



***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 5 February 2008, following the General Meeting.**

**for Adoption at the  
General Meeting  
to be held on 12 February 2008**



Cooloolo Shire Council

## WORKS & SERVICES AGENDA

*Cr L.J. Friske (Chairman),  
Crs. M.J. Venardos 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.*

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The meeting commenced at 11.29am.

**PRESENT:** Cr L.J. Friske (Committee Chairman) Crs M.J. Venardos OAM, S.S. Jocumsen, W.W. Sachs, R. Owen, N.R. Ellis, 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 and M. Prior.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE / APOLOGIES

Cr J. Watt has been granted leave of absence from today's meeting (G69/01/08 refers).

### APPOINTMENT OF PROXY/DELEGATE

**W01/0208** Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocumsen

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

Carried

### CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**W02/02/08** Moved: Cr W.J. McIntyre Seconded: Cr W.W. Sachs

That the Minutes of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on the 15 January 2008 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

## SECTION 1: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

1/1 Borumba Dam Water Storage

Re: **W03/02/08** Borumba Dam Water Storage  
From: Director of Engineering, Mr R.A. Fredman  
File: CG99/00178  
Date: 30 January 2008



*road. This makes it very difficult to see whilst driving in the dark or worse, in the rain.*

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

The letter raises issues about capital works, maintenance, design and DMR contract works.

**W04/02/08 Moved: Cr W.W. Sachs**

**Seconded: Cr W.J. McIntyre**

**Recommend that the writer be advised that:**

- 1. Kerb and channel is recognised as being an efficient road drainage solution, however, it is very expensive. Council has no plans for further kerb and channel work in Amamoor. Note that the works on Kandanga-Amamoor Road were necessitated by an ongoing scour problem which is generally given priority;**
- 2. The drainage pipes in Mary Street and Busby Street will be checked and maintenance carried out as necessary;**
- 3. The intersection has a low crash record, which makes investment in an upgrade to a tee intersection a low priority;**
- 4. Council was not involved in the work on the Mary Valley Road adjacent Blackgate Road. This was handled entirely by Main Roads and their contractors. Consequently this letter has been forwarded on.**

**Carried**

1/3

Revenue Collected from Speed Camera Fines

Re: **W05/02/08** Revenue Collected from Speed Camera Fines  
 From: Local Government Association of Queensland Inc PO Box 2230,  
 Fortitude Valley BC 4006  
 File: WR94/00018 Doc ID 869960  
 Date: 18 January 2008

*Thank you for your letter of 17 December 2007 regarding the revenue collected from speed camera fines.*

*The State Government has advised that revenue raised from fines arising from camera detected offences is used for:*

- *Road safety education*
- *Road accident injury rehabilitation programs; and*
- *Road funding to improve the safety of the sections of state-controlled roads where crashes happen most frequently.*

*Although as you point out local governments are not receiving direct benefits from the revenue collected, their communities are however receiving benefits in terms of increased funding overall for road safety activities throughout Queensland.*

*If you consider that a percentage of the revenue should be paid directly to local governments I would encourage you to formally raise this issue as a motion at the 2008 Annual Conference.*

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

Council's letter of 17 December 2007 is reproduced below. The LGAQ suggestion of direct payment of speed camera revenue to local governments raises some interesting questions. Would this Council request more speed cameras to increase road funding?

*“I write at the direction of Council to request your Association write to the State Government asking that they consider granting a percentage of the revenue collected from speed camera fines, to be on-forwarded to Queensland Local Governments to assist in the upkeep of local roads.*

*This matter was discussed at a recent meeting of Council where concern was expressed about the Governments' expectations of raising enormous funds following the installation of fixed speed cameras throughout Queensland and Council feels that a percentage of this revenue, together with that already raised from speed cameras, should be made available for the upkeep of local roads.*

*Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the undersigned.”*

**W05/02/08      Moved: Cr M.J. Venardos OAM                      Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocumsen**

**Recommend that Council take no further action on the basis that increased funding overall for road safety activities throughout Queensland is satisfactory.**

**Carried**

1/4	Speed Restriction Bruce Highway, Chatsworth – Minute G71/01/08 refers
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**Report: (Director of Engineering – Mr R.A. Fredman)**

Evidence has been discovered in early Gympie Times and Widgee Shire Council minutes that the bridge was known originally as White Bridge.

**W08/02/08 Moved: Cr M.J. Venardos OAM                      Seconded: Cr N.R. Ellis**

**Recommend that Council advise the Department of Main Roads in the interest of historical correctness, Council endorses the name The White Bridge, and enclose records accordingly.**

**Carried**

1/7	<b>Road Maintenance – Lucky Road, East Deep Creek</b>
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Re: **W09/02/08** Road Maintenance – Lucky Road, East Deep Creek  
 From: Tracie and Ray Farrugia, 39 Lucky Road, East Deep Creek  
 File: WR94/00018 DOC ID: 867287  
 Date: 10 January 2008

*“We are residents and current rate payers of 39 Lucky Road, East Deep Creek and would like to know how or who we need to make contact with regarding putting our road onto a maintained roads list at the Cooloola Shire Council?”*

*There are other residents living on this road and users of this road that access their properties via Lucky Road.*

*Our road is in much need of maintenance and we feel that this needs to be addressed as it is dangerous in its present state and is inaccessible in wet weather by normal car.*

*How did the Council give approval for subdivision without contribution for the road to be brought to standard?*

*The access to Lucky Road is also of concern and would like to bring to your attention the entrance of Lucky Road. It is difficult to exit as the vision from the left at East Deep Creek Road is obstructed by a crest & makes visibility poor. The entrance at present from the right is poor as it is obstructed by a corner. This also gives poor visibility.*

*We believe the present entrance is not as per specified by maps. We feel concern as this is dangerous to drives exiting Lucky Road and for drivers using East Deep Creek Road.*

*We would like this problem referred to the works and services committee as soon as possible.*





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*I am advised the quarry is located on Moy Pocket Road which is not a state-controlled road. This road instead falls under the jurisdiction of Maroochy and Cooloola Shire Councils. It is also a Local Road of Regional Significance in the SUNROC and Cooloola Regional Roads Group under the Roads Alliance.*

*As you are aware, the Department of Main Roads provides funding to the Regional Roads Groups through the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS). In the Roads Implementation program 2007-08 to 2011-12 (RIP), the priority roads projects nominated by Cooloola Shire Council for Moy Pocket Road received a total contribution of \$653 000. Further funding under the Regional Roads Group allocation will not be available until 2008-09.*

*For your information, to improve road safety for motorists within the area, the state government has been progressively upgrading Eumundi - Kenilworth Road over the past 10 years, including funding for the replacement of bridges at Belli Creek Crossing No. 1 and 3 and Eerwah Creek.*

*The state is continuing to invest in this important link road, with the department's forward program allocating a further \$15.4m to upgrade sections of this road. These improvement works will include replacement of the narrow bridge and road approaches at Belli creek Crossing No. 2 in mid-2008 and widening and resurfacing work between Archer Road and Belli Creek Crossing No. 1 to follow in mid-2009.*

*The department has also allocated an additional \$1.5m towards a large scale maintenance program to carry out short-term safety improvements on Eumundi – Kenilworth Road. This increase in routine maintenance will keep the road in a safe condition until major upgrading works are able to be undertaken. As part of the program, Main Roads will investigate opportunities for cost effective rehabilitation treatments and shoulder widening.”*

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

Clearly from the funds allocated for the State-controlled road (Eumundi-Kenilworth Road) compared with the Council-controlled road (Moy Pocket Road) there are major advantages in a road being part of the State network. However, Main Roads is most reluctant to expand the State network.

Council's letter was as follows:

*“Council, at a recent meeting received a number of letters of concern relative to the condition of Moy Pocket Road and questioning Council as to what action was being taken to make this road safer for motorists who utilise the road on a daily basis.*

*Council resolved to write to you and request that in light of Moy Pocket Quarry being declared as a strategic regional resource under State Planning Policy 2/07 by the Minister for Local Government, Planning & Sport, that special funding over normal allocations be made available to make Moy Pocket Road fit for its purpose as a strategic regional resource access road that is safe for private motorists who also have to use this road.*

*Your advice in respect to above request would be appreciated.*

*Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Council's Director of Engineering (telephone 5481 0655)."*

**W11/02/08 Moved: Cr R. Owen**

**Seconded: Cr N.R. Ellis**

**Recommend that Council reply that due to the limited availability of Council funds to match TIDS funds, that Moy Pocket Road, as the designed transport route for the State Key Resource Area 89, be considered for direct State funding in the same manner as Eumundi-Kenilworth Road.**

**Carried**

Late Item 1: Bridge Inspection & Prioritisation – Minute G99/01/08 refers

Re: **W12/02/08** Bridge Inspection & Prioritisation – Minute G99/01/08 refers  
From: Director of Engineering – R.A. Fredman  
File: WG96/00119  
Date: 05/02/08

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

**Minute G99/01/08 of the General Meeting held on 29/01/08 refers.**

*That Council ask the Director of Engineering to provide an update on the current visual and technical inspection and prioritisation of all wooden bridges within the Shire.*

1. Council has two qualified timber bridge inspectors, and other experienced staff.
2. All 80 timber bridges in Cooloola Shire are inspected annually in accordance with the DMR manual. They commence again this month.
3. The annual timber bridge maintenance program (\$440,000) is derived from the annual inspections.
4. Bridges which may require work beyond the maintenance program or which may have hidden structural defects are referred to the Infrastructure Planning engineer for a full deflection analysis and risk assessment (Bridge Analysis).
5. Actions from the Bridge Analysis are determined by the Director of Engineering. This may include replacement (subject to Council

funding), load limiting, one-laning, major upgrade, approach re-profiling or speed limiting and are reported to Council.

6. After flooding, road foremen inspect bridges for racking, uplift failure, abutment scour and debris build-up and organise actions accordingly.
7. In relation to Walker Road Bridge, last year's inspection identified a need for girder replacement which was subsequently carried out. Further girder work was identified as necessary. Note that the bridge failed because of snapped tie-down bolts, caused by debris load. This type of failure is difficult to predict.
8. Note that council will have a much expanded timber bridge register after amalgamation.

**W12/02/08 Moved: Cr M.J. Venardos OAM Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen**

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

<b>SECTION 2: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING - GENERAL BUSINESS</b>
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<b>SECTION 3: DESIGN DEPARTMENT</b>
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3/1	Road Name – Unformed Road Reserve, Widgee Crossing South
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Re: **W13/02/08** Road Name – Unformed Road Reserve, Widgee Crossing South  
 From: Colin Buchan, PO Box 126, Tewantin 4565  
 File: DA10927 Doc ID 867233  
 Date: 8 January 2008

*"I have recently received Endorsement of Plans for the above application number.*

*I am now requesting that the unnamed road be named and allocated postal address numbers, for Lots 27, 29, 28 & 26 Buchan's property and Lot 21 on W3761 Coll's property as we all live on the unnamed road.*

*After discussion with council staff, the name suggestions are:*













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

The Claude Group Pty Ltd has an agreement with Council for the placement of Illuminated Street Name Signs in the old Gympie City area.

The proposed position of the said sign is at the corner of Excelsior Road and Hyne Street with advertising on the sign being for Hungry Jack's.

The Planning Department advise application (DA17402) which includes the entry/exit to Hyne Street for the Hungry Jack's development has not been approved at this stage. Therefore Council should only approve the siting of the sign at this stage with the installation of the sign being placed on hold until the above development application (DA17102) is finalised.

**W19/02/08 Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis**

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

**Recommend that Council advise Claude Neon Pty that the siting of the proposed sign is approved subject to the installation of same being placed on hold until further advice is received from Council that the Hungry Jack's entry/exit to Hyne Street is approved and completed.**

**Carried**

3/7

**Future Roads & Drainage Capital Works Budgets**

Re: **W20/02/08** Future Roads & Drainage Capital Works Budgets  
 From: Design Department Manager – R. Chapman  
 File: FF05/00079  
 Date: 31 January 2008

**Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)**

The Director of Engineering and the writer believe it prudent to put forward at this time future funding requirements for the above Works Programs based on those previously funded for Cooloolool Shire. Both Tiaro and Kilkivan Shires have similar forward programs in place.

The attached table shows such a program, tailored to meet urban and rural categories.

COOLOOLA SHIRE COUNCIL ROAD BUDGETING OVER PAST YEARS AND 2008/09 and beyond FORWARD PROGRAM

BUDGET CATEGORY	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	
Roads Maintenance	3033	2582	2952	3151	3310	3310	3310	3310	3310	5% increase over 7/8.RCCI is 4.8%
(actual)	2901	2515	2806	1602						
Green Maintenance	1164	1243	1329	1451	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530	5% increase over 7/8. RCCI is 4.8%
(actual)	1137	1257	1350	930						
Sub Totals	4197	3825	4281	4602	4840	4840	4840	4840	4840	
(actual)	4038	3772	4156	2532						
Reseals		643	658	728	990	990	990	990	990	Based on \$2.50/m2 for 15 year life
(actual)		660	659	48						
Capital Works										
Arterial	220	500	100	107	100	100	100	100	100	To be supplemented by RTR and TIDS Includes rural rehab projects
Rural	786	1274	945	940	800	800	800	800	800	
Coast	344	592	550	450	450	450	450	450	450	
Urban Roads	609	143	392	239	200	200	200	200	200	To be supplemented by urban contrib's
Urban SWD	34	91	63	350	300	300	300	300	300	
Urban Overlays	90	390	115	231	470	470	470	470	470	maybe be offset by urban contrib's will take 6 years to overcome existing rehab works included in replac'mnt program
Urban Rehab					255	255	255	255	255	
Bridge Works	240	370	787	741	500	500	500	500	500	
Sub Total	2323	3360	2952	3058	3075	3075	3075	3075	3075	
Major Projects- Loan					73	146	146	146	146	\$1m over 10 years at 8% for r'bow trunk swd
TOTALS	6520	7828	7891	8388	8978	9051	9051	9051	9051	7.0% increase over 7/8 in 8/9 then 1%



W20/02/08 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr N.R. Ellis

**Recommend the attached table be endorsed by Council as a desirable level of funding to be directed towards the Roads and Drainage Works Program.**

**Carried**

**SECTION 4: DESIGN DEPARTMENT - GENERAL BUSINESS**

Rainbow Beach infrastructure planning

W21/02/08 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr R. Owen

**Further, recommend that the site of the proposed new toilet block on the beach front at Rainbow Beach be reviewed in light of the accelerated erosion in the area and the Design Manager to report back.**

**Further, that the Director of Engineering report on the vulnerability of Inskip Point to loss of access through erosion at The Oaks.**

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30 pm and resumed at 1.30 pm.

Cr M.J. Venardos, Cr F.G. Nissen AM, OAM and Cr M Prior were not present when the meeting resumed.

Health & Community Services Manager Michael Grant entered the meeting at 1.30 pm

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



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

I refer to Minute G48/01/08 which states the following:

*“That the Health & Community Services Manager be requested to investigate the decrease in the population of birds at the Tin Can Bay Sewerage Treatment Plant and appropriate action be taken.”*

Landfill operations at the Tin Can Bay Waste Management Facilities include fly control activities performed by an authorised pest control operator. This activity has been occurring for some years now.

Council’s recycling contractor advises that the birds that normally nest around the recycling compound are present.

A further report has been provided by Council’s Mr Ian Schiefelbein regarding operations at the Tin Can Bay Sewerage Treatment Plant.

**W23/02/08      Moved: Cr S.S. Jocumsen                      Seconded: Cr R. Owen**

**Recommend that the information be received.**

**Carried**

Cr F.G. Nissen AM returned to the meeting at 1.32pm

13/3	Petition Waste Management, Langshaw – Minute G51/01/08 refers
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Re:            **W24/02/08** Petition Waste Management, Langshaw – Minute G51/01/08 refers  
 From:        Health & Community Services Department Manager – M R Grant  
 File:         CG97/00014  
 Date:         30 January 2008

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

I refer to Council **Minute G51/01/08** which states the following:

*“For your attention please to report to the Works & Services Committee Meeting on 5 February 2008.”*

This matter has been addressed by Council on 15 January 2008 where Council resolved the following vide Minute G12/01/08:

*“That Council advise the Primary Petitioner Mrs Karen Berry pursuant to Council Minute G53/12/07 (xRef-W34/12/07) as follows:-*

- 1. Properties identified on petitions will be treated as objections and that wheelie bins will not be delivered to them unless requested.*
- 2. Objections will be assessed by Council at a later date, with a decision pending.”*

Reference is made to Council Minute G85/01/08 where Council resolved the following:-

*“That the Petition be not received because the matter has been dealt with previously on a number of occasions and also due to the inappropriate language contained in the Petition”.*

W24/02/08 Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

Recommend that Council advise the primary petitioner that the matter has been considered by Council and Minute G12/01/08 stands.

Carried

Cr M. Prior returned to the meeting at 1.37pm

<p><b>SECTION 14: HEALTH &amp; COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT - GENERAL BUSINESS</b></p>
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Michael Grant left the meeting at 1.44pm.

<p><b>SECTION 11: WATER &amp; SEWERAGE</b></p>
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<p>11/1 Works Cost Statement – Water &amp; Sewerage</p>
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**WORKS COST STATEMENT**

W25/02/08 Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis

Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocumsen

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

**Carried**

11/2	Projects in Progress
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Re: **W26/02/08** Projects in Progress  
From: Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein  
File: WW00/00057  
Date 30 January 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 on the Cooloola Cove plant has commenced. Work on the Rainbow Beach plant is expected to start early in February.

**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. Excavation for site works has commenced. Work on the raw water pump system is expected to commence in early February.

**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 REMP's for Council's Water and Sewerage system. Council officers are reviewing the draft documents.

#### **5 Gympie Sewage Treatment Plant Design**

Work is proceeding on the design of the Treatment Plant. A HAZOP meeting with the Consultants has been completed based on the preliminary design drawings

#### **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 or early February 2008.

#### **7 Winnington Road Trunk Sewer**

Tenders have been accepted for construction of the trunk sewer. The contractors (M & K Pipelines) have commenced work and are well advanced with the project. It is anticipated that the trunk sewer will be completed by February 2008.

#### **8 Groundwater Road Sewerage Scheme**

Tenders have been accepted and work on the trunk sewer and rising main by the Contractor Cooloola Civil Constructions work is substantially complete. It is expected that the contract will be complete by the end of February.

Work on the pump station by Council's Water and Sewerage Department new works gang is well advanced with fill around the pump station being obtained from the excavation work at Jones Hill water treatment plant

Work on the underbores under the Mary River is complete.

#### **9. Gympie Sewage Transfer System Upgrade**

Construction of the Gympie Sewage Transfer System pipeline by Eire Constructions is substantially complete. 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 accepted for diversion of Pipework in the Monkland Street area required for the upgrade of the Bruce Highway by Eire Constructions. Work on this project has commenced.

**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. Staff availability has delayed the project.

**14. Gum Tree Road Pump Station and Rising Main**

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

**15. Stumm Road Overflow**

Modifications have been made to the Stumm Road Pump Station overflow system to prevent overflow to a property owner's dam.

W26/02/08 Moved: Cr W.J. McIntyre

Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocusen

**Recommend that the above information be received.**

**Carried**

11/3	Bird Population at the Tin Can Bay Treatment Plant – Minute G37/01/08 refers
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Re: **W27/02/08** Bird Population at the Tin Can Bay Sewage Treatment Plant – Minute G37/01/08 refers  
From: Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein  
File:  
Date 18 January 2008

**Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)**

There have been reports of low numbers of birds and dead birds at the Tin Can Bay Sewage Treatment Plant. An investigation has been carried out of potential causes for the unusually low number of birds, dead birds and a reduced insect population around the Tin Can Bay Sewage Treatment Plant.

From this investigation the following was determined:

- (a) The Water and Sewerage Department have not carried out any spraying activities or any other activities at the Tin Can Bay Plant within the last two (2) years.
- (b) The plant has operated normally without interruption and there have been no chemical additions at the plant.
- (c) The plant uses microbiological activity to stabilise the sewage. There has not been any noticeable change in this microbiological activity.
- (d) The final lagoons have significant amounts of aquatic marine life. There has not been any noticeable reduction in this activity.
- (e) There was a noticeable lower level of bird activity around the plant. There is no concern with respect to the previous high level of bird activity and the retention of this area as a haven for bird activity is supported.
- (f) Potential causes for the lower level bird activity could include:
  - (i) Recent high rainfall and cloudy conditions
  - (ii) High winds affecting insect density
  - (iii) Children/others visiting the site with stones/weapons disturbing the birds (No evidence currently exists however it is known to have happened in the past.)
  - (iv) Other more desirable sites for the birds.
  - (v) A combination of the above.
- (g) While there are occasional bird deaths at the sewage treatment plant, this would be expected due to the usually high number of birds at the plant. There has not been any detectable increase in bird deaths.

In summary the Water and Sewerage Department has not carried out any activity that would have caused reduced bird numbers or bird deaths at the Tin Can Bay Sewerage Treatment.



the opposite side of Langara Drive and some distance from the proposed building (which is currently under construction).

The property is outside the defined sewerage area..

Once the trunk sewer is completed the property could be connected to sewerage. The trunk sewer is expected to be complete within the next three (3) months. The estimated cost of a connection to this property is \$21,000.00.

The proposed design of this connection would also service two (2) other properties. If these other two (2) property owners contributed towards the cost then the cost for each of them would be considerably reduced. These two property owners would also however have to pay for the connection of their house drain to the sewer.

Council has not in the past applied infrastructure charges for connection of existing residential properties to sewerage.

In the future if these properties were sewerage Council's would pay the full cost of the sewer connection. Council may also at this time construct the house connection if that is the policy at that time. The timing and extent of any sewerage scheme in this area is unknown and subject to Council determination.

**W28/02/08 Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis**

**Seconded: Cr W.J. McIntyre**

**Recommend that Council advise the Keding Group and the property owner that:**

- (a) The property at 21 Langara Drive can be connected to the sewerage scheme subject to the payment of \$23,000 (excluding gst) for the sewer connection;**
- (b) If the other affected owners agree, the cost of the sewer could be shared;**
- (c) Subject to the payment indicated in (a) above Council include the property in the defined sewerage area and construct the sewer.**

**Carried**

11/5

Sewer Connection - 1 Watson Road, Southside

Re: **W29/02/08** Sewer Connection - 1 Watson Road  
From: Paul & Ann Maree Margetts, PO Box 60, Pomona Qld 4568  
File: WS95/00009 DOC ID: 860801  
Date: 10 December 2007

*We are writing to request sewerage be connected to our block situated at 1 Watson road, Southside, my husband and I are in the process of having house plans drawn for this block.*

*The neighbouring block has been approved for subdivision and sewerage is being brought within a few metres of our land, so we felt it is a good opportunity to extend the sewerage line now rather than coursing disruption to the neighbours' property when they have finished. The property will have a church with sealed car parking and landscaped gardens, so after discussions with this neighbour (John Eade) it is much preferred to have all the sewerage works completed together.*

*Enclosed is a plan of the blocks we own at Southside, also is inclosed a plan showing the proposed future subdivision of these blocks. There is currently a realignment of the boundary between the blocks in Council at present. This had to be done now to enable us to fit our house on the block indicated as it was so narrow.*

*We will be eager to hear your response as to how we can make this happen.”*

**Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)**

The property in question is adjacent to a proposed subdivision and development. As part of the development approval for this subdivision a new sewer is required which could be extended to service Mr & Mrs Margett's property as requested. The property is currently outside the defined sewered area.

The proposal is considered acceptable subject to work on the adjacent property being satisfactorily completed. Council has not changed infrastructure charges for connection of sewerage to existing residential properties in Southside.

It is expected that the property owners would arrange for the sewer extension directly with the developer at the adjacent property.

**W29/02/08 Moved: Cr S.S. Jocumsen**

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

**Recommend that:**

- 1. Mr & Mrs Margetts be advised that their property could be connected to sewerage provided.**
  - (a) A sewer is extended to their property at no cost to Council.**
  - (b) The sewer was installed, tested and operational before drains were connected.**
  - (c) Payment of standard sewerage connection charges (currently \$540.00).**

2. Subject to (1) above Mr & Mrs Margett's property be included in the defined sewered area.

Carried

11/6

Sewer Connection – 3 Perry Lane, Southside

Re: **W30/02/08** Sewer Connection – 3 Perry Lane, Southside  
From: Mr D Sabiston, 270 Burgess Road, Calico Creek, Qld 4570  
File: WG99/00181 DOC ID: 857545  
Date 27 November 2007

*I refer to my recent discussion with Mr Ian Schiefelbein and confirm that I act on behalf of Islehaven Pty Ltd, owners of the above property. My client's are proposing to remove an existing dwelling from land at 55 Geordie Road, Monkland and relocate this building to 3 Perry Lane, Southside.*

*On behalf of my clients, I request that a sewerage connection be provided as part of the current construction works being carried out nearby. My clients accept the costs associated with this construction.*

*Should you require further information please contact me as identified above"*

**Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)**

The owner of this property has requested a sewer connection to the sewerage scheme currently under construction at Groundwater Road, Southside.

The property is currently outside the defined sewered area.

Once the scheme – Groundwater Road pump station is completed this property could be connected to sewerage. The estimated cost of this connection is \$23,000.00. The most cost effective design would service the adjacent property, pass through another property and provide infrastructure which could then in the future be utilised to service other properties. If these two (2) property owners contributed towards the cost, then the cost for each of them would be considerably reduced. These two property owners would also have to pay for the connection of their house drain to the sewer.

Council has not been applying infrastructure charges to connect existing residential properties to sewerage.

In the future if these properties were sewered Council's would pay the full cost of the sewer connection. Council may also at this time construct the house connection if that is the policy at that time. The timing and extent of any sewerage scheme in this area is unknown and subject to Council determination.

W30/02/08 Moved: Cr I.T. Petersen

Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocumsen

Recommend Council advise the Mr David Sabiston and the property owner that:

- (a) The property at 3 Perry Lane can be connected to sewerage scheme subject to the payment of \$23,000 (excluding gst) for the sewer connection.
- (b) If the other affected owners agree the cost of the sewer could be shared.
- (c) Subject to the payment above Council include the property in the defined sewer area and construct the sewer.

Carried

11/7 DA11126 – Koumala Road Pump Station, Lot 1 RP73188, Koumala Road Southside

Re: **W31/02/08** DA11126 – Koumala Road Pump Station, Lot 1 RP73188, Koumala Road Southside  
 From: Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein  
 File: DA11126  
 Date: 30 January 2008

**Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)**

A subdivision for a property at Lot 1/RP73188, Koumala road was approved in 2006. Since this time the property has been sold on two occasions. A potential new owner has requested the current cost for a sewage pump station to service the development.

In May 2006 Council determined vide Minute W12/05/06 that:

1. *Council would provide a sewage pump station to service the pump station subject to payment of a contribution of \$60,000.00 in addition to the contribution for the pump station normal augmentation fees would apply to each allotment at the standard infrastructure charge rate.*
2. *Provision for connection to adjacent existing lots would be required. Council would pay the additional costs for the work required subject to agreement on cost.”*

Since this time costs have increased significantly. The total estimated cost (gst exclusive) has now increased from \$170,000 to \$200,000.00. The pump station has the potential to service other areas and the contribution of \$60,000 was determined on a proportional basis. Because of the increase in cost the contribution should also increase.

**W31/02/08 Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis**

**Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocusen**

**Recommend that the potential new owner and the current owner be advised that:**

- 1. Council would provide a sewage pump station to service the subdivision subject to payment of a contribution of \$70,000.00 (gst exclusive). In addition to the contribution for the pump station augmentation fees would apply to each allotment at the standard infrastructure charge rate.**
- 2. Provision for connection to adjacent existing lots would be required. Council would pay the additional costs for the work required subject to agreement on cost.**

**Carried**

11/8	Construction of Sewage Treatment Plants – Cooloola Coast, Contract 2007/2008-3, Contract Administration
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Re: **W32/02/08** Construction of Sewage Treatment Plants – Cooloola Coast, Contract 2007/2008-3, Contract Administration  
 From: Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein  
 File: WS07/00035  
 Date 21 January 2008

**Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)**

Contract Administration for construction of the three (3) sewage treatment plants on the Cooloola Coast is being carried out by the Water and Sewerage Department.

The nominated Superintendent in the Annexure A in the Tender Documents is the Water and Sewerage Department Manager who will be required to act in accordance with Clause 23 of the General Conditions of Contract. The following paragraphs are extracts from the book on “Effective Contract Management” by Ray Valentine.

*“The role of Superintendent is a demanding one that has responsibilities regarding the administration of the contract to both the Owner and the Contractor. The exercise by the Superintendent of the power conferred on him by the contract, is binding on both parties.*

*The function of the Superintendent as “agent” of the Owner is to ensure the timely and satisfactory completion of the works and that the Contractor is paid for the work done in accordance with the contract. The Superintendent therefore has to act primarily in the interests of the Owner as the party that initiated the contract and has the major interest in seeing the works satisfactorily completed.*

*The contract requires the Superintendent to supervise, make determinations, give instructions, exercise discretions and to certify certain things, and in doing so, it is essential that the Superintendent recognise and respect the interests and entitlements of the Contractor under the contract.*

*The role of the Superintendent requires him to act at times as if he is an independent neutral. It is essential that the Superintendent be allowed to exercise this role without influence or restraint by the Owner’s management.*

*The Contractor enters into the contract in the knowledge that the Superintendent is to be nominated by the Owner and that, as an employee of the Owner, he is not necessarily a completely unbiased person. The Contractor accepts that the Superintendent will be the person supervising and administering the contract and making determinations between the parties. He expects that the Superintendent will do this in a fair and professional manner.*

*This places a special responsibility on the Superintendent to exercise care in the administration of the contract and the making of determinations affecting the interests of both parties. It also places a special responsibility on the Owner, to allow the Superintendent the freedom to carry out his duties as defined in the contract.”*

It should be noted that the contract is likely to be subject to legitimate claims for variation extras and deductions. The Superintendent should be given guidance on the extent of the authorisation to approve variations to enable to work to progress in a timely manner and not to delay the contract. A recommendation is made in this regard for Council’s consideration.

**W32/02/08 Moved: Cr S.S. Jocumsen**

**Seconded: Cr W.J. McIntyre**

**Recommend that the Superintendent (Manager of Water & Sewerage) be authorised to approve of variations to the contract as follows:**

**(a) All deductions;**

- (b) Any extras, the quotation of which will not exceed 1% of the tender up to a maximum total sum of 5% of the tender.

Carried

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

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

5/1 Job Construction Report

Re: **W33/02/08** Job Construction Report  
From: Works Department Manager, Mr G. Ingham  
File: FF94/00018  
Date: 29 January 2008

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

**2007/08 RESEAL PROGRAM \$725,000**

Job has been assessed and measured.

Resealing works have been 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.

Job complete.

#### **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.

Job complete.

#### **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.

#### **MOY POCKET ROAD UPGRADE**

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

First coat of seal has been completed.

#### **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**



located on Walker Road a no exit road off Moy Pocket Road that services approximately 10 households. These households were effectively cut off by the loss of the bridge structure.

Council immediately activated a plan to restore access for these residents. This included the recall of staff from annual leave to work on the bridge and to upgrade an alternative track through private property to provide 4X4 access. Staff worked tirelessly in difficult circumstances to restore access. This included 10-12 hour work days, weekend work and work in or around a fast flowing river. Prevailing inclement weather conditions also hampered work.

The track was restored by Tuesday 15 January and the bridge opened to traffic on Friday 25 January 2008. This was an excellent achievement under the circumstances.

A number of staff were involved at various stages of the project in particular with the track upgrade. It is recommended that they be thanked for their commitment and effort. In particular 4 staff who worked on the bridge should be commended. It is recommended that the following staff be awarded a certificate of appreciation:

- Matt Boyd
- Barry Lindemann
- Noel Williams
- Ricky McBride

It is also recommended that the cooperation of two residents, Jo-anne Kildey and Gordon McMillan be acknowledged in allowing access for neighbours and Council across their properties.

**W34/02/08 Moved: Cr R. Owen**

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

**Recommend that the above report be received.**

**Recommend that a letter be sent to the State Emergency Service thanking them for their involvement.**

**Carried**

5/3

Monthly Rural Maintenance Report

Re: **W35/02/08** Monthly Rural Maintenance Report  
From: Works Department Manager – G. Ingham.  
File: WR94/00018  
Date: 20/01/08

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

Recent road maintenance grading is as follows:

- Kress Road
- Chinaman Creek Road
- Ironstone Creek Road
- Happy Jack Creek Road
- Anderson Street (Brooloo)
- Western Creek Road
- Mitchell Creek Road (Both ends)
- Bella Creek Road (Patch grade)
- Henry Road
- Patch Grading Nall Road
- Calico Creek Road shoulders
- Heathcote Road
- Schacts Creek Road
- Melawondi Road
- Tunnel Road
- Barsby Road

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

- Kandanga Creek Road (Patch Grade)
- Noakes Road
- Langshaw Area

Recent Drainage repairs carried out on the following roads.

- Chinaman Creek Road
- Kress Road
- Ironstone Creek Road
- Mitchell Creek Road
- Cooloola Village drainage (Started and ongoing over the next month)
- Green Trees Road
- Sterling crossing Road
- Bella Creek Road

Recent Tractor slashing carried out in the following areas.

- East Deep Creek area
- Wolvi area
- Sandy Creek area
- Anderleigh area

- North Deep Creek area
- Old Maryborough Road area
- Traveston area

Bridge Works carried out on Walker Road Bridge (Major Construction)

At the time of writing maintenance has been programmed for

- Spring Valley Road Bridge
- Woondoom Road Bridge

Sealed Road Pavement Repairs recently carried out on the following roads

- Moy pocket Road
- Kandanga Creek Road
- Bill James Road
- Bryant Road
- Noosa Road
- PineValley Road

**W35/02/08 Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis**

**Seconded: Cr W.J. McIntyre**

**Recommend that the Monthly Rural Maintenance Report, as presented, be received.**

**Carried**

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

**W36/02/08 Moved: Cr W.W. Sachs**

**Seconded: Cr W.J. McIntyre**

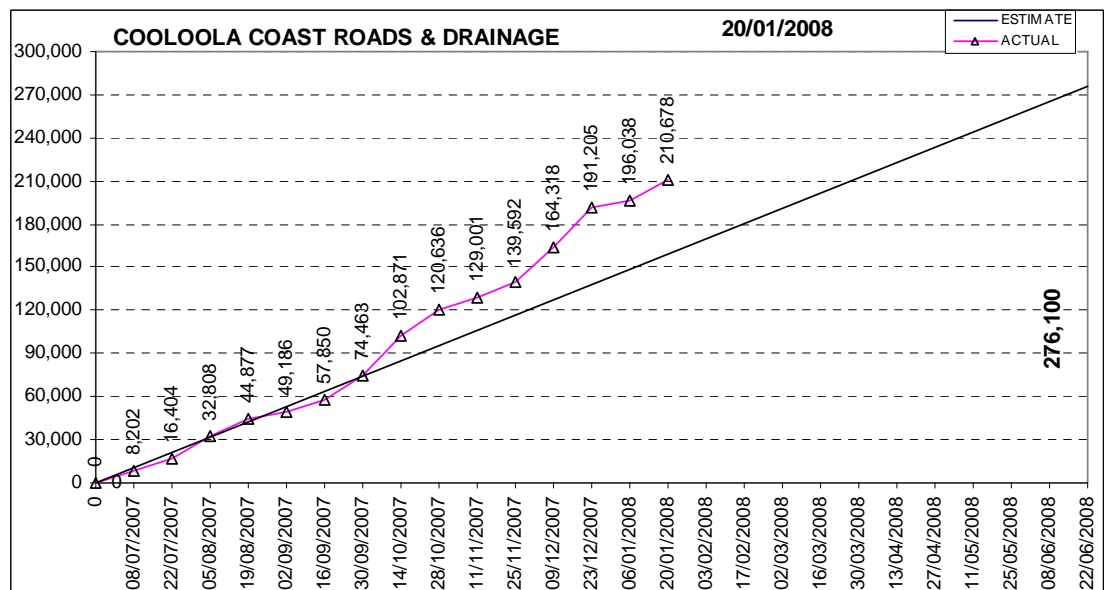
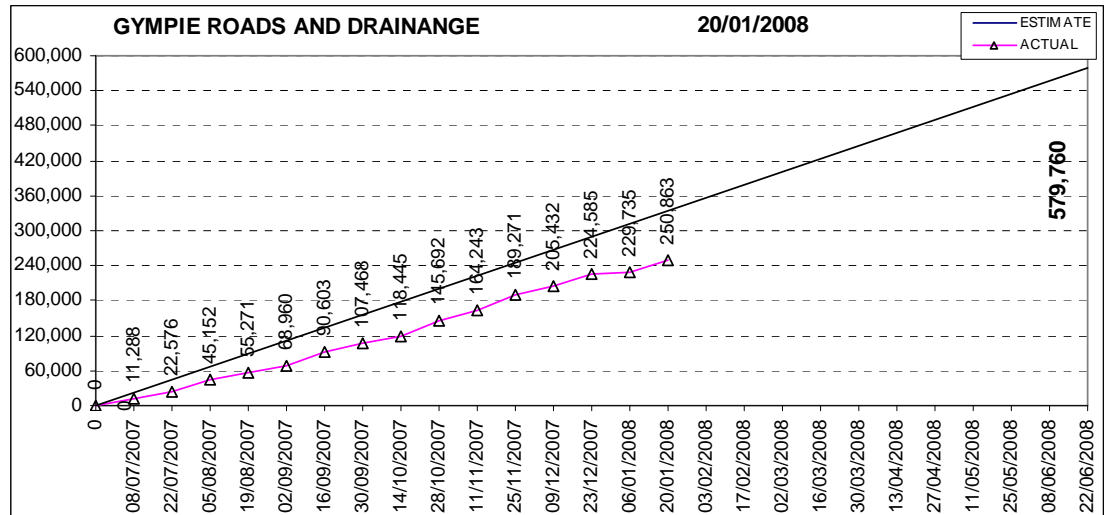
**Recommend that the Road Maintenance, Road Construction and Road Contribution sections of the Works Cost Statement, as presented, be received.**

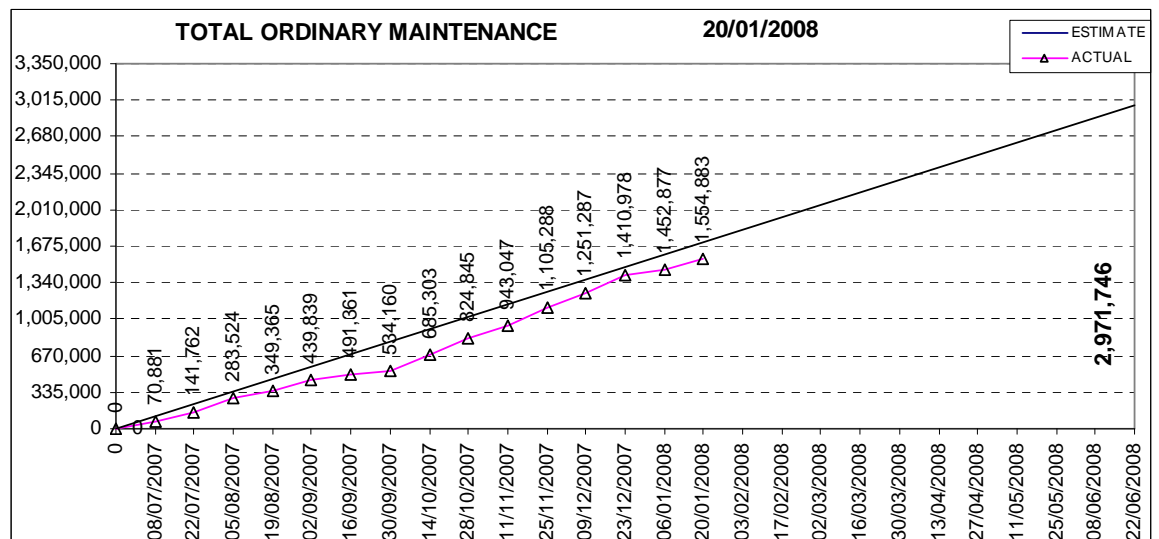
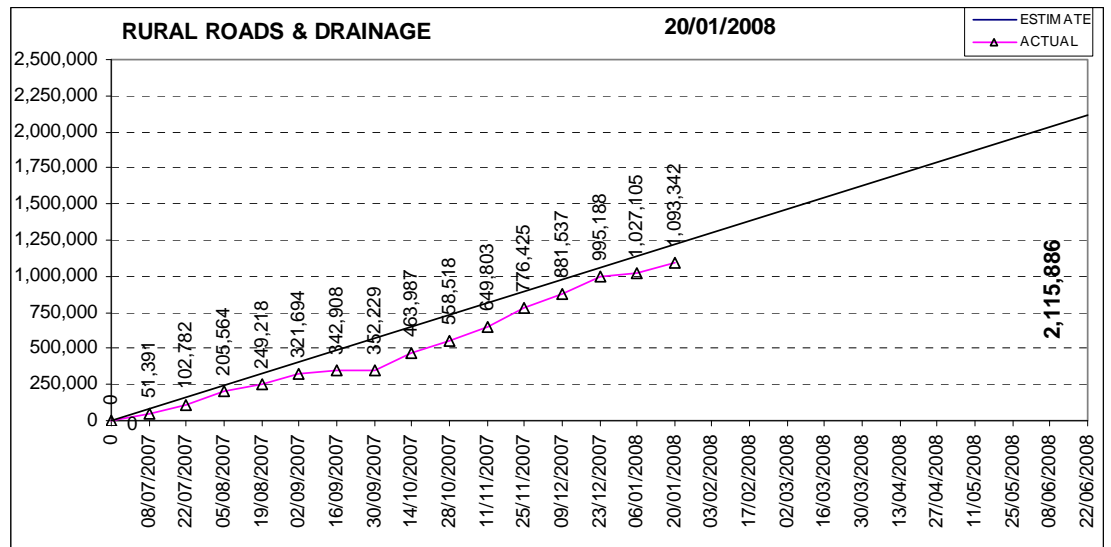
**Carried**

5/5	Works Department Maintenance Reports
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Re: **W37/02/08** Works Department Maintenance Reports  
From: Works Department Manager, Mr G Ingham  
File: WR94/00018  
Date: 30 January 2008

**Report: (Works Department Manage – G.C. Ingham)**





W37/02/08 Moved: Cr S.S. Jocumsen

Seconded: Cr W.J. McIntyre

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

Carried

5/6 Upgrading of Front Deck Mowers

Re: **W38/02/08** Upgrading of Front Deck Mowers  
 From: Works Department Manager, Mr G.C. Ingham  
 File: WP95/00005B  
 Date: 29 January 2008

**Report: (Fleet Manager – P. Stevenson)**

The 2007/08 budget has allowances for upgrading two of Council's front deck mowers.

1. Unit 332 – currently a 4WD 1820mm cut front deck mower, the allowance of \$90,000 is for a machine with a wider cut i.e. Wide Area Mower (WAM) specifications similar to the *Gianni Ferrari Unit 335*, 3200mm cut
2. Unit 339 – currently a 4WD 1820mm cut front deck mower the allowance of \$70,000 is for a similar capacity machine with grass catching capabilities

1820 mm front deck mowers are very versatile and have a very wide operational capability. Wide Area Mowers are generally designed to be a 'finishing mower' to cover large areas of grass. These machines are difficult to manoeuvre around trees and other obstacles. The operational capacity is limited to large flat well maintained areas such as playing fields and large open parks.

1. I foresee an issue with replacing Unit 332 with a WAM as it will reduce the flexibility of Council's grass cutting fleet.
  - a. My suggestion is replace Unit 332 with *two* 1820mm front deck mowers the approximate cost per unit is \$37,500, a total outlay of \$70,000 would improve our flexibilities in the Parks and Gardens division and keep approximately \$20,000 in the budget
  - b. Our existing WAM has proven to a very effective tool in maintaining the large area parks and 'quality' reserves. During the growing season (late August through to mid April) this machine is capable of maintaining these areas on a weekly cycle. The areas are One Mile Sporting Ovals (2 cuts/week), Jack Stokes Oval (2 cuts/week), Normandy Hill Memorial Park (2 cuts/week), Albert Park, Lake Alford Park, Archery Park, Fisher Park and AJ Mitchell park.
  - c. The improvement in flexibility will offset any additional costs by adding another front deck mower to the fleet. These improvements will be realised through greater machine utilisation. The additional machine can work in conjunction with the WAM to complete the tighter and rough areas between trees, on banks and on road sides.

W38/02/08 Moved: Cr R. Owen

Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocusen

**Recommend that Council:**

- 1 Purchase two (2) 1820 mm front deck mowers in place of one (1) Wide Area Mower reducing expenditure by approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000.
- 2 Purchase one (1) 1820 mm front deck with catcher capabilities as per 2007-2008 budget.

Carried

Works Department Manager Greg Ingham entered the meeting at 2.06pm

5/7	Job Construction Programme
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Re: **W39/02/08** Construction Programme  
From: Works Department Manager, G.C. Ingham  
File: FF94/00018  
Date: 30 January 2008

**Report:** (Works Department Manager – Mr G Ingham)

W39/02/08 Moved: Cr W.W. Sachs

Seconded: Cr I.T. Petersen

Recommend that the Construction Programme, as presented, be received.

Carried

<b>SECTION 6: WORKS DEPARTMENT - GENERAL BUSINESS</b>
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<b>SECTION 7: WORKS DEPARTMENT - LAND PROTECTION</b>
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7/1	Land Protection Monthly Report
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Re: **W40/02/08** Lands Protection Monthly Report February 2008  
From: Lands Protection Superintendent – Mr T Huckstepp  
File: WG94/00077  
Date: 29 January 2008

**Report: (Lands Protection Superintendent – Mr Troy Huckstepp)****Spraying ongoing on shire roads as follows:**

Monkland Crusher, Main Roads – Tin Can Bay Road, Lawson, Pollock, Amy, Flynn, Rifle Range, Wilton, Cavanough, Bath, Tristram Bath, Eel Creek, Larkin, McIntosh Creek, Groundwater, North Deep Creek,

**Noxious Weeds Issues:**

A reminder has been mailed out to all landholders who have a known infestation of Parthenium. With the warmer wet weather around Parthenium will flourish and has the ability to grow from as a seed to setting seed every 21-28 days.

The Fireweed infestation on and around the rail line on the north-eastern part of Gympie is still growing and flowering (QR contractors are undertaking inspection and control measures). This infestation is a major concern because Fireweed has been known as a cool weather plant that diminishes in the summer months. If the growth pattern continues Land Protection staff could be possibly inspected for Fireweed all year round.

There are some large Groundsel infestations on the side of the roads. These sites will be sprayed over the coming months.

Hymenachne along Amamoor Creek looks like it will need to be sprayed within the next month to ensure it doesn't get into the Mary River.

**Wild Dog Issues:**

Residents in the Cedar Pocket area are establishing a baiting syndicate and should be ready for baiting sometime in February.

**Feral Pig Issues:**

There has been another 20 bounties paid under the trial scheme. More data has been collected. The Land Protection Unit has enough data on feral pig capture now that some educated and informed decisions are able to be made in terms of feed preference etc.

**Other Issues:**

The release sites for the Cats Claw Creeper biological control have been monitored and they all seem to be becoming established. The three sites for the biological control moth are yet to be serviced. This should happen in February.

**W40/02/08 Moved: Cr W.J. McIntyre****Seconded: Cr W.W. Sachs**

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

Carried

<b>SECTION 8: WORKS DEPARTMENT - LAND PROTECTION - GENERAL BUSINESS</b>
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<b>SECTION 9: WORKS DEPARTMENT - PARKS &amp; GARDENS</b>
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9/1	Parks & Gardens Monthly Report
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Re: **W41/02/08** Parks & Gardens Monthly Report  
From: Parks & Gardens Superintendent, Mr E. French  
File: EP94/00008  
Date: 29 January 2008

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

The mowing and brush cutting of vegetation through out the shire remains the focus of Parks & Gardens staff. A contractor has been utilised for some works to assist in the challenge that the existing weather conditions present.

Parks staff have also assisted with the ongoing works resulting from the severe weather conditions experienced at Rainbow Beach and Tin Can Bay.

The vine planted on the wall in Young Street Gympie is *Thunbergia grandiflora*. This is a Class 2 declared weed and Council is required to remove it under the Lands Protection Act. Staff will do so when resources allow and replace with a suitable groundcover.

Mains Roads contractors, as part of Stage Two of the Highway upgrade, will remove the Graffiti wall, adjacent to the highway, in Nelson Reserve. It is within the existing road reserve. The new batter of the highway will start immediately adjacent to the western end of the basket ball court, with planting on the batter that will interfere with the retrieval of the ball etc. Investigations into costs of extensions of the court and construction of a replacement graffiti wall will be undertaken and reported to Council for consideration during budget deliberations.

**W41/02/08 Moved: Cr W.W. Sachs**

**Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocumsen**

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

Carried

9/2 Works Cost Statement – Parks & Gardens

**WORKS COST STATEMENT**

W42/02/08 Moved: Cr N.R. Ellis

Seconded: Cr S.S. Jocumsen

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

Carried

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

**SECTION 15: ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Record of Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held 3/12/2007

Cr F.G. Nissen AM left the meeting at 2.34pm

**SECTION 16: IN COMMITTEE MATTERS**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.38pm.

CONFIRMED THIS DAY OF 2008.

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CHAIRMAN

**RECORD**

**TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**3 DECEMBER 2007**

**1.0 ATTENDANCE**

Cr Ian Petersen - Cooloola Shire Council  
Acting Snr Sgt Ron Vann – Queensland Police Service  
A/OI Snr Sgt Phil Edwards – Queensland Police Service  
Sgt Peter Webster - Queensland Police Service  
Luke Kidd - Department of Main Roads  
Martin Leja - Department of Main Roads  
Mark Polley - Bus Operators Association  
Ross Chapman – Cooloola Shire Council

**2.0 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were tabled for Cr Donna Neilson and Cr Larry Friske of Cooloola Shire Council and Carol Raymond of Queensland Transport.

**3.0 RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Record of meeting held on 3 September 2007 as distributed was agreed to be a true and accurate record of meeting.

**4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS RECORD**

.01 Removal of Traffic Signals at Central School – R. Chapman

R. Buddle advised signage at school is confusing, R. Chapman to review all signage for any that should be removed. R. Chapman reported signage is being updated. Traffic counts at signals (as attached) show use is well below warrants. Agreed that to dismantle lights could be seen as wasted expenditure, so leave for now pending any complaints.

.02 Centreline Marking of Channon Street Intersection – Snr Sgt P. Edwards

Channon Street double line at intersections, Department of Main Roads asked to rectify Nash St, King St, O'Connell St, Henry St as they are all marked the same way. L. Kidd advised although centreline should be removed as requested, all district intersections have been incorrectly marked and policy is to correct as overlays/reseals are carried out. However, as a result of Police concerns of the incorrect actions of many in front of Police Station, Department of Main Roads will correct all such line marking on Gympie Connection Road.

.03 Mary Street Crossings – Cr D. Neilson

Still some confusion particularly at Smithfield Street intersections where no pedestrian crossings, could painting on crossing assist. R. Chapman reported that whilst there may be some confusion, any painting on the roadway seriously affects skid resistance and due to low risk, it is preferred to leave crossings as they are.

.04 Yabba Creek Road Accident at Crossing No. 5 – Snr Sgt P. Edwards

Constable B. Greer of Imbil Police believes warning signs are required for Give Way sign following recent accident. L. Kidd advised advance warning signs were in place for the particular accident but inspection has highlighted need for some additional guide posts and chevron markers for approach from the other direction.

.05 Children Warning Sign on Bruce Highway – Sgt P. Webster

Council letter (ref SGJMcL:nmy00303) refers. M. Leja and S. McLeod to inspect. Existing signage is acceptable.

.06 Gympie Intersection Crash Data – Snr Sgt P. Edwards & R. Chapman

R. Chapman advised that an analysis was being made of crash statistics around Gympie. P. Edwards advised Qld Police Service doing the same exercise. A meeting to be arranged in new year to discuss findings and possible solutions.

## **5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

.01 Bus Stop Area One Mile School – M. Polley

Stop/interchange, re letter from One Mile SS Principal, we believe there are about 20 buses that use this area as a pickup and/or interchange morning and arvo. Problems with entering & exiting Phoenix St. and Allen

Lane are causing delays and discouraging operators from using the Phoenix Street bus stop. R. Chapman advised that some short and long term proposals have been discussed with school and M. Polley. R. Buddle asked to be given copies of proposals.

.02 Cartwright Rd – Coinda St, intersection needs widening – M. Polley

Buses turning into Coinda St don't fit when other traffic is in Coinda St or vehicles are parked near intersection in Coinda St, also buses must cross the double centre line when using the intersection at anytime. R. Chapman advised inspection will be made to ensure yellow line marking in place to match signage.

.03 Two Mile School – M. Polley

Update, any reports? M. Leja advised crash report still being prepared.

.04 Pine Street – Cartwright Road – M. Polley

Turn left ramp very difficult to access with cars & trucks parked, requires "No Standing" signs. R. Chapman to inspect and assess if appropriate.

.05 Re: Bus Parking – Calton Hill – M. Polley

We are now using the southern side of Bligh St in Hilton Road and this is working well but some concerns with how students get access to this stop, also signage is required. R. Chapman to inspect and assess if appropriate with Police.

.06 Goomboorian Store Bus Stop- M. Polley

Difficult to access when coming from Gympie, buses block road as they are required to move to the left onto the gravel to turn to stop. Refer to Department of Main Roads for review.

.07 "Give Way" sign Cnr Bruce Hwy and Pinewood Ave – M. Polley

Needs to be moved 1.5m back up Pinewood Avenue. Department of Main Roads to arrange as requested.

.08 Bruce Highway Gympie – D. Neilson

Signage and line marking to be reviewed for Cross St and Rose St intersections as cars accessing highway from these streets heading south are currently using left north bound lane instead of entering south bound lanes therefore driving into oncoming traffic. Refer to Department of Main Roads and Cooloola Shire to inspect.

09 Hooning – D. Neilson

Hooning occurring Watson Road and Sorensen Road. Police advised taking action all over area with three (3) cars impounded over the weekend.

.10 Bruce Highway at Matilda – P. Webster

Pavement failures outside Matilda need attention. Department of Main Roads reported overlay project about to commence.

.11 Bus Route Planning – R. Chapman

R. Chapman asked that bus routes be planned in full consultation with Council as some new routes were travelling on streets not built for buses. R. Buddle referred R. Chapman to Cathy Kennedy.

.12 Speeding Red Hill Road – R. Chapman

Minute G48/11/07 speeding problems being encountered by residents. Meeting agreed that little can be done in this area to prevent hooning other than policing.

.13 Wide Bay Highway / Bruce Highway Intersection – Sgt P. Webster

Tourist sign in centre median blocks visibility for right turning vehicle out of Wide Bay Highway. Department of Main Roads to inspect.

.14 Victory Store Parking & Access Issues – Sgt P. Webster

General congestion in this area is continuing to worsen. Refer to Department of Main Roads and R. Chapman to review if some simple measures can be taken.

## **6.0 SPEED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

.01 Speed Limit Bayside Road & Investigator Ave, Cooloola Cove – R. Chapman

Request to reduce the speed limit on Bayside Road between 42 Bayside Road to 22 Queen Elizabeth Drive from 80 km/h to 60 or 70 km/hr, due to this being a residential area. R. Chapman reported review conducted in conjunction with L. Kidd recommended both roads be made 60 km/hr. Agreed.

.02 Speed Limit on Waddell Road, Gympie – R. Chapman

Request to reduce the speed limit on Waddell Road near the industrial area from 80 km/hr. R. Chapman reported speed review has been conducted except for Q Limits. Agreed that subject to Q Limits results speed zones be reduced from 80 km/hr to those as determined.

.03 Speed Camera Sites – P. Webster

A review of potential speed camera sites as identified through accident history was undertaken as follows:-

- Kenilworth Brooloo Road (declared road) - Agreed with police recommendation that no suitable site is available.
- Tin Can Bay Road (declared road) in vicinity of Toolara - Agreed with police recommendation that a suitable site exists near Cooloola Coast Road.
- Gympie Brooloo Road (declared road) vicinity of Riversdale Road - Agreed with police recommendation that several sites exist in this area.

## 7.0 CLOSE – NEXT MEETING

The next Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting is proposed for **1:00 pm Monday 3 March 2008.**

**Pedestrian & Vehicle Count at Pedestrian Crossing  
O'Connell St, Gympie  
Thur 22/02/2007 8:30am - 9:00am & 2:45pm - 3:15pm**

	Time	No. of Vehicles	No. of Pedestrians
<b>AM</b>	8:30 - 8:45	50	9
	8:45 - 9:00	64	9
	<b>TOTAL 1/2 hr AM</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>PM</b>	2:45 - 3:00	48	2
	3:00 - 3:15	77	11
	<b>TOTAL 1/2 hr PM</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>13</b>

**Pedestrian & Vehicle Count at Pedestrian Crossing  
O'Connell St, Gympie  
Thur 29/11/2007 8:30am - 9:00am & 2:45pm - 3:15pm**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>No. of Vehicles</b>	<b>No. of Pedestrians</b>
<b>AM</b>	8:30 - 8:45	54	0
	8:45 - 9:00	55	0
	<b>TOTAL 1/2 hr AM</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PM</b>	2:45 - 3:00	38	0
	3:00 - 3:15	52	7
	<b>TOTAL 1/2 hr PM</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>7</b>

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