



COOLOOLA SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

of the

**WORKS & SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING**

CHAIRMAN: Cr Larry Friske

**Held in the Boardroom
Old Bank Building,
Cnr Nash & Channon Streets
Gympie Qld 4570**

on Tuesday 4th December 2007, following the General Meeting.

**for Adoption at the
General Meeting
to be held on the 11th December 2007**



Cooloolo Shire Council

WORKS & SERVICES AGENDA

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Crs. M.J. Venardos OAM, CR Chapman OAM, N.R. Ellis, W.J. McIntyre, W.W. Sachs, R. Owen, S.S. Jocusen.*

Also as observers are Crs D.R. Neilson, I.T. Petersen, J. Watt, F.G. Nissen AM and M. Prior.

APPOINTMENTS etc.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE / APOLOGIES

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY/DELEGATE

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – R.A. Fredman)

That Cr I.T. Petersen be appointed the Proxy/Delegate due to the absence of Cr .

Carried

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommendation: (Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr C. Manson)

That the Minutes of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on the 6th November 2007 be taken as read and confirmed.

SECTION 1: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

1/1 Borumba Dam Water Storage

Re: Borumba Dam Water Storage
From: Director of Engineering, Mr R.A. Fredman
File: CG99/00178
Date: 29 November 2007

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

As of the 28 November 2007 Borumba Dam is at 47% of its water storage capacity.

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – Mr R.A. Fredman)

Recommend that the information be received.

1/2	Letters from Two Mile State School Students
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Re: Letters from Two Mile State School Students
From: Two Mile State School, MS 483, Chatsworth Rd, Gympie Qld 4570
File: FG94/00005
Date: 5 November 2007

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

Eight letters have been received by the Mayor from students at Two Mile School requesting in Nelson Reserve:

- more pedal power equipment
- more graffiti walls
- larger skate bowl
- beginners skate bowl.

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – Mr R.A. Fredman)

Recommend that Council thank Two Mile School for the students' letters and refer the report to the Parks and Gardens Superintendent for the 2008/09 Capital Works Parks budget item.

1/3	Glastonbury Road Drainage
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Re: Glastonbury Road Drainage
From: Department of Main Roads, PO Box 183, Gympie Qld 4570
File: WW05/00063 DOC ID:850454
Date: 2 November 2007

Thank you for your letter of 6 September 2007 about a drainage problem on Glastonbury Road in the vicinity of Lily Street.

As stated in Main Roads' letter of 21 August 2007, Main Roads considers that Council is responsible for assessing the drainage impacts of development applications and for ensuring that the additional stormwater runoff does not adversely affect downstream properties or infrastructure. This responsibility exists regardless of whether Main Roads has any requirements regarding drainage.

It is quite clear that the current flooding problem has been caused by increased runoff from urban developments upstream of the culvert on Glastonbury Road. It is not relevant how many developments there have been, or how old those developments are, or how many ameliorating measures have been installed.

Please advise what actions Council proposed to take to remedy the drainage problem.

Main Roads has no plans for any works to change the existing drainage on Glastonbury Road.

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

More evidence is needed that this section of Glastonbury Road regularly flooded prior to the adjacent developments. Otherwise Main Roads believes that they have no obligation to fund any drainage upgrade.

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – Mr R.A. Fredman)

Recommend that the correspondence be received.

1/4

Road and Drainage Grant for 2007/2008

Re: Road and Drainage Grant for 2007/2008
From: Minister for Main Roads and Local Government
File: FF94/00018 DOC ID:853744
Date: 12 November 2007

From 1 July 2006, the State Government committed \$25 million per year, for five years, for the local government Road and Drainage Grant.

With the Local Government Reform process now underway, I have decided that the 2007/2008 Road and Drainage Grant allocations will be maintained at the 2006/2007 amounts for all councils.

The 2006/07 allocations were determined using the asset preservation model, approved by the Commonwealth Government for use in the calculation of the Financial Assistance Grant.

One of the recommendations of the Local Government Reform Commission is that the Local Government Grants Commission should review the methodology used to calculate the Financial Assistance Grant. As this may affect the calculation of the Road and Drainage Grant for 2008/2009, I believe it is in the best interests of local governments to preserve the 2007/2008 grants at the 2006/2007 levels.

Therefore, I am pleased to advise the Road and Drainage Grant for your Council for 2007/2008 is \$284,162, and will be paid into the nominated bank account by close of business 26 November 2007.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Lyn Sawtell, of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation, on telephone number 3225 8693.

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

This funding goes into the Council income pool and is not specifically for any job/jobs.

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – Mr R.A. Fredman)

Recommend that the correspondence be received.

1/5

Load and Speed limit reduction – Vic Olsen Bridge, Tuchekoi Road

Re: Load and speed limit reduction – Vic Olsen Bridge, Tuchekoi Road
From: Department of Main Roads, PO Box 183, Gympie Qld. 4570
File: WR98/00249 DOC ID:853832
Date: 15 November 2007

The Department of Main Roads would like to advise that a reduced load limit and speed limit are to be placed on the Vic Olsen Bridge on Tuchekoi Road.

Main Roads is posting a 24 tonne load limit and 20km/h speed limit on Vic Olsen Bridge, due to the deteriorating structural condition of the timber bridge. These conditions will take effect from 30 November 2007.

Construction of a new concrete bridge to replace the existing timber structure is scheduled to begin in late 2007. The new structure will provide improved flood immunity for the area. Main Roads expects this project will be completed in late 2008. The existing bridge will operate under the reduced load and speed limit until the new concrete bridge is completed.

If you would like any further information, please contact Mr Suresh Parameswaran, the department's principal engineer (maintenance), on 5482 0333.

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

It is understood that consultation with the major commercial users of this bridge has occurred.

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – Mr R.A. Fredman)

Recommend that the correspondence be received.

1/6	Bruce Highway - Temporary Median Barrier between Monkland Street and Little Channon Street
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Re: Bruce Highway – Temporary Median Barrier between Monkland Street and Little Channon Street

From: Department of Main Roads, PO Box 183, Gympie Qld. 4570

File: WM07/00065A DOC ID:849771

Date: 2 November 2007

On 7 August 2007, along with other Main Roads officers, I attended a meeting with Cooloola Shire Councillors and senior staff to discuss upcoming Main Roads projects and related issues.

You would recall that some Councillors raised the issue of vehicles illegally crossing the double barrier centerlines and painted median on the Bruce Highway between Monkland Street and Little Channon Street. While it was acknowledged that the planned upgrade in this area will address this, we discussed the possibility of a temporary barrier in the median to physically prevent the illegal movement in the meantime. I agreed that the department would consider the options.

In short, the outcome of those considerations is that a temporary physical barrier will not be installed.

Several options were considered, including closely spaced plastic bollards, guideposts or traffic cones, barrier mesh and concrete kerbing. For your information, our considerations are summarized in the attached table.

The major upgrade remains on track with tenders for the main construction contract to be called early in 2008. In the meantime, property acquisition has been completed and removal or demolition of buildings is proceeding. Relocation of utility services, including council water and sewer mains, are also being organized as the detailed design of the works is being finalized.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Treatment option	Comments	Conclusion
Temporary plastic bollards or guideposts	Close spacing would obstruct visibility for vehicles turning right into Little Channon Street. Even when nailed to the pavement, bollards can become dislodged and present a safety hazard to motorists and pedestrians.	Not proposed due to safety implications.

Traffic Cones	Cones would need to be large size (>700mm high) to discourage vehicles from driving over them. As for bollards, closely spaced large cones obscure visibility for right turners into Little Channon Street. Also similarly to bollards, cones can become dislodged even when nailed to the pavement and present a hazard to motorists and pedestrians.	Not proposed due to safety implications.
Barrier mesh or plastic water – ballasted barriers	Same visibility restriction for right turns into Little Channon Street as bollards and cones. Mesh would need to be supported on steel pickets or similar which would not be used in this location without a reduced (40km/hr) speed limit. Mesh or water-filled barriers in the median may force pedestrian movements to even less desirable locations.	Not proposed due to safety implications (sight distance) and speed reduction.
Concrete kerbing	Raised kerbing would require increased lighting to meet the current standard. Installation of kerbing in central median without meeting lighting standards is not an option. Estimated cost, including lighting changes, is greater than \$100,000 and the works would form part of the ultimate major upgrade. Installation of kerbing and lighting would not be complete until April 2008. Work will commence on major upgrade in similar timeframe.	Not proposed due to high cost and timeframe to install.

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

It is to be hoped that no accidents occur on this section prior to the upgrade being undertaken.

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – Mr R.A. Fredman)

Recommend that the correspondence be received.

1/7

Signs to Protect Kangaroos in the Vicinity of Cooina St, Gympie

Re: Signs to Protect Kangaroos in the Vicinity of Cooina St, Gympie
From: Mrs Janice van der Molen, 2/14 Pringle Court, Gympie Qld 4570
File: WR94/00057 DOC ID:854684
Date: 20 November 2007

I wish to bring to the notice of Mayor Venardos and Councillors the problem in our area with Kangaroos.

The area where they habit is land near Tafe, the Cemetery, Cooina Street, Pringle Court and Glasgow Street, Tennis Courts – Cartwright Road.

Now there is a very small group who are living near the Pensioner units at no. 4 Cooina Street, our six units in Pringle Court, obviously they don't want to try and move on or don't know where or how.

With the drought they have come to our gardens for water and a bit of food, I am well aware there is talk don't feed them, very hard when they lived here before us and obviously are finding living very difficult.

The Kangaroos (when the children in this Court are not playing up and down the street) graze in the vacant land opposite our units and quite often come into our back garden for water and food. Then wait for dusk to cross Cooina Street into Glasgow Street hopping down to the Tennis Courts. I watch this from my unit – frankly with my heart in my mouth – they are not stupid creatures, they wait and wait, no headlights and no vehicle noise. I have seen some “close shaves” by vehicles driving too fast and at dusk and dark the Kangas don't stand out. Yes, there have been road kill in Cartwright Road and Old Maryborough Road, as yet not on this crossing.

Before this happens, please can signs be erected here as it has been done in Old Maryborough Rd. Maybe people will take notice and watch out for them. “One can only hope.”

Our Court was a place that families came late afternoons at the weekends to watch the Kangaroos. Please help to save these few, they bring a lot of pleasure to quite a few people in this area, as well as visitors to Gympie.

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

As previously discussed with Council, there are many, many places in the Shire where kangaroo or koala signs could be erected. Signs cost approximately \$300 a pair. Cost, sign proliferation and sign effectiveness are issues Council has to consider.

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – Mr R.A. Fredman)

Recommend that the request be declined.

1/8	Traffic Noise – Investigator Avenue Cooloola Cove
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Re: Traffic Noise – Investigator Avenue Cooloola Cove
From: Cooloola Cove Residents & Friends Inc, PO Box 103,
Tin Can Bay Qld 4580
File: WR03/00062 DOC ID:854686
Date: 20 November 2007

We have had a request to write to you regarding the noise of the traffic on Investigator Avenue.

The type of surface used has increased the noise of the traffic as well as the increased speed of the same.

There are many more heavy goods vehicles using these roads and we need some way of discouraging them or offering an alternative route.

Most of us were under a clear understanding, when we bought our land that Queen Elizabeth Drive would be built and would offer a quick route through from Tin Can Bay to Rainbow Beach. However, as this has still not been built we have to suffer the increased noise of ever increasing heavy loads.

An up to date survey of the traffic would be appreciated and some serious thought given to alternative routes.

We would appreciate your response to this request.

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

The developer, Pradella, has discussed with Council the unlikelihood of Queen Elizabeth Drive being completed. There are no alternatives to take traffic off Investigator Avenue.

The surface of the road is chip seal, which is used throughout the Shire except for Gympie CBD and key arterial roads which carry very high traffic volumes and turning movements.

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – Mr R.A. Fredman)

Recommend that the writer be advised that Council is continuing to actively pursue Pradella regarding the completion of Queen Elizabeth Drive. Council cannot force the developer to construct the road at this stage.

Currently Investigator Avenue is carrying 2600 vehicles per day, and there is no alternative route.

1/9	Road Safety in Cooloola Cove
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Re: Road Safety in Cooloola Cove
From: Cooloola Cove Residents & Friends Inc, PO Box 103,
Tin Can Bay Qld 4580
File: WR97/00197 DOC ID:854685
Date: 20 November 2007

In consultation with our councillors we are making a separate request for action in Cooloola Cove for the safety of our residents.

We know you are aware of the problems on Investigator Avenue and we also know there is some money available to help solve some of those problems.

One woman has already been knocked down by a vehicle while trying to cross this busy thoroughfare and we do not want a repeat of this or worse.

Traffic speed down there, it is a long straight road and there is nothing to stop them; in fact, they are encouraged to increase their speed by a sign which raises the speed limit from 60kph to 70kph. Perhaps again we could make a plea for some logic to speed limits imposed in the area. We still ask that you consider 60kph on every thoroughfare offering access from tin Can Bay to Rainbow Beach; ie: Endeavour Drive, Nautilus Drive, Investigator Avenue and the part of Bayside Road at the junction of Endeavour Drive.

If this is out of the question, then we really would like you to look at some form of 'TRAFFIC CALMING'. To help clarify all these ideas regarding safety, we have written a separate letter to you about a new product that was mentioned at our recent meeting, MOBILE SPEED HUMPS.

There are no walking paths along these roads and young parents with their prams have no access to the shops other than along the roads. The verges are at 45 and so close to the traffic to be quite dangerous, particularly as the roads are so narrow (barely over 5m in some places).

Older people are requesting some paths as access to the convenience store and late we will need access to the shopping centre when it arrives which also means some access over creeks would be much appreciated.

All these ideas should help to identify the need to keep people safe and roads safer.

Please give this your attention and we hope that our rates, as well as our persistence will reap dividends.

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

The Design Department Manager will report to the meeting on speed limits at Cooloola Cove, in response to an earlier Cooloola Cove Residents & Friends Inc request that is being considered by the Traffic Advisory Committee on 3 December 2007.

Traffic calming chicanes have been reported previously (W20/11/07).

Pathway funding comes from Roads & Drainage funds, which in recent times have been directed to drainage and other works.

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – Mr R.A. Fredman)

Recommend that the writer be advised that traffic calming is impractical on Investigator Avenue because of its length and the number of structures therefore required. Further, it would increase traffic noise.

Council has been prioritising drainage, kerb and channel and toilets in recent times, but will refer the request for pathway works in lieu to the incoming Council.

1/10

Bitumen Sealing of Fisherman's Pocket Road

Re: Bitumen Sealing of Fisherman's Pocket Road
From: Fisherman's Pocket Progress Association
File: WR01/00384 DOC ID:855157
Date: 21 November 2007

As Secretary of the Fishermans Pocket Progress Association, I wish to bring to your attention the condition of the Fishermans Pocket Road. This gravel road was recently graded and has made the road significantly better except for one corner. This corner is about 100 meters north of the Fisherman's Pocket No 1 Road. The corner is sharp and the gravel is excessive and loose. In the vicinity of this corner another problem arises with a heavy downpour of rain. There appears to be inadequate drainage as the volume of the water runs across the

road making furrows in the road. My estimation is that a drain pipe is warranted in this vicinity. There is a pipe under the road at the bottom of the hill but something is needed further up. These conditions can make use of this road extremely treacherous and somewhat dangerous to the local residents required to use this road at least twice per day simply to commute to Gympie for work or recreational purposes. The condition of this particular section of road needs urgent attention, but our ultimate goal would be to have the entire road sealed with bitumen.

As rate payers making a contribution to the Council revenue budget, we do not receive any other services from Cooloola Shire Council, that our town residents enjoy, e.g. bitumen roads, water, curb and channelling, sewerage, waste disposal. It is the opinion of the Association that a bitumen road is not considered a luxury but a necessity.

Some of our residents have lived on this road for 50 years and unfortunately have seen very little improvements to the road in that time. The only solution to this road is to bitumen it.

We would be most grateful if you would consider us favourably in your next budget allocation.

The Association request that Council provide an estimated date when provision has been made to bitumen Fisherman's Pocket Road.

I look forward to your response.

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

The road drainage can be assessed for improvements.

There has been no plan to extent the seal on Fisherman's Pocket Road. However, a replacement bridge has been budgeted (\$160,000).

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – Mr R.A. Fredman)

Recommend that the drainage matter be referred to the Works Department and advise the writer. Add that Council has budgeted for a new bridge to replace the narrow timber bridge at a cost of \$160,000 and there are no plans for bitumen at this stage.

1/11	Amended safety conditions for Borumba Dam
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Re: Amended safety conditions for Borumba Dam
From: Department of Natural Resources and Water, ANZ Bank Building
Level 10, 324 Queen Street, Brisbane Qld 4000
File: CG94/00022 DOC ID:854544
Date: 16 November 2007

I refer to Borumba Dam located approximately 180 km north of Brisbane, and 50 km south of Gympie on Yabba Creek at 31 km upstream of its junction with the Mary river and enclose a copy of an information notice issued under section 492 of the Water Act 2000 (the Act) amending the safety conditions for that dam. Under section 492(2)(b) of the Act, I am required to give you a copy of these amended safety conditions.

Pursuant to section 492(5) of the Act, the amended safety conditions detailed in the enclosed notice are now taken to be conditions attaching to the development permit for the dam.

Should you have any questions about the above, please contact Kamalayan Shrestha on telephone number (07) 3405 3151.

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

It is understood that SunWater, the dam operator, requested changes to the timelines in the Dam Safety Conditions. The Regulator has approved these changes and has added some new reporting conditions. Some conditions appear to remain unchanged, such as Clause DS0: “The dam is to be kept safe at all times.”

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – Mr R.A. Fredman)

Recommend that the correspondence be received.

1/12	Activation of the Australian Government/State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)
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Re: Activation of the Australian Government/State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)
From: Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation, PO Box 15031, City East Qld 4002
File: FF94/00002 DOC ID:831666
Date: 7 September 2007

As a result of damage to local government assets caused by flooding from the East Coast Low during August 2007, the Minister for Emergency services has approved the activation of the Australian Government/State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

You are invited to submit details of estimated restoration costs, provided they exceed the 2007/2008 “trigger point” of \$169,000, to the Manager, Local Government Funding Branch, Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation. Any costs for emergent works and immediate post-disaster repairs incurred within one month of the disaster event, should be included also.

Do not include operational costs or costs incurred assisting the community as these are processed by the Department of Emergency services.

Estimates must be submitted on a sufficiently detailed basis to enable the extent and cause of the damage, and the location and description of the damaged asset to be ascertained. Where it is impossible to give specific details of damage immediately, a generalised description and preliminary estimate of cost should be submitted following by specific details together with photographic evidence as soon as possible. Estimates of cost should be as accurate as possible as these are used for grant approval purposes. However, only actual expenditure (on approved works) is eligible for grant assistance.

Where an improvement in standard is involved, assistance is limited to the amount approved for restoration to the pre-existing standard and condition.

As NDRA is regarded as an Appropriation, invoices received from State and local government authorities should not be grossed up for GST. The Australian Taxation Office ruling GST2000/4 on Appropriations endorses this treatment. The amount for reimbursement should be the GST exclusive cost.

Full details of the procedures to be followed are included in Section 5 of the Department of Emergency Services’ publication “Natural Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements within Queensland”. The document can be downloaded from www.disaster.qld.gov.au.

The Council will be required to meet 25% of eligible restoration and emergency/post disaster repair costs up to its maximum contribution of \$169,000. Unless advised to the contrary, it will be presumed the Council will finance this cost from its own revenue.

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

The eligible road damage from the August storms has been estimated at \$730,536.00. This unexpected work will unfortunately delay some of Council’s capital works, but the funding assistance is very welcome.

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – Mr R.A. Fredman)

Recommend that the matter be referred to the Works Department for submission of details as required to receive the grant.

1/13	Bruce Highway, Gympie
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Re: Bruce Highway, Gympie
From: Director of Engineering, R.A. Fredman
File: WM96/00033
Date: 29 November 2007

The Bruce Highway/Excelsior Road/Centro Way Construction work has been completed and is working very well. It was a difficult design to finalise, with many constraints. The Gympie Main Roads team have done an excellent job.

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – Mr R.A. Fredman)

Recommend that Council thank the Hon. Warren Truss MP, Member for Wide Bay, for his contribution to the successful highway job at Excelsior Road, and forward congratulations to the design and supervision team at the Main Roads office at Gympie.

SECTION 2: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING - GENERAL BUSINESS
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SECTION 3: DESIGN DEPARTMENT

3/1	Gympie Capital Works Program 2007/08
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Re: Gympie Capital Works Program 2007/08
From: Design Dept
File: FF05/00079
Date: 14 November 2007

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

During the scheduling of the works for the three approved overlay projects, the section of Rifle Range Road between Cootharaba Road and Ashford Road

proposed to be resealed has been investigated as discussed during adoption of the program. It is considered an overlay is better suited as a matter of urgency and following acceptance of a contract it is now being recommended for inclusion in this year's program. This can be funded by reducing the float to \$8,000.

The section of Rifle Range Road from Cootharaba Road to Pacey Street is to be resealed in the 2007/08 reseal program despite it being on the overlay program because it cannot be funded for approximately 10 years on the overlay program.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R.Chapman)

Recommend that 109-129 Rifle Range Road overlay project be added to the 2007/08 Gympie Capital Works Program at a budget estimate of \$42,000 thereby reducing available float to \$8,000.

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Proposed Road Name – G. L-Estrange, Jones Hill

Re: Proposed Road Name – G. L'Estrange, Jones Hill
From: Design Department
File: DA14167
Date: 26 November 2007

Report: (Design Department Cadet Technical Officer – T.L. Johnston)

It is recommended that the following proposed road name be approved for the subdivision over Lot 2 LX 2729, Lawson Road, Jones Hill:-

Sully Close

The supplied names have been submitted for public comment according to Council's Roads & Streets Naming Policy PRD004. No submissions were received either for or against the proposed name, it is therefore recommended it be accepted.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Recommend that Council approve the road name Sully Close for the cul-de-sac of this development.

3/3	Regulatory Signage Report
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Re: Regulatory Signage Report
 From: Design Department
 File: WG97/00128 DOC ID
 Date: 28 November 2007

Report: (Design Department Manager – R.Chapman)

This report is presented for Council's consideration and adoption.

LOCATION	REQUEST / BY	RECOMMENDATION /BY
Runge Road, Gympie	* Restrict parking on Runge Road opposite Whordley's Transport to allow Semi – trailers to turn into and out of property. *W. Jaenke	* Install No Stopping signs and yellow no stopping linemarking 25m long on the western side of Runge Road opposite access to Whordley's Transport. * R.Chapman
Nash Street, Gympie	* Motorists confused over 'Sunday only' parking on Nash Street * Cr B. McIntyre	* Remove 2 'Sunday only' Parking bays on Nash Street and replace with No stopping sign and yellow no stopping line marking. * R. Chapman

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R.Chapman)

Recommend that the above recommendation be approved by Council.

3/4	Urban Road Infrastructure Charges Plan by Consultant – A Pekol Consulting
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Re: Urban Road Infrastructure Charges Plan by Consultant – A Pekol Consulting
 From: Planning Department
 File: PSP00002 DOC ID:854685
 Date: 5 November 2007

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

MINUTE W50/08/07 RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL REFER THE MATTER TO THE DESIGN DEPARTMENT MANAGER TO REPORT BACK AS SOON AS A RESPONSE TO ALL MATTERS HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE CONSULTANT.

Minute PO9/11/07 refers the matter to the Works and Services Committee for further consideration.

The report presented to the Planning & Development Committee Meeting is reproduced below.

“As per W50/08/07 the final report which forms the basic background information for the ICP has now been received from the Consultant with minor modifications made to the original draft presented to the Planning and Development Committee on 10 July 2007. A copy of the report is available for Council perusal if required. Pages 27 and 28 are the relevant pages with regard to charges as calculated.

It should also be noted that the Consultant recommends that the urban contributions should also be collected from the whole of the Shire with differing rates for Gympie, Cooloola coast and the balance area. Philosophically, this is supported as virtually all rural residents access the urban areas on a regular basis whereas all urban residents do not necessarily access the rural areas regularly.”

Pages 27 and 28 are included below for perusal:

5.4 Unit Charge

By combining the estimated network costs with the proportion of network usage attributable to new development, an appropriate unit contribution can be calculated. These vary by catchment (eg Gympie, Cooloola Coast and Balance of Shire), jurisdiction (eg Council or Main Roads) and design year (eg 2016 or 2021), as summarised in Table 5.3.

TABLE 5.3: UNIT CHARGE FOR URBAN ROAD CONTRIBUTIONS (\$/vte)

Charge Catchment	2016			2021		
	Council	Main Roads	Total	Council	Main Roads	Total
Gympie	\$221	\$112	\$332	\$152	\$86	\$238
Cooloola Coast	\$141	\$179	\$320	\$157	\$131	\$288
Balance	\$89	\$62	\$151	\$67	\$55	\$122

The 2021 rates are 15-25% lower than the corresponding 2021 figures and reflect the higher growth in travel demand and network expenditure expected in the 2006-2016 period than in the 2016 to 2021 period. It is therefore recommended that:

- Council's urban road ICP be based on the 2016 unit charges listed in Table 5.3; and
- an updated set of rates be calculated for the post 2016 period closer to that time.

The total recommended rates range from \$151 per vehicle trip end (vte) for usage of the Shire's trunk road network by development situated in the Balance of the Shire, up to \$332 per vte for development in the Gympie urban area. A comparison of the recommended unit charges with those adopted by several other Local Government Authorities in South East Queensland for their transport infrastructure charges schedules is shown in Table 5.4.

TABLE 5.4: COMPARISON OF UNIT CHARGES (\$/vte)

LOA	Range
Maroochy	\$210 - \$530
Caboolture	\$190 - \$960
Pine Rivers	\$100 - \$2,230
Redland	\$1,140
Cooloola	\$151 - \$332

As shown, the recommended figures for Cooloola Shire are towards the lower end of the range adopted by other Councils.

5.5 Development Charges

The unit charges for urban road network contributions derived above were applied to 'standard' trip generation rates for a set of common development types to calculate an appropriate transport infrastructure contribution for a range of common land uses on a per lot or per 100m² GFA basis. The resulting charges are shown in Table 5.5, together with the 'standard' trip generation rate upon which they are based and the relevant source.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R.Chapman)

Recommend that Council receive and adopt the Report from A. Pekol Consulting dated 25/10/07 and refer to Town Planning Department to proceed to formalize its adoption as policy.

3/5

Request for Improved Street Lighting at Imbil

Re: Request for Improved Street Lighting at Imbil
From: Design Department
File: WG07/00206
Date: 28 November 2007

Report: (Design Department Technical Officer – B. Plate)

A request was received from Cr Watt for improved street lighting for the western side of the Imbil Bowls Club along Yabba Creek Road.

An investigation of the site identified the requirements for a street light at the intersection of Alice Street and Yabba Creek Road, which is approximately 50 metres west of the Bowls Club entry.

There are no existing power poles suitably positioned in this vicinity to accommodate a new street light. Any new proposed street light will require a new pole ideally positioned adjacent to Alice Street on the north side of Yabba Creek Road with a preferred lantern type of a S150 aeroscreen. Council can engage Energex to provide an estimate of cost for the design, manufacture and installation of the said light for Council to consider.

Further notification was received from Cr Watt that the existing street light on Pole No. 76744 approximately 45 metres east of the Bowls Club along Yabba Creek Road is of a low light intensity. The existing lantern is a M125 and could be upgraded to a S150 aeroscreen.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R.Chapman)

Recommend that Council engage Energex to provide an estimate of cost for the design, manufacture and installation of a street light on a Pole on the north side of Yabba Creek Road, adjacent to Alice Street, with a preference of a S150 aeroscreen.

Further recommend that Council instruct Energex to replace the street light on Pole No. 76744 from a M125 to a S150 aeroscreen.

3/6	Cooloola Dragon Boat Club Inc Request for Flag Poles for Display Purposes
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Re: Cooloola Dragon Boat Club Inc Request for Flag Poles for Display Purposes
From: Design Department
File: CG07/00233 DOC ID:845397
Date: 27 November 2007

“I am writing on behalf of Cooloola Dragon Boat club Inc., and the wider community of Tin Can Bay and ‘surrounds’..... to request that the Cooloola Shire Council install permanent poles to be used to attach banners for advertising coming Community events.

A number of events, such as our annual Dragon Boat Regatta, the Seafood Festival and school & community ‘fund raisers’ etc. Are at present lacking the facility to display promotional banners to announce their upcoming events.

While previously, we have managed with temporary poles or pickets driven into the ground, on which to tie the banners, we feel that it would be greatly convenience many community groups to have permanent poles installed on the piece of ground adjacent to the Tin Can Bay IGA –(ie the corner of Gympie Rd & Grouper St) for use by all community groups.

Our Club has consulted the management of the IGA store to ascertain if they would have any concerns with regard to banners being displayed in that position and have their full support in this matter.

We would appreciate this matter being raised at the earliest possible time and await your reply.”

Report: (Design Department Manager – R. Chapman)

This request has been discussed with Cr Prior after first considering it may have been something more relevant to the proposed entry statement project that appears to have lost momentum. However this proposal is more for the use of information type banners for any events in Tin Can Bay and similar to those strung across Mary Street in Gympie.

Estimated cost for budget purposes is \$4,000 for 2 poles mounted on concrete bases. This could be funded from unallocated funds available for Tin Can Bay 20007/08 Capital Works Roads and Drainage. The location of the poles would need to be within the Council controlled road reserve unless approval was obtained from Main Roads.

The need for such a proposal is one for Council to determine.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R.Chapman)

Recommend that Council consider allocating \$4,000 from the unallocated funds for Tin Can Bay 2007/08 Capital Works Program for the erection of display banner poles on the road reserve under the control of Council at the corner of Groper Street and Gympie Road.

SECTION 4: DESIGN DEPARTMENT - GENERAL BUSINESS

SECTION 5: WORKS DEPARTMENT (ROADS/ DRAINAGE/PLANT)

5/1 Monthly Rural Maintenance Report

Re: Monthly Rural Maintenance Report
From: Works Department Manager – G. Ingham.
File: WR94/000018
Date: 20/11/07

Report: (Works Department Manager – G. Ingham)

Recent road maintenance grading is as follows:

- Meadows lane
- Hetherington Road
- Fisherman pocket Road
- Old Goomboorian Road
- Enterprise Road
- Phillips Road
- Coonoongibber Creek Road
- Little Bella Creek Road
- Walker Road
- Shoulder grading on Moy Pocket Road
- Shoulder grading on Tagigan Road
- Shoulder grading on Neusavale Road

At the time of writing, maintenance grading was planned for the following month, subject to weather conditions, on the following roads:

- Melawondi Road
- Tunnel Road
- Barsby Road
- Calico Creek Road shoulders
- Heathcoat Road
- Schachts Creek Road

Recent Drainage repairs carried out on the following roads.

- Noosa Road
- Pine Valley Road
- Witham Road

Recent Tractor slashing carried out in the following areas.

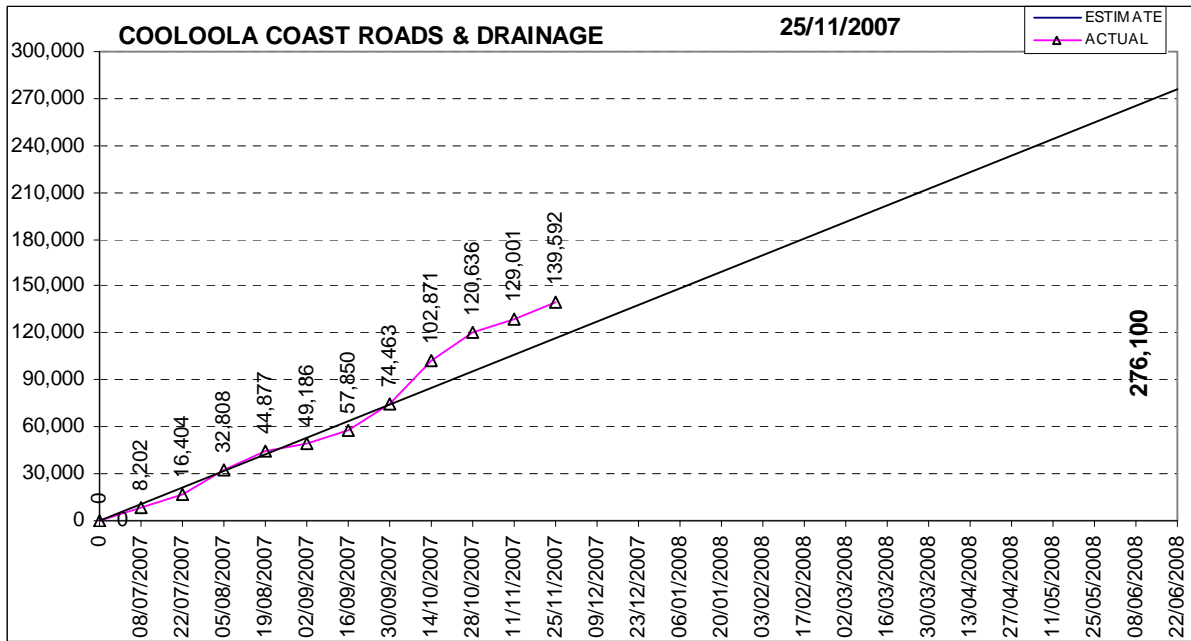
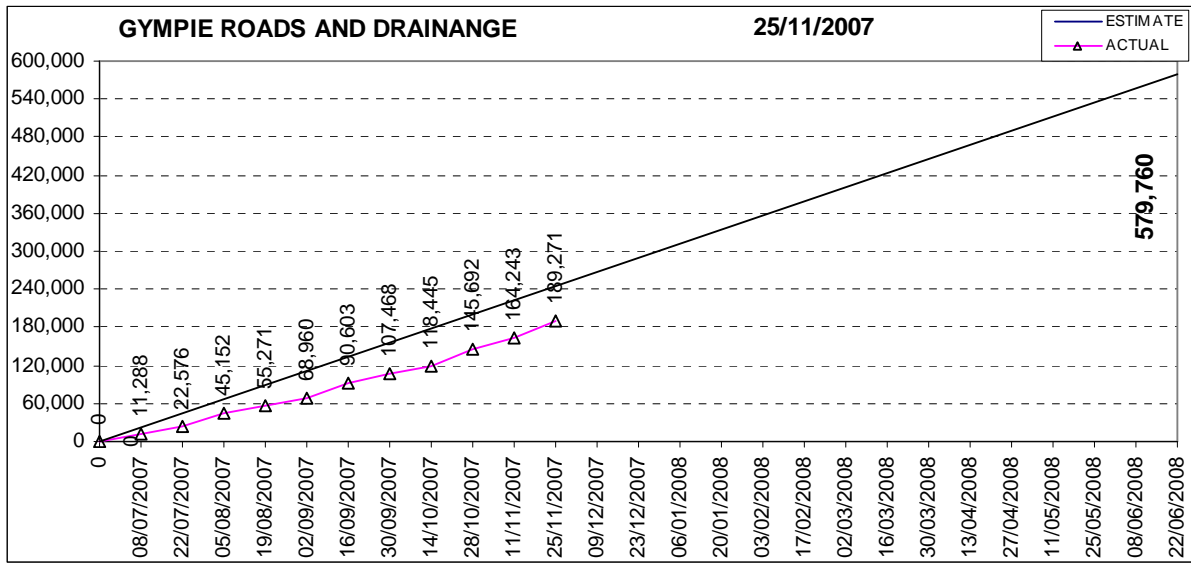
- Noosa Road area
- Tandur Traveston area
- Sandy Creek area
- The Palms area
- Glastonbury Creek area.

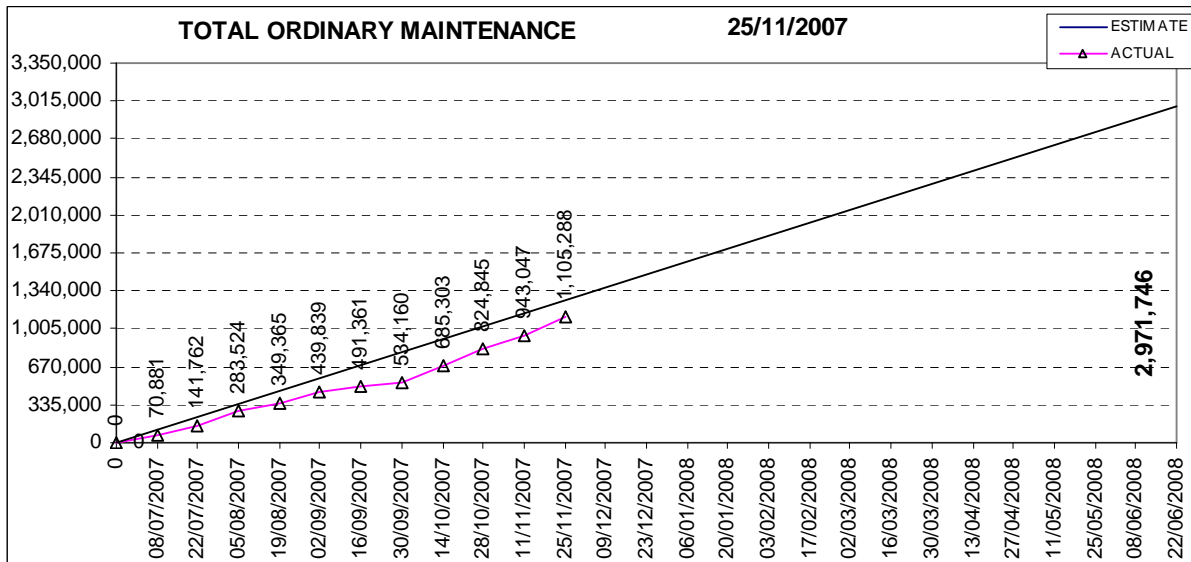
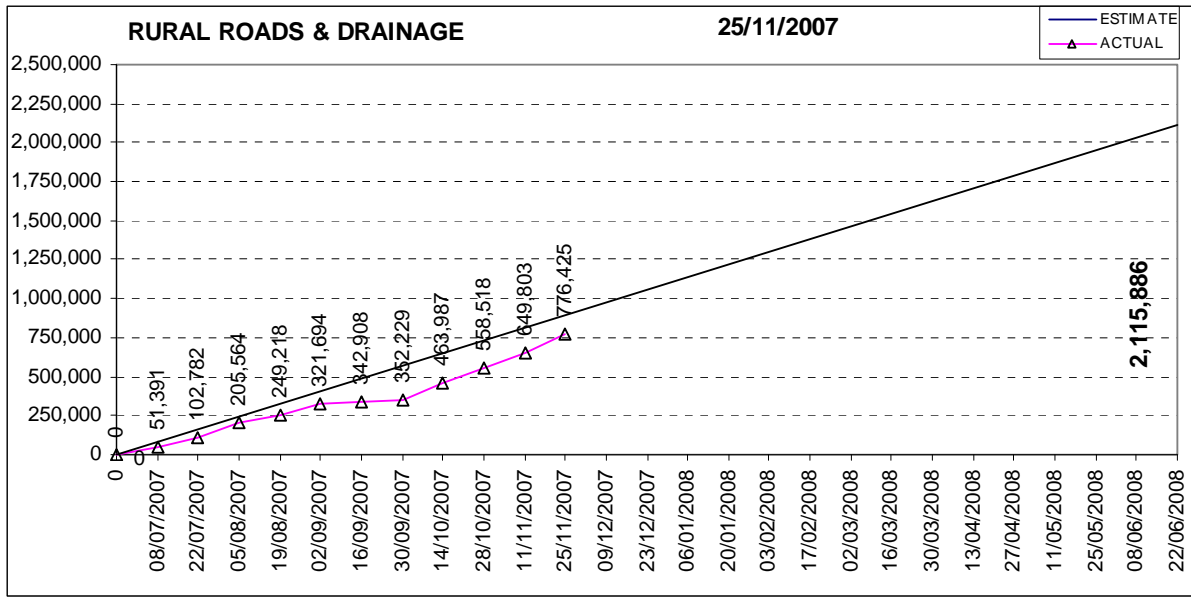
Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – G.C. Ingham)

Recommend that the report be received.

Re: Works Department Maintenance Reports
From: Works Department Manager, Mr G Ingham
File: WR94/00018
Date: 28 November 2007

Report: (Works Department Manager – G.C. Ingham)





Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – G.C. Ingham)

Recommend that the Works Department Maintenance Reports, as presented, be received.

5/3	Works Cost Statement – Works Department
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WORKS COST STATEMENT

Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – G.C. Ingham)

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

5/4	Job Construction Report
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Re: Job Construction Report
From: Works Department Manager, G.C. Ingham
File: FF94/00018
Date: 29 November 2007

Report: (Works Department Manager – G.C. Ingham)

HILL ROAD CULVERT

This work involves replace a 450mm RCP culvert to a 3 cell 600mm RCP culvert and associated roadworks.

First coat seal complete.

HEILBRONN ROAD JONES HILL STATE SCHOOL BUS SETDOWN

The work involves widening the existing carriageway, kerb and channel, footpaths, raised humps and associated signage and bitumen surface.

First coat bitumen seal completed 31/7/07.

MCINTOSH CREEK ROAD KERB AND CHANNEL

The work involves the widening of existing carriageway, kerb and channel, stormwater drainage, driveways, footpath, and bitumen seal.

First coat bitumen seal complete 31/7/07.

HILL ROAD BITUMEN EXTENSION

The works involve the widening and sealing of an existing unsealed section of Hill Road to a seal width of 7.0m. Works include earthworks, trimming existing material, placing gravel pavement, bitumen surfacing, intersection upgrade, installation of cross road culverts (where required) and a full width seal.

First coat bitumen seal complete 24/9/07.

NOOSA ROAD WIDENING

The works involve the widening and sealing of an existing narrow sealed section of Noosa Road to a sealed width of 8.0m. Works include earthworks, trimming existing material, placing gravel pavement, bitumen surfacing, intersection upgrades, extension of cross road culverts, reinstatement of driveway access and a full width seal.

First coat bitumen seal complete 24/9/07.

EAST DEEP CREEK ROAD BITUMEN WIDENING

The work include the bitumen widening of East Deep Creek Road, associated table drain works, driveway works and signage.

Commencement was delayed due to wet weather and NDRA emergent works.

First coat bitumen sealing complete.

SCRUBBY CREEK ROAD UPGRADE

Upgrading works are programmed for Scrubby Creek Road from the end of the bitumen to Waugh Road intersection.

Works have commenced. Stormwater pipes are in place and placing of pavement is in progress.

First coat bitumen seal completed 26/11/07.

OLD MARYBOROUGH ROAD FOOTPATH

Footpath construction along Old Maryborough Road from the Water Tower along towards Stewart Terrace.

Works in progress.

2007/08 RESEAL PROGRAM \$725,000

Resealing works have commenced.

CORELLA ROAD CULVERT UPGRADE – STAGE 2

The works involve removing the existing cross road drainage, installing three RCBC and associated rehabilitation works upstream of stage released previously. It is envisaged that the works are to be constructed under traffic, with the culverts built in two stages either side of the base slab contraction/construction joint. This will involve minor sidetracks to be built on the existing verges.

Works are progressing.

DRAINAGE UPGRADE – SANTA MARIA COURT

The works include upgrading of drainage in Santa Maria Court up to the value of \$25,000. Works have commenced.

DRAINAGE UPGRADE – OBERON COURT

The works include upgrading of drainage in Oberon Court up to the value of \$10,000. This work will commence at the completion of Santa Maria Court drainage works.

DISABILITY STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Alterations to various bus stops around the Gympie CBD, Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach areas will be undertaken to upgrade disabled facilities in accordance with Australian Standards, Design for Access and Mobility.

Work has commenced.

CARLO POINT BOAT RAMP

This work involves the reconstruction of two easterly ramps at Carlo Point Boat Ramp.

Work has commenced

CARLO ROAD FLOOD RESTORATION WORKS

The works involve the upgrading at the existing stormwater drainage system, including installation of stormwater pits, modifying existing stormwater pits, laying FRC and PVC pipes, reinstating roadway and footpath and constructing a concrete overland flowpath.

Works have commenced.

Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – G.C Ingham)

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

5/5

Contract No. 2007/08-10 – Loader Tender

Re: Contract No. 2007/08-10 – Loader Tender
 From: Works Department Manager, G.C. Ingham
 File: WP95/00005B
 Date: 6 November 2007

Report: (Deputy Works Department Manager – M.H. Hartwig)

Tenders were called for Contract No. 2007/08-10 for the supply and delivery of One Loader and disposal of Council Plant No. 228 a Caterpillar 928F loader.

Six machine manufacturers submitted tenders as follows:

Company	Make	Price Inc GST	Disposal Offerer	Disposal Price inc GST	Changeover
Kawasaki	65ZV	244,200.00	BT Equipment	97,900.00 (if Kawasaki purchased)	146,300.00
Hitachi	John Deere	249,601.00	Chaplin Cranes	82,500.00	167,101.00
McDonald Murphy	Case 621D	275,000.00	Chaplin Cranes	82,500.00	192,500.00
CJD Equipment	Volvo L70F	278,300.00	Chaplin Cranes	82,500.00	195,800.00
Komatsu	WA 250PZ	288,530.00	Komatsu	91,300.00 (if Komatsu purchased)	197,230.00
Hastings Deering	Cat 928GZ	313,940.00	Chaplin Cranes & Hastings Deering	82,500.00	231,440.00

Plant trialled was Kawasaki, John Deere, Case and Volvo. It is felt that Komatsu and Caterpillar are too expensive for consideration given the high quality of other machinery tendered.

Kawasaki is the cheapest machine. Testing showed this machine is not fitted with limited slip or lock diffs. This makes it unsuitable for Council type work. It was also down on power and driver comfort.

The John Deere is the next cheapest. Evaluation tests demonstrated this to be a high quality machine suited well to all Council purposes. Power, operator comfort, and high quality design and finish make this machine equal to or better than others tendered.

The Case and Volvo were also tested and evaluated. Both are good machines. The Case was not as powerful or manoeuvrable as the John Deere or Volvo. Driver comfort was also lacking.

Volvo performed well in all areas and appeared equal to John Deere in most aspects. It has a changeover price of \$28,699 higher than John Deere.

The best disposal offer is from Chaplin Cranes at \$82,500. During evaluation tests of the machines and consultation with Council supervisors it is agreed that irrespective of the machine manufacturer purchased, a standard general purpose bucket is more advantageous for Council's intended use of this machine. A 4 in 1 bucket with quick hitch facility was specified in the tender. A saving of around \$15,000 on any of the machines would be achieved by purchasing a standard bucket.

Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – G.C. Ingham)

Recommend that Council accepted the tender for Contract No. 2007/08-10 for the purchase of One Loader from Hitachi Construction Equipment for One John Deere 544J Loader at a price of \$249,601. Further that Council accept the price from Chaplin Cranes of \$82,500.00 for the purchase of Council Plant No. 228, Caterpillar Loader 928F, which gives a net changeover price of \$167,101.

Further that staff be authorised to negotiate the supply of a standard general purpose bucket in lieu of the quick hitch and 4 in 1 bucket that was originally tendered, and have John Deere refund the difference in cost.

5/6	Additional Purchase of Chipper Mulcher Plant No 386 – Contract 2007/2008-11
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Re: Additional Purchase of Chipper Mulcher Plant No 386 – Contract 2007/2008-11

From: Works Department Manager – G.C. Ingham

File: WP95/0005B

Date: 26 November 2007

Report: (Fleet Manager – Peter Stevenson)

Minute W32/09/07 refers - 2007/2008 Additional Plant Requirements**Chipper/Mulcher**

A tender was called and closed on 9 October 2007 for the supply of a diesel powered Chipper/Mulcher, as a replacement for the existing excavator mounted groomer unit 385. Three companies submitted tenders, the following table provides pricing details from each supplier.

Company	Model	Price exc GST	Total price inc GST	GST
ArborLink	Morbank Hurricane	<i>\$97,380.00</i>	<i>\$108,218.00</i>	<i>\$10,838.00</i>
Vermeer	Vermeer BC1800XL	<i>\$100,450.00</i>	<i>\$110,495.00</i>	<i>\$10,045.00</i>
Austchip	Austchip Model 450	<i>\$103,175.00</i>	<i>\$113,493.50</i>	<i>\$10,317.50</i>

Tendered plant specifications and warranty details associated with each bid are included below.

Company	ArborLink	Vermeer	Austchip
Make	Morbank - USA	Vermeer - USA	Austchip - Australia
Model	Hurricane 18	BC1800XL	450
Engine	Caterpillar - 4cyl	John Deere – 4cyl	Cummins – 6cyl
Power output	105kw – 140hp	127kw – 170hp	157kw – 210hp
Chipping mechanism	Barrel	Barrel	Rotating Disc
Chip ping capacity	450mm – 18”	480mm – 19”	450mm – 18”
Hydraulic chute	Option (inc in price)	Option (inc in price)	Option (inc in price)
Control position	Kerbside	Road side – option for kerbside (inc in price)	Kerbside
Carrier axles	Single	Single	Tandem
Carrier Brakes	S cam air	Electric no air option	S cam air option
Operating Weight	4500kg	4500kg	4600kg
Noise Level	Not supplied	Not supplied	<85dBa at 7m
Tyres	235/75 R17.5 on steel rims	235/75 R17.5 on steel rims	235/75 R15 LT on steel rims
Warranty	Machine - 1 year parts and labour Engine – 5 years/3000hours	Machine - 2 years + 5000hrs on the drum Optional – 3 years/3000hrs additional \$243 inc GST (not included in price)	5 years Structural 2 years Engine 1 year on all other components
Delivery	8 -10 weeks	12 -14 weeks	6 - 8 weeks

Council's Parks Superintendent, Workshop Manager and a Plant Operator assessed all of the machines offered to ensure compliance with Council specifications and operational requirements. These assessments included attendances of several 'hand' s on' in field trials/demonstrations ranging across Queensland.

Each machine presented met Council specifications, the assessment team have concluded that the Austchip 450 is the most suitable machine for the anticipated work based on the 'hands on' field demonstrations.

Tender offers for existing plant Unit 385

One *late* offer was been received for the existing excavator mounted Groomer unit 285 , details:

Summary

As detailed in the above table, the Austchip machine although the highest priced it represents the best option based on the following points

The machine has the most powerful engine of the three and is a six cylinder, which should reduce the overall load on the engine to improve engine life

The chipper is designed to take a 260hp engine as an option, the proposed unit will be supplied with the 210hp engine therefore the overall service life of the unit should be extended as it will not be working at maximum capacity

All operator controls are mounted on the kerbside as standard – dual controls are optional

Has the best access for servicing and maintenance adjustments

Visually has the strongest carrier and associated components

Is mounted on a tandem axle carrier and is equipped with S cam pneumatic brakes

Machine is manufactured in Australia therefore specialist parts are available immediately

The majority of service parts are generic and can be sourced from numerous local suppliers

The structural warranty is extended out to 5 years

Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – G.C. Ingham)

Recommend that Council purchase one (1) Austchip 450 for \$103,175.00 exc GST (\$113,493 inc GST).

Further that Council retain the excavator-mounted chipper (Unit 385) as the only tender to purchase it was late and the tendered price is not a real reflection of the true value of the machine.

SECTION 6: WORKS DEPARTMENT - GENERAL BUSINESS**SECTION 7: WORKS DEPARTMENT - LAND PROTECTION****7/1 Land Protection Monthly Report**

Re: Land Protection Monthly Report
From: Lands Protection Officer, Mr T. Huckstepp
File: WG94/00077
Date: 28 November 2007

Report: (Lands Protection Superintendent – Mr Troy Huckstepp)

Spraying ongoing on shire roads as follows:

Reseals, Main Roads, scrubby tree regrowth, groundsel, rat's tail grass and leuceana. Council assets: Bridges, Airport, kerb and guttering, Monkland Crusher and the Driver Training Centre. Kandanga Creek and Diamondfield Roads for GRT.

Noxious Weeds Issues:

The Land Protection Unit conducted an aerial survey of the Shire to determine the level of compliance to the 110 Groundsel control notices served earlier this year. There were approximately 80 clear properties, 24 non-compliant properties and 6 that require reinspection.

As part of the compliance flight we also flew the length of Amamoor Creek to inspect for Hymenachne. The creek appears clear of Hymenachne at this stage and will be continuously monitored.

A site for the Salvinia Biological Control Breeding facility at the Groves Road Gympie Landcare has been agreed upon. Currently awaiting the processing of the funding documentation before the works will start. Hoping to have the facility up and running and providing weevils to the public before November 2008.

Three more Cats Claw Creeper biological control release sites have been nominated. They are the reserve on Glastonbury Creek at Glastonbury, road reserve on Meadows Lane and riparian area adjacent to Kandanga Creek on Kandanga-Amamoor Road. The release of the bug is scheduled for late

November/early December. These will then total six release sites on Council controlled land as well as other sites such as the Six-Mile Rest area and the Driver Training Centre.

The Queensland Department of Primary Industries, New South Wales Department of Primary Industries and Meat and Livestock Australia have release a best practice manual for the control of Weedy Sporobolus (rats tail) grasses. It is a useful document with best practice techniques for a variety of situations ranging from occasional plants to dense infestations on inaccessible land. It also covers topics such as identification, preventing the spread, preventing the establishment of these grasses and case studies. The Land Protection Unit is in the process of acquiring 20 or so copies of the document for distribution and in-house reference.

Wild Dog Issues:

There has been no 1080 baiting for this month, a new baiting syndicate has been set up in the Cedar Pocket Dam area comprising eight landholders.

The bounty payments for wild dog scalps are approximately the same as this time last year. Due to increase use of Council's wild dog traps the Land Protection Unit has purchased more trapping equipment to service the demand.

Feral Pig Issues:

The pig bounty payments are increasing and a database has been established to record all of the particulars from pig hunters who have applied for the payment.

Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – Mr G. Ingham)

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

SECTION 8: WORKS DEPARTMENT - LAND PROTECTION - GENERAL BUSINESS

SECTION 9: WORKS DEPARTMENT - PARKS & GARDENS
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9/1	Works Cost Statement – Parks & Gardens
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WORKS COST STATEMENT**Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – G.C. Ingham)****Recommend that the Parks & Gardens sections of the Works Cost Statement, as presented, be received.**

9/2	Parks Capital Works Program 2007-08 – Cooloola Coast
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Re: Parks Capital Works Program 2007-08 – Cooloola Coast
 From: Parks & Gardens Superintendent, Mr E. French
 File: FF05/00079
 Date: 31 October 2007

Report: (Parks & Gardens Superintendent – Mr E. French)

Council has allocated \$35,000 for Parks Improvements on the Cooloola Coast as part of the 2007-08 Parks Capital Works Program.

It is proposed that the following works be undertaken in Cooloola Coast parks including those previously determined to be completed at Centenary of Federation Park, Cooloola Cove.

Provision of picnic shelter, barbecue and shelter over barbecue at Mullins Creek	\$14,000
Replacement of 3 small pedestrian bridges in Tin Can Bay Foreshore	\$ 9,000
Provision of picnic shelter, barbecue and seating in Centenary of Federation Park (MIN W33/09/07)	\$12,000
Total: \$35,000	

The shelter and seating at Mullins Creek was removed due to severe structural damage caused by rust. It is proposed to replace it with a 6m x 4m hardwood-framed shelter. There is presently a wood fire barbecue that is in poor condition and is of a safety concern. It is proposed to replace it with a gas barbecue that will be mounted under its own shelter.

Barbecues separated from picnic shelters reduce the likelihood of large groups from dominating the use of the barbecue. The barbecue shelter will be of sufficient size to allow for the inclusion of a second barbecue at a later time.

Correct placement of the shelters and barbecue will allow for future development of the park.

The pedestrian bridges along the path in the Tin Can Bay Foreshore will require replacement or major repair works over the following three years. It is intended that three of the smaller pedestrian bridges be replaced or upgraded this financial year.

Recommendation: (works Department manager – Greg Ingham)

Recommend that Council authorise staff to undertake the following Parks Capital Works Programme 2007-08 on the Cooloola Coast:

Centenary of Federation Park (MIN W33/09/07)	
Provision of shelter, gas barbecue and seating	\$12,000
Mullins Creek Reserve	
Provision of shelter, barbecue and barbecue shelter	\$14,000
Tin Can Bay Foreshore	
Replacement/Upgrade of 3 pedestrian bridges	\$ 9,000.

9/3

Parks & Gardens Monthly Report

Re: Parks & Gardens Monthly Report
 From: Parks & Gardens Superintendent, Mr E. French
 File: EP94/00008A
 Date: 13 November 2007

Report: (Parks & Gardens Superintendent – Mr E. French)

A number of staff have undertaken training in the fields of pole-saw operation, and playground equipment maintenance and design.

Further works have been undertaken to control and reduce the quantity of vegetation growing in the constructed footpaths, kerb and channels throughout the Shire. Follow-up works will be required in some areas.

Preparations are underway to present the Shires parks and priority roadways to the best that resources will allow for the holiday season. Trials on the application of growth regulants on sections of grass verges and median strips will be undertaken on the highway through Gympie to improve the presentation of our Shire to tourists utilising this road.

With Parks staff being kept busy with park maintenance duties, some Parks capital improvements works have had to be delayed.

Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – Greg Ingham)

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

9/4

Play Equipment and Seating for Nelson Reserve & Memorial Park

From: Parks and Gardens Superintendent E French
Re: Play Equipment and seating for Nelson Reserve & Memorial Park
File: PG94/00034
Date: 29 October 2007

Report (Parks & Gardens Superintendent – E. French)

The Parks and Gardens Capital Works Program includes \$24,000 allocated for the purchase and installation of seats, tables, and poles suitable for carrying banners, Christmas lighting etc. in Memorial Park

The recent past use of Nelson Reserve for Christmas Carols and the placement of the proposed performance stage at Nelson Reserve reduces the priority to erect Christmas lighting in Memorial Park. It is proposed to replace the existing 5 older style table seat combinations in Memorial Park with six table and bench settings similar to those recently installed,

The playground in Nelson Reserve includes two sets of swings. One set has been damaged beyond economic repair and requires replacement. The second set is constructed of CA treated logs and would ideally be replaced when upgrading other equipment.

It is proposed to install a double panel 4 swing play item in the Nelson Reserve playground, with rubber safety matting installed in the wear zone underneath the swings. Additional bench seats would be purchased and installed adjacent to the playground.

It is intended that the tables and seats will be installed prior to Christmas 2007. Equipment availability and supplier would determine the timing of the swing installation.

Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – Greg Ingham)

Recommend that Council approve the re-allocation of funds from the Parks Capital Works Program 2007-08, Memorial Park improvements, to include the purchase of play equipment and seating for Nelson Reserve, in addition to the provision of 6 table and seat settings to be installed in Memorial Park.

9/5	Provision of Shade Structure at Slater-Easton Park, Wolvi
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From: Cr Mick Venardos OAM
Re: Provision of Shade Structure at Slater- Eaton Park, Wolvi
File: FF05/00079
Date: 9 October 2007

Report (Parks & Gardens Superintendent – E. French)

Cr Mick Venardos requested that the possible provision of a shade structure over the playground at the Slater-Easton Park at Wolvi be investigated and a report presented to the Works Committee.

There is currently no shade over the play equipment offered by structure or tree. A healthy and vigorous Ficus tree will not likely offer significant shade value to the playground for at least a decade or more. There are no other significant trees of size adjacent to the play ground that will likewise offer shade more at least a similar length of time.

Two quotes offering different possible shade structure options are between priced between \$12,331.00 and \$15,642.00. Both structures utilise commercial quality shade fabric, stainless steel cable and fittings and would cover all of the play equipment.

There is approximately \$28,789.94 in Park Contributions from the Traveston/Cedar Pocket/Wolvi/Goomboorian area.

Council has not previously erected shade structures over playgrounds. The planting of large trees, predominantly Ficus species, have been utilised for the provision of shade. This does not necessarily provide adequate protection during the hottest times of the day in most locations. The vigorous root growth also presents maintenance issues.

Permanent shade structures are of a high capital cost and require replacing of the shade fabric at times throughout the life of the structure. These structures are often the subject of vandalism, requiring further resources to repair or replace components.

Council may wish to direct its resources to providing shade over playgrounds that are utilised to a greater extent than the playground at Slater-Easton Park.

Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – Greg Ingham)

Recommend that Council does not allocate funds for the provision of a shade structure over the playground at Slater-Easton Park at this time.

9/6	Rainbow Beach Erosion, Access Stairs, Fence Removal and Revegetation Works
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From: Parks and Gardens Superintendent E French
Re: Rainbow Beach erosion, access stairs, fence removal and revegetation works
File: EP94/00028A
Date: 13 November 2007

Report (Parks & Gardens Superintendent – E. French)

Considerable erosion of the shoreline below Phil Rogers Park at Rainbow Beach was experienced during the heavy rain events and storms earlier this year. High waves caused significant loss of dune and vegetation and heavy overland flows of stormwater from off the park and perhaps areas above also contributed to the damage and loss of foreshore and vegetation.

The majority of an old timber fence placed along the top of the escarpment was undermined and destroyed. This fence has now been fully removed and timber of reasonable condition salvaged for other works.

The fence does not need to be replaced in its previous position as the planting of native cottonwoods previously has now formed a good barrier in most places. There is however a need to improve sections of a plain wire fence incorporated with the cottonwood planting.

It is recommended that further suitable native plantings be undertaken between the cottonwoods and the escarpment to reduce the potential for erosion by the actions of people and extreme weather events.

Investigations need to be undertaken to determine the most suitable method of reducing the flow of large quantities of storm water over the escarpment. Water retention basins and swales may need to be constructed and planted to slow the water flow and improve infiltration into the profile away from the area of concern.

The wooden access stairs located approximately in the middle of Phil Rogers Park are in need of major repair works. The storm events referred to above have also undermined the sand and coffee rock that the stairs are built on. Any further significant damage to the structure or its footings may place the Council at greater liability.

The location of the stairs does not offer confidence in the long-term prospects that the stairs will survive other storm events in the present position and method of construction. Significant costs would be incurred to undertake a

major refurbishment of the structure and treads. It may be better to remove the stairs, not replace them, and put resources into giving better access and information or signage indicating other beach access points.

There are four other accesses to the beach. There is a staircase at the southern end of Phil Rogers Park in good condition, a concrete flight of steps with stainless steel rails adjacent to the Lifesavers clubhouse and a wide concrete path leading from the car park adjacent to the Lifesavers Club to the Lions Park below. There are additional concrete steps further north from Laurie Hanson Park to the Lions Park as well.

Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – Greg Ingham)

Recommend that Council authorise staff to remove the northern wooden beach access from Phil Rogers Park as soon as resources allow, following consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Further, that the Parks & Gardens Superintendent liaise with the Environmental Protection Agency, Cooloola Coastcare and Cityfarm to ensure that suitable native plant species are planted in the erosion zone between the top of the beach and the existing belt of native vegetation along the beach side of Phil Rogers Park.

Further, that the Parks & Gardens Superintendent investigate the possibility of the location of planted/turfed retention basins and these be included in the forthcoming park design for the Phil Rogers and Laurie Hanson Parks.

SECTION 10: WORKS DEPARTMENT – PARKS & GARDENS – GENERAL BUSINESS

SECTION 11: WATER & SEWERAGE

11/1 Works Cost Statement – Water & Sewerage

WORKS COST STATEMENT

Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – Mr I. Schiefelbein)

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

11/2

Projects in Progress

Re: Projects in Progress
From: Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein
File: WW00/00057
Date 28 November 2007

Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)**1. Tin Can Bay / Cooloola Cove & Rainbow Beach Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrading**

The tender of Abergeldie Construction Pty Ltd has been accepted for the construction of the three (3) sewage treatment plants. Work is anticipated to commence on site in January 2008.

2. Jones Hill Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

Work on the Jones Hill Water Treatment Plant is now planned to be implemented on a progressive basis. Initial works will involve site works, pipe diversion and raw water pump system upgrade.

Tenders have been accepted for installation of a second submersible raw water pump. The contractor has visited site to access site conditions.

3. Tin Can Bay / Cooloola Cove Trunk Water Main

SKM have carried out work to obtain all necessary approvals for the construction of the Teewah Creek Water Supply Trunk Main. A report has been submitted to the EPA. A preliminary response has been received and reviewed by Council officers. Following the review a response has been sent to the EPA. Council awaits a further response from the EPA. A positive outcome is needed before water supply for Rainbow Shores Stage 2 can be finalised.

4 Site Based Management Plans (SBMP) & Receiving Environmental Management Plans (REMP).

Cardno's have completed draft SBMPs and REMPs for Council's Water and Sewerage system. Council officers are reviewing the draft documents.

5 Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant Design

Worley Parsons completed a revised planning report for the Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant. Work is proceeding on the design of the Treatment Plant.

6 Imbil Sewerage

Work on the Imbil sewerage scheme is complete.

7 Waldock Road Pump Station and Rising Main

Waldock Road Pump Station has commenced. A concrete holding tank has been constructed. Sewage is currently being pumped from the pump well by a pump out waste contractor.

Work on the pump station is planned for completion in November/December.

8 Groundwater Road Sewerage Scheme

Work on the investigation and design of the system is complete. Tenders have been accepted and work on the trunk sewer and rising main commenced by the Contractor Cooloola Civil Constructions

Work on the pump station by Council Water and Sewerage Department day labour has commenced.

Work on the underbore under the Mary River has commenced.

9. Gympie Sewage Transfer System Upgrade

Construction of the Gympie Sewage Transfer System has commenced by Eire Construction. Tenders have been called for the Pump Station Upgrade (Refer separate report).

10. Rainbow Beach Rising Main

The pipeline construction is substantially complete. The work on the Pump Station Upgrade is planned for January/February 2008.

11. CCTV Inspection Program

Tenders have been called for CCTV Inspection of Sewers in Gympie and Tin Can Bay. (Refer separate report).

12. Highway Diversion

Tenders have been called for diversion of Pipework in the Monkland Street area required for the upgrade of the highway.

13. Trade Waste

Due to the increasing number of sewer blockages due to grease and fat in the sewerage system an inspection program of grease traps and other facilities has commenced.

The initial program has commenced in Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay.

14. Water Meter Reading

Water Meter reading has commenced.

15. Water Tower Lighting

Christmas lighting on the water tower will be upgraded and installed by an electrical contractor. Funding will be obtained from the Gympie Water Fund.

16. Winnington Road Trunk Sewer

Tenders have been called for extension of the trunk sewer to Winnington Road to allow the decommissioning of the Willowgrove Pump Station.

17. Gum Tree Road Pump Station and Rising Main

Tenders have been called for the construction of sewers and rising main to service subdivisional developments adjacent Old Maryborough Road.

Recommendation: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

Recommend that the other information be received.

11/3	Contract No 2007-2008-13 – Sewer Cleaning and Inspection
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Re: Contract No 2007-2008- 13 – Sewer Cleaning and Inspection
 From: Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein
 File: WP00/00074
 Date 28 November 2007

Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

Tenders for Cleaning and CCTV Inspection of sewers in Gympie (Pump Station G2 catchment, parts of Southside and parts of Tin Can Bay) have closed.

The following tenders were received:

COMPANY NAME	AMOUNT
Transpacific	\$348,980.00
CCTV Australia	\$252,864.20
RAIN	\$158,112,.28
Waste Trans	\$100,000,.38
Wide Bay Water	\$155,936.00
VAS	\$504,897.00
Tyco	\$248,181,.25

The lowest priced tenderer (Waste Trans) is based in Brisbane and has limited experience with CCTV inspection work. Their referees indicated that they are inexperienced and have required assistance to complete the work satisfactorily.

The two next lowest tenderers of Wide Bay Water and RAIN are from experienced contractors. RAIN are based in Maroochydore and Wide Bay Water in Hervey Bay. Based on their referees comments it is considered that RAIN would provide Council with the best service.

The difference between the lowest priced tenderer and the remaining tenders is significant.

Recommendation: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

Recommend that Council accept the tender of RAIN for Cleaning and CCTV Inspection of Sewers.

11/4 Contract No 2007-2008-14 – Supply and Installation of Two Pumps and Pipework, G3 Pump Station Gympie

Re: Contract 2007-2008-14 – Supply and Installation of Two Pumps & Pipework, G3 Pump Station, Gympie
 From: Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein
 File: WP00/00074
 Date 28 November 2007

Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

Tenders have closed for upgrading of the pumping equipment at Sewage Pump Station G3 to suit the rising main upgrade currently under construction.

Tenders have been received as follows:

COMPANY NAME	PRICE	MODEL/MAKE
Alliance Water Solutions	\$118,936.50	Flygt N3301 – 55kW Motor
The Pump house	\$124,023.90	Flygt N3301 – 55 kW Motor
ABS	\$129,800.00	ABS 55 kW Motor
Whelan Electrical Services	\$129,239.00	KSB 55Kw – or Flygt N3301
McCrackens Water Services	\$119,460.00	ABS 55kW
McCrackens Water Services	\$122,210.00	Flygt 55kW
McCrackens Water Services	\$131,538.00	Flygt 70kW
McCrackens Water Services	\$141,570.00	KSB
McCrackens Water Services	\$148,984.00	Grundfos

All tenders include GST.

All contractors are considered capable of installing the pumps. All pumps offered are considered suitable for the project. The tender of Alliance Water Solution contain qualifications with respect to provision of lifting equipment which could result an additional cost of over \$5,000.00.

Recommendation: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

Recommend that Council accept the tender of McCracken Water Services for the ABS pump, for the lump sum of \$119,460.00 including GST.

11/5	Home Waterwise Service
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Re: Home Waterwise Service
From: Cooloola Cove Residents & Friends Inc, PO Box 103,
Tin Can Bay Qld 4580
File: EG94/00002 DOC ID:855124
Date: 20 November 2007

Have your Say Feedback:

I would like the Cooloola council to consider doing the homewaterwise service. I think this would be a very wise watersaving investment.

Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

Council officers are often questioned by ratepayers with respect to the Home Water Wise Scheme. This scheme is currently funded by Councils within South East Queensland for property owners within that area. It provides for a plumber to inspect properties and carry out minor works to reduce water use on the property for a nominal fee. Council do not have the resources to implement or manage this scheme, and there are downsides to any involvement with SEQ Councils regarding water.

Recommendation: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

Recommend that Janine Anderson be advised that Cooloola Shire is not included in the Home Waterwise Scheme because Cooloola Shire is not included within the South East Queensland Region of Councils who operate and fund the initiative.

Further, Council does not wish to participate in any alliance with SEQ Region at this stage.

11/6	Connection to Town Water at 51 Fisher Road Araluen
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Re: Connection to Town Water at 51 Fisher Road Araluen
From: Ken & Christine Marquis, 51 Fisher Road, Araluen Qld 4570
File: WW94/00002 DOC ID:855148
Date: 21 November 2007

We have just purchased a property at 51 Fisher Road, Araluen Qld 4570. At present this house is only supplied by way of tank water held on site.

I am of the understanding that a town water main was recently installed along part of Fisher Road by the council.

From what I can gather the previous householders or ourselves at 51 Fisher Road were not offered the option of having town water connected when the construction of the main was being completed by the council.

I respectfully ask that the council give consideration to allowing us to hook up to the town water main.

Again I ask that the same considerations and costs for this be given to our family that was offered to others generally, when the mains were installed.

I look forward to hearing from you.

If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

As part of the scheme to service the Kingfisher Rise subdivision a water main was extend past 51 Fisher Road (as indicated). The water main in front of this property can supply the property with a normal service rather than the constant flow supply as provided in the Kingfisher Rise subdivision. In the past Council have offered property owners a once only opportunity to connect to water mains constructed in front of their property without payment of infrastructure charges.

Recommendation: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

Recommend that Ken and Christine Marquis be advised that Council will provide a water connection to their property at 51 Fisher Road subject to payment of a standard connection fee.

11/7

Business Water Efficiency Program in Cooloola

Re: Business Water Efficiency Program in Cooloola
From: Ms Fiona Roehrs, Acting Chief Executive Officer, SEQWater
File: EG94/00002
Date Emailed: 01 November 2007

SEQWater officially welcomes Cooloola Shire Council (CSC) as a key delivery partner in the Business Water Efficiency Program. We welcome the opportunity to work with you to assist businesses within your jurisdiction to identify and implement sustainable water management practices.

Through discussions with your Council, the BWEP team at SEQWater can now confirm funding arrangements to assist your organisation in the implementation of the program.

Approved BWEP funding for Cooloola Shire Council

In order to undertake the roles and responsibilities outlined in the attached Program Delivery Document your Council has been allocated \$50,000 as a share of the financial resources to be made available to organisations under the state-wide rollout of BWEP.

These funds are provided to support the management of BWEP within your jurisdiction. In return, CSC is required to undertake roles and responsibilities and to implement actions as detailed in the attached Program Delivery Agreement. Broadly, these roles and responsibilities can be summarised as:

- 1. Organise a media launch of the program within Cooloola. SEQWater can assist with this activity.*
- 2. Directly engage with each of CSC's 'tier 1' (>10 ML/year) business customers to ensure they have a thorough understanding of the opportunities available to them under BWEP. CSC should assist in identifying and facilitating successful BWEP applications, including an initial and follow up face-to-face meeting. Each of these customers is to be encouraged to have a water efficiency assessment completed by a water efficiency assessor or registered professional engineer.*
- 3. Engage with each of CSC's 'tier 2' (1 to 10 ML/year) business customers to promote BWEP funding opportunities, discuss potential projects and secure successful applications. Ideally this would involve an initial and follow up face-to-face meeting with each business. If this is not practicable, an introductory letter and follow up telephone call to each customer should be undertaken.*
- 4. By 31 March 2009, deliver 0.26ML per day of reticulated water savings from BWEP eligible businesses. Should the water savings not be achieved, a reallocation of the funds available to Cooloola Shire Council may result.*
- 5. CSC will also be required to manage accounts with and make payments to business customers for approved projects under BWEP. It is expected that CSC will submit progressive invoices to SEQWater on a monthly (or otherwise agreed) basis comprising schedules of payments due to their customers for project works approved under BWEP.*

Receiving payment from SEQWater for management costs

It is expected that CSC will submit progressive invoices to SEQWater as follows:

- a) \$8,000 on signing of the agreement.*
- b) \$10,000 upon satisfactory completion of the program of activities outlined above in 1, 2 and 3.*
- c) Quarterly invoices totalling up to \$32,000 for achievement of water savings by businesses.*

CSC is yet to supply business customer information including 2005-06 water consumption to the BWEP team. This information will be used to agree the targeted water savings. The reports and systems that generated this information may be requested by the BWEP team at SEQ Water. Regular reporting of water consumption by BWEP eligible businesses will be required during the program.

Thank you for your commitment to deliver the above requirements, to undertake the roles and responsibilities and to implement actions as outlined in the attached Program Delivery Agreement.

In order to formalise establishment of your BWEP funds account please sign below, supply water consumption data and return this letter to the BWEP team at SEQWater and retain a copy for your records.

Please direct any enquiries to John Armstrong - BWEP Project Director on 3011 5148 or to Alan Brown - BWEP Regional Coordinator at SEQWater on 3011 5170 or 0407 111 025.”

Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

The BWEP proposal could require significant staff input and the required saving may not be achieved. However long term reduction in business water use is a desirable goal and on this basis the program is supported.

Recommendation: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

Recommend that Council approve the proposed BWEP and commit to provide the support and information requested.

**SECTION 12: WATER & SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT -
GENERAL BUSINESS****SECTION 13: HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT****13/1 Petitions from Residents at Langshaw re Wheelie Bin Service**

From: Petitions from Residents at Langshaw re Wheelie Bin Service
Re: Health & Community Services Manager – M.R. Grant
File No. CG94/00028
Date: 26 November 2007

PETITION (1)

From Karen Berry, Primary Petitioner for Langshaw Rate-Payers and Residents, 144 Crust Road, Langshaw with 46 other signatories dated 20 November 2007.

We, the rate-payers and residents of Langshaw, urgently request that:

*NO wheelie bins be issued to the Langshaw area as a whole;
The rubbish depot for Langshaw rate-payers and residents and located on Eel creek Road remain open; and
The rubbish removal services provided by Cooloola Shire Council to Langshaw remain unchanged.*

We make these requests because:

*There are ELEVEN DIRT ROADS in Langshaw – Mary's Creek Road (parts) Gumnut Drive, Harrison Road, Crust Road, Mahon Road, Neuendorf Road, Coppermine Creek Road, Schachts Creek Road, Heathcote Road, Upper Eel Creek Road and Jerry's Creek Road. These roads are rarely graded – even though Langshaw rate-payers and residents are charged for that service – and large, heavy garbage trucks would destroy them.
(Please note: Many of these roads are already in dire need of repair)*

All of the dirt roads in Langshaw are NARROW. There is no room for garbage trucks AND local traffic at the same time. This would create unnecessary driving hazards and safety issues for local drivers, truck drivers and residents.

Much of Langshaw is extremely steep. This, combined with points 1 & 2 above, would make Langshaw roads EXTREMELY dangerous for garbage truck drivers, local drivers and residents, especially in the rain. Locals are, of course, very much aware of the dangers of driving on Langshaw roads but sharing those roads with extremely large, heavy trucks would cause an unnecessary and unwarranted problem resulting in a huge loss of safety.

Added to the three points above is the fact that Langshaw has many creeks – Eel Creek, Jerry’s Creek, Coppermine Creek, Schachts Creek – which often flood. It is very very dangerous even for local traffic to negotiate Langshaw’s narrow, steep dirt roads in flood times. These conditions would be totally and completely unsuitable for garbage trucks to attempt in even a small amount of safety.

With reference to point 4, if a garbage truck driver found the road cut by floodwaters, it would not be possible to safely or easily reverse up Langshaw’s steep, slippery roads. (This is particularly applicable on Crust Road where Eel Creek is preceded by a hairpin bend on a steep slope. Also Jerry’s Creek Road, where there is a 60-foot drop instead of verge, is very dangerous.)

Also with reference to Point 4 above, rubbish could not be collected during these times (though it could probably be safely assumed that Council would NOT reimburse Langshaw ratepayers for the cost of the missed collections). The health risks associated with uncollected refuse would be very great.

Level road frontage is not available to most ratepayers and residents in Langshaw and there is no safe, convenient position in which to place wheelie bins outside their gates.

Many Langshaw residents and ratepayers live on large cattle grazing properties, many of which have their homestead many hundreds of metres – even kilometres in some instances – away from the road. The roads leading to those homesteads are rarely suitable for manoeuvring heavy wheelie bins. Please Note: The suggestion that children should position the bins, because the distance may be too great for older adults, is irresponsible and dangerous.

Please also note: The suggestion of dragging the bins behind vehicles, again because the distance may be too great for older adults, is also dangerous.

As a result of Points 7 and 8 above, if ratepayers and residents elected to leave the bins on the roadside, the bins would be in the way of the Council contracted slasher and other widely used farm vehicles. PLEASE NOTE: Would Council cancel this very infrequent slashing service (for which Langshaw ratepayers and residents are charged) for fear of damaging the wheelie bins and incurring the cost of replacing them?

If bins are left on the roadside, they would be impossible to clean. They would become extremely unhygienic and quickly full of maggots. Langshaw does not have town water. The only available water for cleaning the bins would be in the distant homestead tanks.

Again, if bins are left on the roadside, they are apt to be knocked over either by vehicles or simply tip over because of the steep terrain. The scattered contents of the bins would result in unsightly, unhygienic pollution and would cause health risks to native and farm animals and to whoever is unfortunate enough to have the job of cleaning up.

Experts state that wheelie bins are no deterrent to wild dogs, of which Langshaw has a problem. To furnish these pests with their own 'meals-on-wheels' would most certainly not be advisable.

It must be strongly stated that many of the TWELVE preceding points would breach Occupational Health and Safety standards for which Council could be liable.

Cooloola shire council cites 'unprecedented growth and increasing volumes' as the reason for introducing wheelie bins to the area, however Langshaw has not grown nor increased its volume at all over the past three or four DECADES.

It has been suggested that one of the reasons Council wishes to change the present refuse arrangements is because of vandalism at the present site. It must be pointed out that the present service depot displays NO SIGNAGE to advise users of exactly what is allowed to be deposited and where it may be deposited. Thus we do not believe Council has the right to complain that the area had been 'abused' and should, to save hundreds of thousands of unnecessary spending of ratepayers money, commission appropriate signs to be manufactured.

However, an even cheaper proposition than supplying thousands of dollars worth of wheelie bins, causing hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of road damage and compromising the safety of local constituents, would be to put in video cameras at the existing service depot to catch offenders 'doing the wrong thing'. This way, those offenders could be fined and would be unlikely to re-offend.

The existing rubbish refuse site is convenient for ALL Langshaw ratepayers and residents as it lies on their way in to town. However, it has been suggested that an alternative site for a refuse service depot may be the corner of Eel Creek Road and Coppermine Creek Road. This location is fairly large and there are no residents living nearby who would complain about the smell. Moving the depot further away from town would deter those non-residents who are presently 'abusing' the present depot.

Langshaw ratepayers and residents have valid reasons for opposing the introduction of wheelie bins to the Langshaw area. This can easily be seen by the numerous points above and by the signatures on the petition attached to this letter.

We thank the Council for this opportunity to oppose the changes to Langshaw's refuse removal facilities. We trust you and the other councillors who have been elected to represent us will do as they have been elected to do; listen to their constituents. We trust also that you will concede to the validity of the arguments listed above and will agree to exempt the entire Langshaw area from these changes."

PETITION (2)

From Karen Berry, Langshaw Rate-Payers and Residents, petition with 46 signatories dated 13 November 2007

We, the ratepayers and residents of Langshaw, vehemently request that:

- *Rubbish removal facilities remain unchanged in Langshaw for the foreseeable future;*
- *NO wheelie bins be issued to the Langshaw area; and*
- *NO closure of the Langshaw road-side bulk bins site be effected.*

We strongly request this for the following reasons:

1. *The existing rubbish refuse site is convenient for ALL Langshaw rate-payers and residents as it lies on their way in to town.*
2. *Since much of Langshaw is made up of large cattle-grazing acreage, many rate-payers and residents would have many hundreds of metres – even kilometres – over which to manoeuvre heavy wheelie bins when positioning them for collection. Dragging them behind vehicles is dangerous. Having children position them is irresponsibly dangerous. It also creates Occupational Health and Safety issues for which Cooloola Shire Council could be liable.*
3. *Due to the steepness of much of the Langshaw terrain, many rate-payers and residents do not have available road frontage on which to safely position a wheelie bin. This creates further Occupational Health and Safety issues (for which Cooloola shire Council could be liable), not just for Langshaw rate-payers and residents, but for the garbage truck drivers as well.*
4. *As a result of Points 2 and 3 above, if rate-payers and residents elect to leave bins on the roadside, said bins would be in the way of the Council-funded slasher. (Or would Council perhaps cancel this infrequent service – for which Langshaw rate-payers and residents are*

charged – for fear of damaging said bins and having the expense of replacing these expensive items?)

5. *If bins are left on the roadside, they are liable to be knocked over and their contents scattered; thus allowing native/wild animals – especially wild dogs of which Langshaw is infested – access to the contents. The resultant unsightly, unhygienic pollution would cause health risks to the animals and to whoever is unfortunate enough to have the job of cleaning up. Yet further Occupational Health and Safety issues for which Cooloola Shire Council could be liable. (Note: Wild Dog experts state that wheelie bins are NO deterrent to wild dogs of which Langshaw has a problem.)*
6. *Again, if bins are left on the roadside, they are liable to become unhygienic, maggot-ridden, mobile stench factories, since no town water is available in Langshaw and the only available water for cleaning the bins is in tanks at the distant homesteads; still more Occupational Health and Safety issues for which Cooloola Shire Council could be liable.*
7. *TEN roads in Langshaw – Mary’s Creek Road (parts), Gumnut Drive, Harrison Road, Crust Rod, Mahon Road, Neuendorf Road, Schachts Road, Heathcote Road, Upper Eel Creek Road and Jerry’s Creek Road, - are unsealed roads whose surfaces are rarely addressed by a grader – even though this is again a service for which Langshaw rate-payers and residents are charged. Large heavy garbage trucks will quickly destroy these roads that are already in need of repair.*
8. *Langshaw has many creeks – Eel Creek, Jerry’s Creek, Coppermine Creek - which often flood. Rubbish could not be collected during these times. (It may be correctly assumed that Cooloola Shire Council would NOT reimburse Langshaw rate-payers and residents the \$7.30 per fortnight charged for rubbish removal when floods preclude that removal!) This would add to the hazard stated at Pointes 5 and 6 above; more Occupational Health and Safety issues for which Cooloola shire Council could be liable.*
9. *When the roads are flooded and a driver finds the road cust, it is NOT POSSIBLE for a large, heavy garbage truck to safely or easily reverse up Langshaw’s steep, slippery roads. (This particularly applies on Crust Road where eel Creek is preceded by a hairpin bend on a steep slope and Jerry’s Creek Road where there is a 60-foot drop instead of verge.) Still more Occupational Health and Safety issues for which Cooloola Shire Council could be liable.*
10. *Cooloola Shire council’s letter of advice regarding this issue cites ‘unprecedented growth and increasing volumes’ as the reason for*

introducing wheelie bins to the area, however Langshaw has not grown nor 'increased its volume' at all over the past three or more decades.

As you can see by the above points, Mr Venardos, and by the signatures on the petition attached to this document, Langshaw rate-payers and residents have valid reasons for opposing the introduction of wheelie bins to the Langshaw area.

We thank the council for this time-restrained opportunity to oppose the Wheelie Bin introduction. We trust you and the other councillors who have been elected to represent us will do what they have been elected to do; that you will concede to the validity of our arguments and agree to exempt the Langshaw area from this 'service'."

PETITION (3)

From Karen Berry, Langshaw Rate-Payers and Residents, petition with 36 signatories dated 27 November 2007

We, the ratepayers and residents of Langshaw, fervently request that there be:

- *NO CLOSURE OF THE BULK REFUSE BIN FACILITIES located in the service depot on Eel Creek Road in Langshaw for the foreseeable future.*
- *NO CHANGE IN THE COST of refuse removal services for Langshaw ratepayers; and*
- *NO CHANGE IN THE RUBBISH REMOVAL SERVICES provided by Cooloola Shire Council to the Langshaw area.*

We strongly request this for the following reasons:

1. *The existing bulk refuse bin service works well for – and is appreciated by – ALL Langshaw ratepayers and residents – including the aged and disabled*
2. *The existing bulk refuse bin site is convenient for ALL Langshaw ratepayers and residents – including the aged and disabled.*
3. *The number of refuse bins in the existing facilities is adequate for the needs of Langshaw ratepayers and residents because the Langshaw area has not grown nor increased its volume of refuse over the past three or four DECADES.*
4. *The existing costs of the bulk refuse bin facilities, as shown on rates assessments, are acceptable to Langshaw's ratepayers and residents.*
5. *Any increase in the costs of the existing bulk refuse bin facilities, as shown on Cooloola Shire Council rates assessments, will **DEFINITELY NOT** be acceptable by Langshaw's ratepayers and residents: such an increase would be seen as being unfair, unwarranted and undemocratically implemented.*

6. *The reasons given in our previous two petitions concerning the changes proposed by Council continue to be paramount: Langshaw's narrow, steep, unsealed roads that are prone to flooding would be far more dangerous than they are at present if garbage trucks were also traveling on them at regular intervals. The damage to the twelve unsealed roads in this area by these trucks is also of great concern.*

As you can see by the above points and by the signatures on the petition attached to this document, Langshaw ratepayers and residents have valid reasons for opposing any changes to the refuse services provided to Langshaw ratepayers and residents.

We ask Cooloola Shire councillor's the question: if it's not broken, why fix it?

If Council cites vandalism to the existing facilities as one of its reasons for change, Langshaw residents suggest that video cameras be installed at the existing service depot to catch offenders 'doing the wrong thing': thus offenders could be fined and would be unlikely to reoffend. This option would be cheaper and simpler than supplying thousands of dollars worth of road damage, and compromising the safety of local constituents.

If Council cites increasing costs in maintenance expenses as one of its reasons for closing the refuse facility, let it be reminded that the following are extremely expensive as well:

- *Greatly increased road works costs;*
- *Increased litter pollution removal costs;*
- *Increased litigation due to the health risks posed by unhygienic wheelie bins in an area where the bins cannot be kept clean;*
- *Flow-on costs due to damage inflicted to garbage trucks traveling on Langshaw's narrow, steep, unsealed roads;*
- *Flow-on costs due to stress suffered by garbage truck drivers on Langshaw's narrow, steep, unsealed roads; and*
- *Increased accidents occurring on Langshaw's narrow, steep, unsealed roads.*

*While it may be said that the existing rubbish refuse facilities do not allow for recycling, it is well-known that the Council's tips do not make provision for recycling materials **either**, so this reason is not a valid one.*

Langshaw ratepayers and residents are confident that a democratic resolution can be found to reverse the arbitrary stance Cooloola Shire Council has so far displayed in this matter. We sincerely hope common sense and logic will prevail.

We trust that Cooloola Shire's councilors will soften their despotic attitude and that those who have been elected to represent us will do as they have

been elected to do and listen to their constituents. We hope also that you will concede to the validity of our arguments and will agree to exempt the entire Langshaw area from these changes.

We thank the Council for this opportunity to oppose the changes to Langshaw's refuse removal facilities.

POSTSCRIPT

In our previous petition, it was noted that there was no signage at the present facilities to advise users of exactly what is allowed to be deposited and where it may be deposited. We must admit that this is partially incorrect. Signage is present at bot entrances; however:

- *It is easily missed as the writing is quite small;*
- *It is difficult to understand i.e. "Dispose of Bulky Items etc Prohibited" does not make proper sense (it should be "Bulky Items etc are Prohibited");*
- *"Offenders will be prosecuted" is erroneous (how can Council prosecute when they cannot catch offenders?); and*
- *Does not specify that waste is ONLY to be placed in the bins and not on the ground."*

Report: (Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant

MINUTES G54/11/07 & G87/11/07 OF COUNCIL'S GENERAL MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 2007 STATE AS FOLLOWS:

G54/11/07 "THAT THE PETITION BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT MANAGER FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT TO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2007."

G87/11/07 "THAT THE PETITION BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT TO THE WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2007."

Council has received three petitions from the Langshaw area dated 13/11/07, 20/11/07, and 27/11/07. The second and third petition contain a number of signatures from the first petition.

In total 36 individual properties are represented by three petitions and these properties have been accepted as objections and therefore have not received wheelie bins. The petitions also contain properties who have not received letters from Council, as the method of servicing these roads needs to be addressed. It should be noted that one property listed on the petition has since requested bins be delivered.

Reference is made to Council Minutes F31/03/07, W47/08/07 and W29/07/07

F31/03/07 states in part

“A. Agree to provide a Shire wide 240L dual wheeled bin refuse/recycling service;”

W47/08/07 states in part

“Further that Council authorise the Health & Community Services Manager to proceed with the Shire wide dual wheelie bin service as per Part (A) of Council Minute F31/03/07.

Further that as the wheelie bins roll out, the roadside bulk bins be removed. Council notify ratepayers of the pending arrival of their wheelie bin service and such ratepayers be advised that the bulk roadside bins will be removed once the wheelie bins are in place.”

W29/07/07 which states the following

“Recommend that the writer be advised that Council will consider removing the Eel Creek 3m³ roadside bulk bin site at the time that Council expands the 240L wheeled bin service Shire wide.”

W29/07/07 resulted from the owner of the vacant property fronting the Eel Creek Road 3m³ Bulk bin site, requesting that the site be removed, as the owners intend to build a house and access to the property is intended to be through the bin site area.

As per Council Minute G54/11/07, this matter was considered at the Waste Strategy Working Group Meeting on the 21 November 2007, where it was resolved to recommend that Council write to the Langshaw petitioners to advise that their objection has been recorded, and that wheelie bins will not be delivered to them in the initial roll out.

The petitioners should also be advised that objections will be assessed at a later date by Council and confirm that bulk bin sites will be removed progressively as wheelie bins are rolled out.

Recommendation: (Health and Community Services Department Manager – Mr M R Grant)

Recommend that Council write to the Langshaw petitioners advising as follows:

1. The properties identified on the petitions will be treated as objections and that wheelie bins will not be delivered to them in the initial rollout
2. Objections will be assessed at a later date by Council with a decision pending.
3. That Council confirms that road side Bulk Bin Sites will be removed progressively as wheelie bins are rolled out.

13/2	Expression of Interest for the Provision of Gatekeeping and Recycling Services – Southside Waste Management Facility
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Re: Expression of Interest for the Provision of Gatekeeping and Recycling Services – Southside Waste Management Facility
 From: Senior Environmental Health Officer – Mr ID Wolff
 File: CG94/00023
 Date: 23 November 2007

Report: (Senior Environmental Health Officer – I D Wolff)

Expressions of interest were called for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at Council's Southside Waste Management Facility for a one (1) year period.

One (1) expression of interest was received as follows.

NAME	DETAILS OF OFFER
Nelly's Salvage (Narelle May Laffey & Darren Wayne Laffey) (37 Boyle Road, The Palms via Gympie)	Offer payment to Council of \$3 000.00 per annum to be paid in twelve (12) payments of \$250.00 per month.* *Amounts exclude GST. Submitter has indicated that they are not registered for GST at this point in time.

Narelle and Darren Laffey are currently contracted to perform gatekeeping and recycling services at the Southside Waste Management Facility.

Under the current arrangement, the incumbents pay Council \$5 000.00 per annum (twelve (12) payments of \$417.00 per month).

Duties required of the contractor by Council have increased since the introduction of the waste tracking docket system at this facility in order to levy charges for the disposal of builders waste (CSC Minute W39/04/07 refers).

Recommendation: (Health and Community Services Department Manager – M R Grant)

Recommend that Council accept the expression of interest from Narelle May Laffey and Darren Wayne Laffey (Nelly's Salvage) for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at the Southside Waste Management Facility – Gympie for a period of one (1) year on a contract basis.

This new arrangement will commence at 12:01 am on 1 December 2007 and terminate at 11:59 pm on 30 November 2008.

Payment to council to be \$3,000.00 per annum to be paid in twelve (12) instalment amounts of \$250.00 per month.

The acceptance of this expression of interest is further subject to satisfactory fulfilment of all contact conditions including those conditions relating to public liability insurance.

13/3	Expression of Interest for the Provision of Gatekeeping and Recycling Services – Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility
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Re: Expression of Interest for the Provision of Gatekeeping and Recycling Services – Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility
From: Senior Environmental Health Officer – Mr ID Wolff
File: CG04/00211
Date: 23 November 2007

1. ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION SUBMITTED WITH EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – DATED 6 OCTOBER 2007

DJM Salvage and Recycling would like to submit an Expression of Interest for the continuation for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at the Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility (TCBWMF). DJM Salvage and Recycling have been providing gatekeeping and recycling services at the TCBWMF for the past four years and have been improving on site management in that time. We have established a good relationship with the public and businesses and are familiar with the operations of the facility. We have built a viable business, good community connection and efficient management system at the facility.

DJM Salvage and Recycling will continue to manage the facility as we have in previous years which includes being on site at all times during operating hours to ensure that the public and businesses are using the facility properly. Also issuing and monitoring the Waste Tracking Dockets and ensuring the system is not being abused and the facility is managed and operates in an appropriate and proper manner.

DJM Salvage and Recycling will continue using our two vehicles on site:

Mitsubishi L200 utility, registration 280 IWP

Ford F250 utility, registration 094 JLO

Both are roadworthy and registered with Queensland Transport.

DJM Salvage and Recycling currently have \$10 million public liability insurance with Tradesman Insurance Pty Ltd. A copy of this is included in annexure “A”.

In 2004 Cooloola Shire Council (CSC) installed front gates at the TCBWMF to regulate the disposal of waste to the hours of 7am to 6pm (7am to 5.30pm in winter) instead of 24 hour access for dumping. This transition went smoothly and there were no major objections from the users of the facility. With reference to Item 6 of the schedule and Clause 6.4 of the contract, DJM Salvage and Recycling would like to propose that CSC reduce these operating hours to:

8am to 5pm weekdays

8am to 4pm weekends

8am to 12pm Christmas Day

The hours proposed for Christmas Day are providing it doesn't fall on a Monday as the Cleanaway trucks run that day and they would require access to the TCBWMF after 12pm in which we would operate in normal weekday hours, however, this doesn't occur until the year 2017. During the new proposed hours the site will be attended by DJM Salvage and Recycling at all times.

DJM Salvage and Recycling have verbally surveyed the major local businesses (eg – Cooloola Skips, Lee's Fisheries, Reibels Earthworx) that we felt would be affected by the reduction in operating hours and have had no concerns regarding the reduced operating hours affecting their dumping requirements. The businesses mentioned above support the proposal. If in event certain works needed to be carried out on site outside the new proposed operating hours, we would be happy to come to an arrangement to allow access to personnel if required.

The general public of Tin Can Bay are accustomed to limited access to services, for example the Police Station and Library are open on certain days at varying hours and the bank closes for lunch, therefore DJM Salvage and Recycling feel

that the reduction in operating hours for access to the TCBWMF would not majorly affect their lifestyle.

DJM Salvage and Recycling feel that leaving the site temporarily unattended at anytime during the operating hours is not an option as the Waste Tracking Docketing System and correct disposal of waste could not be monitored in our absence. If the TCBWMF was being utilized at all hours of the current operating times by the public and businesses then we wouldn't feel that a reduction in operating hours would be necessary however the facility is basically deserted outside the new proposed operating hours. In the morning and evening in warmer weather the sandflies at the TCBWMF are extremely bad and this is a major factor in discouraging the public from using the facility during these times.

The new operating hours proposed to CSC are a realistic suggestion based on what we feel would still service the public and local business of Tin Can Bay. Further reducing the operating hours (for example a 2-3pm shut on the weekends) at the TCBWMF is up to Council discretion however we feel the facility is required to be open seven days a week.

If DJM Salvage and Recycling's proposal for the reduction of operating hours for access to the TCBWMF for the disposal of waste is accepted by CSC then no payment for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services will be sought, however we would require the road be regularly maintained. \$1000 payment to CSC is still offered for the use of the shipping container provided on site.

If CSC rejects DJM Salvage and Recycling's proposal for the reduction of operating hours at the TCBWMF then we would require a payment from CSC for the sum of \$982.50/month to cover the cost of attending the facility at a rate of \$15/hr for each hour outside the new proposed hours. This totals 16 hours per week (15.5 hours in winter). The month of December would be 5 hours extra for Christmas Day.

The total sum was on a monthly average calculated over one year.

*16 hrs/wk @ \$15/hr x 52 weeks – (92 days of winter x 0.5 hrs x \$15/hr)
÷ 12 months = \$982.50.*

*Month of December = 5 hrs @ 15/hr = \$75
\$982.50 + \$75 = \$1057.50*

DJM Salvage and Recycling would prefer a reduction in operating hours rather than a subsidy from CSC as we feel it would not be in Council's best interests to finance the facility to be open if it isn't being utilized. We would prefer CSC to use any available funds to finance the maintenance of Snapper Crk Rd.

If in event CSC decides not to renew DJM Salvage and Recycling's contract then we wish to apply for a 30 days grace period in which all structures supplied by DJM Salvage and Recycling, recyclable material and shop stock can be removed from the TCBWMF.

For further information or questions regarding our Expression of Interest for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at the Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility or our proposal for the reduction of operating hours please contact Jessica on 0411218254."

2. ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION DATED 11 NOVEMBER 2007

I am writing in relation to a conversation I had with Ian Wolff on the 8/11/2007 regarding DJM Salvage and Recycling's proposal for the reduction in operating hours at the Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility (TCBWMF). Ian suggested that a change of operating hours to 7am to 5 pm might be suitable as these are the operating hours at the Mary Valley Waste Management Facilities. DJM Salvage and Recycling understand the need for uniformity in operating hours amongst smaller waster management facilities in the Cooloola Shire, however we feel that these hours are still too long.

Most smaller communities in other shires have dramatically reduced hours, even days, in operating times at their waste management facilities. DJM Salvage and Recycling wishes to adopt a reasonable reduction in operating hours at the TCBWMF to accommodate both the dumping public and recyclers. We are aware that a reduction in operating hours was trialled at the Imbil Waste Management Facility. This was unsuccessful as Cooloola Shire Council hadn't consulted with the dumping public of the area. We have taken into consideration the habits of our local population in regards to the disposal of waste and have found that a weekday and weekend split of times, to 8 am to 5 pm weekdays and 8 am to 4 pm weekends. These times would be easy to remember and accommodate the community of Tin Can Bay's dumping needs. We cannot say this is true of all smaller waste management facilities in the Cooloola Shire however we found that if major businesses aren't affected then the general public can change their habits.

I have personally, verbally surveyed the major local businesses in the area as stated in the expression of interest, and have had nothing but support for the proposal. I have also surveyed individuals that were using the facility outside the proposed hours and have had no concerns regarding the reduction of operating hours. Requests by the public to sign a petition were made however. I find this sort of action to be a bullying tactic and am not keen to pursue this avenue.

DJM Salvage and Recycling are suggesting that Cooloola Shire Council operate the TCBWMF at the proposed hours on a trial basis. If this is

successful then Cooloola Shire Council may wish to adopt the same hours at the Rainbow Beach Waste Management Facility to make the Cooloola Coast uniform in operating hours. Rainbow Beach, Tin Can Bay and Cooloola Cove are smaller isolated communities with a centralized business and local population therefore reducing the operating hours wouldn't affect their current lifestyle greatly.

Vehicle movements monitored by the road counter installed at the facility cannot be relied on to verify the times of usage of the facility for the disposal of waste as the purpose of each vehicle entering the facility cannot be assessed. Not all the vehicles entering the facility are disposing of refuse. There are also patrons of the recycling shop, tourists assuming Snapper Crk Rd goes to Snapper Creek, hoons (I do get them), David or myself and individuals coming to see either David or myself personally. These persons would not be affected by the reduction in operating hours.

DJM Salvage As stated in the expression of interest DJM Salvage and Recycling would prefer any available funds associated with the TCBWMF be used to upgrade the road. This would benefit the dumping community and provide more customers to the recycling shop as many people will not travel down Snapper Crk Rd in its current state.

DJM Salvage and Recycling urges Cooloola Shire Council to seriously consider our proposal as we enjoy our job but are finding it tiresome monitoring an empty facility. If you have inquiries regarding any points raised in this letter please do not hesitate to call me on 0411 218 254

Report: (Senior Environmental Health Officer – I D Wolff)

Expressions of interest were called for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at Council's Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility for a one (1) year period commencing December 2007.

Only one (1) expression of interest was received. This expression was from the incumbent party – DJM Salvage and Recycling.

NAME	DETAILS OF OFFER / PAYMENT REQUIRED
DJM Salvage & Recycling (Jessica Milne & David Jones) (Lot 5 McNeil Road, Cedar Pocket via Gympie)	Offer payment to Council of \$1 000.00 per annum (plus GST, if applicable) if operating hours at this facility are varied. OR Require payment from Council of \$982.50 / month (plus GST, if applicable) if Council does not desire to reduce opening hours at this facility. This variation is explained below.

Additional supporting information was supplied by DJM Salvage and Recycling with their expression of interest documentation.

As detailed in this supporting information, DJM Salvage & Recycling are proposing a reduction in operating hours at this facility as follows:

Weekdays –	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Weekends (Saturday and Sundays) –	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Christmas Day –	8:00 am to 12 noon

Currently, the operating hours of this facility are 7:00 am to 6:00 pm daily (closes 5:30 pm during months of June, July and August).

All of Council's other waste management facilities fitted with lockable gates operate within these hours with the exception of Council's Mary Valley Transfer Station and the Traveston Bin Site. Council has previously resolved that operating hours at these facilities be set as follows:

Mary Valley Transfer Station –	7:00 am to 5:00 pm (daily)
Traveston Bin Site -	7:00 am to 5:00 pm (daily)

Should Council agree to a reduction in the operating hours of the Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility, DJM Salvage and Recycling are offering payment to Council of \$1 000.00 per annum.

In the event of Council desiring not to alter current opening arrangements, DJM Salvage and Recycling seek payment from Council of \$982.50 / month for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at this facility. This equates to \$11 790.00 per annum for performing these services.

Provision has not been made in the 2007 / 2008 Council budget for contractor payments at this facility and should Council desire to accept the proposal for the continuation of current operating hours, Council will need to make additional funds available for payment.

Full time attendance at this facility by the recycler is necessary since Council's introduction of charging for the disposal of builder's waste at this facility.

Following receipt of this expression of interest and supporting documentation, discussions with Ms Jessica Milne regarding opening hours were held. As part of these discussions, the possible compromise of reducing opening hours to bring this facility in line with the opening hours of the Mary Valley Transfer Station and Traveston Bin Site (ie. 7:00 am to 5:00 pm daily) was raised for consideration.

In response to this discussion, Council received a further submission from DJM Salvage and Recycling dated 11/11/2007.

In their subsequent submission to Council, DJM Salvage and Recycling identified reduced operating hours and outlined reasons as to why they believe opening of the Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility should be reduced to the hours proposed in their original submission, that is:

Weekdays –	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Weekends (Saturday and Sundays) –	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Christmas Day –	8:00 am to 12 noon

DJM Salvage and Recycling propose that Council trial these operating hours at this facility, and if successful, adopt these hours at the Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility. DJM Salvage and Recycling indicate that the proposed operating hours could be introduced at the Rainbow Beach Waste Management Facility in order to achieve uniformity at the Cooloola Coast. The issue of the Rainbow Beach Waste Management Facility is a separate matter and should be dealt with at a later date when relevant information has been gathered.

In order to gauge vehicle movements at the Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility, a traffic counter was installed by Council's Design Department and inward traffic movements were monitored for the period Thursday, 1 November 2007 to Thursday, 8 November 2007.

The traffic counter data highlighted that the majority of vehicles over the monitoring period entering the Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility were Class 1 and Class 2 vehicles. These vehicles are categorised as "light vehicles" and consist of a short vehicle (ie. sedan, wagon, 4WD, motorcycle etc) or a short vehicle towing (ie. a trailer, boat, caravan).

The traffic count data appears in the table below:

HOURS	Thu 01/11/07	Fri 02/11/07	Sat 03/11/07	Sun 04/11/07	Mon 05/11/07	Tues 06/11/07	Wed 07/11/07	Thu 08/11/07
0000-0100	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0100-0200	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0200-0300	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0300-0400	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0400-0500	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0500-0600	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0600-0700	*	0	0	0	0	2	2	1
0700-0800	*	6	5	4	10	1	0	1
0800-0900	*	7	5	8	5	4	3	2
0900-1000	*	19	15	10	14	4	10	3
1000-1100	*	14	12	12	17	3	9	7
1100-1200	*	14	6	18	6	1	6	3

1200-1300	9	8	6	8	9	2	5	*
1300-1400	11	12	5	7	10	4	7	*
1400-1500	13	10	5	11	11	5	8	*
1500-1600	13	10	8	6	16	2	8	*
1600-1700	0	6	3	4	6	2	2	*
1700-1800	0	4	1	1	4	2	2	*
1800-1900	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	*
1900-2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
2000-2100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
2100-2200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
2200-2300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
2300-2400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
TOTALS								
Total of vehicles entering each day	*	112	71	93	108	32	62	*
AM PEAK	*	0900	0900	1100	1000	0900	0900	1000
	*	19	15	18	17	4	10	7
PM PEAK	1500	1300	1500	1400	1500	1400	1500	*
	13	12	8	11	16	5	8	*

This data indicates that peak usage of this facility occurs between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 am each morning and between the hours of 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm in the afternoon (refer AM and PM peak times).

The number of vehicles entering the facility between 7:00 am and 8:00 am each morning and between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm weekdays and between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm weekends have been highlighted.

In respect of the above data, DJM Salvage and Recycling have advised in their letter that:

“Not all vehicles entering the facility are disposing of refuse. There are also patrons of the recycling shop, tourists assuming Snapper Creek Road goes to Snapper Creek, hoons (I do get them), David or

myself and individuals coming to see either David or myself personally”.

A trial of reduced opening hours in accordance with the proposal from DJM Salvage and Recycling following suitable public advertising in local media is recommended for Council’s consideration. In the event that Council does not approve the proposal then additional funding of \$12 000.00 will be needed to pay the contractors.

Recommendation: (Health and Community Services Department Manager – M R Grant)

Recommend Council resolve to trial a change in the opening hours of the Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm daily (5:30 pm closure during the months of June, July and August) to:

Weekdays –	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Weekends (Saturday and Sundays) –	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Christmas Day –	8:00 am to 12 noon

These trial operating hours to commence at 8:00 am on Monday, 28 January 2008 with suitable advertising to be conducted in local media and signage at this facility amended to reflect these trial opening times.

The trial period is to end 31 May 2008 and a further report to be submitted to Council prior to the expiry of this trial period regarding opening hours at the Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility.

Further, that Council accept the expression of interest submitted by DJM Salvage and Recycling (Jessica Milne and David Jones) for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at the Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facility for a period of one (1) year on a contract basis, subject to Council receiving payment of \$1000.00 (plus GST, if applicable).

This new arrangement is to commence December 2007 and terminate on 30 November 2008 and is subject to DJM Salvage and Recycling adhering to all terms and conditions of the management agreement.

13/4	Provision of Gatekeeping and Recycling Services – Amamoor Bin Site
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Re: Provision of Gatekeeping and Recycling Services – Amamoor Bin Site
 From: Antony Guy Hawkyard (Mary Valley Recycling), PO Box 5, Kandanga
 File: CG94/00010
 Date: 23 November 2007

*I, Tony Hawkyard, hereby give notice of intention to accept the 12 month option on the existing contract for the Amamoor Bulk Bin Site.
I will continue the service as stated in existing contract at the same rate of remuneration for another 12 months.*

Report: (Senior Environmental Health Officer – I D Wolff)

The above correspondence has been received from the incumbent contractor who is currently performing gatekeeping and recycling services at Council's Amamoor Bin Site.

Minute G61/11/06 awarded the contract for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at Council's Amamoor Bin to Antony Guy Hawkyard for a one (1) year period.

MINUTE G61/11/06 STATED:

THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED.

FURTHER THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM ANTONY GUY HAWKYARD FOR THE PROVISION OF GATEKEEPING AND RECYCLING SERVICES AT THE AMAMOOR 3M³ BIN SITE ON A CONTRACT BASIS FOR THE PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR.

FURTHER THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL COMMENCE ON 16 DECEMBER 2006 AT 7:00 AM AND TERMINATE AT 6:00 PM ON 15 DECEMBER 2007. PAYMENT TO MR HAWKYARD TO BE \$7 920.00 PER ANNUM (GST INCLUSIVE) TO BE PAID PER CALENDER MONTH IN TWELVE (12) INSTALMENTS OF \$660.00 (GST INCLUSIVE).

Further that the acceptance of this expression of interest is subject to satisfactory fulfilment of all contract conditions including those conditions relating to public liability insurance and workplace health and safety matter.

In Council's General Specification for Gatekeeping and Recycling Services Contractors at Waste Management Facilities, Section 4 outlines:

- 4. The agreement is for a period of one (1) year. Council reserves the right to negotiate an extension of the agreement for a period of up to a maximum of one (1) year at its sole discretion.*

NOTE: This agreement is subject to the satisfactory performance of the contractor.

The contractor is seeking an extension of this contract for a further twelve (12) month period in accordance with the above.

Mr Hawkyard has been providing gatekeeping and recycling services at this facility since 2001.

In considering the proposed extension to the arrangement with Mr Hawkyard for the provision of these services, consideration must be given to Council Minutes F31/03/07 and W47/08/07 which, appear in part below.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTE F31/03/07 REFERS:

RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL:

A. AGREE TO PROVIDE A SHIRE WIDE 240L DUAL WHEELED BIN REFUSE/RECYCLING SERVICE.

WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTE W47/08/07 STATES:

FURTHER THAT AS THE WHEELIE BINS ROLL OUT, THE ROADSIDE BULK BINS BE REMOVED. COUNCIL NOTIFY RATEPAYERS OF THE PENDING ARRIVAL OF THEIR WHEELIE BIN SERVICE AND SUCH RATEPAYERS BE ADVISED THAT THE BULK ROADSIDE BINS WILL BE REMOVED ONCE THE WHEELIE BINS ARE IN PLACE.

The future of Council's roadside bin sites has previously been determined by Council via the above Minutes.

Should Council decide to extend the contract with Mr Hawkyard, consideration should be given to these Minutes.

Recommendation: (Health and Community Services Department Manager – M R Grant)

Recommend that Council extend the formal agreement currently in place with Antony Guy Hawkyard (Mary Valley Recycling) for the provision of gatekeeping and recycling services at the Amamoor Bin Site:

- **For a maximum period of no longer than one (1) year with an expiry date of no later than 15 December 2008 and in the event of Council authorising closure of the site prior to 15 December 2008, that Council authorises Health and Community Services Department to give thirty (30) days notice to the contractor advising of the termination of the contract.**

Payment for the provision of these services to be \$660.00 (GST inclusive, if applicable) per month (\$7 920.00 per annum).

This extension to the existing formal arrangement is further subject to satisfactory fulfilment of all contract conditions including those conditions

relating to public liability insurance and workplace health and safety matters

13/5	Quotation for the Provision of Local Law Patrol Services – Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay Areas
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Re: Provision of Local Law Patrol Services – Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay Areas
 From: Senior Environmental Health Officer – I D Wolff
 File: CG98/00134
 Date: 23 November 2007

Report: (Senior Environmental Health Officer – Mr I D Wolff)

In accordance with Council Minute W43/08/07, quotations were called for the provision of Local Law Patrol Services for the Rainbow Beach area for a one-(1) year period on a contract basis. The specification for this contract includes an option to include patrols of the Tin Can Bay area and both of the quotations received included a price for this work.

Quotations were received as follows.

Name	Price (inc. GST, if applicable) Per Month	Price (inc. GST, if applicable) Per Annum (Per Month x 12)	Callout Services (if required) – Price (inc. GST if applicable) per callout	Tin Can Bay Option ¹ Price (inc. GST if applicable)
Anthony Richard Young	\$3,850.00	\$46,200.00	\$45.00	\$14,400.00
Pieces Investigations (Desmond Edward McGrath)	\$17,776.41	\$213,316.92	\$30.00 per 30 minutes – local base to base	\$180,120.00

¹Tin Can Bay Option – if Council were to at its sole discretion require patrol services with the Tin Can Bay area as referred to in the Contract Specification

Anthony Young has provided Local Law Patrol Services at Rainbow Beach for Council since December 1999 and under the current arrangement, Mr Young received payment of \$43,800.00 (inc GST) per annum.

Whilst Council has received prices for Tin Can Bay patrols in past quotations, Council has not accepted the option to include Tin Can Bay Local Law Patrols in previous contracts.

In respect of the provision of Local Law Patrol Services at Tin Can Bay, the contract specification outlines that the scope of duties required to be performed:

5. *SCOPE OF DUTIES*

(d) *Patrols to Include*

Patrols are to include:-

(viii) Tin Can Bay

If required by Council as part of the quote acceptance, the Contractor shall patrol and monitor and record in the form of report in accordance with the guidelines by Council any illegal camping in the Tin Can Bay area. The Contractor shall advise any illegal campers of the requirements of the Council Local Laws as they are set out in Local Law No. 9 (Parks, Reserves and Foreshores). The Contractor shall conduct a daily foreshore patrol at a time between the hours of 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the evening.

Including the Tin Can Bay option as part of the quotation acceptance will provide for daily patrols of the foreshore at Tin Can Bay.

Currently, a total of \$44 870.00 (excluding GST) has been budgeted by Council for the provision of contract Local Law Patrol Services at Rainbow Beach for the 2007/2008 financial year. This money has been allowed for in ledger number 2120403 (Local Laws Enforcement Etc).

Acceptance of the Tin Can Bay Option for the Provision of Local Law Patrol Services will however, necessitate additional expenditure of approximately \$5,000.00 (excluding GST) in order for a new contract to be established with AR Young.

This additional expenditure has been calculated on the provision of seven (7) months of Local Law Patrol Services at Tin Can Bay by Mr Young.

Recommendation: (Health and Community Services Department Manager – Mr M R Grant)

Recommend that Council accept the quotation from Anthony Richard Young for the provision of Local Law Patrol Services at Rainbow Beach

and Tin Can Bay for a period of one (1) year from December 2007 on a contract basis.

Further, that Council authorise additional expenditure of approximately \$5,000.00 (excluding GST) to ledger number 2120403 (Local Laws Enforcement Etc) in order to provide for contract Local Law Patrol Services at Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay.

This formal arrangement will terminate at 11:59 pm on the 30th November 2008 if Council does not grant an extension of this contract.

Payment to AR Young for these services to be as follows:

Item	Price per Month (inc. GST, if applicable)	Price per Annum (inc. GST, if applicable)
Provision of Local Law Patrol Services – Rainbow Beach Area	\$3,850.00 <i>(includes GST amount of \$350)</i>	\$46,200.00 <i>(includes GST amount of \$4,200)</i>
Provision of Local Law Patrol Services – Tin Can Bay Area	\$1,200.00 <i>(includes GST amount of \$109)</i>	\$14,400.00 <i>(includes GST amount of \$1,309)</i>
TOTAL	\$5,050.00 <i>(includes GST amount of \$459)</i>	\$60,600.00 <i>(includes GST amount of \$5,509)</i>
Additional Duties/Callouts: - Fixed Fee per Callout		\$45.00 <i>(includes GST amount of \$4)</i>

Payment claims to be submitted to Council on a monthly basis.

Acceptance of this quotation is subject to satisfactory performance of the contractor and compliance with all terms and conditions specified in the relevant contract documentation.

13/6	Toolara Central Landfill Project: Native Title and Interests
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Re: Toolara Central Landfill Project: Native Title and Interests.
From: Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant
File: CG98/00131
Date: 26 November 2007

“We refer to previous correspondence and our recent telephone discussions with Michael Grant.

We confirm that two of the Notices of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests in the South Dempster Logging Area were returned to us with notifications “RTS Left Address” and “Return to Sender – Unclaimed”.

We subsequently contacted the Native Title Tribunal and they were unable to assist us with further information in respect of one of the parties, namely the Kabi Kabi People No.2.

They gave us a new address for Queensland South Native Title Services which have taken over from South Queensland Native Title Aboriginal Corporation of Toowoomba.

We subsequently contacted Queensland South Native Title Services and were advised that they were unable to provide information in relation to Kabi Kabi People No. 2 but would accept the documentation on their behalf and make sure that the documentation was forwarded to Kabi Kabi People No. 2.

We have now dispatched fresh correspondence to the Queensland South Native Title Services enclosing a copy of Notice of Intention to that organisation as well as to Kabi Kabi People No. 2.

In view of the above, we would suggest that you may wish to wait a further period of 6 weeks and after expiration of that period then commence the procedures previously discussed.

We request that you please do not hesitate to contact Bob Baldwin of our office to discuss any aspect of the matter.”

Report: (Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant

Baldwins advise that two notices of intention to acquire Native Title Rights and Interests have been returned, however, fresh correspondence has been dispatched to the Queensland South Native Title Services. Baldwins suggest

waiting for a further period of six weeks from the date of the fresh notices, at which time Baldwins will commence steps to acquire Native Title Rights and Interests.

Recommendation: (Health and Community Services Department Manager – Mr M R Grant)

Recommend that Council accept Baldwins proposal and that appropriate correspondence be forwarded to Baldwins accordingly

13/7

Cooloola Breastfeeding Action Group

Re: Request for audit from the Cooloola Breastfeeding Action Group .
From: Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant
File: CG94/00084
Date: 28 November 2007

A local breastfeeding action group was formed in October this year to support and promote breastfeeding in the general community. Membership includes residents of Cooloola with an interest in breastfeeding, Australian Breastfeeding Association members and volunteer staff, Queensland Health staff, community organisations and Cooloola Council representatives. Jan Watt, Maree Prior and Kerry Rolfe have been of great assistance already to the group.

The group will progress an Action Plan over the next two years working to improve publicly available parenting facilities in the shire. The group will also help businesses wishing to become more family friendly and improve access to breastfeeding education for parents.

To this end, members of the group plan to work with your departments over the next two years to further supportive environments for breastfeeding. This month we would like to conduct an audit of all public parenting facilities in Gympie, the Cooloola Coast and Mary Valley.

We welcome any further representation or input from the Council. Planning for local breastfeeding facilities will not only support mothers to breastfeed but support local businesses and growth of the shire.

Report: (Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant)

Council has received a letter from the Cooloola Breastfeeding Action Group advising that the group intends to progress an action plan to improve publicly available parenting facilities in the shire.

Discussions with the writer indicate the following:

1. The group would like permission to audit all council owned public facilities to identify parent provisions etc (audit is to take place during December 2007 and
2. The group would like a list of all Council owned public facilities and locations in which to conduct the audit mentioned in (1) above.

Recommendation: (Health and Community Services Department Manager – Mr M R Grant)

Recommend that Council grant permission for the Cooloola Breastfeeding Action Group to conduct an audit of all Council owned public facilities to identify parent provisions etc, and that Council refer the matter of providing list of Council owned public facilities and location to the Health & Community Services Department, Finance Department and Corporate Services Department, to prepare an appropriate list for respective areas of responsibility and forward to the Cooloola Breastfeeding Action Group.

SECTION 14: HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT - GENERAL BUSINESS
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SECTION 15: ATTACHMENTS

SECTION 16: IN COMMITTEE MATTERS

16/1	Noise Complaint – Minute G47/11/07 refers
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Re: Noise Complaint.
From: Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant
File: CG94/00073
Date: 26 November 2007