



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

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

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

**On Wednesday 24 November 2010  
At 9.00 am**

Gympie Regional Council **GENERAL**

*Mayor RJ Dyne (Chairman),  
Crs AJ Perrett, GL Engeman, RA Gâté, LJ Friske,  
DR Neilson, IT Petersen, J Watt and JA Walker*

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The meeting commenced at 9:02 am.

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

Also in attendance were Acting Chief Executive Officer (Mr C. Manson), and Minutes Clerk (Mrs S Lowe).

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS**

**General Meeting**  
**G20/11/10 - Cr G.L. Engeman - Material Personal Interest**

**Planning & Development Committee Meeting**  
**P26/11/10 - Cr R.A. Gâté - Conflict of Interest**  
**P27/11/10 - Cr R.A. Gâté - Conflict of Interest**

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

Chaplain Jennifer Edwards from Gympie Uniting Church offered a Prayer for the advancement of the Region and the true welfare of its people.

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

## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

## **SECTION 2: APOLOGIES**

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

**G23/11/10      Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté**

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

**That the Minutes of the Gympie Regional Council General Meeting held on 10 November 2010 be taken as read and confirmed.**

**Carried**

**SECTION 4: PETITIONS****Heated Public Aquatic Centre in Gympie**

Re: Heated Public Aquatic Centre in Gympie  
From: 15 Residents of the Region  
File: 2-3-1-1  
Date: 16 November 2010  
Reference:

*“Gympie is lacking a Heated Pool Aquatic Centre, this is much needed and long overdue. In this day and age where fitness and health are a major priority for everyone it is disappointing to see that it does not seem to be a priority for this council.*

*Surrounding regions have heated swimming pools for year round public access. Gympie Regional Council prides itself in being responsive to the needs of the community and I think that it is time for council to invest further in the health, fitness and wellbeing of its residents.”*

**G24/11/10      Moved: Cr J.A. Walker                      Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman**

**That the Petition be received and referred to a future Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting.**

**Carried**

**SECTION 5: ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**G25/11/10      Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett                      Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**That the Recommendations of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 10 November 2010 as presented, be received.**

**Carried**

**G26/11/10     Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett****Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**That the Recommendations of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 10 November 2010, be adopted.**

**Carried**

<p><b>SECTION 6:    REPORT BY THE COMMUNITY &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN</b></p>
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Cr Tony Perrett presented the following Report:-

The State Minister for Transport has advised Council that a new Australian Disability Parking Scheme (ADPS) has commenced from September, 2010. Significant changes have been made to the permit system and the enforcement required by Parking Officers. A new ADPS permit will replace the current Queensland “blue permit” system. As of the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2011 “red permits” will no longer be issued, however the Queensland Government will honour existing entitlements and will continue to renew these permits. Following a lengthy discussion on the matter the Committee recommends that red permit holders and TPI Association holders be permitted to park in designated on street parking spaces for a maximum period of two (2) hours. ADPS permit holders will not be affected by these changes and are permitted to park for periods longer than two (2) hours. New signage will be required to accommodate these changes with the matter being referred to the Design Division of Engineering Services to investigate these modifications and report back to a future Works and Services meeting.

The Australian Red Cross Blood Bank has approached Council seeking approval to place their mobile blood bank unit in the Nelson Reserve parking lot. Their current location at Centro is no longer suitable and approval is sought for this change. The Committee is recommending that Council support their request and that there be no charge for this site. The Director of Community Services will negotiate the positioning of the mobile unit with Red Cross. This approval is for an initial period of 12 months after which time the approval will be reviewed.

The Committee received the Health and Environmental Services report for the month of October noting recent works at the former Amamoor landfill site. Post closure works include reshaping the profile of the mound including embankments and batters, constructing and reshaping storm water drains, and the installation of a leachate collection system.

The Compliance and Local Disaster and Community Facilities and Services reports for the month of October were received with no notable concerns.

A request to seek a lease over CJ's on the Park has the Committee recommending that the matter be referred to a future Corporate Governance meeting for further consideration, including advice on the outstanding lease payments.

The Committee considered the proposed Christmas/New Year opening dates for Libraries across the region. All Council offices close on the Friday, 24 December 2010 and reopen on Tuesday, 4 January 2011. The Committee recommends that the Gympie, Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach Libraries be open to the public on the 29, 30 and 31 December, 2010. The Imbil, Kilkivan and Goomeri Libraries will remain closed during this period, reopening on Tuesday, 4 January 2011.

The Committee also considered the proposed Christmas/New Year opening dates for the Gympie Regional Council Gallery. It is recommended that the Gallery be open to the public on the 29, 30, 31 December 2010 between the hours of 10am – 4pm closing for the remainder of the standard Council closure period, reopening on 4 January, 2011.

Council's Economic Development Officer reported on a busy month of activities including a very successful Complete Sports Marketing (CSC) initiative - the Australian Cricket Association World Masters Tour in Gympie. The event was very well attended by local sports enthusiasts with excellent sponsorship being provided by local Gympie businesses. The success of the event reinforces Council's commitment to promoting sport and healthy living within the region. Council will continue to work with CSC to attract further major sporting events to our area.

The General Manager of Gympie Cooloola Tourism reported on their activities for the month of October. A successful launch of the Mary Valley Country brand was held at the Kandanga Hotel. A new billboard skin promoting Rainbow Beach and four wheel driving is currently being finalized and will be up on the Bruce Highway just south of Maryborough in the next few weeks. Visitor numbers to the region have declined by 4% during the past year with a total of 2630 people passing through the Lake Alford and Matilda Info Centres during the month.

**G27/11/10**

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

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**That the Report be received.**

**Carried**

<b>SECTION 7: ADOPTION OF PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
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**G28/11/10      Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen                      Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 17 November 2010 as presented, be received with the exception of Minute P23/11/10, P26/11/10 & P27/11/10 to be withdrawn and dealt with later in this meeting.**

**Carried**

**G29/11/10      Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen                      Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 17 November 2010 as amended, be adopted.**

**Carried**

Director of Planning & Development Mr Mike Hartley & Manager, Major Projects, Engineering Services Mr Neil Weller entered the meeting at 9.22 am.

<b>Recommendation P23/11/10 of the Recommendations of the Planning &amp; Development Committee Meeting held on the 17 November 2010.</b>
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**G30/11/10      Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen                      Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett**

**That Recommendation P23/11/10 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 17 November 2010 be received and adopted.**

**Carried**

Director of Planning & Development Mr Mike Hartley & Manager, Major Projects, Engineering Services Mr Neil Weller left the meeting at 9.36 am.

In accordance with Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009:-

Cr R.A. Gâté declared a Conflict of Interest in Minute P26/11/10 application 2010-1314 due to being the Vice President of Supporting Chemotherapy In Cooloola Inc.

The chairperson requested a vote to determine if this was a “Conflict of Interest”.

**G31/11/10      Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

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

**That Cr R.A. Gâté has a Conflict of Interest in Minute P26/11/10 application 2010-1314 and is directed to leave the meeting while the matter is being discussed and voted on.**

**Carried**

Cr R.A. Gâté left the meeting at 9.38 am.

<p><b>Recommendation P26/11/10 of the Recommendations of the Planning &amp; Development Committee Meeting held on the 17 November 2010.</b></p>
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**G32/11/10      Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

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

**That Recommendation P26/11/10 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 17 November 2010 be received and adopted.**

**Carried 7/1**

Cr R.A. Gâté returned to the Meeting at 9.39 am.

In accordance with Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009:-

Cr R.A. Gâté declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in Minute P27/11/10 application 2009-1346 due to being the Secretary for Avenues Lifestyle Support.

The chairperson requested a vote to determine if this was a “Conflict of Interest”.



**G33/11/10      Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson****Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**That Cr R.A. Gâté has a Conflict of Interest in Minute P27/11/10 application 2009-1346 and is directed to leave the meeting while the matter is being discussed and voted on.**

**Lost**

<p><b>Recommendation P27/11/10 of the Recommendations of the Planning &amp; Development Committee Meeting held on the 17 November 2010.</b></p>
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**G34/11/10      Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen****Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske**

**That Recommendation P27/11/10 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 17 November 2010 be received and adopted.**

**Carried 8/1**

Cr R.A. Gâté abstained from voting.

<p><b>SECTION 8:    REPORT BY THE PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN</b></p>
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Cr Ian Petersen presented the following Report:-

**MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE APPLICATIONS**

A Material Change of Use application for a Commercial Premises (Medical Facility) in Imbil was recommended for approval. The application also seeks to establish a caretakers residence on site. The caretaker's residence includes facilities for student accommodation.

The Committee is recommending that Council approve an application for a feedlot at Kinbombi. The proposed feedlot is limited to a maximum of 499 Standard Cattle Units. A significant number of submissions was received and thoroughly assessed. Some valid concerns were raised but it is considered that there are no planning grounds for refusal with the majority of the issues raised relating to operational matters. These operational matters are monitored on an on-going basis by the State Government's Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, incorporating the former Department of Primary Industries. The Department has issued an approval for the project subject to a long list of conditions.

A request to change an Existing Approval for a Material Change of Use for four cabins at Groundwater Road was considered and it is recommended that Council issue an Amended Decision Notice. This change is requested in conjunction with a Reconfiguration Application for subdivision to create twelve additional lots. The reconfiguration application is also recommended for approval in part subject to conditions

### **NEW APPLICATIONS**

The downward trend in new applications continued with only five new code assessable reconfiguration applications received for the reporting period.

### **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED**

Staff approved sixteen development applications under delegated authority.

### **BUILDING SUMMARY AND REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2010**

New Dwelling approvals were again marginally down on the corresponding month last year, but building activity remains relatively strong in the Gympie region.

### **GENERAL MATTERS**

The Committee considered a request to support a change to the land use category for a Cootharaba Road property. This is an unusual and vexing problem in that the applicant holds a current valid Operational Works Approval to construct the subject subdivision, but due to an oversight by the applicant, the Material Change of Use Approval lapsed. This means the applicant could legally build the subdivision but would not be able to obtain titles to the subdivided lots. To compound the problem, the Draft Wide Bay Burnett Statutory Regional Plan places the parcel of land outside the Urban Footprint which would mean a fresh application would have to be referred to the Department of Infrastructure and Planning. They would be likely to refuse the application unless it could demonstrate “overriding community need in the public interest.

The Committee is recommending that Council support a submission to the Department of Infrastructure and Planning and further that Council advise the applicant that, in the absence of a concurrence agency directive to refuse the application, Council would favourably consider a fresh application to reinstate the original approval

Following discussion on progress of the Priority Infrastructure Plans for various localities it was resolved to recommend that Council request the Department of Infrastructure and Planning to agree to Council transferring its energies to the preparation of one Priority Infrastructure Plan for the entire region as part of the preparation of the new Planning Scheme. This has been a very time consuming and very expensive exercise and it is somewhat concerning that the Department has just in the last few days released a discussion paper suggesting a generic Priority Infrastructure schedule of

fees. This was mooted some considerable time ago, when the State Government established the Priority Infrastructure Taskforce. At that time we questioned whether we should continue with the preparation of our own individual schedules and were told in no uncertain terms that we must do so.

The idea of a generic schedule has a lot of merit, and deserves support, but it is a real shame that councils have been forced to waste so much time and money while the State Government was actively developing a process that would make individual councils' schedules irrelevant.

**G35/11/10****Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen****Seconded: Cr J. Watt****That the Report be received.****Carried**

## **SECTION 9: OTHER MATTERS**

**9/1****Annual Report 2009-2010****Re: G36/11/10 Annual Report 2009-2010****From: Manager Information Systems and Change Management – Mr B Hayes****File: 3-1-14-001****Date: 4 November 2010****Executive Summary:**

Council is required under the Local Government Act to prepare an Annual Report for the financial year. The Draft Annual Report 2009-2010 attached has been compiled with input from all Directorates. The Report highlights many achievements during the period that further the vision and goals identified in Council's Corporate and Operational Plans.

**Report: (Manager Information Systems and Change Management – Mr B Hayes)**

It is a requirement under the Local Government Act that an Annual Report be produced for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010. The legislation further requires that the Annual Report be adopted by Council no later than 30 November 2010.

Despite the new Local Government Act 2009 coming into effect from July 1, 2010, the Draft Annual Report attached has been compiled under the requirements of the now repealed Local Government Act (LGA) 1993 in accordance with direction provided by Ms Fiona Bowden, Regional Director,

Regional Services Strategy and Governance, Department of Infrastructure and Planning.

Ms Bowden's written advice to Council states that *"as the councils were operating under the LGA 1993 throughout the year, the Annual Report should also be prepared under that Act."*

**Strategic Implications:**

<u>Corporate Plan:</u>	Outcome 4
<u>Operational Plan:</u>	1.1 (iii) Governance - Legal
<u>Budget:</u>	Council has provided a budget allocation for the preparation of the Annual Report.
<u>Legal/Statutory:</u>	Council is required under the Local Government Act 1993 to prepare an Annual Report for the financial year. The report must be presented and adopted before November 30 in the year after the end of the financial year to which the report relates.
<u>Risks:</u>	Low - Administrative eg. non-compliance with legislative obligations; material contained in the report being found to be inaccurate or deemed to be misleading etc.

**Consultation:**

CEO  
 Director of Finance  
 Director of Corporate Services  
 Director of Engineering  
 Director of Planning  
 Director of Community Services

**Attachment :**

Gympie Regional Council's Draft Annual Report 2009-2010

**G36/11/10      Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté      Seconded: Cr D.R. Neilson**

**That the Gympie Regional Council 2009-2010 Annual Report as presented be adopted.**

**Carried**

9/2	Lands Protection Survey Program (January to December 2011)
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Re: **G37/11/10** Lands Protection Survey Program (January to December 2011)  
 From: General Manager Western Division – Mr Grayden Curry  
 File:  
 Date: 16 November 2010

**Report: (General Manager Western Division – Grayden Curry)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Criteria for Selection of Above Area**

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

**Purpose of the Program**

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

These inspections will be conducted on urban, commercial and rural properties within the area/s stated above. In addition to this program, places open to the public, such Plant Nurseries, Pet Shops, Landscape Garden Suppliers, Seed Merchants, Stock Fodder Suppliers and Quarry Material Suppliers, will be inspected from time to time by Council to monitor and enforce compliance with the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*.

Commencement and Duration of Surveys:

The survey of **Area 2** will commence on the:

- **2<sup>nd</sup> January 2011** and will be in force for a period of **3 Months**, expiring on **1<sup>st</sup> April 2011**.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011** and will be in force for a period of **3 months**, expiring on **1<sup>st</sup> July 2011**.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011** and will be in force for a period of **3 months**, expiring on **1<sup>st</sup> October 2011**.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> October** and will be in force for a period of **3 months**, expiring on **1<sup>st</sup> January 2012**.

The survey of **Area 1** will commence on the:

- **1<sup>st</sup> January 2011** and will be in force for a period of **3 Months**, expiring on **31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**.
- **1<sup>st</sup> April 2011** and will be in force for a period of **3 months**, expiring on **30<sup>th</sup> June 2011**.
- **1<sup>st</sup> July 2011** and will be in force for a period of **3 months**, expiring on the **30<sup>th</sup> September 2011**.
- **1<sup>st</sup> October 2011** and will be in force for a period of **3 months**, expiring on the **31<sup>st</sup> December 2011**.

G37/11/10

Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett

Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske

That Council approve these Pest Survey Programs (as outlined above) under Section 241 of the *Lands Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002* for the area west of the Mary River (Area 2), the survey durations will be 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2011 till 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 till 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 till 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2011 till 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012. For the area east of the Mary River (Area 1), the survey durations will be 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011 till 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

Carried

9/3

First Quarterly Review – Operational Plan

Re: **G38/11/10** First Quarterly Review – Operational Plan  
 From: Chief Executive Officer – Ken Mason  
 File:  
 Date: 16 November 2010  
 Reference:

Executive Summary:

**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.

**Consultation:**

Chief Executive Officer

All Directors

All General Managers.

**Checklist:**

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

**Attachments:**

First Quarterly Review – Operational Plan – Refer ATTACHMENT 2

**G38/11/10**

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

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

**That Gympie Regional Council's Operational Plan 2010/2011 quarterly review as at 30 September 2010 as presented, be received.**

**Carried**

9/4

Greenpeace Australia Pacific

Re: **G39/11/10** Greenpeace Australia Pacific  
From: Greenpeace Australia  
File:  
Date: 5 November 2010  
Reference:

*"Greenpeace Australia Pacific has just released a banking report by specialist finance firm Profundo, which reveals the extent to which Australia's big four banks are investing in polluting coal. Over the past five years, for example, Australia's big banks have poured more than \$5 billion of their investors' money into coal burning, mining and transporting.*

*Burning coal is the single biggest contributor to global warming. It affects us all by polluting the air we breathe and the water we drink. It damages our community's health, environment and its economy. But banks have choices - they can continue with destructive investment in polluting coal or they can invest in building a clean, reliable, renewable energy future.*

*ANZ, who recently topped the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, is revealed as the biggest financier of dirty coal power in Australia. In 2009, for example, ANZ and NAB led a consortium of banks, which pumped \$1.015 billion into the construction of Australia's newest coal power station, Bluewater II in Western Australia.*

*Local councils invest ratepayers' money in Australia's big banks. We are therefore asking local councils to call on their banks to stop providing finance to new coal power stations in Australia.*

*We have provide a sample council motion below that we ask you to use or adapt in order to have this issue raised and debated at your next Council meeting:*

**Sample Council motion:**

***The Council notes that according to a recent Greenpeace commissioned report Australian's big four banks – ANZ, Commonwealth, NAB and Westpac have invested over \$5 billion of investors' money in coal over the last 5 years.***

***The energy future of this municipality and its residents is an important issue for this council.***

***It is therefore moved that:***

***The Council writes to the Australian banks that hold council investments and***

- Seeks clarification on the amount of money the bank/s currently invest in coal and renewables.***
- Asks the bank/s to adopt a policy of not providing finance to new coal power stations in Australia.***



- ***Meets with the bank to discuss the bank's current investments in coal and renewables and the extent to which ratepayers' money is being used to finance new coal power stations.***
- ***Reports back to council on the outcome of this meeting and related correspondence.***

*Please use Greenpeace as a resource on this matter. I have attached below copies of the full Profundo report and an 8-page summary.*

*For a clean, reliable, renewable energy future."*

**G39/11/10 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

**Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske**

**That Council note the information and the Council does not wish to proceed with the suggested resolution.**

**Carried**

In accordance with Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009:-

Cr G.L. Engeman declared a Conflict of Interest in Minute G41/11/10 due to being a member of the Gympie & District Show Society.

The chairperson requested a vote to determine if this was a "Conflict of Interest".

**G40/11/10 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**That Cr G.L. Engeman has a Conflict of Interest in Minute G41/11/10 and is directed to leave the meeting while the matter is being discussed and voted on.**

**Carried**

Cr G.L. Engeman left the meeting at 9.50 am.

9/5	Contract for the Undergrounding of Overhead Powerlines, Stage 1 & 2 Side Show Alley/Caravan Park Circuit - Gympie Showgrounds
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Re: **G41/11/10** Contract for the Undergrounding of Overhead Powerlines, Stage 1 & 2 Side Show Alley/Caravan Park Circuit - Gympie Showgrounds

From: Heather Kelly

File: Tender no:2010/11 – T02

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

Reference:

### Executive Summary

Tenders were called for the Undergrounding of Overhead Powerlines, Stage 1 and 2. Tenders have been assessed and a summary is provided for Council's Consideration.

### **Report: (Community Facilities and Services Co-ordinator – Mrs H Kelly)**

Tenders were called for the undergrounding of overhead powerlines at the Gympie Showgrounds, Adrian McClintock Park, Stage 1, Side Show Alley.

Council, when entering into a contract, has an obligation under the *Local Government Act 2009* to apply sound contracting principles as follows:

- (a) value for money; and
- (b) open and effective competition; and
- (c) the development of competitive local business and industry; and
- (d) environmental protection; and
- (e) ethical behaviour and fair dealing.

A total of twenty five (25) sets of tender documents were forwarded to interested parties with seven (7) tenders being received by the closing date of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

Council reserves the right to invite tenderers to change their tenders pursuant to the Local Government Act 2009. Section 177 (7) (a) of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 states a local government might later invite all tenderer's to change their tenders to take account of a change in tender specifications. This regulation formed Clause 11.3 of the Conditions of Tender.

Under this clause all tenderers were invited to submit a revised tender to include stage 1 – Side Show Alley and Stage 2 Caravan Park Circuit as it was deemed advantageous to Council to proceed with both stages if it falls within the allocated budget. Tenderers who had submitted non-compliant tenders were given the opportunity to submit a compliant tender at this stage.

Council received revised tenders from six (6) of the original seven (7) tenderers.

Listed below is a summary of the tenders received.

<b>INTERESTED PARTY DETAILS REGD BUSINESS &amp; ABN / ACN</b>	<b>TENDER PRICE Stage 1</b>	<b>TENDER PRICE Stage 1&amp;2</b>	<b>RELEVANT NOTES</b>
LAGUNA ELECTRICAL SERVICES ABN: 85105362490	\$74,850.00	\$125,900	(price does not include all requirements as listed in the tender

			documents. Tender non-compliant)
ABACUS AIR AND ELECTRICAL ABN. 17892433834	\$78,657.07	\$157,762	Current Approved Council Contractor
O'CONNORS ELECTRICAL & CIVIL CONTRACTORS ABN. 24388911535	\$87,159.50	\$166,488	
C.B.ENERGY P/L ABN. 82121978023	\$89,110.00	\$248,296	
JOHN BUCKLEY ELECTRICAL ABN: 19509782849	\$105,850.00	\$169,470.00	Current Approved Council Contractor
CHATSWOOD NOMINEES P/L ABN: 55011072610	\$114,940.00	Did Not Tender	
IMPULSE ELECTRICAL ABN:70060852566	\$144,306.80	\$243,653.80	

The technical specifications for the project were developed by an independent consultant who reviewed the tenders as submitted. The consultant advised that based on the information provided all tenderers appear competent.

Tenders were assessed using information based on the following selection criteria:

- Price.
- Demonstrated Understanding of Scope of Works
- Experience
- Methodology
- Locality

Based on the assessment using this criteria, Abacus Air and Electrical are recommended to be awarded the contract.

#### Strategic Implications

Corporate Plan: 1.5 (4)

Operational Plan: 3.3 (iv)

Budget Implications: Council has \$160,000 allocated for these works in the current budget.

Budget Reference: 4501164.1000 Showgrounds Power  
2520402.1000 Showgrounds Maintenance

Risk Analysis: There is a low level of corporate risk associated with the awarding of this tender as all relevant policies and procedures have been followed in both calling for tenders, calling for revised tenders and assessment of same.

Consultation

Director of Community Services  
Co-ordinator Health and Environmental Services  
Co-ordinator Procurement and Stores  
RPG Consulting

Checklist

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

**G41/11/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske**

**That Council accept the tender submitted by Abacus Air and Electrical for \$157,762 for the Undergrounding of Overhead Powerlines, Gympie Showgrounds, Stage 1 and 2.**

**Carried 8**

9/6	Proposed Projects for Gympie Regional Council under Round One of the Queensland Government's Building Rural Communities Fund
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Re: **G42/11/10** Proposed Projects for Gympie Regional Council under Round One of the Queensland Government's Building Rural Communities Fund

From: Economic Development/Public Relations Officer – Mrs L Wilbraham

File:

Date: 24 November 2010

Reference:

**Executive Summary:**

Information has been received from the Queensland Government as follows:

The Rural and Regional Queensland Unit has announced the first call for applications under round one of the Building Rural Communities Fund.

The Building Rural Communities Fund is a core component of the Tomorrow's Regions initiative, which includes the 10-year Blueprint for the Bush program and Regional Development Australia in Queensland. It seeks to build the capacity of rural and remote communities across the state to help create a more sustainable future.

The new funding program will provide one-off grants of up to \$10,000 for projects that will improve the economic, social, cultural or environmental capacity of rural and remote communities in Blueprint for the Bush regions.

The Blueprint for the Bush includes communities outside South-East Queensland (excluding the major regional centres), communities west of the Great Dividing Range, small communities east of the range, and those in Cape York and Torres Strait.

To be eligible, you must either be an incorporated not-for-profit organisation (or sponsored unincorporated organisation), local government entity or a Rural and Remote Area Development Organisation. Under round one, projects must also align with at least one of the four Blueprint for the Bush goals – Sustainability, Liveability, Prosperity and Service Delivery.

More information, including access to the funding guidelines and application form is available online via the following link:  
<http://www.regions.qld.gov.au/dsdweb/v4/apps/web/content.cfm?id=16128>.  
You may also find the attached Frequently Asked Questions factsheet helpful.

The Building Rural Communities Fund is administered by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) through the Rural and Regional Queensland Unit, and is supported by a network of DEEDI Regional Offices outside South East Queensland.

Applications for the first round close 5pm EST on the 7 December 2010.

**Previous Council considerations:**

**Nil**

**Report: (Mrs Lynne Wilbraham - Economic Development and Public Relations Officer)**

**Introduction:**

The Queensland Government is seeking to partner with regional communities to provide a stronger voice for rural Queensland. The Building Rural Communities fund is being offered to communities outside SE Qld. including the Wide Bay Burnett to provide funding for the development and delivery of projects which will help build liveable, prosperous and sustainable rural and regional communities in Queensland.

Body of Report

Under the funding guidelines, Gympie Regional Council is able to apply for funding of up to \$10,000 for two projects.

Following discussions with regional businesses and the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, the opportunity has been identified to apply for projects focused on industry cluster development, particularly in the agribusiness and creative industries sector.

Further discussions with relevant staff have identified the potential to apply for projects focused on raising awareness of specific environmental issues and opportunities focused on educating and informing the public about recycling and raising awareness about specific environmental issues in our region.

Council also has the opportunity to partner with eligible organisations to develop project s as per the funding guidelines.

Corporate Plan:

2. A Sustainable Economy

Continuing to develop a strong and diverse economy that is growing steadily

3. A Responsibly Managed Environment Sustaining our Region's healthy lifestyle by responsibly managing our environment.

Operational Plan:

1.1 (vi) Economic Development

Aims -

To foster continuing economic growth in the Region.

To maximise Gympie as the major commercial and industrial centre for the economic Region.

3.1 Environmental and Waste Services

Objective: To undertake activities to promote and protect the environment in accordance with relevant legislative requirements.

Budget Implications: Nil

Budget Reference:

Legal/Statutory: Nil

Risks:

Issues

Control

a) The likelihood of risks in relation to these activities is low as all relevant corporate and operational areas are considered in the development and

implementation of the projects and activities. Feedback and information will be sought from all areas of council including the Mayor and Councillors.

**Consultation:**

CEO

Corporate Services Directorate

Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation

**Checklist:**

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

**G42/11/10**

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

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

**That staff investigate and apply for funding for appropriate projects which will improve the economic, social, cultural or environmental capacity of communities in the Gympie Region.**

**Carried**

Cr G.L. Engeman returned to the meeting at 9.52 am.

## **SECTION 10: GENERAL BUSINESS**

Land Use – Mary Valley

**G43/11/10**

**Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

**Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**That Council contact the State Government indicating our concerns of the lack of communication and once again offering our assistance to develop positive outcomes in relation to the Mary Valley.**

**Further Council request a meeting prior to the 6 December 2010.**

**Carried**

**SECTION 11: IN COMMITTEE****COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE**

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

1. Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant

**G44/11/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske**

**That pursuant to the provisions of Section 463 of the Local Government Act, Council resolves to close the meeting to the public and move “into committee” to consider the following matter/s:-**

**1. Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant**

**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**

**G45/11/10 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté**

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

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

**Carried**

11/1a	Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant
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Re: Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant  
File: Doc # 1454226  
Date: 15 September 2010

11/ 1b	Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant
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Re: Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant  
File: 4/8/28/3 Doc # 1463669  
Date: 28 October 2010



11/ 1c	Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant
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Re: Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant  
File: 4/8/28/3 Doc # 1463672  
Date: 28 October 2010

**G46/11/10 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

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

**That Council agree to the fence alignment as proposed by the Wenzels on 15/10/10 subject to:**

- (a) the full length of the fence being built by a mutually agreed fencing contractor**
- (b) Standard of fence to be 4 strand barb with deep strainer posts on all floodable land**
- (c) Costs to be shared equally**

**Carried**

## **SECTION 12: ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1:Gympie Regional Council's Draft Annual Report 2009-2010 – Refer Item 9/1  
Attachment 2: First Quarterly Review – Operational Plan – Refer Item 9/3

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.16 am.

Confirmed this EIGHTH day of DECEMBER 2010

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CHAIRMAN  
Cr R.J. Dyne