



COOLOOLA SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

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 15 January 2008, following the General Meeting.

**for Adoption at the
General Meeting
to be held on 22 January 2008**



Cooloola Shire Council

WORKS & SERVICES AGENDA

*Cr L.J. Friske (Chairman),
Crs. M.J. Venardos OAM, CR Chapman OAM, N.R. Ellis, W.J. McIntyre, W.W. Sachs, R. Owen, S.S. Jocusmsen.*

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

APPOINTMENTS etc.

The meeting commenced at 12.28 pm.

PRESENT: Cr L.J. Friske (Committee Chairman) Crs M.J. Venardos OAM, S.S. Jocusmsen, W.W. Sachs, R. Owen, N.R. Ellis, Cr C.R. Chapman OAM, Mr R.A. Fredman (Director of Engineering) and Mrs L.Hornsby (Minutes Secretary).

OBSERVERS: Also in attendance as observers were Crs I.T. Petersen, F.G. Nissen AM, D.R. Neilson, J. Watt and M. Prior.

Cr Venardos OAM and Cr Nissen AM were not present when the meeting commenced.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE / APOLOGIES

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY/DELEGATE

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING

W010108

Moved: Cr S.S. Jocusmsen

Seconded: Cr N.R. Ellis

That the Minutes of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on the 4th December 2007 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

SECTION 1: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

1/1 Borumba Dam Water Storage

Re: **W02/01/08** Borumba Dam Water Storage
From: Director of Engineering, Mr R.A. Fredman
File: CG99/00178
Date: 9 January 2008

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

As of the **2 January 2008** Borumba Dam is at **59%** of its water storage capacity.

W020108 Moved: Cr W.J. McIntyre Seconded: Cr C.R. Chapman

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

1/2 Zebra crossing at Exhibition Road near Power Road, Gympie

Re: **W03/01/08** Zebra crossing at Exhibition Road near Power Road, Gympie
From: Department of Main Roads, PO Box 111, Mooloolaba Qld 4557
File: WR05/00561 DOC ID:853940
Date: 16 November 2007

Letter sent to Mrs Jeannette Knox by Department of Main Roads reads:

Thank you for your request of 12 January 2007 to Cooloola Shire Council, requesting a zebra crossing on Exhibition Road near Power Road, Gympie. As Exhibition Road is a state-controlled road, your request was forwarded to the Department of Main Roads for consideration and direct response. I apologise for the delay in responding while this matter was being investigated.

As previously mentioned in our letter of 22 December 2006, the department considers that the existing pedestrian refuge is providing a satisfactory level of pedestrian service and a zebra crossing is not warranted.

However, in regards to the development application for the shopping centre behind the Jockey Club, Main Roads has included in the Applicant's Conditions of Approval that traffic signals be installed at the intersection of Exhibition Road and Ramsey Road.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter, Miss Loretta Kung, Engineer (Traffic), will be pleased to assist. You can contact Miss Kung on (07) 5477 8450.

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

This is in response to a letter from Mrs Knox that was referred to Main Roads. Council has no jurisdiction on this matter.

W03/01/08 Moved: Cr S.S. Jocumsen Seconded: Cr W.W. Sachs

Recommend that the information be received.

Carried

Cr M.J. Venardos OAM and Cr F.G. Nissen AM entered the meeting at 12.32pm.

SECTION 2: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING - GENERAL BUSINESS
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Cr M.J. Venardos OAM left the meeting at 12.35pm and re-entered the meeting at 12.38pm.

SECTION 3: DESIGN DEPARTMENT

3/1 Purcell Road Reconstruction
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Re: **W04/01/08** Purcell Road Reconstruction
From: Design Department
File: WR97/00198
Date: 4 January 2008

Report: (Design Department Manager – R Chapman)

Works are currently progressing on the reconstruction of Purcell Road, Bells Bridge. These works are part of the Roads Upgrading 2007/08 program jointly for Division 2 and Tiaro Shire.

During the design it was identified that the existing road centreline would require adjusting in the vicinity of the Ellis Road intersection, in order to avoid an existing power pole. During construction it has become evident that site constraints limit the amount of shift that can be applied to the road centreline. Subsequently the distance between the new road edge and the pole has been limited to less than that recommended for a safe clear zone.

The option of relocating the pole has been investigated, with Energex providing a preliminary cost of \$25,000 (excl. GST). The actual cost is subject to Energex undertaking a detailed design and quotation.

The other option available is for Council, as the road authority, to relax the clear zone standard and that the pole remain in its current position. Photos of the pole from both directions of travel are provided herewith.

Western approach:



Eastern approach:



Risk assessment is very much subjective and in this case as the pole has been in place prior to the road being upgraded with no adverse comment or incidents, and as the road is now widened and on a safer alignment one could assess the risk of a vehicle colliding with the pole as being reduced by the new work. The estimated expenditure to relocate the pole is 10% of the overall job estimate of \$250,000.

W04/01/08 Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis

Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocusen

Recommend that because of the costs involved, Council not relocate the power pole. Further that the pole be marked with extra visibility markings.

Carried

3/2 (a) Speed Limit – North Deep Creek Road Gympie
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Re: **W05/01/08** Speed Limit – North Deep Creek Road Gympie
From: Pieter & Tanya Wessels, 306 North Deep Creek Road, Gympie Qld 4570
File: WR98/00249 DOC ID 862920
Date: 18 December 2007

We are hereby requesting that the speed limit along North Deep Creek Road be reduced from 100 km/h to 80 km/h. We are finding that it is becoming a terrifying ordeal just to turn right into our driveway, because the cars are travelling so fast and are right up behind you as you are trying to turn.

In the next few years our young children will be catching the school bus along this road, and I worry terribly for their safety whilst waiting on the side of the road for the bus because the cars go so fast that the possibility of one of them losing control is highly likely.

In addition, many kangaroos are getting killed along this road, and just a few days ago there was ahead-on collision just up the road from us as well as another car crashing into a tree right in front of our neighbours house (where their grandchildren often play) because they were speeding and lost control coming around the corner.

I strongly believe that all our neighbours will support us in this request.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

3/2 (b)	Speed Limit – North Deep Creek Road Gympie
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Re: **W05/01/08** Speed Limit – North Deep Creek Road Gympie
From: Yvonne Manger, North Deep Creek Road, Gympie Qld 4570
File: WR98/00249 DOC ID 865052
Date: 2 January 2008

I wish to add my support to my neighbours who have written to you regarding the speed limit on North Deep Creek Rd., in the vicinity of three kilometres from the corner of North Deep Creek Rd and Sandy Creek Rd.

Within the last few weeks two accidents have been reported in the Gympie Times in his area, and during the year we had a particularly horrifying accident with a car full of teenagers hitting a tree right in our front garden. The driver of this car lost control on a bend and due to high speed flew off the road, bounced off two trees, finally smashing into another large tree on an embankment beside the road. Other than the driver, his front passenger, and two rear passengers, there were two teenagers in the boot of the car, that had to be opened with tools. Both teenagers were traumatised, and all were transported to hospital for further treatment. We do not wish to have badly hurt teenagers, or worse, thrown out of cars due to speed in this area, and support our neighbours petition to you re the speed limit on North Deep Creek Rd.

A request was put to Energex to have the light relocated to its approved position but this has been rejected by Energex who would only shift the light at Council's or the applicant's cost.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the light would have been in place prior to settlement of the purchase, the Energex response is disappointing.

W06/01/08 Moved: Cr S.S. Jocusen Seconded: Cr W.W. Sachs

Recommend that Council again write to Energex regarding relocation of the lighting and failing a successful outcome, refer to Mayor to approach the Energex Manager responsible.

Carried

3/4	Safe Corridor to Two Mile School from Corella Road area
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Re: **W07/01/08** Safe Corridor to Two Mile School from Corella Road
 From: Design Department
 File: WR94/00024
 Date: 9 January 2008

MINUTE W37/11/07 RECOMMENDED THAT THE DESIGN DEPARTMENT MANAGER LOOK AT WAYS OF PROVIDING A SUITABLE CONCRETE BIKEWAY FROM THE CORELLA ROAD SUBDIVISIONS TO THE TWO MILE SCHOOL.

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

The only bikeway in this area is on the eastern side of Corella Road. Hence, the only route possible is via Wadell Road and the Bruce Highway to connect the school to the existing bikeway. Estimated cost for a 2.5m wide concrete bikeway is \$310,000.

A shorter route may be possible through the existing Golf Links Estate although this would be too steep for most riders and then through a proposed subdivision of Lot 512 MCH 813974 should this eventuate as per the site plan below.

W07/01/08 Moved:Cr M.J. Venardos OAM Seconded: Cr N.R. Ellis

Recommend that Council discuss with the developer of the land above Two Mile School the issue of access for bicycles from Corella Road to the School.

Carried

3/5	Regulatory Signage Report
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Re: **W08/01/08** Regulatory Signage Report
 From: Design Department
 File: WG97/00128
 Date: 9 January 2008

Report: (Design Department Manager – R. Chapman)

LOCATION	REQUEST / BY	RECOMMENDATION / BY
Service Road, Calton Terence Gympie	* Vehicles parking in Service road block access to memorial at Calton Park making it difficult for elderly to visit the site. * <i>R.Fredman</i>	* Install No Stopping signage and yellow line for length of Service Road to 12.0m beyond the last driveway. Install 15 minute parking at end of No Stopping Zone and install bollard to control vehicle access. * <i>R.Chapman</i>
Carrington Avenue, Gympie	* Vehicles parking on the top level of the split level section of Carrington Avenue restrict through traffic. * <i>A. & J Marsh</i>	* Install No Stopping signage and yellow line on the southern side of the split level section on Carrington Avenue. * <i>R.Chapman</i>
Channon Street, Gympie	* Time limit on parking in front of new Police Station * <i>A/01 P Edwards</i>	* Install 30 minute zone to 2 bays nearest Henry Street * <i>R Chapman</i>

W08/01/08 Moved: Cr S.S. Jocumsen Seconded: Cr Cr C.R. Chapman OAM

Recommend that the above recommendation be approved by Council.

Carried

3/5	Car Parking Space in front of the old Police Station
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Unfortunately, the Centro contractors line marked the intersection as for a Give Way sign and this has created confusion due to their tardy response to remove the incorrect line marking.

W10/01/08 Moved: Cr M.J. Venardos OAM Seconded: Cr N.R. Ellis

Recommend that the report be received with no action required.

Carried

3/7

New Bus Shelter Locations and Renewal of Contract

Re: **W11/01/08** New Bus Shelter Locations and Renewal of Contract
From: Design Department
File: WR95/00103
Date: 8 January 2008

Report: (Design Department Technical Officer – A.C. Walsh)

From a report to Works and Services (Sept 2007), Council resolved by Minute W22/09/07, that expressions of interest be sought from various companies for the erection of bus shelters incorporating advertising.

Expressions of interest were extended to three (3) companies from which Sidewinder Advertising was the only company that submitted a submission to Council. Its submission did not address the requirements of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 as set out by Council in the information forwarded to the companies.

As previously reported to Council, Sidewinder Advertising has installed shelters in Gympie as part of the previous agreement that expired on the 31 December 2007. Council is presently upgrading four (4) of these shelters to meet the latest Disability Standards as required by the Department of Transport.

Council already has a policy to let advertising space on urban bus shelters at \$1092 p.a.

W11/01/08 Moved: Cr W.J. McIntyre Seconded: Cr W.W. Sachs

Recommend that Council not enter into an agreement with Sidewinder Advertising Pty Ltd to supply bus shelters to Council and advise the company to remove the advertising from the existing shelters installed under the previous agreement, by the 1st March 2008.

Further that the matter be referred to Corporate Services to review bus shelter advertising fees.

Carried

3/8	Capital Works – Job Programs
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Re: **W12/01/08** Capital Works – Job Programs
From: Design Department
File: FF05/00079
Date: 8 January 2008

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

A request has been received regarding the timing of the pedestrian lights in O'Connell Street. This matter has been discussed at TAC meetings during 2007 with a request put to the Central School to have the lights removed as they fall far below the warrants required for pedestrian signals.

The response from the school was predictably totally opposed to the removal with the Traffic Advisory Committee not taking any further action at this stage.

The actual time for the pedestrian actuated walk sign to display is fairly lengthy and results in pedestrian frustration when very little traffic is present. Pedestrians often then walk against the red light and when vehicles do arrive when their light is red, drivers travel through when no pedestrians are present. This practice is symptomatic of unwarranted signals.

W12/01/08 Moved: Cr C.R. Chapman OAM Seconded: Cr W.J. McIntyre

Recommend that Council take no action at this stage.

Carried

3/9	Capital Works – Job Programs
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Re: **W13/01/08** Capital Works – Job Programs
From: Design Department
File: FF05/00079
Date: 8 January 2008

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Several projects listed on the capital works programs and summarized in the Works Cost Statement need reviewing by Council at this time as follows.

16/1 Drainage Dispute – Palm Crescent

Re: **W16/01/08** Drainage Dispute – Palm Crescent
From: Design Department
File: WR97/00036
Date: 8 January 2008

W16/01/08 Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis Seconded: Cr W.J. McIntyre

Recommend that Council act on solicitor's (Baldwins Cartwright Lawyers) advice and pass the following resolution:-

Council prepare and serve on Peter Galluzzo & Natalie Galluzzo a Notice of Intention to Resume, pursuant to Section 7 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1967, an easement, a copy of which shall be attached to the Notice, over that part of land set out on the attached sketch, such easement being over land described as Lot 1 MPH 40397 Palm Crescent, Gympie, Parish of Gympie, County of March for the purposes of stormwater drainage.

Further that this action be proceeded with as from this meeting.

Carried

Greg Ingham entered the meeting at 1.10 pm

Cr M.J. Venardos OAM entered the meeting at 1.12 pm

**SECTION 5: WORKS DEPARTMENT (ROADS/
DRAINAGE/PLANT)****5/1 Job Construction Report**

Re: **W17/01/08** Job Construction Report
From: Works Department Manager, Mr G. Ingham
File: FF94/00018
Date: 9 January 2008

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.

Works 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.

Works complete

MCINTOSH CREEK ROAD KERB AND CHANNEL

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

Works complete.

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.

Works complete.

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.

Works complete.

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.

Job complete, site inspected January 2008.

SCRUBBY CREEK ROAD UPGRADE

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

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

Works complete.

OLD MARYBOROUGH ROAD FOOTPATH

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

Job complete

2007/08 RESEAL PROGRAM \$725,000

Job has been assessed and measured.

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.

Work is largely complete. Some tidy up work still outstanding and upstream drainage work by developers.

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.

Job successfully completed.

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.

Job complete.

MOY POCKET ROAD UPGRADE (FULTON HOGAN CONTRACTORS)

Road pavement complete, line marking still to be done. Box culvert extension still in progress.

PURCELL ROAD WIDENING

The works involve the widening and resealing of an existing section of Purcell Road. Includes placing gravel pavement, bitumen sealing, possible extension of cross road culverts. Reinstatement of driveway accesses, and removal and erection of signs.

Work has commenced and progressing well. Due for completion January 2008.

TAGIGAN ROAD SEALING

The works involve the widening and resealing of an existing gravel section of Tagigan Road. Includes trimming existing materials, placing gravel pavement, bitumen surfacing, and extension of cross road culverts, reinstatement of driveway accesses, and a full width seal

Work commenced, with Stage 1 due for completion February 2008 and Stage 2 March 2008.

DUKE STREET / OAK STREET ROUNDABOUT

The works to be carried out include widening existing roadway, replacing K&C, construction driveover concrete islands, construction patterned concrete islands, AC overlay, installing stormwater drainage pipes, grated catchpits, manholes and headwalls, constructing pram ramps, and concrete footpath, erecting signage & painting linemarking.

Fist stage removal of 4 large Pine trees completed 7 January 2008. Project due for completion February 2008.

OVERLAY PROJECTS

Apollonian Vale, Graham Street and Mount Pleasant Road are due to start in January 2008.

Attached is construction program to August 2008. Note: all projects are weather dependent.

W17/01/08 **Moved: Cr S.S. Jocumsen** **Seconded: Cr W.J. McIntyre**

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

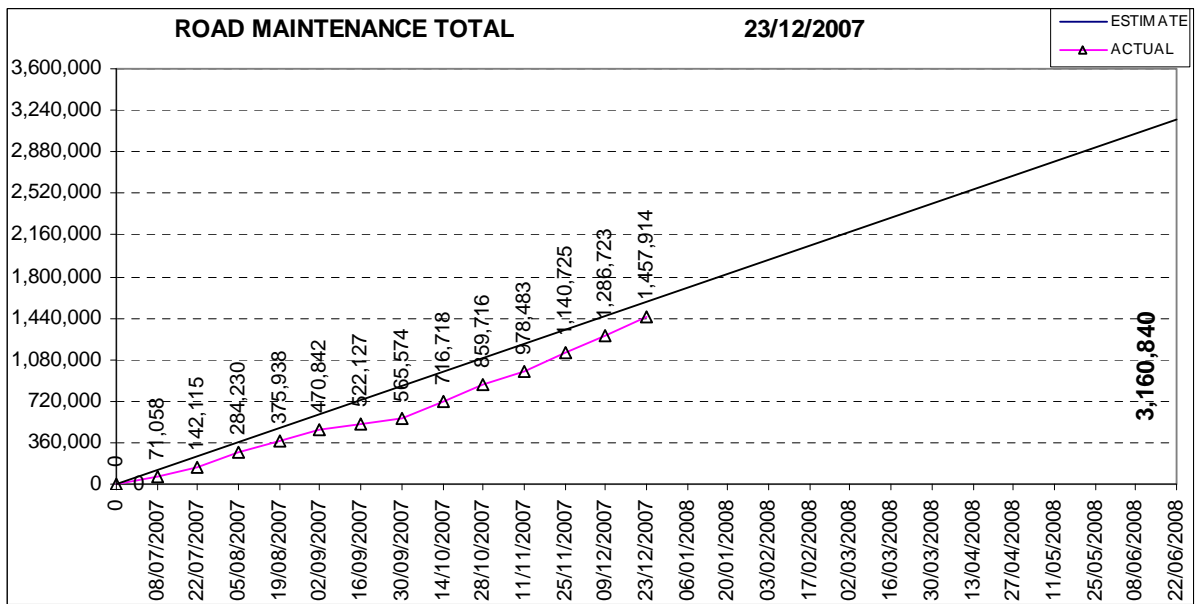
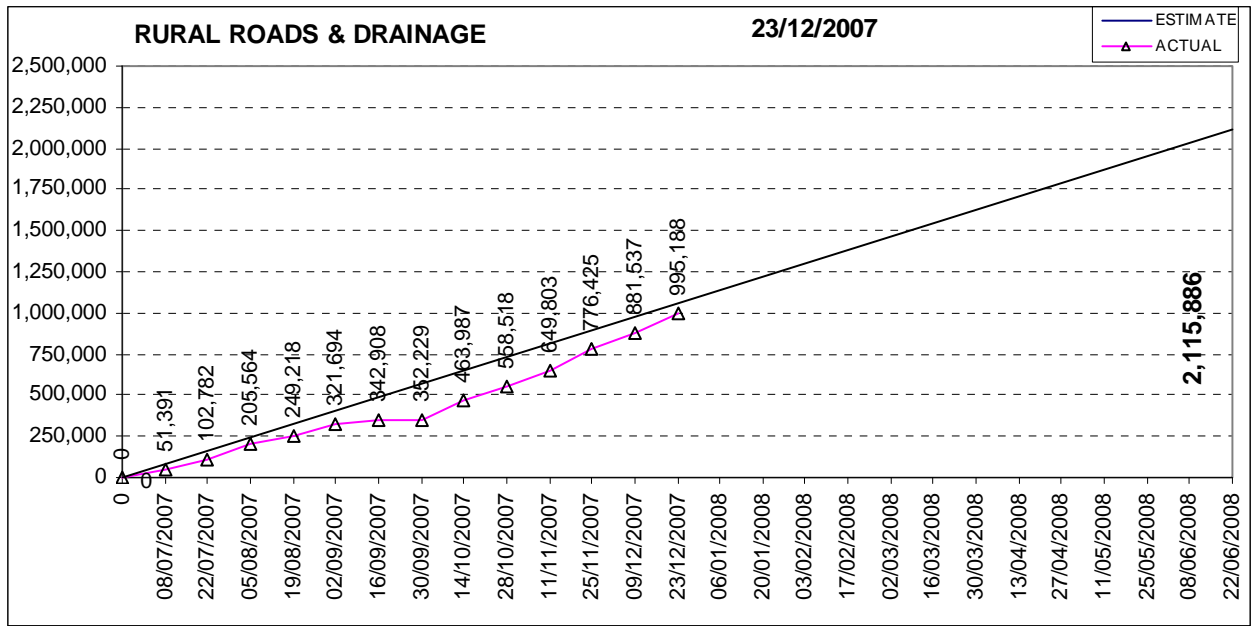
Carried

Cr M.J. Venardos OAM left the meeting at 1.15 pm

5/3	Works Department Maintenance Reports
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Re: **W18/01/08** Works Department Maintenance Reports
From: Works Department Manager, Mr G Ingham
File: WR94/00018
Date: 9 January 2008

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



W18/01/08 Moved: Cr W.W. Sachs

Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocumsen

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

Carried

5/4	Works Cost Statement – Works Department
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WORKS COST STATEMENT

W19/01/08 Moved: Cr W.W. Sachs Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocusen

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

Carried

SECTION 6: WORKS DEPARTMENT - GENERAL BUSINESS
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SECTION 7: WORKS DEPARTMENT - LAND PROTECTION

7/1	Land Protection Monthly Report
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Re: **W20/01/08** Land Protection Monthly Report
From: Lands Protection Officer, Mr T. Huckstepp
File: WG94/00077
Date: 9 January 2007

Report: (Lands Protection Superintendent – Mr Troy Huckstepp)

Spraying ongoing on shire roads and reserves as follows:

Kandanga Creek Road, Bonnick Road landfill, Rose Road, Mooloo Road, Eel Creek Road, Mill Street, Tozer Depot, Allen Road, Saleyards, Mcleod Lane, Road side bin sites. Numerous streets in town, kerb and channel. Main Roads – Tin Can Bay Road.

Noxious Weeds Issues:

After the recent rain and warm weather there are a number of Parthenium sites around that will require attention. These sites will be monitored over the coming months and landowners will be required to undertake appropriate actions.

Before the Christmas/New year period, there were still some small areas of Fireweed growing (mainly on roadsides and the rail corridor). These have been treated and inspections will be undertaken to monitor if further treatments are necessary.

The majority of properties with Groundsel infestations have undertaken some control measures. Inspections will continue to be ongoing and compliance monitored

An inspection of areas along Amamoor Creek has shown that the Hymenachne infestation has not regrown and we still have some level of control on it.

Wild Dog Issues:

No wild dog baiting has been undertaken in recent months. 41 Scalp bounties were paid during the November/December period.

A report funded by the Burnett Mary Regional Group conducted at “Oakwood” on Kandanga Creek Road showed an increase in wild dog activity in some areas in the weeks after a 1080-baiting program. This could be contributed to the territorial nature of the dogs and as a new territory becomes available the surrounding dogs move in.

Feral Pig Issues:

25 payments of the feral pig bounty were made in the November/December period. A report was given to the Land Protection Unit of 20 pigs caught on one property over Christmas period, with a lot more sighted.

Other Issues:

The Mary Local Government Authority Cluster have allocated an extra \$10,000 for the Salvinia Biocontrol Facility at Groves Road, the total for the project is now \$30,000. This additional money will help pay for secure fencing and some minor improvements.

Three new Cats Claw Creeper biological control release sites were established before Christmas. These include Rammut Road, Glastonbury Reserve and Kandanga Creek. That now takes the total to six, which is Council’s full commitment.

W20/01/08 Moved: Cr S.S. Jocusen Seconded: Cr N. Ellis

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

Carried

7/2

Lands Protection Survey Program, January – April 2008

Re: **W21/01/08** Lands Protection Survey Program January – April 2008
From: Land Protection Superintendent – Mr Troy Huckstepp
File: WG98/00160
Date: 9 January 2007

Report: (Land Protection Superintendent – Mr Troy Huckstepp)

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

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

PEST SURVEY PROGRAM

Areas to Be Covered in this Program

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

Area 1 – East of Mary River in Cooloola Shire

Area 2 – West of Mary River in Cooloola Shire

Criteria for Selection of Above Area

The area is a portion of the local government area for which inspection by Council officers is feasible within 3 months, and the area is considered a high priority for all pests declared under the Lands Protection (Pest & Stock Route Management) Act 2002 in accordance with the Local Government Area Pest Management Plan.

Purpose of the Program

- To monitor compliance with the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 in relation to declared pests.
- To aid in monitoring/mapping the distribution and spread of declared pests.

- To promote to landowners Best Practice in the treatment of declared pests.
- To assist in the enhancement of community awareness in relation to declared pests.
- To ensure that persons or organisations holding Declared Pest Permits are complying with the requirements of the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002.

These inspections will be conducted on urban and rural properties within the area/s stated above. In addition to this program, places open to the public, such as Plant Nurseries, Landscape Garden Suppliers, Seed Merchants, Stock Fodder Suppliers and Quarry Material Suppliers, will be inspected from time to time by Council to monitor compliance with the Act.

Commencement and Duration of Survey:

The survey for **Area 1** will commence on **24 January 2008** and will be in force for a period of **3 Months**, expiring on **24 April 2008**.

The survey for **Area 2** will commence on **25 January 2008** and will be in force for a period of **3 Months**, expiring on **25 April 2008**.

W21/01/08 Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis

Seconded: Cr W.J. McIntyre

Recommend that Council approves two Pest Survey Programs under Section 241 of the Lands Protection (Pest & Stock Route Management) Act 2002 to begin on 24 January 2008 for the area East of the Mary River and on the 25 January 2008 for the area West Of the Mary River.

Carried

SECTION 8: WORKS DEPARTMENT - LAND PROTECTION - GENERAL BUSINESS
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SECTION 9: WORKS DEPARTMENT - PARKS & GARDENS

9/1	Parks & Gardens Monthly Report
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Re: **W22/01/08** Parks & Gardens Monthly Report
From: Parks & Gardens Superintendent, Mr E. French
File: EP94/00008
Date: 9 January 2008

Report (Parks & Gardens Superintendent – E. French)

Parks staff have been busy with the preparation of Council's many parks and priority reserves prior to the Christmas-New Year holiday period. Recent good rainfalls have promoted heavy vegetation growth and on-going wet conditions provide a challenge to reduce the vegetation heights to suitable standards. A contractor has been employed at times to assist staff to cope with the high vegetation growth.

The erection of the Christmas decorations was undertaken successfully but wet weather prevented removal in the first week of the New Year as planned.

The cost of Parks' operations has been significantly increased with the requirement to float mowers between parks. Where a mower was driven between work sites previously, it must now be carried by truck. The cost of the additional vehicles and trailers, or truck hire will impact on the Parks & Gardens budgets and should be considered during budget deliberations. The expected additional cost will be determined in the near future.

A new access ramp has been installed at the Lifesavers tower at Rainbow Beach as a replacement to a section of board and chain that was presenting a number of safety concerns. The product is made from recycled plastics, is maintenance free and is not expected to require replacing within a minimum of 30 to 40 years under normal conditions. It is intended to seek funds for the installation of two more access ramps in the 2008-09 budget if the product continues to prove successful.

Staff will be undertaking works on the highway through Gympie shortly to ensure that Gympie presents well to residents and travelling public for the Australia Day weekend and those returning from the holiday season.

It is not Council's responsibility to maintain the new section of the highway through Gympie at this time, and can only work within this section at the direction of the Department of Main Roads. The Main Roads contractor, Bellero, was contacted prior to the Christmas break and offered assistance, at cost, to ensure the new section was treated appropriately. A Bellero representative advised that a contractor would be on-site. It is obvious that the median garden bed has not been weeded. Main Roads has not arranged for Council to do any work.

W22/01/08 Moved: Cr S.S. Jocumsen Seconded: Cr R. Owen

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

Carried

9/2	Works Cost Statement – Parks & Gardens
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WORKS COST STATEMENT

W23/01/08 Moved: Cr W.J. McIntyre Seconded: Cr W.W. Sachs

Recommend that the Parks & Gardens sections of the Works Cost Statement, as presented, be received.

Carried

9/3	Planter pots in Mary Street, Gympie
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Re: **W24/01/08** Planter pots in Mary Street, Gympie
From: Parks & Gardens Superintendent, Mr E. French
File: WG98/00058
Date: 9 January 2008

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

There are a number concrete planter pots on the footpaths on the northern end of Mary Street. The large pots vary in condition, as do the plants within them. The majority of the plants do not present well and a number of the pots are damaged.

The pots and plants have been subjected to continued vandalism. Low growing flowering plants have been planted at the base of the larger plants in the pots but these have also been subjected to vandalism or theft.

Measures have been undertaken to prevent the movement of the pots but this has not been successful. Those plants that have survived the worst of the vandalism are now possibly too large for the confinements of the pots.

It is proposed that staff remove the pots from the footpaths and investigate better options to provide plants within this section of the streetscape that may also include integrated seating. Staff would report back to Council with the intention of providing costs for consideration for inclusion in the 2008-09 budget deliberations.

W24/01/08 Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocumsen

Recommend that Council staff be authorised to remove the planter pots from the footpaths of the northern section of Mary Street, Gympie.

Further, that the Parks Superintendent report back to a future Works Committee meeting with options and costs to improve the streetscape of this section of Mary Street, Gympie.

Carried

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

Water & Sewerage Manager Ian Schiefelbein entered the meeting at 1.32pm

SECTION 11: WATER & SEWERAGE

11/1 Works Cost Statement – Water & Sewerage

WORKS COST STATEMENT

W25/01/08 Moved: Cr S.S. Jocumsen Seconded: Cr N.R. Ellis

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

Carried

11/2 Projects in Progress

Re: **W26/01/08** Projects in Progress
From: Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein
File: WW00/00057
Date 8January 2008

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.

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 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 January 2008.

7 Winnington Road Trunk Sewer

Tenders have been accepted for construction of the trunk sewer. The contractors (M & K Pipelines) have commenced work in January 2008 and will be completed by February 2008.

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 is substantially complete.

Work on the pump station by Council's Water and Sewerage Department new works gang is well advanced.

Work on the underbore under the Mary River is substantially complete.

9. Gympie Sewage Transfer System Upgrade

Construction of the Gympie Sewage Transfer System pipeline has commenced by Eire Constructions. A tender has been accepted for the pump station upgrade. Quotations are now being obtained for the electrical upgrade.

10. Rainbow Beach Rising Main

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

11. CCTV Sewer Inspection Program

Tenders have been accepted for CCTV Inspection of Sewers in Gympie and Tin Can Bay by the contractor, RAIN.

12. Highway Water & Sewer Diversions

Tenders have been called for diversion of Pipework in the Monkland Street area required for the upgrade of the Bruce Highway. (refer separate report)

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 Trade Waste Inspection program has commenced in Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay.

14. 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. (Refer separate report)

W26/01/08 Moved: Cr W.J. McIntyre Seconded: Cr C.R. Chapman OAM

Recommend that the report as presented be received.

Carried

Cr S.S. Jocumsen left the meeting at 1.35pm

11/3	Sewerage Supply Headworks – Stage 2 Araluen Heights Estate
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Re: **W27/01/08** Sewerage Supply Headworks – Stage 2 Araluen Heights Estate
From: @1 Investments Pty Ltd, PO Box 1589, Burleigh Heads Qld 4220
File: DA09659 DOC ID:857919
Date: 17 December 2007

“Thank you for further discussing @1 Investments Pty Ltd offer (dated 15 October 2007) on Wednesday 7 November. @1 now understands that Cooloola Shire Council has accepted this offer and that:

All Sewerage Supply Headwork’s for Stage 2 of Araluen Heights – DA09659 will be satisfied upon payment of \$157,866.

Construction of the internal pump station and associated rising main is not required by @1, and

Council will know satisfy all requirements for the sewerage of stage 2 “Araluen Heights”- DA09659 and at Council cost.

Please be advised that a cheque for \$157,866 has been forwarded to Councils Planning and Development Department to finalise this agreement.

Thank you again for your continued assistance.”

Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

An initial response to this letter was provided by Council as follows.

“Reference is made to your letter of 27 November 2007. Your understandings are substantially incorrect.

Council is reviewing infrastructure charges for the project. However no determination has been made at this stage. Infrastructure charges cannot be charged without a Council resolution.

Please contact Council’s water and Sewerage Manager Mr Ian Schiefelbein by phoning (07) 5481 0844 if you require any clarification with respect to this advise.”

Mr Brighton initially proposed a temporary connection via a temporary pump station and rising main which was only capable of servicing Stage 2 of his development. Under these circumstances Mr Brighton would have been responsible for the full cost of construction of these works and sewage infrastructure charges for the development.

This would amount to approximately \$145,000 for the construction of the work required and infrastructure charges (at that time \$157,866.00)

Rather than construct these works Council proposed that a contribution equivalent to these amounts be provided to Council who would construct the works at another location to service another development and have potential to service other future developments in the area.

The following letter was sent to Mr Brighton in December 2006.

“Reference is made to your letter dated the 14th November 2006 seeking a written agreement for the provision of sewerage.

Your letter was tabled at a recent meeting for consideration. Council would provide a sewer connection to the subdivision and satisfy operational works requirements for sewerage on receipt of a contribution of \$145,000 (gst exclusive) in addition to this contribution, standard infrastructure charges would also be applicable.

To discuss this matter further, please contact Council’s Water and Sewerage Manager Mr Ian Schiefelbein on (07) 5481 0844.”

The site chosen for the pump station is in Gum Tree Road which could also service another proposed subdivision in Banks Pocket Road. With regard to this proposed subdivision in Banks Pocket Road by Gympie Developments Pty Ltd Council has resolved as follows:

“Council will credit the value of trunk sewerage infrastructure constructed by the developer to connect to the pump station and the cost of upgrading the size of the sewer (where required by Council) against sewerage infrastructure charges, provided the infrastructure was installed to Council requirements.

Council will construct the pumping station and rising main on receipt of the full headworks charges for the development. Note that no plans can be released until the full charges are paid. Alternatively, you may construct an approved temporary connection to a nominated connection point.”

Both developments are within the headworks boundary. Bring forwards costs have been applied to other developments in the same catchment and would be included in the Gympie Development Pty Ltd infrastructure charges.

Mr Brighton's development is substantially complete. The current status with respect to commencement of Banks Pocket Road development is unknown and outside of Council's control.

Design for the Gum Tree Road Sewer System is substantially complete and tenders have been called for the work (refer separate report)

In response to Mr Brighton's letter a number of alternative options have been investigated and are summarised as follows:

Option 1 (Temporary Scheme)

Council determine to revert to the original proposal and allow Mr Brighton to construct a temporary system and pay full infrastructure charges.

Option 2 (Contribution equal to temporary scheme)

Council accept a contribution equal to the cost of the temporary connection and construct works to service the whole catchment (current Council determination). Full infrastructure charges would be applicable.

Option 3 (Infrastructure charges plus bring forward costs)

Accept Mr Brighton's offer for payment of infrastructure charges. This contribution should also include out of sequence bring forward costs of \$540.00/allotment. Based on current infrastructure charges this would amount to \$164,458.00 for infrastructure charges and \$22,140 for bring forward costs. This option does not include costs for works external to the subdivision.

Option 4 (Infrastructure charges plus proportion of costs for proposed scheme)

Accept Mr Brighton's offer for headworks charges and require a contribution for works external as provided in the headworks policy based upon the number of connections relative to the design capacity of the scheme as follows:

(a) 225dia Sewer

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\text{Number of connections from Development} \times \text{Cost of work}}{\text{Ultimate number of connections in catchment}} \\ & = \frac{41}{180} \times \$70,000 \\ & = \$15,944.00 \end{aligned}$$

(b) 300dia Sewer

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\text{Number of connections from Development} \times \text{Cost of work}}{\text{Ultimate number of connections}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{41}{520} \times \$60,000$$

$$= \$4730.00$$

(c) Pumping Station (included in Infrastructure Charges)

(d) Temporary 100 Rising Main

Number of connections from Development x Cost of work

Ultimate number of connections

$$= \frac{41}{120} \times \$100,000$$

$$= \$34,167.00$$

Total Contribution	\$15,944.00 + \$4,730.00 + \$34,167.00
=	\$54,841.00 (plus infrastructure charges)

Option 5 (Infrastructure Charges plus works external to connect to proposed pump station)

As per Option 4 except that the contribution for works external would be based upon minimum cost to connect to proposed pump station via a 150 diameter sewer and proportional cost of temporary rising main as follows:

(a) Cost of 150dia Sewer Connection

(i) Sewer 600m @ \$120.00 = \$ 72,000.00

(ii) Manholes 14 @ \$2500.00 = \$ 35,000.00

Sub Total: \$107,000.00

(b) Temporary 100 Rising main

Number of connections from Development x Cost of work

Ultimate number of connections

$$= \frac{41}{120} \times \$100,000$$

$$\$ 34,167.00$$

Total Contribution	\$107,000.00 + \$34,167.00
=	\$141,167.00 (plus infrastructure charges)

Option 6 (based on current Headworks Policy document)

Determine a contribution based upon the works external indicated in the Headwork Policy document (Note pump station located closer to proposed development).

(a) 150dia Sewer 350m @ \$120/m = \$42,000.00

(b) Manholes 6 @ \$2500.00 = \$15,000.00

Total Contribution **\$57,000.00**
plus infrastructure charges

Based on the above evaluation the possible options for contributions for works and infrastructure charges are as follows:

	Infrastructure Charges	Contribution	Total	Comments
Option 1 Temporary Scheme	\$164,458	Plus installation of infrastructure valued at \$145,000	\$164,458 Plus installation of infrastructure estimated to cost \$145,000	Work provided would be temporary and consequently no value in the future
Option 2 Contribution equal to temporary scheme	\$164,458	\$145,000	\$309,458	Councils current approval
Option 3 Infrastructure charges plus bring forward costs	\$186,598		\$186,598	Includes bring forward costs, excludes external works
Option 4 Infrastructure charges plus proportion of cost of proposed scheme	\$186,598	\$54,841	\$241,339	Includes bring forward costs
Option 5 Infrastructure charges plus works external to connect to proposed pump station	\$186,598	\$141,167	\$327,765	Includes bring forward costs
Option 6 Based on the actual detail in the headwork Policy	\$186,598	\$57,000	\$243,598	Bring forward costs not included
Mr Brighton's proposal	\$157,866		\$157,866	

It should be noted that the total cost of the proposed scheme is estimated to be \$450,000.00.

Since the original proposal other developments have been proposed in this catchment which could utilise the proposed work. The timing of these developments is unknown.

Option 4 is considered to be the fairest when other developments propose to share the infrastructure and on this basis it is considered to be the preferred option.

W27/01/08 Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis

Seconded: Cr R. Owen

Recommend that Council adopt Option 4 and advise Mr Brighton that Council have reviewed infrastructure charges associated with his development and would accept the following contribution to satisfy sewerage condition of DA09659.

- (a) **A contribution of \$54,841.00 (excluding gst) for external work.**
- (b) **Bring forward costs of \$22,140.00 (gst not applicable)**
- (c) **Infrastructure charges based on current policy (currently \$164,458.00).**

Carried

Cr S.S. Jocusmsen returned to the meeting at 1.38pm

11/4	Relocation of Water and Sewer Services – Stage 2 – Bruce Highway Upgrade
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Re: **W28/01/08** Relocation of Water and Sewer Services – Stage 2 – Bruce Highway Upgrade
From: Department of Main Roads, PO Box 183, Gympie Qld 4570
File: WM07/00065-B DOC ID 864741
Date: 24 December 2007

Council's Ian Schiefelbein has been working with Main Roads' design consultant, Maunsell and Grahame Webster of this office about works required on Council's water and sewerage infrastructure as a result of the planned highway upgrading from the Albert Park overpass to north of Channon Street.

Main Roads aims to award a contract for the highway works around May 2007 and it is critical that early works by Council are completed by mid May 2007.

Main Roads is in receipt of correspondence from Council dated 19 December 2007 that outlines the two phased approach to these works and timing of the works between early February and early May 2008.

The works within Phase 1 are detailed in the plans attached to the Council letter with the Phase 2 works being the balance of the total relocation works shown in the attached Main Roads' drawings SU_PU_38 to 44 (90% - Review).

The Main Roads' construction Contractor will be responsible for liaison and co-ordination of those parts of your relocation works which can only be completed during construction. The construction Contractor has no authority to order variations to the scope of the works as detailed above. You will be advised of the successful Contractor and his site representative in due course and also the Main Roads' Construction Administrator.

Main Road accepts the Council estimate of \$677,700.00 (include GST) to undertake all works and Purchase Order No 2030330060 for this amount is attached. The value of this order is not to be exceeded without prior approval of Main Roads.

Main Roads will arrange a Prestart Meeting in early January 2008 between representatives of all Contractors likely to be undertaking early works commencing in February 2008. Main Roads' representative Mr Stephen Houston will coordinate this meeting and will make contact with all relevant parties to arrange a suitable time for the Prestart Meeting.

In relation to traffic management, no highway traffic or parking lane closures will be permitted on a day preceding, or the day of, a public holiday, long weekend (a weekend which includes or abuts a public holiday) or school holiday period. Otherwise, working at these times or any other times will be allowed but Main Roads reserves the right to order traffic control to be removed should additional time taken to travel through the works increase by more than five (5) minutes as a consequence of the works. Where the work encroaches on the roadway, warning signs and other traffic control devices must be erected in accordance with the requirements of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (Queensland), current edition. Council is required to submit a traffic management plan, giving details of proposed traffic management for the duration of the proposed works. The plan must be submitted forty-eight (48) hours prior to commencing works to:

- *Department of Main Roads, Traffic management Centre, PO Box 11, Mooloolaba, Qld 4557 Attention: **Mr Dan Clark** (ph: 5477 8480) and*
- *Department of Main road, PO Box 183, Gympie, Qld 4570 Attention: **Mr Stephen Houston** (ph: 5483 0333)).*

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr Grahame Webster at this office on 5482 0333).

Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

Tenders have been called for the majority of Phase 1 of the works.

Tenders were received as follows:

M & K Pipelines	\$605 722.70 (incl gst)
Eire Contractors	\$414 600.00 (incl gst)

Both Contractors have completed or are in the process of completing work for Council and are considered capable of carrying out the works.

The remaining work for Phase 1 and Phase 2 will be carried out by Council (or by Contract).

W28/01/08 Moved: Cr W.J. McIntyre Seconded: Cr W.W. Sachs

Recommend that Council accept the Tender of Eire Contractors for the lump sum price of \$414 700.00 for relocation of water and sewerage mains for Stage 2 (Section 3) of the Bruce Highway Upgrade in Gympie.

Carried

11/5	Contract No 2007/2008-19 – Construction of Sewers and Rising Mains –Gum Tree Road Gympie
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Re: **W29/01/08** Contract No 2007/2008-19 - Construction of Sewers and Rising Mains, Gum Tree Road, Gympie
 From: Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein
 File: WP00/00074
 Date 8 January 2008

Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

Tenders have been called for the construction of sewers and rising mains to service development adjacent to Old Maryborough Road and Saleyards Road in Gympie.

The following tenders have been received:

Iplex Pipelines	\$ 57 367.33 *
M & K Pipelines	\$316 505.00

McDonald Construction Group	\$498 192.00
Suncoast Pipelines	\$355 857.00
Eire Constructions	\$425 700.00
W & K Civil	\$513 422.00

* Non-confirming tender for pipes only

All tenders include GST

M & K Pipelines are the lowest tender and are considered capable of completing the work. Their tender is recommended for acceptance.

W29/01/08 **Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis** **Seconded: Cr W.J. McIntyre**

Recommend that subject to Council determining to proceed with the work, the tender of M & K Pipelines be accepted for the lump sum of \$316 505.00 (including GST).

Carried

**SECTION 12: WATER & SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT -
GENERAL BUSINESS**

Health & Community Services Manager Michael Grant entered the meeting at 1.41pm.

**SECTION 13: HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**

13/1 Chemical Use in Shire Pools

Re: **W30/01/08** Chemical Use in Shire Pools
From: Health & Community Services Manager, M.R. Grant
File: WP99/00072
Date: 8 January 2007

Minute G57/12/07 from the General Meeting of Council held on 11 December 2007 resolved:

THAT THE HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A REPORT AS TO WHAT CHEMICALS ARE USED, AND WHAT COSTS ARE INVOLVED, FOR SWIMMING POOLS THROUGHOUT THE SHIRE, SUCH REPORT TO BE TABLED AT THE WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2008.

Report: (Health & Community Services Manager – Mr M. Grant)

I advise that the following chemicals are used in Council's swimming pools: -

- Liquid Chlorine
- Hydrochloric Acid
- Zydox

Chemical cost for each pool is as follows:-

	<i>06/07</i>	<i>07/08 as of 08/01/08</i>
GYMPIE	\$15810.36	\$9048.04
KANDANGA	\$4328.14	\$2193.32
TIN CAN BAY	\$7454.68	\$5153.79
	\$27593.18	\$16395.15

W30/01/08 Moved: Cr R. Owen

Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocumsen

Recommend that Health & Community Services Department be requested to investigate and report on the use of Cyanuric Acid in Shire Pools with a view to trialling it.

Carried

13/2	Voluntary Delegations Under Section 31 And 32 Of The Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 1997.
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Re: **W31/01/08** Voluntary Delegations Under Section 31 And 32 Of The Environmental Protection (Water) Policy, 1997.
 From: Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant
 File: AA94/17
 Date: 10 December 2007

"I am writing to encourage your Council to take up the voluntary delegations under sections 31 and 32 of the Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 1997 (EPP Water) in order to better manage the impacts of sediment, rubbish and other containments on our waterways. As you are aware, responsibility for the management of minor water

offences will become the responsibility of local government on commencement of legislative changes to implement the roles and responsibilities project.

Section 31 of the EPP Water provides an offence for the unauthorised deposit or release of certain substances into a roadside gutter, stormwater drain or waterway. Section 32 of the EPP Water provides an offence for the unauthorised build up of sand, silt or mud in a gutter, drain or waterway. A penalty infringement notice may be issued in respect of certain parts of these offences, up to a maximum of \$600.

Currently, Local Government bears the direct costs of infrastructure maintenance and potential compensation for localised flooding due to the blocking of drains. Also Local Government along with industry and the community bear the direct and indirect costs of reduced water quality in our streams and rivers.

While it is recognised that extensive agriculture contributes to catchment loads, development activities over which Council has direct control e.g. release of sediment from construction sites significantly contribute to these loads.

Growing pressures are occurring all along Queensland's coastline and in key catchments on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, Hervey Bay, the Whitsundays and Townsville. These pressures are exacerbated by unregulated release of containments to stormwater.

The most common water based complaints are associated with problems of soil erosion and sediment release. Objectively, the impacts of soil erosion and sediment releases are of concern to the environment due to the negative impacts on water quality. Additionally, the impacts of soil erosion and sediment releases on drainage systems is a major contributor to local government maintenance costs.

By accepting responsibility under the EPP Water and through the appropriate conditioning and enforcement of development conditions every Council can make a valuable contribution to protecting and enhancing our waterways and the economic benefits each region derives directly and indirectly from improving or maintaining water quality.

The issue of sediment and erosion control is very important to your local community. If your local Council does not wish to take up the delegations under sections 31 and 32 of the EPP Water, I am keen to understand the reasons why in order to assist in any revision of the Water EPP.

Report: (Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant

The Environmental Protection Agency is again writing to Council requesting that Council take up voluntary delegations under section 31 and 32 of the Environmental Protection (Water) Policy, 1997.

This matter has been discussed by Council previously and I refer to the following minutes

Minute G29/10/98 refers

That Council not accept the Department of Environment and Heritage's offer for permanent delegation of authority under the Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 1997.

and Minute W70/08/00: refers

Recommend that Council advise the writer that it does not wish to accept delegations as offered at this time.

Minute G80/12/02. refers

That council advise the environmental protection agency of council's previous decisions not to accept delegation of additional powers pursuant to legislation under the environmental protection (water) policy 1997 and that council, at this stage does not intend to accept delegation of additional power pursuant to the above legislation.

Minute P42/09/05 refers which states in part

Recommend that Council not take additional delegation of power from the State under the Water EPP.

Minute W29/11/06 refers

Recommend that Council advise the writer as per Council Minute P42/09/05.

W31/01/08 Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis

Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocusen

Recommend that Council write to Environmental Protection Agency advising that Council will not take additional delegation of power from the State pursuant to Section 31 and 32 of the *Environmental Protection (Water) Policy, 1997.*

Carried

**SECTION 14: HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT - GENERAL BUSINESS**

SECTION 15: ATTACHMENTS

Gympie Cemetery Trust

Caroline Rogers and Lewis Matthews from the Gympie Cemetery Trust entered the meeting at 1.45pm and briefed Council regarding the Cemetery's history, present situation, recent achievements and future plans.

Discussion ensued.

Ms Rogers and Mr Matthews left the meeting at 2.17pm

W32/01/08 Moved: Cr C.R. Chapman Seconded: Cr S. Jocusen

Recommend that Council send a letter of congratulations and thanks to the Gympie Cemetery Trust.

Carried

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.18pm.