



MINUTES

of the

WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

CHAIRMAN: *Cr Larry Friske*

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

at 9.12am

on Tuesday 1 February 2011

***Recommendations to be considered for adoption at the
General Meeting to be held on 9 February 2011 at 9.00am.***

GRC - WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

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The meeting commenced at 9.12am.

PRESENT: Cr L.J. Friske (*Committee Chairman*) Cr R. Dyne (*Mayor*), Cr G.L. Engeman, Cr R.A. Gâté, Cr D.R. Neilson, Cr A.J. Perrett, Cr I.T. Petersen, Cr J.A. Walker, Cr J. Watt, Mr C. Manson (*Acting Chief Executive Officer*), Mr R. Chapman (*Acting Director of Engineering Services*) and Miss K Watson (*Minutes Secretary*).

SECTION 1: LEAVE OF ABSENCE / APOLOGIES

Nil

SECTION 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

W01/02/11 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Minutes of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 7 December 2010 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

SECTION 3: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

3/1 2011 Flood Report

Re: **W02/02/11** 2011 Flood Report
From: Director of Engineering Services – R.A. Fredman
File:
Date: 25 January 2011

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

Engineering staff (Design, Works and Water) have now entered the recovery phase after a successful response operation.

Clearly there is extensive flood damage to roads throughout the region. Emergent works are currently under way as per the NDRRA guidelines.

There are several issues associated with the recovery after the emergent phase. These will be discussed with Council over the coming months, and include

- (a) *Extent of eligible damage under the NDRRA guidelines.* The assessment process has commenced, and will take months to complete.
- (b) *Priority of Works* – basic access is still an issue for several properties at the time of writing. Upgrading the standard of other accesses will be an issue in coming months.
- (c) *School Bus Routes* – meetings were called with bus drivers. To date the drivers have been very understanding, however communication with them will remain critical for some time.
- (d) *State Road and Highway Network* – these roads are receiving the requisite attention and DTMR is using contractors to assist.
- (e) *Staffing* – it is a reality that contractors carrying out flood repair are fully subsidised by the Federal Government under the NDRRA guidelines but Council staff are not other than in particular situations. This has significant budget implications. It is also an undesirable situation because it discriminates against our more-than-capable workforce. No decisions have been made at this time.
- (f) *Prioritising Jobs* – the Manager Construction and Maintenance and the Senior Technical Officer Maintenance have been tasked with prioritising jobs using parameters such as number of people impacted, commercial impacts, grouping of jobs etc. It is requested that all Councillor requests for urgent priorities be directed through the Chairman of Works & Services.
- (g) *Impact on 2010/11 Works Program* – some TIDS work is continuing because it improves school transport facilities and hence safety. Other types of work may also have to be progressed because of contractual obligations etc eg site preparation for Rainbow Beach Hall.

W02/02/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that

- (1) Council receive the report and await further reports on flood recovery issues.**
- (2) Council refer labour implications of the NDRRA guidelines to the Mayor to take up with the Federal Member and the Federal Government.**

Carried

3/2

Quality Assured Supplier to Queensland Government Agencies

Re: **W03/02/11** Quality Assured Supplier to Queensland Government Agencies
From: Manager, Procurement, Qld Government Chief Procurement Office, Department of Public Works,
File: 1-1-7-2 Doc # 1473080
Date: 10 December 2010

"I have received a recommendation from Department of Transport and Main Roads that Gympie Regional Council – Works Division be granted Quality Assurance certification.

I am pleased to advise that the audit result confirms your quality management system's compliance to AS/NZS ISO 9001:2008.

The site at John Street, Gympie: Caledonian Hill, Gympie: Mary Street, Gympie: Bligh Street, Kilkivan shall be registered in the Queensland Government Register of Certified Quality Assured Suppliers.

Please find enclosed your Certificate of Quality Assured Supplier (No 7106), which should be quoted when you offer to supply to Queensland Government agencies. The conditions of Certification and Guidelines for Use of Logo is also enclosed for your reference.

The certificate is site specific and valid until 17 November 2013, subject to you maintaining your Quality System.

It is a condition of registration that you advise this Unit of any changes in senior management, business address, or any significant changes to operational processes within the organisation.

I trust your company will continue to benefit from the results of the work you have put into implementing your system.

Overview: Council's Works Division is required to be a Queensland Government Quality Assured Supplier in order for it to perform works for the Queensland Government and its agencies

Corp Plan: 4.4

Op Plan: 2.2 (1)

Budget: Road Construction and Maintenance

Consultation: Corporate Services and Financial Directorates

Issues:

1. It is necessary for the Works Division to maintain this level to enable it to undertake Government Works.
2. The required works procedures need a high level of documentation and follow-up supervision to achieve this accreditation.

Risk Analysis:

1. Without accreditation and the follow-on government works, reductions to outside staff would be inevitable.
2. Supervisory staff numbers need to be maintained to ensure compliance with the accreditation.

Discussion:

The Director of Engineering reported on the actual audit process involved (REF W06/12/10). The letter confirms initial informal advice given in that report in regards to the Main Roads works.

W03/02/11 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

Recommend that the letter be received and referred to the Director of Engineering to ensure that compliance with the conditions of accreditation are satisfactorily maintained.

Further that staff involved with the application be congratulated.

Carried

SECTION 4: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES – GENERAL BUSINESS

4/1	Bruce Highway – Line Marking
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The Acting Director of Engineering advised Councillors that the central median line marking on the Bruce Highway is about to be under taken by the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the public will be notified through local newspapers.

W04/02/11 Moved: Cr R.J. Dyne

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

Recommend the report be received

Carried

SECTION 5: DESIGN SERVICES DIVISION
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5/1	Traffic Advisory Committee Record of 6 December 2010
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Re: **W05/02/11** Traffic Advisory Committee Record of 6 December 2010
From: Design Services
File: 4-8-13-0001
Date: 6 January 2011

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

Overview: Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting Record is distributed to members and attached for all Councillors information and any actions required of Council.

Corp Plan: 2.1 (v)

Op Plan: 2.7 (ii)

Budget: Design Services Budget

Consultation: Traffic Advisory Committee is in itself a consultative group reporting to Council.

Issues: Discussed at meeting with input from all attendees.

Risk Analysis: Limited risk.

Discussion:

Recommendations as per items 5.03 and 6.01 were attended to at the 7 December 2010 Works and Services Committee Meeting.

Other issues discussed are of a general nature and do not require any specific Council resolutions.

Refer Attachment 2.

W05/02/11 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that report be received.

Carried

5/2	Issue of New Version of Queensland Streets – Complete Streets
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Re: **W06/02/11** Issue of New Version of Queensland Streets – Complete Streets
From: Design Services
File:
Date: 19 January 2011

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

Overview: Queensland Streets has been the recognised engineering design standard for Urban and Rural Residential developments since the

early 1990's. A revised version called Complete Streets has been released recently with the eventual aim to replace Queensland Streets.

Corp Plan: 2.1 (iv)

Op Plan: 4.3 (vi)

Budget: N/A

Consultation: Internal only. Other participants at training venue.

Issues:

Possible changes to engineering design standards need to be fully assessed prior to implementation. Impacts of changes including designs currently underway also need assessment.

Risk Analysis:

Changes potentially create confusion to all parties. Changes need to be totally justifiable or else the status quo should remain.

Discussion:

I attended the training session held for this new version as I held grave concerns regarding the completely different approach to Queensland Streets which is a comprehensive set of engineering design guidelines and standards for road and street design. This view was enhanced by my attendance and supported by other practitioners attending the training such that a 50% refund was made. It is understood that from this training that significant amendments are to be made to Complete Streets.

W06/02/11 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr J Watt

Recommend that Queensland Streets remain as Council's reference for Urban and Rural Residential development guidelines and that any references to Complete Streets in its current format be not considered by Council at this time.

Carried

5/3

Drainage Problems at Eastern End of Mary Street , Gympie

Re: **W07/02/11** Drainage Problems at Eastern End of Mary Street ,Gympie

From: Design Services

File:

Date: 21 January 2011

X-Ref: W09/12/10

"Recommend that General Manager Design Services Division be requested to investigate the stormwater problem at the rear of the shops at the eastern end of Mary Street, Gympie and report back to a future meeting of the Works Committee."

Overview: The issue of periodic flooding at the rear of there stores is a long standing one and is generally considered primarily to be the responsibility of the shop owners.

Corp Plan: 2.1 (iv)
Op Plan: 2.1 (i)
Budget: Road Construction and Maintenance
Consultation: Some only of the affected businesses

Issues:

Run off from properties accumulates at the rear of shops where it has to pass through drains under the shops to discharge into existing drainage pipes in Mary Street. There are no overland flow paths available other than through the shops

Risk Analysis:

Risk to Council is lessened because majority of run off is from private land.

Discussion:

The total catchment area is 7200m² approximately of which some 350m² is off Nash Street and 700m² from the Lawrence Street car park (Council land). A minor area of Nash Street (say 30m²) could be diverted at minimal cost and a larger area of approximately 600m² of the car park could be diverted by a raised hump type drain but this would involve discharge on to private lands. A 10% decrease in area and hence runoff is unlikely to assist in alleviating the problem. Of far greater impact on the runoff is the large number of roof water drainpipes that are directed to the rear of most of the roofs. These could easily be diverted to the front of the roofs and more directly discharged into Mary Street where there is an overland flow path. However for that to be effective, it would require a combined effort and agreement by all of the building owners.

W07/02/11 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the matter be referred to the Mayor to discuss with the Mary Street Traders Group.

Carried

5/4	Southside Shopping Centre Stormwater Drainage off Ramsay Road – AHC Limited 2009-0186
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Re: **W08/02/11** Southside Shopping Centre Stormwater Drainage off Ramsay Road – AHC Limited 2009-0186
From: AHC Limited
File:
Date: 24 January 2011

“Following our meeting today please find below the agreed undertakings by AHC Limited and Gympie Regional Council.

- 1. AHC Limited accepts that the existing Council drainage pit on the southern side of the road opposite the Jockey Club hotel driveway will be upgraded by AHC as part of the upgrade of the intersection works for Department of Main Roads.*

2. *AHC accepts that as part of the intersection road upgrade works the existing 375mm pipe under the road feeding into drainage pit 6/1 will be upgraded by AHC to the engineers design requirements. This drainage will be submitted with the overall road intersection application and will be located approximately on the same alignment as the existing pipe.*
3. *Any further upgrading of the pipe to 6/1 over and above AHC's engineers design to allow for future Council capacity from Ramsay Road will be at Council's expense.*
4. *Gympie Regional Council agrees to contribute 50% of the cost of lowering the internal drainage line 1 on the AHC shopping centre site due to the effects of lowering the drainage pit 6/1. 50% contribution of total cost \$6813 + GST. Council contribution = \$3 747.15.*
5. *AHC advises that the new upgrade roadworks required for DTMR finishes approximately at the boundary of the AHC shopping centre site and the Jockey Club Hotel. Any further roadwork's required by Gympie Regional Council further south on Ramsay Road on the southern side/showground side of the road shall be at Council expense.*
6. *In acceptance of the above agreements Gympie Regional Council agrees to allow the Pre-start meeting to take place for the local roadwork and drainage approval 2009-1771 in order for those works to commence.*

Should any of the above not be satisfactory please do not hesitate to contact the writer for amendment.

Otherwise we look forward to your acceptance at your earliest convenience."



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 DATE: 19/1/11.

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PROJECT: Gympie Southside Shopping Centre PROJECT NO: A419-01

Message:

Variation
 Reference : AHC Email dated 17 Dec 2010
 : ccc Calculation Sheet attached.
 * Lower Stormwater Drainage Line 5/1- 1/1 by 1200 mm.
 MH 4/1 & MH 3/1 : Extra Over per MH : \$1000 each \$2000
 MH 2/1 : " " " " : \$1000 each \$1000
 MH 1/1 : " " " " : \$1200 \$1200
 Line 5/1- 4/1 : 26.304 m @ Extra over rate (\$26/m) \$943.90
 Line 4/1- 3/1 : 47.738 m @ " " " (\$26/m) \$1241.19
 Line 3/1- 2/1 : 31.872 m @ " " " (\$26/m) \$828.67
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 * Rates from Contract Schedule. \$6313.00
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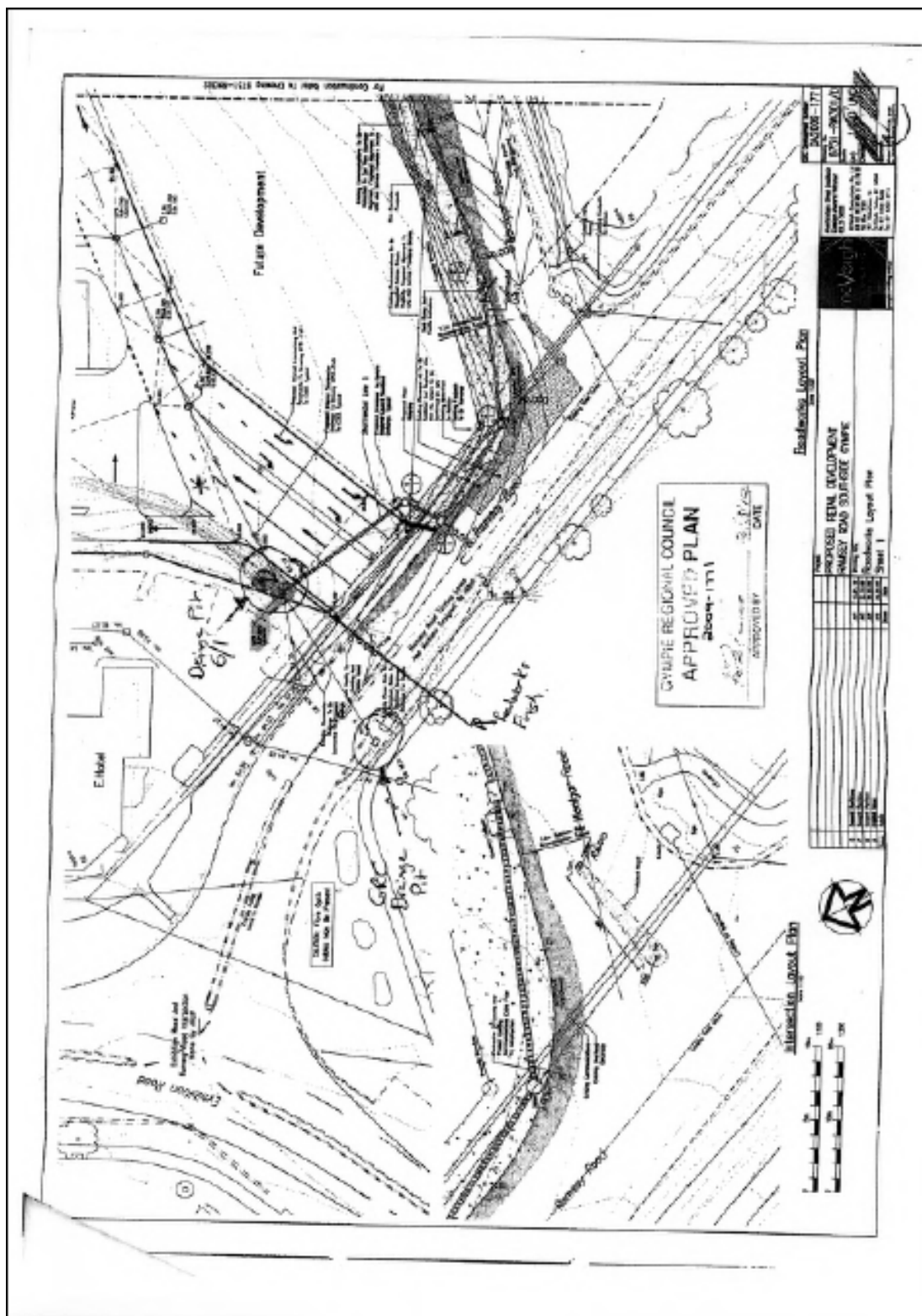
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Report: (General Manager Design Services Division - R. Chapman)

Overview: Council has been waiting for information on how Ramsay Road stormwater drainage is to be treated prior to holding a prestart meeting for the frontage roadworks. Several meetings with the developer including a recent meeting with the Mayor, Chairman

of Planning and Development Committee and staff have resulted in this letter to Council.

Corp Plan: 4.1; 4.3
Op Plan: 4.1(i); 4.2(i)
Budget: Road construction and maintenance; Administrative budgets
Consultation: Planning, Mayor, Chairman of Planning & Development Committee

Issues: Developer has a responsibility to ensure stormwater drainage through the site is adequately able to handle flows onto the site. Design Services Division is required to ensure that this meets Council's published engineering standard.

Risk Analysis: Council is limited by the Integrated Planning Act as to what it can do to aid development. Inadequate stormwater drainage design can have severe consequences which may not eventuate for many years after development.

Discussion: The letter from AHC details the outcomes and matters discussed at the most recent meeting.

The undertakings given in points 1, 2, 3 & 5 satisfy the Design Divisions concerns to allow point 6 to now proceed.

Council needs to determine if it is prepared to accept point 4. The lowering of this internal drainage line is primarily for the developer's need but it does give Council less compromise and more certainty that extra drainage to be piped across Ramsay Road can be achieved satisfactorily.

Funds for these works are available through Project NO 4210810 "Ramsay Road Showgrounds".

W08/02/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that Council agree to accept the conditions as detailed in the letter from AHC Limited on the basis that all works be completed prior to the commencement of the use.

Carried

SECTION 6: DESIGN SERVICES DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS

General Manager Works – Eastern Division – Mr G Ingham entered the meeting at 9.51am.

SECTION 7: WORKS – EASTERN DIVISION

7/1 Monthly Rural Maintenance Report
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Re: **W09/02/11** Monthly Rural Maintenance Report
From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division - GC Ingham
File: FF94/00018
Date: 24 January 2011

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

This report covers a 2 month period from late November 2010 due to the fact that there was no Works Committee Meeting in January.

Gympie Regional Council has experienced a major flood event in recent weeks. Council's staff primary focus since the event has been to provide access to stranded residents. Assessments of Council's road infrastructure continue with damage estimates in the many millions of dollars.

Emergent repairs are currently being undertaken on bus routes to ensure the safety of school students. A meeting was held on Friday 21st January with school bus operators to allow Council to outline the current status of bus routes. Information was shared between bus operators and Council in regards to road conditions. All bus operators had extensively inspected their bus routes and were very helpful with providing information on the conditions of the roads. At the time of the meeting most operators had already made alternative plans with parents for pickup and drop off of students.

At the time of writing adverse weather conditions have been hampering Councils attempts to repair its severely damaged road network.

Programmed maintenance grading

Programmed maintenance grading was carried out in the following areas:

- O'Rourkes Road
- Meads Road
- Parkyn Road
- Cullinane Road
- Noosa Road patch grade
- Kelly Drive
- Eaton Road
- Groundwater Road shoulders
- Sorensen Road shoulders
- Ramsey Road
- Copp Road
- Rose Road

Grading program ceased mid December due to wet weather conditions.

Drainage Repairs

Drainage repairs were carried out in the following areas:

- Cooloola Cove surface drainage
- Sweetlip Circle

Drainage program ceased mid December due to wet weather conditions.

Timber Bridges

Timber bridge repairs were carried out in the following areas:

- Goomong Road bridge

Flooding also ceased the timber bridge repair program. A number of timber bridges are in the process of being inspected following the flood event.

Vegetation Control

Corridor vegetation control was carried out in the following areas:

- Kandanga Creek Road
- Tagigan Road
- Heathcote Road

Tractor Slashing

Tractor slashing was carried out in the following areas:

- Coast area
- Gunalda area
- Sandy Creek area
- Eel Creek Road area
- Mary Valley area
- Glastonbury area

Limited roadside slashing has occurred over the last 2 months due to the inclement weather. There are a number of roadsides in urgent need of slashing and to this end maximum resources have been allocated to vegetation control. Works have undertaken one slasher width on some roads, not normal 2 widths, and this is to achieve maximum roadside slashing lengths to address the significant backlog.

Sealed Road Pavement Repairs

Pavement repairs were carried out in the following areas:

- Myall Street
- Southside School car park
- Exhibition Road
- Berrie Street
- Ada Street
- Lucknow Street

Sealed roads have experienced severe saturation and inundation. This will result in ongoing pavement failure on a very large scale. Council is endeavouring to combat this.

W09/02/11 Moved: Cr R.J. Dyne

Seconded: Cr J Watt

Recommend that the Monthly Rural Maintenance Report, as presented, be received.

Carried

7/2	Job Construction Report
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Re: **W010/02/11** Job Construction Report
From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division - GC Ingham
File: FF94/00018
Date: 24 January 2011

Report: (General Manager Works Eastern Division – Mr G. Ingham)

Construction jobs have slowed due to ongoing wet weather and construction crews diverted to work on emergent flood works.

GYMPIE WOOLLOGA ROAD – RECONSTRUCTION AND BITUMEN SEAL

The works are located on Gympie Woollooga Road between Pearsons Road to Tones Road (Chainage 31110-34400). The project involves clearing and grubbing, excavation & embankment, installation of pipes and culverts, subsoil drains, placing unbound pavement layers, bitumen surfacing, installing road furniture and linemarking.

Replacement of culverts and pipes have commenced, but this project has been severely hampered by inclement weather.

SAINT PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SET DOWN AREA BLIGH STREET.

The works include reconstructing kerb & channel as well as reconstructing concrete driveway into school property. The works also include constructing new concrete footpaths, ramps and stairs, including handrails pedestrian crossing and associated pavement markings.

Job has commenced with concrete pours to driveways and footpaths.

SAINT PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SET DOWN AREA CHURCH STREET.

The works include constructing new concrete footpath, reconstructing driveways and access stairs to private properties, correcting road profile at parking bays using AC. The works include constructing kerb extensions, reinstating signs and

linemarking, constructing handrails, gate and installing seating in skillion shelter. Skillion shelter will be constructed by others.

Job has commenced adjacent to Bligh Street works.

RAINBOW BEACH CENTRE BLOCK PARKING – SPECTRUM STREET, RAINBOW BEACH

The works include excavating natural material and placing gravel sub base and base courses and AC surface. The works also include constructing barrier kerb, footpaths, concrete cross-over and driveways, drainage works installing signage and pavement marking.

Job has commenced with excavating natural materials for centre block and carpark.

ASPHALT OVERLAY – CORELLA ROAD (BONNICK ROAD TO FAIRVIEW DRIVE)

The works involved 40mm asphalt overlay on Bonnick Road intersection with Corella Road.

Job successfully completed.

KENMAN ROAD HILL – BITUMEN SEAL

The works involve upgrading existing gravel roadway to a 7m formation full width bitumen seal. The works include clear and grubbing, bulk earthworks, placing gravel pavement, bituminous seal, reinstating property access and signage.

Ongoing wet weather has delayed the bitumen sealing of this project. The completed works stood up well to the wet weather.

CROSS STREET AND WICKHAM STREET ASPHALT OVERLAY

This job involves replacing kerb and channel, sub soil drainage, excavate and replace pavement in Wickham St, stabilise various locations in Cross Street and asphalt overlay.

Due to wet weather Asphalt has been delayed.

REHABILITATION WORKS – GROUNDWATER ROAD (COX ROAD TO SORENSEN ROAD)

This job involves placing subsoil drainage, stabilising existing pavement, bitumen seal and linemarking.

Stabilising works have been completed in various areas on Groundwater Road and Sorensen Road.

Second or top coat sealing to be completed.

HOOPERS ROAD – INTERSECTION AND WIDENING WORKS.

The works involve widening the existing roadway to a 7m formation and upgrading intersection.

The works include clear and grubbing, earthworks, placing gravel pavement, bituminous seal, installing kerb, reinstating property access, erecting signage and linemarking.

Due to wet weather bitumen seal has been delayed and this will be sprayed on a later date.

GYMPIE AIRPORT – ACCESS ROAD & CABLE GATE INSTALLATIONS

The works involve constructing 4.0m bitumen seal access road, installing stormwater drainage pipes, erecting chain wire fence and installing concrete footing for cable gates.

Access road has been sealed. Installation of two cable gates between access road and airside will be installed by contractors.

W10/02/11 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

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

Carried

7/3	Works Department Maintenance Graph – Eastern Division
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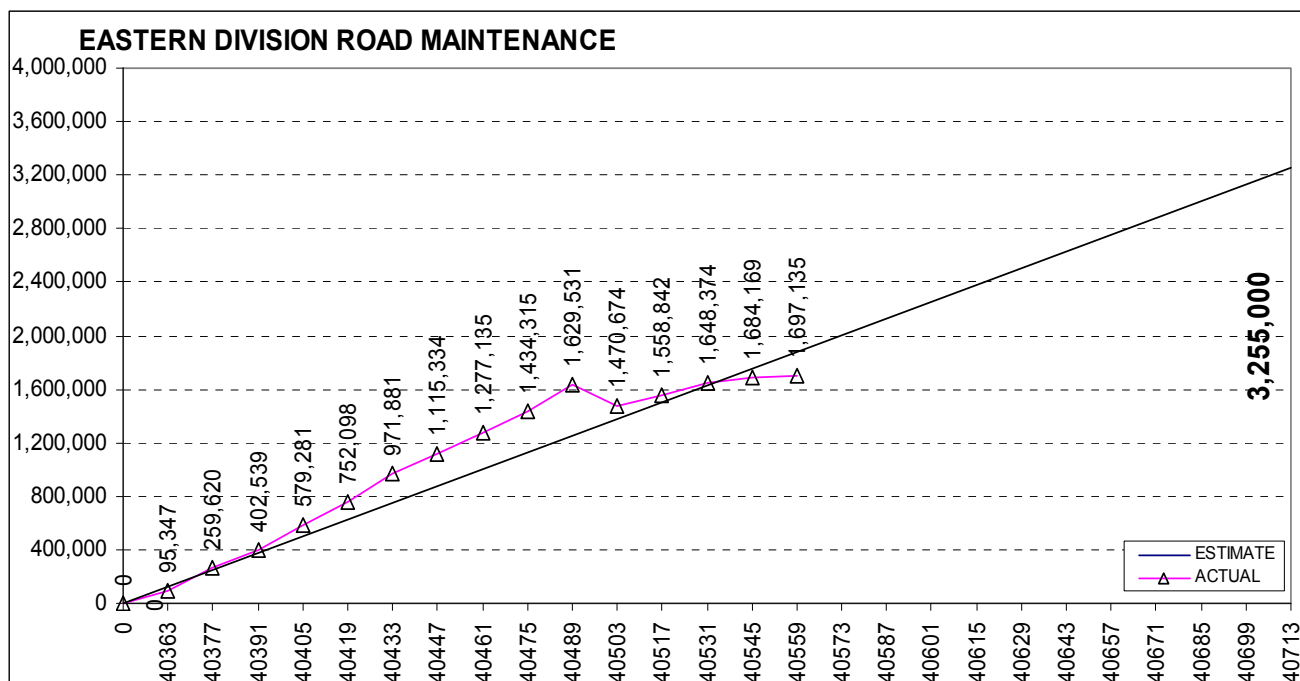
Re: **W11/02/11** Works Department Maintenance Graph – Eastern Division

From: General Manager Works – Eastern Division - GC Ingham

File: WR94/00018

Date: January 20th 2011

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



W11/02/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

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

Carried

7/4

Works Cost Statement – Eastern Division

WORKS COST STATEMENT

W12/02/11 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

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

Carried

SECTION 8: WORKS EASTERN DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS

General Manager Works – Eastern Division – Mr G Ingham left the meeting at 10.15am.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.15am.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The meeting resumed at 10.34am.

Mr Ed French - Parks Manager entered the meeting at 10.34am.

Cr I.T. Petersen was not present when the meeting resumed at 10.34am and returned at 10.36am.

SECTION 9: WORKS - PARKS

9/1 Parks Monthly Report

Re: **W13/02/11** Parks Monthly Report – December 2010 & January 2011

From: Parks Manager – Ed French

File:

Date: 24 January 2011

Report: (Parks Manager – Ed French)

Parks maintenance works

Continued rainfall in December and flood related works in January have significantly affected the delivery of services throughout the region. Contractors have been engaged to assist with the maintenance of parks and verges, and the short term use of other Works & Lands Protection staff has also been beneficial in improving the situation.

Parks maintenance budgets will be severely impacted by the favourable growing conditions experienced in the first 6 months of the financial year and the recent flood events.

Flood related works

Recent flooding and heavy rainfall events have disrupted normal Parks operational works with the majority of resources diverted from maintenance works to preparation for floods, assistance to other Council sections as required and flood clean-up and restoration work.

Preparation for the floods, involving removal of threatened equipment such as barbecues, electrical switchboards, gas bottles, furniture, tools, fertilizers, maintenance equipment and fittings from Albert Park, One Mile and Lake Alford

involved the majority of the Parks staff for approximately 5 days. Parks staff also assisted with the placement of road signs during the flood event.

The clean-up and primary restoration has involved the same resources for approximately two weeks, with contractors undertaking electrical & gas equipment re-connection/installations, and assisting with pressure cleaning of furniture, shelters and paths. Additional high pressure cleaners and wash down units were hired to improve outcomes.

The assistance of Army personnel for one day was greatly appreciated.

At the time of writing this report, some works still remain to be completed including re-connection of electricity to some parks, re-installation of barbecues, irrigation controllers and other equipment. Weather and availability of contractors permitting, it is expected that the majority of services and facilities will be as per normal by mid-February.

Restorative works to garden beds, replacement of a number of small trees and replacement of destroyed equipment and facilities will take a longer period of time and will be undertaken as resources permit. Whilst some of these costs may be able to be claimed under Disaster Relief funding, much will need to be allocated from Parks Maintenance budgets. This will put further pressure on these budgets.

Christmas Decorations

As reported to the December 2010 Works Committee Meeting, investigations will be undertaken to look at alternative and /or additional measures or fixtures to increase the placement of decorations throughout the region and possibly improve the presentation within the Gympie CBD precinct without increasing costs. If resources permit, these investigations will be undertaken prior to the 2011-12 budget deliberations.

Approval from Main Roads to locate the new banner poles in Kilkivan and Goomeri on road reserve was not given as a secondary intent of the poles is to display banners promoting significant local events of regional significance. This is ruled as advertising by Main Roads and is therefore not permitted.

Whilst the locations where the banner poles do not provide the high visibility the desired locations would have provided, they will still give an opportunity to publicise events and Council. Discussions are underway with relevant Council departments to promote the appropriate use of the two sites.

Parks Capital Works

Memorial Rotunda Gympie

Staff are presently awaiting supply of light fittings and installation of same.

Improvements to One Mile Ovals

Awaiting project scope/design.

Removal of old Nelson Reserve Toilets

The shelter has been ordered and will be installed and associated works completed when resources permit, now likely to be in March or April due to other commitments and resources allocated to the flood repairs.

Lake Alford Parking Improvements

The final layer of asphalt still to be laid when resources permit, likely to be further delayed due to flood damage repair works.

Lake Alford All Abilities Playground project

Wet weather and recent flood events have affected the delivery of this project. Some damage from the flood was experienced in the form of some wash outs of garden beds and prepared embankments, undermining of concrete paths and the loss of some soft fall through contamination.

Whilst works have resumed on the site, some contractors/suppliers have been affected by the floods throughout south east Queensland and this will have an affect on the project.

Until further information is available from affected contractors/suppliers, a revised completion date can not be advised. However, the project remains a priority to complete as soon as possible.

Lake Alford Upgrade of potable water, electricity and irrigation water supply.

Completion of this project awaits the delivery of light fittings and brackets. The provision of 3-phase power on the Lighthouse Oval will require allocation of funding under future programmes.

W13/02/11 Moved: Cr J Watt

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

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

Carried

9/2	Works Cost Statement – Parks
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WORKS COST STATEMENT

W14/02/11 **Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

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

Carried

9/3	Proposed Permanent Closure of Existing Playgrounds at Lake Alford
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Re: **W15/02/11** Proposed permanent closure of existing playgrounds at Lake Alford

From: Parks Manager Ed French

File:

Date: 21 January 2011

Report: (Parks Manager – Ed French)

Overview: Recent flooding and high rainfall events have forced the temporary closure of the two playgrounds at Lake Alford. With the upcoming opening of the All Abilities Playground at Lake Alford, and the provision of a new playground at Gunalda to be completed within the next 6 months, it is fortuitous to consider the relocation of play equipment from the existing Lake Alford playgrounds.

Corp Plan: 1.4, 1.5, 4.1, 4.3

Op Plan: 3.3(v), 3.4(i)

Budget: Parks maintenance budgets, Parks Contributions, RLCIP Funds

Consultation: Engineering staff

Issues: Duplication of facilities within one site limits cost efficiencies, cost of replacing/repairing existing flood/storm damage and replacement of some older pieces of equipment that do not meet required standards. There are cost benefits to be gained by refurbishing suitable play equipment for location in other Council playgrounds.

Risk Analysis: Significant works required to reduce liability to Council and risk to users required prior to re-opening one of the playgrounds and to a lesser extent the other.

Discussion: Recent flooding and heavy rainfall events have caused the closure of both playgrounds at Lake Alford. Investigations have also identified the need to

remove some older play items that do not meet the required Australian Standards for playgrounds.

When open, the new All Abilities playground will provide greater play and recreational value than the two existing playgrounds, although the loss of a play area adjacent to the picnic facilities adjacent to Brisbane Road may be significant to some members of the public.

However, the new facilities will have far better access, parking, public amenities and offer experiences that neither existing playground can. There is also capacity to further expand the range of play equipment and use of the All Abilities site in the future.

There are cost efficiencies in maintaining one large site to a high standard rather than have an additional smaller playground that has a number of ongoing significant issues.

Brisbane Road side playground

This playground is located below the picnic facilities and the Gold Museum. Due to its location, it is prone to flooding from heavy rainfall events and was inundated during the recent flood. Drainage is further compromised by the placement of one drainage pipe that empties in to the playground. A sewer man hole is also located on the edge of the playground.

Whilst recent improvement works have decreased the amount of storm water flowing in to the playground during minor rain events, site conditions dictate that a total rebuild is required to divert stormwater flooding and/or washing out of the soft fall material.

There are a number of pieces of old playground equipment that do not meet relevant Australian Standards. These items need to be removed for disposal or modification.

During the recent flood event, some sewerage from the manhole located in the playground discharged into the playground, contaminating the soft fall. This will require removal prior to the playground being re-opened.

It is likely that the toilets located nearby will require replacement in the following 3 – 5 years as there is very poor access to the building, it is of a poor design and layout, and is more prone to flooding than if it was located at the same height as the adjacent picnic facilities. Relocating to higher level would enable access to the required standards. If the toilets were replaced on a pad constructed higher on the same site, this would also require significant rebuilding of the playground.

There are cost efficiencies and advantages to be gained by removing the equipment and rehabilitating the site as soon as resources permit. Significant resources would be better allocated elsewhere rather than re-opening a playground that requires considerable attention.

Any further development of the site would be investigated as part of the master plan for the park.

Highway side playground

Although this playground had drainage problems prior, recent works and weather conditions have increased the problem resulting in the playground being closed a number of times and for extended periods. Dry hot weather will enable this playground to be opened with only minimal additional soft fall required.

This playground will be closed when the All Abilities playground is opened. Closure now or prior to the All Abilities playground completion will enable selected play equipment to be re-furbished for installation as part of the RLCIP Gunalda playground and park improvements project.

Gunalda Playground improvements

The upgrade of the facilities at the Gunalda Park, to be undertaken with funding from Round 3 of the RLCIP, and Parks Contributions will start within the following 6 weeks or so, weather and resources permitting. The existing playground will be removed entirely and either new or refurbished play equipment, to a standard suitable for a district level park, will be installed.

The refurbishment of play equipment includes powder coating all metal surfaces, upgrading equipment to current relevant Australian Standards and replacement of weathered plastic components. With works undertaken by qualified and experienced persons/companies, the equipment will mostly appear to be new and offer an economic lifetime similar to that of new equipment. For larger playground equipment combinations, it can more cost efficient than purchasing new equipment. In this case it will enable more equipment to be supplied within the allocated project budget and a greater range of activities for the range of age groups of the intended users.

Summary

It is proposed to permanently close the Brisbane Road side playground immediately, remove the equipment and contaminated soft fall and establish grass on the site in the most cost efficient manner. Suitable play equipment pieces would then be immediately available for refurbishment and relocation to Gunalda or for storage until resources permit reallocation to other playgrounds.

It is also proposed that the highway side playground be permanently closed as soon as the play equipment is required for refurbishment for the Gunalda project. This may or may not coincide with the completion and opening of the All Abilities playground. Should weather conditions permit, it may be re-opened prior to this time.

W15/02/11 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman

Seconded: Cr J Watt

Recommend that Council approve the permanent closure of the playground located on the Brisbane Road side of the Lake Alford Recreation area, with suitable equipment to be refurbished and relocated to other parks, including Gunalda Park, as resources and priorities permit, and other equipment to be removed and suitably disposed of.

Further, that Council authorise staff to permanently close the playground located on the highway side of the Lake Alford Recreation Area at a time most suitable to permit the play equipment to be refurbished and installed at the Gunalda Park, other than equipment deemed to be beyond economic repair/refurbishment.

Carried

SECTION 10: WORKS – PARKS – GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Ed French - Parks Manager left the meeting at 10.49am.

Mr G Curry – General Manager Works Western Division entered the meeting at 10.49am.

Cr J. Watt left the meeting at 10.49am.

SECTION 11: WORKS – WESTERN DIVISION

11/1 Works Cost Statement – Western Division

WORKS COST STATEMENT

W16/02/11 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

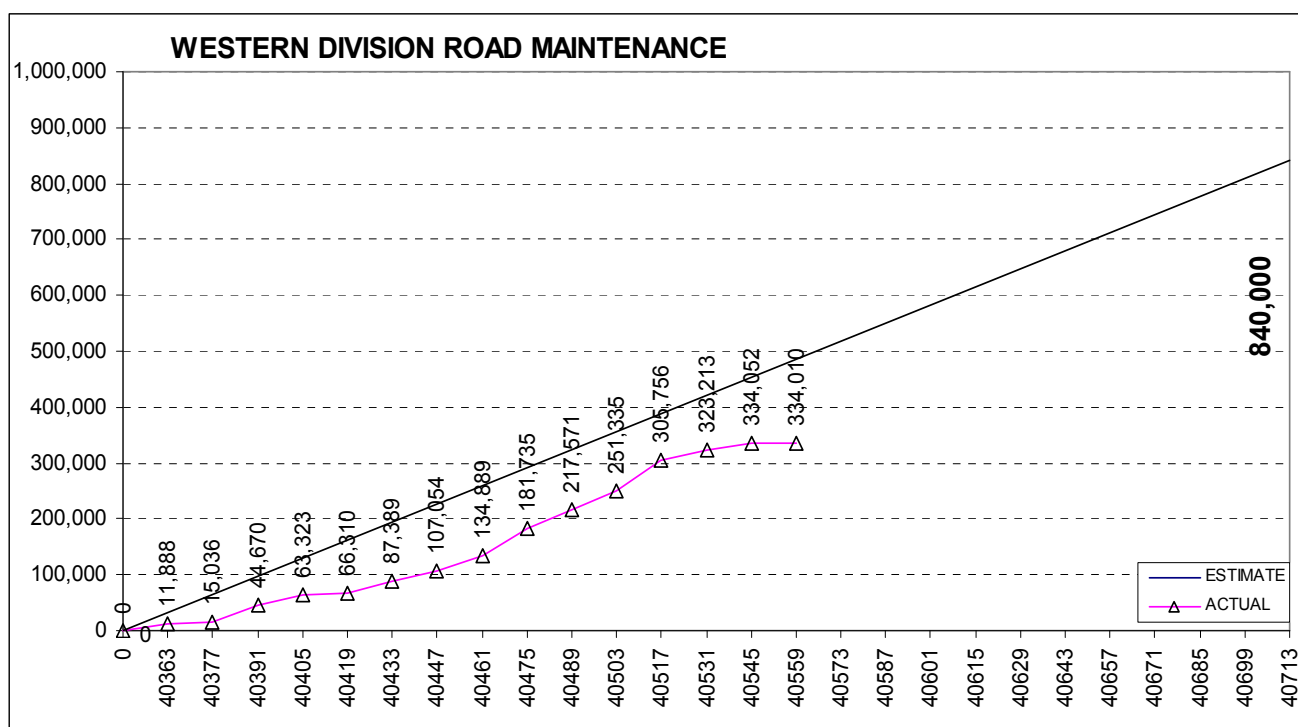
Recommend that the Road Maintenance, Road Construction and Road Contribution sections (Western Division) of the Works Cost Statement, as presented, be received.

Carried

11/2 Works Department Maintenance Graph
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Re: **W17/02/11** Works Department Maintenance Graph
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – GG Curry
File: WR94/00018
Date: January 20th 2011

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



W17/02/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

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

Carried

11/3	Road Maintenance Report – Western Division
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Re: **W18/02/11** Road Maintenance Report – Western Division
 From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry
 File:
 Date: 24 January 2011

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

Significant rain fell in the area on 7 & 11 January resulting in Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Assistance measures being activated from the 7 January. Significant damage has been done to many roads in the Western Division, with staff working on many fronts to provide access to residents.

W18/02/11 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the Report be received.

Carried

11/4	Extension of S135 Bus Route
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Re: **W19/02/11** Extension of S135 Bus Route
From: Julie Cunningham, "Wannaroo" 24 Zillmann Road, Tansey Qld 4601
File: 4/8/7/5-4 Doc # 1472120
Date: 10 December 2010

"Our Conveyance Committee/Parent Group proposes to submit an application to Queensland Transport for an extension to our Bus route.

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

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

*Name of Bus Operator – HK, MF & AK Dascombe
Number of adult seats on bus – 30*

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

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

Overview:	Request to extend a school bus route in the Tansey area
Corporate Plan:	2.1, 4.3
Operational Plan:	2.1
Budget:	Road Capital & Maintenance
Consultation:	Nil
Issues:	a) Road user safety b) Road funding limitations
Risks:	a) Council's policy sets out criteria for school bus route assessment b) To ensure that roads approved for school bus route are trafficable under most conditions.

The Conveyance Committee are requesting that approximately 1.6 km of Watchbox Road be added to the existing bus route.

Council's policy regarding new school bus routes requires consideration of the following,

- ability of a bus and commercial vehicle to comfortably pass at any point
- ability of the road to remain trafficable
- location of the turnaround, and
- cost of upgrading

The applicants propose to turn the bus within a widening in the road reserve near the intersection with Heathcote Road.

W19/02/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the Bus Conveyance Committee be advised that Council would not object to the extension of the Bus route along Watchbox Road.

Carried

11/5	Gympie Sewerage Treatment Plant
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Re: **W20/02/11** Gympie Sewerage Treatment Plant
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G.Curry
File:
Date: 24 January 2011

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

Concrete works to the aerobic digester are complete.

Walls of the Bio reactor are complete.

Concrete works to the anaerobic chamber are complete.

Concrete works to Clarifier No 1 and 2 are complete.

Concrete works to the alum dosing bund and Return Activated Sludge (RAS) pump station are complete.

Construction of the control building has commenced.

Installation of pipelines continues.

Payments to January (GST excl)

Adjusted contract value	\$19 719 329.80
Value of completed to date	\$9 366 775.34
Date for practical completion	9 September 2011
Variations approved in November	Nil

W20/02/11 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that the above Report, as presented, be received.

Carried

Cr J. Watt returned to the meeting at 10.55am.

11/6	Job Construction Report – Western Division
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Re: **W21/02/11** Job Construction Report – Western Division

From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry

File:

Date: 24 January 2011

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

Culvert Replacement Kinbombi Road.

Replacement of two sets of existing culverts with two sets of 1950mm dia concrete pipes and associated roadworks.

Culverts installed and construction of headwalls completed. Back filling of headwalls and earthworks in progress.

Bridge Replacement – Bridge Street,
Replacement of timber bridge with embankment.

Railway line removed. Drainage culverts laid. Embankment complete.
Stormwater pipeline and pits installed. Water main installed. Pavement placed and cold bitumen seal sprayed.

Main Roads Network

Slashing has been undertaken on Wide Bay Highway, Brooweena-Woolooga Road, Bauple-Woolooga Road, Gympie-Woolooga Road and Miva Road.

Pavement repairs have been undertaken on Wide Bay Highway.

W21/02/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

Recommend that the Report be received.

Carried

Cr J.A. Walker left the meeting at 10.56am.

11/7	Report on Waste Projects
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Re: **W22/02/11** Report on Waste Projects
From: General Manager Works – Western Division – G.G. Curry
File:
Date: 24 January 2011

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

Bonnick Road

Installation of 2100mm dia reinforced concrete pipeline bypassing the landfill is complete. The trunk sewer in the vicinity of the stormwater pipeline is complete. Filling of the transfer station and hardstand has commenced.

Installation of stormwater culverts associated with the transfer station roadworks is complete.

Siteworks have ceased and design has stalled pending an MCU application. Information Request has been received from the Assessment Manager.

Cooloola Cove Transfer Station

Information requests have been received from the Assessment Manager and Concurrence Agency. DERM have reimbursed Council for part of the land purchase.

W22/02/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that the Report be received.

Carried

11/8	Request for Temporary Road Closure
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Re: **W23/02/11** Request for Temporary Road Closure
From: Brisbane Sporting Car Club Limited, PO Box 3529, South Brisbane BC Qld 4101
File: Doc # 1473747
Date: 14 December 2010

Dear Ken

RE: Goodyear AutoCare Gallangowan 2010 – 25th and 26th February 2010

Due to adverse weather conditions, the above mentioned event which was scheduled on 3rd & 4th December had to be postpone and shall be running the event on the above dates and therefore We wish to re-apply for the closure of the roads indicated below for the running of the aforementioned event.

Brimms Road	Friday 25th February	1200 hrs to 1800 hrs
	Saturday 26th February	1200 hrs to Midnight
Tower Road	Friday 25th February	1200 hrs to 1800hrs
	Saturday 26th February	1200 hrs to Midnight
Boundary Road	Friday 25th February	1200 hrs to 1800hrs
	Saturday 26th February	1100 hrs to Midnight
Coolamon Rd (Tellamy Rd to Kinbombie)	Saturday 26th February	1300 hrs to Midnight
Tellamy Rd	Saturday 26th February	1200 hrs to Midnight
Gallaghers Road	Saturday 26 th February	1100 hrs to 1400 hrs
Porters Road	Friday 25th February	1200 hrs to 1800 hrs
	Saturday 26th February	1100 hrs to Midnight
Kinbombie Road	Saturday 26th February	1730 hrs to Midnight
Manumbar Rd (70m between Kinbombie Road and Brimms Road)	Saturday 26th February	1730 hrs to Midnight
Tower Rd, Mortimor Rd, Williams Rd	Friday 25th February	1200 hrs to 1800 hrs
	Saturday 26th February	1200 hrs to 1800 hrs
Jimmy's Scrub Rd	Saturday 26th February	1200 hrs to 1800 hrs

This event is a favourite amongst the Rally Community and is also the final round of the Queensland Rally Championship, Clubman Rally Series, Pocket Rocket, and Excel Series. The event has grown in recent years and we are extending some of our event's activities to the Friday giving competitors an opportunity to test and tune their vehicles and skills on Friday before competition begins on the Saturday. We will also be conducting a "Come and Try Rally" which will give people an opportunity to have a "taste" of rallying. Friday's session will be controlled with all of the safety implementations of an event in place with Medical Assistance on site.

This event will once again be run under the auspices of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport carrying all respective insurance and approvals from Police and Qld Forestry Parks. We are expecting approximately 50 cars will compete in this event with over 250 people using the facilities at Gallangowan Forest Oval. Local clubs will benefit significantly from the influx of people to the area. Medical Personnel will be in attendance for the event.

The Club is in the process of moving to new premises, so it may be more convenient to send any correspondence to my home address:-

8 Quailglen Court
Ferry Grove QLD 4055

Or Fax 07 3351 1224

We hope that you will look favourably on our application and await your early reply.

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

Overview:	Request to temporarily close roads during the rally
Corporate Plan:	1.3, 2.1
Operational Plan:	2.1
Budget:	Road Maintenance
Consultation:	Nil
Issues:	a) Loss of amenity for landowners b) Potential liability should an incident occur
Risks:	a) Amenity loss is likely to be low due to short timeframe and can be managed by notification and road maintenance b) Liability can be managed by requiring the organisation to have appropriate insurance

A similar request was discussed at Council's meeting of 5 October 2010 (W22/10/10) but the rally did not proceed due to inclement weather.

Brimms, Porters, Kinbombi, and Manumbar Roads are included in Council's Road Asset Register. Brimms and Porters Roads have been approved and used in previous rallies.

The section of Manumbar Road requested for closure is very short and is unlikely to cause problems.

Based on the maps provided, it appears that Brisbane Sporting Car Club Limited are requesting closure of some 4km of Kinbombi Road.

Brisbane Sporting Car Club Limited have included A Flat Road on their maps as part of Coolamon Road.

W23/02/11 Moved: Cr J Watt

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that Council approve temporary closure and the use of Brimms, Porters, Kinbombi, Manumbar Road and A Flat Road for the Goodyear Autocare Gallangowan 2010, subject to

- a) Police approval being obtained**
- b) All landowners potentially affected being notified**
- c) Arrangements being made for emergency assess for all landowners**
- d) Public liability insurance to the value of \$20 million is to be arranged by the organisers.**

Further that the Brisbane Sporting Car Club be advised that Tower Road, Boundary Road, Coolamon Road, Tellany Road, Gallagher's Road, Mortimor Road, Williams Road and Jimmy's Scrub Road are roads under the jurisdiction of others.

Carried

Cr J.A. Walker returned to the meeting at 10.59am.

SECTION 12: WORKS WESTERN DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr G Curry – General Manager Works Western Division left the meeting at 11.04am.

Land Protection Manager – Mr B Curley entered the meeting at 11.04am.

SECTION 13: WORKS – LAND PROTECTION

13/1 Land Protection Monthly Report

Re: **W24/02/11** Land Protection Monthly Report
From: Land Protection Manager B Curley
File:
Date: 25 January 2011

Report: (Land Protection Manager – B Curley)

General

Lands Protection work has been impacted due to significant flooding throughout the region. Lands Protection staff have been assisting with clean-up efforts with Parks and Gardens and maintenance sections of Council.

Declared Pest Plant Management

Weather permitting, spray crews have been targeting Class 2 pest weeds on roadsides including Giant Rat's Tail Grass and Mother of Millions throughout the region.

Lands Protection staff are continuing to work on 'Element 5' (declared weeds on Main Roads) work. This work will continue over coming months. Priorities will be on controlling Class 2 weeds and some environmental weeds, depending on Main Roads funding.

Lands Protection staff have continued inspecting properties for Giant Rat's Tail grass, Groundsel, Parthenium and other declared pests within the region. Warning letters have been forwarded to stakeholders with identified declared pests encouraging voluntary compliance, with Lands Protection Staff following up on re-inspections as part of the process. On going wet weather has restricted access throughout the region.

Biosecurity Queensland has recently declared three species of Ginger in Queensland, these being:

- Yellow Ginger (*Hedychium flavescens*) as Class 1;
- White Ginger (*Hedychium coronarium*) as Class 3; and
- Kahili Ginger (*Hedychium gardnerianum*) as Class 3.

Declared Pest Animal Management

Lands Protection Staff will continue to facilitate 1080 baiting programs with the syndicate coordinators and individual land holders throughout the region.

Land holders capturing rabbits utilising Council loaned cage traps for Lands Protection staff to inject with calicivirus and release is continuing to be undertaken in a number of locations around the region.

Community Engagement

Lands Protection Manager has continued liaising with Department of Infrastructure and Planning (DIP) representatives in relation to declared weeds management on DIP lands in the Mary Valley area. A list of priority properties and weeds (as determined by Council's Lands Protection staff) has been forwarded to DIP. DIP representatives have outlined their intentions to undertake Class 2 declared weeds management in two stages. The first being to address 'high priority properties' as soon as possible and the second stage will involve DIP engaging a suitably skilled person to engage and manage contractor/s to chemically control the Class 2 declared weeds on DIP managed lands in coming months.

DIP representatives have expressed their willingness to continue to work cooperatively with Council's Lands Protection Unit to achieve mutually agreeable weed management outcomes. Lands Protection Manager will continue to liaise with DIP representatives and will continue to update Council at future meetings.

W24/02/11 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr J Watt

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

Further that the matter of the spread of various noxious weeds due to the wide spread flooding be referred to the Mayor for discussion with relevant Government Departments.

Carried

13/2	Rabbit Populations
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Re: **W25/02/11** Rabbit Populations

From: Joshua Cooney, Principal Policy Advisor, Office of the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability, GPO Box 2454, Brisbane Qld 4001

File: 4/5/10-1 Doc # 1475440

Date: 10 January 2011

"Thank you for your letter of 17 November 2010 concerning rabbit populations in State forests and national parks in the Gympie Regional Council area. The Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability has asked me to respond on her behalf."

I am advised that the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) has received unconfirmed reports of small rabbit colonies on the boundaries of some State forests in the Gympie area.

Local QPWS staff are currently investigating the reports further and, if there are colonies present, will work with Council and neighbouring landholders to manage the issue. I encourage Council officers to contact QPWS staff based at the Gympie office if there are pest matters that are of concern to them.

Pest management is a major focus of QPWS conservation management. In the Sunshine Coast Burnett region, approximately \$50,000 is allocated during the current financial year for specific pest management projects targeting foxes, pig, wild dogs and high priority weeds. In addition, rangers conduct ongoing pest management activities as part of their operational activities.

The Minister thanks you for bringing this matter to her attention and hopes this information is of assistance. Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Mr Mick Cubis, Operations Manager, Sunshine Coast Burnett Region of the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service on telephone 5459 6110."

Report: (Lands Protection Manager – B Curley)

Overview: Council wrote to Department of Resource Management (DERM) W24/11/10 Requesting DERM to take urgent action with management of Rabbits on State Land. DERM have forwarded a reply letter.

W25/02/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr R.J. Dyne

Recommend that the Report, as presented, be received and Councils Land Protection Officer contact QPWS staff in the Gympie Office regarding rabbit infestations within the region.

Carried

13/3	Proposed Feral Deer Management Strategy
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Re: **W26/02/11** Proposed Feral Deer Management Strategy
From: Land Protection Manager - B Curley
File: 4-5-14-4
Date: 25/01/2011

Report: (Lands Protection Manager – B Curley)

Overview: Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) have written to Council inviting the Council to provide feedback on the draft 'Feral Deer

Management Strategy 2010-2015' strategy. This draft is also available for public comment. Submissions closed on the 21st January 2011. The Lands Protection Manager has gained approval for GRC to provide feedback (via email) directly after the February 'Works & Services Committee Services Meeting', should Council wish to provide comment.

Corp Plan: 3.1, 3.2
Op Plan: 3.1(iii)
Budget: Lands Protection budget.

Issues: This Draft strategy, in section '1.1.4 Legislation', outlines the current obligations of land holders and local governments and also outlines deer species and their respective class of declaration under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*. These legislative obligations have been in place since 2009 and this strategy does not propose any alterations to these existing legal obligations. This draft strategy has instigated community interest and some GRC land holders/residents have raised their concerns regarding the intent and possible impacts that the strategy may facilitate. This Draft strategy has been developed by Biosecurity Queensland with consultation from key stakeholders, including Local Governments throughout Queensland. Interest groups have been active and vocal regarding this proposed strategy. Some community members/property owners in Gympie Regional Council area have voiced their opposition to the proposed strategy. Council has received four letters requesting Council to generally 'not support' the proposed strategy. 'Research Into Deer Genetics and Environment Incorporated' (R.I.D.G.E. Inc.) has released an 'alternative strategy' and have organised a series of meetings

Risk Analysis:

- (a) Council does not provide comment to the proposed strategy, therefore Council will not have the capacity to influence the document;
- (b) Council provides comment and there may be some stakeholders which will disagree with Council's comments

Discussion:

The draft strategy lists 'desired outcomes' which includes:

- "2. Feral deer are managed effectively";
- "Strategy 4: Manage feral deer with regard to local circumstances and conditions" and;
- "Strategy 5: Encourage, prepare and implement feral deer planning at local government, catchment and property levels that is compatible with state and national plans, and ensure that agencies with legislated responsibilities are empowered and resourced"

Vision statement is: *To minimise the impact of feral deer on the environment, economy and social amenity of Queensland.*

Contained within the consultation draft 'Feral deer management strategy 2010 – 2015', is a list of four questions that Biosecurity Queensland would like comments on. These questions are and proposed responses to these questions are listed below with proposed GRC responses:

Question 1: *Will the proposed strategic actions adequately address the challenges to feral deer management in Queensland? If not, what further actions are required?*

Feral deer are defined appropriately in sections 1.1.1, as there may be property owners within Queensland that keep ‘farmed deer’ in deer-proof enclosures that may be currently concerned that this proposed strategy will not allow them to keep these deer on their land/s. It also outlines the necessity for integration into other ‘Pest Management Plans’ (including Local Council’s Pest Management Plan), which is important to allow for ‘local circumstances’ (Strategy 4 – on page 16).

Question 2: *What obstacles can you identify that will limit the effectiveness of the strategy? Can you suggest ways the strategy could address these obstacles?*

Likely obstacles may be engaging all land holders in active feral deer management and difficulty with managing deer in peri-urban areas, there may also be some misunderstandings/ misconceptions of what constitutes ‘reasonable feral deer management actions’. In most circumstances, Council would consider that property holders that regularly engage shooters/hunters (recreational and/or professional) to humanely destroy deer on their land would be considered meeting their legal obligations under legislations and plans that Council currently implements. Considerations to lease agreements (where applicable) and impacts on neighbouring properties and environmentally significant areas may also be necessary for Council to consider in relation to appropriate pest management actions by land holders. Some land holders may not wish to undertake control measures with feral deer on their land.

An educational approach outlined in this strategy to help land holders understand the full impacts of deer (resource use and potential disease carriers – as outlined in section 1.1.5 Impacts). One of the reasons to implement proactive deer management on lands is to reduce the risk of potential disease spread in the event of an exotic disease being introduced.

Question 3: *What are the strengths of the strategy? Are these strengths fully utilised in the strategy?*

This strategy identifies the roles of key stakeholders. Their willingness to implement feral Deer management may vary between individual stakeholders, but with an ongoing cooperative approach, all stakeholders should be more compelled to take some management action. Outlines current legal obligations local governments and land holders for management of feral deer species. One strength in the proposed strategy is the inclusion of a wide variety of stakeholders during the consultation and developmental phases of the proposed strategy (which includes ‘Research Into Deer Genetics and Environment Incorporated’ (R.I.D.G.E. Inc.) and local governments).

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move large distances to 'get away' from predatory pressures, including shooters. Ongoing research into effective and efficient trapping, baiting and biological control methods would be beneficial for developing improved methods for managing deer. There is currently considerable difficulties with managing deer within peri-urban environments, which is a developing problem within the Gympie Regional Council area.

W26/02/11 Moved: Cr J Watt

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

Recommend that the Council responds to Biosecurity Queensland addressing the four questions as requested by Biosecurity Queensland as follows.

Question 1: *Will the proposed strategic actions adequately address the challenges to feral deer management in Queensland? If not, what further actions are required?*

The strategic actions adequately address the challenges to feral deer management in Queensland. The definition of feral deer in the strategy rightly covers likely scenarios within our region.

Feral deer are defined appropriately in sections 1.1.1, as there may be property owners within Queensland that keep 'farmed deer' in deer-proof enclosures that may be currently concerned that this proposed strategy will not allow them to keep these deer on their land/s. It also outlines the necessity for integration into other 'Pest Management Plans' (including Local Council's Pest Management Plan), which is important to allow for 'local circumstances' (Strategy 4 – on page 16).

Question 2: *What obstacles can you identify that will limit the effectiveness of the strategy? Can you suggest ways the strategy could address these obstacles?*

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Carried

SECTION 14: WORKS – LAND PROTECTION – GENERAL BUSINESS

Land Protection Manager – Mr B Curley left the meeting at 11.30am.

Mr I Schiefelbein – General Manager Water & Sewerage entered the meeting at 11.30am

SECTION 15: WATER & SEWERAGE DIVISION
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15/1	Works Cost Statement – Water & Sewerage
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WORKS COST STATEMENT

W27/02/11 **Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

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

Carried

Cr G.L. Engeman left the meeting at 11.30am and returned at 11.35am.

15/2	Flood Report – January 2011
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Re: **W28/02/11** Flood Report – January 2011
From: General Manager – Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein
File:
Date: 19 January 2011

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

The major flood in Gympie from 7 to 14 January 2011 caused some disruption and damage to the operation of Council's water and sewerage systems.

An investigation and review of Council's Flood Management Plan with respect to water and sewerage operations has been undertaken.

When Council became aware of the potential of a major flood action was taken to progressively remove equipment that was going to be inundated. This work was carried out tirelessly over the weekend by dedicated employees and local electrical tradepersons. As the flood peak passed the equipment was progressively reinstalled.

Machinery and manpower was deployed as much as possible throughout the Gympie Regional Council area so that repairs could be actioned as quickly as possible (if required) when access was cut.

Damage to Council's Water/Sewerage Facilities

Some damage was unavoidable. The extent of damage is detailed below:

1. Kilkivan Showground Bore switchboard telemetry and building was damaged by floodwaters.
2. Kilkivan Running Creek Bore was damaged.
3. Landslip behind the Kilkivan reservoir.
4. Kilkivan Wide Bay Creek river pump switchboard damaged.
5. Kilkivan Water Harvesting Storage fence washed away.
6. Goomeri Sewage Treatment Plant fence washed away.
7. Washouts and water damage throughout the Regional Council area.

Total costs of damage and extra work is expected to be in the order of \$75,000.00. These extra costs will be funded from Council's Water and Sewerage Maintenance budget. An insurance claim will be made for some of the above costs.

Disruptions to Operations

When the floodwaters were above the sewage pump stations the power was cut by Energex and operation stopped. This resulted in some overflows which were reported to DERM (EPA). Some of the equipment was then removed. Clean up was carried out once the flood receded. There was no disruption to any of Council's sewage treatment plants.

Operation of the Imbil Water treatment plant was affected by power cuts. Operation of the Kandanga, Imbil and Amamoor water treatment plants was affected by both dirty raw water quality and operational access. However drinking water quality was not disrupted and supply was maintained throughout the flood event. Council's radio telemetry networks remained operation allowing Council officers to monitor water levels at reservoirs.

System Improvements

After a review the following improvements are recommended to minimise risks.

1. While the Flood Management Plan worked well the plan needs upgrading to include recently constructed infrastructure and incorporation into Council's management systems.
2. It is possible to upgrade the Imbil, Kandanga and Amamoor water treatment plants to automatically or remotely backwash. This would allow normal operation when access to the plants is restricted by floodwaters.
3. The major sewage pump station in Gympie relies on effective sealing to prevent substantial damage by floodwaters when major floods are in progress. These seals have failed in the past. A system of remote pumping or air injection would reduce the possibility of damage.

W28/02/11 Moved: Cr R.J. Dyne

Seconded: Cr J Watt

Recommend that the system improvements indicated in this report be investigated and implemented where appropriate.

Carried

15/3	Projects in Progress
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Re: **W29/02/11** Projects in Progress
From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein
File:
Date: 19 January 2011

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

SEWERAGE

1 Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant

Construction of the treatment plant by the contractor QCGC is in process. Construction work has now recommenced after the Christmas break. Investigation work for an effluent irrigation scheme has commenced.

2. Old Imbil Road Pump Station and G12 Rising Main

Work by Council on the sewage pump station upgrade in Old Imbil Road has commenced. At this stage construction of the pump station and rising main have been delayed because of other work commitments. Extension of the sewer pressure main along Hilton Road will be completed prior to the resurfacing of the road.

3. Heather Street/Timothy Court Sewerage

Design is complete for the provision of sewerage to the Johnstone Road/Heather Street and Timothy Court areas. Consultation with property owners has been completed. Tenders have been called for construction of the sewer reticulation.

4. Tin Can Bay Pump Station Upgrade

Work on the upgrading of three (3) sewage pump stations in Tin Can Bay is well advanced. The work includes increasing the size of pump wells, providing duplicated pumps and upgrading of system control/alarms. The three (3) pump wells are complete. Work has been suspended due to wet weather and other priorities.

5. Groundwater Road Sewage Pump Station (Sigma, Aspect Development)

Work on construction of a sewage pump station to service the Sigma Development has commenced.

WATER

6. Jones Hill Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

Upgrade of the filtration system at Jones Hill Treatment Plant is complete and fully operational. Construction of the chemical storage bunding has been arranged and work is planned to commence in January. Roadworks upgrading for access purposes is planned to commence in February. Design is proceeding for the chemical system/sludge upgrading works.

7. Fluoridation Plants

Work on the construction of the fluoridation systems for Cooloola Cove/Tin Can Bay and Gympie Water Treatment Plants is substantially complete. Installation of fluoridation equipment is complete. Commissioning and commencement of operation was delayed until late in January.

8. Bore Investigation (Gympie)

A bore is planned to be constructed and pump tested. The work has been delayed by the Contractor due to a high work load and floods.

9. Water Meter Replacement Program

Water meters have been purchased for commencement of the water meter replacement program for Gympie and the Cooloola Coast.

W29/02/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

Recommend that the Report be received.

Carried

15/4	Trade Waste Environmental Management Plan
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Re: **W30/02/11** Trade Waste Environmental Management Plan

From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein

File:

Date: 20 January 2011

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

A review has been undertaken of Council's Trade Waste Environmental Management Plan (Trade Waste Policy). The management plan has been modified to incorporate and reflect current legislation. The technical content of the Cooloola Shire Council Trade Waste Environment Management Plan, on which the document is based, is unchanged.

The Trade Waste Environmental Management Plan provides a mechanism to monitor and control the discharge of tradewaste (not domestic sewage) into the sewerage system.

Refer Attachment 3

W30/02/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

Recommend that Council adopt the Gympie Regional Council Trade Waste Environmental Plan as presented.

Carried

15/5	Relocation of Sewer in Gympie
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Re: **W31/02/11** Relocation of Sewer in Gympie

From: General Manager Water & Sewerage – I Schiefelbein

File: 4-9-6-3

Date: 20 January 2011

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

The owner of a property in Gympie which is made up of two adjacent allotments has contacted Council with respect to provision of sewerage. One of the properties has a house the other is vacant. The owner has requested that sewer located on the vacant allotment be relocated so that he can build a house on that allotment.

Investigation indicates that in addition to the sewer there is a combined house drain on the vacant property.

The allotment is approximately 22 metres wide and 40 metres long and the sewer goes diagonally through the allotment. There are approximately 60 properties connected to the sewer.

It is considered that in order for a house to be built on the allotment either Council will need to permit the house to be built over the sewer or the sewer relocated clear of the house site. Because of the limited depth of the downstream sewer a relocation would still place the sewer at a location where there is some restriction on future house construction.

Both properties were purchased in 1974 at which time the sewer had already been constructed ie the sewer was constructed prior to purchase of the land.

W31/02/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

Recommend that Council advise the owner that:

- 1. Council is prepared to share the cost of relocation of the existing sewer upon provision of a satisfactory house design and site plan by the applicant.**

Carried

SECTION 16: WATER & SEWERAGE DIVISION – GENERAL BUSINESS
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SECTION 17: ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1:	Works Cost Statement
Attachment 2:	Traffic Advisory Committee Record of 6 December 2011 – Item 5/1
Attachment 3:	GRC Trade Waste Environmental Plan – Item 15/4

SECTION 18: GENERAL BUSINESS:

7th Annual Australian Roads Summit

Re: **W32/02/11** 7th Annual Australian Roads Summit
From: Cr Larry Friske
File:
Date: 28 January 2011

Registrations and accommodation required for 2 delegates to attend the 2011 7th Annual Australian Roads Summit to be held in Brisbane on 9 & 10 March 2011.

Cost is Registration \$3590 and accommodation \$492.10.

Approval is sought from Council, for Cr Friske and the Director of Engineering to attend the Summit.

W32/02/11 Moved: Cr R.J. Dyne

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

Recommend that Cr L Friske (Works Chairman) and Mr R Fredman (Director of Engineering Services) or his delegate attend the 2011 7th Annual Australian Roads Summit in Brisbane on 9 and 10 March 2011.

Carried

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

The Chairman advised the meeting that Council was going “Into Committee” to discuss a staff matter.

W33/02/11 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

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

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

Carried

COUNCIL OUT OF COMMITTEE

W34/02/11 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr J Watt

That proceedings be resumed in Open Council.

Carried

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.00pm

CONFIRMED THIS FIRST DAY OF MARCH 2011.

Cr L.J. Friske
Chairperson