



**MINUTES**  
*of the*  
**GENERAL MEETING**

**CHAIRPERSON: Cr R.J. Dyne (Mayor)**

**Held in the Boardroom  
Town Hall  
2 Caledonian Hill  
Gympie Qld 4570**

**On Wednesday 9 December 2009  
At 9.00 am**

Gympie Regional Council **GENERAL**

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

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The meeting commenced at 9:03 am.

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

Also in attendance were Chief Executive Officer (Mr K.A. Mason) and Minutes Clerk (Miss S Bull).

Cr Larry Friske was not present at the commencement of the meeting.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS**

Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting 25 November 2009

**F05/11/09** Cr A.J. Perrett - Conflict of Interest

**F08/11/09 &**

**F09/11/09** Cr J. Watt and Cr J.A. Walker - Conflicts of Interest

**F17/11/09** Mayor Cr R.J. Dyne - Conflict of Interest

**F27/11/09** Cr G.L. Engeman - Conflict of Interest

Works & Services Committee Meeting 1 December 2009

**W34/12/09** - Cr G.L. Engeman - Conflict of Interest

Planning & Development Committee Meeting 2 December 2009

**P14/12/09** – Cr G.L. Engeman - Material Personal Interest.

**P14/12/09** – Cr A.J. Perrett - Conflict of Interest.

**P14/12/09** – Cr R.A. Gâté - Conflict of Interest.

## **SECTION 1: OPEN WITH PRAYER**

Pastor Noel McDonough from Gympie Community Church offered a Prayer for the advancement of the Region and the true welfare of its people.

One Minute's silence was observed for family and friends of deceased residents of the Region.

## **SECTION 2: APOLOGIES**

Cr Friske entered the meeting at 9.08 am.

### **SECTION 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING**

**G01/12/09 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté**

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

**That the Minutes of the Gympie Regional Council General Meeting held on 25 November 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.**

**Carried**

### **SECTION 4: PETITIONS**

Nil

### **SECTION 5: ADOPTION OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Councillor A.J. Perrett declared a Conflict of Interest in Minute F05/11/09 as he is a member of the Kilkivan Show & Campdraft Association Inc.

Cr J. Watt and Cr J.A. Walker declared Conflicts of Interest in Minutes F08 & F09/11/09 as they are both members of the Mary Valley Show Society.

Mayor Cr R.J. Dyne declared a Conflict of Interest in Minute F17/11/09 as a member of the Lower Wonga Hall Committee.

Cr G.L Engeman declared a Conflict of Interest in Minute F27/11/09 as President of the Gympie & District Show Society.

**G02/12/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**That the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 25 November 2009 as presented, be received with the exception of F08/11/09 to be withdrawn and dealt with later in this meeting.**

**Carried**

**G03/12/09 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson**

**Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman**

**That the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 25 November 2009 as amended, be adopted.**

**Carried**

Cr G.L. Engeman, Cr R.J. Dyne, Cr J. Watt, Cr J.A. Walker and Cr A.J. Perrett voted **FOR** the **MOTION**

Cr J. Watt and Cr J.A. Walker declared Conflicts of Interest in Minutes F08/11/09 as they are both members of the Mary Valley Show Society and remained in the meeting.

<p><b>Recommendation F08/11/09 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance &amp; Finance Committee Meeting held on the 25 November 2009</b></p>
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**G04/12/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt**

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

**That Recommendation F08/11/09 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on the 25 November 2009 be deleted and replace with the following:-**

*“That the applicant be requested to provide further information regarding infrastructure development and overall plans in relation to the applicant’s request for the lease of Council’s 20 acre parkland in Imbil.”*

**Lost**

**G05/12/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

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

**That Recommendation F08/11/09 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on the 25 November 2009 be received and adopted.**

**Carried**

Cr J.A. Walker voted **FOR** the **MOTION**.  
Cr J. Watt voted **AGAINST** the **MOTION**.

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

Cr Donna Neilson presented the following Report:-

The committee dealt with a number of applications for leases over property which is either owned by Council or for which Council is trustee.

A building and land at Emperor Street, Tin Can Bay will be leased to Tuncunba Lodge No 80 as a community hall for a period of 10 years. The previous lessees, TS Quiberon Unit Support Group Inc vacated the building to enable extensive rectification works to be carried out and has relocated to another suitable building.

It was recommended that Council endorse a Licence Agreement between the Kilkivan Show and Campdraft Assn Inc and the Kilkivan Pony Club Inc over land at Mudlo Road, Kilkivan. This agreement will formalise the existing arrangement under which the Pony Club has regular use of the grounds.

The Gunalda and District Campdraft Association Inc will be offered a 10 year lease over the Gunalda Recreation & Sporting Reserve at King Street, Gunalda. The grounds, including canteen, amenities, arena, stockyards and grandstands, have previously been managed by the Gunalda Recreation & Sporting Reserve Advisory Committee. This committee strongly supported the new arrangement.

Council will offer a 20 year trustee lease over land at the end of Hall Street, Kilkivan to Optus for the purpose of installing a telecommunication tower. The land currently hosts a Telstra tower and a two-way radio tower. This offer will be subject to the Department of Environment and Resource Management approving formal access to the site.

A lease over the balance of the "20 acre block" at Imbil-Brooloo Road, Imbil will be negotiated with the Mary Valley Show Society. The land which adjoins the Mary Valley Showgrounds was purchased by Council in 2002 to provide carparking during the annual show. A grant from the State Government, which assisted with part of the purchase price, was made on the basis that the land be "principally for the use, convenience or enjoyment of the Show Society and the show public".

Council has agreed to remove the asbestos roofing from the Kandanga Railway Siding building to enable the Friends of Kandanga to complete their work on the building. A building inspection identified a number of concerns in relation to the structural soundness of the building, but these have since been addressed by the Friends of Kandanga Inc.

The Committee recommended that Council renew the lease over the shop currently occupied by the Rainbow Beach Resource and Referral Centre to 30 June 2010 only. Council's leasing of the shop will cease at that time and the

Centre will be required to submit a financial assistance application annually for any further assistance sought.

The Gympie Show holiday will be observed on Friday 14 May 2010. The Parish of Goomeribong in the west of the Region, will observe the Show holiday on Monday 9 August 2010.

Notices inviting Financial Assistance Grants Applications will be advertised in the Gympie Times and South Burnett Times from Saturday 16 January 2010 for an eight week period. Applications close on 15 March 2010 and applicants are encouraged to ensure all documentation is received before that time as late applications may not be considered.

**G06/12/09      Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson                      Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman**

**That the Report be received.**

**Carried**

<b>SECTION 7:    ADOPTION OF WORKS &amp; SERVICES                          COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
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Cr Engeman declared a Conflict of Interest in Minute W34/12/09 because he is a member of the Rotary Club of Gympie.

**G07/12/09      Moved: Cr L.J. Friske                      Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

**That the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 1 December 2009 as presented, be received with the exception of W34/12/09 to be withdrawn and dealt with later in this meeting.**

**Carried**

**G08/12/09      Moved: Cr L.J. Friske                      Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

**That the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 1 December 2009 as amended, be adopted.**

**Carried**

Cr G.L. Engeman voted **FOR** the **MOTION**.



Cr Engeman declared a Conflict of Interest in Minute W34/12/09 because he is a member of the Rotary Club of Gympie, remained in the meeting and abstained from voting.

<p><b>Recommendation W34/12/09 of the Recommendations of the Works &amp; Services Committee Meeting held on the 1 December 2009</b></p>
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**G09/12/09 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske**

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

**That Recommendation W34/12/09 of the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 1 December 2009 be amended to state:-**

*“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 Council endorse actions to commence the project in December 2009.”*

**Carried**

<p><b>SECTION 8: REPORT BY THE WORKS &amp; SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN</b></p>
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Cr Larry Friske presented the following report:-

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

- Telstra Payphone Removals – Telstra have advised that they will be removing three payphones – one each from 100 Mellor Street, 25 Red Hill Road and 15 Stewart Terrace, Gympie due to lack of use by residents over the past few years. The payphones at 6 Mary Street and 3 Duke Street will each have one of the two payphones removed in the very near future. Council has no objection to the removal of the telephones provided there is no significant public comment during the notification period.
- Following continual requests from residents for Moy Pocket Road to be upgraded, Council has advised that further upgrading work on the Road will occur in 2011/12 and 2014/15.
- The Rainbow Beach Commerce & Tourism Assoc has requested Council to consider putting underground power in the main street of Rainbow

Beach. Following consideration by Council of their request, Council has advised the Association that Council believes there are some higher priority infrastructure issues to be funded at Rainbow Beach in the short term. Council has also requested the Association to advise Council of the commercial and financial support that may be forthcoming should Council proceed with the installation of underground power.

- Bushfire Risk Management Study – Council has referred this matter to the Director of Engineering Services to develop an implementation, timing and budgeting plan for the suggested mitigation actions.
- Archery Park – Council will be seeking support from the AGL Rescue Helicopter operators to request them to consider landing their helicopters in Archery Park further away from the businesses in Cross Street whilst the dry conditions are prevailing.
- Brumbies – following the serious concerns raised by staff in relation to brumbies on the Tin Can Bay, Rainbow Beach and Maryborough Roads, Council’s Mayor will be holding a meeting with Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Department of Environment and Resource Management to develop an urgent plan of action to reduce the risk of crashes involving wild horses on declared roads in the Toolara State Forest.
- Council has resolved for staff to hold a meeting with Mr Warren Edwards, Area Director, Qld Fire & Rescue Service Rural Operations to discuss Council’s role in the Glastonbury bush fire.
- Council is continuing to monitor water usage over the next few months and if necessary will impose water restrictions if, and when required.
- Normanby Overpass Bridge Progress – reports received from the Department of Main Roads and Transport indicate that work is on par for the opening of the Normanby Overpass Bridge prior to Christmas as originally proposed. Council is thankful to the Department for their efforts in ensuring this work is completed for the Xmas holiday period.”

**G10/12/09 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske**

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

**That the Report be received.**

**Carried**

**SECTION 9: ADOPTION OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cr G.L. Engeman declared a Material Personal Interest in Minute P14/12/09 due to perceived business interests.

Cr A.J. Perrett declared a Conflict of Interest in 2009-0796 in Minute P14/12/09 due to being a Member of the Board of St Patrick's College.

Cr R.A. Gate declared a Conflict of Interest in 2009-1346 in Minute P14/12/09 due to being a member of the committee.

**G11/12/09      Moved: Cr J. Watt    Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen**

**That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 2 December 2009 as presented, be received with the exception of Minute P14/12/09 to be withdrawn and dealt with later in this meeting.**

**Further that P05/12/09 be withdrawn at the request of the applicant for further consultation.**

**Carried**

**G12/12/09      Moved: Cr J. Watt    Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen**

**That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 2 December 2009 as amended, be adopted.**

**Carried**

Cr G.L. Engeman declared a Material Personal Interest in Minute P14/12/09 due to perceived business interests and left the meeting at 9.37am.

Cr A.J. Perrett declared a Conflict of Interest in 2009-0796 in Minute P14/12/09 due to being a Member of the Board of St Patrick's College, remained in the meeting and abstained from voting.

Cr R.A. Gate declared a Conflict of Interest in 2009-1346 in Minute P14/12/09 due to being a member of the committee, remained in the meeting and abstained from voting.

**Recommendation P14/12/09 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on the 2 December 2009**

**G13/12/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt**

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

**That Recommendation P14/12/09 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 2 December 2009 be received and adopted.**

**Carried**

Cr G.L. Engeman returned to the meeting at 9.38am.

**SECTION 10: REPORT BY THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Cr Jan Watt presented the following report:-

“A Material Change of Use for the development of three units at Jubilee St Monkland was approved, these add a previous approval issued in 2008 which remains current over the site for 4 units.

A warehouse on East Deep Creek Road was approved on conditions provided by the Director of Planning and Development and requested by Council from the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> October.

The application for 12 dwelling units in Alma Street was held over pending receipt of further information from the applicants.

A negotiated decision notice was issued for representations on a Material Change of Use for an extractive industry at Curra with amendments to conditions on road contribution, quarry output limitation to 200 tonnes per annum, vehicle carrying capacity limitation to 10 tonnes for removal of material, qualification of nominated extraction areas and rehabilitation requirements.

Several reconfigurations of blocks were approved with improved planning outcomes for landholders whilst a major application to create fourteen blocks at Curra was withheld seeking amended plans addressing lot size and frontages compliant with Rural Residential zoning.

A reconfiguration application to create 14 new lots in Kilkivan was given a preliminary approval requiring design information detailing subdivision layout clearly demonstrating adequate building envelopes within each new block created not impacted by Q100 flood levels of One Mile Creek.

Four new Material Change of Use - Code Assessment applications have been received including a showroom and General Industry at Glanmire and 84 motel units, restaurant and function room at Oak St and Chatsworth Rd. Gympie. Ten reconfiguration of lots and five operational works were also received and eight development applications were approved under delegated authority for the past fortnight.

**G14/12/09 Moved: Cr J. Watt**

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

**That the Report be received.**

**Carried**

## **SECTION 11: OTHER MATTERS**

**11/1 Gympie Regional Council Audit Report**

Re: **G15/12/09** Gympie Regional Council Audit Report  
From: Prosperity Audit Services  
File:  
Date: 18 November 2009

*“We advise that our audit of the financial statements of Gympie Regional Council for the period ended 21 June 2009 is complete and we have issued an unqualified audit opinion. We enclose the financial statements including our signed audit report for your records.*

*We wish to take this opportunity to thank yourself and the staff at the Council for the kind cooperation and courtesy extended to us during the audit.*

*Should you have any queries in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact this office.”*

**G15/12/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

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

**That the information be noted and the Director of Financial Services and staff be thanked for their efforts.**

**Carried**

11/2	Regional First Home Owner's Grant
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Re: **G16/12/09** Regional First Home Owner's Grant  
From: Andrew Fraser, Treasurer of Queensland  
File: 1/4/05/0014 Doc ID: 1407730  
Date: 24 November 2009

*"You may be aware the Premier has recently indicated that the Queensland Government is considering introducing a new regional first home owner's grant of \$3,000.*

*As you know the Queensland Government will provide \$220 million in 2009-10 to provide a \$7,000 grant to first home owners.*

*If adopted the grant would supplement the existing First Home Owner Grant program and be available to first home owners constructing new properties in areas outside of South East Queensland.*

*The Government believes that such a proposal could build stronger regional economies, encourage young people to remain or settle in regional areas and more evenly distribute the rapid population growth the State is currently experiencing.*

*The Premier has also indicated that Local Councils could be given the opportunity to decide whether the program would apply to their geographical boundaries. I would welcome any feedback your Council may have on this matter.*

*If you would like to discuss this proposal I would invite you to contact me Principal Advisor Sharon Humphreys on telephone (07) 3224 6900."*

**G16/12/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker                      Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**That Council advise the Premier that Gympie Regional Council area would participate in the \$3,000 Regional First Home Owners Grant.**

**Carried**

11/3	Lands Protection Survey Program (February to May 2009)
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Re: **G17/12/09** Lands Protection Survey Program (February to May 2009)  
From: Lands Protection Manager – M.J. Webb  
File:  
Date: 2 December 2009

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

Council, under Section 241 of the Lands Protection (Pest & Stock Route Management) Act 2002, must approve by resolution a Pest Survey Program. This then allows Council's authorised Officers to enter properties to monitor compliance with this Act. Compliance notices will result from these programs.

**LAND PROTECTION (PEST AND STOCK ROUTE  
MANAGEMENT)  
ACT 2002 SECTION 241**

**PEST SURVEY PROGRAM****Areas to be covered in this Program**

Property inspections throughout the following areas will be conducted by Council Officers authorised under Section 244 of the Act during the Program:

Area 1 – East of Mary River in the Gympie Regional Council Area

Area 2 – West of Mary River in the Gympie Regional Council Area

**Criteria for Selection of Above Area**

The area is a position of the local government area for which inspection by Council officers is feasible within 3 months, and the area is considered a high priority for all pests declared under the Lands Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 in accordance with the Local Government Area Pest Management Plan.

**Purpose of the Program**

- To monitor compliance with the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 in relation to declared pests.
- To aid in monitoring/mapping the distribution and spread of declared pests.
- To promote landowners Best Practice in the treatment of declared pests.
- To ensure that persons or organisations holding Declared Pest Permits are complying with the requirements of the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002.

These inspections will be conducted on urban and rural properties within the area/s stated above. In addition to this program, places open to the public, such as Plant Nurseries, Landscape Garden Suppliers, Seed Merchants, Stock Fodder Suppliers and Quarry Material Suppliers, will be inspected from time to time by Council to monitor compliance with the Act.

Commencement and Duration of Survey:

The survey of **Area 2** will commence on the **2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010** and will be in force for a period of **3 Months**, expiring on **1<sup>st</sup> May 2010**.

The survey of **Area 1** will commence on the **3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010** and will be in force for a period of **3 Months**, expiring on **2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010**.

**G17/12/09 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske**

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

**That Council approve two Pest Survey Programs under Section 241 of the Lands Protection (Pest & Stock Route Management) Act 2002 to begin on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 for the area west of the Mary River and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 for the area east of the Mary River.**

**Carried**

11/4	Audit Committee Report to Council
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Re: **G18/12/09** Audit Committee Report to Council  
 From: Councillor I.T. Petersen  
 File: FG06/00164  
 Date: 19/11/09

Report: (Chairman of Audit Committee - Cr Ian Petersen)

**AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Council's Audit Committee met on Wednesday 18/11/09. In accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Finance Standard 2005, a written report is to be submitted to the Local Government stating any recommendations the Committee has about the matters reviewed.

In carrying out the responsibilities of the Committee, members carefully considered the issues listed on its Audit Committee Checklist. These issues specifically pertain to the legislative requirements set out in the Local Government Finance Standard 2005, and relate to the following areas of the operations of Council:

- Organisational Structure
- Risk Management
- Control Framework
- External Accountability
- Legislative Compliance
- Internal Audit



- External Audit

As is required under the Audit Committee Charter each member of the Committee has provided a signed declaration which states that no conflict of interest exists which would preclude them from being a member of the Audit Committee.

There are four (4) specific recommendations arising from this meeting, requiring Council's consideration and resolution:

1. Audit Committee Charter - attached
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*A03/11/09 - The committee has reviewed the Audit Committee Charter. Recommend that Council adopt the Charter with no alterations.*

**Carried**

2. Internal Audit
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*A05/11/09 - The committee has reviewed the internal audit coverage and the annual work plan.*

*Recommend to Council that the issue of resources for internal audit be referred to the next draft budget meeting.*

**Carried**

3. Change of Name
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*A09/11/09 - Recommend that the name of the Audit Committee be changed to "Audit & Risk-Management Committee"*

**Carried**

4. External Audit Committee Member
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*A11/11/09 - The Committee considered the option of appointing an external (non-Council) member. It was resolved:*

*That the Committee recommend that at this stage Council not appoint an external (non-Council) member to the Audit Committee.*

**Carried**

The next scheduled meeting of the Audit Committee is proposed to be held immediately following the second Planning & Development Committee meeting in July 2010.

In the meantime, a meeting with representative/s from the External Auditors will be sought at their convenience.

**G18/12/09 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

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

**That:**

- 1. The Audit Committee Charter be adopted with no alterations.**
- 2. The issue of resources for internal audit be referred to the next draft budget meeting.**
- 3. The name of the Audit Committee be changed to “Audit & Risk-Management Committee.**
- 4. Council not appoint an external (non-Council) member to the Audit Committee.**

**Carried**

## **SECTION 12: MEETING DATES**

The meeting dates for the month of January & February 2010 have been set as follows:

**WEDNESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2010**

**Planning & Development Committee Meeting 9am**

**WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2010**

**General 9am  
Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting to Commence at the Conclusion of the Preceding General Meeting.**

### **FEBRUARY**

**TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2010**

**Works & Services Committee Meeting 9am**

**WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2010**

**Planning & Development Committee Meeting 9am**

**WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2010**

**General 9am  
Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting to Commence at the**

**Conclusion of the Preceding General Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2010**

**Planning & Development Committee Meeting 9am**

**WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2010**

**General 9am  
Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting to Commence at the Conclusion of the Preceding General Meeting.**

**G19/12/09 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**That the meeting dates for the month of January & February 2010 be adopted.**

**Carried**

**SECTION 13: GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Community Futures Taskforce Update**

Cr Jan Watt reported to Council on the recent Community Futures Taskforce Meeting she attended in Brisbane. The following was discussed:

Chairman GM Arnison advised that:

CFTF operations extended to 30/06/10

- CFTF fund reinstated (from money previously Kandanga Cemetery - \$250K-\$300K)
- Funds will be made available through CFTF and Dept of Communities
- Encourage applicants to leverage funding from other partners
- New Terms of Reference waiting for Ministers sign off

QWI – Scott Smith advised that:

- LEASES – QWI will be honouring leases - at time of termination, lease will revert to commercial rates
- Community groups leasing properties in same situation as other lessees - have to await the buy back process EoI 31.05.09 – same as everyone else. DIP acting as agents for QWI for buy back.
- Imbil HUB office – QWI have terminated lease (only monthly)
- Scot Smith – no further mandate for QWI commitments to the Mary Valley
- Any work/agreements not subject to Traveston Crossing Dam will be honoured by QWI

## Education:

- Kandanga Crk School mothballed for 12 months - transition to neighbouring schools in Kandanga
  - GM Arnison – demographics – no 2<sup>nd</sup> generation student not at school in Kandanga
  - Mary Valley College – will keep year 10 for a year at least
  - Chaplain – was funded by Federal Govt, was to finish in Oct but will now continue
  - Chaplain - CFTF will fund part time till end 2010
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- Land Use Infrastructure Plan for the Mary Valley will be re-scoped for a no dam scenario this will assist agriculture planning in future with relation to LG planning schemes and regional planning documents such as the WBBRP.

## Q150 Celebration Ball

Cr Donna Neilson expressed her congratulations and appreciation to those involved with the Q150 Celebration Ball on Saturday, 5 December which proved to be a very pleasant evening. A sentiment agreed with by the Mayor and those Councillors who attended.

## Mary Valley Renewal Team

**G20/12/09****Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté****Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson**

**That Council appoint Cr L.J. Friske and Cr A.J. Perrett to be representatives on the Mary Valley Renewal Team.**

**Carried**

## Footpath Upgrade outside Gympie RSL

**G21/12/09****Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté****Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske**

**That Council commit \$5,000 plus GST from the New Roads Projects Category – Float to go towards the footpath upgrade outside the Gympie RSL.**

**Carried**

**SECTION 14: "IN COMMITTEE"****COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE**

The Mayor advised the meeting that Council was going "Into Committee" to discuss

1. Office Accommodation
2. Staff Matter

**G22/12/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

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

**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/s:-**

- 1. Office Accommodation**
- 2. Staff Matter**

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

**Carried**

**COUNCIL OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**G23/12/09 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman**

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

**Carried**

Cr J. Watt left the meeting at 10.21 am.

Mr Ken Mason declared a Conflict of Interest in the next item due to a family member being an employee of the marketing agent.

14/1	Office Accommodation
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Re: **G24/12/09** Office Accommodation  
From: Chief Executive Office – Mr Ken Mason

**G24/12/09** Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

**That Council enter into a contract for the purchase of Lots 48, 49 & 50 of Crown Plan 614710.**

**Further that in accordance with section 519(3) Council resolves to amend the 2009/10 Budget to fund the purchase and renovation costs from the Capital Projects Reserve.**

**Carried**

14/2	Staff Matter
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Re: **G25/12/09** Staff Matter  
From: Chief Executive Officer – Mr Ken Mason  
File:  
Date: 4 December 2009

**G25/12/09** Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske

**That the information be noted.**

**Carried**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.21am.

Confirmed this SIXTEENTH day of DECEMBER 2009.

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**CHAIRMAN**  
*Cr R.J. Dyne*