | Proposed Tenders/Contracts |
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Re: **CS23/11/09** Proposed Tenders/Contracts  
From: Rainbow Beach Commerce and Tourism Association  
Date: 31 October 2009

**CS23/11/09 Moved: Cr I Petersen**

**Seconded: Cr R Gâté**

**Recommend that Council write to Queensland Police Service regarding Rainbow Beach community issues identified by the Rainbow Beach Commerce and Tourism Association.**

**Carried**

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| Late Item | Kilkivan Health Services Program |
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Re: **CS24/11/09** Kilkivan Health Services Program  
From: Health & Environmental Services Co-ordinator – Mr I Wolff  
Date: 11 November 2009

**CS24/11/09 Moved: Cr I Petersen**

**Seconded: Cr G Engeman**

**Recommend that from 1 December 2009 medical transportation services provided to Community Aged Care Package (CACP) Clients include the regional centre of Kingaroy.**

**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**

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| Late Item    Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program |
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Re:        **CS25/11/09** Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program  
From:     Ken Mason, Chief Executive Officer  
Date:     11 November 2009

**CS25/11/09**    **Moved: Cr G Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr R Gâté**

**Recommend that Council submit the development of a community hall on the Rainbow Beach Centre Block land for approval in Round 2 of the Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP).**

**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**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.26pm.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 25 OF NOVEMBER 2009.**

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Cr A.J. Perrett  
Chairman