



MINUTES
of the
GENERAL MEETING

CHAIRPERSON: Cr R.J. Dyne (Mayor)

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

**On Wednesday 11 August 2010
At 9:00 am**

Gympie Regional Council **GENERAL**

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

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The meeting commenced at 9:00 am.

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

Also in attendance were Chief Executive Officer (Mr K.A. Mason), and Minutes Clerk (Mrs D Shaw).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS

General Meeting:

G30/07/10 Cr I.T. Petersen declared a Material Personal Interest

Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting:

F13/07/10 Cr J.A. Walker, Cr A.J. Perrett and Cr G.L Engeman
declared a Conflict of Interest

F26/07/10 Cr J.A. Walker declared a Conflict of Interest

F27/07/10 Cr J.A. Walker declared a Conflict of Interest

Planning & Development Committee Meeting:

P02/08/10 Cr I.T. Petersen declared a Material Personal Interest

SECTION 1: OPEN WITH PRAYER

Pastor Rick Roberts of Christian Family Church offered a Prayer for the advancement of the Region and the true welfare of its people.

One minute's silence was observed for deceased Gympie Region residents.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G42/07/10 That Cr Julie Walker be granted a leave of absence from meetings between 29 July 2010 and 19 August 2010 due to personal reasons.

SECTION 2: APOLOGIES

Nil

SECTION 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

G01/08/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

That the Minutes of the Gympie Regional Council General Meeting held on 28 July 2010 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

SECTION 4: PETITIONS

4/1 Petition – 80 km Speeding Approval on Hooper's Road, Curra

Re: Petition – 80 km Speeding Approval on Hooper's Road, Curra
 From: 61 Gympie Region Residents
 File:
 Date: 4 August 2010
 Reference:

"1. In the last four years, due to rapid housing development and increase population, by uncontrolled/unsupervised, "ad hoc" destruction of large areas of vegetation/forests, by increased road kills of our beautiful, much loved, wildlife (legacy of speeding cars) and the wheels of mighty thundering/speeding semi-trailer shattering the foundation of our houses, degrading a poorly maintained road, to pot holes, Hooper's Road and its surrounding environment is transformed into ordinary, bleak residential area. Our living environment further deterioration is also helped by Councils, recent, June 2010, speed limit approval from 60 km/hr to 80 km/hr!!

2. The Hooper's Road Petitioners response to the Council above mentioned decision:

NO residents were consulted regarding the speed limit change. When question asked (via phone), the Council members response was that, due to high number of speeding cars, (average 84-86 km/hr) on the 60 km/hr road, the Council decided to increase the speed limit!!!! It was unbelievable, I had to ask the member of the Council to repeat his statement!

*Conclusion: the speeding, road-rage, law disregarding, dangerous drivers are **supported by the Council!** We humble, law obliging citizens are ???**NOT IMPORTANT.***

*What is the explanation for 90 km/hr on **AI National Road**, just 5 km down the road from 3rd rate Hooper's Rd., with 80 km/hr?? Why the Council did not alert the Police and demanded their involvement? Where are the "speed bumps"?*

Who allowed the semi-trailers to use a poorly maintained Hooper's Road? When was, if ever, assessed this 3 km long road? Due to width of the road, it is hazardous to give way to each other when driving.

Our mental and emotional strain/stress increased due to worry for the safety of the school children, who are waiting at the road site for the school bus. Exposed, (there are no shelters available for them) to a speeding, maniacal car's....

After school or on holiday's there are no more skating, biking or horse riding kids visible on our road, the positive nurturing environment is gone.

Dogs are not walked anymore (leash was used by us in residential areas) along the road, as few residents stated, the speeding cars makes them anxious.!! Specially the builders with their big speeding concrete mixer pushing them from the road side into the dirt and holes. Very stressful!

Where to go? What areas to use? Any ideas?

More and more wild life "road kill's" or near misses are experienced. Many of them became our pets and we care about them a lot. It is devastating seeing them dead on the road side.

Do you care? All of us are asking.

We are all Rate-Payers, anything in return for our hard earned money?

In Summary

Talking to the people, during petition "rounds" was an eye opener. It made me sad that I have to use this kind of communication method with authority and glad because of given opportunity to talk to my neighbours.

During talks, anger, disappointment, not being valued and lack of research and decision making process issues were strongly voiced, contributing it to poor people skills of the Gympie Regional Council and it's members, they, lost the touch with the next door "block".

In a Liberal Democratic system Councillors are our chosen representatives, but never delegated to them an unlimited power in the way to decide what is best for us. We know what is best for us because we live it. Ask and include us. Value our trust in you.

*We want better and safer road on which we will feel safe to drive 60 km/hr only and a support from the Council and **Police to achieve it.!!**"*

G02/08/10

Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Petition be received and referred to a Works & Services Committee Meeting for consideration.

Carried

SECTION 5: ADOPTION OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Cr A.J. Perrett and Cr G.L Engeman declared Conflicts of Interest being patrons of the Mary Valley Show Society, remained in the meeting and abstained from voting.

G03/08/10 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

That the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2010 be received, with the exception of recommendations F32/07/10 and F16/07/10 which are to be withdrawn and dealt with later in the meeting.

Carried

G04/08/10 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

That the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2010 as amended, be adopted.

Carried

Recommendation F32/07/10 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting.

G05/08/10 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

That Recommendation F32/07/10 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2010 be deleted and the following be placed in its stead:

“That an application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Partnerships for approval to sell an area of approximately 1,300m² of land being part of land described as Lot 500 on Plan MCH4844 without going to tender or auction.”

Carried

Recommendation F16/07/10 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting.

G06/08/10 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That Recommendation F16/07/10 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2010 be deleted and the following be placed in its stead:

“that Council apply the policy applicable to not-for-profit groups in relation to the Building Application fee for RSPCA Animal Care Centre at Laureceson Rd, Gympie to construct a storage shed.”

Carried

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

Cr D.R. Neilson presented the following report:

Leases/Dealing with land

The committee recommended that a lease over land at Crescent Road and Wises Road, Gympie be granted to the One Mile Sports Association Inc. The freehold land is currently leased for soccer fields, while the new use will be specified as “recreation – sporting”. The lease will expire in 2027.

Council intends to offer a trustee lease to the Gympie and District Pony Club over land at Queens Park Drive. The Baden Powell Guild will have the right to remove the Scout Hut and Hall once building and planning matters have been resolved. In the meantime, the Pony Club will be entitled to use the buildings and will be responsible for their maintenance. The lease, which is subject to Ministerial consent, will be for 10 years.

Land fronting Brewery Road and Queens Park Drive will also be made available for use as a cross country course by the Pony Club under a Management Agreement. Some of the land will be required by Council for tree planting and possible effluent disposal.

It was recommended that Council allocate a 10 metre wide section of land to provide legal physical access to a block in the vicinity of Ascot Road. In exchange, the applicant will provide power to a block owned by Council and construct the road at no cost to Council.

Financial Assistance

A request from the Kilkivan Lions Club for funding towards an Australia Day breakfast and concert was referred to Council's Australia Day Committee for consideration.

The committee agreed to provide a total of \$2,000 to the Mary Valley Show Society for staging a function in Imbil to coincide with the International Rally of Queensland.

Letters of appreciation were received from the Rainbow Beach Community Centre and Kilkivan Show and Campdraft Assoc Inc for financial assistance received.

Training

The main focus of training in July has been Roadcraft professional driving courses, tender evaluation and contract management refresher training for Safe Working at Heights as required by legislation.

G07/08/10**Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson****Seconded: Cr J. Watt****That the Report be received.****Carried**

SECTION 7: ADOPTION OF WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
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G08/08/10**Moved: Cr L.J. Friske****Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté****That the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 3 August 2010 as presented, be received.****Carried****G09/08/10****Moved: Cr L.J. Friske****Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman****That the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 3 August 2010 be adopted.****Carried**

SECTION 8: REPORT BY THE WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Nil

SECTION 9: ADOPTION OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
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G10/08/10 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 4 August 2010, be received with the exception of P02/08/10 which is to be withdrawn and dealt with later in the meeting.

Carried

G11/08/10 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 4 August 2010 as amended, be adopted.

Carried

Cr I.T. Petersen declared a Material Personal Interest due to being a member of the board of the Cooloola Retirement Village and left the meeting at 9:26 am.

Recommendation P02/08/10 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting.
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G12/08/10 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

That the Recommendation P02/08/10 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 4 August 2010 be received and adopted.

Carried

Cr I.T. Petersen returned to the meeting at 9:27 am

SECTION 10: REPORT BY THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Cr I.T. Petersen presented the following report:

STRATEGIC PLANNING MATTERS

A report from the Heritage Advisory Committee was tabled. It is recommended that an opening day be held for the Tin Can Bay Shelter Shed and Signage Project. It is further recommended that Council liaise with the owners of Miva Station to help progress the celebration of the Station's 150th anniversary.

The committee assessed a material change of use for two commercial developments in Imbil and has made several suggestions in relation to Division 7:4 (Heritage and Character Code).

The Environmental Planning Officer provided an update for the Committee on the weeds brochure, which will be a valuable community awareness brochure.

Rose Wright (University of Southern Cross, Jason Keating (DEEDI) and John Sereni (Tourism Queensland) made a presentation to the Committee seeking a commitment from Council to participate in a series of meetings aimed at reducing planning red tape to facilitate and encourage business development. Our guests are to be commended for their enthusiasm and the effort they are devoting to business development. In many respects they were preaching to the converted as Council is allocating a lot of effort and considerable funding to achieve that aim. If there are any examples of planning considerations impeding business development it is highly unlikely that they are within Council's jurisdiction. We are now working under the WBB State Planning Regulatory Provisions the State imposed Sustainable Planning Act and coincidentally, on the agenda for that meeting day there was advice of 12 impending State Planning Instruments. These will form twelve more pieces of State legislation that Council must impose. The State Government is taking more and more control over the planning process and removing flexibility and Council's discretionary powers. Once again this demonstrates the need for a whole of government approach. Here we have a State Government consultant and representatives from two State Government departments taking a commendable approach to business development via red tape reduction and flexibility while another state government department is doing the opposite.

MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE APPLICATIONS

A Material Change of Use application for multi residential (one additional unit) at South Side was recommended for approval subject to standard conditions. An application for 59 dwelling units in a Community Titles Scheme at Monkland was recommended to be held over pending further discussions with the applicant as to possible alternative uses for the site.

RECONFIGURING A LOT APPLICATIONS

An application for subdivision to create seven additional lots at Mothar Mountain was recommended for preliminary approval subject to provision of an appropriate subdivision layout. Although this application would have little chance of success under the Statutory Regional Plan, it is considered a sound planning outcome on several grounds, and highlights some of the skewed baseline data about which we have been making strong and constant representations.

NEW APPLICATIONS

One new impact assessable and three new code assessable Material Change of Use applications were received. Once again, there were no new impact assessable reconfiguring a lot applications, but two new code assessable reconfiguration applications were received, covering a potential four new lots and an access easement. One operational works application was noted.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Thirteen development applications were approved under delegated authority.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A report was received noting that a Notice of Appeal has been received in relation to the approval of the Stewart Road quarry.

G13/08/10**Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen****Seconded: Cr J. Watt****That the Report be received.****Carried****SECTION 11: OTHER MATTERS****11/1****Areas for Further Assessment (AFA) for the East Marine Region**

Re: **G14/08/10** Areas for Further Assessment(AFA) for the East Marine Region
 From: The Hon Peter Garrett AM MP
 Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts
 File: 6-5-15-2 Doc ID: 1442469
 Date: 26 July 2010
 Reference:

“Thank you for your letter of 22 April 2010 concerning Areas for Further Assessment for the East Marine Region. I appreciated meeting with you in person on 17 June 2010 to discuss your concerns and acknowledge receipt of your most recent letter dated 10 June 2010.

The Australian Government's Marine Bioregional Planning (MBP) program is designed to provide for the conservation and sustainable management of Australia's marine environment. As part of the MBP program, the Australian Government is currently developing new marine protected areas in Commonwealth waters.

Seven areas for further assessment have been identified in the East Marine Region, including an area off the coast of Fraser Island. The Areas for Further Assessment are large areas representative of biodiversity that will be used to assist in the identification of new Commonwealth marine reserves.

The Fraser Area for Further Assessment is adjacent to the Great Sandy Marine Park (QLD) and includes nationally and internationally significant habitat for turtles, whales, dugong, seabirds and migratory shorebirds. The area also includes an aggregation site for humpback whales. Seafloor features including canyons and shelf edge rocky reefs are represented in the area. There are three provincial bioregions represented in the Fraser Area for Further Assessment. These bioregions are representative of endemic demersal fish species as well as mixing areas (or transitions) that capture overlaps in the range of species (i.e. the edges of their range). The area also connects coastal waters and deeper ocean environments.

Areas for Further Assessment are being used to assist with the collection of additional information on uses and socio-economic values before proposals for new Commonwealth Marine Reserves are finalised. Through the MBP process the Australian Government is committed to working with all stakeholders in order to minimise any impact whilst ensuring that a comprehensive, adequate and representative sample of biodiversity is protected.

In the design of marine reserves the government will aim to strike a balance between multiple use and highly protected areas. Some areas within future marine reserves will be highly protected, or so-called "no take" areas. Other areas will be multiple use and allow for activities such as fishing, both recreational and commercial, as long as the activities can be done without having an unsustainable impact on the marine environment.

There will be extensive stakeholder consultation on socio-economic values and uses associated with the East Marine Region. The Australian Government is encouraging stakeholders to submit information as part of consultation on the Areas for Further Assessment. This will be followed by two periods of statutory consultation prior to any permanent protection measures being put in place.

The Australian Government is also developing a displaced activity policy for the management of activities that may be impacted by the declaration of marine reserves. The policy will provide guidelines for determining who may be eligible for financial assistance. The Australian Marine Industries Federation Displaced Activities Policy Submission attached to your most recent letter has also been received by my Department through the Stakeholder Advisory Group, and is being considered through this process. I thank you for also bringing it to my attention.

*More information about the MBP process is available at:
<http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/east/index.html>.*

Thank you for writing on this matter."

G14/08/10 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the information be received.

Carried

11/2	Quarterly Review
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Re: **G15/08/10** Fourth Quarterly Review – Operational Plan
 From: Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason
 File:
 Date: 22 July 2010
 Reference:

Report: (Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason)

Councillors are aware that the Operational Plan is reviewed quarterly and reported to Council. Capital Works projects are also reported and are noted at the conclusion of the Program.

Strategic Implications:

Corporate Plan: N/A
 Operational Plan: N/A
 Budget Implications: N/A
 Budget Reference: N/A
 Legal/Statutory: N/A
 Risks: N/A

Checklist:

- ☒ Financial Services Directorate
- ☒ Corporate Services Directorate
- ☒ Community Services Directorate
- ☒ Engineering Services Directorate
- ☒ Planning & Development Directorate
- ☒ Office of the Chief Executive Officer

Attachment:

Fourth Quarterly Review – Operational Plan.

G15/08/10 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske

That Gympie Regional Council's Operational Plan 2009/2010 quarterly review as at 30 June 2010 as presented, be received.

Carried

11/3	Councillor Appointments to Community Plan Management Workgroup
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Re: **G16/08/10** Councillor Appointments to Community Plan Management Workgroup
 From: Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason
 File:
 Date: 29 July 2010
 Reference:

Report: (Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason)

As part of the Community Plan implementation process a Management Group with representation from Councillors and Management is being formed. It is recommended that two Councillors be appointed to this Workgroup.

G16/08/10 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman

Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske

That Cr R A Gâté and Cr J Watt be appointed as Councillor Representatives of the Community Plan Management Workgroup.

Carried

11/4	Appointment of Chairman of Audit & Risk Management Committee
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Re: **G17/08/10** Appointment of Chairman of Audit & Risk Management Committee
From: Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason
File:
Date: 29 July 2010
Reference:

Report: (Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason)

The resolution appointing Cr Petersen and Cr Watt to the internal Audit & Risk Management Committee did not indicate the appointment of Cr Petersen as Chairman.

G17/08/10 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That Cr Ian Petersen be appointed as Chairman of the Audit & Risk Management Committee

Carried

11/5	CEO Report - Audit & Risk Management Committee Minutes
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Re: **G18/08/10** CEO Report - Audit & Risk Management Committee Minutes
From: Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason
File:
Date: 29 July 2010
Reference:

Attachments:

Minutes – Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting

G18/08/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

That the Minutes of the Audit & Risk Management Committee meeting held on 21 July 2010 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

G19/08/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté**Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson**

That Cr Perrett be appointed as proxy to the Audit & Risk Management Committee.

Carried

11/6	Murray Darling Basin - EIS
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Re: **G20/08/10** Murray Darling Basin - EIS
From: Vice-President, Murray Darling Association
File:
Date: 21 July 2010
Reference:

"The Murray Darling Basin is in crisis through prolonged drought, over allocation and with the predictions of 'climate change' casting gloom over the flood bowl of Australia.

We the, "Managing the Murray Darling Basin from Lock Zero" Advisory Group are seeking an Environmental Impact Statement to be undertaken into managing the Murray Darling Basin from near Wellington in South Australia as we believe the management of the River Murray therefore the Murray Darling Basin should occur from near the Murray's Mouth.

We seek your support and now as a Federal Election has been called we are making an urgent request for the Federal Government to, as we have had our request refused by the South Australian State Government, step in on behalf of all Australians and commission an EIS.

In the interest of complete openness and fairness we ask that whatever your opinion that you advise us as we intend to publish all reply's for, against or neutral on my web site.

Thanking you in anticipation."

Attachments:

*"Managing the Murray Darling Basin from Lock Zero", 17 June 2010
"The Great Murray Divide" (Newspaper article, The Advertiser, Adelaide)*

G20/08/10 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

That the information be received.

Carried

11/7	Note of Appreciation
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Re: **G21/08/10** Note of Appreciation
 From: Visitor to the Gympie Region
 File: 3-2-7-1 Doc ID: 1443206
 Date: 27 July 2010
 Reference:

“Just a note from some passing travellers from Sydney. My wife and I spent a few short hours in Gympie on Sunday 25 July. We were captivated with the beauty and charm of your town, including the ambience of Mary Street (we enjoyed gourmet pies at the Brown Jug café), the immaculately restored historic buildings, the wonderful Valley Rattler restoration, and the obvious pride residents have in their homes and gardens. The town and surrounding picturesque countryside are a delight. Of particular note however, are the Memorial Lane ceramic murals. The tourist guide calls them unique, and they are, but we would say absolutely fabulous. We have never seen anything like this in Australia. The artistry and historical detail are breathtaking. Is there a brochure or information sheet available about this remarkable work, and the artisans/historians who produced it?”

Of all the places we visited in the Sunshine Coast, our fondest memories are of the Gympie region. Thank you and your Council for your obvious dedication to your people and the region.”

G21/08/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the information be received.

Carried

11/8	Burnett Mary Regional Group Annual Election
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Re: **G22/08/10** Burnett Mary Regional Group Annual Election
 From: Secretary, BMRG
 File: 6-5-6-6 Doc ID: 1442470
 Date: 26 July 2010
 Reference:

“The Burnett Mary Regional Group for Natural Resource Management Inc (BMRG) will be calling a General Election in accordance with the BMRG Constitution. The position of Director Local Government Mary is one of four positions up for election this year. We intend to conduct the election between now and 29 September 2010.

The six local governments in the Wide Bay Burnett region hold three of the twelve seats on the Board of the Burnett Mary Regional Group for Natural Resource Management Inc. The local government director representing the Mary is drawn from the Regional Organisation of Councils to bring forward any issues in the Mary catchment.

Local Government nominee must be supported by their Local Government to be eligible for nomination.

With the recent establishment of our organisation as a Company Limited by Guarantee under the Corporations Act 2001, the nominated Director will also become a member of the BMRG Limited Board. The two entities will run parallel until such time as BMRG Inc is fully operational and BMRG Inc is no required, and can be wound up.

We appreciate your assistance and look forward to the ongoing participation of local government.

G22/08/10 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That Cr Petersen be nominated to fulfil the Councillor position on the board of BMRG.

Carried

11/9	Request for Freehold Land
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Re: G23/08/10 Request for Freehold Land
From: Goomeri Centenary Steering Committee
File: 3/3/1/4
Date: 18 May 2010
Reference: 1435745

‘...After your discussions with the president of our Steering Committee , you will know that we are very keen to auction a real property as part of the Goomeri Centenary celebrations.

We understand that you are in favour of this project and would like to know what obstacles we need to be overcome to make this auction a reality?

For advertising purposes we would like to know the address of the available property.

Your gesture to make a property available is very much appreciated and we hope it will provide ample positive feedback to our region..'

Executive Summary:

The request is for Council to consider disposing of a block of land within the Goomeri Township which can be auctioned on behalf of Council as part of the Centenary Celebrations planned for the town.

Report: (Manager Corporate Services - Debbie Jenkins)

History provided by the Steering Committee states that the original township of Goomeri was created by the auctioning of a number of lots some 100 years ago in 1911.

As part of the planned Centenary celebrations for this special day, the Goomeri Centenary Steering Committee would like to re-enact this event by holding a land auction. It is requested that Council provide a lot which is considered surplus to its requirements.

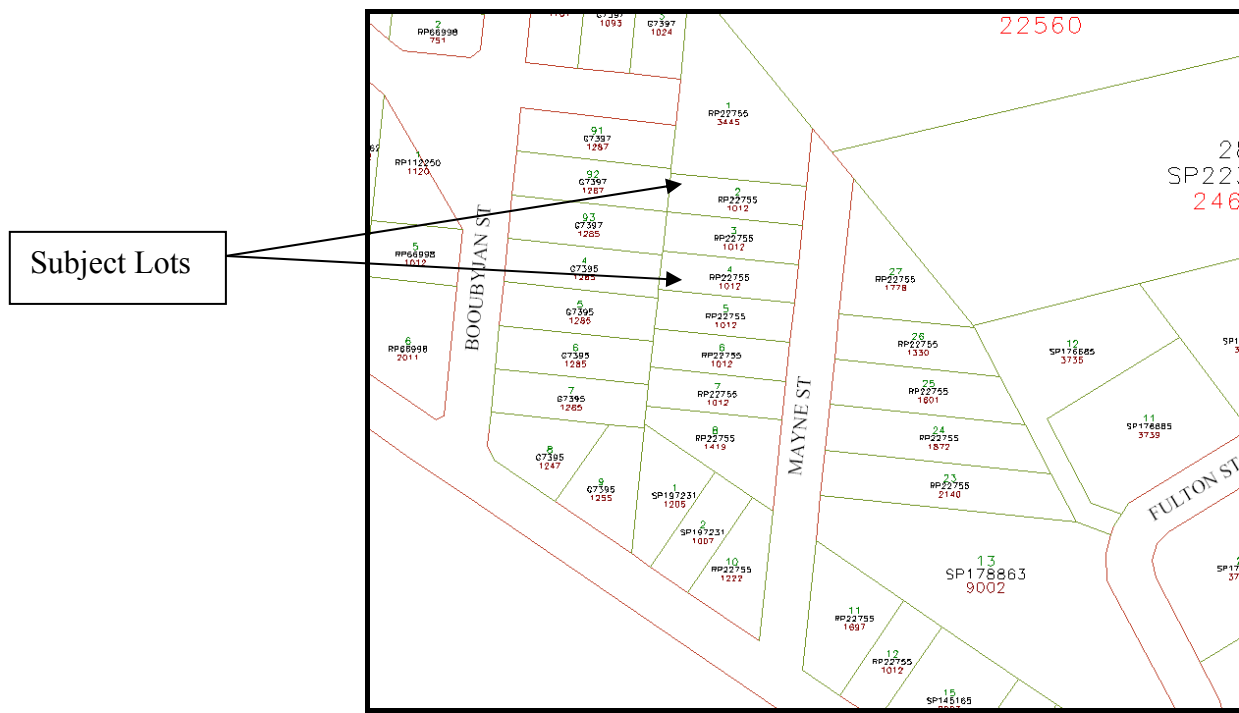
A review of Council owned land in the township has identified Lots 2 and 4 on RP 22755 situated at Mayne Street, Goomeri. Each lot contains an area of 1012m² and is zoned "Residential". These two lots were obtained by the former Kilkivan Shire Council for unpaid rates in 2002.

Due to the size of the lots, it is considered that the land could not be utilised by Council in the near future for its own purposes.

Should Council consider disposing of either one or both of these lots, it is intended that the auction would be conducted on behalf of Council, and that all associated transfer requirements would be undertaken by Council and its Solicitor.

These lots are currently outside of the water and sewerage connection areas.

Valuations have been sought and will be available prior to the auction date.

Locality Plan:Strategic Implications:

Corporate Plan:	Outcome 1.3 & 1.4
Operational Plan:	Outcome 1.2(iv)
Budget:	Budget allocations have not been allowed but all costs can be accommodated through the sale amount
Budget:	Corporate Services
Legal/Statutory:	Local Government Act 2009 Local Government (Finance, Plans & Reporting) Regulation 2010 Land Act 1994
Risks:	Low

Consultation:

Mayor, Cr Ron Dyne
Deputy Mayor, Cr Tony Perrett
Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ken Mason

Checklist:

- ☐ Financial Services Directorate
- ☒ Corporate Services Directorate
- ☐ Community Services Directorate
- ☐ Engineering Services Directorate
- ☐ Planning & Development Directorate
- ☒ Office of the Chief Executive Officer

G23/08/10 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

That Council consider the disposal of land described as Lot 2 and 4 on RP22755 located at Mayne Street, Goomeri:-

- (a) by way of public auction to be conducted as part of the Centenary Celebrations for the town of Goomeri in 2011;**
- (b) The reserve price to be set by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer;**
- (c) All costs to be borne by Gympie Regional Council in respect to the actual sale costs of the land with the purchaser being responsible for transfer and search fees and stamp duty;**
- (d) Following the auction, completion of the necessary transfer documentation pertaining to the sale of the land will be co-ordinated by Gympie Regional Council.**

Carried

SECTION 12: MEETING DATES

The meeting dates for the month of September 2010 have been set as follows:

WEDNESDAY, 1 September 2010	Planning & Development Committee Meeting 9am
TUESDAY, 7 September 2010	Works & Services Committee Meeting 9am
WEDNESDAY, 8 September 2010	General 9am Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting to Commence at the Conclusion of the Preceding General Meeting
WEDNESDAY, 15 September 2010	Planning & Development Committee Meeting 9am

WEDNESDAY, 22 September 2010**General 9am
Corporate Governance & Finance Committee
Meeting to Commence at the
Conclusion of the Preceding
General Meeting.****G24/08/10 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson****Seconded: Cr J. Watt****That the meeting dates for the month of September 2010 be adopted.****Carried****SECTION 13: GENERAL BUSINESS****13/1 Disaster Management Conference – June 2010 Burdekin Shire (Ayr)**

Cr Julie Walker and Compliance & Local Disaster Coordinator – Ron Potter attended this conference.

Report: (Councillor Julie Walker)

Our introduction to the conference began with registration followed by a tour of the Burdekin Shire. Burdekin Shire Councils Disaster room is well set up and is complete with 'bibs' and 'armbands' to clearly define who has what role in a disaster situation, thus saving precious time. Following the tour of Council's building we were bussed through downtown Giru; a town which has recently flooded nine (9) times in one(1) year. A comment was made by one of the locals that, *'you can see that the locals are used to the floods as their houses are built at just the right height and they put their cars on bricks when there is a flood, just high enough to keep them out of the water'*. We then made our way to the Giru International Hotel for a sumptuous lunch. We were driven to the edge of Burdekin River where we boarded SES boats to take in the River. The rail bridge, which crosses the river, has three (3) sections, which are removed when the flood reaches a certain height. In past years this wasn't done and that had disastrous consequences. There are currently SES has in excess of 120 active SES volunteers and numerous more members.

The conference itself was held in the Burdekin Hall, situated in Home Hill. There were a variety of display stands around the hall, one of which was displaying the Guardian System, an initiative of QIT. This system, I feel, is the one which should be recommended by the State and Federal Governments so that the whole of Australia has a great support system. The system has some very clever programs for sorting information relating to local agencies and their contact

details. Each shire can 'tap into' their neighbouring shire so that in the case of an emergency, our staff would have the capability of running a Disaster Centre from that particular shire. They have certainly thought outside the square when putting it together. Ron Potter is hoping to have one of the representatives come up and show us the system so that we can make an informed decision on whether to take it on board. We have been informed that we only have to foot the bill for one third as the State and Federal Governments put forward the other two thirds. In a 'workshop' situation, Chris Madsen, from QIT, spoke to us about the system at length. The system will be featured in the Aust. Journal in the near future.

Mr Jim McGowan talked to us about climate change. We cannot ignore recent history, which includes higher tides in recent years, rising temperatures and increased rainfall in less wet weather episodes. One thing we can't ignore is the fact that the Torres St Islands flood now regularly from extremely high tides. Queensland is more likely to experience all natural events than any other state. The (4) four essential actions in any disaster situation are, Prevention and Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery.

A problem that we have is that the X Y generation are not ready volunteers so how do we change this train of thought as our volunteers are aging. We are learning more and more each year from experiences such as the Victorian bushfires and the US oil spill. Councils also need to have a list of people in 'High Dependency' situations eg. Need for uninterrupted power supply for dialysis machines etc. Communication is the key ingredient in any Disaster plan. We must keep an open dialogue with all agencies as well as neighbouring shires.

We had a list of people talk to us about their experiences in recent disasters including, Neil Polgase from Murweh Shire talking about the four (4) major floods of Charleville, Mr Joe Buffone from the black Saturday fires in Victoria where 173 people perished and Jeff Bosa from Energex who spoke about getting power back on after cyclone Ului where they had over 52,000 inbound phone calls regarding the power outage.

A few lessons which were learnt along the way:

- Not all incidents are the same as the next;
- As we get better at what we do, community expectations get greater;
- Neighbourhoods need to know their 'safer' places;
- We need township protection plans;
- Local Governments are the lead agency;
- We must focus on the community;
- Need to understand the 'different' communities eg religious beliefs;
- Go beyond your comfort levels;
- Take notes – very important;
- You will be judged against your policies and notes;
- Local Government is the closest level of Government to the people;
- You can't have a blanket policy as one size does not fit all.

To wrap up, we learnt a few important words from the conference:-

TIME WITHOUT DISASTERS CAN ERODE RESILIANCE AND THE CHALLENGE IS TO KEEP COMMUNITY INTEREST HIGH.

G25/08/10 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Report be received.

Carried

13/2

Australian Local Government Women's Association State Conference

Cr Rae Gâté provided the following report regarding the ALGWA State Conference.

Gympie Regional Council recently hosted the ALGWA State Conference 28 – 30 July 2010. Minister Desley Boyle opened the conference and in her address advised attendees that of the elected councillors that women councillors are 32% across the State. There were many speakers including Manager Strategic Planning at Southern Downs Regional Council who gave a very succinct overview of Strategic Planning and the Queensland Planning Provisions; Fieldworx on Community Planning, Opportunity to Engage; Cr Paul Bell LGAQ on Changes to the Local Government Act. Cr Bell advised that LGAQ is aware of Privacy Act issues and is working with the Minister to address them. The Inspirational speaker Allana Corbin was very well received and has no doubt inspired many of the attendees to be the best they can be.

Cr Judy Peters ALGWA President was very pleased with the conference, the set up and the speakers. Cr Kathy Benstead was elected at the AGM to the position of ALGWA President. Cr Donna Nielson was elected as the Zone 4 representative.

I offer mine and my fellow Councillors thanks to the Council Directors for allowing staff to assist with the conference. It was most successful and this was because of the participation and enthusiasm of Council staff. In particular our gratitude to Mrs Heather Kelly (Community Services) who worked directly with ALGWA Executive and GRC Councillors to organise the conference.

G26/08/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Report be received.

Carried

13/3	National Tree Day – Cooloola Coastcare
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Cr Rae Gâté had the pleasure of launching the new booklet “*THE GREAT SANDY BEAUTIES AND BEASTIES – A RESPONSIBLE GARDENERS GUIDE TO COASTAL NATIVE PLANTS AND WEEDS*”. (Copies provided to Councillors today).

The booklet is very succinct and recommends replacement plants which will be very good additions to local residents gardens in the coastal areas. These plants will also be of benefit to birdlife.

Removing exotic plants which detract from Tin Can Bays ecological character assists in removing threats to local wallum and wetlands. Gympie Regional Council was very pleased to be able to provide in kind assistance for this project and congratulates the important partnership between Cooloola Coastcare and City Farm in producing this booklet.

Volunteers were also planting in the newly prepared garden beds provided by Council on this day.

G27/08/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

That the report be received.

Carried

SECTION 14: IN COMMITTEE

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

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

1. Woodworks Museum Management
2. Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility
3. Rental Review – Gympie Aerodrome

G28/08/10 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

That pursuant to the provisions of Section 72 of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010, Council resolves to close the meeting to the public and move “into committee” to consider the following matter/s:-

- 1. Woodworks Museum Management**
- 2. Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility**
- 3. Rental Review – Gympie Aerodrome**

Further, that in relation to the provisions of Section 171 of the Local Government Act 2009, 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

G29/08/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson

That proceedings be resumed in Open Council.

Carried

14/1	Woodworks Museum Management
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Re: Woodworks Museum Management
From: Chairman, Gympie Cooloola Tourism
File: 1-2-5-2 Doc ID: 1443584
Date: 29 July 2010
Reference:

G30/08/10 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That Council take over the management of the Woodworks Museum until 30 June 2011, while investigating alternative options at the same time.

Further that the matter be referred to the Woodworks Steering Committee to report back to a future Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting prior to 30 September 2010 and that Gympie Cooloola Tourism be advised accordingly.

Carried

14/2	Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility
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Re: Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility
From: Jessica Milne, Sole Proprietor, Jess's Salvage and Recycling
PO Box 196, Tin Can Bay Qld 4580
Date: 27 July 2010 (Letters x 2)

G31/08/10 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

That Council accept the quotation submitted by RES-Q AND RECYCLE PTY LTD (ACN. 61144485852) for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at Council's Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility on a contract basis for a period of one (1) year with the option of extension of a further one (1) year subject to the contract conditions.

The contract arrangement is to commence at 12:01 pm on Friday, 20 August 2010 and expire at 11:59 am on Wednesday, 17 August 2011.

Remuneration for the provision of these services to be as per the quotation submitted by RES-Q AND RECYCLE PTY LTD with Council to receive an upfront payment for an amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00 inc GST) on or before the first day of operation, such payment to be for the period August 2010 – August 2011.

Further that Jess's Salvage & Recycling be advised in terms of Council's legal advice.

Carried

14/3	Rental Review – Gympie Aerodrome
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Re: Rental Review – Gympie Aerodrome
From: Bernard Duncan, Property Valuation and Consultancy,
PO Box 8069 DC, Maroochydore Qld 4558
File: 3/3/03/0001
Date: 3 August 2010

G32/08/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

- 1. That Council adopt the assessed market review of 5.5% for Recreational and 7% for Commercial leases.**
- 2. That Council endorse as per the attached plan, Sites AG, AB, AA, J, R, Y & Z being categorised as Commercial Sites and that and all other sites are Recreational.**

3. That all hangar site lessees be advised of the new rates to be in effect from 1 March 2010 and that the process is now to continue as per the clauses as stated in the lease.
4. That as lease sites expire, Council's design staff are engaged to check the accuracy of the area.
5. That Council advise all hangar site lessees of the requirement to obtain written approval for the subletting of hangars.

Carried

SECTION 15: ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1:	Fourth Quarterly Review – Operational Plan – Refer Item 11/2
Attachment 2:	Minutes – Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting
Attachment 3:	<i>“Managing the Murray Darling Basin from Lock Zero”</i> - Refer Item 11/6
Attachment 4:	<i>“The Great Murray Divide”</i> Newspaper Article – Refer Item 11/6

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:00 am

Confirmed this TWENTY-FIFTH day of AUGUST 2010.

CHAIRMAN
Cr R.J. Dyne