



# **MINUTES**

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## **WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CHAIRMAN:** *Cr Larry Friske*

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

**on Tuesday 6 May 2008**

*to be confirmed at the General Meeting  
to be held on 14 May 2008.*

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

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

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The meeting commenced at 9.05am.

**PRESENT:** Cr L.J. Friske (Chairman), Crs R Dyne (*Mayor*), G Engeman, RA Gâté, DR Neilson, AJ Perrett, IT Petersen, JA Walker, J Watt, Mr RA Fredman (Director of Engineering Services) and Mrs L Birt (Minutes Secretary).

## **SECTION 1: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING**

### **1/1 Borumba Dam Water Storage**

Re: **W01/05/08** Borumba Dam Water Storage  
From: Director of Engineering Services - Mr R.A. Fredman  
File: CG99/00178  
Date: 29 April 2008

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

As of the 29 April 2008 Borumba Dam is at 99% of its water storage capacity.

**W01/05/08 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

### **1/2 Improvements to Gympie Saleyards**

Re: **W02/05/08** Improvements to Gympie Saleyards  
From: Sullivan Livestock & Rural Services, PO Box 1143, Gympie Qld 4570  
File: WG94/00011-B (Doc Id: 887654)  
Date: 13 March 2008

*“We would like to advise the Council of some improvements that we feel could be done at Cooloola Shire Saleyards to improve efficiency & presentation.*

*The computer in the scale room needs to be updated as it cannot currently fulfil the requirements needed to conduct a sale if our computer was not there for it*

*to network with. The screen which was installed at a cost to the Council does not currently work as the current Council computer, to which it is connected, does not have the capacity to run it – therefore the screen is sitting idle.*

*The number of available yards, no longer meets the requirements. The yards currently hold approximately 800-900 head, as an average yarding is consistently 1400 to 1500 this number falls short. We would like to see a number of permanent yards added to the yards, as the current portable panel yards are owned by Sullivan Livestock. The council receives yard dues for these yards however.*

*It has been raised at many saleyard meetings about the condition & quantity of the toilet facilities available & that they are currently insufficient & possibly unhygienic.*

*These saleyards are a major industry to the Cooloola Shire; in 2007 approximately 55,000 head & \$20 million of sales were conducted through these yards by our agency alone. Many of these sales attract buyers & vendors from outside the Cooloola shire & therefore we feel the standard & presentation of these yards could be improved. The council revenue from this facility is considerable.”*

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

Council revenue from the Cattle Saleyards, if analysed, will be found to not cover full related costs. In the past Council has been happy for this arrangement, justified as a community service obligation.

Whilst on recent sale days the amenities and yards have been heavily utilised, the facility remains dormant for thirteen days out of fourteen.

Council's options are to fund further upgrading or to seek ways of spreading the utilisation over more days. Unless extra funding can be justified, the preferable course of action is the latter.

The Saleyards now only benefits one agent compared with three in the past. This agent (the letter writer) has been very successful in promoting his business and the Gympie Saleyards.

The computer is in the process of being upgraded to provide weights from the scales to the screen. It is not intended to compute all information regarding the sale, as this is the agent's responsibility.

W02/05/08 Moved: Cr G. Engeman

Seconded: Cr RA Gâté

**Recommend that this matter be referred to the Mayor (Cr R Dyne), Chairman of the Saleyards Committee (Cr L Friske) and the Director of Engineering Services to discuss these and wider issues with Sullivan Livestock.**

**Carried**

1/3	Access to Mr Simms Property – Cullinane Road, Mothar Mtn
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Re: **W03/05/08** Access to Mr Simms Property – Cullinane Road, Mothar Mountain  
From: Hon Warren Pitt MP Minister for Main Roads and Local Government  
PO Box 15031, City East Qld 4002  
File: Doc ID: 891260  
Date: 26 March 2008

*I am writing to you about a matter that was raised with the former Cooloolool Shire Council regarding access to a property owned by Mr Rodney Simms which is located within Gympie Regional Council. Please find attached correspondence received from Mr David Gibson MP, Member for Gympie concerning this matter.*

*The Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation contacted the former Cooloolool Shire council in relation to this matter. The former Council advised the Department that there is a gazetted surveyed road at the front of Mr Simms' property. The former Council advised it is not in a position to extend Cullinane Road up to Mr Sims' property nor to construct a driveway on his property. Also, the former Council did not support a proposal from Mr Simms' daughter to crystallise the floating road reserve on the neighbouring property to provide a practical means of access to her father's property.*

*While I acknowledge Council's advice to the Department and I appreciate Council's autonomy to make decisions on behalf of the community, I wrote to the former Council asking it to consider taking some action to assist in resolving this matter. Council responded to my request advising it would not be taking any action in this case.*

*Since that advice was received, Ms Heather Simms, the daughter of Mr Rodney Simms has contacted my office seeking urgent intervention into the matter. Ms Simms explained that she needs to sell her father's property through power of attorney so that she can pay for her father's palliative care treatment. However, without practical road access to the property, Ms Simms cannot sell the property for a reasonable price.*

*Given Mr Simms' deteriorating health and his palliative care needs, I would like to ask you to raise this issue as a matter of urgency with the new Gympie Regional Council as soon as practicable. I would request Council reconsider this matter given Mr Simms' special circumstances. In particular, Council may wish to consider options to resolve the issue such as:*

- Council assisting Ms Simms to come to an arrangement with her neighbour so that access to her father's property can be obtained; or*
- Council assisting Ms Simms to purchase a driving space through the neighbour's property.*

*It would be appreciated if you could please advise me in writing of the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter.*

*Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Leigh Spencer, Senior Policy Advisor of my office on 3227 8819."*

Letter from Mr David Gibson addressed to the Hon W Pitt MP dated 16/01/08

*I have been approached by a constituent of mine Ms Heather Simms, attorney for her father Mr Rodney Simms.*

*Mr Simms owns the following properties, currently listed as 309 Cullinane Road, Mothar Mountain:*

- Lot 49 MCH701 County of March Parish of Woondum*
- Lot 1 RP57511 County of March Parish of Woondum*

*Access has been historically been obtained through the property of John Steele, currently listed as 305 Cullinane Rd Mothar Mountain, which is as follows:*

- Lot 1 RP181050 County of March Parish of Woondum*

*Apparently this access has been used since 1914. Mr Steele has owned his property since 1980 and Mr Simms has owned his property since 1988. Mr Simms was unaware that there was no registered easement in favour of his property. Ms Simms has a lease over the property to 2016.*

*Mr Steele has stated in writing to Mr Simms that should he sell his property then access through the Steele's property would no longer be available.*

*Mr Simms is suffering from Alzheimer's and is currently residing in a nursing home and is required to pay a bond of \$150,000. To pay this bond the property needs to be sold. A valuation has been obtained on the property by a real estate agent and without formal access the property is near worthless.*



*Attempts have been made to have a formal access declared, either by way of an easement consented to by Mr Steele or by the Cooloola Shire Council crystallising an existing floating road reserve over the property to Mr Steele.*

*To date, Mr Steele has not made any proposals regarding the placement of the access and both the Cooloola Shire Council and the Department of Natural Resources have refused to crystallise the road reserve over Mr Steele's property.*

*Mr Simms property is adjacent to an unformed road, No Name Road, which runs off Lynch Road which in turn runs off Cullinane Road. Neither No Name Road nor Lynch Road have been developed and the Cooloola Shire Council has stated that given the extensive engineering that will be required of the road, they will not undertake to develop that road. There is also the problem that the road runs through property which has been declared an endangered habitat by the EPA. If the road was developed, my constituent would still not be able to access his residence because of the topography of the property.*

*It is the opinion of my constituent that the most appropriate way to resolve this matter is for the Cooloola Shire Council to crystallize the road reserve and to extend Cullinane Road up to his property over the existing access through Mr Steele's property, on the basis of:*

- 1. This access has been used for many years and can currently be used by any vehicle without extensive work to be undertaken.*
- 2. The Cooloola Shire Council already has an existing floating road reserve over the property of Mr Steele.*
- 3. It is not practical to put an access over any other part of Mr Steele's property.*
- 4. If this is not done, then Mr Simms will need to apply to the Court, pursuant to Section 180 of the Property Law Act 1974, to have an easement declared over the property of Mr Steele.*
- 5. Mr Simms, who is of limited resources, will be required to pay Mr Steele compensation for any easement declared as well as his legal costs.*
- 6. Engineering and environment conditions, as well as the topography of the property makes the crating of any access via No Name Road untenable.*

*My constituent currently only has sufficient funds to secure his placement until the end of this month and needs this matter resolved as a matter of urgency. Once an access has been formalised to his property, Mr Simms may sell the property to acquire the funds to secure his tenancy at the nursing home.*

*I would appreciate if you could look into this matter with a favourable outcome for my constituent.*

*I look forward to your reply."*

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

With reference to the suggested options:

1. Council attempted to get both parties together.
2. Council explored all options and discussed them with her neighbour.
3. Council has opted to not assist Mr Simms financially.

Cr Watt left the meeting at 9.11am.

**W03/05/08      Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr G. Engeman**

**Recommend that the Hon Warren Pitt MP, Minister for Main Roads and Local Government be advised that Council has been very active in trying to assist the parties to reach agreement, however has been unsuccessful. Council is not prepared to become any further involved. It is understood that the access issue may have been known at the time of Simms' purchase, and that the dispute between the parties has been caused by factors in which Council has had no involvement.**

**Further, that the writer be advised that what actually occurred was the State Government, through the Department of Natural Resources and Water, advised Council that it would not permit the use of the floating road reserve for Simms as they already have road access, prior to Council making any statement on the matter.**

**Further that this matter be referred to the Mayor to pursue with the Steele family.**

**Carried**

1/4

**Foot Access across Normanby Bridge**

Re: **W04/05/08** Foot Access across Normanby Bridge  
From: J & L Carothers, 38 Panorama Drive, The Dawn Qld 4570  
File: GRC Doc ID:898028  
Date: 22 April 2008

*"Recently my wife and I decided for the sake of fitness to leave our car at home and walk into and back from town. The walk was a great pleasure except for trying to negotiate the Normanby Bridge. You really do have to take your life into your hands to cross here. However there is no other choice due to the distance to the Kidd Bridge.*

*I therefore request that the Council research the possibility of a footpath to be attached to the Normanby Bridge and the construction of footpaths to connect to the growing population of the Jones Hill area with the town centre. This would enable many of us to walk or cycle to town instead of driving.*

*I believe Gympie has come of age, population wise, in this time of spiralling fuel costs tat a series of walking/cycling paths be planned and constructed for this population which is increasingly interested in their fitness and the many other benefits of leaving the car at home.*

*Trusting you will give this concept serious consideration.”*

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

The safety of Normanby Bridge for pedestrians and cyclists has been raised with Main Roads many times. They are currently investigating options. It would be timely to forward this letter to them.

**W04/05/08      Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson**

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

**Recommend that this letter be forwarded to the Department of Main Roads requesting they advise Council on progress with respect to this matter.**

**Further that the writers be advised accordingly.**

**Carried**

1/5	Council's response to the 'Report to the Minister for Environment from the Teewah Beach – Cooloola Working Group'
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Re: **W05/05/08** Council's response to the 'Report to the Minister for Environment from the Teewah Beach-Cooloola Working Group'.

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

File:

Date: 28 March 2008

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

The following letter was forwarded to the Environment Protection Agency on 28 March 2008:-

<b>RE: Teewah Beach – Cooloola Working Group</b>
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Council, by letter of 17 May 2007 addressed to the then Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism the Hon Lindy Nelson-Carr MP, provided advice regarding the Cooloola Working Group Report. You are further reminded of this advice, viz:

*“The Report from the Working Group includes several recommendations that impact on Cooloola Shire. Note Council had only one representative on the Group which was dominated by Noosa and State Government interests. Points with which Council would not necessarily agree are:-*

- 1. The beach from Rainbow Beach to Noosa is proposed to be 50kph speed limited. This would make the beach a slow drive with very little likelihood of compliance away from congested areas by normal drivers. Council strongly recommends 80kph as per the Queensland Transport speed guidelines as being a good practical outcome. It is understood that some police support 80kph.*

*Council has no problem with spot speed limits for congested areas at critical times of the year, in recognition of the specific safety concern that applies.*

*The beach will remain a corridor for through traffic in the short to medium term. Cooloola Shire Council has no plans to make the Cooloola Way an alternate route, and there has been little or no recent support from Queensland Transport or Queensland Parks & Wildlife Service for the upgrading of the agreed alternative route being the Tewantin to Tin Can Bay Road.*

*Cooloola Shire Council applied traffic controls on the Inskip Point beach after the sealed inland road was completed. QPWS should use the same principle on the Rainbow to Noosa beach, and recognise the need for a realistic through traffic speed limit of 80kph until the Tewantin to Tin Can Bay Road is completed.*

- 2. A charge fee for beach traffic could have a negative impact on the Cooloola Coast tourism-based economy. It is imperative that genuine consultation occur with Cooloola Shire Council and local tourism based bodies to ensure that the negative impact is minimised if fees are levied.*

3. *Camping number caps are recognised as important to the well-being of the area, but direct consultation with Council is expected. The impacts need to be understood and ameliorated.*
4. *Council does not support world heritage listing of any of the Cooloola park, because of the ramifications for the water supply and sewerage schemes within. Council is steadily reducing per capita demand for water and upgrading its sewage treatment infrastructure, but the risk to the cost effective delivery of these services by the declaration of a World Heritage area is totally unacceptable.*

*Council will continue to ensure that its Federal Government member the Hon Warren Truss MP, Federal Member for Wide Bay, Minister for Trade and Deputy Leader of the Nationals is aware of its concerns. Council does not concur that the forthcoming change in electoral boundaries may force a change to his past position on World Heritage listing, and suggests his opinion be sought in lieu of the speculation.*

5. *As previously mentioned, the construction of the Tewantin to Tin Can Bay Road will play a key role in resolving the problems of beach traffic. Whilst it remains State Government policy to not take any steps at all to advance this matter, there will be ongoing problems, both environmentally and socially, with the use of Teewah Beach as a road.*
6. *Speed limit signs on beaches are expensive to maintain. All activities and costs associated with their supply and maintenance should be the responsibility of QPWS.*

Please consider this advice in your pending review.”

Cr Watt returned to the meeting at 9.14am.

**W05/05/08 Moved: Cr G. Engeman**

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

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

1/6

**Traffic Conditions at Power Road/Exhibition Road Intersection**

Re: **W06/05/08** Traffic Conditions at the Power Road – Exhibition Road Intersection  
 From: Jeanette Schmidt, Secretary, Jones Hill Neighbourhood Watch, c/- 7  
 Julienne Street, Gympie Qld 4570  
 File: GRC Doc ID:893508  
 Date: 4 April 2008

*“At a recent meeting of the Jones Hill Neighbourhood Watch concern was expressed about the traffic conditions at the Power Road – Exhibition Road intersection.*

*A motion was moved and carried that this Group request that consideration be undertaken by Council into easing the congestion in this area as soon as practical.*

*Thanking you.”*

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

There may be scope for signalling this intersection in conjunction with Main Roads, providing no development is approved on the adjoining service road. Note that the proposed real estate office will access Power Road and not the service road.

**W06/05/08 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Seconded: Cr R. Dyne**

**Recommend that this matter be referred to the Planning & Development Department to advise an ultimate land use plan for the area, thence to the General Manager Design Services Division for consideration of traffic generation issues and negotiations with Main Roads.**

**Carried**

1/7	Adoption of Works & Services Committee Charter
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Re: **W07/05/08** Adoption of Works & Services Committee Charter

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

File:

Date: 07/04/08

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

It is a requirement that the Draft Charter for the Works & Services Committee Meetings be adopted and (if needed) amended annually.

**W07/05/08 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr RA Gâté**

**Recommend that the following Charter for the Works & Services Committee for Gympie Regional Council be adopted:-**

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# Gympie Regional Council Works and Services Committee CHARTER

## **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 Works and Services Committee (the “Committee”).

## **Purpose (Committee Objectives)**

The purpose of the Committee is to establish and review strategies concerning the provision of Shire infrastructure including roads, water supply, sewerage and waste management; the provision of Regions and gardens and recreational facilities for the Gympie Region.

## **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:-

1. Airport
2. Animal Management
3. Beach Services/ Boat Ramps
4. Bikeways
5. Counter-terrorism
6. Engineering Design
7. Fleet Purchases and Management
8. Flood Records
9. GIS

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10. Licensed Gates and Grids
  11. Natural Disaster Management
  12. Noxious Plants/ Animals
  13. On Street Parking Design
  14. Parks and Gardens
  15. Plant and Fleet Maintenance
  16. Private Works
  17. Quarries
  18. Recreational Facilities on Council Controlled Land
  19. Regulated Parking Design
  20. River protection
  21. Road Closures
  22. Roads/Streets/Bridges/Footpaths(const/maint/manage/treatment)
  23. Saleyards
  24. Street lighting
  25. Sewerage Schemes
  26. Soil Testing
  27. Stormwater drainage
  28. Street Naming and Numbering
  29. Trade Waste
  30. Traffic Control
  31. Tree Planting
  32. Water Supply

### **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) of the members shall constitute a quorum.



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

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

### **Meetings (Committee Meeting Arrangements)**

The Committee will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 9am.

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 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.

**Carried**

1/8

**Borumba Dam Spillway Capacity Upgrade Program**

Re: **W08/05/08** Borumba Dam Spillway Capacity Upgrade Program  
From: Danny Green, Sunwater Regional manager (Bundaberg), PO Box 15536, City East Qld 4002  
File:  
Date: 8 April 2008

*“In light of revised dam safety standards SunWater has identified the need to upgrade some of its dam spillways, including Borumba Dam, to ensure the spillways can safely manage the water flows generated by an extreme rainfall event.*

*Dam safety standards were increased following a revision of the method for the estimation of extreme rainfall by the Bureau of Meteorology, which showed that an extreme rainfall event is more possible than was previously believed.*

*Whilst the chance of an extreme rainfall event is low and the spillway is currently safe, this upgrade will ensure that water will be released in a controlled manner during a significant rainfall event.*

*To bring the spillway in line with national spillway capacity guidelines, the upgrade program will be a two stage process. The first stage of the upgrade, at an estimated cost of \$5.1M will have no implication on water pricing for irrigators.*

*Construction is due to commence in early April 2008 and will continue through until December 2008. The main dam wall height will be increased by approximately 1.6 metres; therefore visual impact will be minimal.*

*Access to the dam wall during construction will be restricted for safety reasons, however access to the boat ramp, car park and picnic area will not be affected.*

*It is important to note that the upgrade will not increase the water storage capacity of the dam. Capacity will remain at current levels and water supplies will not be affected.*

*For further information visit SunWater's website [www.sunwater.com.au](http://www.sunwater.com.au). Alternatively, you may wish to speak with me directly on (07) 4132 6215.”*

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

This dam raising will not lead to any increase in capacity. It is a safety related exercise.

**W08/05/08 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker****Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett****Recommend that the information be received.****Carried****1/9****Bruce Highway Upgrade in Gympie Job No 128/10A/29**

**Re: W09/05/08** Bruce Highway Upgrade in Gympie Job No 128/10A/29 stage 2 Albert Park to Channon Street, Project Cost Sharing  
**From:** D.G. Tennant, District Director (North Coast Hinterland), Department of Main Roads, PO Box 183, Gympie Qld 4570  
**File:** WM07-00065A Doc ID:883900  
**Date:** 28 February 2008

*“Tenders have now been called for the construction of Stage 2 of the Bruce Highway upgrade in Gympie from the Albert Park overpass to north of Channon Street. The department expects to award a Contract by mid 2008.*

*Further to discussions between Council’s Mr Bob Fredman and Mr Lawry O’Brien of this office, I can confirm that Main Roads will accept Council’s contribution of \$50,000 towards this project stage for the cost of stormwater drainage and concrete footpaths. Unless Council advises otherwise, I will assume that the contribution will be paid in the 2008/09 financial year.*

*At the end of the defects liability period for the construction contract, responsibility for maintenance of the concrete footpaths and the urban stormwater drainage network will pass to Council in accordance with the LGAQ/State agreement. Council will also be responsible for all maintenance of Monkland Street (east) and Little Channon Street in accordance with the agreement. The department will forward Maintenance Responsibility Diagrams for both Stages 1 and 2 for Council’s information and comment in due course.*

*Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr Lawry O’Brien at this office on 5482 0333.”*

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

Council was requested to contribute to the upgrading of stormwater drainage and pathways to be carried out in conjunction with the Bruce Highway upgrade by Main Roads.

This offer by Main Roads to carry out the upgrading with a \$50,000 contribution is a satisfactory outcome.

**W09/05/08      Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr G. Engeman**

**Recommend that the writer be advised that Council will provide \$50,000 as requested for the upgrading of stormwater drainage and footpaths, in 2008/09.**

**Further that this matter be referred to the Draft Budget Meeting.**

**Carried**

1/10	Road – Kandanga to Cooroy
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Re: **W10/05/08** Road – Kandanga to Cooroy

From: Leigh Spencer – Senior Policy Advisor, Hon Warren Pitt MP, Minister for Main Roads and Local Government, GPO Box 15031 City East Qld 4002

File: GRC: Doc ID:895613

Date: 9 April 2008

*“I refer to correspondence from Mrs Dorothy Pratt MP, Member for Nanango, about the road from Kandanga to Cooroy.*

*As Kandanga Creek Road falls under the jurisdiction of Gympie Regional Council, I am referring the matter to you for consideration and direct reply to Mrs Pratt.*

*Enclosed are copies of the relevant correspondence for your attention.”*

Letter from Mrs Dorothy Pratt MLA, Shop 2/34A Alford Street, Kingaroy Qld 4610 dated 5 December 2007 addressed to Hon John Mickel MP Minister for Transport, trade, Employment and Industrial Relations – such letter referred to the Hon Warren Pitt MP’s office for attention.

*“My constituent Mr Roddy Blake has asked me to forward a suggestion to you on his behalf concerning the road to Kandanga, Cooroy.*

*Mr Blake states that if this road was upgraded, it would take up to 60 kms off the trip from South Burnett to the Sunshine Coast. This would certainly help the tourism industry on both the Sunshine Coast and the South Burnett, as holiday makers may feel more disposed to travel to those places if the journey were 60 kms shorter than it currently is.*

*I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this suggestion and thank you for your time.”*

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

The road referred to is currently a forestry route connecting the Kilcoy Murgon Road at Gallangowan to Kandanga Creek Road at Oakwood. It is in the order of 20km long and not suitable for general vehicle use.

**W10/05/08      Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

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

**Recommend that Council forward a response to Dorothy Pratt MLA, Independent Member for Nanango as follows:-**

*I refer to your letter dated 5 December 2007 addressed to the Hon John Mickel MP, Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations which was subsequently forwarded to this Council for consideration.*

*The forestry road to Kandanga could be gazetted and constructed if the State Government was prepared to provide funding. However this is not a Council priority because of the immense cost.*

*Any efforts by you to obtain funding would be supported by this Council and very much appreciated.*

*Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Council's Director of Engineering Services – telephone 0754 810 655.”*

**Carried**

1/11	Queensland Water Commission's Draft South East Queensland Water Strategy
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Re: **W11/05/08** Queensland Water Commission's Draft South East Queensland Water Strategy  
From: Elizabeth Nosworthy AO, Chair, Queensland Water Commission, PO Box 15087, City East Qld 4002  
File: GRC: Doc ID:  
Date: 31 March 2008

*"It is with pleasure that I present the Queensland Water commission's draft South East Queensland Water Strategy for your consideration.*

*The draft Strategy is a responsible plan for meeting South East Queensland's (SEQ) water supply requirements for the next 50 years. The draft Strategy provides a Water Supply Guarantee to support a comfortable, sustainable and prosperous lifestyle while meeting the needs of urban, industrial and rural growth and the environment.*

*A collaborative approach has been adopted over a number of years by local governments, State Government agencies and the Commission, in the planning process and this continues through a public consultation phase on the draft Strategy until Thursday 31 July 2008. All feedback will be considered by the Commission.*

*Once finalised, the Strategy will inform the Commission's final report to the Queensland Government and local governments, in addition to its formal advice to the Queensland Government regarding future water security programs.*

*The draft Strategy contains detailed analysis of supply and demand factors and seeks community feedback on the balance between demand management and infrastructure investment to achieve an appropriate Level of Service. Importantly, the draft Strategy recommends that the key potential sites for future infrastructures, including desalination and purified recycled water, should be fully investigated and preserved far in advance of potential construction timeframes.*

*Further information on the strategy is available from the Commission's website at: [www.qwc.qld.gov.au](http://www.qwc.qld.gov.au) or by calling 1300 789 906. copies of the Strategy are enclosed. It would be appreciated if the Strategy could be made available to the public at your Council library. Should you wish to obtain additional copies of the Strategy or provide feedback during the consultation period you may do so via the Commission's website, by email to: [qwcenquiries@qwc.qld.gov.au](mailto:qwcenquiries@qwc.qld.gov.au) or in writing to the Queensland Water Commission, PO Box 15087, City East Qld 4002."*

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

The Draft South East Queensland Water Strategy Report (The Report) was released on 26 March and comment has been invited.

The Report represents a large volume of research by the State Government on a variety of issues covering the water demand/supply equation facing South East Queensland over the next fifty (50) years. Unfortunately, whilst much worthwhile work has been done, it is in the defined scope of the work where this Report is most vulnerable.

The Report was not scoped to examine and comment on the proposed dam on the Mary River (at Traveston Crossing) because it is established State Government policy to build it. However, the dam is still NOT approved, and it will remain not approved until several environmental concerns of great significance are addressed to the satisfaction of the Australian Government.

Further, the national and international interest in the environmental impacts of the proposed dam on iconic species is likely to ensure that the process of approval, if it does occur, will be protracted.

The Report was also not scoped to examine the original basis for justifying the proposed dam, the Water Resource (Mary Basin) Plan 2006 (WRP). Included in the Council of Mary River Mayors' "Response to the EIS for the Proposed Traveston Crossing Dam" January 2008 is advice from respected environmental consultants, Max Winders & Associates that the WRP does not give the protection to the Mary River estuary and RAMSAR wetlands required by legislation.

Notwithstanding that the Report is flawed because of its limited scope, it contains several interesting revelations.

1. There is no allowance for water from the Mary River to be made available outside South East Queensland. This will be of particular interest to Gympie, Maryborough and Hervey Bay which are growing centres also relying on the Mary River for urban water supplies into the future.
2. Desalination is emerging as an excellent prospect for future water supply. Several sites have been identified north of Brisbane that have potential yield far greater than the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam, with insignificant extra cost and 100% reliability.

3. The preferred desalination sites will be secured by the State Government for future use. They may have a lead time to operating of only 36 months. They can certainly delivery more water (if required) much earlier than the proposed dam.
4. A long term option is proposed to feed fully treated Sunshine Coast sewage into Traveston Crossing dam. The EIS for the dam did not address this issue, and it is a serious omission.
5. The Report points out that if the recommended actions which include the Traveston Crossing Dam are taken, the health of the waterways in the region will be improved. It does not point out that this will be at the expense of the Mary River (which is outside the SEQ region).
6. The Clarence River water supply option is dismissed because of 'numerous social and environmental issues' that are currently 'insurmountable'. The issues are similar to the Mary River option.
7. The Report advised that it was prepared in partnership with South East Queensland Mayors. It is not stated whether the Mayors supported all aspects of the Report.
8. At the release of the Report, the Water Commissioner, Elizabeth Nosworthy AO, admitted "*Community views have changed and we now understand its important to have a climate resilient supply.*" The dam on the Mary has now been described as effectively an incorrect decision. It can still be reversed with no environmental damage incurred.

To conclude, the Report should be rewritten for a scenario without the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam. It will then be a realistic and comprehensive blueprint for water supply for South East Queensland.

W11/05/08      **Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

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

**Recommend that Council advise the Commissioner as per the above report.**

**Further that the Hon Warren Truss MP (Federal Member for Wide Bay) and Mr David Gibson MP (State Member for Gympie) be provided with copies of the Report.**

**Carried**



1/12	Maintenance – Lobwein Road, Kybong
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Re: **W12/05/08** Maintenance –Lobwein Road, Kybong  
From: Louise Pagett, Lobwein Road, Kybong  
File: Doc ID:876194  
Date: received via email on 7/02/08

*“We, the residents of Lobwein Road Kybong request that urgent maintenance be carried out on this road. The section we specifically refer to is the last kilometre. There are stormwater pipes under this section which have never been maintained or marked.*

*This road has constant use from the residents, milk tankers, mail delivery, service tradesmen, cattle trucks, tourists trying to obtain access to the Mary River and people who are just plain lost.*

*There are no signs indicating that this is a dead end road. The dust is a health hazard on most days.*

*However, at the moment this last section is so full of pot holes, that the residents have had to resort to trying to fill them in.*

*This has proved impossible.*

*The road has become 4WD challenge.*

*As most people these days have sedans you can understand the damage this is doing to our cars.*

*We herewith request the following –*

- sealing of Lobwein Road*
- Signs indicating a no Through Road*
- The very end of Lobwein Road turned into a cul-de-sac.*
- Better access off the Bruce Highway*
- A street light at the intersection with Glory Hill Road, grass kept mowed at this intersection.*
- Safe access to and from the Bruce Highway. This is such a dangerous intersection and so disgraceful as the entry to our airport.*

*Looking forward to your comments. Phone 5483 5265.”*

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

The last 0.7km of Lobwein Road is not a maintained road, hence Council accepts no responsibility for stormwater pipes etc. A “No Through Road” sign has been erected and grading has occurred. A petition supported by Council

for a better access off the Bruce Highway has been forwarded to Main Roads. Street lights are not normally erected on rural roads.

The issue of extending the bitumen road network further in to rural areas needs to be considered with the emerging need to carry out old bitumen road reconstruction and widening.

**W12/05/08      Moved: Cr G. Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr R. Dyne**

**Recommend that the correspondence be received and the writer be advised that Council will reconsider the request, along with other bitumen seal requests, when the 2008/09 roads program is being formulated by Council.**

**Further that the writer be advised that the last 700 metres of Lobwein Road is not maintained road.**

**Carried**

1/13	Petition re Tinana Road and Stephan Road, Goomboorian
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Re: **W13/05/08** Petition re Tinana Road and Stephan Road, Goomboorian  
 From: Sharon Beighton & 97 other signatories, 298 Tinana Road,  
 Goomboorian, via Gympie Qld 4570

File:

Date: 3 March 2008

*“We the undersigned as rate payers, Residents and users request that something is done about our roads, Tinana Rd, & Stephan Rd, our roads are shocking, the bridge is a death trap, it is not safe, I have been in touch with council with concerns regarding the bridge as big bolts have been sticking up and have nearly gone through the tyres of our cars.*

*As has been shown in last years major accident on Tin Can Bay Rd, Traffic being diverted from Tin Can Bay rd, down Tinana rd, trucks are getting stuck on the bridge and having to reverse back as they were not able to cross the bridge safely causing chaos.*

*When it rains the road washes away and it is not good enough just getting it graded every 6 months we want a proper road, the way the roads are anyone of us could slide into a creek, it is not safe for us, our children or anyone else that may use these roads.*

*Come and see for yourself and do an inspection why the road are like they are now, as this is what we as rate payers, residents and users have to put up with.*

*CC: Will be sent to those who are running for Mayor as we are wanting someone in office that will act on behalf of the people.*

*Please take this seriously, as we need to have our roads & bridge fixed. Ideally we would like the road bitumen.”*

**Minute G26/03/08 of Cooloola Shire Council General Meeting held on 11/03/08 refers -**

***That the Petition be received and referred to the Director of Engineering to investigate and report to the appropriate Committee of the Gympie Regional Council.***

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

The bridge was checked immediately the report of bolts sticking up was received. There was indeed bolts sticking up, but they were in the kerb, not the carriageway. Hence no urgent action was warranted.

The issue of extending the bitumen road network further in to rural areas needs to be considered with the emerging need to carry out old bitumen road reconstruction and widening.

**W13/05/08      Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

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

**Recommend that the correspondence be received and the writer be advised that Council will reconsider the request, along with other bitumen seal requests, when the 2008/09 roads program is being formulated by Council.**

**Carried**

1/14

**Wide Bay Burnett Regional Water Supply Strategy – Regional Council Representation on the Strategy Management Committee**

Re: **W14/05/08** Wide Bay Burnett Regional Water Supply Strategy – Regional Council Representation on the Strategy Management Committee

From: Ross Carruthers, A/Manager, Water Services, South East Region (North), Department of Natural Resources and Water, PO Box 1167, Bundaberg Central Qld 4670

File: GRC Doc ID:890284

Date: 19 March 2008

*“The Wide Bay Burnett Regional Water Supply Strategy (The Strategy) is identified in the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Plan as the mechanism for developing options to meet the future water requirements of the region. The Strategy represents a whole-of-government approach that outlines how the region’s urban, industrial, mining and agricultural water demand will be met over the next 50 years.*

*Members of the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Organisation of Councils have provided valuable contribution towards the development of the strategy since the project commenced in early 2007, ensuring the needs of local governments are identified. The purpose of this letter is to seek continued local government support and representation following the amalgamation of councils.*

*A Strategy Management Committee (SMC) provides strategic policy direction for the development of the Strategy. The SMC meets quarterly in Bundaberg and will be required on occasion to provide input and advice out of session via email. A full list of members is attached for your information.*

*Your existing SMC representative is Cr Barb Hovard. Cr Hovard has been an effective member of the SMC and may continue to represent the Fraser Coast area following Council amalgamations. However, as local government representation will be essential to the Strategy’s development we ask you to nominate a suitable representative from the newly formed Gympie Regional Council to become a member of the SMC. You may wish to nominate a Councillor or an employee with expertise in water resource management. Kindly confirm your intent.*

*The Department of Natural Resources and Water and the SMC are looking forward to working with the newly formed regional councils. It is anticipated that the preferred mechanisms identified by the Strategy to meet future water requirements of the region will be incorporated into a statutory Wide Bay Burnett Regional Plan. A draft Wide Bay Burnett Regional Water Supply Strategy is expected to be released during the last quarter of 2008.*

*Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Stumer of the department on telephone 07 431 5731.”*

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

Having been personally involved in facets of the SEQ Regional Water Supply Strategy, I can advise that the development of such a strategy is a complex engineering process, up until of course it is hijacked for political purposes. I suggest that at the very least, Council seeks to have the Director of Engineering approved as an observer to the process to be present at all meetings. There is much to gain or lose at the strategy formulation level for the Gympie region townships. Note that the future of the proposed Mary River dam at Traveston Crossing will have a big impact on the strategy outcomes.

**W14/05/08      Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Seconded: Cr RA Gâté**

**Recommend that Council seek advice as to whether they will accept a Councillor and a technical representative both with voting rights on the Strategy Management Committee.**

**Carried**

1/15	Proposed Wheelchair Accessible Pontoon at Carlo Point, Rainbow Beach
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**W17/05/08**

**(1)      Re:      Proposed wheelchair Accessible Pontoon at Carlo Point, Rainbow Beach**

From: ED Bushell & NL Price, Lot 11 Carlo Road, Rainbow Beach Qld 4581

File: GRD Doc ID:891756

Date: 27 March 2008

*“Please find attached correspondence which was forwarded to Government Departments with regards to a proposed pontoon at Carlo Point Rainbow Beach.*

*We understand that this project was handled by the previous mayor but feel the matter should be brought to your attention.*

*During the busy holidays periods at Rainbow Beach the car park facility which services the boat ramp is not large enough to cater for the vehicles and trailers and holiday makers are then forced to use the vacant Council park land and the side of Carlo Road.*

*This should give you an idea of how busy the boat ramp becomes.*

*We feel that a public loading pontoon would be an asset to the area but the current location that has been chosen will undoubtedly create major congestion on the ramp and will impede the launching and recovering of vessels on the ramp area, which in turn will encourage tempers to flare. Mr Mick Venardos' suggestion was to offer protection from the north west winds that only occur for a short period to time throughout the year and generally do not occur during the peak holiday periods at Rainbow Beach.*

*You will see in our attached correspondence our suggestions of an alternative position with an alternative docking system and the reasons why we have made these suggestions.*

*Mr Mayor we trust that you may be able to take some time out of your obviously busy schedule to give this matter your attention, we do not know how far this proposal has proceeded but feel that if it goes ahead in the current proposed location it will create no end of troubles for the local Council, the local businesses that operate from the area and also most importantly our regular visitors who utilise the boat ramp facility at Carlo Point."*

**(2) Council's response dated 16/04/08 refers:-**

*"Thank you for your letter dated 27 March 2008 regarding the proposed wheelchair accessible pontoon at Carlo Point.*

*The issues you raise have been investigated with responses below. Council remains committed to the proposed site and structure and has previously awarded a tender for construction.*

- *It is available and has the support of Qld Transport.*
- *It is protected from northerly winds which, whilst only occasional, are aggressive.*
- *It is immediately beside the public parking area, which is of benefit, because it enables the boat driver to drop off the car driver close to the car.*
- *Twenty metre vessels are not intended. The concept is to have capacity for more than one small vessel.*
- *The channel depth is not an issue for small vessels most of the time.*
- *It is the only system that is suitable for all abilities code compliance.*

*Thank you for giving Council the opportunity to discuss the project."*

**(3) Re: Proposed wheelchair Accessible Pontoon at Carlo Point, Rainbow Beach**  
From: ED Bushell & NL Price, Lot 11 Carlo Road, Rainbow Beach Qld 4581  
Letter addressed to Office of the Mayor.  
File: GRC: Doc ID:897733  
Date: 21 April 2008

*“We wish to follow up on correspondence received from your office dated 16/04/08.*

*We are the only residents and owners of freehold property adjacent to the proposed site. Although we are in favour of a wheelchair accessible pontoon at Carlo Point we strongly object to the proposed site for the following reasons:*

- *Safety issue for young children, both locals and holiday makers who utilize this area for water sports as it is the only safe haven in the area for them.*
- *Safety issues in regards to safe navigation in a channel which has minimum ankle deep depth on some low tides.*
- *Safety issues in regard to navigation in a channel which has no buoyage system (navigational aides) that will be required owing to the huge influx of boating traffic that will be created in this area.*
- *The proposed are is exposed to prevailing south-south easterly winds which are consistent in our area for the majority of the year and do quite often reach a strength that a ‘strong wind warning’ is issued. We cannot understand Council wanting ability restricted persons to be boarding and disembarking small vessels on a Council constructed pontoon that is exposed to the most consistent prevailing winds experienced in the area. Bureau of Meteorology records will show that the amount of strong south easterly winds over the last four month period in this area have been numerous.*
- *Ramp rage at busy holiday times will be created due to the delays in the launch and retrieval of vessels at the ramp by people who launch and retrieve their vessels single handedly as they are alone on the boat or due to the fact that their passengers are children or ability restricted persons who can not assist in the launch and retrieval process if they choose to use the proposed pontoon.*

*The proposed location will not in reality allow a vessel driver to drop off the car driver, if one is available, closer to the parking area as you have stated in your correspondence and that the channel depth is not an issue for small vessels most of the time. We wish to be advised as to what length Council considers small vessels and can not understand the reasoning behind going to such great expense to construct a public pontoon with wheelchair access and then discriminate as to the size of the vessel which will be allowed access to the same pontoon. Maritime Safety Queensland feels that the final outcome of this proposed pontoon will benefit all the users of the waters of Carlo Creek when in fact it appears that council’s intention is to have this facility available to only small shallow drafted vessels.*

- *We believe the design criteria for the proposed pontoon to contain the following: vessel length 20 metres; vessel displacement 20 tonne*

- *The construction of a pontoon in this location will not alter the fact that vessels will have to be launched and retrieved at the boat ramp at its current location during the, what you have stated ‘occasional’ northerly winds. The launching and retrieval of vessels during strong northerly winds on the ramp is the current problem, a pontoon in the suggested area will not relieve this problem as the ramp will still be exposed to these ‘occasional’ northerly winds and vessels will still need to be launched and retrieved at the ramp and will need more than the vessel driver to do so in a safe manner.*
- *The expense that will be incurred for this proposal will be a waste of rate/taxpayers monies with so many negative issues relating to the location and only one positive being protection of the ‘occasional’ northerly winds when other more practical options are available to Council at this time.*
- *Please note the attached correspondence from Maritime Safety Queensland and the Minister for Transport with regards to **Councils obligations** to accept full responsibility regarding the proposed location and construction of proposed pontoon. These obligations no doubt will incur further expense to rate/taxpayers.*

*With so many negative and safety issues involved surely Council must let commonsense prevail and a more practical option which is available must be pursued.*

*We thank you for your time Mr Mayor and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.”*

*Letter from Sandy Brosnan*

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

Two letters of complaint have been received from ED Bushell and NL Price regarding the Carlo Point pontoon (refer letters above).

The pontoon has been funded by a \$50,000 past Council allocation and a \$150,000 grant from Qld Transport. A contract has been awarded and projected total project cost is \$250,000, \$50,000 more than currently budgeted. The contractor has not commenced construction, but is currently finalising the design.

It has come to Council’s attention in correspondence between Bushell and the Minister that Maritime Safety Qld (MSQ) may yet condition its final approval with ‘adequate aids to navigation’ and ‘needs for dredging’. This could push the cost of the project way beyond the budget. MSQ will apply its conditions when the contractor submits his final design for approval.



The Chairman Cr L.J. Friske tabled the following letter in relation to this matter:-

From: S Brosnan, President, Rainbow Beach Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc, PO Rainbow Beach Qld 4581  
File: GRC Doc ID:899186  
Date: Received 29/04/08

*“Due to a membership query, we have recently become aware of forthcoming works for the construction of a ‘Pontoon’ at Carlo Point.*

*We respectfully request further information on this project and in particular the positioning of the proposed works.*

*Thank you for your timely response to this request.”*

## COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

The Chairman advised the meeting that Council was going “Into Committee” to discuss the proposed pontoon at Carlo Point.

**W15/05/08 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**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. Proposed Pontoon at Carlo Point.**

**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****W16/05/08 Moved: Cr G. Engeman****Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen****That proceedings be resumed in Open Council.****Carried****W17/05/08 Moved: Cr G. Engeman****Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett****Recommend that the Contract for the pontoon be cancelled and the balance of the funds allocated to the pontoon be re-allocated to other improvements at Carlo Point.****Further that it be noted that the cancellation of the Contract is as a result of this Council determining that pontoons are not its 'core' business and that a full appreciation of the potential on-going costs of operating the facility and associated dredging requirements indicates they would be prohibitive.****Carried****1/16 Request for Bus Stop Area on Tin Can Bay Road**

**Re: W18/05/08 Request for Bus Stop Area on Tin Can Bay Road**  
**From: Marie Lally, Secretary, Conveyance Committee, 393 Tagigan Road, Goomboorian, Qld 4570**  
**File: GRC Doc ID 891859**  
**Date: 29 March 2008**

*"As the Secretary of the Goomboorian Conveyance Committee for bus service P1020 I am writing to you about the possible construction of a bus stop area on Tin Can Bay Road outbound on the approach to Mullins Creek Road intersection.*

*At our recent AGM for this service, possible changes to the above bus service were discussed. The connection point with the Polleys Service 792 has been moved to this intersection which has resulted in more students being on the side of the road each day.*

*The Kia Ora bus P1020, pulls into Mullins creek Road to await the Polleys connection, however the Polleys bus is required to pull up in the intersection as*

*there is nowhere else suitable. The approval of a bus stop area on the approach side will be in the best interests of not only the bus services, the students travelling on the buses but also the general traffic as well.*

*We look forward to the approval of the bus stop area.”*

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

In approving a connection point at this location, Queensland Transport must have considered safety related matters. Notwithstanding their decision, it is desirable that buses be off the carriageway and the intersection. The letter has been forwarded to Queensland Transport for their recommendation on a reply.

**W18/05/08      Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr RA Gâté**

**Recommend that Council endorse staff action.**

**Carried**

1/17	Stormwater Problems in Cooloola Cove
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Re: **W19/05/08** Stormwater Problems in Cooloola Cove

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

File:

Date: 30 April 2008

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

Minute G68/02/08 referred stormwater problems in Cooloola Cove to the Director of Engineering for report.

Council has previously received a report on this matter outlining solutions, funding requirements and prioritisations. A subsequent works program was adopted and with no new information a further report would not achieve anything.

Several of the photographs circulated at the February 19<sup>th</sup> 2008 General Meeting of the Cooloola Shire Council showed problems not related to road drainage. It is a fact that a lot of overland flow collects on blocks at Cooloola Cove. In some cases this flow does not shed naturally due to constrictions over which Council has no control, such as garden beds and solid fences.

W19/05/08 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

1/18	Proposed Mary River Dam at Traveston Crossing
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Re: **W20/05/08** Proposed Mary River Dam at Traveston Crossing  
From: Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman  
File:  
Date: 30 April 2008

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

The Director of Engineering Services provided a verbal report outlining the scope of discussions with QWI concerning road, water and sewerage matters in the Mary Valley, if the dam proceeds.

W20/05/08 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

Recommend that the information be noted.

Carried

<b>SECTION 2: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES - GENERAL BUSINESS</b>
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Mr Fredman addressed Councillors on budget issues relative to the Engineering Services and Works Divisions.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.11am.

**RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

The Meeting resumed at 10.24am.

Cr Walker was not present when the meeting resumed.

General Manager Design Services Division – Mr R Chapman entered the meeting at 10.09am.

### **SECTION 3: DESIGN SERVICES DIVISION**

#### **3/6 Carrington Avenue – ‘No Stopping’ Sign**

Re: **W21/05/08** Carrington Avenue – ‘No Stopping’ Sign  
From: Marilyn Byrne, 12 Leavinia Street, Gympie Qld 4570  
File: WG97/00128 Doc ID:891653  
Date: 27 March 2008

*“I have lived at 12 Leavinia Street, Gympie for over 40 years. My home is situated on the corner of Leavinia Street and Carrington Avenue. When family and friends come to visit me, they park their vehicles on the Carrington Avenue side of my home. This is because there is ample room to park and still allow vehicles to travel along Carrington Avenue without causing any safety issues. Visitors who park here can access my home without needing to cross Leavinia Street. In over 40 years, there has never been an accident or incident caused by cars being parked along this street.*

*Yesterday Council erected ‘No Standing’ signs along the Carrington Avenue side of my home making it no longer possible for vehicles to park here. This is going to cause difficulty for anyone who wishes to visit me at my home. They will not be able to park close to my home. Anyone who visits will be required to park across the road on Leavinia Street and depending on how many vehicles are parked at the houses situated there, they may need to walk some distance to my home. Given I and a high percentage of my visitors are senior citizens walking an increased distance will not only be an inconvenience, but in some cases, actually impossible to do. Apart from this, there is a safety issue given Leavinia Street has a much higher traffic flow than Carrington Avenue. To cross the road in front of my home on Leavinia Street can be dangerous and create safety concerns that were not previously there.*

*I would appreciate consideration being given to removing the ‘No Standing’ signs that have been put along Carrington Avenue. My reasons for this are firstly the signs were placed there without consultation with those most affected. Secondly, as there has never been any incident or accident previously, why is there now a need for the ‘No Standing’ signs? Lastly and most importantly, by having the ‘No Standing’ signs outside of my home, a situation has now been created where there is an increased opportunity for an accident to occur.*

*I await your response to this matter.”*

**Report: (Design Services Draftsman – S. McLeod)**

Council erected No Stopping signs on Carrington Avenue following a request by a resident due to the narrow road width along the southern side of the split level section of Carrington Avenue. The No Stopping signs were erected in accordance with the Australian Road Rules to reinforce that it is illegal to park on narrow sections of road. In this case, the road width on Carrington Avenue between the kerb and guide posts does not meet the requirements of Australian Road rules for safe parking and road use.

Since the No Stopping signs were erected, Council has received two requests from residents for parking at either end of Carrington Avenue. Whilst the road width is narrow and after further investigation, parking could be provided at each end if the guide posts were relocated to achieve a road width of 5.3m from the kerb to the guide post. This would provide some parking in front of the Carrington Avenue frontage of 12 Leavinia Street as well as 15 Carrington Avenue.

Cr Walker returned to the meeting at 10.26am.

**W21/05/08      Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

**Seconded: Cr RA Gâté**

**Recommend that Council provide parking wherever possible, where a clear width is available between face of kerb and road edge guide posts of 5.3m and the writers be advised accordingly.**

**Further that in future, letter drops be undertaken prior to Council making final decisions on local road changes.**

**Carried**

3/1a

**Proposed Access to the Mary River from Curra Estate Road**

Re: **W22/05/08** Proposed Access to the Mary River from Curra Estate Road

From: T Mathiesen, Acting CEO, Tiara Shire Council, Mayne Street, Tiara Qld 4650

File: AG07/01034 Doc ID:872434

Date: 24 January 2008

*“The Council of the Shire of Tiaro requests that you place the above matter before the new Gympie Regional Council at the appropriate time after the new Council has been formed.*

*The matter relates to an access to the Mary River at Curra which has been used by the general public over many years until recently when the access was closed by the property owner.*

*The access which was thought to be a public road was actually gained through the private property owned by C & B Hose. The property owner locked the gate after he experienced problems with litter, noise, hooning and stock losses. The surveyed, dedicated road access is shown on the enclosed plan and you will observe that in the main, the access is not on the dedicated road alignment.*

*A petition was received containing 95 signatures requesting that Council re-open the access to the Mary River at Curra. A separate petition containing 32 signatures objected to the re-opening of the access.*

*A report detailing all of the relevant information relating to this matter including copies of the petition were submitted to a meeting of Council held on Thursday 17 January 2008, refer copy attached.*

*At that meeting Council adopted the following resolution:*

*‘that with respect to the proposal to open up the dedicated surveyed road access to the Mary River off the Curra Estate Road in the vicinity of Lot 1 RP 225035 Lot 39 RP42804 and Lot 44 MCH237, Council*

- 1. Refer the project, with all supporting and background material, to the new Gympie Regional Council for consideration; and*
- 2. advise the Petitioners of Council’s decision.’*

*Correspondence has been forwarded to the property owner and the petitioners advising of Council’s decision to refer this matter to you as the Interim Chief Executive Officer for the new Gympie Regional Council with the request that you bring this matter to the attention of the new council once it has been formed and is operational.*

*Should you require any further information or background please feel free to contact our Projects Officer John Kelly on 4193 8802 or mob 0407 638 909 or by email: [johnk@tiaro.qld.gov.au](mailto:johnk@tiaro.qld.gov.au).”*

3/1b	Proposed Access to Mary River from Curra Estate Road
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Re: Proposed Access to the Mary River from Curra Estate Road

From: T Mathiesen, Acting CEO, Tiaro Shire Council, Mayne Street, Tiaro Qld 4650

File: AG07/01034 Doc ID:881779  
Date: 25 February 2008

*"I refer to my letter of 24 January 2008 regarding the above and advise that council again considered the matter at the Council meeting held yesterday.*

*This re-consideration was prompted by a letter from Gympie Sand, Gravel and Landscaping who advocated that the Tiaro Shire Council had a commitment to open up the access.*

*After considering my report, Council adopted the following resolution:*

*'With respect to the proposal to open up the dedicated surveyed road access to the Mary River off the Curra Estate Road in the vicinity of Lot 1 RP225035, Lot 39 RP42804 and Lot 44 MCH237, Council*

- 1. refer the letter from Gympie Sand and Gravel and other additional information, including both reports considered by Tiaro Shire Council, to the new Gympie Regional Council for consideration; and*
- 2. request that the relevant staff of the Gympie Regional Council meet with representatives of Gympie Sand and Gravel in an attempt to progress this matter at the earliest opportunity.*
- 3. Strongly recommend to Gympie Regional Council to proceed with this project as soon as possible for both commercial and recreational access.'*

*A copy of my report is attached for the consideration and I note that I have previously forwarded the Projects Officer's report to the January meeting of Council together with all relevant attachments for your consideration.*

*Should you require any further information or background please feel free to contact our Project Officer John Kelly on 4193 8802 or Mob 0407 638 909 or by email: [johnk@tiaro.qld.gov.au](mailto:johnk@tiaro.qld.gov.au)."*

3/1c	Proposed Access to Mary River from Curra Estate Road
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Re: Proposed Access to Mary River from Curra Estate Road  
From: Gympie Sand, Gravel and Landscaping  
File: AG07/01034  
Date: 7 February 2008

*In response to your letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008 (Ref: DW 294599), we are concerned at the lack of commitment that the Tiaro Shire Council has expressed on this matter.*



*At many previous meetings, both onsite and at the Council Office with prior Chief Executive Officer Mr Andrew Brien, Our Company was ensured the access to our Mary River Lease off Curra Estate Road would be approved and had been surveyed and was included in the Council's budget and that we would have access last year.*

*As you are aware, Gympie Sand and Gravel has secured a major contract to supply and deliver the required material needed for the construction of the North South Brisbane Tunnel Project. This Project is Government funded and the supply material is detrimental to the completion of the construction. If our resources are not forth coming, supply have to be brought in from New Zealand to complete the construction.*

*We thought that Tiaro Shire Council would be more supportive especially towards a local company who employs 28 local people with a vision to extend employment opportunities in the future.*

*We rely on our river leases for our Company's livelihood and more so now with the importance of the Brisbane Tunnel. We are disappointed to receive the decision of Council on this matter and believe the Tiaro Shire Council has found it easier to pass the matter onto the incoming Gympie Regional Council rather than using their initiative to make a decision to finalize this ongoing matter.*

*As this road access is surveyed we feel that we could use the access and as discussed and agreed with the previous Chief Executive Officer Mr Andrew Brien, we would supply road base to form a limited road access also gates and a lock to control access from the public until finalized by Council to be approved for public use.*

*It is of utmost importance that we have the support of Council on this matter. As you would realize, if this is referred to the incoming Regional Council it may be swept under the carpet indefinitely, which would be detrimental to our contract commitments.*

*We request that Council revisit this decision at the earliest convenience as this current decision will affect the construction of the Brisbane Tunnel and possibly halt the constructed due to the lack of supply of the required material.*

*Looking forward to a prompt reply."*

**Report: (Design Department Draftsman – D.E. Guy)**

As outlined in the letters, access to the river has been gained in the past by traversing private property. This access has since been denied by the owner locking his gate, as is his prerogative.

Approaches had been made to the former Tiaro Shire Council to construct an access road along a gazetted road reserve. These have been in the form of a petition signed by 95 people requesting public access to the river and a request by Gympie Sand and Gravel who have an extraction lease there.

A counter petition signed by 32 people objects to the construction of an access to the river.

As requested, a meeting was held on Friday 11 April 2008 at the intersection of Curra Estate Road and the proposed road between Council officers, D. Guy and D. Waugh, and Mr Murray McLachlan and an employee of Gympie Sand and Gravel. The purpose of the meeting was for Council staff to familiarise with the site to report back to Council, and no undertakings were given. Only a cadastral survey of the road has been conducted and a full engineering survey will be necessary to more accurately estimate construction costs.

Should the road be constructed to service the Extraction Lease as well as the general public, the road should be built to a minimum standard of 7 metre bitumen seal on a 7 metre formation with suitable pavement thickness to cater for the commercial traffic. The adjacent property boundaries should also be fenced.

The road length is approximately 1.8km. Preliminary order of cost estimate is \$600,000. (An unsealed gravel road is estimated to cost \$305,000) No public facilities at the river are included in the estimate.

It has been suggested that Gympie Sand and Gravel may supply the pavement gravel but no details are available regarding the quantity or quality of said gravel. A quantity in the order of 6300 cubic is required. The road could possibly be constructed to a lower standard if built as a haul road only but unless the Extraction Business successfully applied for a permit to occupy the road reserve, the public would still have legal access.

**W22/05/08 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Seconded: Cr R. Dyne**

**Recommend that the Works & Services Committee members visit the site to better appreciate the issue.**

**Further that the Committee undertake consultation with representatives of the petitioners.**

**Carried**

3/2

Upgrading Haven Street, Southside

**W23/05/08**

At the General Meeting of Council held on 23 April 2008, Mayor Ron Dyne tabled the following:

From: **G32/04/08** Tony Shead, 10 Haven Street, Southside, GYMPIE Qld 4570 and 18 other Signatories.

Date: 23 April 2008

*“This petition calls for the upgrading to Haven Street, Southside and respectfully asks for Councils immediate attention to this matter.*

*Issues:*

*Kerb & Channel, completion of the North Eastern perimeter.  
Surface pavement and alignment, adjacent to number 9 & 10.*

*Criterion:*

*Infrastructure  
Safety  
Council’s Planning Policy  
Maintenance*

*Infrastructure:*

*The recent development of Haven Street has generated additional traffic movements, mostly heavy duty and as a consequence there are the inevitable adverse effects on the original section of the road especially at the crude edge. Furthermore, the merging of the new sections of the road is a shambles. As the attached photographs clearly show.*

*We reason that Council’s Planning Policy Scheme 11, should have secured the kerb & channel, the surface pavement, and the road alignment all being accomplished during the recent development stage.*

*Safety:*

*Council needs to understand that the edge of this road and the bitumen surface is continually breaking up due to the increased volume of traffic, and the subsequent debris migrates onto the footpath.*

*As mowing of footpaths is considered by council to be the responsibility of the adjacent property owners, we beg to point out the high injury risk factor to both active and passive persons from flying road debris during mowing operations.*

*We further refer to Council’s statutory Duty of Care and hereby put Council on notice that should flying road debris whilst mowing the footpath injure any person, either resident or visitor, then Council will be held responsible and notified accordingly.*

*Council’s Planning Policy:*

*We refer to Council’s Planning Scheme Policy 11, Roadworks Contributions. Clause 11.3; sub-clause (3) covers the consequence of development causing adverse effects to the existing road and the measures imposed on the developer so that its safety and efficiency is maintained. Sub-clause (4) details such work*

as including, (b) surface pavement improvements, and (d) kerb and channelling.

Clause 11.5, which states in part “Council will use monetary contributions for road works in the vicinity of the development to:

1. Benefit the users of the development site and the community; and
2. improve the standard of the existing network including its;
  - a. safety,
  - b. efficiency,
  - c. level of service,
  - d. extent.

This clause alone raises two questions, which are not rhetorical and require Council’s response:

1. why the conditions of clause 11.3 were not imposed on the developer, and
2. why the roadwork’s contributions were not applied to the upgrade of Haven Street.

*Maintenance:*

Council’s awareness of the deteriorating condition of Haven Street is apparent with maintenance crews continually seen patching up the bitumen, specifically that area adjacent to lots 9 and 10.

*Conclusion:*

In order to improve all aspects of safety and satisfy the fundamental needs of its constituents the residents of Haven Street are asking Councils to give due and fair consideration to this petition and assign funds in the 2008/2009 Capital Works budget for the purpose of; 1) Completing the kerb and Channel, and 2) Firm up the Surface Pavement and alignment, of Haven Street.

*Contact:*

Tony Shead. 10 Haven Street, Southside. Gympie. Ph: 5482 9900

*Enclosures: Signatures of Petitioners.  
Photographs.”*

**G32/04/08 Moved: Cr J. Watt      Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

**That the Petition be received and referred to a future Works & Services Committee Meeting.**

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

Haven Street was extended by 100 metres in 2005 as a rural residential subdivision incorporating kerb and channel to service seven additional lots. The works were accepted off maintenance in April 2007. As is often the case with new developments, there is considerable heavy vehicle usage during the estate construction and building house periods.

Haven Street has never been included as a potential widening project on the Southside for the twelve years of such listings being prepared. It is currently 6.1 metres seal with kerb and channel on the upstream side only. Preliminary estimated cost to under 1.2 metres and provide kerb and channel on the downstream side is \$55,000. This project has a lower priority than all others included on the list. It has very low traffic volumes.

Sweeping and edge patching along tapers is required under maintenance.

**W23/05/08 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**Recommend that Haven Street be added to the list of potential Southside widening projects at a preliminary estimated cost of \$55,000 and the writer be advised accordingly.**

**Further that Council give no undertaking that the works will be carried out in the near future due to budgeting constraints and priorities given to numerous projects being considered.**

**Carried**

3/3	Speeding Traffic - Amamoor
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Re: **W24/05/08** Speeding Traffic – Amamoor  
From: J Hawkes Wright & J Wright, 29 Busby Street, Amamoor  
File: AG07/01034 Doc ID: 890326  
Date: 30 April 2008

*“As residents of Busby St, Amamoor we are concerned that it is being used on a daily basis as a speedway.*

*It is a long wide stretch of bitumen leading through the town and invites irresponsible drivers and motorbikes to roar down the straight.*

*May we suggest some action to remedy the problem by installing chicanes at the sides of the road, perhaps with a memorial avenue of trees to create an attractive entrance to the town with its busy store and historic situation.*

*Busby Street is long overdue for some attention. Its drains are smelly and ineffective. Stray dogs menace pedestrians and the residents are tired of the noise from speed demons on the way through to the camping sties beyond the town.*

*Please accept our congratulations to the new Council and remind them that Amamoor deserves their consideration.”*

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

The issues on smelly drains and stray dogs has been handled by Health officers.

Busby Street does have its own “in built” traffic calming device of a rail crossing. However, the approach off Blackgate Road via the three legged intersection does add to the speed of vehicles coming into town at above the speed limit of 60 kmh.

This intersection should be reconfigured into a definite tee intersection with the preferred legs to be determined by a traffic count.

Whilst it is common to perceive a vehicle to be speeding, it is not always the case.

**W24/05/08 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**Recommend that -**

- 1. the matter of speeding vehicles in Busby Street be referred to the Imbil Police.**
- 2. the intersection of Blackgate Road/Busby Street/Amamoor Kandanga Road be referred to the Design Division to prepare a concept plan for a roundabout or a Tee intersection.**
- 3. the writers be advised accordingly.**

**Carried**

3/4	Request from GJ Walker regarding Hyne and Rose Street “Rat Run”
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Re: **W25/05/08** Request from G J Walker regarding Hyne and Rose Street “Rat Run”

From: General Manager Design Services Division - R. Chapman

File: DA17402

Date: 30 April 2008

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

This matter was referred to the Design Services Division at the request of the Chief Executive Officer to comment on perceived dangerous situations of vehicles “rat running” along Hyne and Rose Streets particularly when netball is being played on Monday nights.

This issue has been in existence for a period of time and Council has recognised this by recent approvals in Hyne Street requiring road widening to ensure safe travel in the future. The recent subsequent approval to Hungry Jacks for additional lands having access to Hyne Street also included a note regarding the one waying (east to west) of Hyne Street.

This one waying has not been affected to date as the peak hour traffic congestion predicted in the application has not occurred to date.

By making the road one way when there is insufficient traffic to cause some tolerable congestion (and hence lower traffic speeds) may make this situation worse whilst the recent Highway works have virtually halved the traffic able to “rat run” this route.

Traffic calming devices are not considered appropriate whilst this route is still used by semi-trailers accessing the various businesses in Hyne Street.

**W25/05/08 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr G. Engeman**

**Recommend that this matter be referred to the Gympie Police to carry out additional patrols in this area particularly on netball nights.**

**Carried**

3/5	Regulatory Signage Report
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Re: **W26/05/08** Regulatory Signage Report  
 From: General Manager Design Services Division – R Chapman  
 File: WG97/00128  
 Date: 30 April 2008

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

LOCATION	REQUEST / BY	RECOMMENDATION / BY
Drummond Drive	* Give Way Sign on narrow Bridge over Railway on	* Erect Give Way Sign, Narrow Bridge Warning

	Drummond Drive  * <i>Cr. I. Petersen</i>	Sign and One Lane supplementary plate on approach to bridge.  * <i>R..Chapman</i>
Howe Road	* Give Way Sign on narrow Bridge over Six Mile Creek on Howe Road.  * <i>L. Green</i>	* Erect No Overtaking or Passing Sign, Narrow Bridge Warning Sign and One Lane supplementary plate on approaches to Bridge.  * <i>R. Chapman</i>

W26/05/08    Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that the above recommendation be approved by Council.

**Carried**

#### **SECTION 4:    DESIGN SERVICES DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr Chapman left the meeting at 10.55am.

General Manager Water &amp; Sewerage Division Mr I Schiefelbein entered the meeting at 10.55am.

#### **SECTION 12:    WATER & SEWERAGE**

12/1

Works Cost Statement – Water &amp; Sewerage

Cr Petersen left the meeting at 10.55am and returned at 10.59am.



## WORKS COST STATEMENT

W27/05/08 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr RA Gâté

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

Carried

12/2	Sewerage Connections to Heather & Rodian Streets
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Re: **W28/05/08** Sewerage Connections to Heather and Rodian Streets, Southside  
From: Murray Keys, 14 Heather Street, Gympie Qld 4570  
File: WS95/00009 Doc ID:883206  
Date: 28 February 2008

*“I approached the residents of Heather and Rodian Streets as to their views to the installation of sewerage to their households. Their responses are indicated on the attached sheet. Six households were in supportive of this suggestion while three were opposed. Those opposing the idea were concerned by the cost and or did not consider it necessary.*

*The points below were presented to the residents to enable their decision to support or oppose the suggestion to have sewerage provided to Heather and Rodian Streets.*

*Council staff advised the following:*

- Additional rate payments of \$258 per half year ie \$516 per year would be incurred*
- Council would need to decide on the placement of the sewer along the gully line. This will involve trenching, tree removal and damage to tree roots.*
- Council may require residents to pay for the sewer installation on a cost recovery basis and this may amount to several thousand dollars per household – range \$4000 to \$13000. Council may decide to fund some of this cost and reduce the fee to individual households.*
- Additional householder expenses may be incurred to ensure all drains are connected and restoration works at each house, if they are necessary.*

*The advantages of the sewer over septic or household treatment systems are largely environmental. Many septic systems operate poorly, with effluent*

*running or leaching to the drainage lines. This results in contamination of water in the downstream environment by nutrients and perhaps bacteria.*

*I ask Council to plan and implement the construction of sewer mains for the Heather and Rodian Streets neighbourhood as soon as practical.”*

<i>Resident</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Palis</i>	<i>2 Heather St</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>27/02/08</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>4 Heather St</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>27/02/08</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>6 Heather St</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>27/02/08</i>
<i>Krafft</i>	<i>8 Heather St</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>27/02/08</i>
<i>Weier</i>	<i>10 Heather St</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>27/02/08</i>
<i>Gluch</i>	<i>12 Heather St</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>27/02/08</i>
<i>Keys</i>	<i>14 Heather St</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>26/02/08</i>
<i>Luhrs</i>	<i>1 Rodian St</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>27/02/08</i>
<i>Liddicoat</i>	<i>3 Roadian St</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>27/02/08</i>

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

- The sewerage of Southside is primarily a cost issue. Compared with sewerage 600→800 m<sup>2</sup> new blocks, the cost of sewerage the 2000 m<sup>2</sup> lots on sloping ground on the Southside is high. Sewerage does however increase the value of land, improves the environment and it obviates the need for landowners to regularly clean out their septic tank and reconstruct their trenches.
- It is unlikely that the cost per block, including pump station upgrades, in the Heather Street area would be in excess of \$13,000, the upper end quoted in the letter.
- The health and environmental benefits of sewerage are not debated. However, in many cases some benefit can be obtained by residents properly maintaining their septic systems, with many blocks being ½ acre and adequate in size for disposal and geology.
- The previous Council put in place a program that has been constructed, as new development has proceeded, key sewerage headworks such as pump stations and rising mains which could service some existing areas.
- New sewers for a local cooperative scheme cannot be constructed unless each landowner agrees for pipes to be laid on their land, or unless Council declares a new sewerage area. In the latter case, Council cannot levy contributions.

- Past experience is that there will nearly always be objections to a local cooperative scheme that will effectively prevent it progressing. Most object to the cost and the subsequent rates.
- There has been some public objection to opening up half acre areas to further subdivision utilising hatched shaped lots. This subdivision is a consequence of the Planning Scheme and retro-fitting sewerage.
- Issues which need to be addressed in any discussion on sewerage the old area of Southside are therefore
  - cost and funding of sewerage
  - prioritising areas for attention
  - whether requiring landowners to repair and maintain the septic tanks is a better option
  - town planning/subdivision considerations.

Cr Engeman left the meeting at 11.08am and returned at 11.10am.

**W28/05/08**

**Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**Recommend that this matter be referred to the Director of Engineering for a report incorporating**

- 1. advice from the Planning & Development Directorate on planning scheme issues with respect to retro-sewerage Southside**
- 2. advice from the Finance Directorate for a report on the cost impact of sewerage Southside at an estimated \$12,000 per block construction, connection and pump station costs.**
- 3. advice from Plumbing and Environmental Health Inspectors on the standard of existing household waste treatment systems and areas of particular problems.**
- 4. advice from the Water & Sewerage Division of the Engineering Services Directorate on probable actual costs for sewers and a separate report on probable actual costs for household connections.**

**Further that the writer be advised that while Council has no current specific plans to sewer Southside, Council will be considering options over the next year as part of the budget process.**

**Carried**

12/3

## Post-Election Arrangements for Total Management Plans

Re: **W29/05/08** Post-Election Arrangements for Total Management Plans  
From: Bill Gilmore, Director Funding & Infrastructure, Dept of Local Government, Sport and Recreation, PO Box 15031, City East Qld 4002  
File: GRC Doc ID:891352  
Date: 26 March 2008

*“This letter is to inform you of modifications to the Administrative Arrangements of the Local Government Grant and Subsidy Programs guidelines in respect of the Total Management Plan (TMP) requirements.*

*The subsidy program guidelines state that ‘councils must have a TMP approved by the Department of Natural Resources and Water (NRW) prior to approval of subsidy and when payment of subsidy is claimed. This will be strictly enforced. A TMP must be reviewed and updated every three years.’*

*As a result of the new local government boundary arrangements that came into force following the local government elections, it is likely some Councils will now own water and sewerage operating systems (from a pre-election council’s service area) that may or may not have a current TMP in place.*

*Following discussions with the Department of Natural Resources and Water, it has been agreed that to obtain subsidy approval and receive payments, councils affected by amalgamation or boundary change will have until 31 December 2009 to develop and have approved a TMP to cover their water and sewerage operating systems. On an interim basis, the following arrangements will apply:*

- 1. If all ‘service areas’ of the affected council have lapsed TMPs – the new Council will be required to complete an interim TMP before Council can apply for funding assistance and claim any outstanding subsidy payments.*
- 2. If the ‘service areas’ of the affected council have both current and lapsed TMPs – the new council will be able to apply for funding assistance and claim any outstanding subsidy payments for works which are within the ‘service area’ that has a current TMP. For those ‘service areas’ which have a lapsed TMP, the new Council will be required to complete and Interim TMP before the Council can apply for funding assistance and claim any outstanding subsidy payments.*

*If the new Council is unsure of the TMP status of their ‘service areas’ it is recommended that they contact NRW.*

*Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Tom Biggs, Manager, Water and Environment Funding Programs, Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation on telephone number*

*3225 8697 or Rolf Rose, Manager, Infrastructure Management, Department of Natural Resources and Water on 3224 2733.”*

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

Both Kilkivan and Cooloola Shire Councils had approved Total Management Plans (TMPs). This means that these documents will need to be updated and incorporated into one document by December 2009. While this may involve substantial additional work it is considered that the requirement should be achieved without significant difficulty. It is planned for the work to be completed internally.

**W29/05/08      Moved: Cr RA Gâté**

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

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

12/4	Sewering of Southside
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Re: **W30/05/08** Sewering of Southside  
 From: Jeanette Schmidt, 7 Julienne Street, Gympie Qld 4570  
 File: GRC Doc ID:893518  
 Date: April 4, 2008

*“I wish to ask whether there is any planning in train with regard to completing the sewerage of Gympie.*

*When the amalgamation of the Widgee and Gympie City Councils occurred, we were assured then that Southside residents would have their properties sewerage in the near future. We are still waiting.”*

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

Except for properties adjacent new subdivision there is at present no specific planning for Southside Sewerage.

**W30/05/08      Moved: Cr J. Watt**

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

**Recommend that Mrs Schmidt be thanked for her letter and advised that while Council has no current specific plans to sewer Southside, Council will be considering options over the next year as part of the budget process.**

**Carried**

12/5	Service Provider Registration Details
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Re: **W31/05/08** Service Provider Registration Details  
From: Richard Croft, A/Manager, Infrastructure Management, Delegate of the Regulator, Dept of Natural Resources and Water, GPO Box 2454, Brisbane Qld 4001  
File: GRC Doc ID:891947  
Date: 28 March 2008

*“Following the 2008 Local Government Elections, many of those local governments who were previously registered as service providers have ceased to be service providers and their place has been taken by the new/amalgamated local governments.*

*By the provisions of s149 of the Local Government and Other Legislation (Indigenous Regional Councils) Amendment Act 2007, Gympie Regional Council ceased to exist and new became the registered service provider for the local government area of Gympie Regional Council from 15 March 2008. The new service provider number is SP485.*

*The regulator maintains a register of service providers as required by s516 of the Water Act 2000. Under s149 of the Local Government and Other Legislation (Indigenous Regional Council's) Amendment Bill 2007 the local government for a new/adjusted local government area must provide the regulator with the necessary information required for the purposes of maintaining the register. I am writing to seek your assistance in providing the required information.*

*In order that you can provide this information I have enclosed a copy of a registration application form in which the name of the new local government has been inserted. Some service providers wished to be registered under a trading name. If you wish to do this the name for registration should be recorded in the following style: Smithlands Regional Council trading as Smith Water.*

*It is requested that you please complete the following before 1 May 2008:*

- *Carefully and legibly add the required information to the copy of the enclosed current registration details:*
  - *Part A*
  - *Part B (only if required to be completed in the situation where the service provider employs a completely separate legal entity to operate either all or part of its infrastructure)*
  - *Part C*
- *Ensure that the form is signed and witnessed where indicated.*
- *Post or fax a copy of the revised details to the Department.*

*The return fax number is 07 3224 7999 and the address for posting purposes is:*

*The Director  
Water Industry Asset Management and Standards  
Water Industry Regulation  
Department of Natural Resources and Water  
GPO Box 2454  
Brisbane 4001*

*In addition, as the service provider for a new/adjusted local government area, the following service provider documents must be prepared within the time frames established under s1158 of the Local Government and Other Legislation (Indigenous Regional Councils) Amendment Bill 2007, namely:*

- *Customer service standard (CSS) - 15 March 2009*
- *Strategic asset management plan (SAMP) – 15 March 2009*
- *Drought management plan (DMP) - 15 March 2009*
- *System leakage management plan (DMP) – 15 March 2010*

*Upon request, the regulator may agree to a service provider providing the documents on a later day.*

*Should you have any questions, or require further assistance with the new information requested please contact Mr Alan Lievesley on 07 3224 2438 or by email [alan.lievesley@nrw.qld.gov.au](mailto:alan.lievesley@nrw.qld.gov.au).*

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

Details with respect to Gympie Regional Council have been forwarded to Department Natural Resources & Water.

It is anticipated that the documents required to be updated will be completed prior to the dates requested. They will be incorporated into the revised Total Management Plan (TMP).

**W31/05/08 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

12/6	Projects in Progress
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Re: **W32/05/08** Projects in Progress  
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein  
File:  
Date 30 April 2008

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

**SEWERAGE**

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

Work on construction of the three new plants has commenced.  
Design of effluent reuse and disposal systems has commenced.

**2 Receiving Environmental Management Plans (REMP) & Site Based Management Plans (SBMP)**

Council officers are updating Cooloola Shire Council REMP's and SBMP's to incorporate Kilkivan and Goomeri.

**3 Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant Design**

Design work on the Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade is well advanced. A revised planning report has been submitted (Refer separate report).

**4 Groundwater Road (Southside) Sewerage Scheme**

The Groundwater Road and Waldock Road Pump Stations are operational. The Winnington Road Trunk Sewer (to eliminate the Willow Grove Pump Station) is complete. Work on the Willowgrove Pump Station Bypass will be completed during May.

**5. Pegasus Pump Station and Rising Main**

Work on the Pegasus Pump Station and Rising Main is in progress and will be completed during May and June.

**6. Gympie Sewerage Trunk System Upgrade**



The pipeline is substantially complete. Part of the pipeline is operational. Connection of the sewage treatment plant is currently being constructed.

Pumping equipment and electrical upgrade to increase pumping capacity is planned for May/June.

**7. CCTV Inspection Program**

Work in Tin Can Bay is substantially complete. Further work in Gympie and Southside is planned to commence in May.

**8 Gum Tree Road Pump Station, Rising Main and Trunk Sewer**

Council have commenced work on the pump station in Gum Tree Road. Work on the trunk sewer is planned to commence in May.

**9. Trade Waste**

The Trade Waste inspection program has been deferred due to the availability of suitable staff and other priorities.

**10. Diversion for Highway at Monkland Street**

The 375dia sewage rising main and a sewer diversion to allow highway construction to commence has been completed. (The work is being funded by Main Roads Dept.)

**11 Trunk Sewer Collapse**

The trunk sewer near the entrance to the treatment plant entrance is partially collapsed due to corrosion. When the new bypass main is complete a detailed investigation will be completed and a report prepared for Council.

**12. Rainbow Beach Sewage Rising Main and Pump Station Upgrade**

Work on the rising main is substantially complete. Work on the pump station upgrade is planned for June 2008.

**13. Old Imbil Road Pump Station**

Work by Council on the sewage pump station upgrade in Old Imbil Road has commenced. Work on the rising main to Gympie (John St) will be carried over into the 2008/2009 financial year.

**WATER**

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**14 Jones Hill Water Treatment Plant Upgrade**

Bulk excavation for the Chemical Building Upgrade is completed.  
Raw Water Pump Station Upgrade in progress  
Design work for Treatment Plant Upgrade in progress.

**15 Highway Diversion**

Work by the Contractor (EIRE Constructions) on the water main diversions to allow upgrading of the highway at Monkland Street are complete. Council will complete the remaining diversion during construction of the Highway. The work is being funded by Main Roads Dept.

**16 Rainbow Beach Bores**

A Monitoring program has been developed by AGC (Groundwater Consultants) for future management of the bore water system in Rainbow Beach (Refer separate report).

**17. Tin Can Bay Reticulation Improvements**

Work on pressure reduction in Tin Can Bay to improve the water reticulation network has been deferred.

**18 Teewah Creek Trunk Main**

EPA are drafting an agreement to allow construction through the National Park (adjacent to the existing pipeline), design work will commence once the agreement is finalised.

**19 BWEP (Business Water Efficiency Program)**

Council in association with SEQ Water are promoting a Business Water Efficiency Program (BWEP) for large water users in Gympie Regional Council.

**20 Kilkivan Water Supply Upgrade**

Tenders have been called for design and construction of an upgrade to the Kilkivan Water Supply Scheme. Tenders for the pipeline work close on 6 May. Tenders for the Treatment Systems and other infrastructure close on 13 May 2008.

W32/05/08 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

12/7	Repainting of Wineglass Water Tower
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Re: **W33/05/08** Repainting of Wineglass Water Tower  
 From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein  
 File:  
 Date 30 April 2008

**Report: (Cadet Engineer – Shaun Johnston)**

Tenders have been called for Repainting of the Wineglass Water Tower in Gympie.

Tenders closed on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2008.

Three tenders were received as follows:

<b>Table 1</b>	<b><u>Tender Price</u></b>
Baker and Son Pty Ltd	\$30,140 incl. GST
Skill Centred	\$47,846 Incl. GST
Russell Gain Painting Services	\$29,370,\$39,380, \$48,950 incl. GST

All three tenderers have included clarification with respect to the prices supplied. These include managing lead paint (if present) and dust, providing phosphorescence in the final coat and dealing with height and safety issues. Russell Gain's lowest price does not include these contingencies. As the existence of lead paint was thought to be possible a test was carried out. It was confirmed that the paint was not lead based. Phosphorescence is considered desirable for the effect it imparts to the tower when the lights are on.

All three tenderers are considered capable of carrying out the work to a professional standard. Baker and Son have by far the most experience in this specialised area and are the lowest tenderer allowing for phosphorescence in the final price. They also offer an industrial class paint system, whereas the two other tenderers offer a system of 2 coats of premium acrylic gloss.

Overall, Baker and Son Pty Ltd offer the most desirable package of product, skills and experience for the work in hand.

**W33/05/08    Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr G. Engeman**

**Recommend that Council accept the tender of Baker and Staff for \$30,140.00 (GST inclusive).**

**Carried**

12/8	Somesteel Sewer Overflow
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Re:    **W34/05/08** Somesteel Sewer Overflow  
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein  
File:  
Date    28 February 2008

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

**SOMESTEEL SEWER OVERFLOW**

Council officers have investigated a complaint from the owners of Somesteel regarding sewer overflow on their property.

The cause of the overflow at the property is due to excessive flows in the sewer during wet weather. This results in the sewer becoming pressurised in low areas. When the pressure in the sewer reaches a level which is above ground level/and or fixtures it surcharges (spills). This problem has been present for many years however because of the drought conditions which have occurred below 2000 and 2007 not many overflow events have occurred. There is very little difference between the sewer level and the floor level of the building.

To alleviate the problem Council have

- (a)    Diverted part of the sewer flow to another sewer near the IGA Supermarket
- (b)    Diverted all of the flow to another sewer at the Gold City Centre.
- (c)    Installed a non-return valve on the house branch to the site to prevent backflow
- (d)    Provided a mobile toilet for staff on one occasion

These actions have reduced the problem however

- (a)    On one occasion the non return valve did not work. The valves can leak.

- (b) The toilets cannot be used when the sewer is surcharging.
- (c) Sewer flows have not been reduced to the extent expected as further inflows have occurred from other areas.

It is understood that the owner plans to construct toilets at a higher level which should be able to be used when the surcharging occurs. However the existing toilet will be retained. They also have plans to sell the buildings separately.

Council have planned a sewer cleaning, inspection and smoke testing program for this area to locate where the excessive flows are coming from. It is estimated that only 10% of the flow is sewage.

Investigations have been carried out to determine what short term system modifications can be made to prevent the problem. It is considered that the only way to solve the problem in the short term is to disconnect the gravity connection to the property and provide a grinder pump station. Negotiations with the owners for Council to provide the pump station and for the owners to operate and maintain the pump station have been undertaken. The owners have agreed in principle with this proposal and work is now programmed to put this system in place.

**W34/05/08 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

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

**Recommend that Council confirm the arrangements made with Somesteel.**

**Carried**

12/9	Development – Amamoor Township Lot 2 RP135196
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Re: **W35/05/08** Development – Amamoor Township Lot 2 RP135196  
DA08213  
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein  
File: DA08213  
Date 27 March 2008

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

The developer (Keith Adams) of a subdivision on the edge of the Amamoor township have requested Council's advice with respect to the availability of town water to service the allotments.

The proposed seven allotments have a minimum size of 3000m<sup>2</sup>. Past conditions of subdivision have required the developer to provide an area for a future water tower. The subdivision approval does not require provision of water services.

Concerns with respect to providing these properties with a water connection is that:

- (a) The water supply system in Amamoor has limited capacity
- (b) The properties are on higher land and Council may not be able to be provided with sufficient pressure without significant expenditure for a new water tower and upgraded pumps.

To service this subdivision may involve expenditures in the order of \$150,000 would be required. The works would provide some benefit to other properties in Amamoor. The works provided could be offset against infrastructure charges.

Another option is to provide these properties with a constant flow water supply system ie. supply to a rainwater tank on site without any fire fighting capacity. A similar system was provided to the Kingfisher Rise Estate in Gympie (Fisher Road). Infrastructure charges would be applicable.

**W35/05/08 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

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

**Recommended that Council advise the developer that reticulated water is not available.**

**Carried**

12/10	External Quality Audit – Water Supply Systems
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Re: **W36/05/08** External Quality Audit - Water Supply Systems  
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein  
File:  
Date 30 April 2008

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

SGS (the external auditor) carried out a renewal audit of Council's Quality System for the Water Supply Systems on 6-7 March 2008. No Corrective Action Requests were raised and the Water Treatment Plants were recertified.

**W36/05/08 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

12/11	Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade
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Re: **W37/05/08** Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade  
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein  
File:  
Date 30 April 2008

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

Worley Parsons have completed a planning report for the Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant. The report recommends a new plant with a capacity at 25,000 persons incorporating:

- New inlet works and grit removed
- Flow balancing in converted primary tanks
- New oxidation ditch and clarifiers operating as BNR
- Alum dosing to manage phosphorus levels
- Aerobic Digestion

The plant is estimated to cost between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000. 40% government subsidy is expected to be available.

**W37/05/08 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson**

**Seconded: Cr G. Engeman**

**Recommend that Council adopt the report for planning and budgetary purposes and forward a copy of the report to the Department of Natural Resources and Water for approval.**

**Carried**

12/12	Goomeri Water Supply – Drought Measures
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Re: **W38/05/08** Goomeri Water Supply – Drought Measures  
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein  
File:  
Date 30 April 2008

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

The water supply system in Goomeri is severely strained due to the drought. Currently a substantial amount of the supply is being obtained from the bore in Goomeri. There is only one bore with no standby.

Options to extend the scheme to the maximum extent have been investigated. Further investigations are in progress.

From these investigations the following is recommended.

- (a) That a new bore be installed on Council property near the existing bore to provide standby capacity. This bore could also replace the existing bore which is near the end of its useful life (ie it needs refurbishing).
- (b) That a new bore be installed along the Gayndah Road (subject to suitable test results). Connection of this bore may initially be through a temporary pipeline to the existing bore delivery pipe (further investigation required).

There is no specific budget for this work.

It is possible that some government assistance may be available for this work. Quotations have been obtained for the bores from several drillers. Based on these quotations the local driller (Alluval Drilling Co Pty Ltd) has been engaged (subject to Council approval) to drill the bores.

**W38/05/08 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**Recommend that Council accept the quotation from Alluval Drilling Co Pty Ltd to construct the bores and provide a budget of \$30,000 for the project.**

**Carried**

**12/13 Compliance Inspection – Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant**

Re: **W39/05/08** Compliance Inspection – Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant  
 From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein  
 File:  
 Date 30 April 2008



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

The EPA conducted a compliance inspection at the Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant. A number of housekeeping issues have been identified and a significant amount of extra data requested. Council have responded to the issues raised.

**W39/05/08      Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté****Seconded: Cr G. Engeman****Recommended that the information be received.****Carried**

12/14	Rainbow Beach Monitoring Plan
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Re:      **W40/05/08** Rainbow Beach Monitoring Plan  
From:    General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein  
File:  
Date     30 April 2008

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

Australasian Groundwater and Environmental Contracts Pty Ltd have developed a monitoring and reporting plan for the Rainbow Beach Water Supply System. Water for Rainbow Beach is obtained from bores.

This report recommends the following:

- a)    An additional monitoring bore in the National Park
- b)    Relocation of the water gauge boards
- c)    Installation of data loggers at bores and gauge stations.

This work is estimated to cost in the vicinity of \$50,000.

**W40/05/08      Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson****Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Recommend that Council adopt the report and proceed with the recommendations as detailed in the report in relation to monitoring and refer the concept of a bore in the National Park to the Environment Protection Agency for consideration.**

**Carried**

12/15	Combined Drains
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Re: **W41/05/08** Combined Drains  
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein  
File:  
Date 30 April 2008

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

The policy for repair and maintenance of combined drains in the sewer system vary between Cooloola and Kilkivan Shires.

In Cooloola, Council took over the responsibility for combined drains in residential areas. In Kilkivan the responsibility is shared between the connected properties. The problem with sharing is that blockages may be the result of tree roots in one property; however the costs to repair would still be apportioned.

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

Combined house drains occur when the house drain from one or more properties do not connect directly to the sewer, but connect with another property's house drain. Sewers are typically a minimum of 150mm in diameter and house drains are typically 100mm in diameter.

The former Kilkivan Shire had undertaken a practice of not becoming involved in the maintenance of combined house drains and requiring that adjoining land holder negotiate with each other with respect to the costs of clearing blockages as per the Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003.

The former Cooloola Shire accepted combined drains as small diameter sewers up to the point at which the combined drain became individual house drains on the property owners land. Accordingly Council undertook maintenance and cleaned blockages.

The former Cooloola Shire had a combined house drain replacement program, whereby Council progressively replaced combined drains with individual house drains at Council's expense.

**W41/05/08 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr G. Engeman**

**Recommend that the Gympie Regional Council take over the responsibility for any combined drains in residential areas.**

**Carried**

12/16 Sewerage – 3 Perry Lane, Southside

Re: **W42/05/08** Sewerage – 3 Perry Lane, Southside  
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein  
File:  
Date: 30 April 2008

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

Council resolved to accept a contribution of \$15,000 for a \$23,000 sewer extension to service a new building in Langara Drive on the understanding that the sewer would ultimately be used to service other properties and that Council officers would endeavour to obtain the remaining cost from the other owners.

Another property at 3 Perry Lane (opposite the new pump station in Groundwater Road) has an identical situation. It is considered that this property should be provided with the same offer.

**W42/05/08      Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen      Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**Recommended that Council advise the owner that:**

- (a) The property at 3 Perry Lane can be connected to the sewerage scheme subject to the payment of \$15,000 (excluding GST) for the sewer connection.**
- (b) Subject to the payment above Council include the property in the defined sewered area and construct the sewer.**

**Carried**

12/17	Construction of an Effluent Dump Point – Goomeri Sports Ground
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Re: **W43/05/08** Request to Construct Effluent Dump Point – Goomeri Sports Ground  
From: General Manager Works – Western Division - GG Curry  
File:  
Date: 30 April 2008

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

The former Kilkivan Shire had entered an Agreement with the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia to construct an effluent Dump Point between the Goomeri Sports Ground building and McIvor Street.

A neighbour to the proposed dump site has objected to the proposal and it is proposed that alternative dump sites be investigated.

**W43/05/08      Moved: Cr R. Dyne**

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

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

<b>SECTION 13:    WATER &amp; SEWERAGE - GENERAL BUSINESS</b>
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Mr Schiefelbein left the meeting at 11.45am.

General Manager – Works Eastern Division Mr G Ingham entered the meeting at 11.45am.

<b>SECTION 5:    WORKS – EASTERN DIVISION</b>
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<b>5/1                      Construction Programme</b>
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Re:     **W44/05/08** Construction Programme  
From: General Manager Works Eastern Division – GC Ingham  
File:    FF94/00018  
Date:    30 April 2008

**Construction Program as at 30th April 2008** to Change Projects in Bold are committed for funding or contractual purposes

GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
Works Department - Eastern Division

ID	Task Name	Budget	Apr '08	May '08	Jun '08	Jul '08	Aug '08	Sep '08	Oct '08	Nov '08	Dec '08							
133	RMPD Main Roads Contract maintenance	\$1,164,821.18	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	1	8	15
141	Gravel Road Maintenance 06/07	\$1,166,750.00																
142	Road Maintenance general 06/07	\$467,500.00																
143	Bridge Maintenance	\$467,500.00																
145	Gympie City Maintenance	\$233,750.00																
146	Parks Maintenance	\$350,625.00																
59	Maintenance 07/08 Div 5	\$228,437.50																
144	Bitumen Reseal Program 07/08	\$725,000.00																
184	DMR Gympie-Woolloga Rd Intersections	\$1,053,785.00																
148	Taggan Road Stage 1	\$160,000.00																
209	Concrete Pathways - various	\$74,000.00																
149	Taggan Road Stage 2	\$195,000.00																
190	Counter Road Upgrading	\$348,000.00																
195	Carlo Road Widening R2R	\$188,000.00																
120	Bayside Road widening	\$280,000.00																
207	Apollonian Ave Asphalt overlay	\$104,000.00																
21	Glastonbury Rd/Bushland Dr Intersection	\$97,078.00																
155	Blirt Road	\$60,000.00																
196	Discovery Drive Drainage	\$30,000.00																
128	Turana St Rainbow Beach Drainage	\$75,000.00																
188	Fishermans Pk Road Bridge	\$140,000.00																
156	Fitzpatrick Road	\$50,000.00																

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**Construction Program as at 30th April 2008 to Change Projects in Bold are committed for funding or contractual purposes**

GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
Works Department - Eastern Division

ID	Task Name	Budget	Apr '08	May '08	Jun '08	Jul '08	Aug '08	Sep '08	Oct '08	Nov '08	Dec '08
199	Brewery Rd Upgrade to Bitumen Seal	\$85,000.00	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26
22	William St Imbil Drainage	\$140,000.00									
45	05/06 Happy Jack Ck Rd Widen	\$35,000.00									
200	Albert St Upgrade to Bitumen Seal	\$12,000.00									
129	Rainbow Beach Toilet Access Rd	\$75,000.00									
185	04/05 Palm Dr Intersection 2005/6 DEFERRE	\$21,000.00									
198	Noosa Rd Widening (rail bridge east 600m)	\$66,000.00									
201	56 Duke - 27 Jane St Drainage	\$35,000.00									
189	Robinson Road Bridge	\$160,000.00									
181	Corella Road Widening	\$203,000.00									
203	8 Phoenix Lane Drainage	\$35,000.00									
130	TCB Industrial Estate	\$1,000,000.00									
210	Jimbour Rd widening	\$60,000.00									
204	Myall, Henry, King St Drainage (Low Flow pipe	\$140,000.00									
182	Lehman Road	\$160,000.00									
183	Kenman Road	\$40,000.00									
23	Witham Rd Dawn widening	\$107,000.00									
186	Moy Pocket Road	\$300,000.00									
177	CBD Disabled Parking/Accesses	\$10,000.00									
205	Gully Pits replacement (miscellaneous)	\$20,000.00									
140	05/06 McIntosh Ck Rd (Calico end)	\$50,000.00									
54	04/05 McIntosh Ck Rd	\$180,000.00									

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W44/05/08    Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

**Recommend that the Construction Programme, as presented, be received.**

**Carried**

5/2	Job Construction Report
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Re:    **W45/05/08** Job Construction Report

From: General Manager Works - Eastern Division - GC Ingham

File:    FF94/00018

Date:    29 April 2008

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

**2007/08 RESEAL PROGRAM \$725,000**

Job has been assessed and measured.

The resealing programme has commenced.

**DISABILITY STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Alterations to various bus stops around the Gympie CBD, Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach areas will be undertaken to upgrade disabled facilities in accordance with Australian Standards, Design for Access and Mobility.

Work has been completed.

**MOY POCKET ROAD UPGRADE**

Road pavement complete, line marking still to be done.

**TAGIGAN ROAD SEALING**

The works involve the widening and resealing of an existing gravel section of Tagigan Road. Includes trimming existing materials, placing gravel pavement, bitumen surfacing, and extension of cross road culverts, reinstatement of driveway accesses and a full width seal.

Ready for bitumen spraying.

**DUKE STREET / OAK STREET ROUNDABOUT**

The works to be carried out include widening existing roadway, replacing K&C, construction drive-over concrete islands, construction patterned concrete islands, AC overlay, installing stormwater drainage pipes, grated catchpits,

manhole and headwalls, construction pram ramps, and concrete footpath, erecting signage and painting line marking.

Job completed.

### **2007/2008 OVERLAY PROJECTS**

Rifle Range Road, Apollonian Vale, Graham Street and Mount Pleasant Road overlays have commenced.

### **COOLOOLA COVE DRAINAGE ASSET RENEWAL**

Coolooloa Cove drainage works has commenced. An extensive stormwater upgrade programme should be completed by April 2008.

Work has been completed

### **COUNTER ROAD RECONSTRUCTION STAGE 4**

The works include earthworks, installation of additional cross road drainage, placement of gravel pavement, bitumen surfacing, installation of kerb, fencing, and erection of warning signs, line marking and reinstatement of property accesses.

Earthworks have commenced.

### **BAYSIDE ROAD WIDENING**

The works include earthworks, placing gravel pavement and reinstating a driveway access.

Work has commenced.

### **ENDURANCE AVENUE DRAINAGE**

The works included the installation of stormwater piping and pits along Endurance Avenue and through drainage easements connecting into an existing stormwater system.

Work has commenced.

### **Upcoming Works**

### **DISCOVERY DRIVE DRAINAGE**

The works include earthworks, installing stormwater pits, laying ribbed PVC pipes, reinstating roadway, reinstating a private access and construction a turfed overland flowpath in the drainage easement.



**BUSHLAND DRIVE INTERSECTION**

The works involve pavement widening, with associated earthworks, asphalt surfacing, cross road conduits, stormwater drainage, concrete medians, signage and intersection lighting, line marking and signage.

**W45/05/08**    **Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Seconded: Cr G. Engeman**

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

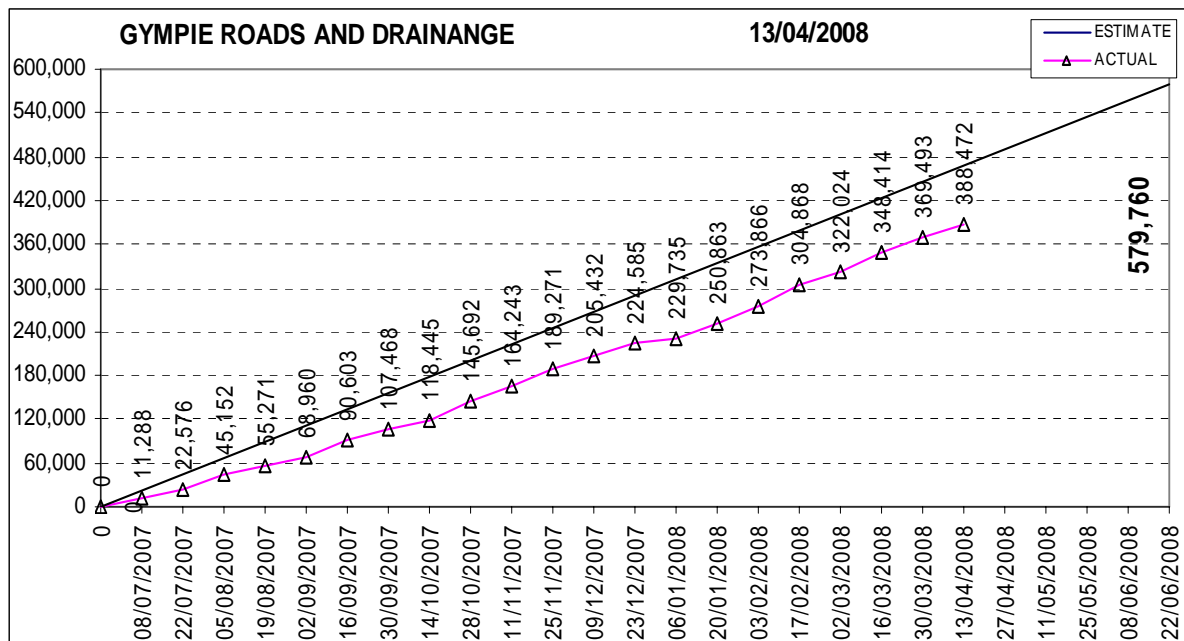
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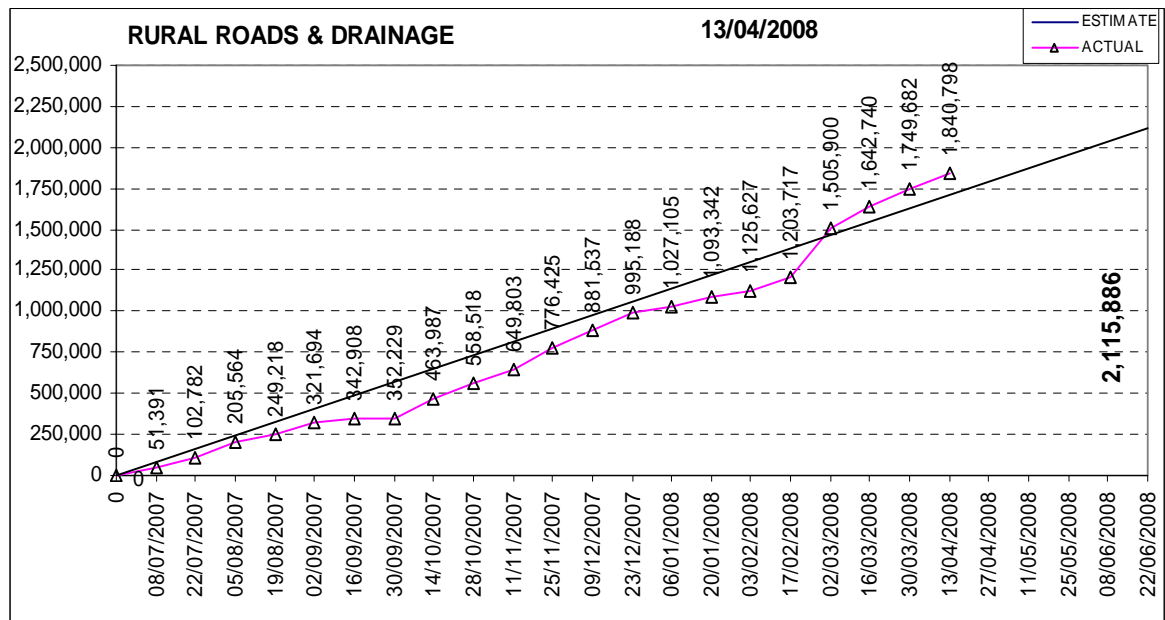
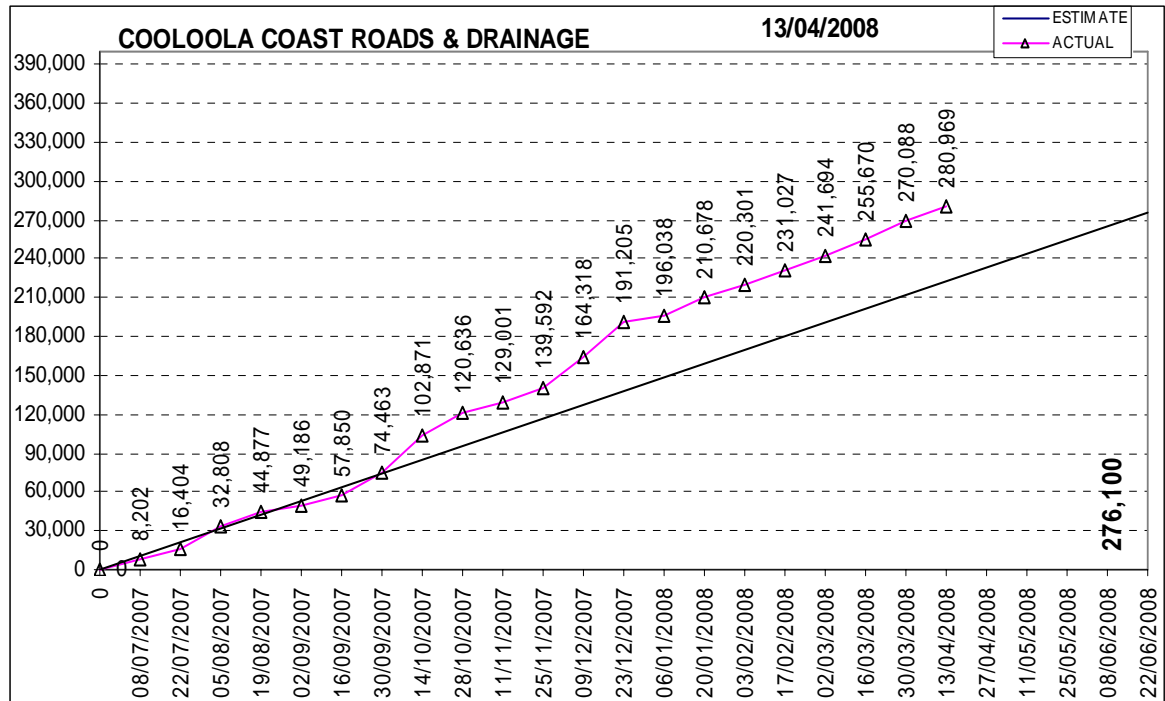
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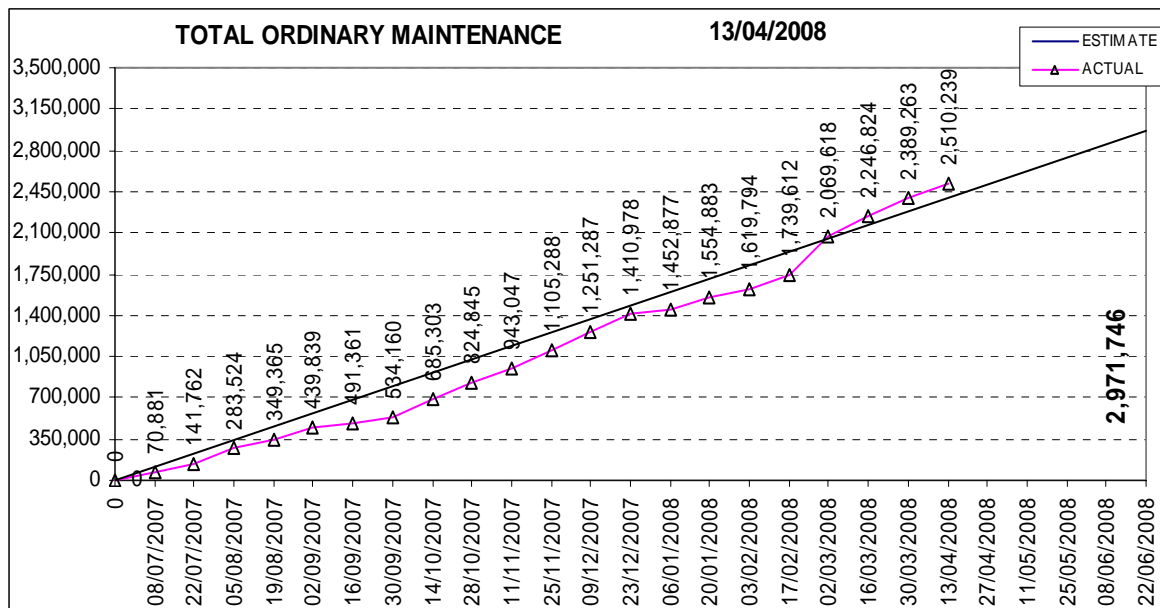
**Works Department Maintenance Reports**

Re:    **W46/05/08** Works Department Maintenance Reports  
 From: General Manager Works - Eastern Division – GC Ingham  
 File:    WR94/00018  
 Date:    29 April 2008

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







W46/05/08      Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

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

Carried

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

W47/05/08      Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

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

Carried

5/5	Monthly Rural Maintenance Report
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Re: **W48/05/08** Monthly Rural Maintenance Report  
From: General Manager Works - Eastern Division – GC Ingham  
File:  
Date: 20 April 2008

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

**Overview**

The last month's weather pattern greatly improved for general maintenance activities. Moisture content allowed for a substantial grading program to be undertaken. Due to wet weather erosion of roads much of our maintenance has been reactive in nature with substantial cold mix patching and unsealed road gravel patching. This reactive work has impacted upon the planned works program. Pavement failures have substantially been addressed. Vegetation issues are still being addressed because growing conditions are still very optimal.

An associated issue with the wet and severe weather conditions has been the impact of erosion on coastal areas. Emergent work has flowed from these conditions.

**Works Summary**

**Road Maintenance Grading** completed for month is as follows:

- Patch Grade Cooloola Way
- Hooper Road
- Bacon Road
- Desiro Road
- Bath Road
- Tristran Bath Road
- Wilson Pocket Road
- Treeby Road
- Mullins creek Road
- Ross Road
- Calumet Road
- Materson Road
- Johnson Road
- Kew Road
- Hood Road
- Meredith Road
- Phillip's Road
- Wattle Lane

- Samara Cres
- Banks Pocket Road
- Queens Park Road
- Lobwien Road
- Noosa Road
- Bundy Road

**Shoulder Grading carried out in following localities**

- Amamoor Creek Road
- Dagun Amamoor Road
- Hansen Road
- Mooloo Road
- Marys Creek Road
- Old Goomboorian Road
- Messmate Road

**Programmed Maintenance Grading** for coming month, subject to weather conditions

- Meeds Road
- Popes Road
- Bryant Road
- Keefton Road
- Jones Road
- East Deep Creek Road (Shoulder Grading)

**Drainage Repairs** carried out on the following roads.

- Lobwein Road.
- Winterleigh Road
- Steele Road.
- Pritchard Road.
- Power Road.
- Stanley Street.
- Victoria Road.
- Amy Street.
- Green Valley Drive.
- Discovery Drive.

**Tractor Slashing** carried out in the following areas.

- Sandy Creek Area
- Cedar Pocket Area..
- Imbil Area
- Kandanga Area

- Amamoor Area
- Chatsworth Area.
- Glastonbury Creek Road Area
- Anderleigh Road Area
- Sandy Creek Road Area.
- Wilson Pocket Road Area.
- Wolvi Area.
- Traveston Area
- Neusavale Road Area.

**Bridge Works** carried out -

- Stephan Road Bridge Repairs
- Woondum Road Bridge
- Spring Valley Bridge.
- Termite spraying program for timber bridges currently 30% complete.

At the time of writing this report, maintenance has been programmed for

- Randwick Road Bridge
- Completion of Termite control program.

**Sealed Road Pavement Repairs** carried out on the following roads

- Moy Pocket Road.
- Cedar Pocket Gap
- Coop Street.
- Wises Road.
- Sweet Lip Circle.
- Trevally Street.

- **Conclusions**

This months work program will focus on pavement failures, vegetation management of road verges, continual pothole maintenance and as much routine grading, as weather permits, to optimise use of subsoil moisture levels.

W48/05/08

Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

**Recommend that the Report be received.**

**Carried**

**SECTION 6: WORKS – WESTERN DIVISION****6/1 Closure of Sidetrack at Boonara Creek No 4 Crossing on the Burnett Highway**

Re: **W49/05/08** Closure of Sidetrack at Boonara Creek No 4 Crossing on the Burnett Highway – Kilkivan Minute 20080203 refers  
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – GG Curry  
File:  
Date: 23 April 2008

From: Doug Wass, A/Regional Director Bundaberg District Office, Wide Bay/Burnett Region, Department of Main Roads, Locked Bag 486, Bundaberg DC Qld 4670  
Date: 19 March 2008  
File: Doc ID895253

*“Thank you for your letter dated 21 February regarding the closure of the sidetrack at Boonara Creek No. 4 crossing on the Burnett Highway from 14-19 February 2008 due to flood water overtopping the sidetrack.*

*The Council’s disappointment is acknowledged and I take this opportunity to provide further information in relation to the closure.*

*The Southern Queensland Accelerated Road Rehabilitation (SQ ARRP) Bridge Project sidetracks are constructed to a safe geometric standard; however the issue of flood immunity is assessed on a risk and cost benefit basis. To provide flood immunity commensurate with the highway is very expensive, especially considering the short term nature of sidetracks. SQ ARRP made a judgement about the probability of flood events occurring, that sidetracks will be closed to traffic if overtopped by flood waters. Flood waters can cause unseen pavement and under-drainage damage, and the safety of the travelling public is valued too greatly to allow continued use in these circumstances.*

*In relation to the Boonara Creek flooding event, I can report that site crews in conjunction with the Kilkivan Shire Council and Police were able to establish detours quickly, before mid morning on the 15 February to enable motorists to continue their journey with relatively minimal impact.*

*Slow subsidence of flood water and damage to the sidetrack pavement and under-drainage meant that the sidetrack could not be re-opened until the morning of 19 February.*

*The efforts of the Kilkivan Shire Council staff that assisted in notifying the public of the trafficability problem at Boonara Creek No 4 crossing are also acknowledged and appreciated.*

*Thank you for your enquiry.”*

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

**Addressed by Kilkivan Shire Council vide Minute 20080203**

*Moved by Cr. Perrett and seconded by Cr. Lawless that Council expresses their disappointment at the recent closure of the Burnett Highway due to the low construction of the sidetrack at the reconstruction of the bridge over Boonara No 4 bridge at Boobyjan.*

The Southern Queensland Accelerated Road Rehabilitation Project (SQARRP) will replace some seven Bridges ( Burnett Hwy – Boonara Creek, Wide Bay Hwy – Coppermine Creek, Burnett Hwy - Crooked Creek, Burnett Hwy – Nangur Creek No 2, Burnett Hwy – Nangur Creek No 3, Wide Bay Hwy – Wide Bay Creek, Wide Bay Hwy – Widgee Creek) in the next 12 to 18 months.

**W49/05/08 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**Seconded: Cr G. Engeman**

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

6/2	Works Western Division Report
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Re: **W50/05/08** Works Western Division Report  
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – GG Curry  
File:  
Date: 30 April 2008

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

*Main Roads*

Burnett Highway – pavement repairs near Billabong Creek  
Kilkivan Tansey Road – shoulder grading

*Council Works*



Blacksnake Road – gravel patching and grading undertaken  
Kabunga Road – gravel patching and grading undertaken  
Glencoe Road – grading undertaken  
McAllister Road – gravel patching and grading undertaken  
Manumbar Road – gravel patching and grading undertaken  
Range Road – grading undertaken  
Webb Road – grading undertaken  
Jackson Road – grading undertaken  
Mariner Road – gravel patching and grading undertaken  
Oakfield Road – reinstate side track  
Golden Nugget Road – grading undertaken  
Brimms Road – gravel patching and grading undertaken

Barnes Street - kerb and channel complete and pavement sealed  
Elginvale Road – placement of pavement in progress  
Abel Road widening – clearing commenced  
Chamberlain Road – awaiting bitumen seal

**W50/05/08    Moved: Cr G. Engeman**

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

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

**Carried**

## **SECTION 7:    WORKS DIVISIONS - GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr Ingham left the meeting at 12.02pm.

Lands Protection Manager Mr Troy Huckstepp entered the meeting at 12.02pm.

## **SECTION 8:    WORKS - LAND PROTECTION**

8/1	Land Protection Monthly Report
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Re:    **W51/05/08** Land Protection Monthly Report  
From: Lands Protection Manager – Troy Huckstepp  
File:  
Date: 28 April 2008

**Report: (Lands Protection Manager – Troy Huckstepp)**

Spraying ongoing on shire roads as follows:

Spraying of GRT on roadsides (*Sporobolus spp.*) has continued throughout the region. There have been a number of areas with larger infestations of GRT that have been sprayed. There has also been the issue of slasher drivers (often contractors) running over stands of GRT and spreading it further. This issue is being dealt with by the development of the Road Reserve Vegetation Management Plan. This document will provide an overview of actions required to control and maintain vegetation on road corridors (including *Sporobolus spp.*) throughout the region. It will cover all types of vegetation including declared and non-declared weed species, grasses and valuable vegetation such as habitat and remnant areas. It will also include control techniques and mowing and slashing requirements and intervention heights. This document will also highlight the roles and responsibilities of Council officers responsible for, and involved with, vegetation management.

The foreshore area at Tin Can Bay has been sprayed for Rats Tail Grasses. Long term management of this area will be included in the Foreshore Management Plan that is currently under review.

All of the drainage reserves in the Cooloola Cove area have been sprayed for Groundsel Bush.

Bridges, Delineators and Culverts are also being sprayed throughout the region.

**Noxious Weeds Issues:**

The annual helicopter flight to ascertain the level of landholder compliance with the control of Groundsel Bush as per the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 will take place between the hours of 7:30am and 4:30pm from the 30<sup>th</sup> April to the 4<sup>th</sup> May (weather depending). The data gathered from this flight will then be used to undertake necessary regulatory actions.

**Wild Dog Issues:**

There has been an increase in the last 2 or 3 weeks of wild dog activity. There is a planned joint baiting with Plantation Queensland, plantation leaseholders and regional landowners in September 2008.

All three former shires had the same value on the wild dog bounty payments of \$40. This value will remain across the region.

**Feral Pig Issues:**

Animal Control Technologies have released manufactured feral pig bait called "Pig Out". Council will be conducting a trial of the baits in the near future.

**Other Issues:**

With the amalgamation, all of the former shire's Pest Management Plans will need to be combined to reflect the crucial aspects of each former shire. The Land Protection Manager will be developing this new document over the coming months.

**BMRG Projects:**

**Pig Traps** – The construction of the 20 pig traps is on track, the steel has been ordered and Hot Rods have indicated that the traps will be finalised in the near future.

**Salvinia Facility** – The facility to breed the Salvinia Weevil is well advanced at the Gympie Landcare site on Groves Road. The earth works have been completed, and the fence will be erected in the near future. The required infrastructure has been ordered and the facility should be operational by November/December 2008.

**Borumba Dam Parthenium** – A number of inspections have been conducted on the area around Borumba Dam, there has been no new areas of infestation found and the site will be monitored and appropriate actions undertaken.

**Wild Dog Monitoring** – The wild dog monitoring project has been completed and some good results came out of this project. The Land Protection Manager has copies of the final reports if anyone wishes to view them.

**Aquatic Weed Assistance Program** – There were funds left over from the Mary River Water Weeds Project. These funds have been redirected to assist landowners in the Mary River Catchment control aquatic weeds in dams and watercourses. There is a cap of \$500 cash or the equivalent value of chemical to each landholder. Council has received a small number of enquiries about the program and distributed a small quantity of herbicide.

Cr Watt left the meeting at 12.09pm.

W51/05/08      **Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté**

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

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

**Carried**

8/2	Pest Animals Symposium 2008
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Re: **W52/05/08** Pest Animals Symposium 2008  
From: Susan Hobbs – shobbs@eventcorp.com.au  
File:  
Date: 17/04/08

*“We are pleased to announce that dates have now been confirmed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Queensland Pest Animal Symposium with discount registration and abstract submissions now available online at [www.pestanimalsymposium.com.au](http://www.pestanimalsymposium.com.au).*

*The Symposium will be held at the Hilton Cairns 19-22 October 2008. the conference theme is “pests on the move – pest animals in paradise’ with the following sub-themes:*

- 1. Do you know your pest?  
Mapping and information systems; delimitation and detection; movement patterns; biology and ecology of the pest.*
- 2. How much damage do pest animals cause?  
Environmental damage (natural and built environments); agricultural/pastoral damage; social/health impacts; exotic diseases and pests.*
- 3. What are the emerging threats?  
Pests that are either not here already or those that are in the early stages of invasion and subject to eradication or major control programs such as tramp ants; red eared slider turtles; asian green mussels; blackbirds. Potential impacts of climate change on the pest and the affected habitat; and consideration of ecological complexity and ensuring that control does not create other problems will also be covered.*
- 4. Control: What works and what doesn't work?  
Current control methods for those well-established pests in Queensland such as wild dogs, feral pigs, rabbits, deer, locusts, rodents, fish and overabundant native species amongst others. Case studies, best management practice projects and research projects may be included.*
- 5. How can we work together to stop the damage?  
Working across organisations, communities, state borders and other boundaries; compliance and participation; awareness and changing behaviour; cooperation in science; resolving conflict (eg deer dilemma; dingo conservation and wild dog control); measuring and demonstrating success.*
- 6. What else do we need to succeed?  
Novel (new) management tools (eg lures/attractants; GPS collars; livestock protection – maremmas, llamas); new equipment (ejectors).*

*Other issues include: the role of APVMA and the review of 1080; pest categorisation in legislation; the Biosecurity Strategy for Queensland; risk assessments; prioritisation and justification of investment in pest management; quarantine and other exclusion methods (eg pest fences); animal welfare and codes of practice.*

*Early bird discounted registration is now available, register early to save. Abstract submissions are also being received now – submit your abstract and biography online by clicking the Abstract Submission link. Please also download the Speakers Guidelines from this page prior to submitting.*

*Sponsorship and trade exhibition booths are also now available. If you would like information please contact Susan Hobbs at the Symposium Secretariat on tel (07) 333 444 60 or email [shobbs@eventcorp.com.au](mailto:shobbs@eventcorp.com.au).*

*We look forward to seeing you in tropical Cairns in October 2008!"*

**Report: (Lands Protection Manager – Troy Huckstepp)**

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Registration Fees

**Early Bird Registration (Before 17 August 2008)**

Full Registration	\$690.00
Day Registration	\$290.00

**Standard Registration (from 18 August 2008)**

Full Registration	\$890.00
Day Registration	\$350.00
Student Registration	\$200.00
Field Trip Day Registration	\$350.00

This symposium would benefit Council by keeping up to date with pest animal research and control techniques as well as an information sharing exercise and meeting other key people in the pest animal management industry.

**W52/05/08 Moved: Cr G. Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr R. Dyne**

**Recommend that Council nominate Cr I.T. Petersen and authorises Land Protection Officer Mr Greg Anderson to attend the 2008 Pest Animal Symposium in Cairns on the 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008**

**Carried**

Cr Watt returned to the meeting at 12.11pm.

Cr Walker left the meeting at 12.12pm and returned at 12.16pm.

<p><b>SECTION 9: WORKS - LAND PROTECTION - GENERAL BUSINESS</b></p>
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Mr Huckstepp left the meeting at 12.17pm.

Parks Manager Mr Ed French entered the meeting at 12.17pm.

**SECTION 10: WORKS - PARKS**

Cr Engeman left the meeting at 12.18pm.

**10/1 Parks Monthly Report**

Re: **W53/05/08** Parks Monthly Report  
From: Parks Manager - Ed French  
File: EP94/00008  
Date: 28 April 2008

**Report (Parks Manager – Ed French)****Parks Vegetation Management – Financial Constraints**

Parks financial resources have been stretched this year due to a number of factors including an increase in rainfall over the previous drought –affected years, increased areas of responsibility, delivery of improved standards, increased operational costs due to the need to transport mowers and fuel cost increase, as well as significant storm damage costs..

Due to limited finances for the remainder of the financial year, parks staff will undertake works funded from non-parks operational funds. These works will include environmental weed control, parks capital works and temporary placement in Works teams. Parks maintenance will be undertaken with consideration to public safety and park priorities in accord with remaining resources. The level of service that has been previously experienced is expected to diminish.

**Centenary of Federation Park Improvements**

Wet ground conditions have delayed the construction of the picnic and barbecue shelters and associated works. Works will continue as soon as conditions allow. Staff will be undertaking a master design of the park in 2008-09 to ensure that future improvements will optimise Council and community resources. Consultation with the local community will be undertaken.

**Mullins Creek Park Improvements**

Temporary seating has been placed under the new shelter and staff is awaiting delivery of the new gas barbecue for installation. A Greencorp team will be carrying out further planting and mulching in the park area during winter.

**Billabong Park**

The barbecue facility in this park has been continually vandalised by persons burning rubbish and other times on the hot plate. The gas bottles were turned off in the hope of breaking this behaviour. However, vandals accessed the bottles by damaging the locked gate and continued their previous behaviour. The bottles have now been removed.

Billabong Park is a local level park where barbecue facilities are not normally supplied. It would appear that the barbecue was not greatly utilised by park users. Council is developing the Centenary of Federation Park in Cooloola Cove to a District/Village level park including the addition of barbecue facilities. As noted above, Mullins Creek will have new barbecue facilities, as does the new park in Cooloola Sands, only some 500 metres from Billabong Park.

The Billabong Park barbecue will be removed and be used as a replacement in a coastal park with greater need for this facility.

**Lake Alford Recreation Area**

Public consultation on the All Abilities Playground is continuing. The feed back has been positive and is already showing a strong calling for additional public amenities with the provision of a parent's room/facility. The design of the associated internal access road and additional vehicle parking has been finished with the start of site preparations expected to start in June this year, with Council undertaking the works. These will include leveling of the site, construction of the road, parking and external footpaths.

The capital works project involving the supply and placement of fountains in the lakes have been delayed whilst staff investigate other options available other than the placement of floating fountains. The possible provision of other water improving measures such as constructed wetlands that will further improve the quality of the water had been planned for future stages but may now be started with existing funding.

Increased capital funding from Parks Contributions will be required to continue to improve this important regional park and to address issues such as water edge erosion/safety, provision of other recreational facilities such as an Off Leash Dog park, adult physical exercise activity area and aesthetic landscape improvements.

**Gunalda and Curra Playgrounds**

The playgrounds in both the Gunalda Park and Curra Estate Park require substantial works to ensure that the facilities meet required Australian Standards. It is recommended that the Gunalda playground be removed and



replaced, as it is not economic to improve the existing facility given the issues involved and the age of the items.

A request for funding for these parks will be included for budget deliberations, and will include other measures such as the provision of shelters, seating, signage, shade trees and other improvements.

### **Parks signage**

Staff will continue with improvements to park signage that will meet relevant Australian Standards, indicate permitted activities and give greater consistency across the Gympie Region.

### **Transporting of Mowers**

Staff has been unsuccessful to date in dealings with the Queensland Department of Transport and Queensland Police in obtaining better conditional registration for the driving of mowers on roads between work sites. The ability of two ex-Kilkivan mowers to be registered as tractors has further confused the issue. Staff will continue to investigate the matter.

The additional costs in floating mowers between work sites are more than significant. A truck that may only be used for as little as 45 minutes of the day is presently charged out for the full day. This greatly increases the costs of Parks operations for no or little increase in productivity.

### **Provision for a Parks Technical Officer**

Heavy workloads are continuing to be experienced by the Parks Manager and Foreman. It is difficult to maintain this workload and give prompt and timely attention to Councillor and Customer Requests, as well as deal with parks management and planning matters. Increased funding is required to ensure that the future allocation of Council resources is correctly placed and managed.

A more detailed report to this Works Committee Meeting is presented separately.

Cr Engeman returned to the meeting at 12.21pm.

**W53/05/08      Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

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

**Carried**

10/2	Works Cost Statement – Parks & Gardens
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**WORKS COST STATEMENT****W54/05/08**    **Moved: Cr G. Engeman****Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson**

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

**Carried**

10/3	Atkinson Road Park - Curra
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Re:    **W55/05/08** Atkinson Road Park - Curra  
From: Tiaro Shire Council, Mayne St Tiaro Qld 4650  
File: AG07/01034 Doc ID:881436  
Date: 22 February 2008

*In the 2007/2008 Tiaro Shire Works Program, Council had included funding for the development of a local park on Reserve for Parks and Gardens situated in Atkinson Road, Curra with budget provision of \$125,000.*

*Preliminary planning of the park layout and design has recently commenced in liaison with Cooloola Shire Superintendent of Parks Mr Ed French and a boundary survey has been completed. However, actual construction of the facilities will not be well advanced, if at all, prior to the 15 March 2008 and responsibility for completion of the Park development will rest with your new Council.*

*At a meeting of Council held yesterday Council adopted the following resolution:*

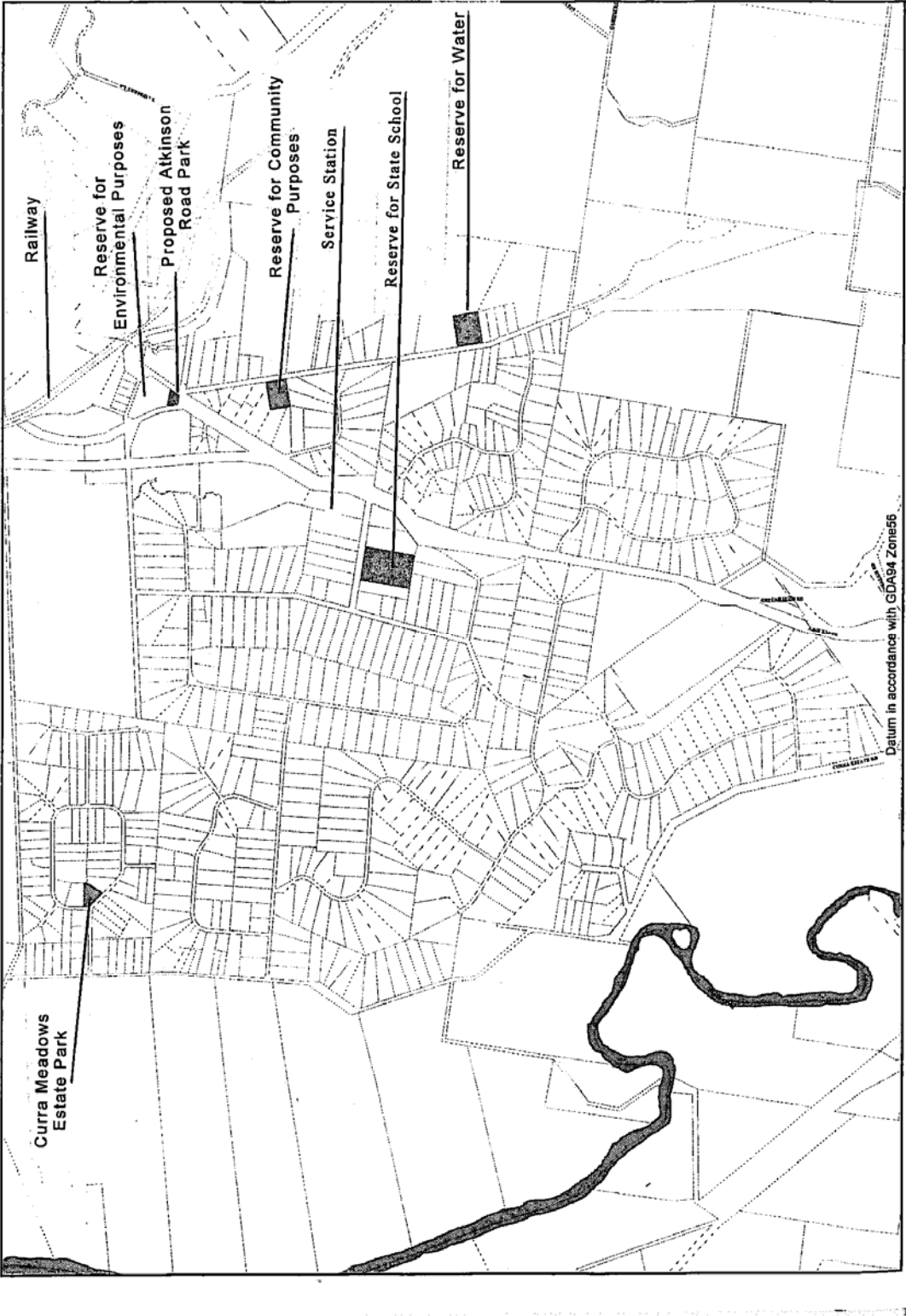
*“Council note the preliminary planning that has been undertaken for the proposed park at Atkinson Road and that the CEO write to the Interim Chief Executive Officer for the Gympie Regional Council advising that the Tiaro Shire Council and the community through community consultation, strongly support the construction of a park with BBQ, play equipment and toilet block at this location – lot 2 on survey plan 144366,*

*County of March, Parish of Curra being crown reserve for Parks and Gardens.”*

*Our officers will continue to liaise with Mr French over the coming three weeks in the design and planning phase and our file for this project will be handed over to him prior to the 14 march 2008.*

*Our Council commends this project to your new Council and with the Curra community we look forward to the park being completed by your Council.*

*Should you require any further information please contact John Kelly on 4193 8802 or mob 0407 638 909 or by email: [johnk@tiaro.qld.gov.au](mailto:johnk@tiaro.qld.gov.au).”*



**Report (Parks Manager – Ed French)**

Tiario Shire Council adopted a resolution that a park, with barbecue, play equipment and a public toilet, be developed on Lot 2, SP 144366 in Curra. This lot is located at the intersection of Atkinson and Curra Roads. Funds, \$125,000, have been transferred to Gympie Regional Council to undertake the development of the park.

A survey of the residents was undertaken and it would appear that the Council voted twice in regards to the proposed location of the park. Records indicate that there was no overwhelming consensus on the proposed location.

Gympie Regional Council staff has identified a number of concerns with the proposed park location and the provision of public toilets.

The location of the park in an area distant from the majority of the residents on the eastern side of the highway, and in close proximity to industrial properties is not considered the best location. Tiario Shire Council offered a second site for consideration by residents that would appear to be a far better choice. The residents' survey was closely decided with 36 in favour of the Atkinson Road site and 34 choosing the second site on Hoopers Crossing. Four were undecided.

The Atkinson Road site is not large enough for the facilities that are to be included and will require substantial vegetation clearing and earthworks to allow for placement of the playground, shade structure, barbecue, toilets and a level kick & play area.

The inclusion of a public toilet in a local park is not consistent with the recently adopted Parks classification and provision of services within the Open Space and Recreation Plan for the ex-Cooloola Shire. Provision of public toilets would be better utilised in a central location, as part of a larger District/Village level park.

The allocation of \$125,000 is not considered to be sufficient for the provision of the intended facilities, with the inclusion of necessary sewerage storage/treatment equipment and the necessary associated water storage and pump. There would also be significant costs involved in construction of a car park.

A district level park in close proximity to the Service station and the reserve for a school on the west of the highway may provide better placement of Council resources and potentially better serve the interests of the community.

The included map indicates the location of the existing Curra Estate Park in the north-west of the township, the proposed Atkinson Road Park in the north-east and the possible location of a District/Village park on the school reserve in a

more central location. The other possible locations for a local level park are noted in the south-eastern corner of the township.

Council officers could investigate resource sharing with the Department of Education for location of park facilities on the school reserve.

Should this Council undertake the decision of the ex-Tiaro Shire Council, it may be best to plan and design the proposed park to a local park level, with ability to provide for public toilets in the future, either when and if, funds allow and strategy planning indicates.

**W55/05/08 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr R. Dyne**

**Recommend that Council defers any works at the proposed Atkinson Road Park until Planning and Parks staff provide a report to Council regarding the future planning strategy for provision of recreational parks and public facilities in Curra Planning.**

**Further, that the Sport & Recreation Advisory Committee be directed to assist in determining Council's best use of Council and community resources in regards to the location of a recreation park on the eastern side of the Curra township.**

**Carried**

10/4	Provision of new Play Equipment at Bert Smith Park, Imbil
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Re: **W56/05/08** Provision of new play equipment at Bert Smith Park, Imbil  
 From: Parks Manager - Ed French  
 File:  
 Date: 28 April 2008

**Report: (Parks Manager –Ed French)**

A play item at Bert Smith Playground is beyond economic repair and needs to be replaced. The item is a double swing with a configuration to cater for two juniors swings mounted off four chains each. The seats and chain covers require replacement and the cost to do so is equivalent of an entire new swing frame and seats. The swing is more than 12 years old and includes the use of treated wood.

The park has another set of junior swings and does not justify a second set as replacements. Consultation with a major user, the Playgroup Imbil, has determined the equipment that most suitable as replacement for the swings.

There is no capital funds allocated for a replacement play item. There are currently two funds for Parks Capital Works set aside for Imbil. These are:

- 2005-06 Works, Regional Sports Facilities,  
Imbil Improvements, \$2,601.92 unspent.
- 2005-06 Works, Special Projects, Imbil Project, \$10,000

It is proposed to utilise the remaining monies from Imbil Improvements funds, as this will purchase an appropriate piece of equipment and not reduce the funds for a larger project that the second listed funds would allow.

Further consultation with Playgroup Imbil will be undertaken in choosing the most appropriate play item when financial restraints are known.

Staff also recommends the relocation of the barbecue facilities in Imbil's main street to Bert Smith Park. This location would better utilise Council resources in a more appropriate placing. The existing barbecue is gas powered and requires replacement due to age and ongoing cost of repairs. Staff will investigate the possible use of an electric barbecue in Bert Smith Park.

Council will need to allocate funds for the above relocation in the 2008-09 budget, either as part of any improvements to Imbil's Memorial Park and adjacent streetscape or separately.

**W56/05/08 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**Recommend that Council re-allocates the remaining monies in the Imbil Improvements, Park and Gardens Capital Improvements 2005-06, for the purchase of new playground equipment for placement in the Bert Smith Park playground.**

**Carried**

10/5	Parks Contributions to Parks of Regional Importance
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Re: **W57/05/08** Parks Contributions to Parks of Regional Importance  
 From: Parks Manager - Ed French  
 File:  
 Date: 28 April 2008

**Report: (Parks Manager – Ed French)**

In past recent years, the improvements to major parks or recreation facilities have been funded from the Parks Contributions generated within that area. Within the Gympie area, improvements at major facilities such as Albert Park, One Mile and Lake Alford Recreation Areas have been funded from the Gympie/Southside/Jones Hill/Chatsworth area. Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach, which also have facilities of regional importance, has insufficient funds for continued equipment/asset replacement programs, let alone any major redevelopments.

Other areas such as Pie Creek/Mooloo/Glastonbury/The Palms and Traveston/Cedar Pocket/Wolvi/Goomboorian are accumulating Parks Contributions Funds, with further developments in the Pie Creek area coming on line. The residents of these areas utilise the regional parks facilities in Gympie and on the Coast and it is proposed that a portion of these funds should be allocated to Parks Improvement Projects that are of a regional importance.

It is also recognised that there will be Parks/recreation related capital improvement works required in these areas, which will need to be funded from Parks contributions raised from that respective area.

The introduction of a Parks Infrastructure Charges Schedule in the future will address this matter fully.

It is therefore proposed that in the interim, a figure of 60% of Parks Contributions raised within an area, may be allocated to Parks Capital Improvements to Parks that are of regional importance.

**W57/05/08 Moved: Cr G. Engeman**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Recommend that Council adopts the following Policy.**

***“That up to 60% of Parks Contributions levied within a particular fund catchment area can be allocated to Parks Capital Improvement projects of a regional importance in another fund’s catchment area, at the direction of Council.”***

**Carried**



10/6	Review of Models of Financial Assistance to Community Groups utilising Council-controlled Recreation Reserves and Land
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From: **W58/05/08** Parks Manager - Ed French  
Re: Review of models of financial assistance to community Groups utilising Council-controlled Recreation Reserves and Land.  
File:  
Date: 29 April 2008

**Report (Parks Manager – Ed French)**

There would appear to be a number of anomalies in the manner that the maintenance and improvements to Council recreation reserves and leases are administered, or financial assistance is offered to the community groups operating on Council-controlled land. This is possibly the result of varying attitudes at the time of lease renewals, verbal agreements or undertakings lost in the passing of time.

With the need to formalise unwritten or lapsed agreements, and to seek the implementation of uniform agreements across the new Gympie Region, it would be beneficial for a review of the current situation. The objective would be to formulate a model or number of models that will best suit the future operation, maintenance and improvement of these varied reserves and facilities, and the assistance given to community groups utilising the same.

This will improve Council's allocation of resources, allow for improved planning for the future, better development of Council and community assets, and provide clear direction when existing leases are renewed and new leases created.

**W58/05/08 Moved: Cr J. Watt**

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

**Recommend that the Sport & Recreation Advisory Committee be directed to investigate the review of existing models of Council's financial assistance to community recreation groups utilising Council controlled reserves and lands, with the intent of advising Council on preferred models of Council provided assistance.**

**Carried**

10/7	Parks Recreation Reserve Maintenance Budget
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Re: **W59/05/08** Parks Recreation Reserve Maintenance Budget  
From: Parks Manager - Ed French  
File:  
Date: 29 April 2008

**Report (Parks Manager – Ed French)**

As noted in the Parks monthly report, a number of factors have increased the cost of the Parks maintenance operations. The current allocation of funds is insufficient to continue required operations for this financial year, and additional funds will need to be allocated in the new financial year to adequately cover other pressures on the operational budget.

Additional financial resources are required due to the following reasons;

- Council has, or is within the following 12 months, expected to accept responsibility for additional areas, including parks associated with the Echelon, Glen Eden and Fairview developments,
- Increased standards of delivery in areas such as Davidson Road park, Corella Road footpath and intervention maintenance of footpaths in new subdivisions such as South Ridge and Banksia Park,
- Increased standards of delivery, including the provision of playground soft fall to relevant Australian Standards,
- increased operational costs of mowing due to a change in operations to meet requirements of conditional mower registration, requiring the increased use of trucks to float mowers, as well as increased fuel costs,
- A return to more favourable growing conditions requiring increased resources towards vegetation control and over a longer “peak” period
- Increased standards being requested by the public and residents including tree removals and pruning near residences.
- Additional assets within the ex-Tiaro division 3 area that will require maintenance and improvements.

Additional responsibilities resulting from the creation of a larger Council area and the associated restructuring have further increased the operational and management requirements, and the responsibilities of the Parks team. The supervision of waste facilities and street cleaning/public rubbish collection staff within the Works East Division area now falls under Parks management.

The Parks Foreman has also become responsible for the supervision of Parks staff on the coast, previously the role of the Tin Can Bay Works Depot Foreman.

The Parks team is being developed as a dedicated and trained workforce to undertake horticultural and landscaping maintenance and improvements as required. Adequate funding is needed to enable year round operations within Parks, without the need to transfer staff to Works operations during the winter months or if funds are inadequate.

As noted in this months Parks Monthly report, the increasingly heavy workloads being experienced by the Parks team reduces it's ability to respond efficiently and timely to Customer Requests, both internal and external and ensure high standards of project management and delivery. Additional resources are required to allow for increased time to be allocated to Parks planning, design, non-Council funds resourcing, researching, and implementation of improved management systems or tools.

The placement of a suitably qualified and experienced Technical Officer (Federal Level 5) in the Parks section would greatly assist Parks to meet the challenges of the larger area the new Gympie Regional Council covers, the added responsibilities of the Parks team, and the continued improvements to the parks, recreational reserves and footpaths that the public and residents are requesting.

Council is asked to consider the provision of resources in the 2008-09 budget to facilitate this additional staff position. Details of additional funding requirements will be included in the 2008-09 budget reports.

**W59/05/08 Moved: Cr R. Dyne**

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

**Recommend that Council refer a request for additional funds for the Parks Maintenance 2008-09 Budget sufficient to employ a Technical Officer (Level 5 Federal) within the parks team to the Draft Budget Meeting.**

**Further, that Council refer to the Draft Budget Meeting the matter of allocating funding to ensure that the Parks maintenance budget is adequate to fully fund parks operations to enable service delivery to remain at a high standard throughout the financial year.**

**Carried**

<b>10/8</b>	<b>Grounds Maintenance within Gympie Historical Museum</b>
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Re: **W60/05/08** Grounds Maintenance within Gympie Historical Museum  
 From: Parks Manager - Ed French  
 File:  
 Date: 29 April 2008

**Report (Parks Manager – Ed French)**

Council has for a number of years maintained the grounds within the fenced area of the Gympie Historical Museum, and the adjacent lower section fronting Old Imbil Road, with funding from the Parks maintenance budget. The majority of parks activities within these areas have been costed separately over the past 18 months to determine the expenditure of Council funds in this area.

It is estimated that \$11,500 will be expended this financial year on activities within this area.

It is proposed that to ensure greater transparency of use of Council funds, and to progress towards uniformity of Council assistance to community groups, funds equal to the above figure be allocated as financial assistance in kind, for the maintenance of the Museum grounds and gardens.

**W60/05/08 Moved: Cr G. Engeman**

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

**Recommend that Council continue to assist the Gympie Historical Museum with an allocation of \$11,500 for financial assistance in kind for the maintenance of the museum grounds only, to be provided in the 2008-09 Budget.**

**Carried**

<b>10/9</b>	<b>Upgrade of Robinson Family Park, Imbil</b>
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Re: **W61/05/08** Upgrade of Robinson Family Park, Imbil  
 From: Parks Manager - Ed French  
 File:  
 Date: 29 April 2008

**Report (Parks Manager – Ed French)**

MINUTE: G45/04/08 *“That the information be received and referred to appropriate Directors and a report be provided to the Councillors prior to responding to the writer.”*

This report responds to the parts concerning the “Upgrade of Robinson Family Park” and the “Imbil Lookout.”

**Upgrade of Robinson Family Park**

The Robinson Family Park is a small area adjacent to the eastern side of the Kandanga Imbil Road at the southern end of the Yabba Creek Bridge. It is

situated on road reserve. The Bert Smith Park is located opposite and includes a small playground and seating.

Location of any park facilities in the road reserve designated as the Robinson Family Park would be inappropriate given the small area available and allowing for any future road improvements. Permission from the Department Of Main Roads may be required given the location of the road reserve adjacent to Yabba Creek Road, which is under the jurisdiction of Main Roads.

Further development in Bert Smith Park would be limited with the recent construction of the sewage infrastructure in the middle of the park restricting available space. Teenager orientated equipment is generally dynamic in nature and requires large areas for the equipment placement and fall zones between the individual pieces.

The possible development of the Twenty-Acre block as a recreational horse facility may restrict the inclusion of a park as has been suggested for teenagers, or to the level provided at the Kenilworth Park.

Ideally this style of park should be located in or adjacent to the centre of Imbil, and adjacent to Yabba Creek. The expansion of the Bert Smith Park through acquisition of the all or part of the adjacent property would provide sufficient area for further development. The central location of the Caravan Park, would also be ideal should Council redevelop the site in the future.

The further provision and development of new major recreational facilities in Imbil requires planning and public consultation. It is proposed that in the first instance that the Sport & Recreation Advisory Committee be directed to consider the issues raised.

### **Imbil Lookout**

The vegetation restricting the view from the Imbil Lookout is growing on private property. The owner has been contacted by post seeking permission for Council staff to undertake the necessary works but no reply has been received to date. Attempts to contact the owner by telephone have also been unsuccessful.

Staff will continue to seek permission from the owner to remove or restrict the height of vegetation as deemed necessary.

**W61/05/08      Moved: Cr J.A. Walker**

**Seconded: Cr G. Engeman**

**Recommend that the Council direct the Sport & Recreation Advisory Committee to investigate the provision of additional park equipment, suitable for use by teenagers, to be located in Imbil.**

**Carried**

Cr Dyne left the meeting at 12.39pm.

10/10	Financial Assistance to Gympie Australian Football Club Inc
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Re: **W62/05/08** Financial Assistance to Gympie Australian Football Club Inc  
From: Parks Manager - Ed French  
File:  
Date: 28 April 2008

**Report (Parks Manager – Ed French)**

Council has given financial assistance in kind to the Gympie Australian Football Club Inc for maintenance and improvements at the Six Mile Reserve for a number of years. The amount of assistance given this year was \$4500. These funds have primarily been allocated to the maintenance and improvements of the sports oval. The funds have generally been just sufficient for this purpose.

With the impact of the drought and water restrictions on most of the South East Queensland sports fields, the issue of player safety and the hardness of playing fields has come to the fore. Queensland AFL have inspected the Six Mile field and advised the club that the field will require ongoing deep aeration to prevent the field from being closed to play. The lack of an irrigation system or water take-off point for the field significantly restricts the use of best practices to further improve the playing surface.

Council has undertaken one deep aeration of the field when it's contractor was undertaking other works in Gympie. The application of a calcium source fertiliser to further improve the soil structure has also been done, with another two applications required.

To adequately cover the cost of the necessary aeration, fertilising and other field maintenance, funds totalling \$11,000 are required. This is equal to the financial assistance in kind funds allocated to the Gympie & District Hockey Association Inc for playing field maintenance and improvements.

At present, Council staff control the expenditure of the assistance in kind funds. It would be advisable for this to continue to ensure that Council funds are best utilised to maintain or improve the playing surface.

W62/05/08 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

**Recommend that Council refer the allocation of \$11,000 for the maintenance and improvements of the playing field at the Six Mile Australian Rules Football Grounds to the 2008-09 Budget, for consideration.**

**Carried**

10/11	Mowing of Centenary of Federation Park – Cooloola Cove
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Re: **W63/05/08** Mowing of Centenary of Federation Park – Cooloola Cove  
From: Cooloola Cove Residents & Friends Inc, PO Box 103, Tin Can Bay Qld 4580

File: GRC Doc ID:896190

Date: 14 April 2008

*“At the March meeting of the above organisation it was requested that we make a formal request to have our contract rate for mowing Cooloola cove Centenary of Federation Park by 33⅓% to keep in line with current costs.*

*To justify this we would like to make the point that in 2006 it was costing in the vicinity of \$95 for fuel to mow the park each time. In 2007 the cost had gone to \$140. With the massive increase in fuels, this has now escalated to \$200. Alongside this costs for maintenance of our equipment has also increased substantially.*

*We have no problem with the actual mowing of the park, as we fully appreciate the fact that council resources are such that Cooloola cove Centenary of Federation Park cannot be maintained by Council to a satisfactory level at this stage. The members who do mow also derive satisfaction of a job well done, for the benefit of the community.*

*Cooloola cove Residents & Friends Inc, trust that you will consider this request for an increase in park maintenance payments.”*

**Report (Parks Manager – Ed French)**

The Cooloola Cove Residents & Friends Inc are paid \$300 per quarter to undertake some maintenance activities within the Centenary of Federation Park, including the mowing of the majority of the park. Council maintains the area around the playground and public toilets to Council standards and resources, with the community group mowing this area to a higher standard if they wish.

The area that is maintained by the group is in excess of that required as open space for recreation. However, the benefits of the grass areas being regularly kept short include the improvement in underlying soils drying quicker, improved aesthetics and reduced complaints regarding overgrown Council reserves.

Council staff will be preparing a master plan and design for this district/village level park in 2008-09 and ongoing maintenance requirements will be addressed then. It is intended that in the long term that Council will maintain the entire park with the provision of assistance from a community group/s on suitable activities.

It is reasonable that Council increase the maintenance payments to \$400 per quarter for the following 12 months to cover the groups increased costs of maintenance activities.

**W63/05/08      Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

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

**Recommend that Council increase the maintenance payments to the Cooloola Cove Residents & Friends Inc to \$400 per quarter.**

**Further, that Council advise the group of the payment increase and thank them for their continued interest and involvement in the Centenary of Federation Park**

**Carried**

<b>SECTION 11:   WORKS – PARKS GENERAL BUSINESS</b>
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Mr French left the meeting at 12.41pm.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.42pm.**

CONFIRMED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF MAY 2008.

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**Cr LJ Friske**  
*Chairman*