



MINUTES
of the
GENERAL MEETING

CHAIRMAN: Cr R Dyne (Mayor)

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

**On Wednesday 23 March 2011
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 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

SECTION 1: OPEN WITH PRAYER

Pastor Ken Herschell from the Gympie 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 family and friends of deceased residents of the Region.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

G39/02/11 – *That Cr L.J. Friske be granted Leave of Absence from all Council Meetings from the 9 March to and including the 23 March 2011.*

SECTION 2: APOLOGIES

SECTION 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

G13/03/11 **Moved:** Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr A.J. Perrett

That the Minutes of the Gympie Regional Council General Meeting held on 9 March 2011 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

SECTION 4: PETITIONS

SECTION 5: ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**G14/03/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett****Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

That the Recommendations of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 9 March 2011 as presented, be received.

Carried

G15/03/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

That the Recommendations of the Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 9 March 2011, be adopted.

Carried

SECTION 6: REPORT BY THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Cr Tony Perrett presented the following Report:-

The Health and Environmental Services report for the month of February was received noting concerns with the Amamoor Waste Management facility. It has come to Councils attention that there has been an increase in the amount of waste material being unlawfully disposed of at the facility. Council staff will continue to monitor the situation and will report back to a future Waste Strategy Working Group meeting.

Council has received advice from the Goomeri Pool Manager that she does not wish to extend her contract beyond the current swimming season. The Committee recommends that Council advertise for quotations for a period of three (3) years subject to the normal contractual conditions. A further request by the operator to close the facility prior to its schedule close on Saturday, 30th April was denied.

Murgon Family Medical Practice have approached Council requesting rental of a consulting room in the Goomeri Health Services building. The premises they currently occupy are unable to be accredited due to a number of limiting factors.

The Committee is recommending that the Director of Community Services enter into negotiations with the letter writer to establish a license agreement for office consulting space. Further, the Director of Community Services will also negotiate a license agreement with Queensland Health and Dr Springhall for formal access to the Kilkivan Health Centre.

A request by the Kandanga Rural Fire Brigade for Council to reconsider the reallocation of funding has the Committee recommending that the funds previously allocated to the water treatment plant can be utilised for costs associated with the installation of a shower and sink waste system. There is no additional funding requirement to complete this project.

Complete Sports Marketing has approached Council to host the Queensland Elite Masters Individual Time Trial and Criterium Cycle Championships in Gympie. The event will attract 275 competitors and officials and will be held over two (2) days on the 3 & 4 September, 2011. A preliminary discussion with the Gympie Cycling Club and potential project sponsors has received a very positive response. The Committee recommends that Council support this event and that the Acting CEO sign a related Memorandum of Understanding with Complete Sports Marketing and Cycle Queensland to host the event.

The Committee is recommending that Council adopt the following recommendations from the recent Waste Strategy Working Group meeting;

Life of Landfill Facilities

(a) authorise the Director of Community Services to investigate potential transfer station sites and types of transfer stations for replacement of existing landfills and commence the planning development approval process.

State Waste Levy Impact on All Council Waste Facilities

(b) refer the matter to the Wide Bay Regional Organisation of Councils with the view to organise a deputation to the State Government regarding the introduction of the waste levy across the region;

Green-waste Shredding Proposal

(c) immediately instigate a trial period of three (3) months for the shredding of green-waste at Waste Management Facilities in terms of the written proposal to Council;

Redevelopment of Bonnick Road Waste Management Facility Development of Bayside Road Transfer Station

(d) refer the matter to the Wide Bay Regional Organisation of Councils with the view to organise a deputation to the State Government regarding the over regulation and impositions being placed on local Councils/developers by DERM.

Further that this matter be referred to the LGAQ for their action and that other Regional Organisation of Councils be advised similarly.

Toolara Central Landfill

(e) that the Mayor seek an urgent deputation to the Minister for Environment and Resource Management, The Honourable Kate Jones, in relation to the State Development Approval for the site.

G16/03/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Report be received.

Carried

SECTION 7: ADOPTION OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

G17/03/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2011 as presented, be received with the exception of Minute P19/03/11 to be withdrawn and dealt with later in this meeting.

Carried

G18/03/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen Seconded: Cr J. Watt

That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2011 as amended, be adopted.

Carried

Recommendation P19/03/11 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on the 16 March 2011.

G19/03/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

That Recommendation P19/03/11 of the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2011 be referred to a future Planning meeting for further discussion.

Carried

SECTION 8: REPORT BY THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
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Cr Jan Watt presented the following Report:-

Strategic Planning Matters

Council resolved to write to the Department of Transport and Main Road requesting that an identification marker similar to those found in lawn cemeteries be placed at the site of the former Cod Street shelter shed at Tin Can Bay. Council will also be writing to Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) highlighting the cultural significance of the Tin Can Bay timber tramway suggesting the site be considered for entry to the State Heritage Register.

The recommendation from the Heritage Advisory committee that Council retract its objection to the proposed State Heritage listing of 242 Mary Street was referred to a future Planning and Development Committee meeting for consideration.

Mrs Mary Burns from DERM attended the meeting and discussed State Heritage Listed Places exemption certificates. Councillors raised continuing concerns related to costs associated with maintenance of Heritage listed sites such as the already listed Elgin Vale Sawmill and potential Heritage registered site of 242 Mary Street (present council offices). Discussions related to maintenance and the possible necessary alterations to council's office building in order to continue council operations and the ongoing costs to council (and therefore ratepayers) associated with compliance with Heritage listing.

Planning Applications

Representations were received regarding a Medical Facility, Queen/Channon Streets, in relation to reduction of the urban road contribution. Council resolved not to issue a Negotiated Decision Notice

but will inform the applicant that payment of the road contribution is not required until commencement of the use.

Reconfiguring a Lot applications

An application was received to create 25 residential lots on Smerdon Rd Southside. Concerns were raised by councillors regarding lot size, with 14 of the 25 proposed lots neither complying with the minimum lot size requirement of 600 sq m nor frontage for new housing lots and could be considered to have a detrimental impact on the amenity of the area given the current rural zoning and surrounding housing density. It was recognised however, that the lot proposed for development is included in the Urban Footprint of the Draft Wide Bay Burnett Regulatory Provisions. Preliminary approval was given to the proposal subject to the condition that all lots are to have a minimum lot size of 600 sq m. Further that this matter was withdrawn (23 March General Meeting) and referred to a future Planning & Development meeting for further consideration.

Representation on a lot reconfiguration was received for a subdivision to create 6 lots on Taylor Rd Veteran. Council agreed to issue a Negotiated Decision Notice with conditions relating to visibility issues, road widening requirements and notification on council records and to purchasers regarding proposed requirements for treatments systems for lots 2-6.

Pending Planning Applications

One new material change of use (MCU) Impact Assessment for preliminary approval to vary the effect of the planning scheme for an industrial development at Tamaree.

Seven new MCU Code Assessable applications include several ERA matters including a Chemical Storage site and several Motor Vehicle and or retail fuel outlet sites. These have resulted from previous licensing under the old Environment Authority lapsing in January this year and the licensing now coming under the Sustainable Planning Act (SPA) requiring new applications.

Other MCU Code Assessable applications include a free range piggery on Sterling Road, Kandanga, to keep between 20 and 400 pigs. DEEDI and DERM are concurrence agencies.

Four Development Applications were approved under delegated authority including two dwellings, a MCU for 12 holiday accommodation cabins at TCB and a boundary realignment.

G20/03/11 Moved: Cr J. Watt

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

That the Report be received.

Carried

SECTION 9: OTHER MATTERS**9/1 Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - Widgee**

Re: **G21/03/11** Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - Widgee
From: Widgee Craft Group Inc. PO Box 9, Widgee Qld 4570
File: 1-3-6-7 Doc ID 1483079
Date: 9 March 2011
Reference:

"The Widgee Craft Group is holding its annual Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday 25 May, commencing at 9.30 am. Our members are hoping that we may be able to obtain the services of Deputy Mayor, Tony Perrett, to once again take on the role of MC for the morning. Tony's part in the proceedings over the years has, no doubt, contributed greatly to the success of our morning teas and has become somewhat of a tradition.

We would greatly appreciate it if your council could find its way clear to allowing Tony to take on this important role again this year.

On behalf of the many cancer sufferers throughout Queensland, we say "Thank you" in anticipation."

G21/03/11 Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

That Cr Perrett be granted Leave of Absence to attend the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at Widgee on Wednesday 25 May 2011.

Carried

9/2 Application to amend Trading Hours – 26 April 2011

Re: **G22/03/11** Application to amend Trading Hours – 26 April 2011
From: Queensland Industrial Relations Commission
File: Doc ID: 1483951
Date:
Reference: Matter No. TH/2011/2

**APPLICATION TO AMEND ORDER - TRADING HOURS - NON-EXEMPT
SHOPS
TRADING BY RETAIL – STATE
TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2011**

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT SWAN
DEPUTY PRESIDENT BLOOMFIELD
COMMISSIONER THOMPSON**

10 March 2011

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an application has been made by National Retail Association Limited, Union of Employers, to the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission under the Trading (Allowable Hours) Act 1990, for an amendment of the trading hours fixed by the order, Trading Hours - Non-Exempt Shops Trading By Retail- State, as follows:

By inserting the following new proviso in clause 3.2(1):

Provided further that notwithstanding the provisions of clause 3.1, the following trading hours shall apply on Tuesday, 26 April 2011:

	<i>Opening Time</i>	<i>Closing Time</i>
<i>Tuesday, 26 April 20 11</i>	<i>8.00 a.m.</i>	<i>5.00 p.m.</i>

The matter has been listed for a mention before the Full Bench, Deputy President Swan, Deputy President Bloomfield, and Commissioner Thompson at Queensland Industrial Relations Commission, Level 13, Central Plaza 2, 66 Eagle Street (corner Elizabeth & Creek Streets), Brisbane on Wednesday 16 March 2011 at Sittings commencing at 4.00 pm.

Any Industrial Organisation, other organisation Or person claiming to be interested in the proceeding may apply to the Industrial Registrar, GPO Box 373, Brisbane, Qld" 4001, Phone No, 32Z7 8060, fax No. 3221 6074, Email qirc.registry@deir.qld.gov.au for leave to appear and be heard therein by 12 noon on Tuesday 15 March 2011.

Any interested person or body may obtain a copy of the application, the Direction Order and any further particulars from the applicant."

G22/03/11 Moved: Cr J.A. Walker

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the information be received.

Carried

9/3	Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF)
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Re: **G23/03/11** Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF)
From: Paul Massingham, Executive Officer, Regional Development Australia, Wide Bay Burnett, PO Box 1045, Hervey Bay Qld 4655
File:
Date: 15 March 2011
Reference:

"The Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) is a national program to support Australia's regions and enhance the economic development and liveability of their communities. It is designed to ensure that new investments are targeted to reflect the characteristics, and to address the opportunities and challenges, of Australia's diverse regions.

The program aims to support localism, and to leverage and better coordinate state, commonwealth, local government and private (including not-for-profit) investment for the long term benefit of communities.

Regional Development Australia Wide Bay Burnett (RDA WBB) will play a major role in drawing together local and state governments, as well as private and community stakeholders within and across the Wide Bay Burnett, to identify and encourage proposals which are consistent with the priorities identified in the [Wide Bay Burnett Regional Roadmap](#). Projects put forward for funding under the RDAF must be endorsed by Regional Development Australia Wide Bay Burnett.

The first funding round is now open and the [Guidelines](#) have been released. The first round will look to contribute up to \$100 Million of Commonwealth funding to approved projects. Applications will be received by the Department up to COB on Friday, 13 May 2011. Funding of between \$500,000 and \$25 Million per project will be available.

RDA WBB has circulated the [Project information data collection form](#). This document must be completed for all projects and submitted to RDA WBB prior to consideration of any application.

RDA WBB will circulate shortly the process for engagement to evaluate regional projects.

I strongly encourage you to review the funding guidelines and complete the [Project information data collection form](#) for all your proposed projects as soon as possible.

Please circulate this information to your colleagues as you require.

For further information please contact Paul Massingham on (07) 4125 9272 or email to info@rdawideabayburnett.org.au ”

G23/03/11 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman

That the information be received.

Carried

SECTION 10: GENERAL BUSINESS

LGAQ Infrastructure & Planning Symposium

Cr Ian Petersen reported that he and the Mayor attended the recent LGAQ Infrastructure & Planning Symposium in Brisbane. Both he and the Mayor concurred that the topics were varied with some interesting speakers.

SECTION 11: IN COMMITTEE

SECTION 12: ATTACHMENTS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.27 am.

Confirmed this THIRTEENTH day of APRIL 2011

CHAIRMAN
Cr R.J. Dyne