



COOLOOLA SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

of the

GENERAL MEETING

CHAIRMAN: Cr M Venardos OAM (Mayor)

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

**On Tuesday, 26th February 2008
at 9.00 am**



Cooloola Shire Council

GENERAL AGENDA

*Mayor MJ Venardos OAM (Chairman),
Crs. CR Chapman OAM, FG Nissen AM, NR Ellis, LJ
Friske, R. Owen, SS Jocumsen, DR Neilson, IT
Petersen, WJ McIntyre, WW Sachs, J Watt and M.
Prior*

APPOINTMENTS etc.

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SECTION 1: OPEN WITH PRAYER

ONE MINUTES SILENCE TO BE OBSERVED FOR DECEASED
COOLOOLA SHIRE RESIDENTS

SECTION 2: APOLOGIES

Cr F. G Nissen AM has been granted Leave of Absence from today's meeting
(Minute G68/01/08 refers)

**SECTION 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING**

(MOTION: That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 19
February 2008 taken as read and confirmed.)

SECTION 4: PETITIONS

**SECTION 5 ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

(MOTION: That the Recommendations of the Administration and
Finance Committee Meeting held on 19 February 2008 as presented, be
received.)

(MOTION: That the Recommendations of the Administration and
Finance Committee Meeting held on 19 February 2008 (as amended), be
adopted.)

**SECTION 6: REPORT BY ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (Cr I Petersen)**

SECTION 7: ADOPTION OF SHIRE GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(MOTION: That the Recommendations of the Shire Growth & Economic Development Committee Meeting held 19 February 2008 as presented, be received.)

(MOTION: That the Recommendations of the Shire Growth & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 19 February 2008 (as amended), be adopted.)

SECTION 8: REPORT BY SHIRE GROWTH & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (Cr J. Watt)

SECTION 9: ENGINEERING MATTERS (R. Fredman)

9/1 Concerns re funding for proposed Bruce Highway/Gympie Bypass

Re: Concerns re funding for proposed Bruce Highway/Gympie Bypass
From: The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Leader of the House, Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600
File: WM04/00064-A / Doc ID 876911
Date: 11 February 2008

Thank you for your letter dated 12 December 2007 concerning funding for the proposed Bruce Highway/Gympie Bypass.

I welcome your congratulatory remarks on my recent appointment to the portfolio and appreciate Council's desire to work with the Australian Government on this important issue.

We have made a substantial commitment to nationally significant transport infrastructure, which will form the basis of the AusLink 2 program from 2009-10 to 2013-14. This includes \$2.2 billion for upgrading of the Bruce Highway,

with \$200 million specifically earmarked for works between Cooroy and Curra.

We will progress the shape of the AusLink 2 program during 2008 through negotiations with the states to develop a jointly funded commitment to progressing major road and rail projects. The route planning study for the Bruce Highway between Cooroy and Curra, which considers a future bypass of Gympie, is expected to be completed shortly. I look forward to considering its findings and discussing the way forward with the Hon Warren Pitt MP, Queensland Minister for Local Government and Main Roads. Until I have had the opportunity to do so, unfortunately I am unable to comment further on the issues raised.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Report: (Director of Engineering – R. Fredman)

Whilst this letter indicated good progress on the new Cooroy to Curra road link, some clarification is needed. It is likely that the \$200m already allocated is for planning and some land purchases. Council is not aware of what has been expended to date on planning and purchases but it is possibly a significant portion of the \$200m. Detailed design is not part of this funding, nor is the balance of land purchases.

At this time there is no commitment from the Federal Government to begin detailed design, and no doubt in the current climate of reduced Federal Government spending there is a risk that it will not be in AusLink 2. Of course the matter is complicated by the proposed Traveston Crossing dam because of its impact on the highway.

Past experience is that a meeting is the most effective way of communicating with Canberra.

Recommendation: (Director of Engineering – R. Fredman)

That Council authorise the Mayor to seek a Deputation with the Hon Anthony Albanese MP Minister for Infrastructure Transport, Regional Development and Local Government to put the case for the Cooroy to Curra road link to be advanced in Auslink 2.

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Vandalism to Rotunda in Memorial Park

Re: Vandalism to Rotunda in Memorial Park
From: Parks and Gardens Superintendent – E. French
File:
Date: 21 February 2008

At the General Meeting of Council held on 19 February 2008, the matter of increased vandalism to the Rotunda in Memorial Park was raised.

Minute G69/02/08 from that Meeting follows:

That Council write to the Queensland Police Service and ask them to supervise our Parks.

Further that concealed security cameras be strategically placed to protect the Band Rotunda in Memorial Park.

Further that Council's security service provider be requested to patrol Council's Rotunda in Memorial Park.

Further that a report from relevant staff be presented to the next General Meeting of Council on the general state of the Memorial Park Rotunda.

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

A late report will be faxed out to all Councillors.

SECTION 10: LATE ITEMS

SECTION 11: GENERAL BUSINESS

SECTION 12: IN COMMITTEE MATTERS