

***GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL***

**MINUTES**

*of the*

**COMMUNITY SERVICES  
AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CHAIRMAN: Cr A Perrett**

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

**On Wednesday 9th April 2008, following the  
General Meeting.**

**For Adoption at the  
General Meeting  
To be held on the 23 April 2008**

Gympie Regional Council

## COMMUNITY SERVICES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MINUTES

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

### APPOINTMENTS etc.

**Nil**

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The meeting commenced at 10.19 am.

PRESENT: Cr A Perrett (Committee Chairman), Cr R Dyne (Mayor), Cr D Neilson, Cr I Petersen, Cr L Friske, Cr J Watt, Cr G Engeman, Cr J Walker, Cr R Gâté, Mr M Grant (Interim Director of Community Services), Chief Executive Officer Mr K Mason, Mrs V Knight and Mrs R McVicar (Minutes Secretaries).

DELEGATE: Cr R Gâté

APOLOGIES: Nil

## SECTION 1: DRAFT CHARTER “COMMUNITY SERVICES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT” COMMITTEE

Re: **CS01/04/08** Draft Charter “Community Services & Economic Development Committee

From: Interim Director of Community Services – Mr M Grant

Date: 4 April 2008

**Report:** (Interim Director of Community Services – Mr M Grant)

Following is a Draft Charter for the “Community Services & Economic Development Committee” which outlines the purpose and functions of the committee. The Charter is required to be adopted by Council.

1/1	Gympie Regional Council – Community Services & Economic Development Draft Charter
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### Appointment

The Gympie Regional Council, pursuant to Section 452(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, has resolved to appoint a standing committee to be known as the Community Services and Economic Development Committee (the “Committee”).

### Purpose (Committee Objectives)

The purpose of the Committee is to establish and review strategies for achieving the provision of Local Government Health Services; regional growth and economic development; to raise the profile of the Gympie Region; the provision of local disaster and national disaster mitigation; to make the Gympie Region a desirable place in which to live and invest; to promote and support the community, recreational and tourist facilities within the Region and to provide the environmental controls for this to occur.

Function (Committee Responsibilities)

The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities or as determined by the Gympie Regional Council from time to time.

To formulate, monitor, review and make recommendations to the Gympie Regional Council, concerning matters related to the following Council functions:-

Abandoned vehicles  
Aged Care Packages  
Art Gallery/ Museums  
Beach Services  
Business Planning and Development #  
Camping grounds  
Caravan parks (Council and Private)  
Cemeteries  
Chemicals  
Civic Centre  
Community Events and Engagement  
Community Halls  
Community Health Services  
Community Development Planning  
Dogs/Cats/Birds/Poultry control/registration  
Environmental Protection Act (Devolved Functions)  
Environmental Health Licensing  
Environmental Health Investigation  
Flood Records  
Footpath Use (street dining, goods on footpath)  
Grants Officer Coordination  
Immunisation  
Incinerators  
Library Services/Local History Services  
Litter Enforcement  
Local Disaster Coordination  
Overgrown allotments  
Park Use approvals  
Pensioner Units  
Pound Operations  
Public Amenities  
RADF  
Rainwater Tanks Inspection (vector control)  
Recycling  
Regulated parking operation and control (non-financial)  
Refuse Waste Management  
Rural Fire brigades  
Social Planning  
Stable Licensing

Swimming Pools – public  
Show Grounds (excluding leases and management arrangements)  
The Pavilion  
Tourism and Gympie Region Promotion #  
To make the Gympie Region a desirable place in which to live and invest #  
To work collaboratively with the Cooloola Regional Development Bureau #  
Vector Management  
Vending (roadside)  
Waste and Recycling Collection Contract Services  
Waste Management Facilities Design and Monitoring  
Youth development

Authority (Authority of Committee)

The Committee has been delegated the power to appoint advisory committees, to assist it in any of the areas of its functions and responsibilities, as provided for in Chapter 6, Part 1 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The Committee will prepare a charter for every advisory committee it appoints setting out details of the purpose, functions and composition of each advisory committee.

The Committee shall also have authority to obtain advice and assistance from internal and external legal, accounting and other advisors.

Membership (Committee Membership)

The Committee shall consist of no fewer than nine (9) members, including the Mayor as an ex-officio member. The Chairman and members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Gympie Regional Council from its Councillors.

Five (5) Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

The members of the Community Services and Economic Development Committee (Standing Committee) for the 2008 - 2012 term of Council shall be:-

Mayor – Councillor Ron Dyne (ex officio member)  
Councillor Anthony Perrett, Chairman  
Councillor Donna Neilson,  
Councillor Rae Gate, Proxy Chairman  
Councillor Julie Walker,  
Councillor Ian Petersen,  
Councillor Graham Engeman,  
Councillor Larry Friske,  
Councillor Jan Watt.

Meetings

(Committee Meeting Arrangements)

The Committee will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at the conclusion of the preceding General Meeting.

All meetings will be conducted in compliance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and applicable Local Laws dealing with meetings.

**Reporting**

(Committee Reporting Arrangements)

The Chairman of the Committee may table a report to the next General Meeting of the Gympie Regional Council following the monthly Committee Meeting.

**Performance Evaluation**

(Committee process for Performance Monitoring)

At least annually, the Committee shall evaluate its own performance and report the results to the Gympie Regional Council.

**Charter Review**

The Committee will review and reassess the adequacy of its Charter at least annually and recommend to Gympie Regional Council any proposed changes.

**CS01/04/08 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr J Walker**

**Recommend that the Draft Charter of the “Community Services & Economic Development Committee” be adopted by Gympie Regional Council.**

**Carried**

Interim Health and Environmental Services Co-ordinator, Mr I. Wolff entered the meeting at 10.24am.

<b>SECTION 2: HEALTH &amp; ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</b>
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<b>2/1 Health &amp; Environmental Services Report - March 2008</b>
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Re: **CS02/04/08, CS03/04/08, CS04/04/08 and CS05/04/08** Health & Environmental Services Report - March 2008  
From: Interim Health & Environmental Services Co-ordinator – Mr I D Wolff  
File: CG98/00141  
Date: 2 April 2008

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

**IMMUNISATION**

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

**Gympie**

Channon Street Medical Centre – Dr R Day – 12 Reef Street, Gympie

Injections: Each weekday 9.30am to 12.30pm and from 2.30pm to 4.30pm

These arrangements should ensure that residents have ready access to immunisation treatments. Immunisations were administered for the period 23 February 2008 to 27 March 2008 as follows:-

Injections        155

**Kilkivan/Goomeri**

The Kilkivan Branch Office has advised that two (2) immunisation clinics were held during the period at the Kilkivan and Goomeri State Schools. A total of 45 injections were administered at these clinics

**NOTIFIABLE DISEASES**

Queensland Health has advised Council of the following cases of notifiable disease currently being treated by local medical practitioners for the period 24 February 2008 to 15 March 2008.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ross River Virus	Imbil
Ross River Virus	Carters Ridge (2 cases)
Barmah Forest Virus	Rainbow Beach
Campylobacter Enteritis	Gympie (2 cases)
Ross River Virus	Gympie (3 cases)
Ross River Virus	Rainbow Beach
Barmah Forest Virus	Gympie
Barmah Forest Virus	Imbil
Ross River Virus	Kybong
Ross River Virus	Tin Can Bay
Campylobacter Enteritis	Goomeri

**WATER SAMPLES**

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gympie reticulated water supply	6

Imbil reticulated water supply	2
Kandanga reticulated water supply	2
Amamoor reticulated water supply	2
Rainbow Beach reticulated water supply	2
Tin Can Bay/Cooloola Cove reticulated water supply	4
Kilkivan reticulated water supply	2
Goomeri reticulated water supply	2
Gympie Memorial Swimming Pool	2
Tin Can Bay Swimming Pool	1
Kandanga Swimming Pool	1
Mary Valley College (Imbil) Swimming Pool	3
Kilkivan Swimming Pool	1
Goomeri Swimming Pool	2

#### Gympie Reticulated Water Supply

Analysis results for all samples indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2004*.

#### Mary Valley Reticulated Water Supply

Analysis results for all samples indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2004*.

#### Rainbow Beach Reticulated Water Supply

Analysis results for all samples indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2004*.

#### Tin Can Bay/Cooloola Cove Reticulated Water Supply

Analysis results for all samples indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2004*.

#### Kilkivan Reticulated Water Supply

Analysis results for all samples indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2004*.

#### Goomeri Reticulated Water Supply



Analysis results for all samples indicated satisfactory bacteriological quality in accordance with the *National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2004*.

#### Municipal Pools

Two (2) samples taken from the Mary Valley College (Imbil) Swimming Pool revealed a high standard plate count and did not comply with the *Queensland Health Swimming and Spa Pool Water Quality and Operations Guidelines 2004*.

The analysis results indicated that no *E coli* or *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* was detected in the samples.

Corrective action was taken and further sampling was carried out. The results of further sampling are pending.

All other samples taken from municipal pools complied with the *Queensland Health Swimming and Spa Pool Water Quality and Operations Guidelines 2004*.

#### FOOD

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

#### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Clean Up Australia Day took place on Sunday, 2 March 2008 with a strong contingent of volunteers from local community organisations and service clubs targeting major roads in and out of Gympie, Rainbow Beach, the Mary Valley and the Tin Can Bay Foreshore.

Council once again lent its support to the event by organising litter pick up and rubbish removal activities for various sites throughout the day as well as the provision of cold drinks to all participants.

A number of schools also participated in the School's Clean Up Day which took place on Friday, 29 February 2008. The former Cooloola Shire Council provided its support to the School's Clean Up by providing schools with kits containing bags and gloves and offering a litter collection service after the clean up.

A special thanks is extended to the following organisations for their assistance in making Clean Up Australia Day a success.

#### Gympie Sites:

Gympie-Cooloola Rotary Club

#### Schools:

Gympie State High School

Gympie Rotary Club  
Gympie South Lions Club  
Gympie Apex Club  
Nolan Meats  
Green Corps

Gympie West State School  
Chatsworth State School

Rainbow Beach:  
Qld National Parks & Wildlife Service

Tin Can Bay:  
Tin Can Bay SES

Mary Valley:  
Widgee Mary Valley Lions Club

A special thank you is also extended to McDonalds Gympie for supplying volunteers with vouchers for complimentary meals

#### PUBLIC TOILETS

On the afternoon of Saturday, 29 March 2008, the Gympie Police reported to Council (via the after-hours paging service) that the public toilets at Memorial Lane – Gympie had been extensively vandalised.

Photographs taken by Council's Environmental Health Technical Officer on Monday, 31 March 2008 appear below.

Photograph 1 (below) – Female Public Toilet – Memorial Lane Gympie



Photograph 2 (below) – Disabled Public Toilet – Memorial Lane Gympie



Photograph 3 (below) – Male Public Toilet – Memorial Lane Gympie



Due to the extensive vandalism, the public toilets at Memorial Lane are now temporarily out-of-service.

Council's Community Services Department has arranged for the repair of these facilities.

**CS02/04/08 Moved: Cr I T Petersen**

**Seconded: Cr R Gâté**

**Recommend that Council authorise the Mayor to make a statement to the media regarding the vandalism in the Memorial Lane public toilets.**

**Carried**

Cr J. Watt left the meeting at 10.38am and returned at 10.40am.

**PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS**

**Gympie Memorial Pool/Kandanga Swimming Pool**

Patronage at both pools during the month of March 2008 has declined due to weather conditions.

Discussions with the pool manager regarding the closure of both of these pools for the 2007/2008 swimming season has led to a suggested closure date of Thursday, 24 April 2008.

**Tin Can Bay Pool**

Due to this pool being solar-heated, extension of the 2007/2008 swimming season beyond April is possible.

Following discussions with the pool manager regarding this matter, a closing date of Friday, 30 May 2008 has been suggested with changes to opening hours of this facility for the month of May 2008. Council has previously varied the opening hours for this public pool during the month of May.

A comparison of the Tin Can Bay pool current opening hours and proposed opening hours for the additional month is detailed below.

	Current opening hours	Proposed opening hours for May 2008
Monday	6:00 am – 10:00 am 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	8:00 am – 12 noon 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Tuesday	6:00 am – 10:00 am 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	8:00 am – 12 noon 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Wednesday	6:00 am – 10:00 am	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Thursday	6:00 am – 10:00 am 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	8:00 am – 12 noon 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday	6:00 am – 10:00 am 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	8:00 am – 12 noon 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:30 am – 5:30 pm	10:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday	10:30 am – 5:30 pm	10:30 am – 5:00 pm

**CS03/04/08 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr J Walker**

**Recommend that Council authorise closure of its public swimming pools for the 2007/2008 swimming season as follows:**

- **Gympie Memorial Pool and Kandanga Public Swimming Pool – Thursday, 24 April 2008.**
- **Tin Can Bay Public Swimming Pool – Friday, 30 May 2008.**

Further, that Council authorise for the operating hours for the Tin Can Bay Public Swimming Pool to alter (commencing Monday, 5 May 2008) to:

Monday	8:00 am – 12 noon 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am – 12 noon 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Thursday	8:00 am – 12 noon 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am – 12 noon 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday	10:30 am – 5:00 pm

**Carried**

Kilkivan/Goomeri Public Swimming Pools

The Kilkivan and Goomeri Public Swimming Pools are scheduled to close for the 2007/2008 swimming season on Sunday, 13 April 2008.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

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

Arrangements have been made for mulching of accumulated greenwaste at Council's Bonnick Road, Southside and Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facilities.

Bulk Bin Sites

Servicing of Council's remaining roadside bin sites continued during the period.

This servicing continues to include the removal of large items from these sites.

Recyclable Materials

The following weights of recyclable material were collected by Cleanaway.

PRODUCT	DUAL BIN SYSTEM (Weight- kg)	
	01/03/08 to 31/03/08	Total for 2008
Aluminium	1434	4425
Glass – Clear	6793	20969

Glass – Coloured	11643	35940
HDPE	2851	8800
Plastic - Mixed	1376	4248
Paper/Cardboard – Mixed	89036	274840
P.E.T.	2733	8436
Steel	4493	13870
Glass Fines	50421	155642
<b>Total Recoverables</b>	<b>170781</b>	<b>527170</b>
Waste/Ceramics	40419	124768
<b>Total including all Waste</b>	<b>211200</b>	<b>651938</b>

CS04/04/08 Moved: Cr L J Friske

Seconded: Cr R Gâté

**Recommend that Council seek a Deputation with the Premier of Queensland the Hon. Anna Bligh and Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries the Hon. Tim Mulherin MP on finalising acquisition of the Central Landfill site at Toolara.**

**Carried**

CS05/04/08 Moved: Cr J Walker

Seconded: Cr R Gâté

**Recommend that the Health & Environmental Services Report for the month of March 2008 be received.**

**Carried**

Mr I Wolff left the meeting at 10.50am.

Interim Compliance & Local Disaster Co-ordinator, Mr R Potter entered the meeting at 10.51am.

### **SECTION 3: COMPLIANCE & LOCAL DISASTER**

#### **3/1 Compliance & Local Disaster Report - March 2008**

Re: **CS06/04/08** Compliance & Local Disaster Report - March 2008  
 From: Interim Compliance & Local Disaster Co-ordinator – R J Potter  
 File: CG98/00141  
 Date: 5 March 2008

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

#### **OVERGROWN ALLOTMENTS**

Inspections for overgrown land throughout Gympie, Imbil, Kilkivan, Goomeri and the coast were carried out subject to complaints being received and subsequently notices were issued for compliance.

ANIMAL CONTROL – (dog complaint nuisance dogs)

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

Animal registration has commenced for 2008/2009.

Council's animal control operation resulted in the impounding of the following animals: Dogs – 31, Cats – 20.

Eight (8) dogs and no cats were released to their owners, subject to payment of fees.

Six (6) dogs and two (2) cats were taken by the RSPCA.

Twelve (12) dogs and thirteen (13) cats were euthanased.

Five (5) dog and four (4) cats are held in the pound from March.

Council's animal pound at Laurenceson Road, Gympie has been fitted with a shade sail over the exercise area of Council's pound to comply with animal welfare regulations.

PARKING

During the course of regulated parking inspection duties, 121 parking offences were issued for the month of March 2008.

**CS06/04/08    Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr J. Walker**

**Recommend that the Compliance & Local Disaster Report for the month of March 2008 be received.**

**Carried**

Mr R Potter left the meeting at 10.58am.

Mr M Grant advised that the Interim Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator - Mrs H Kelly was not available to attend today's meeting due to Youth Week commitments and provided the following report on her behalf.

## SECTION 4: COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES

### 4/1 Community Facilities & Services Report – March 2008

Re: **CS07/04/08** Community Facilities & Services Report - March 2008  
From: Interim Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator – Mrs H Kelly  
Date: 3 April 2008

#### Youth Development Unit

##### **Report:** (Acting Youth Development Officer – Mrs P Kuhn)

The YDU was advised that we were successful in obtaining funding from the Department of Communities for some of our National Youth Week Activities. The money will be used to run skate workshops in Rainbow Beach and Kilkivan.

The YDU is currently in full swing of getting all the activities and events for National Youth Week organised

##### National Youth Week

In conjunction with various working groups of young people the Youth Development Unit has compiled the following Gympie Regional Shire based, Youth Week activities:

- *Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April* – Opening round of the Gympie Regional skate and freestyle bmx Grand Prix at Nelson Reserve followed by a Gold City Hardcore band night at the Senior Citizens building.
- *Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April* – Bike demo and competition at the Imbil Bike Track. This will also include an interactive activity called The Challenger.
- *Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April* – The Amazing Race in Gympie. This will see teams of young people making their way around the Gympie CBD following the clues and completing the Roadblocks and Detours
- *Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April* – A pool party at Tin Can Bay with free entry to young people 12 – 25 years old. There will also be the Base Zero Rock Climbing Wall available for interactive fun.
- *Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> April* - Skate workshop at Rainbow Beach Skate Park.
- *Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April* – Skate workshop at Kilkivan Skate Park. This will be incorporated with the interactive activities The Challenger and Giant Twister. At 7.30pm there will be an outdoor screening of ‘Ratatouille’

All activities being held in National Youth Week are free, with the exception of the Hardcore Band Night.



National Youth Week activities are funded jointly by Gympie Regional Council, Department of Sport and Recreation and Department of Communities.

#### Youth Council

A delegation of Youth Councillors met with Ed French, Parks Manager and Ric Halse, Planning, to discuss the youth content of the All Abilities Playground at Lake Alford.

#### Meetings Attended

Schools Cluster

Edmund Rice Flexible Learning Development Meeting

### Community Development

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

The Community Development Officer, since commencing employment with Gympie Regional Council, has been establishing networks with local Community Organisations throughout the Gympie Region.

#### Dickabram Bridge Project

Historical research continues into the Dickabram Bridge Interpretive Signing Project funded under the Department of Public Works – Community Memorials Restoration Program.

#### Meetings Attended

Gympie and District Goldrush Meeting

Cooloola Human Services Network

CRDB

Gympie and district Community Centreplace

Mary River Festival

Life Line - Kandanga

### Library Report

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

#### Statistics February 2008

#### Circulation - (Number of items borrowed):

Gympie	27 992
Tin Can Bay	4 623

Rainbow Beach	842
Imbil	966
Total	34 423

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

Gympie	19 875
Tin Can Bay	2 874
Rainbow Beach	1 187
Imbil	872
Total	24 808

Total Number of New Members this month: 269

Branch Breakdown:

Gympie	224
Tin Can Bay	24
Rainbow Beach	10
Imbil	11

Stock - (including magazines):

Gympie	71 852
Tin Can Bay	11 727
Rainbow Beach	5 509
Imbil	6 697
Total	95 785

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

Gympie	14 023
Tin Can Bay	3 323
Rainbow Beach	1 740
Imbil	778
Total	19 864

Virtual visits to the Library

(i.e. no. of times the Library Web Page was accessed this month): Total =2745

General

At the February meeting of *the Local Transition Committee*, the Libraries Manager recommended to Committee members that the current loan and membership conditions in place at Cooloola Libraries be implemented at all branches of Gympie Regional Library Services.

- These recommendations met with LTC approval and will be referred to the incoming Council as applicable.

- Following a delay on the part of LMS vendor, AIT, in the provision of Aurora data to Civica, it is expected that Kilkivan and Goomeri Libraries will operate in the “off-line” Spydus module from 26 March and GO LIVE on Wednesday 2 April.
- Training of Kilkivan/Goomeri library staff in the Spydus training module commenced at the end of February.

#### Information Services

The Information Services Desk statistics for February are as follows:

Reference Queries	2876
Inter-Library Loans requests	109
Local History Enquiries	68

- *“Wild Heart, Bountiful Land”*: an historical overview of the Mary River Valley, written by Murray Johnson and Kay Saunders, was recently published. The booklet, produced by the Queensland State Archives in partnership with Council, was launched in the Local History Room at Gympie Library on 21 February.

The contents trace the history of the Mary Valley from its early settlement and topics included cover: the Traveston Rail Disaster (1925), the Mary Valley Show Society, Hyne’s Mill, Melawondi and other saw mills, the Gympie Muster, and the Imbil Gold Rush.

The booklets can be collected from all library service points and have also been delivered to local school libraries.

- *Gympie Times Cooloola Views Calendar 2008*: the Gympie Times donated over 1000 calendars, depicting aerial views of the Shire, to the library service. These are available free of charge at all library service points.
- *Library Stocktake*: the library stocktake is progressing well, with Tin Can Bay Library staff having completed theirs earlier this month.
- *Calton Hill Park – Miners who died in mining accidents on the Gympie District Goldfields*: research for this list of miners was undertaken by Friends of the Library Local History Volunteers and members of the National Trust. A copy of this list is available from the Local History Room.
- *The BIG Book Club*: this month’s reading selection is “The Murray Whelan Trilogy” by Shane Maloney.
- *Your Tutor (on-line service)*: the State Library of Queensland is in negotiation with corporate sponsors to continue the free Your Tutor service to students in years 4-12.

- *Waterwise:* fact-sheets and rebate forms are available from Gympie Library.

Children's & Young Adult Services

- Eight sessions for children and young adults were held at the libraries this month. The number of children, parents and carers in attendance totalled: 199
- “*Kid's Club*” is a recently introduced concept at Gympie Library which aims to encourage young people in the 5 – 15 years age bracket to use the library more frequently. Activities such as board games, reading and storytelling, book discussions and homework help are available.
- *The Littlies Storytime sessions:* now include *Baby Bounce & Rhyme Time* to accommodate the large numbers of very young babies and toddlers attending the sessions.

Friends of the Library

Contributed 322 hours and 25 minutes to the Library Service in February 2008.

Statistics March 2008

Circulation - (Number of items borrowed):

Gympie	27 214
Tin Can Bay	4 198
Rainbow Beach	831
Imbil	865
TOTAL	33 108

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

Gympie	20 021
Tin Can Bay	2 864
Rainbow Beach	1 195
Imbil	877
TOTAL	24 957

Total Number of New Members this month: 202

Branch Breakdown:

Gympie	166
Tin Can Bay	24
Rainbow Beach	7
Imbil	5

Stock - (including magazines):

Gympie	71 923
Tin Can Bay	11 778
Rainbow Beach	5 488
Imbil	6 738
TOTAL	95 927

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

Gympie	13 033
Tin Can Bay	3 208
Rainbow Beach	1 610
Imbil	755
TOTAL	18 606

Virtual Visits to the Library

(i.e. no. of times the Library Web Page was accessed this month): Total =2211

NB: As Kilkivan and Goomeri libraries were “off-line” and changing to the Spydus LMS, statistics are unavailable for these libraries this month.

General

*The Library Workgroup:* met on 5 March at Gympie Library. Discussions centred on:

- the new LMS and the progress of staff training
- and the final QLS stock rotations to Kilkivan and Goomeri libraries, which were completed early this month. This stock now remains the property of Gympie Regional Council’s library services.

*Courier:* Brown’s Couriers have been contacted re: delivery of library materials between Gympie, Kilkivan and Goomeri.

- The number of deliveries per week have not been finalised. It is expected that two deliveries per week will be implemented once Gympie staff do not need to visit these branches as frequently.
- At the time of compiling the March report, it can now be said that Kilkivan and Goomeri Libraries went “LIVE” on Spydus on 2 April.
- Staff are currently sorting out the database issues which have arisen. e.g. multiple borrower memberships, duplicate copies of titles etc.

Information Services

The Information Services Desk statistics for February are as follows:

Reference Queries	2940
Inter-Library Loans requests	135
Local History Enquiries	78

- *Dummies Month*: March was “Dummies Month” at Gympie Regional Library Services. With over 100 dummies titles across all library service points, there is a book to cater for every situation. Every title in the “For Dummies” series was borrowed this month.
- *The March BIG Book Club*: selection is “The trip of a lifetime” by Liz Bryski.
- *Your Tutor (on-line service)*: the State Library of Queensland has completed negotiations and have now advised that they will continue to offer the Your Tutor online service to students in years 4-12 to Gympie Regional Library Services.
- *Waterwise*: this month staff distributed Waterwise shopping bags and shower timers to all clients who borrowed a waterwise book.
- *Family Relationships Centre*: the Gympie Regional Branch of the Family Relationships Centre has mounted a display in the Gympie Library foyer. This static display will be moved by Family Relationships Centre staff between all library service points.

#### Children’s & Young Adult Services

- Four Littles Storytelling sessions were held in March. 114 children and 70 carers attended.
- The Easter activities alone attracted 30 children and 18 carers.

#### Friends of the Library

Contributed 312 hours and 10 minutes to the library service this month.

<h3>Public Gallery Report</h3>
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#### **Report: (Gallery Co-ordinator – Ms J Gibbs)**

##### Exhibitions

The Gympie Times Exhibition Space - 30<sup>th</sup> January – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2008: ‘Kodama – The Echo of Forest’ Motoyuki Niwa and friends. Art installation combining performance and live music at opening. Supported by RADF.

The Hugo Du Rietz Gallery, 30<sup>th</sup> January – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2008: ‘Tidemark’ by Brisbane-based artist Cathy Keys. Ceramic sculptures inspired by the shoreline between Caloundra and Fraser Island. Supported by Fusions Gallery Brisbane and the Australia Council.

Gallery Three: 30<sup>th</sup> January – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2008: ‘Essence’ by Wolvi artist Ron Fleming, using landscape as an investigation of the life potential in DNA when water triggers a response.

The Gympie Times Exhibition Space and Hugo du Rietz Gallery - 26<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2008: ‘Spirit of Mary’ Special 10<sup>th</sup> birthday exhibition by ten selected artists – Susan Mclean, Sally Spencer, Francois Davin, Nancy Borsht, Gail Godwin, Mo Skett, Wendy McGrath and Tricia Robson, Jenny Gilbertson, Arkin Mackay, Zela Bissett. Complimented by selected photographs by Craig Warhurst, The Gympie Times Photographer, and quilts by QCWA and Sian Beattie with part of the knitted scarf from the Kandanga Dam Information Centre.

Gallery Three: 26<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2008: ‘It’s Great to be 10!’ Part A - Artwork created by children of the shire during Bizzart Day March 1<sup>st</sup>, and during school group visits. Part B – New work by children from the Family Day March 15<sup>th</sup>, and school group visits. An interactive exhibition designed for and by children.

Foyer Display: 26<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2008: Wine label competition for 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Won by Eva John.

#### Public Programs

- Artist Floor Talk by Cathy Keys before exhibition opening Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2008.
- Three exhibitions opened on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2008.
- Circus skills workshops (RADF funded), February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Lunchtime Lecture by Geoff Smith, Manager Woodworks Museum, on ‘Coming to Queensland’ in preparation for Heritage Art Competition, 6<sup>th</sup> February.
- Tin tiara making workshop, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February
- Robin Hines Watercolour Workshops (10 week course)
- Primary school visits/workshops x 6 classes
- Groups bus visit from Hervey Bay
- Family Day 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Artists Floor Talk 22<sup>nd</sup> March for ‘Spirit of Mary’

Visitor Numbers for February: 1341

Visitor Numbers for March: 1319

#### Gallery Focus Group

No meetings held in February and March.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Twilight of the Tin Tiaras - 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008

A great night by all reports. Thanks to Skillcentred Queensland for loaning, installing and dismantling the large marquee to hold the function in. The Gallery Focus Group, the Friends of the Gallery, the Volunteers and the Gallery staff all worked very hard to make this a success. Everything went to plan. Guest speaker was Kevin Wilson (original consultant for the Gallery), Indigenous welcome by Aunty Olive, speeches by Mayor Mick Venardos, and Annette Reilly (original Chairman for Gallery). Roy Skinner presented the wine label prize.

### Bizzart Day - 1<sup>st</sup> March

The annual birthday of the Gallery and the building, this year organized by the Friends of the Gallery and Gallery staff. Sandra Ross (education role), did a wonderful job organizing the children's activities which took the children all over the Gallery on Treasure Hunts and specific activities. Everyone enjoyed the circus performance by All Star Fish and the participants in the workshops, as well as the dress rehearsal of the Dragon Dance for the Celebrating with Mary festival by Moto Niwa.

### RADF

The current RADF funding round closed on 14 March. Information sessions were held around the shire during February. Applications to be assessed in April.

### Workshops, Rentals/Room Usage

#### Weekly

- Cooloola Arts Society every Wednesday, Tribal Dance Group every Wednesday, Friends of the Gallery Painting Workshops every Tuesday, Soul Sisters Choir Group, Life Drawing class every Thursday evening, U3A French Class.

#### Monthly

- Friends of the Gallery, Gympie Camera Club, Field Naturalists, QCWA Younger Set (twice a month), U3A Creative Writing Group, U3A Book Club, U3A Book Ends, CHATI, FOGlets (Friends of the Gallery little ones) art group.

#### Other

- Celebrating with Mary Festival meetings
- Book Launch by Julie Gear Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- Cooloola Community Arts Council AGM, 5<sup>th</sup> February.
- Museums Family tour from Kilkivan Museum with Fiona Mohr, Museums Resource Officer, 20<sup>th</sup> February.
- Festival embellishment workshops for Celebrating with Mary Festival, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February.
- Teachers Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March

### Friends of the Gallery

As mentioned a big congratulations for the big effort of Bizzart Day and the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday function put in by the Friends. They are going through a period of change at present with President Roy Skinner who has left for Kalgoolie. He will be replaced by vice president Wally Braddish until the AGM in September. A farewell BBQ was held on 28<sup>th</sup> March for Roy.

### Volunteers



The Gallery organised a lunch at Dingo Creek on February 18th to reward the volunteers, especially those who have been with the Gallery for 10 years (14 of them). Volunteers were presented with a 10 year badge and certificate by patron Tina Venardos and Mayor Mick Venardos. All other volunteers were given a certificate. Tina Venardos contributed the money from the last mayoresses Command Performance towards the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday and the volunteers.

<u>Approximate Hours for month of</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Front Desk	272	250
Catering events	40	37
Installation approx.	111	-
Volunteer Office assistance	70	51
Education and Public Programs	3	213
(Bizzart and family day)		
Gardening	9	-
Tin Tiara function	<u>102</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	607	551

#### Other Happenings and Gallery Staff

- I attended a forum at Noosa Regional Gallery on Art in Public Space on 11<sup>th</sup> February.
- I attended an ABAF (Australia Business and Arts Foundation) Seminar at Queensland Newspapers, Brisbane on working with the media on 19<sup>th</sup> February.
- Julie Pratt and myself attended Change Management training.
- Nai Nai Bird and Sally Spencer are curating an exhibition with Cherbourg artists and school children for the Gallery's Naidoc celebrations this year, and have been making trips to Cherbourg to organise it.
- Julie Pratt (Administration Assistant) has gone on Maternity Leave until early 2009.
- I went to Adelaide from 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> to research New Media during the Adelaide Arts Festival as funded by Gordon Darling Foundation.
- The Gallery (Myself in particular) were heavily involved in the Celebrating with Mary Festival.

### **Kilkivan & District Museum Report**

#### **Report: (Kilkivan Branch Administration Manager – Ms B Farrow)**

Council own and maintain the Kilkivan & District Museum land & buildings at 12 Bligh Street, Kilkivan, while The Kilkivan & District Historical Society Inc. operate the Museum and information centre within the complex.

Council employ staff to catalogue the collection that the Museum volunteers have been collecting over the last 25 years.

To-date, over 5,600 items have been catalogued, with 280 of these completed during March 2008. A Queensland Museum designed database is used for this purpose and currently is serviced by a New Zealand Company, Vernon, with valued assistance from the Museum Development Officer, Fiona Mohr.

The Museum volunteers also operate an unmanned information centre in the front part of the Museum complex.

<h2>Pavilion Report – February 2008</h2>
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### Matters of Interest

February saw the start of numerous training sessions and workshops for Council staff in the lead up to the March Council amalgamations.

All Pavilion Sports are back into full competition.

The Pavilion staff have been busy undertaking maintenance and extra cleaning around the building. The roof leakage problems from the wet season have been rectified.

Our maintenance/painting program through Programmed Maintenance Services has commenced and is flowing along nicely with the building taking on a fresh appearance.

### Regular Bookings

#### Gympie Basketball Association

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

#### Queensland Futsal

- Fixtures – Corbet Stadium, Wednesday evenings

#### Gympie Volleyball Association

- Fixtures – Corbet Stadium, Thursday evenings

#### E-Commerce

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

#### Cooloola Access Advisory Committee

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

<b>Civic Centre Report</b>
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**Report:** (Interim Community Facilities & Services Co-ordinator) – Mrs H Kelly)

Civic Centre Usage – March 2008

HIRER	FUNCTION	AREAS BOOKED
J Wright	Bromeliad Show	Prospectors Hall
Gympie Health Services	Tai Chi	Fossickers Room (Weekly)
Cooloola Community Housing Association	Housing Forum	Fossickers Room
Blue Light Disco Association	Blue Light Disco	Prospectors Hall
Gympie and District Sportsman's Association	Sportsman's Night	Prospectors Hall and Bar
Weddings Inclusive	Bridal Expo	Prospectors Hall and Fossickers Room
Gympie Times	Mayoral Candidates Forum	Prospectors Hall
Youth Development Unit	Youth Council Meeting	Fossickers Room
Gympie Times	Client Presentation Session	Fossickers Room
Burnett Mary Regional Group	Regional Stormwater Campaign Visit	Fossickers Room
Electoral Commission of Queensland	Vote Counting	Fossickers Room
Gympie West State School	Training Meeting	Fossickers Room
J Irvine	Wedding and Reception (alt. venue)	Fossickers Room and Bar
Upper Mary River Customer Council	Meeting	Fossickers Room
M Venardos	Private Function	Fossickers Room
Australian Red Cross	Doll and Teddy Show	Fossickers Room
Gympie South Lions Club	Youth of the Year Dinner	Fossickers Room and Bar

CS07/04/08 Moved: Cr J Walker

Seconded: Cr G Engeman

**Recommend that the Community Facilities & Services Report for the month of March 2008 be received.**

**Carried**

Cr I. Petersen left the meeting at 11.11am and returned at 11.13am.

Mr Brian Arnold, General Manager of the Cooloola Regional Development Bureau, entered the meeting at 11.11am to present the following report to Council on Cooloola Regional Development Bureau activities.

## **SECTION 5: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **5/1 Cooloola Regional Development Bureau – Report from General Manager**

Re: **CS08/04/08, CS09/04/08, CS10/04/08** Cooloola Regional Development Bureau – Report from General Manager.  
From: General Manager - Cooloola Regional Development Bureau – Mr B Arnold  
Date: 9 April 2008

### **Gold Diggers Bargain Day**

The next Gold Diggers Day will be the 24<sup>th</sup> of April. The event will be monthly on the last Thursday of the month.

### **Fraser Coast Holiday Planner**

The Cooloola Regional Development Bureau has organised a five (5) page section in the holiday planner. All regions within the Gympie Regional Council are covered. The regions that have been identified are:

- Gympie
- Kilkivan/Goomeri
- Cooloola Hinterland, former Tiara area
- Cooloola Coast, Tin Can Bay/Rainbow Beach
- Mary Valley

### **Website redevelopment**

The successful tender was from Firewave Design. They have begun to redevelop the site in cooperation with Cooloola Regional Development Bureau staff.

### **Gympie Show Pavilion**

The General Manager has negotiated use of half of the Pavilion during the Gympie Show. In turn the General Manager has offered that space free to

Cooloola Regional Development Bureau members. The Pavilion is now full.

### **Charity Golf Tournament**

The General Manager is in the process of organising a charity golf day at Gympie Pines. Negotiations are currently on-going with several major sponsors. Those sponsors already secured are Action Auto Group and ZINC 96.1fm.

Action Auto Group is considering supply of a new car for a “hole in one” competition.

The tournament will benefit a charity which is likely to be the Cooloola Access Advisory Committee.

The event has been scheduled for Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2008.

### **Rainbow Beach Map**

Sold out and in production. Should be available in 2-3 weeks. The Tin Can Bay map has been delivered and is being distributed.

### **Gympie Regional Holiday and Business Guide**

The sale of advertising space will begin this week.

### **Queensland Alpaca Day**

April 19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. The General Manager has organised the ABC to do a story on the 22<sup>nd</sup> on one of the farms.

### **Sanctuary Boat Show**

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>. The General Manager will attend the Show, sharing a 56 metre stand with the Fraser Coast Regional Council, State Development and a number of Marine Industry partners.

### **Cheraxpark Aquaculture**

The General Manager has been invited to a meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April at Cheraxpark in Theebine. Luckily the Red Claw farm which is one of the largest in the State is now in the Gympie Regional Council area! The aquaculture farm which the General Manager has been associated with for over 6 years will be expanded at a cost of over 18 million dollars.

### Business Plan for the Cooloola Regional Development Bureau

The Cooloola Regional Development Bureau has engaged Pacific Southwest to produce a Business Plan. Surveys will be forwarded to all members and Board Directors soon. A workshop day has been scheduled for the 2nd of May at the Gympie Conference Centre.

### Queensland Country Life Lift Out

In cooperation with the Gympie Show Society, we will produce a 10 page lift-out promoting the Gympie Region around Gympie Show time. Members of both organisations are supporting the lift-out through advertising.

### Database of Businesses in the Gympie Region

The Cooloola Regional Development Bureau office staff have been working on creating a comprehensive database of businesses throughout the Gympie region. Work for the Dole and volunteers are contributing a great deal to the future success of this project.

### Gympie Region Young Professionals and Business Network

The proposed group will function in a complimentary way to other groups such as the Cooloola Regional Development Bureau and Chamber in Gympie - there will likely be some cross over of attendees, however it is also anticipated to appeal to those that wouldn't traditionally be members of the Chamber for example teachers, medical professionals and farmers. Events will be broadly targeted at the 25-45 age group - however all are welcome to attend.

The first meeting will be at the Royal, Gympie on **17<sup>th</sup> of April 2008** at 5:30pm. They will meet to brainstorm some ideas of future social activities ie. Drive-in movies, wine tastings, dinners etc., and enjoy a drink for this initial event on Thursday evening.

To check out how other young professional groups operate elsewhere in Australia take a look at...

[www.neypn.org](http://www.neypn.org)  
[www.youngprofessionals.org.au/ypsosocialclub](http://www.youngprofessionals.org.au/ypsosocialclub)  
[www.schmooze.net.au](http://www.schmooze.net.au)  
[www.youngshepps.wordpress.com](http://www.youngshepps.wordpress.com)

The General Manager of the Cooloola Regional Development Bureau and the Business & Agribusiness Banking Manager, Meg Edwards from Westpac Banking Corporation are organising the group

Possible Name Change of Cooloola Regional Development Bureau
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Discussion ensued regarding a possible name change of the Cooloola Regional Development Bureau.

**CS08/04/08 Moved: Cr G. Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr R Gâté**

**Recommend that the Committee make a recommendation to the Cooloola Regional Development Bureau Board to change the name of the organisation from Cooloola Regional Development Bureau to Gympie Regional Development Bureau.**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**CS09/04/08 Moved: Cr J Watt**

**Seconded: Cr I T Petersen**

**Recommend that the Committee not formulate an opinion on the name change of Cooloola Regional Development Bureau until the Board has deliberated the name change following consultation with its members.**

**Carried**

**CS10/04/08 Moved: Cr R Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr J Watt**

**Recommend that the report from the General Manager of Cooloola Regional Development Bureau be received.**

**Carried**

Cr I Petersen left the meeting at 11.55am.

Cr G Engeman left the meeting at 11.56am and returned at 11.58am.

Mr B Arnold left the meeting at 11.59am.

**There being no further business  
The meeting concluded at 11.59am  
CONFIRMED THIS 23rd DAY OF April 2008.**

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**CR ANTHONY PERRETT  
COMMUNITY SERVICES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**