



MINUTES

of the

WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

CHAIRMAN: *Cr Larry Friske*

**to be held in the Boardroom,
Town Hall,
2 Caledonian Hill
Gympie Qld 4570**

on Tuesday 1 December 2009

*to be confirmed at the General Meeting
to be held on 9 December 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 9.00am.

PRESENT: Crs LJ Friske (*Committee Chairman*), R Dyne (*Mayor*), GL Engeman, RA Gâté, AJ Perrett and JA Walker.

Also in attendance were Mr RA Fredman (Director of Engineering Services) and Mrs L Birt (Minutes Secretary).

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

W01/12/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Minutes of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on the 3 November 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS

W34/12/09 Cr G Engeman – Conflict of Interest

LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGY

G39/11/09 Cr D Neilson has been granted Leave of Absence.

W02/12/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

Recommend that the apologies from Cr I Petersen and Cr J Watt be accepted.

Carried

SECTION 1: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

1/1 Advertising Signs on Roundabouts

Re: **W03/12/09** Advertising signs on roundabouts
From: Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman
File:
Date: 20 November 2009

“Mr Rob Priebe phoned Council recently with a suggestion that he would like Council to consider permitting advertising signs to be erected on roundabouts so that Council can generate more income and ultimately this would lower the rates for residents.”

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

Overview: There are many places on road reserves that would be advantageous for advertising. In the past Council has avoided the temptation, except for illuminated street signs.

Corp Plan: 4.1
Op Plan: 2.0
Budget: Road Construction & Maintenance
Consultation: Internal
Issues: (a) Road Safety
(b) Income

Risk Analysis:

- (a) *Road Safety*: Signs on roundabouts may distract motorists who at the time would be negotiating a busy intersection.
- (b) *Income*: The opportunity for income would be limited by the limited number of roundabouts in the region.

Discussion: The risk of crashes far outweighs the income benefit.

W03/12/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

Recommend that Mr Priebe be thanked for his suggestion and advised that Council has considered same and resolved not to permit advertising signs on roundabouts due to the need to not distract drivers when negotiating intersections.

Carried

1/2	Proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme
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Re: **W04/12/09** Proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme
From: Peter Cosier, on behalf of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists
File: 6/5/9/8 Doc # 1084926
Date: 22 October 2009

“We are writing to you regarding the public policy implications of the Australian Government legislating to incorporate terrestrial carbon offsets into the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

The Wentworth Group supports the Australian Government's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25% of 2000 levels by 2020 if there is an international agreement to stabilise levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere at 450 parts per million CO₂e. This is an important first step.

The focus of climate change policy has centred on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from energy generations, manufacturing and transport. This is fundamental to any solution to climate change.

It will be next to impossible for nations to achieve the scale of reductions required in sufficient time to avoid dangerous climate change unless we also remove carbon from the atmosphere and store it in vegetation and soils. Terrestrial carbon includes carbon stored in forests, woodlands, swamps. Grasslands, farmland, soils, and derivatives of these carbon stores, including biochar and biofuels.

Local government have an important role to play in guiding investments arising from the new terrestrial carbon market and regulating land use. These need to be in place before the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme becomes operational in 2011.

In a report recently commissioned by the Queensland Government, Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Mitigation and Carbon Biosequestration Opportunities from Rural land Use, CSIRO estimate that the Australian landscape has the biophysical potential to store an additional 1,000 Mt of CO₂e in soils and vegetation each year, for the next 40 to 50 years.

If Australia were to capture just 15% of this biophysical capacity, it would offset the equivalent of 25% of Australia's current annual greenhouse emissions for the next 40 years.

This is good news for Australia. It lowers the economic cost of achieving Australia's emissions reductions, and it makes possible for Australia and the world to adopt deeper emissions cuts, it presents an economic opportunity to address the range of other great environmental challenges confronting Australia: repairing degraded landscapes, restoring river corridors, improving the condition of our agricultural soils, and conserving Australia's biodiversity.

It also poses significant risks. Without complementary land use controls and water use accounting arrangements in place, there is a risk that carbon forests will take over large areas of agricultural land, causing adverse impacts on food and fibre production and impacting on regional jobs that are dependent on these industries.

ABARE has estimates that if Australia commits to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 25% by 2020, over 40 million hectares – an area equivalent to 40 percent of the entire Murray Darling Basin would be economically suitable for carbon forestry. In some locations, newly established carbon forests could also

cause a reduction in runoff into rivers and worsen existing over-allocation problems.

The attached paper, *Optimising Carbon in the Australian landscape*, proposes a suite of institutional reforms, a number of which have direct implications for Local Government.

1. *Designing a Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme such that it captures the full potential of terrestrial carbon in vegetation and soils to provide land managers across Australia the opportunity to optimise their contribution to the climate change solution;*
2. *Regulating the terrestrial carbon market so that multiple economic and environmental benefits can be realised, whilst avoiding unintended consequences for fresh water resources, biodiversity and agricultural land;*
3. *Assisting communities prepare regional Climate Change Adaptation Plans to manage the impacts of climate change on the Australian landscape and guide the development of policies to optimise future investments in terrestrial carbon;*
4. *Underwriting climate change adaptation policies and terrestrial carbon investments by building a system of regionally based, National Environmental Accounts, to monitor the health and change in the condition of our natural resource assets;*
5. *Establishing a Climate Change Adaptation Fund, by applying a 1% levy on the sale of emission permits, to monitor, plan and invest in actions to minimise the impact of climate change on Australia's biodiversity, coasts and land and water resources; and*
6. *Strengthen international efforts to protect and restore terrestrial carbon in tropical forest landscapes, by promoting new international rules to provide the opportunity for developing countries to capture this potential.*

Terrestrial carbon should not be seen as the great panacea to climate change. The science now suggests that if the world is to avoid dangerous climate change, we need to effectively eliminate all carbon pollution from energy generation within the next 40 years.

However, the scale of reductions required over the next 40 year also requires policies that make terrestrial carbon management a central part of the climate change solution.

We encourage your government to give consideration to these proposals and would welcome the opportunity to work with you on them.”

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

Overview: Many people, influential or otherwise, are giving advice on climate change and the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS). LGAQ has provided some guidelines on how Councils should address the issues, in their Mitigating Climate Change Report (August 2009). This letter focuses on the opportunity that terrestrial carbon management will provide in seeking practical solutions.

Corporate Plan: 3.1

Operational Plan: 1.1

Budget: Nil in 2009/10

Legal advices: Various

Issues: (a) Council's obligations
(b) Community expectations
(c) Budget implications

Consultation: Internal at this stage.

Risk Analysis:

- (a) *Council's Obligations:* Overall, because of the region's low population and extensive areas of forest, this region is probably a relatively low net GHG emitter. That said, legislation will soon require Council to take firm actions that will lead to a reduction in net emissions.
- (b) *Community Expectations:* It would appear that local expectations regarding Council actions are lower than many other areas of Australia, particularly urban. Council may find that this community may prefer a careful, cautious but positive approach to participating in a carbon pollution reduction program (until it is compulsory).
- (c) *Budget Implications:* The costs of participating in a CPRS and meeting legislated requirements are likely to be significant. The Federal legislation was still being debated at the time this report was being written.

Discussion:

Because our climate is changing there is perceived to be an urgency for actions to be implemented that will stabilise the situation. At this stage carbon has been identified as a key contributing factor, although debate continues on its level of contribution.

Council's main contribution to Greenhouse Gases (GHG) are likely to be methane from landfills (possibly 80% of Council's emissions) and methane from wastewater treatment plants (possibly 15%). No survey of actual emitters has been carried out to date.

W04/12/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr R.J. Dyne

Recommend that the matter be referred to the Draft Budget Meeting for funding of a Report on Council's Green House Gas Emissions and potential voluntary amelioration measures.

Carried

1/3	Telstra Operated Payphones Review
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Re: **W05/12/09** Telstra Payphones Review
From: Karen Lombardo, Payphone Provisioning Manager, Telstra Payphone Services, Telstra Corporation Limited Customer Sales & Service – Payphones, Locked Bag 3872, Brisbane Qld 4001
File: 3/6/13/3
Date: 12 November 2009

“We are writing following our correspondence of 28 October 2009 to advise you of the results of our investigation into the payphones within the Gympie LGA area.

As part of our assessment, Telstra balances many factors to obtain the most effective distribution of payphones and to provide the highest quality of services to our payphone users. In doing so, we consider the level of demand and alternative services available to the public. As you may be aware whilst our ongoing operational costs have increased over the last few years, the demand for public payphones has declined significantly with the increasing take-up of call substitutes such as mobile phones.

Accordingly, we have conducted this review in this light, having our overall objective of ensuring that your LGA will have sufficient payphones to meet the community's future needs, whilst balancing Telstra business requirements. In assessing the payphones to be removed or reduced (eg from 2 services to 1 service at the site) we have been careful not to remove any payphones required as part of Telstra's Universal Service Obligations (USO).

Prior to removing individual payphone sites, Telstra places a notice within the payphone cabinet of the single sites nominated for removal, to invite public comment on any proposed removal. This is a 3 month notification period which will end on 11 February 2010.

The following single payphone sites have been listed for removal and notices have been placed within the cabinets to invite public comment.

<i>Cabinet No</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Closest Payphone</i>
07548237x2	100 Mellor St, Gympie	Tozer St, Gympie or 2 Mary St Gympie
07548239x2	25 Red Hill Rd, Gympie	25 Apollonian Vale, Gympie
07548235x2	15 Stewart Tce, Gympie	40 Horseshoe Bend, Gympie

The following payphone locations currently have more than one payphone cabinet at the same site. Telstra will be reducing one payphone only from each of these sites, due to a steady decline in payphone usage.

<i>Cabinet No</i>	<i>Address</i>
07548240x2	3 Duke Street, Gympie
07548110x2	6 Mary Street, Gympie

The review also highlighted a number of sites on Mary Street Gympie where cabinets were requiring to be replaced due to rust. The payphone cabinets affected will be repaired as per the process. A number of other maintenance issues were reported for repairs.

Please contact me if you require further information in relation to the above recommendations.”

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

Overview: Telstra has been steadily removing Payphones over the last decade.

Corporate Plan: 1.5

Operational Plan: 1.1

Budget: Nil

Consultation: Councillor’s decision

Issues: (1) Community Impact of Removing
(2) Cost to Council of Keeping

Risk Analysis:

(1) *Community Impact of Removing:* There may be individuals living in the area who cannot afford to have a mobile phone or house telephone. Clearly they would be severely disadvantaged.

- (2) *Cost to Council of Keeping:* Council does not incur any costs. However, objecting to the removal of the phones may diminish in effectiveness any unrelated requests that Council makes of Telstra in the future.

Discussion:

Unless individual cases of personal hardships are known by Councillors, it is difficult to argue against the closures as proposed.

W05/12/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that Council advise Telstra that Council has no objection to the removal of the telephones provided there is no significant public comment during the notification period.

Carried

1/4

Wide Bay Burnett Regional Water Supply Strategy

Re: **W06/12/09** Wide Bay Burnett Regional Water Supply Strategy

From: Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman

File:

Date: 20 November 2009

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

The Strategy Management Committee met in Bundaberg on 11/11/09. Council was represented by Cr Friske and the Director of Engineering. The strategy is entering the phase of discussing potential solutions to the long term water supply shortfalls which have been identified across the Wide Bay Burnett region. The formulation of the shortfalls has included consideration of demand trends, population change and climate change. Regardless of what is causing it, evidence has been presented that the climate of Wide Bay is changing and this impacts on the yield of water sources.

At this stage Gympie has been identified as having a potential water supply shortfall in the medium term. This is a minor concern compared with some other larger centres in the region. Options for Gympie are being considered by Council staff and DERM officers. Smaller townships have not been analysed to date because the focus has been elsewhere. Suffice to say, Council's Water & Sewerage division are working on these concurrently with the strategy work for Gympie.

W06/12/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr R.J. Dyne

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

Chief Executive Officer Mr KA Mason entered the meeting at 9.20am.

1/5	Policy – Road Maintenance
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Re: **W07/12/09** Policy – Road Maintenance
From: Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman
File:
Date: 20 November 2009

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

Overview: Council has previously authorised a classification of road as ‘4WD ONLY’ and these roads are being sign posted accordingly. Maintenance responsibilities on these roads need to be clarified.

Corporate Plan: 4.1
Operational Plan: 2.0
Budget: Road Construction and Maintenance
Consultation: Internal
Issues: (a) Liability implications
(b) Cost implications
(c) Resources implications

Risk Analysis:

- (a) *Liability implications:* A “Caution 4WD Only” sign should ensure that the vast majority of drivers are aware that they are likely to encounter road defects.
- (b) *Cost implications:* Limiting the cost exposure on such roads to infrequent inspections and low expenditure repairs will ensure that this class of road will not be a burden on the normal road network.
- (c) *Resources implications:* A reduced level of service for these roads will ensure that these roads receive some service, rather than them being

deleted from the road asset register and receiving no service due to budgetary considerations.

Discussion:

On “maintained roads”, Council has an obligation to motorists and ratepayers to ensure that these roads are safe and have the highest standard amenity that funds permit. It is proposed that roads which are signed “Caution 4WD Only” be maintained on the basis that they are safe if driven according to the condition of the road but no funding is allocated to amenity. On such roads motorists may encounter a variety of defects such as scours, rocks, flooding, intruding trees, steep grades, bogs etc. As a consequence they would not be inspected regularly for defects by staff as are normal maintained roads, but Council would be obliged to carry out maintenance or close the road when it became aware that it was impassable or dangerous.

W07/12/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.J. Dyne

Recommend that staff be authorised to adopt a diminished inspection and maintenance responsibility on roads on Council’s Road Asset Register that are signposted “Caution 4WD Only.”

Further that a report be brought back to Council on Widgee Crossing Road and adjoining public areas.

Carried

1/6

Moy Pocket Road Upgrade

Re: **W08/12/09** Moy Pocket Road Upgrade
 From: Mrs Josephine Maynes, 477 Moy Pocket Road, Moy Pocket Qld 4574
 File: 4/8/7/7 Doc # 1083774
 Date: 28 October 2009

“I am writing to you as a resident of Moy Pocket Road, enquiring as to whether an upgrade in the road status is pending. The section between the Sunshine Coast Quarries and Walkers Road is a particularly dangerous and hazardous section. It is comprised of many blind hills and corners and only a narrow strip of bitumen in the centre. This means you are required to pull off to the side onto the gravel to pass another vehicle.

I have noticed the volume of large vehicles carrying rocks from the Quarry seems to have increased since talk of the Traveston Dam Project. Should this be approved I feel an upgrade is essential for our safety and to handle the amount of trucks that will be using this road.

Would you please advise at your earliest convenience what action Council is proposing.”

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

Overview: A program has been under way for many years to upgrade Moy Pocket Road to two lane bitumen standard. A significant length remains. A speed limit applies to the full length of the road.

Corporate Plan: 4.1

Operational Plan: 2.0

Budget: Road Construction and Maintenance

Consultation: Internal

Issues: (a) Road Safety
(b) Budget

Risk Analysis:

(a) *Road Safety:* The history of serious accidents on the road is characterised by single vehicle crashes. However crashes involving a car and truck need to be avoided by infrastructure investment whenever possible. The speed limit partially assists, with Imbil Police advising of good compliance.

(b) *Budget:* Council has indicated to the Department of Transport and Main Roads that it will commit to TIDS jobs in 2011/12 and 2014/15. TIDS has the advantage that Council’s funding is matched dollar for dollar.

Discussion:

Moy Pocket Road largely carries domestic traffic that is aware of the truck traffic and hence can drive according to the conditions. The speed limit appears to be working with the cooperation of the Quarry. Council has had, in the past and clearly has into the future, a solid investment program that favours Moy Pocket Road over almost every other road in the region.

W08/12/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

Recommend that the writer be advised that Council has further upgrading jobs on Moy Pocket Road proposed for 2011/12 and 2014/15.

Carried

1/7	Regional Airport Development Scheme Applications for Funding
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Re: **W09/12/09** Regional Airport Development Scheme Applications for Funding
 From: Vanessa Bordujenko, A/Advisor (Aviation), Department of Transport and Main Roads, GPO Box 213, Brisbane Qld 4001
 File:
 Date: 12 November 2009

The following correspondence was received via email:

“The Queensland Government assists local government in the upgrading of aviation infrastructure through the Regional Airport Development Scheme (RADS), which is administered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads. While in the first instance it is the responsibility of the airport owner to fund aviation infrastructure, including ongoing maintenance, some projects where a shortfall has occurred may be eligible for supplementary funding through the Regional Airport Development Scheme.

The aim of the Program is to assist local governments to provide safe and operationally effective airports that allow access to basic air services, including emergency services and Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) services.

Applications for the 2010-2011 financial year are closing on the 30 November 2009. Please to go

http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/resources/file/ebba5e0fe614b1e/Pdf_regional_airport_development_scheme.pdg for the guidelines and application form.

If you have any questions regarding the application process please call Mark Davies, Senior Advisor Infrastructure and Planning on 3146 1856.”

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

Overview: The Kybong airport is currently not lit for night landing.

Corp Plan: 1.5

Op Plan: 3.3

Budget: Airport

Consultation: Gympie Aero Club

Issues: (a) Need for night lighting

(b) Cost

Risk Analysis:

- (a) *Need for Night Lighting* – night lighting is essential for emergency landing situations at night. It is not known if an emergency landing has ever occurred in the past fifty (50) years, but there are kerosene lights

kept at the airport for this purpose. Night landings for business purposes do occur from time to time

- (b) *Cost* – A RADS grant would possibly make lighting affordable, subject to it funding most of the cost. The project will be hampered by the mains electricity supply which is currently at its limit.

Discussion:

Council was advised last year that due to its proximity to the Sunshine Coast, the Gympie Airport would not be regarded as remote or regional and therefore not a priority for funding. However, a target for lights within five (5) years would be realistic, on the basis that it could attract more business.

W09/12/09 Moved: Cr R.J. Dyne

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that no submission be forwarded this year, but a future funding application be considered after the power situation is rectified.

Carried

1/8	Roads Congress calls for Whole of Government National Transport Vision
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Re: **W10/12/09** Roads Congress Calls for Whole of Government National Transport Vision
 From: Australian Local Government Association News Release
 File:
 Date: 23 November 2009

“November 11, 2009

Almost 300 delegates at the Australian Local Government Association’s 2009 National Local Roads and Transport Congress meeting in Mackay have called for a detailed intergovernmental national strategic transport vision to respond to population projections of 35 million by 2049 and a doubling of freight volume by 2020.

“Our cities urgently need coordinated and integrated planning by the three levels of government to address the pressing issues of ageing and social inclusion, congestion and carbon emissions,” ALGA President Cr Geoff Lake said. “I welcome the Federal Government’s move into urban planning and public transport, however, in the foreseeable future, motor vehicles will continue to dominate transport and local government wants to see all levels of government on the front foot in planning for our future road and freight needs.

“Local government has responsibility for over 80% of Australian roads,” Cr Lake said. “It is becoming increasingly difficult for local government to meet the

funding needs associated with maintaining this vast national asset. As almost every trip begins and ends on a local road, appropriate investment in our local roads is essential for boosting the nation's productive capacity. Local government wants to work closely with the Commonwealth Government to secure an increased investment in our local road network."

In a Communiqué issued from the Congress, delegates have called for:

- *Permanent funding for the Roads to Recovery Program*
- *The inclusion of local roads in any move to road use charges to ensure that any revenue raised is returned to councils for reinvestment in local roads*
- *The Federal Government to establish an agreed set of indicators in consultation with local government to measure the condition and performance of the local road system; and*
- *The Federal Government to amend the graduated formula for the charging of Fringe Benefits Tax on motor vehicles to properly reflect government and community need to positively encourage reduced use of motor vehicles.*

The Communiqué is available under 'Recent updates' at www.alga.asn.au."

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

Cr Friske and Bob Fredman attended the Congress on behalf of Council. Further to this media release, the Congress called for the indexing of the Roads to Recovery Grant, in line with cost increases for roads and bridges.

Road User Charges are a long way off, but are inevitably going to be part of the plan to manage congestion and address road funding shortfalls. A wide range of options for levying these charges was debated at the Congress.

W10/12/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that the Report be received.

Carried

1/9	Request re Underground Power in Rainbow Beach
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Re: **W11/12/09** Request re Underground Power in Rainbow Beach
 From: Mr Scott Elms, President, Rainbow Beach Commerce and Tourism Association Inc, PO Box 125, Rainbow Beach Qld 4581
 File:
 Date: email addressed to Cr Larry Friske - 5 November 2009

“Ruth Modin has informed me that Energex has told her they are planning on replacing some of the poles in the main street (between Clarkson Drive and The Esplanade).

Could Council please investigate the undergrounding of power in the main street (rumour has it that the infrastructure is already there in the form of conduits etc). If this program to replace old poles is similar to the cost of underground power, then it would be beneficial to try to convince Energex of the same.”

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

Overview: The undergrounding of power in the Rainbow Beach CBD was last considered by Council in 2002. At that time the cost was \$232,000.

Corp Plan: 2.1

Op Plan: 2.7

Budget: Roads Capital

Consultation: Internal

Issues: (a) Cost
(b) Impact on other priorities
(c) Amenity

Risk Analysis:

- (a) *Cost:* The current likely cost is in the vicinity of \$0.5M. There is no budget provision for this.
- (b) *Impact on other Priorities:* Given the quantum of the estimate, any decision to proceed is likely to impact directly on other potential capital works projects in Rainbow Beach.
- (c) *Amenity:* The improved vista within the town that would be created as a result of the undergrounding of the power in the CBD would be worthwhile. However, it is unlikely that the improved vista would have any short term benefits for local businesses. It is more of a long term gradual amenity improvement matter.

Discussion:

There is no doubt of the amenity benefits, however it is understood that there are some more pressing infrastructure issues at Rainbow Beach in the short term.

W11/12/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the Rainbow Beach Commerce and Tourism Association Inc be advised that Council believes there are some higher priority infrastructure issues to be funded at Rainbow Beach in the short term.

Further that the Rainbow Beach Commerce & Tourism Association be requested to advise Council of the commercial and financial support that may be forthcoming should Council proceed with this project.

Carried

1/10	Bushfire Risk Management Study
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Re: **W12/12/09** Bushfire Risk Management Study
 From: Systems and Risk Management Coordinator – S Edward
 File:
 Date: 25 November 2009

Report: (Systems and Risk Management Coordinator – S Edward)

Overview: The Natural Disaster Risk Management Study completed for the former Cooloola Shire Council identified several areas as “high” bushfire risk. Council sought and obtained funds from Emergency Management Queensland’s Natural Disaster Mitigation Program to conduct a more detailed assessment of these risks and to develop mitigation strategies. Council engaged the services of Alistair Hill of Bushfire Risk Reducers to assess Council infrastructure and land in the high risk areas. Mr Hill has completed his reports.

Corp Plan: 4.6
 Op Plan: 3.3 (xii)
 Budget: One third funding from Federal Government, one third from State Government and one third from Council.
 Consultation: Planning, Community Services, Engineering

Issues

- a) Council may fail to mitigate the Bushfire Risk on its own land (or land it controls)
- b) Council may fail to adequately protect its own assets from the threat of Bushfire
- c) Council may fail to meet its obligations to a community at risk of Bushfire

Risk Analysis

- a) The risk varies in different areas of the region but a few particular parcels are assessed as having a Risk level of “Extreme”.
- b) Again the risk varies for different infrastructure, with most assessed as “Low”, however a few are considered “High”
- c) Difficult to assess and will potentially alter after the Victorian Royal Commission in to the February 2009 bushfires. Currently considered “Medium”.

Discussion

Bushfire Risk Reducers have submitted reports for the following:

- Rainbow Beach Village Protection Plan
- Cooloola Parklands Management Plans (North East, Central, South and North)

- Management Plans for Water Treatment Plants (Gympie, Cooloola Cove, Rainbow Beach, Kilkivan, Goomeri, Kandanga, Imbil, Amamoor) and Bores
 - Management Plans for Sewage Treatment Plants (Gympie, Kilkivan, Goomeri, Imbil, Cooloola Cove, Rainbow Beach, Tin Can Bay)
 - Management Plans for Depots (Kilkivan, Goomeri, Tin Can Bay)
 - Management Plan for Gympie Saleyards
 - Generic Management Plans for Community Halls and Timber Bridges
- a) Mr Hill's report contain specific recommendations to mitigate this risk. In particular in Coastal Parklands, encroachments need to be addressed to ensure a barrier can be maintained between vegetation and houses, and also allow for the ready trafficking of emergency vehicles. Regular hazard reduction burns are recommended, in association with other agencies, in and around coastal communities. Where burns are not appropriate other means of reducing fuel load, fire run distances and vegetation offsets are recommended.
- b) Specific recommendations are detailed in reports for the mitigation of risk for council assets, such as increasing vegetation offsets, addressing construction methods which allow embers to gain access to building, construction radiant heat barriers, etc.
- c) Although the lead agency for fire is Qld Fire and Rescue Service, Council may have a role in raising community awareness and encouraging better fire mitigation on freehold land through the application of current Local Law provisions. Council may also need to review its current Prevention Plan within the Local Disaster Management Plan. Council's Planning Scheme (currently under view) addresses bushfire risk and consideration is needed as to the role for the new Australian Standard AS3959:2009 "Construction in Bushfire Prone Areas. Future consideration is recommended for Village Protection Plans for the Palms, Inskip Point Camping areas and the Gympie Muster event.

W12/12/09 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

Recommend that Council receive the Reports and refer the suggested mitigation actions to the Director of Engineering Services for relevant staff to develop an implementation, timing and budgeting plan.

Carried

1/11

"Welcome to Tin Can Bay" Sign

Re: **W13/12/09**"Welcome to Tin Can Bay" Sign
 From: Graham N Frogley, 3 Saratoga Court, Tin Can Bay Qld 4580
 File: 4/8/21/6 Doc # 1047747
 Date: 23 November 2009

SECTION 2: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES - GENERAL BUSINESS

General Manager Design Services – Mr R Chapman entered the meeting at 9.46am.

SECTION 3: DESIGN SERVICES DIVISION
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3/1 Rainbow Beach Road Parking Issues
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Re: **W16/12/09** Rainbow Beach Road Parking Issues – Minute G08/11/09 & W13/11/09 Refer
 From: General Manager Design Services Division – R Chapman
 File: G08/11/09 & W13/11/09
 Date: 25 November 2009

Report: (General Manager Design Services – R. Chapman)

Overview: MINUTE G08/11/09 -
That Recommendation W13/11/09 of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 3 November 2009 be deleted and the matter referred to the General Manager Design Services to table a further report at the next Works & Services Committee Meeting on the suitability of offering a six (6) hr parking restriction on Rainbow Beach Road outside the Hardware Store/Library.

MINUTE W13/11/09 RECOMMENDED

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.

Corp Plan: 2.1.(v)
 Op Plan: 2.7 (iii)
 Budget: Road construction and maintenance
 Consultation: Wife or Writer of letter – Mrs Jenny Brennan
 Issues:

- a) All day / overnight parking by tourists utilising tourist bus / operators pick up from adjoining service station occupy limited parking spaces for shops and library.

Risk Analysis:

- a) Implementation of parking times at one location could lead to other areas requiring similar treatment with resultant increase of policing and Council control.

Discussion:

- By increasing hours available for parking, other more commercial areas will be deterred from seeking similar treatment
- Shop keeper agrees with above assessments and supports an increase in hours available for parking.

W16/12/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

Recommend that five (5) hour maximum parking times be introduced for parking bays fronting 38 Rainbow Beach Road.

Further that Rainbow Beach Police and Rainbow Beach Cooloola Hardware be advised accordingly.

Carried

3/2

O'Connell Street Pedestrian Traffic Signals

Re: **W17/12/09** O'Connell Street Pedestrian Traffic Signals
 From: Department of Transport and Main Roads
 File:
 Date: 30 October 2009

Email 30/10/2009, 3:57pm:

"As discussed previously.

RoadTek was asked to attend the signalised pedestrian crossing at O'Connell Street due to the signals not operating correctly. On arrival it was found that the relays that control the operation of the intersection had failed. The RoadTek staff on site attempted to return the intersection to full operation but only managed to get the signals for the vehicular traffic rectified, the pedestrian signals currently only have the red lamps operational, the green 'Walk' lamps do not operate, as this was deemed by the crew on site to be the safest way to leave the signals without turning them off completely. Leaving the intersection operating this way may be a safety issue due to the fact that if a red pedestrian lamp fails then any pedestrians may believe that the intersection not operating at all and may attempt to cross the road. The current situation may also 'teach' people (especially the young children at the school) that an intersection operating in this manner is a normal situation.

As this model of signal controller has not been in use for over 18 years spare parts are no longer available. This intersection was designed in 1986.

RoadTek recommends replacing the current outdated and faulty controller with a PSC Mk3 controller, the unit being proposed is a second hand unit to try to save the council money. RoadTek believes that the council should also give consideration to replacing the existing signal lanterns on site as they are also quite old and no longer have parts available for them, these lanterns may be able to be replaced with second hand parts currently in stock to further save the council money.

I have attached a quote for the replacement of the signal controller at this location.

(See attached file: Tender Letter for O'Connell Street crossing.doc)

If RoadTek has no reply from the council in 30 days then the intersection will be turned off and 'Not In Use' signs will be installed."

Letter 30 October 2009:

"RoadTek Traffic Services is pleased to offer our quotation for the provision of electrical services on this project.

Our price of \$17,387.00 (Seventeen Thousand, Three Hundred & Eighty Seven dollars only). This price is based on Road using a re-furbished PSC Mk3 Signal Controller as previously approved in discussions with yourself.

Please note that our offer is also based on the following conditions:

- (a) Our price is exclusive of G.S.T*
- (b) Main Roads' terms of trade require payment within 30 days of invoice.*
- (c) Our offer will remain a fixed price for **thirty days only** after such time our offer will be subject to review.*
- (d) These schedules of rates are priced on daytime work only with the work being carried out unimpeded during normal working hours 7.30a.m. to 4.30p.m. Monday to Friday.*
- (e) We require seven days advance notice prior to site establishment for procurement of plant and organisation of labour."*

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

Overview: RoadTek is contracted by Council to undertake maintenance works on Council owned signals. The cost of repairs needed is considered excessive. The pedestrian and vehicle counts are far below the warrants required and probably always were.

Corp Plan: 2.1 (v)
Op Plan: 2.1 (i)
Budget: Road maintenance

Consultation: Previously extensive consultation with school as per Minute W12/01/08 and Traffic Advisory Committee. Recent discussions held with School Principal.

Issues:

- a) Excessive costs to repair unwarranted signals.
- b) Delayed times for actualisation of signals leads to frustration and illegal use by pedestrians.
- c) Safer options now available due to changes in pedestrian crossing warrants.

Risk Analysis:

- a) Limited funding, better utilised elsewhere.
- b) Unsafe operational environment currently exist.
- c) Reduces positively the value of Council road assets.

Discussion:

A school flag crossing is proposed which acts as a pedestrian crossing whilst school flags are displayed. The proposal could be further discussed at the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting to be held on 7 December 2009 prior to final adoption of Works Committee Minutes.

W17/12/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

Recommend that, subject to confirmation by the Traffic Advisory Committee, the pedestrian traffic signals in O'Connell Street be removed and replaced with a school flag crossing with an estimated cost of \$10,000 funded from the existing float in the 2009/10 Capital Works Program.

Carried

3/3

Use of Carbonyte Resurfacer in Gympie

Re: W18/12/09 Use of Carbonyte Resurfacer in Gympie
From: General Manager Design Services – Ross Chapman
File: 4/4/07
Date: 25 November 2009

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

Overview: Research into ways and means to improve the state of the Gympie City sealed road network identified a new product that offers an alternative “reseal” to the traditional AC overlay and chip seal. The bitumen emulsion / sand mix is known as a carbonyte sealcoat that is sprayed onto the road surface direct as a neat

mixture through a bitumen sprayer vehicle only without the need for any further equipment normally used in resurfacing in operations.

Several streets in Gympie were selected for this treatment including Calton Terrace, Grice Crescent, Kerr Place, Wilbraham Court, Venardos Drive, Derrilin Drive and Benbullen Court.

Initial results show the product to be successful in resurfacing aged AC surfaces in low trafficked streets and in extending the life of more heavily trafficked streets such as Calton Terrace.

Corp Plan: 2.1 (v)
 Op Plan: 2.1 (i)
 Budget: Road construction and maintenance
 Consultation: Other users of the product including Brisbane Airport Corporation, Trade representatives.

Issues:

- a) Chip seal over an existing AC surface significantly reduces level of service.
- b) AC resealing of low trafficked streets is considered well beyond Council's current asset renewal financial capability.
- c) Higher trafficked streets in need of AC overlays exceed Council's current asset renewal financial capability.

Risk Analysis:

- a) Direct spraying onto streets under traffic.
- b) 1-2 hour drying period required before traffic can use surface
- c) Significantly lower cost than AC.

Discussion:

Trial streets were selected to assess in practice the identified risks with the outcome considered very favourable with further use proposed.

W18/12/09 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman

Seconded: Cr R.J. Dyne

Recommend that the Report be received and that Council continue with the use of the carbonyte sealcoat product on suitable surfaces.

Carried

<p>SECTION 4: DESIGN SERVICES DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS</p>
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Council's Policy on Road Formation Widths**W19/12/09 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman****Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

Recommend that the General Manager Design Services and Director of Planning & Development table a report to Council on Council's Policy for Road Formation Width where an adjoining development is proposed.

Carried

Extra TIDS Funding

General Manager Design Services Division Mr R Chapman advised Council that an extra \$75 000 TIDS funds has been provided for "Gympie Various Streets" which has to be matched by \$75 000.

W20/12/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

Recommend that Council match the \$75 000 available TIDS funding with revenue required for the Mt Pleasant Road overlay job no. 4208625 – revenue required being \$108,000.

Further this will allow an extra \$44 000 revenue to be allocated to the Fraser Road widening job no 4209013 "Saleyards Route Stage 2".

Carried

Gold City Centre Painting

Mr Chapman advised that \$70 000 has been included in this year's budget to paint the Gold City Centre (now over 7 years old). There has been some relatively serious vandalism including:

- (i) buckling of the roof shade leading to the ladies rest room
- (ii) breaking of granite seating in the Mary Street precinct
- (iii) light pole bent by collision in top level car park

These items plus some other repair works need doing if the Centre is to be kept in good order as well as safe for users. The anticipated costs for the works will exceed the \$70 000 allowed.

W21/12/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr R.J. Dyne

Recommend that the General Manager Design Services be requested to obtain quotes for painting and repairs to the Gold City Centre and table a report to the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting as soon as possible.

Carried

Mr Chapman left the meeting at 10.12am.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.12am.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The meeting resumed at 10.27am.

General Manager Works – Western Division – Mr G Ingham entered the meeting at 10.27am

SECTION 5: WORKS - EASTERN DIVISION

5/1 Monthly Rural Maintenance Report

Re: **W22/12/09** Monthly Rural Maintenance Report
From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division - GC Ingham
File: FF94/00018
Date: 20 November 2009

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

Overview: The Gympie Region continues to experience an extended period of very dry weather. Road pavements do not fair well in these conditions, in particular unsealed roads where gravel attrition contributes to corrugated roads. Customer complaints regarding dust nuisance increases during these periods.

Some traditional water points are no longer accessible and therefore costs of carting large quantities of water will increase.

Works continue to routinely monitor its unsealed road network only intervening in extreme circumstances. Attempting to grade roads in dry conditions can often

result in further deterioration of the pavement. Resources have therefore been directed to more appropriate cost effective activities such as unsealed shoulder grading, vegetation control and drainage works.

Works is also undertaking its annual linemarking program - a separate report on this activity will be included in this agenda.

Works Summary

Routine maintenance activities

Programmed maintenance grading

- Rocks Road Shoulders
- Herron Road Shoulders
- Eel Creek Road Shoulders
- Calico Creek Road Shoulders
- Witham Road Shoulders
- Smerdon Road Shoulders
- Anderleigh Road Shoulders
- Priddy Road Shoulders
- Laminex Road Shoulders
- Tagigan Road Shoulders
- The grading of the unsealed road section of Tagigan Road

Vegetation Management

- Randwick Road.
- Traveston Road.
- Cedar Pocket Road.

The vegetation control program has targeted established vegetation that has encroached significantly on the road envelope over a long period. This vegetation is not impacted on by dry weather to the point that it dies back. Grass growing on road verges however has slowed over the dry period and therefore no roadside slashing has been undertaken.

Bridge Works carried out

- Routine Maintenance East
- Goldberg Road
- Horton Road
- Henry Road
- Calico Creek
- Diamondfield Road Bridge (MVHR)

Sealed Road Pavement Repairs

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

- Reef Street
- Cedar Pocket Road (Gap)

- Excelsior Road
- Dobson Road
- Routine pothole patching.

W22/12/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the Monthly Rural Maintenance Report be received.

Carried

5/2

Job Construction Report

Re: **W23/12/09** Job Construction Report
 From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division - GC Ingham
 File: FF94/00018
 Date: 24 November 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.

BERRI / ADA / POWER STREET INTERSECTION UPGRADE

The works involve the installation of concrete medians and associated linemarking, signage, and street lighting.

Work has commenced with the installation of the concrete medians.

JAMES NASH GULLY – BERRI STREET

The works involve upgrading an existing concrete lined open drain into a piped system. It includes the placement 900 uPvc pipe, with associated grated field pits and outlets, creation of an overland flow path within a future drainage easement and reinstatement of works.

Pipe lay completed - construction of gully pits in progress.

LAKE ALFORD – ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND PROJECT

The works involve bulk earthworks for a carpark, bus bay, and playground area. This includes stormwater drainage, alterations to sewer infrastructure, placement of pavement material, subsoil drainage, kerbing, concrete pathways, medians, asphalt, turfing, linemarking and signage

Carpark works are near completion. Works left include medians, linemarking, signage and construction of footpath.

RAINBOW BEACH STORMWATER UPGRADE

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

Installing twin-cell pipes has commenced and progressing well. Residents have been notified of disruptions and traffic accommodated in accordance with plans.

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 is completed. Works are nearing completion at Tin Can Bay. Rainbow Beach is progressing with the installation of the liner.

IAN ALLEN SUBDIVISION – CHANNEL COURT

Council is 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.

JELICK ROAD SUBDIVISION

Subdivision works located on Jellick Road, The Palms for Mr Trevor Jellick.

Works include reinstating existing roadway to a 7.0m formation, placing pavement, installing driveway accesses, stormwater drainage and bitumen sealing 4.5m.

Works have been completed.

IAN CAULLEY SUBDIVISION – ILGA ROAD

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

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

Works have been completed with minor tidy up works still in progress.

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.

Works successfully completed.

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 involve reconstructing kerb and channel on the south western side of Busby Street, upgrading and installing new stormwater infrastructure and re-profiling 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 involve 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.

Job successfully completed.

BONNICK ROAD WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

The works involve upgrading of stormwater drainage diversion located at the Bonnick Road Waste Management Facility. The works include earthworks, laying of RCP 2100mm dia pip 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 involves 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.

Replacing old bridge with culverts has been completed.

Job successfully completed.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Mount Pleasant Road / John Street intersection upgrade
Monkland Quarry Weigh bridge installation

W23/12/09 **Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman** **Seconded: Cr R.J. Dyne**

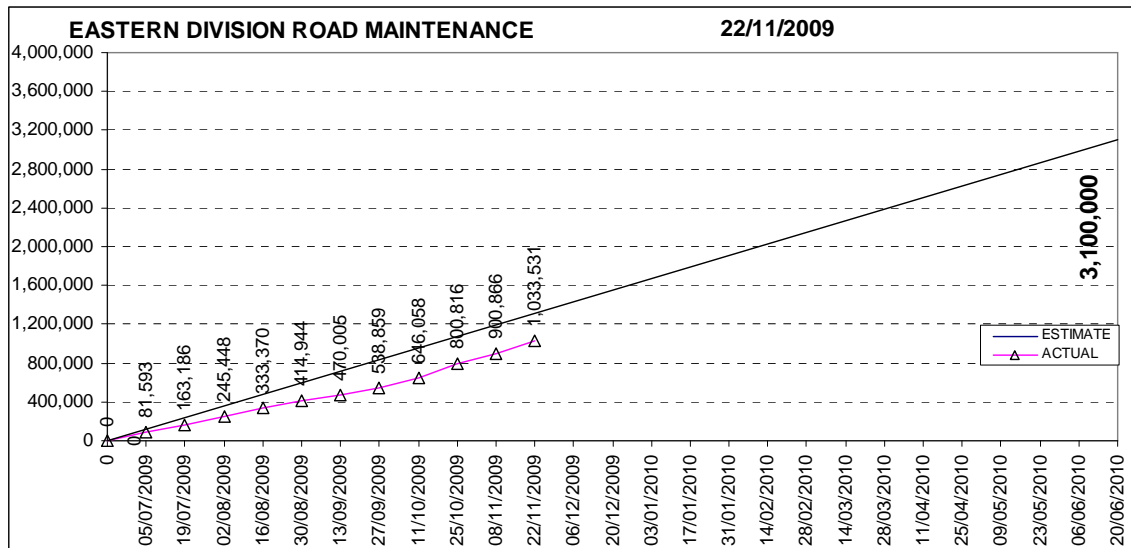
Recommend that the Job Construction Report, as presented, be received.

Carried

5/3	Works Department Maintenance Graph – Eastern Division
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Re: **W24/12/09** Works Department Maintenance Graph – Eastern Division
From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division - GC Ingham
File: WR94/00018
Date: 25 November 2009

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



W24/12/09 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that the Works Department Maintenance Graph – Eastern Division, as presented, be received.

Carried

5/4 Works Cost Statement – Eastern Division

WORKS COST STATEMENT

W25/12/09 Moved: Cr R.J. Dyne

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

Recommend that the Road Maintenance, Road Construction and Road Contribution sections (Eastern Division) of the Works Cost Statement, as presented, be received.

Carried

5/5

Brumbies – Tin Can Bay/Rainbow Beach and Maryborough Roads

Re: **W26/12/09** Brumbies – Tin Can Bay/Rainbow Beach and Maryborough Roads.
From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division – GC Ingham
File:
Date: 23 November 2009

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

There is evidence to suggest that the feral horse (brumby) population is increasing in the Tin Can Bay/Rainbow Beach/Maryborough Roads areas. Recently groups of up to 10 horses have been noticed in these areas, many with foals.

Land on which the horses live is mainly forestry owned property and therefore no fencing exists to stop/control horses entering or crossing the roadway. Other unfenced land in the area is natural vegetation in National Park. The horses appear to have a preference for the pine forest areas. The roads in question are Main Roads under an RMPC contract with Gympie Regional Council. Main Roads receive public requests about horses on roads and last year Works was requested to erect signs warning of horses along Tin Can Bay Road and past the Toolara forestry complex. Council records show that accidents involving motor vehicles and horses have occurred, mainly at night. Works has been involved in picking up dead horses and also recently disposing of a severely injured horse. Information is scarce on accidents or near misses that don't involve the police or result in injury to vehicle occupants but horses on an arterial road with tourist traffic is considered a high risk.

Uncontrollable horses are not a new issue for Council to deal with but it appears little or no progress has been made to reducing the risk of vehicle/horse conflict and a serious accident.

It is recommended that Council approach Department of Natural Resources in the first instance to discuss a plan of action that mitigates the above risk. This report seeks the Works Committee endorsement for staff to liaise with the Department on the matter.

W26/12/09 Moved: Cr R.J. Dyne

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the Report be received.

Further that the Department of Transport and Main Roads and Department of Environment and Resource Management be requested to develop an urgent plan of action to reduce the risk of crashes involving wild horses on declared roads in the Toolara State Forest.

Carried

5/6

Glastonbury Bushfire

Re: **W27/12/09** Glastonbury Bushfire
 From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division – GC Ingham
 File:
 Date: 23 November 2009

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

On the 16 and 17th November Council staff attended a bushfire in the Glastonbury area at the request of Queensland Fire and Rescue Services. Works was notified of an out of control fire near Greendale Road at approximately 2pm. A grader was immediately dispatched to cut a fire break and a water truck and dozer D7 were dispatched a short while later on request. A second grader was dispatched to replace the first grader that had mechanical problems.

At approximately 4.30pm on Monday Works received a request from Queensland Fire and Rescue Services for a dozer to assist with a fire in the Gunalda area. Unfortunately this request was turned down with the D7 committed at Glastonbury. Dozers were sourced elsewhere to attend this fire.

Council ceased operations at Glastonbury at approximately 10.00pm on Monday night at which stage the fire was under control. It had burned a path in a south westerly direction, crossing Glastonbury Road at which point it was brought under control. Works continued to assist on the morning of the 17th to cut fire breaks, removing the threat of unstable burnt out trees and provide water. Work was completed approximately 2.00pm.

At the time of writing a de-brief on the fire was yet to occur, but works staff did express feedback on;

- communications between the various groups
- the work tasked to Council
- our role in the response team.
- the forestry fire

Council provides assistance to the specialist agencies to assist with the protection of communities and all community assets. A major constraint is the fact that our people are not highly skilled in fire control and thus we do not allow them to be at the fire front or anywhere that they are not comfortable with safety wise.

No doubt there will be more incidents to come before we get general rain sufficient to lower the fire risk to an acceptable level. Council staff would like to see a more cohesive team approach next time and will endeavour to achieve an improved communication process working in conjunction with Fire Services.

W27/12/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that a meeting be sought with Mr Warren Edwards Area Director – Queensland Fire & Rescue Service Rural Operations to discuss Council’s role in the Glastonbury bush fire.

Carried

5/7

Line Marking

Re: **W28/12/09** Line Marking
 From: General Manager Works - Eastern Division - GC Ingham
 File:
 Date: 24 November 2009

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

Line marking of Gympie Regional Council roads is an important part of Works Department activities. Line marking involves the cyclical re-painting of existing road lines, painting of new road assets and painting of areas of road re-surfaced or changed with rehab works.

The biannual remark is currently underway with a three (3) man crew re-painting the region over a 6 – 8 week period. The remark includes edge lines, centre lines, continuity lines, pedestrian crossing areas, one way and stop areas, traffic islands, chevrons and car park areas. Work is undertaken at night to achieve maximum efficiency, optimise reduced traffic.

The biannual remark costs in the order of \$80,000 - approx 12,500L of paint used. Glass beads are applied to the paint at application stage for improved reflection. The paint used is water based, environmentally friendly product.

W28/12/09 Moved: Cr R.J. Dyne

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

Recommend that the Report, as presented, be received.

Carried

5/8	Bus Route Extension
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Re: **W29/12/09** Bus Route Extension Request
 From: Debbie Schafer, Secretary Bus Committee, 45 Walker Road, Moy Pocket
 Qld 4574
 File: 4/8/6/5-4 Doc # 1042658
 Date: 22 May 2009

“Our Conveyance committee parent group proposes to submit an application to Queensland Transport for:

a) an extension of Route P228.

A map showing the proposed extension is attached.

As part of the application process, we are required to provide a statement from the relevant road authority regarding the suitability of the roads to be sued.

Is your Council aware of any circumstances which would prevent a school bus from safely traversing these roads during normal weather conditions?

*Name of Bus Operator – K& C Holzapfel
 Number of Adult Seats on Bus – 20.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this request.”

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

In July 2009 Council received a request for the extension of Bus Route P228 at Moy Pocket. It was unclear in the document that the request was for two extensions. The first (Walker Road) Council investigated and reported on to the 4 August 2009 Works Committee (W13/08/09). The Walker Road extension was declined on safety grounds. The bus committee has been advised that the Walker Road extension has been declined on safety grounds.

The second request was to extend the P228 route to a turn around point on Old Moy Pocket Road. In the request (see map) this turnaround point was wrongly identified. The proposed turnaround at C has good visibility and sufficient area for a 20 plus seater bus to maneuver safely. There is an existing bus shelter at this location.

It is recommended that the extension of bus route P228 to point C the southern intersection of Old Moy Pocket Road and Moy Pocket Road be approved.

W29/12/09 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

Recommend that the bus route extension P228, as presented, be received and that the extension of bus route P228 on Moy Pocket Road be approved to the southern intersection with Old Moy Pocket Road.

Carried

5/9	Contract 2009/10 – Q506 Purchase of 12 tonne Smooth Drum Roller
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Re: **W30/12/09** Contract 2009/2010 – Q506 Purchase of a 12tonne smooth drum roller

From: General Manager – Works - Eastern Division - GC Ingham

File:

Date: 17 November 2009

Report: (Fleet Manager – Peter Stevenson)

Overview:

Tenders have been called and assessed for the replacement of Unit 272 12t smooth drum roller.

Ten (10) suppliers provided quotes for eleven (11) machines, each machine was assessed against the following criteria

- Compaction capabilities & weight specifications 40% weighting
- Fuel consumption/service costs/operator input 25% weighting
- Price 25% weighting
- Warranty 5% weighting
- Proximity of service & dealer support 5% weighting

Offers to purchase/trade the existing machines were called at the same time, each of the new machine suppliers submitted ‘Trade’ offers, an offer for outright purchase for the machine was received from a local plant operator.

The basic specification called for a 12 tonne machine, this weight range insures the machine can be moved around the region using Council’s float and tilt tray. One (1) machine offered i.e. Multipac CDM514D was removed from the assessment as the operating weight does not meet the tender specifications.

Supplier offers

Supplier	Make	Model	Full price ex GST	Existing vehicle trade offer exc GST	Change over exc GST
Construction Equipment Australia	JCB - Vibromax	VM115	\$156,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$131,000.00

CJD	Volvo	SD116DX	\$155,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$123,000.00
Hastings Deering	Cat	CS56	\$165,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$140,500.00
BT Equipment	Bomag	BW21104	\$173,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$148,000.00
Dynapac Aust	Dynapac	CA302D	\$156,158.63	\$20,000.00	\$136,158.63
Australian Crane and Machinery	XCMG	XS120	\$155,000.00	No offer	\$155,000.00
Wirtgen Group	Hamm	3411	\$133,500.00	\$18,000.00	\$115,500.00
Wirtgen Group	Hamm	3412	\$138,500.00	\$18,000.00	\$120,500.00
Conplant	Amman	ASC110D	\$144,660.00	\$21,000.00	\$123,660.00
Clark Equipment	Dynapac	CA302D	\$154,760.00	No offer	\$154,760.00
Morrison Earthmoving	Private offer			\$18,181.82	

Weighted Scores

Make	Model	Compaction capabilities 40%	Fuel consumption /service cost 25%	Price 20%	Warranty 10%	Dealer location 5%	Total Score
JCB - Vibromax	VM115	20	4.25	3.4	1.3	0	28.3
Volvo	SD116DX	22.8	4.5	4.4	1.4	0	32.4
Cat	CS56	21.6	5.25	2.6	1.9	0.5	30.9
Bomag	BW21104	20.8	5.75	2.2	1.4	0.5	29.95
Dynapac	CA302D	25.2	3.5	2.6	1.5	0	32.05
XCMG	XS120	23.2	2.25	1.2	1.3	0	27.3
Hamm	3411	20	6.5	4.6	1.3	0	31.75
Hamm	3412	23.2	6	4.2	1.3	0	34.05
Amman	ASC110D	24.8	5	3.8	1.8	0.5	35
Dynapac	CA302D	25.2	3.5	1.4	1.5	0	30.85

Consultation: Fleet Manager, Workshop Supervisors, Workshop Leading Hands and Machine Operators

Risk analysis: Nil - pre-purchase safety risk assessments completed with operational risk assessment scheduled to be completed on machine delivery.

Discussion:

Demonstrations were carried out on the Ammann the ASC110D (35) and the Hamm 3412 (34.05), selection was based on the weighted scores.

Council maintenance staff and operators were given the opportunity to inspect and operate both machines in simulated working conditions. Both machines performed to expectations. The Ammann scores higher in compaction capabilities, offers a slightly better extended warranty package and has local service and parts support. The Ammann ASC110D is manufactured in the Czech Republic and utilises mainstream components such as a Cummins engine and Sauer Sundstrand hydraulic equipment. This machine meets Council's specifications and represents the best purchase option.

W30/12/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr R.J. Dyne

Recommend that

1. Council purchases one (1) Ammann ASC110D 12t smooth drum roller including extended warranty as specified from Conplant P/L for \$144,660.00 excl GST for each unit (\$159,126.00 incl GST).
2. Council accepts the trade offer from Conplant P/L Unit 272 \$21,000 excl GST (\$23,100 incl GST)

Carried

SECTION 6: WORKS EASTERN DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS

Illegal Camping – Cooloola Coast area

W31/12/09 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that the matter of illegal camping at the Cooloola Coast be referred to the Director of Community Services to table a report to a future Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting.

Carried

Mr Ingham left the meeting at 10.42am.

Parks Manager Mr E French entered the meeting at 10.42am.

SECTION 7: WORKS - PARKS

7/1 Parks Monthly Report

Re: **W32/12/09** Parks Monthly Report
From: Parks Manager – Ed French
File:
Date: 24 November 2009

Report: (Parks Manager – Ed French)**Maintenance Works undertaken**

Parks staff have undertaken some park/verges vegetation maintenance works in priority locations, as well as some preparations for the Christmas/ summer growth season.

Further tree removals/pruning tasks have been completed, with a large number of works outstanding. Staff from the crew involved with these works have been temporarily allocated to other tasks. It is planned that additional priority removal/pruning works will be completed in December.

Park Improvements/Capital Works

With resources allocated to ensuring that the region's parks, reserves & urban verges/streetscapes are prepared for the Christmas holiday period, further park improvements & capital works will be undertaken as resources permit as a lower priority.

Gympie CBD Christmas decorations

At the time of writing, the decorations in Mary Street and the instalment of the Christmas tree is to be undertaken on the 26/27 November. New Christmas tree lights and decorations have been purchased with Parks maintenance budgets. To meet community expectations, additional funds should be allocated in the 2010 - 11 budget for the purchase of new decorations for placement in Mary Street.

W32/12/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

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

Carried

7/2

Works Cost Statement – Parks

WORKS COST STATEMENT

W33/12/09 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman

Seconded: Cr R.J. Dyne

Recommend that the Parks sections of the Works Cost Statement, as presented, be received.

Carried

Cr Engeman declared a Conflict of Interest in the next matter because he is a member of the Rotary Club of Gympie and remained in the meeting and abstained from voting.

7/3

Nelson Reserve Performance Stage

Re: **W34/12/09** Nelson Reserve Performance Stage
 From: John Rees, Secretary, Rotary Club Of Gympie Inc, PO Box 85, Gympie Qld 4570
 File: 5/3/15/1 Doc # 1081640
 Date: 19 October 2009

“Proposed sound shell in Nelson Reserve.

This club has \$50 000 in hand and plans to lay the slab for a Sound Shell in Nelson Reserve as soon as practicable. The plans for the project have been lodged with Council at an earlier date and include a roof which cannot be built for the available money.

I have been asked to write to you to seek your financial support for the erection of a roof. I understand that there may be some infrastructure grants that could be used for a spade ready project like this.”

Report: (Parks Manager – Ed French)

Overview: The Rotary Club of Gympie have building approval for the construction of a performance stage at Nelson Reserve, and have indicated to Council staff that it is seeking to carry out construction of the floor and walls prior to Christmas. The Club is seeking financial support elsewhere for the erection of the roof.

Corp Plan: 1.3, 1.4
Op Plan: 2.7 (iv), 3.3 (v)
Budget: None allocated, seeking funds from unallocated Parks Contributions
Consultation: Internal only
Issues: Potential incomplete structure
Risk Analysis: there will be some public discontent if the building has no roof for a significant period of time.

Discussion:

The Rotary Club of Gympie has sufficient funds for the construction of the concrete base and walls only, and are looking for assistance for the construction of the roof. Discussions with staff indicate that the Club would like to construct the base and walls/roof supports prior to Christmas, and then complete the project at a later date, when funds are available.

Council has previously committed to be responsible for the site preparation and associated earthworks. Staff estimate cost of these works to be approximately \$9,000. Should Council contribute towards/undertake the turfing of the building surrounds, supply and installation of irrigation for immediate surrounds and other associated works, an additional \$6000 should be budgeted for, giving a total estimated cost to Council of \$15,000.

Council has not allocated funds towards this project for the above works. There are sufficient unallocated funds in the Gympie/Southside/Jones Hill/Chatsworth Parks Contributions, and it is proposed that funds be allocated from these Parks Contributions.

The Nelson Reserve Performance Stage is one of a number of projects that Council staff have put forward to a number of parties for consideration for funding from the latest round of Federal stimulus funding. Council can not apply for funding from this round, but can partner with other organisations. These applications close on the 11 December 2009. Representatives of the Rotary Club of Gympie have been advised of the above Federal stimulus funding grants.

Council resources are not available for a start on the site preparation and earthworks prior to Christmas. The work will need to be done between events that are booked.

~~W34/12/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté~~ ~~Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker~~

~~Recommend that Council allocate \$15,000 from Gympie/ Southside /Jones Hill/ Chatsworth Parks Contributions for Nelson Reserve Performance Stage site preparations/earthworks/landscaping & associated works in the 2009-10 Parks Improvements Programme.~~

~~Further that the Rotary Club be advised that Council can commence the earthworks in February 2010 and that a community organisation needs to apply for Federal funding for the roof—the outcome of which may be known early in 2010.~~

~~Further that the Mayor call a meeting of the Rotary, Lions and Apex Clubs to discuss this project.~~

Carried

AMENDED REFER MINUTE G09/12/09

SECTION 8: WORKS – PARKS – GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Mason left the meeting at 11.02am and returned at 11.06am.

Mr French left the meeting at 11.07am.

General Manager Works – Western Division – Mr G Curry entered the meeting at 11.07am

SECTION 9: WORKS – WESTERN DIVISION

9/1 Works Cost Statement – Western Division

WORKS COST STATEMENT

W35/12/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

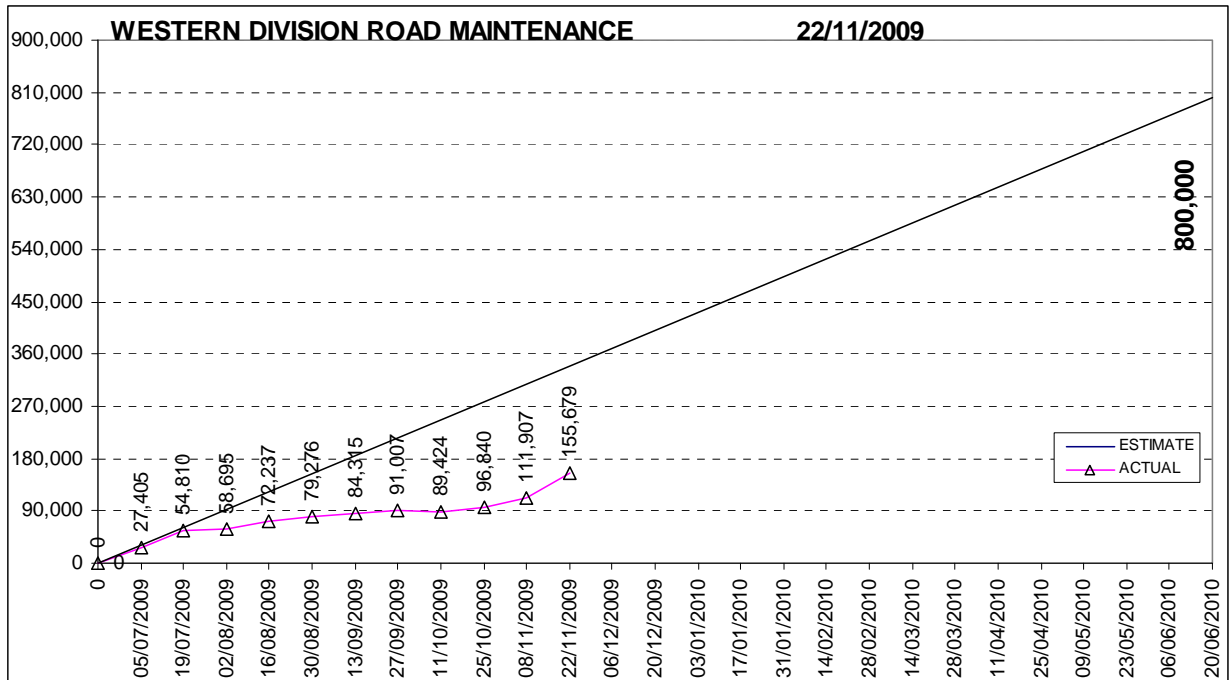
Recommend that the Road Maintenance, Road Construction and Road Contribution sections (Western Division) of the Works Cost Statement, as presented, be received.

Carried

9/2 Works Department Maintenance Graph – Western Division

Re: **W36/12/09** Works Department Maintenance Graph - Western Division
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – GG Curry
File: WR94/00018
Date: 25 November 2009

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



W36/12/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

Recommend that the Works Department Maintenance Graph – Western Division, as presented, be received.

Carried

9/3 Job Construction Report – Western Division

Re: **W37/12/09** Job Construction Report – Western Division
 From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry
 File:
 Date: 24 November 2009

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

Munna Miva Road

Construction of a section of Munna Miva Road to a sealed standard. Works complete.

Main Roads Network

Repairs to culverts on the Burnett Highway and Miva Road have been undertaken. Pavement repairs have been undertaken on the Burnett Highway, Wide Bay Highway and Kilkivan – Tansey Road.

W37/12/09 Moved: Cr R.J. Dyne

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

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

Carried

9/4	Road Maintenance Report – Western Division
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Re: **W38/12/09** Road Maintenance Report – Western Division
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry
File:
Date: 24 November 2009

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

Golden Hills Road	- Patch gravel & gravel
Reid Road	- Grade
Stegmann Road	- Patch gravel & grade
O'Brien Road	- Grade
Upper Widgee Road	- Grade
Groggy Road	- Grade
Mt Victor Road	- Patch grade
Jensen Road	- Grade
Harch Road	- Grade
Semeiks Road	- Grade
Mudlo Road	- Patch grade
Sykes Road	- Patch gravel & grade
Percival Road	- Grade

W38/12/09 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman

Seconded: Cr R.J. Dyne

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

Carried

9/5

Report on Waste Projects

Re: **W39/12/09** Report on Waste Projects
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – GG Curry
File:
Date: 25 November 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. The trunk sewer is well advanced with manholes yet to be completed. Filling of the transfer station and hardstand is in progress.

Excavation of the new landfill cell is in progress.

Cooloola Cove Transfer Station

An offer and clarification of the offer for the Bayside Road Pit site has 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.

Verbal advice has been received indicating that a response from the Minister is imminent. Tenders for the design of the transfer station at Cooloola Cove have been called and are dealt with in a separate report.

W39/12/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté**Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker****Recommend that the above Report be received.****Carried**

Overview Tenders have been called for the design of a Transfer Station on a gravel reserve (Bayside Pit) on Bayside Road, Cooloola Cove in accordance with W40/04/09.

The following tenders were received

AECOM	\$ 59 955
GHD	\$ 88 000
Bellas & Reitano (non conforming)	\$106 800
Bellas & Reitano (conforming)	\$120 800
MWH	\$129 600
Opus Quantec McWilliam	\$158 000
Complete Urban	\$299 596

All prices are GST exclusive

AECOM

AECOM (formerly Maunsell AECOM) have submitted a non conforming conditional tender providing for Professional Indemnity Insurance of \$1M (instead of \$10M requested) and Public Liability of \$10M (instead of \$20M requested) and have included changes to the General Conditions of Contract. Maunsell have previously undertaken design work for the Imbil Waste Transfer Station and Waste Strategy Report for Bonnick Road.

The Conditions of Tender advise that a tenderer may lodge a non conforming tender only if it has lodged a conforming tender. A conforming tender was not received. Accordingly the tender of AECOM has not been considered further.

GHD

GHD have experience in the design of Transfer Stations and are currently working for Council on the Bonnick Road Landfill redevelopment and Transfer Station.

BELLAS AND REITANO

Bellas and Reitano have lodged a conforming and a non conforming tender. The non conforming tender provides for Professional Indemnity of \$5M (instead of \$10M requested).

Bellas and Reitano have worked with Cooloola Shire previously on Coastal Transfer Stations.

MWH

MWH have been involved in a number of transfer stations in New Zealand. MWH did not include a signed copy of Notice to Tenderers No 1 with their tender.

OPUS QUANTEC MCWILLIAM

Opus Quantec McWilliam have been involved in a Transfer Station in Gladstone. Opus Quantec McWilliam did not include a signed copy of the Notice to Tenderers No. 1 with their tender.

COMPLETE URBAN

Complete Urban have been involved with a number of Transfer Stations for Gold Coast City Council.

W41/12/09 Moved: Cr R.J. Dyne

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

Recommend that the tender of GHD of \$88 000 (GST exclusive) for Tender No. 2009/10 – T20 Design of Cooloola Cove Waste Transfer Station, be accepted.

Carried

SECTION 10: WORKS WESTERN DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Curry left the meeting at 11.13am.

Lands Protection Manager – Mr M Webb entered the meeting at 11.13am.

SECTION 11: WORKS - LAND PROTECTION

11/1 Land Protection Monthly Report

Re: **W42/12/09** Land Protection Monthly Report

From: Lands Protection Manager – Mr M Webb

File:

Date: 24 November 2009

Report: (Land Protection Manager – M Webb)

Herbicide Spraying:

Continued treatment of isolated Groundsel plants on Council roads throughout the region.

Declared Plants:

Another round of Giant Rats Tail Grass warning letters has been issued and response from landholders has been reasonably good. Because of the harsh dry conditions, Lands Protection staff have been working with Giant Rats Tail Grass affected landholders to develop management plans which will achieve the best results under more favourable weather conditions.

The Salvinia Bio-Control breeding facility which is located at the Gympie Landcare Depot is almost completed with only some minor plumbing alterations to be done. The salvinia beetles appear to be breeding quite well and a couple of landholders have received some of the beetles to trial them on salvinia.

Declared Animals:

Lands Protection staff have carried out several pig baiting campaigns during the report period. Early indications are that the campaign on one property has been highly successful while the other two report a reduction in pig numbers.

Reports of rabbits continue to increase and staff have been busy either injecting captured rabbits with Calisi virus or carrying out baiting programmes.

S.E.Q.P.A.F Meeting:

Lands Protection Officers attended the South East Queensland Pest Advisory Forum at Fernvale on 18th November. The forum was interesting and informative with two items on the agenda being of particular interest. The first was a presentation by Mr Greg Mifsud, the National Facilitator for the National Wild Dog Management Co-ordinating Committee and the second was an update on the drafting of the new Bio-Security Act which will replace the Land Protection Act.

W42/12/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

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

Carried

<p>SECTION 12: WORKS - LAND PROTECTION - GENERAL BUSINESS</p>
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Mr Webb left the meeting at 11.22am

General Manager Water & Sewerage Division – Mr I Schiefelbein entered the meeting at 11.22am.

SECTION 13: WATER & SEWERAGE DIVISION**13/1 Works Cost Statement – Water & Sewerage****WORKS COST STATEMENT****W43/12/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett****Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

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

Carried

13/2 Extension of Time to Complete the Construction of Cooloola Coast Sewerage Treatment Plants

Re: **W44/12/09** Extension of Time to Complete the Construction of Cooloola Coast Sewerage Treatment Plants
From: Gary White, Deputy Director-General. Local Government & Planning Group, PO Box 15009, City East Qld 4002
File: 4/9/20/1 Doc # 1083743
Date: 28 October 2009

“Thank you for your letter and application form of 25 September 2009 requesting an extension of time to complete the construction of the Cooloola Coast Sewerage Treatment Plants 2007/2008 project (project reference 10041-01-071).

Following an assessment of Council’s request, under my delegated authority from the Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Partnerships, I am satisfied with the reasons provided for an extension of time to complete this project and I approve an extension of time to 13 May 2010 to enable Council to finalise the project.

Requests for further extensions of time on this project will not be considered and Council is expected to complete works and acquit the funding for this project by 13 May 2010. Any unclaimed funding will be lapsed after this date.

I trust this information is of assistance. If you require any further information, please contact Mr Darren Foster, Senior Advisor, Regional Services Division,

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. 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 complete and the plant is operational. Commissioning is well advanced.
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 on lowering the water mains across the highway near Normanby Bridge is complete.
12. **Goomeri Water Softener**
The softener at the Goomeri Water Treatment Plant has been turned off to conserve water.

W45/12/09 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman Seconded: Cr R.J. Dyne

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

13/4	Water Consumption/Water Restrictions
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Re: **W46/12/09** Water Consumption/Water Restrictions
 From: General Manager – Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein
 File:
 Date: 25 November 2009

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

Dry conditions have resulted in increased water use. A comparison between current average water use and nominal system capacity is detailed below:

Scheme	Nominal System Capacity*	Current Average Weekly Usage
Gympie	18.0ML/day	9.400ML/day
Imbil	0.6ML/day	0.292ML/day
Kandanga	0.4ML/day	0.062ML/day
Amamoor	0.4ML/day	0.068ML/day
Kilkivan	0.3ML/day	0.16ML/day
Goomeri	0.18ML/day	0.10ML/day
Tin Can Bay/ Cooloola Cove	2.7ML/day	2.860ML/day
Rainbow Beach	2.52ML/day	1.360ML/day

The supply sources are being monitored to determine whether the dry condition and high water use are placing excessive strain on the system. At this stage Level 3 water restrictions are in place in Goomeri and Kilkivan due to the ongoing drought conditions.

The Tin Can Bay, Cooloola Cove System is working near capacity. Extra pumping hours are being employed to maintain reservoir levels.

W46/12/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

13/5 Normanby Overpass Bridge Progress

Re: **W47/12/09** Normanby Overpass Bridge Progress
From: LJ O'Brien, District Director (Gympie), Department of Main Roads, PO
Box 183, Gympie Qld 4570
File: 4/8/21/7 Doc # 1085881
Date: 6 November 2009

"As you would be aware, the Department of Transport and Main Roads is working hard to re-open the Bruce Highway and overpass bridge at the Normanby interchange before Christmas. Our schedule is very tight and success depends on the cooperation of a number of suppliers and sub-contractors.

An important milestone for the project was reached last week when Council completed the relocation of water mains under the highway. The relocations were carried out at short notice to allow work to proceed on lowering the Bruce Highway pavement under the overpass bridge.

Ian Schiefelbein and his group have delivered their part of the project quickly and professionally. Could you please pass on my appreciation to Ian and the rest of his team."

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

Council's new Works and Water Maintenance crews and their supervisors Darren Beutel and Tony Balkin worked together to effectively expedite this project.

W47/12/09 Moved: Cr R.J. Dyne

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

Recommend that the information be received and relevant staff thanked for their commitment to the work.

Carried

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

Cr R.A. Gâté left the meeting at 11.31am.

Mr Schiefelbein left the meeting at 11.32am.

Cr R.A. Gâté returned to the meeting at 11.34am.

SECTION 15: ATTACHMENTS

Works Cost Statement

SECTION 16: IN COMMITTEE

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

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

1. Legal Matter – Leases
2. Additional Accommodation Space

W48/12/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.J. Dyne

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

1. Legal Matter – Leases.
2. Additional Accommodation Space

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

Mrs Birt left the meeting at 11.33am. and returned at 11.50am.

COUNCIL OUT OF COMMITTEE

W49/12/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That proceedings be resumed in Open Council.

Carried

Legal Matter – Leases – Sporting Shooters Assoc of Aust – Tin Can Bay Branch Inc

W50/12/09 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that the information be noted.

Carried

Additional Accommodation Space

W51/12/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that Council authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the purchase of additional accommodation space.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.51am.

CONFIRMED THIS NINTH DAY OF DECEMBER 2009

Cr L.J. Friske
Chairman