



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

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

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

**On Wednesday 10 August 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 9:06 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. Mason), and Minutes Clerk (Mrs S Lowe).

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS**

### **Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting**

**F03/07/11** – All Councillors - Conflict of Interest

**F28/07/11** – All Councillors - Conflict of Interest

### **Works & Services Committee Meeting**

**W10/08/11** – Cr Watt – perceived Conflict of Interest

**W28 & W29/08/11** – Cr Walker –Conflict of Interest

**W36/08/11** – Cr Neilson – Conflict of Interest

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

Pastor Iain McGill from the Mary Valley Wesleyan 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**

<b>SECTION 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING</b>
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G01/08/11 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté

Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker

That the Minutes of the Gympie Regional Council General Meeting held on 27 July 2011 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

<b>SECTION 4: PETITIONS</b>
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<b>SECTION 5: ADOPTION OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE &amp; FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
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G02/08/11 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske

That the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 27 July 2011 as presented, be received with the exception of Minute F03/07/11, F22/07/11, F26/07/11 & F28/07/11 to be withdrawn and dealt with later in this meeting.

Carried

G03/08/11 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson

Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté

That the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 27 July 2011 as amended, be adopted.

Carried

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009.

All Councillors declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in Recommendation F03/07/11 due to this being a Public Liability Insurance matter.

As all Councillors declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in the next matter, all Councillors remained in the meeting while the matter was discussed and voted on.

**Recommendation F03/07/11 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27 July 2011.**

**G04/08/11 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson**

**Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**That Recommendation F03/07/11 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 27 July 2011 be received and adopted.**

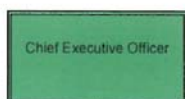
**Carried 9/0**

**Recommendation F22/07/11 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27 July 2011.**

**G05/08/11 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson**

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

**That Recommendation F22/07/11 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 27 July 2011 be deleted and the following amended Executive Structure be placed in its stead:**



HR-I-051

Organisation Structure

Reviewed: 05/08/11

be adopted.

**Carried**

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

All Councillors declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in Recommendation F28/07/11 due to the Councillors being part of the process.

As all Councillors declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in the matter, all Councillors remained in the meeting while the matter was discussed and voted on.

**Recommendation F28/07/11 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27 July 2011.**

**G06/08/11 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson**

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

**That Recommendation F28/07/11 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 27 July 2011 be received and adopted.**

**Carried 9/0**

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

Cr Donna Neilson presented the following Report:

The committee agreed to support the Happy Healthy Parenting Expo to be held on 8 September 2011 by donating \$500 towards the hire of the Civic Centre. The applicant will be requested to apply through the Financial Assistance Grants process for any future funding requests.

The meeting heard that Council has donated \$2500 to the Dickabram Bridge 125<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. A number of Councillors have also made personal donations towards the printing of the history book.

Council will accept an offer from Gympie Eldorado Mining to contribute \$20,412 towards the repair of the poppet head at Brisbane Road, Gympie. This represents 50% of the estimated costs and will enable GEM to relinquish their term lease over the surrounding land.

The Gympie and District Historical Society Inc has now requested that Council vary the terms of its standard freehold lease to community groups by deleting a clause relating to termination of the lease. The Society had previously given an undertaking to sign the standard lease within two months of its presentation. Council will advise GDHS that it is not prepared to deviate from its standard terms.

Upon request from St John Ambulance, Council will continue to allow them to store their vehicles at the old Tozer Park Depot for up to 12 months. It is unlikely that the Licence Agreement will be further extended as the land may be required for other purposes.



Council will make application to the Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations for the Gympie Show holiday to be observed on Friday 18 May 2012. At the request of the Goomeri State School, the holiday for Goomeri township will be 13 August 2012.

Staff training in June concentrated on the areas of Erosion and Sediment Control, Waste water management and road sealing to meet legislative requirements. Training in manual handling techniques to prevent soft tissue injury in outside crews was also undertaken.

**G07/08/11      Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson                      Seconded: Cr G.L. Engeman**

**That the Report be received.**

**Carried**

<b>SECTION 7:    ADOPTION OF WORKS &amp; SERVICES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
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**G08/08/11      Moved: Cr L.J. Friske                      Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

**That the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 2 August 2011 as presented, be received with the exception of Minute W10/08/11, W28/08/11, W29/08/11 & W36/08/11 to be withdrawn and dealt with later in this meeting.**

**Carried**

**G09/08/11      Moved: Cr L.J. Friske                      Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

**That the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 2 August 2011 as amended, be adopted.**

**Carried**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

Cr J Watt & Cr G.L. Engeman declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in Recommendation W10/08/11 due to receiving a water allocation.

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

**G10/08/11    Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

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

**That Cr J Watt & Cr G.L. Engeman do not have a Conflict of Interest in Recommendation W10/08/11 due to receiving a water allocation and may remain in the meeting while the matter is being discussed and voted on.**

**Carried 7 FOR 2 Abstained**

Cr J Watt & Cr G Engeman abstained from voting.

<b>Recommendation W10/08/11 of the Recommendations of the Works &amp; Services Committee Meeting held on the 2 August 2011.</b>
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**G11/08/11    Moved: Cr L.J. Friske**

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

**That Recommendation W10/08/11 of the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 2 August 2011 be received and adopted.**

**Carried 9/0**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

Cr J.A. Walker & Cr G.L. Engeman declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in Recommendation W28/08/11 & W29/08/11 due to being a financial member of the Mary Valley Show Society and the Mary Valley Chamber of Commerce.

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

**G12/08/11 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske****Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**That Cr J Walker & Cr G Engeman do have a Conflict of Interest in Recommendation W28/08/11 and W29/08/11 due to being a financial member of the Mary Valley Show Society and the Mary Valley Chamber of Commerce and were directed to leave the meeting while the matters were being discussed and voted on.**

**Carried 7 FOR 2 Abstained**

Cr J Walker & Cr G Engeman abstained from voting.

Cr J.A. Walker and Cr G.L. Engeman left the meeting at 9.20 am.

<p><b>Recommendation W28/08/11 &amp; W29/08/11 of the Recommendations of the Works &amp; Services Committee Meeting held on the 2 August 2011.</b></p>
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**G13/08/11 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske****Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**That Recommendation W28/08/11 & W29/08/11 of the  
Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting  
held on 2 August 2011 be received and adopted.**

**Carried 7/0**

Cr J.A. Walker & Cr Engeman returned to the meeting at 9.21 am.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

Cr Neilson declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in Recommendation W36/08/11 due to her owning property outside the proposed sewerage area but within the Southside area.

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

**G14/08/11 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté****Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

**That Cr Neilson does not have a Conflict of Interest in Recommendation W36/08/11 due to her owning property outside the proposed sewered area but within the Southside area.**

**Carried 8/1**

Cr D.R. Neilson elected to leave the meeting at 9.21 am.

<b>Recommendation W36/08/11 of the Recommendations of the Works &amp; Services Committee Meeting held on the 2 August 2011.</b>
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**G15/08/11 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske****Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**That Recommendation W36/08/11 of the Recommendations of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on 2 August 2011 be received and adopted.**

**Carried 8/0**

Cr D.R. Neilson returned to the meeting at 9.22 am.

<b>Notice of Repeal of Resolution</b>
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Re: **G16/08/11** Notice of Repeal of Resolution  
From: Cr L.J. Friske - Councillor  
File:  
Date: 29 July 2011  
Reference:

*"In accordance with Section S59 of the Local Government (Operations) Regulations 2010, I hereby give written notice that at the General Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday the 10 August 2011, I intend to move that the following resolution adopted at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 9 February 2011 be repealed.*

**Resolution W15/02/11:**

***Recommend that Council approve the permanent closure of the playground located on the Brisbane Road side of the Lake Alford Recreation area, with suitable equipment to be refurbished and relocated***

***to other parks, including Gunalda Park, as resources and priorities permit, and other equipment to be removed and suitably disposed of.***

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

*Should the proposed repeal be successful, I hereby give notice that I intend to move the following motion:-*

***“That playground equipment removed from Lake Alford Recreation Area Brisbane Road site be refurbished and relocated to other Parks as resources and priorities permit.***

***And that the playground located on the Highway side of Lake Alford Recreation Area is retained and upgraded to correct existing on site issues and to meet relevant Australian Standards.***

***Further that Council approve the allocation of \$60,000 from Parks Contributions (\$30,000 from Gympie/Chatsworth/Southside/Jones Hill and \$30,000 from Pie Creek/Mooloo/Glastonbury/The Palms) for correction of on site issues and non-compliance of Relevant Australian Standards.”***

**Report: (Acting Chief Executive Officer – Craig Manson)**

At the Works & Services Committee Meeting of Council held on the 2 August 2011 the above matter was discussed with the following recommendation.

***“W32/08/11 - Recommend that this matter be held over and referred to the General Meeting of Council being held on 10 August 2011 for further consideration.”***

**G16/08/11 Moved: Cr L.J. Friske****Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

**That Minute W15/02/11 be repealed.**

**Further that playground equipment removed from Lake Alford Recreation Area Brisbane Road site be refurbished and relocated to other Parks as resources and priorities permit.**

**Further that the playground located on the Highway side of Lake Alford Recreation Area is retained and upgraded to correct existing on site issues and to meet relevant Australian Standards.**

**Further that Council approve the allocation of \$60,000 from Parks Contributions (\$30,000 from Gympie/Chatsworth/Southside/Jones Hill and \$30,000 from Pie Creek/Mooloo/Glastonbury/The Palms) for correction of on site issues and non-compliance of Relevant Australian Standards.**

**Carried**

<b>SECTION 8: REPORT BY THE WORKS &amp; SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN</b>
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Nil

<b>SECTION 9: ADOPTION OF PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
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**G17/08/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen****Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 3 August 2011 as presented, be received.**

**Carried**

**G18/08/11 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen****Seconded: Cr J. Watt**

**That the Recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on 3 August 2011, be adopted.**

**Carried**

<b>SECTION 10: REPORT BY THE PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN</b>
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Nil

<b>SECTION 11: OTHER MATTERS</b>
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<b>11/1</b>	<b>Bronze Award - The 50:50 Vision Councils for Gender Equity Program</b>
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Re: **G19/08/11** Bronze Award - The 50:50 Vision Councils for Gender Equity Program  
From: Department of Local Government and Planning  
File: 1-4-5-0003  
Date: 22 July 2011  
Reference: F20/09/10 and F15/11/10

*"I am writing to congratulate your Council on becoming the first Queensland Local Government to receive a Bronze Award in the 50:50 Vision – Councils for Gender Equity Program (the Program).*

*Your Council is to be commended on its foresight in recognizing the importance of gender equity, particularly for women in Local Government both at elected member and senior staff levels. It is pleasing to see Queensland Local Government represented among the front runners of Local Governments to receive this national Award.*

*Gender equity is recognized as a governance issue in both public and private sector organisations and Local Government in Australia is leading the way with this program.*

*As you will be aware, women are under-represented in many areas of Local Government, with national figures indicating women still account for less than 30 per cent of Councillors, 20 per cent of Senior Managers and 7 per cent of chief Executives in Local Government.*

*As Councils increasingly face skills shortages in a more competitive employment market, Councils which have addressed gender equity*

*issues in their employment processes will find they are better placed to attract top quality candidates.*

*The Program is a direct outcome of the Local Government and Planning Ministers Council's (LGPMC) Women in Local Government Strategy 2009-2012, a framework for addressing gender equity issues which includes setting, for 2020, inspirational goals of:*

- *40 per cent female Councillors*
- *35 per cent female Mayors*
- *30 per cent Senior Managers*

*A major objective of the Program is the promotion of long-term cultural change on gender equality issues. It is designed to promote innovation and best practice and recognize the value in diversity. It is considered to be an important component of workforces strategies.*

*The Program is predicated on information sharing and capacity building, allowing Councils to share their experiences and stories. Over 100 Councils across the country have already signed up for the Program.*

*To date two other Queensland Local Governments have received a Bronze Award and five more have registered for the Program. It is hoped your success will inspire other Local Governments to register and reap the benefits of an organisation that embraces gender equity in its workforce planning strategy.*

*The Deputy Premier would like to see all Queensland Councils signed up for the Program, and is looking forward to presenting the first Gold Award to a Queensland Council.*

*The Deputy Premier has also written to Councillor Ron Dyne, Mayor, about the Program.*

*Once again, your Council is commended for registering for the Program and congratulated on its success in achieving a Bronze Award. The Deputy Premier looks forward to hearing about Council's progress and future successes with the Program."*

**Executive Summary:**

The 50:50 Vision Councils for Gender Equity Award scheme is promoted by the Australian Centre for Excellence for Local Government and the Australian Local Government Women's Association. This program was endorsed by the Local Government and Planning Ministers Councils (LGPMC), and is the first national accreditation and awards program which encourages councils across



Australia to address gender equity issues within the organization and among elected representatives.

**Previous Council considerations:**

Previous Minute F20/09/10 *“Recommend that Council endorse the proposal to proceed with an application for a Bronze Award in the 50:50 Vision Councils for Gender Equity Award scheme”.*

Previous Minute F15/11/10 *“Recommend that Council endorse the following statement of commitment to address gender equity issues within the organisation:-*

*“Gympie Regional Council will work towards increasing the representation of women in local government, both as elected members and senior managers and professionals.*

*Gympie Regional Council will undertake ongoing reviews of policies and practices to remove barriers to women’s participation and to engender safe, supportive working and decision-making environments that encourage and value a wide range of views.”*

**Report: (Mr Don Cartwright – Manager Human Resources)**

There are three levels of Awards within this program (Bronze, Silver and Gold), and Council has received the Bronze Award.

**Strategic Implications:**

Corporate Plan: Complies with Outcome 4.4

Operational Plan: Sub Program 1.2 Corporate Services 1.2(v)

Budget: No direct cost to Council

Budget: Corporate Services – HR – Training, WH&S, General.

Legal/Statutory: Endorsement of Access and Equity principles.

Risks: Report Only.

**Consultation:**

Acting Director of Corporate Services.

**G19/08/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

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

**That the information be received.**

**Carried**

## LATE ITEMS

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

Cr Watt and Cr Engeman declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in Minute G21/08/11 due to receiving a water allocation.

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

**G20/08/11 Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

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

**That Cr J Watt & Cr G Engeman do not have a Conflict of Interest in Minute G21/08/11 due to receiving a water allocation and may remain in the meeting while the matter is being discussed and voted on.**

**Carried 7 FOR 2 Abstained**

Cr J. Watt and Cr G.L. Engeman abstained from voting.

### Late Item 1 Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011

Re: **G21/08/11** Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011  
From: Director of Engineering Services - R Fredman  
File:  
Date: 08 August 2011  
Reference: W10/08/11

***W10/08/11 - Recommend that Cr Watt and the Director of Engineering Services form a position in relation to the changes to the Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 (Qld) and report back to Council.***

***Further that Council contact the State Government requesting information on the changes to the above Bill and seek an extension of time for lodgement of the Submission, if necessary.***

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

The new Bill, as described by MRCCC correspondence at the last Works & Services Committee Meeting, is intended to provide a more “streamlined” process for river management in Qld. Specifically, the changes centre around simplification of the Water Resource Plan (WRP) and the Resource Operations Plan (ROP) processes, flexibility for government entities to enable them to hold water licences, and certain exemptions from the requirements to hold riverine protection permits.

The issue that would primarily affect this Council relates to flexibility that the Minister now has in terms of community consultation regarding changes to the WRP/ROPs. The Mary Basin WRP is due for replacement in 2016. It is no longer compulsory, rather it is at the discretion of the Minister, to have a community reference panel to advise the Department during the formulation of the WRP.

In the preparation of the new Mary Basin WRP there will be a major local issue with what constitutes reasonable and sustainable water extraction from the Mary in a dry year. Note that the State Government retains a theoretical access to a “strategic reserve” of 150,000ML of water per year out of the Mary, and amount which was challenged in 2009, even by the Coordinator General (indirectly). Note that Gympie’s current allocation is less than 4,000 ML.

The issue has been compounded in complexity because the State Government has proceeded with the Northern Pipeline Interconnector Project which has seen a major pipeline connected from the Mary system in the Gympie Region, to supply water to the south. There is no current way of supplying it with water. The changes in the Bill could be construed as diminishing public consultation on a highly important local issue.

A further issue may be the proposed ability for State or Federal entities to hold water licences without the limitation of a specific extraction or delivery location. It is not clear what the net affect of this will be, given that water can be allocated to inter-basin transfer, or be kept for meeting minimum environmental flow requirements.

Lastly, any streamlining of the riverine protection permit process would be a benefit, noting however that this does not exempt anyone from undertaking compulsory riverine protection works where required by the State Government.

**G21/08/11    Moved: Cr J. Watt****Seconded: Cr J.A. Walker**

**That Council respond to the Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 by requesting that a Community Reference Panel be compulsory to guide the Department in the Mary Basin Water Resource Plan formulation process, and that this Panel be empowered to take issues of disagreement with DERM to the Minister.**

**Carried**

<b>SECTION 12:    MEETING DATES</b>
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The meeting dates for the month of September 2011 have been set as follows:

**SEPTEMBER****TUESDAY, 6 September 2011****Works & Services Committee Meeting  
9am****WEDNESDAY, 7 September 2011****Planning & Development Committee  
Meeting 9am****WEDNESDAY, 14 September 2011****General 9am  
Community                      &                      Economic  
Development Committee Meeting to  
Commence at the Conclusion of the  
Preceding General Meeting****WEDNESDAY, 21 September 2011****Planning & Development Committee  
Meeting 9am****WEDNESDAY, 28 September 2011****General 9am  
Corporate Governance & Finance  
Committee Meeting to Commence at  
the Conclusion of the Preceding  
General Meeting.****G22/08/11    Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson****Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**That the meeting dates for the month of September 2011 be adopted.**

**Carried**

**SECTION 13: GENERAL BUSINESS****Leave of Absence****G23/08/11      Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen                      Seconded: Cr L.J. Friske**

**That Cr A.J. Perrett be granted Leave of Absence from all Council meetings on the 17 August 2011.**

**Carried**

**LGAQ Disaster Management for Local Government Conference**

Cr Perrett presented the following Report:-

The Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Disaster Management Conference was held in Bundaberg on the 27 -29 July, 2011. Council's Local Disaster Coordinator, Ron Potter and I attended on behalf of Gympie Regional Council. The theme of this year's conference was; The Race to Resilience – Are we there yet?

One hundred and eighty (180) delegates representing thirty-three (33) Regional Councils, ten (10) State Government Departments and many other private and local companies attended the conference.

Cr Margaret DeWit, Brisbane City Councillor and Junior Vice President, LGAQ welcomed delegates to the Conference who stood and observed a minutes silence for those who lost their life during the Natural Disasters earlier this year.

Queensland State Premier, Anna Bligh opened the Conference detailing the enormous cost of rebuilding Queensland's infrastructure following January's floods and February's cyclone Yasi. The estimated cost to rebuild Queensland will reach \$6.8 billion.

Mr Jim McGowan, Director-General, Department of Community Safety spoke of the 39 lives lost during January's floods. He covered many other topics including some of the constraints, equipment and tools used on the road to resilience. This included the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience (and the State implementation plan), and the use of the Community indicators framework to support the Community Resilience Profiles project.

Mr Steve Folkes, Leading Planner, Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) spoke of their mission to 'Reconnect, rebuild and improve Queensland, its communities and economy'. Five (5) months into their task, the program to rebuild Queensland is in full swing. Damage assessment and reconstruction monitoring is continuing across the State with GPS recording and logging essential to this program.

A panel discussion including Mr Jim McGowan, Director General Department of Community Safety, Commissioner Lee Johnson, Commissioner Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, Chief Superintendent Alistair Dawson, Queensland Police Service, Mr Justin Fitzgerald, Executive General Manager, Ergon Energy covered the season that was. It took a constructive look at a very long run of activations and how they managed.

Emerging Technologies and Resilience Building was covered by a number of speakers in a session showcasing innovative applications of emerging technologies to support individuals, communities, and the disaster management system.

Mr Brentyn Parkin, spoke of a program aligned to my Community Directory (recently launched by GRC) called 'Community Alert'. This computer program allows the Local Disaster Management Group to distribute disaster related information directly to existing contacts throughout the Community.

Mr Rowan Bond, Superintendent Queensland Police Service, Bundaberg District spoke on the doctrine and policy changes which affect Councils and LDMG's. He gave a progress report on disaster management training in Queensland and why it's critical to implement succession management.

My Greg Hoffman, General Manager, LGAQ addressed the conference on the impending report from the Flood Commission of Inquiry. He provided a summary of the proceedings so far and what we can expect from the interim report.

A number of Regional Council Mayor's including, Cr Lynne McLaughlin, Mayor Burdekin Shire Council, Cr Joy Jensen, Mayor North Burnett Regional Council, Cr Graeme Lehman, Mayor Somerset Regional Council, Cr Les Tyrell, Mayor Townsville Regional Council and Cr Peter Maguire, Mayor Central Highlands Regional Council spoke in five (5) minute intervals titled – 'Snapshot from The Trenches – A Mayor's View'. This session gave a hands on, hour by hour, day by day encounter of how they managed during their local disaster event.

The 'Welcome to Bundaberg Dinner' was held on Wednesday evening at the Bundaberg Botanical Gardens which included a tour of the Hinkler Hall of aviation. The Conference dinner on Thursday evening was very well attended by delegates who enjoyed the sharp wit of one of the most in demand corporate comedians in Australia, Syd Heylen Jnr.

In summary, the conference provided me with the opportunity to assess our LDMG strategies and methods against other similar groups across Queensland. Our local disaster preparedness in this region is very well coordinated, but we must learn the lessons from Queensland's Natural Disasters earlier this year, and adopt policies and procedures that limit the effect on human lives and property. Many of Queensland's Local Councils have a specific officer role dedicated to Local Disaster Coordination. This is something Gympie Regional Council may have to consider in the future.

**G24/08/11    Moved: Cr A.J. Perrett**

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

**That the Report be received.**

**Carried**

RSPCA – Blanket ban on live export of livestock
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**G25/08/11    Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen**

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

**That Council write to the State RSPCA expressing concerns regarding their support of a campaign to achieve a blanket ban on live export of livestock. While applauding measures to improve animal welfare, Council has grave concerns about the impact on the Regional, State and National economy that such a ban would cause.**

**Carried**

**SECTION 14: IN COMMITTEE****COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE**

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

1. Recommendation F26/07/11 – Sale of Land for Arrears of Rates
2. Staff Matter

**G26/08/11 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté**

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

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. Recommendation F26/07/11 – Sale of Land for Arrears of Rates
2. Staff Matter

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**

Cr J.A. Walker left the meeting at 10.01 am.

**COUNCIL OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**G27/08/11 Moved: Cr R.A. Gâté**

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

That proceedings be resumed in Open Council.

**Carried**



**Recommendation F26/07/11 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27 July 2011.**

**G28/08/11 Moved: Cr D.R. Neilson**

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

**That Recommendation F26/07/11 of the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance & Finance Committee Meeting held on 27 July 2011 be deleted and the following placed in its stead: -**

**“That the properties in the following table be sold for arrears of rates under Chapter 2 Part 12 Division 3 of the Local Government (Finance, Plans & Reporting Regulation 2010) and that Jones King Lawyers be instructed to issue a Notice of Intention to Sell for each property.**

<b><u>Assess</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Bal Out</u></b>
3436	Lot: 2 MPH: 30184	3 Laurie La, GYMPIE	\$11,948.27
4132	Lot: 1 MPH: 23888	83 Rifle Range Rd, GYMPIE	\$17,013.48
9316	Lot: 86 RP: 147438	71 Endeavour Dve, COOLOOLA COVE	\$7,110.73
16469	Lot: 2 RP: 104418	3905 Mary Valley Rd, BROOLOO	\$6,171.67
16815	Lot: 8 RP: 190266	360 Kandanga Imbil Rd, IMBIL	\$13,680.03
17123	Lot: 3 RP: 176446	23 Osborne Ct, WALLU	\$7,810.98
17270	Lot: 35 RP: 885784	275 Hyland Rd, EAST DEEP CREEK	\$5,679.65
18740	Lot: 2 RP: 110803	Bruce Hwy, BELLS BRIDGE	\$6,560.60
19195	Lot: 2 RP: 902430	12 Gene Ct, VICTORY HEIGHTS	\$11,428.01
30661	Lot:130 RP:215117	113 Rodney Rd, CURRA	\$4,982.43
30808	Lot: 85 SP: 124313	41 Jamie Av, CURRA	\$10,416.65
40363	Lot: 1 SP: 183092	23 MacTaggart St, GOOMERI	\$8,243.82
40742	Lot:13 RP:12444	9 Chamberlain St, WOOLLOOGA	\$3,839.87
41231	Lot:12 RP:865251	Gerber Rd, WIDGEE	\$5,825.30

**Further that the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to set the reserve price at auction.”**

**Carried**

Staff Matter
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**G29/08/11    Moved: Cr G.L. Engeman                      Seconded: Cr R.A. Gâté**

**That the Acting Chief Executive Officer writes off the amount of \$1,340.00 if an agreement is reached.**

**Carried**

<b>SECTION 15:    ATTACHMENTS</b>
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.14 am.

Confirmed this TWENTY-FOURTH day of AUGUST 2011

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Cr R.J. Dyne  
CHAIRMAN