



COOLOOLA SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

of the

**WORKS & SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING**

CHAIRMAN: Cr Larry Friske

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

on Tuesday 4 March 2008 , following the General Meeting.

**for Adoption at the
General Meeting
to be held on the 11th March 2008**



Cooloolo Shire Council

WORKS & SERVICES AGENDA

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

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

APPOINTMENTS etc.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE / APOLOGIES

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY/DELEGATE

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

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

Carried

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

That the Minutes of the Works & Services Committee Meeting held on the 5th February 2008 be taken as read and confirmed.

SECTION 1: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

1/1 Borumba Dam Water Storage

Re: Borumba Dam Water Storage
From: Director of Engineering, Mr R.A. Fredman
File: CG99/00178
Date: 26 February 2008

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

As of the **25 February 2008**, Borumba Dam is at **100%** of its water storage capacity.

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

Recommend that the information be received.

1/2	Speed Limits – Bruce Highway, north of Gympie.
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Re: Speed Limits – Bruce Highway, north of Gympie
From: Mr D G Tennant, District Director, North Coast Hinterland District,
50 River Road, Gympie 4570
File: WR98/00249 Doc Id:877535
Date: 12 February 2008

“The Department of Main Roads has recently received a number of letters from concerned residents in relation to speed limits and safety along the Bruce Highway north of Gympie.

I would like to advise that Main Roads has commenced a detailed investigation in relation to general safety in this area. The investigation will include a review of speed limits.

Main Roads will notify local residents of this action with a letter – box drop this week.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter please contact the department’s Manager (Road Operations), Mr Paul Venz, on 5477 8450.”

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

Further enquiries have been made of the Department of Main Roads in relation to the type of investigation, duration etc. A speed limit review is due approximately April and a wider review of all engineering aspects by mid-year.

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

Recommend that the correspondence be received

1/3	Bruce Highway intersection with Lobwein Road Kybong
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Re: Bruce Highway intersection with Lobwein Road, Kybong
From: John & Cecile Steinberger, Lobwein Road, Kybong
File: WM96/00033 DOC ID 879948
Date: 20 February 2008

We wish to inform you of a very dangerous life threatening situation when turning a vehicle into Lobwein Road off the Bruce highway, especially from the North.

Approaching from the North it often occurs that a vehicle has to stop on the road to give way to North bound traffic. Although there is a short passing lane, it is

still not safe to remain stationary on the highway with cars\trucks\buses etc approaching at 100km/hr. We know of several instances where the passing lane has been blocked by a parked vehicle. In addition, there have been instances where vehicles have overtaken a stationary car (waiting to turn) on its right hand side.

Approaching from the South there is no lane available to safely decelerate prior to turning into Lobwein Road.

The only safe solution is to build a turning island (lane) which would safely contain a stationary South bound vehicle wishing to right turn into Lobwein Road, and a second North bound lane for deceleration and turning left into Lobwein Road.

Every person we have spoken to who has made frequent turns into Lobwein Road, find the turning experience very traumatic and are always very relieved to have successfully made an uneventful turn. Almost most of those persons “set up” their Southbound turn several kilometres before Lobwein Road (on the dual highway) by slowing down to let traffic overtake them, especially semi trailers.

Lobwein Road provides access to around 17 houses, aviation clubs with a combined membership of about 10; flying school students; two commercial business's, one with around 4 employees; a school bus; commercial vehicles e.g. milk tanker, stock feed truck and mail delivery. At least four property owners transport horses to and from their properties and the Gympie Gliding Club members move long glider trailers in and out of the aerodrome on occasions.

Would you kindly notify the relevant Highway authorities in the hope that changes can be made before a fatality occurs.

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

Many similar letters have been received regarding the Bruce Highway/Lobwein Road intersection.

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

Recommend that the matter be referred to the Department of Main Roads and the writers be advised accordingly.

1/4	Petition re Bridge Creek Road, Cedar Pocket – Minute G04/02/07 refers
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Re: G04/02/07 Petition re Bridge Creek Road, Cedar Pocket – Minute G04/02/08 refers
From: Director of Engineering – R.A. Fredman
File: WR06/00679 (DOC ID 876096)
Date: 26 February 2008

MINUTE G04/02/08 OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2008 RECOMMENDED THAT THE PETITION BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT TO A FUTURE WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING.

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

Bridge Creek Road is a low traffic volume gravel road in Cedar Pocket. It is for Council to determine the priorities for bitumen sealing such roads based on the comparative benefits of sealing each road. Factors which may be considered include:

- Safety considerations
- Traffic volume
- Resident population.
- Status of road eg through road
- Level of commercial activity
- Deterioration rate
- Cost.

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

Recommend that Council refer to the Director of Engineering to include in the list of road upgrading requests for the Gympie Regional Council to consider.

1/5	Bitumen surfacing – Window Road
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Re: Bitumen surfacing – Window Road
From: Loretta J Mills
File: WR/00712 DOC ID 843919
Date: 15 October 2007

On behalf of the residents of Window Road, I would like to request that Council consider the bitumen surfacing of Window Road.

This road is only 600 metres long and services 11 rate paying properties.

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

Prioritisation for the limited road upgrading funds available is a matter for Council.

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

Recommend that Council refer to the Director of Engineering to include in the list of road upgrading requests for the Gympie Regional Council to consider.

1/6	Exhibition Road Traffic Signals
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Re: Exhibition Road Traffic Signals
From: Mr D G Tennant, District Director, North Coast Hinterland District,
50 River Road, Gympie 4570
File: WR97/00207 DOC ID 878103
Date: 7 February 2008

Thank you for your letter of 30 November 2007 on behalf of Mr James Laffey, requesting the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Ramsey and Exhibition Road.

The Department of Main Roads maintains an intersection priority list that ranks intersections on the basis of historical crash costs. Crash costs are calculated from crash data recorded over a five-year period and the list is updated annually.

Main Roads uses this list to allocate funding to improve intersection on a priority basis. Congestion and delays at the intersection are also monitored and ranked accordingly.

A crash review shows there has been only one reported crash at this intersection in the past five years. This was a single vehicle crash and the contributing circumstances were attributed to excessive speed and driving with undue care and attention.

Although Main Roads will continue to review this intersection on an annual basis taking into account any changed conditions at the site, it currently does not rank highly on the basis of crash cost or congestion.

However, I can advise that a development application has been lodged with Main Roads for the construction of a shopping centre behind the Jockey Club Hotel. Part of the Conditions of Approval for this application will require the applicants to install traffic signals at the intersection of Ramsey and Exhibition Road.

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

This is a fairly standard reply.

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

Recommend that the correspondence be received.

1/7	Vulnerability of Inskip Point to Erosion – Minute W21/02/08 refers
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Re: W21/02/08 Vulnerability of Inskip Point to Erosion – Minute W21/02/08 refers
From: Director of Engineering – R.A. Fredman
File: PG94/00020
Date: 26 February 20008

COUNCIL HAS SOUGHT A REPORT ON THE VULNERABILITY OF INSKIP POINT TO EROSION.

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

The “weak link” at Inskip Point is the access road where it passes through a narrow strip of land known as The Oaks. At this location there is insufficient width of solid land to withstand severe seas with any certainty. It appears that approximately 6 metres of land was lost recently, leaving approximately 50 metres to the edge of the road. The road would have to be closed well before a big sea reached the edge due to the speed at which sand embankments can be eroded.

The Engineer and his staff have been monitoring the stability of The Oaks since the Christmas cyclone warning.

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

Recommend that the matter be referred to the Engineer to continue to monitor erosion at The Oaks and report back to Council when necessary.

SECTION 2: DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING - GENERAL BUSINESS**SECTION 3: DESIGN DEPARTMENT****3/1 Tin Can Bay Road - Minute G56/08/07 refers**

Re: Tin Can Bay Road - Minute G56/08/07 Refers
From: Design Department
File: WM94/00002
Date: 27 February 2008

MINUTE G56/08/07 RECOMMENDED THAT THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING PREPARE A REPORT ON A PROGRAM TO UPGRADE TIN CAN BAY ROAD WITHIN TIN CAN BAY TO PROVIDE AN ENHANCED ENVIRONMENT FOR BICYCLES AND PEDESTRIANS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE NARROW SECTION BETWEEN DOLPHIN AVENUE AND OYSTER PARADE.

THIS REPORT IS ALSO TO PROVIDE OPTIONS TO COMPENSATE FOR ANY LOSS OF ROADSIDE CAR PARKING.

THAT THIS BE REFERRED TO A FUTURE WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING.

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

INTRODUCTION

This report relates only to the section of Tin Can Bay Road (Gympie Road) carriageway between Dolphin Avenue and Oyster Parade as cyclists should be able to use the combined cycle/pedestrian path to Cooloola Cove and the service road and existing paths back to Dolphin Avenue. There are other possible alternatives to the use of the carriageway where wide footpath verges occur.

The design of bicycle ways is covered by Part 14 of AustRoads. As Tin Can Bay Road is a declared road any cycleways on the carriageway will require the Department's approval.

CYCLEWAY/PEDESTRIAN PATHS

There are three sub sections discussed below that form this section:-

Sub Section 1 – Dolphin Avenue – King Street

- Loss of car parks – 41 approx.
- Indicative cost to provide alternative carparks in proposed Groper Street carpark, \$205,000 plus land purchase costs.

Sub Section 2- King Street to Bream Street

- Loss of car parks – 29 approx.
- Indicative cost to provide alternative car parking at say RSL/Library area \$145,000 plus land costs.

Sub Section 3 – Bream Street to Oyster Parade

- Loss of carparks – 76 approx.
- Indicative cost to provide alternative car parking at say foreshore \$380,000 plus land costs.
- Exclusive use of bikeways on road reserve is not warranted until 3,000 vpd whereas only 2,200 vpd in 2006.
- Width required each side is 1.5 metres which deletes all parking where currently available.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Recommend that the report be received and refer to the Department of Main Roads for comment on the proposal.

3/2

Access to Vacant Lots in Selwyn Street, Imbil

Re: Access to Vacant Lots in Selwyn Street, Imbil
From: Mrs Sandra Carter, 16 View Street Woody Point 4019
File: WG94/00092 Doc Id: 873129
Date: 6 February 2008

“Can you please give me legal and practical access to my land from William Street to Selwyn Street across the old railway track, so I can get independent quotes to build the road to Council standards.”

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

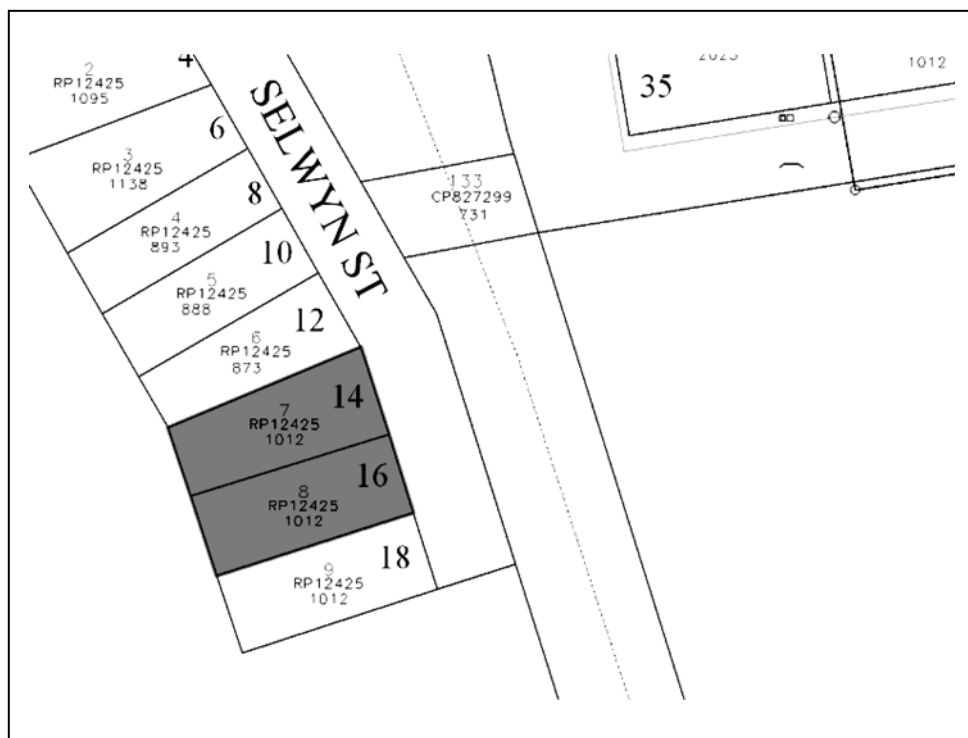
Selwyn Street, Imbil is a gazetted road reserve leading from Elizabeth Street to a number of Vacant Lots. The Roadway has never been constructed due to the excessive (30%) grade from Elizabeth Street. In recent times Council has received requests to consider the construction of access to these lots via William Street and over the now disused railway. A new lot has been created

over part of the old railway reserve to allow for access at this location (see attached site plan). Preliminary investigations indicate that this may indeed be physically possible.

Sandra Carter, who owns two of the blocks has previously asked Council for a quotation to construct a road to her properties. She was provided with indicative estimates of cost as a full survey has not been conducted. Her latest request is for permission from Council to engage private contractors to construct an access. Should Council consider this request, any design and construction should be to Council's minimum standard and subject to a Development Application.

Permission to cross the disused railway would have to be obtained from Mary Valley Heritage Rail.

The road opening process will provide the Mary Valley Heritage Rail an opportunity to raise any concerns.



Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Recommend that Council offer no objection to opening the parcel of land described as Lot 133 on CP 827299 as Road Reserve at no cost to Council and advise the writer accordingly as per the contents of the report.

Further advise MVHR of this action for their information.

3/3	Discovery Drive Drainage – Job Number 4210510
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Re: Discovery Drive Drainage – Job Number 4210510
From: Design Department
File: WW94/00003
Date: 6 February 2008

Report: (Design Department Draftsman – D.E. Guy)

A sum of \$30,000 based on a preliminary estimate was approved for new drainage works at this location. Following detailed survey and design, the estimated cost has now increased to \$41,000. It would be beneficial to include improvements to existing drainage in the vicinity while works are in progress. Estimated cost of the additional work is \$7,500. Total extra required is \$18,500.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Recommend that Council authorise an increased budget allocation of \$18,500 to Job Number 4210510 leaving the 2007/08 unallocated balance at Cooloola Cove at \$41,500.

3/4	Street Lighting Estimate of Cost for Yabba Creek Road at Imbil – Minute W23/12/07 refers
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Re: W23/12/07 Street Lighting Estimate of Cost for Yabba Creek Road at Imbil – Minute W23/12/07 refers
From: Design Department
File: WG07/00206
Date: 19 February 2008

MINUTE W23/12/07 RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL ENGAGE ENERGEX TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE DESIGN, MANUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION OF A STREET LIGHT ON A POLE

ON THE NORTH SIDE OF YABBA CREEK ROAD, ADJACENT TO ALICE STREET, WITH A PREFERENCE OF A S150 AEROSCREEN.

FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL INSTRUCT ENERGEX TO REPLACE THE STREET LIGHT ON POLE NO. 76744 FROM A M125 TO A S150 AEROSCREEN.

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

With reference to Council's Works and Service Committee Meeting W23/12/07, Energex has provided an Estimate of Cost of \$2,853.40 for a new pole and street light (S150 aeroscreen) in Yabba Creek Road, adjacent to Alice Street, Imbil.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Recommend that Council accept the Estimate of Cost of \$2,853.40 from Energex for a new pole and street light (S150 aeroscreen) in Yabba Creek Road, adjacent to Alice Street, Imbil and instruct Energex to proceed with the installation, funding of \$3,000 to be provided from Division 4 Capital Works 2007/08, by reducing Imbil drainage project to \$147,000.

3/5

Proposed Resumption to Council Owned Land – Corner of Bruce Highway and Monkland Street

Re: Proposed Resumption to Council Owned Land – Corner of Bruce Highway and Monkland Street

From: Mr M H MacDonald, Department of Main Roads, GPO Box 1412
Brisbane Queensland 4570

File: WM07/00065-A Doc Id: 878747

Date: 15 February 2008

"I refer to the resumption of about 1553 square metres from Council property described as Lot 1 on Crown Plan G147161, and about 32.14 square metres from Council property described as Lot 2 on RP73963, both Parish of Gympie, as shown approximately on resumption plan R2 – 1042AL.

Further to my letter dated 4 February 2008, in connection with your claim for compensation, I advise that the independent assessment of compensation in this case has now been made based on values as the date of the Taking of Land Notice (No. 1280), namely 31 August 2007.

I advise that the State of Queensland (represented by Department of Main Roads, while not accepting any particular nature or apportionment of your

claim for compensation, accepts the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), under all heads in full and final settlement of all claims.

Acceptance of the above amount is made on the basis that :-

- a) In accordance with a private ruling by the Australian Taxation Office on 18 August 2004, the taking of this land does not involve a supply and does not attract GST. As there is no taxable supply, an input tax credit is not available. Accordingly, a tax invoice is not supplied and GST has not been included in the overall compensation package.*
- b) No access from your balance area direct to or from Bruce Highway or Monkland Street is allowed or provided for.*
- c) As no existing property boundary fencing was affected by this resumption, the matter of department liability for erection of fencing on the new property boundary does not arise.*
- d) The Department of Main Roads will bear all costs incurred by the Crown in connection with survey of the new property boundary and subsequent correction of titles to the status existing at the date of resumption.*

With a view to payment of the above amount, I enclose a voucher and Indemnity form. Please sign and date the voucher and the Indemnity form, as indicated to allow payment of the compensation amount.

Following receipt of the completed voucher and Indemnity, financial approval will be obtained and the agreed compensation will be paid on the basis that correction of titles will follow in due course after completion of the real property surveys.

Please return the duly signed originals of the voucher and Indemnity form to allow payment of the agreed compensation amount.

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

This matter was first put to Council in July 2007 with reference to Minute W13/07/07.

The compensation offered matches the valuation made by the valuer engaged by Council to assess the value of the land lost.

The compensation offer however does not permit access to the land from the Bruce Highway or Monkland Street.

At the time of initial discussions it was proposed that any resulting compensation should be put towards upgrading the Barter Street, Jaycee Way, Monkland Street intersection.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Recommend that Council accept the offer and authorise completion of the compensation acceptance.

Further that the funds received be put towards funding of Monkland Street and Jaycee Way works associated with the Bruce Highway upgrades.

3/6

Rainbow Beach Amenities Building – Minute W21/02/08 refers

Re: W21/02/08 Rainbow Beach Amenities Building – Minute W21/02/08 refers
From: Design Department
File: CG96/00110
Date: 26 March 2008

MINUTE W21/02/08 RECOMMENDED 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.

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

The resolution (and beach erosion) is somewhat timely as staff from various departments have had concerns about the long term planning of the bathing area at Rainbow Beach. There are many issues relating to safety of bathers particularly small excited children mixing with a range of four wheel drivers of varying abilities around the amenities building and the car park itself. Cr Prior also asked that the location of the lifesaver's tower be reviewed.

It is considered that a draft master plan of the Rainbow Beach Bathing area be prepared in consultation with the Rainbow Beach Life Savers for presentation back to Council for consideration prior to public consultation. Planning Department already has funding for such a foreshore plan to be developed.

In the interim as documents are almost complete for the Nelson Reserve Amenities Building, tenders be called for that building as a stand alone project. This may even assist both projects financially as by calling together may have had adverse cost issues for Gympie/Coast contractors.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Recommend that staff from Planning, Parks and Design areas prepare a master plan for the Rainbow Beach Bathing area in consultation with representatives from the Rainbow Beach Surf Life Saving Club for presentation to Council prior to seeking public comment.

Further, that Council call tenders for the Nelson Reserve Amenities Building as a stand alone project.

3/7	Pedestrian Crossing at Gympie General Hospital - Minutes W18/10/07 & G66/02/08 refers
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Re: W18/10/07 & G66/02/08 Pedestrian Crossing at Gympie General Hospital. Minutes W18/10/07 and G66/02/08 refers
From: Design Department
File: WR07/00719
Date: 25 February 2008

MINUTE W18/10/07 RECOMMENDED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO IMPLEMENT THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS.

MINUTE G66/02/08 RECOMMENDED THAT THE MATTER OF A CROSSING FROM THE GYMPIE GENERAL HOSPITAL CARPARK TO THE HOSPITAL BE REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND DESIGN DEPARTMENT MANAGER TO REPORT TO THE NEXT WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 4 MARCH 2008.

THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS TABLED AT THE OCTOBER WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING WITH REFERENCE TO W18/10/07:-

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Staff has had various discussions with Hospital staff over recent times with regard to traffic related issues around the Gympie Hospital. These discussions have been prompted by requests from the hospital, local member and councillors.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: New guide lines on pedestrian crossings have been introduced in the MUTCD. Staff are to attend a training workshop in October on how to make the assessments which are now quite complex. The Henry Street crossing will be assessed accordingly. Regardless, this area requires a short section of AC overlay to improve rideability for the medivac cart.

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Staff have now assessed the need for a pedestrian crossing on Henry Street according to the new criteria. A raised hump crossing for pedestrians can be installed which would also act as a much smoother passage for the medivac cart. Estimated cost of the works which may require upgraded street lighting is \$26,000.

The only disadvantage to this installation is the deterrent effect on traffic to use this route which has been identified in the 1996 Gympie Traffic Study as a future bypass route around the CBD area. In the longer term future as this traffic need becomes more evident, a pedestrian overpass will be required but this should not be a Council responsibility to provide.

The project could be funded by deleting Job No 4210803 (Removal of Central School Traffic Signals) for \$11,000 with the balance from unallocated contributions from Gympie North area.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Recommend that Council agree to install a raised hump pedestrian crossing in Henry Street at an estimated cost of \$26,000 funded as per the above report.

3/8

Traffic Hazard on Eel Creek Road – Minute G72/02/08 refers

Re: G72/02/08 Traffic Hazard on Eel Creek Road - Minute G72/02/08 refers
From: Design Department
File: WG94/00053
Date: 26 February 2008

MINUTE G72/02/08 RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL REQUEST THE DESIGN DEPARTMENT MANAGER TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER OF FLOOD LIGHTING FROM THE GYMPIE SHOW GROUNDS CREATING A TRAFFIC HAZARD FOR MOTORISTS ON EEL CREEK ROAD, AND TO IDENTIFY ANY POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

An inspection of the issue indicated there are flood lights on one pole for the main show ring that do appear over the top of the main grandstand roof. Whilst they are not in any way "blinding" they could cause a focussing problem for some drivers.

It appears as though these lights are less focussed on the main ring and are being used to direct lighting over a wide area. If they were more focussed down wards to the ring the problem could be reduced. Alternatively, an appropriate tree could be grown to diffuse the light but this would take many years to grow. A barrier board on top of the roof is not practical.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Recommend that the Design Department discuss with the Show Society the option to focus the offending lights to a more downward direction.

3/9	Stormwater Drainage Issues
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Re: Stormwater Drainage Issues
From: Matt McIntyre & Margie Taiapa, Seawitch Crescent, Cooloola Cove
File: WW94/0003 DOC ID: 878716
Date: 13 February 2008

“We wish to bring to your attention several issues regarding the above property.

After short periods of heavy rain (approx 15 mins) the culvert and drain in our left hand side boundary are inadequate to cope with water volume.

High water volumes flowing into this drain from above properties is causing lower volumes of runoff water from the road to back up.

As a direct result of this, water is then flowing over the top of the kerb and causing the washout of our driveway and escalating erosion problems etc.

Water is breaching the kerb for more than 100 metres and obviously affecting several other neighbouring properties also,

We also have concerns regarding young children in the neighbourhood who could easily be swept off their feet by this torrent of water.

As we have limited time frame to complete building work and development of this property we would appreciate an assessment, report and rectification of this problem as soon as possible.

Attached photos taken on Saturday 9/2/08 should be assistance to clarify the problem.”

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Seawitch Crescent is a relatively long flat street running parallel to the natural contours of the land which results in slowed down runoff to enter the gully pits in the street which have been significantly increased in recent years.

The matters raised in this correspondence are under investigation as to the most cost effective ways to prevent overflows of the kerb at locations other than defined overland flow paths.

The storm that caused this runoff was believed to be quite a significant localised short term event.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Recommend that the matter be referred to Design Department for further investigations to negate the problems experienced and to prioritise on the Cooloola Cove stormwater drainage Program.

Further the writers be advised that Design Department staff will discuss the situation with them to gain a thorough understanding of the events that occurred.

3/10

Hooning In and Around the Five Ways Precinct

Re: Hooning In and Around the Five Ways Precinct
From: Raymond S Matthews, 9 Calton Hill, Gympie 4570
File: WM99/00048 DOC ID 878442
Date: 27 February 2008

"I write to you in a bid that maybe you can get results, that previously I have had little to no satisfaction with Council's response to my request.

Again last night there was yet another vehicle accident at the 5 Ways Roundabout, and speed was the obvious contributor, both parties involved were younger than 25 years old. The police were present to try and sort out a cure for what may have been prevented.

Just last week I gave witness to police, of a young driver drifting his blue VH Commodore around 5 Ways and nearly hitting a female pedestrian who was unable to get out of his way, during the busier part of the day.

These are just a couple of incidents that I have witnessed that are part of many more, similar to the "Idiot Driver" pictured in this weeks Gympie Life newspaper. The one of a 4WD towing another vehicle on a trailer (van) that had been insecure, came off the trailer and run up the backside of the vehicle

that was towing it. What you didn't see in that picture was that prior to this another vehicle doing the same thing (toeing a trailer with another van upon it). Both of these vehicles (toeing) speeding down Calton Hill, the first one was able to stop at the pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Calton Hill, the other had the option of either running up the first cars rear (which it didn't) or running up the footpath (near taxi rank) outside Mission Australia Employment Agency, which it did with all brakes locked on and in an out of control situation. Definitely another case of speeding that was also attended by Gympie Police.

I reiterate again speeding must be calmed, and in that, prevention is better than cure! Only the Council can achieve this by the installation of traffic calming and or the introduction of CCTV (closed circuit) that if installed in the town hall clock tower could easily monitor traffic movement at 5 Ways, and if needed be witness for police as to the prosecution of culprits breaking the law in our most valued heritage precinct.

We have all witnessed at one time or another out of towners refering to Gympie and its residents as Redneck's, Two Headed, Gymps and Hell Town or The Hole in the Wall (where all the outlaws hide to get away from the Sheriff.) This image of Gympie must improve and it all starts with what people see when they visit the center of town."

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

The matter raised by the writer are of concern to all law abiding citizens. Council can only place these issues before the law enforcement agencies.

Previous investigations into CCTV surveillance in use by other Councils have shown that these systems are expensive to install and operate and not always effective.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Recommend the matter be referred to Superintendent of Gympie Police District.

3/11	Parking near Pedestrian Crossing near Wisers Road - Minute G69/09/07 refers
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Re: G69/09/07 Parking near Pedestrian Crossing near Wisers Road - Minute G69/09/07 refers
From: Design Department
File: 410/16-W10
Date: 26 February 2008

MINUTE G69/09/07 RECOMMENDED THAT THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING CONTACT THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION EXPRESSING THE PUBLICS CONCERNS ABOUT THE PARKING IN THE “NO STANDING ANY TIME” ZONES NEAR THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING NEAR WISES ROAD.

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

The existing grass car park behind the post and rail fence could be widened to make it wide enough for two rows of nose in parking with central aisle. This would also push the fence further onto the road area making parking less attractive. Unfortunately, some grevillea trees will need to be removed in the process. Estimated cost of these works is \$4,000. The Parks Manager would prefer to replace the post and rail fence with closer spaced posts for ease of maintenance.

Even though this area is within the leased area to One Mile Sports Association, it is Council land and as to whose responsibility it is to carry out these worthwhile works is probably immaterial in the interests of the young people at risk in the area.

If this does not fix the problem a barrier kerb could be installed along the frontage at an estimated cost of \$5,000.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Recommend the matter be referred to the Parks & Gardens Superintendent to arrange relocation of post and log rail fence including removal of grevillea trees as necessary.

3/12

Road Dedication Agreement – Kenman Road

Re: Road Dedication Agreement – Kenman Road
From: N and MI Giannini
File: WR96/00163
Date: 24 January 2008

Report: (Cadet Draftsperson – L. Watson)

As part of the 2007/2008 Road Upgrading Program for Kenman Road, it has been identified that Council requires approximately 89m² of Mr and Mrs Giannini’s property be opened as road reserve for reconstruction of the road. In November 2007, Council Officers approached the land owners with a road dedication agreement, in which Council stated it would compensate the

Giannini's. The value of compensation was based on Council's policy for such. At the time the Giannini's signed and agreed to all conditions within the agreement. Subsequently, the design for the Kenman Road reconstruction was completed. Recently, Mr Giannini approached Council stating he wished to terminate the previous agreement and wanted to renegotiate the amount of compensation payable.

Recommendation: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

Recommend that the matter be referred to the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Engineering to negotiate a settlement with the property owners.

3/13	Regulatory Signs Report
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Re: Regulatory Signs Report
 From: Design Department
 File: WG97/00128
 Date: 27 February 2008

Report: (Design Department Manager - R. Chapman)

LOCATION	ISSUE / FROM	RECOMMENDATION / BY
* Gympie Road Intersection with Bream Street (east) Tin Can Bay.	* Sight distance to north restricted by vehicles parked outside Service Station. * <i>P Brander 6/34 Toolara Road, Tin Can Bay</i>	* Reinstate No Stopping zone back to old driveway slab. * <i>R. Chapman</i>

SECTION 4: DESIGN DEPARTMENT - GENERAL BUSINESS
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SECTION 5: WORKS DEPARTMENT (ROADS/ DRAINAGE/PLANT)
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5/1 Construction Programme

Re: Construction Programme
From: Works Department Manager, G.C. Ingham
File: FF94/00018
Date: 26 February 2008

Report: (Works Department Manager – Mr G Ingham)

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

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

5/2

Job Construction Report

Re: Job Construction Report
From: Works Department Manager, Mr G.C. Ingham
File: FF94/00018
Date: 26 February 2008

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

All construction jobs have had some delays due to wet weather over the past month.

2007/08 RESEAL PROGRAM \$725,000

Job has been assessed and measured.

The resealing programme has commenced.

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.

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 March 2008 and Stage 2 April 2008. Work programme delayed by approximately 2 weeks due to inclement weather.

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, manhole and headwalls, construction pram ramps, and concrete footpath, erecting signage and painting linemarking.

First stage removal of 4 large Pine trees completed 7 January 2008. Project progressing well and due for completion March 2008.

2007/2008 OVERLAY PROJECTS

Apollonian Vale, Graham Street and Mount Pleasant Road overlays did start in January 2008. A start was made on Graham Street but work has been delayed by prioritising rain affected road pavements. Work will resume this month.

COOLOOLA COVE DRAINAGE ASSET RENEWAL

Cooloola Cove drainage works has commenced. An extensive stormwater upgrade programme should be completed by April 2008.

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

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

5/3

Monthly Rural Maintenance Report

Re: Monthly Rural Maintenance Report
From: Works Department Manager – G. Ingham.
File: WR94/00018
Date: 20 February 2008

Report: (Works Department Manager – G. Ingham)

Overview:

The last months weather pattern greatly impacted on the maintenance program. Due to the constant wet weather councils activities have been severely affected with only minimal working days available. Due to wet weather erosion of roads much of our maintenance has been reactive in nature with substantial cold mix patching and unsealed road gravel patching. This reactive work has impacted upon the planned works program.

An associated issue with the wet and severe weather conditions has been the impact of erosion on coastal areas. Emergent work has flowed from these conditions.

Works Summary:

Road Maintenance Grading completed for month is as follows:

- Noosa Road (Patch Grade)
- Madill Road
- Noakes Road
- Tandur Road
- Kandanga Creek Road (Patch Grade and Gravel)
- Fitzpatrick Road
- Drummond Drive
- Happy Valley Road (Patch Grade)
- Amamoor Creek Road (Patch Grade)

Programmed Maintenance Grading for coming month, subject to weather conditions, on the following roads:

- Parkyn Road
- Hill Road
- Hutchins Road
- Langshaw Area
- Stewart Road
- Window Road
- Hooper Road
- Lobwein Road

Drainage Repairs carried out on the following roads.

- Hansen Road
- Tinana Road
- Stephan Road
- Nall Road
- Lehman Road

Tractor Slashing carried out in the following areas.

- Chatsworth area
- Widgee Crossing Fisherman Pocket area
- North deep Creek area
- Noosa Road area
- Old Maryborough Road area
- Traveston area
- Coles Creek area
- Woondoom area
- Eel Creek area
- Mooloo area

- Palm area
- Dawn area
- Rocks road area
- McIntosh Creek area

Bridge Works carried out:

- Walkers Bridge (Major Construction) completed
- Our Bridge Crew is currently working at Kilkivan undertaking emergent bridge works.

At the time of writing bridge maintenance has been programmed for:

- Completion of bridgeworks Kilkivan
- Spring Valley Road Bridge

Sealed road pavement repairs completed and more pending on the following roads:

- Traveston Crossing Road.
- Duke Street
- Groundwater Road
- Sandy Creek Road
- Australia Drive
- Sorensen Road

Conclusions:

With continuing wet weather forecast for the coming month work program will focus on pavement failures, vegetation management of road verges, continual pothole maintenance and as much routine grading, as weather permits, to optimise use of pavement moisture levels.

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

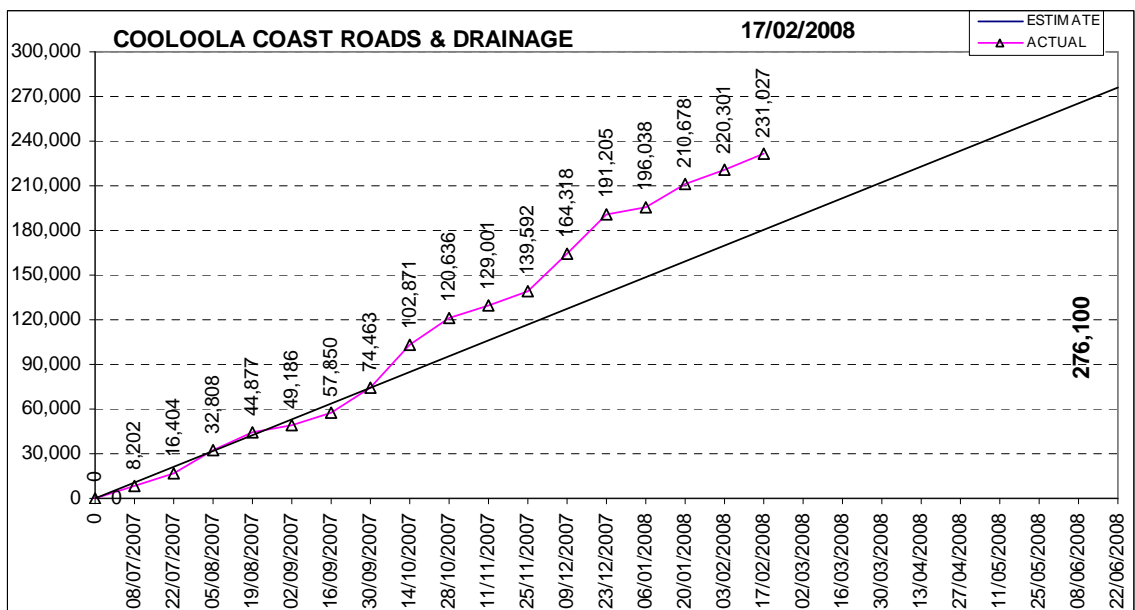
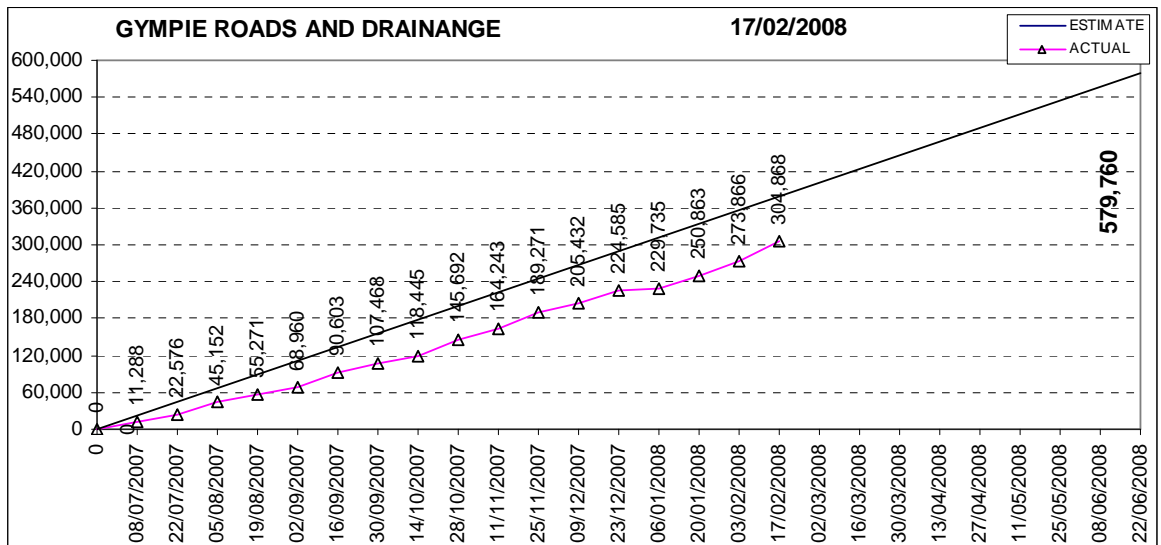
Recommend that the report be received.

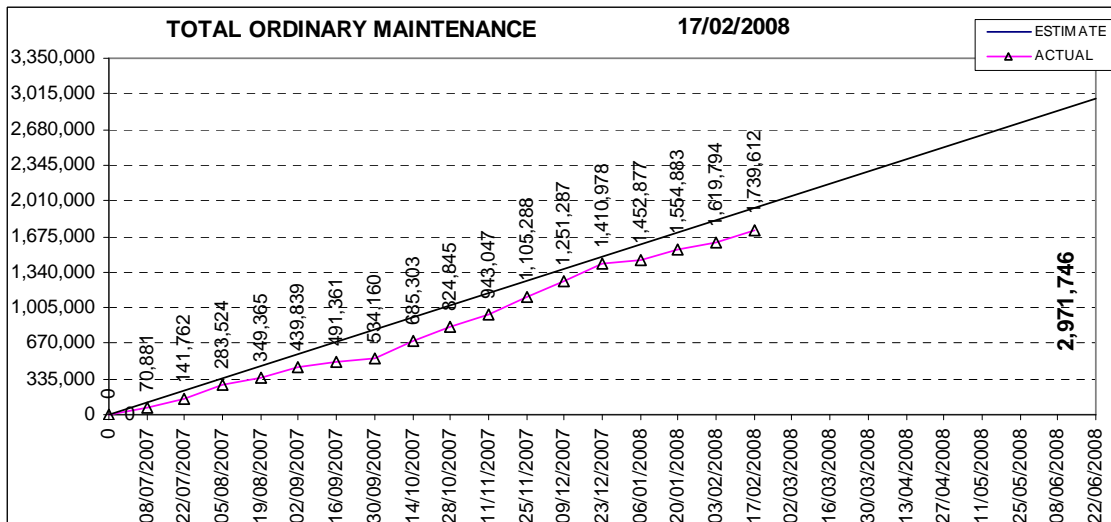
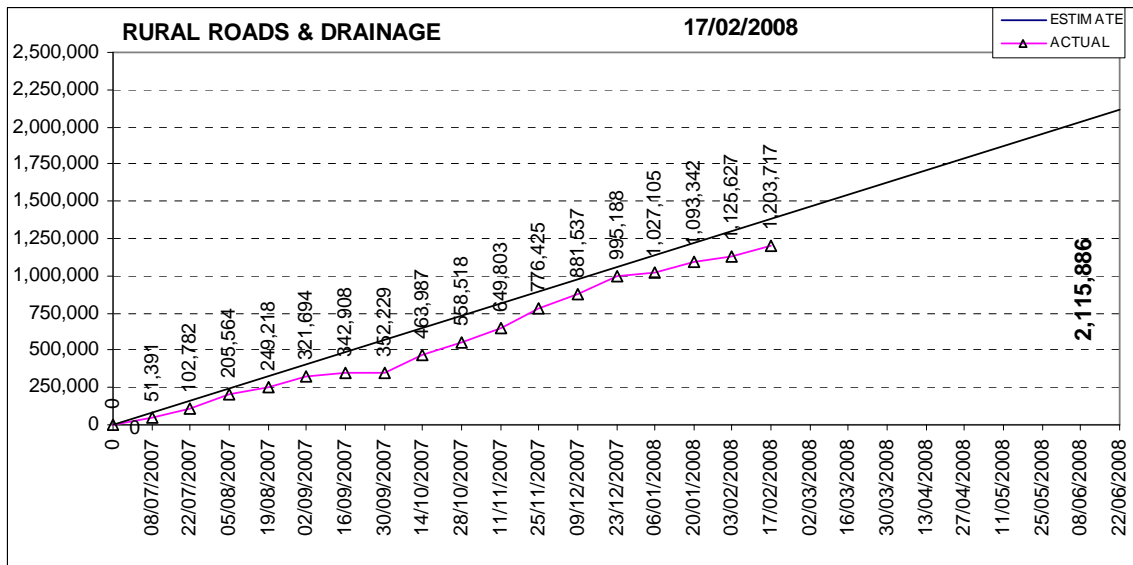
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Works Department Maintenance Reports

Re: Works Department Maintenance Reports
From: Works Department Manager, Mr G Ingham
File: WR94/00018
Date: 26 February 2008

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





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

Significant drainage maintenance work has been undertaken in the Cooloola Cove area since December 2007 as can be seen on the expenditure graph. Where weather allows, this work is being treated as a priority and it is expected the program will be completed by March 2008.

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

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

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

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

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

5/6	Unit 280 – 3t Roller
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Re: Unit 280 – 3t Roller
From: Works Department Manager, Mr G.C. Ingham
File: WP95/00005B
Date: 25 February 2008

Report: (Fleet Manager – P. Stevenson)

A request for Quotation was called and closed on 31 January 2008 for the supply of a 3 tonne twin drum vibrating roller, as a replacement for the existing 3 tonne twin vibrating drum roller Unit 280.

The road repair crews and supervisors requested that the replacement machine have a broader range of capabilities including higher quality finish when working with Asphalt. The Request for Quotations was amended to the supply of a 3 tonne combination roller i.e. front vibrating drum with multi tyred configuration rear. All suppliers were notified of this change.

Several companies submitted Quotations and trade offers, there was one private purchase offer as listed:

Make	Model	Supplier / Purchaser	Operating weight	Price Inc GST	Trade / Purchase offer Inc GST	Change Over Price Inc GST
Caterpillar	CB335E	Hastings Deering	3,670 Kg	\$65,560	\$16,500	\$49,060
Ammann	AV 32-2K	Conplant	2,800 Kg	\$53,763	\$9,350	\$44,413
Bomag	BW120AC-4C	BT Equipment	2,400 Kg	\$61,710	\$10,000	\$51,700
Ingersoll Rand	CR 30C	Clark Equipment	2,932 Kg	\$51,600	No trade	\$51,600
Dynapac	CC142C	Dynapac	3,750 Kg	\$74,360	\$8,800	\$65,560
		Mick Morrison			\$5,500	

Based on the analysis of machine specification the best value for Council, the Caterpillar and Ammann machines were selected and trialled in the Gympie region by the road repair crew and supervisor (Adam Whitfield).

Each machine completed the tasks as required with the operator feedback detailed below.

Ammann

1. No park brake as standard – this can be installed at extra cost
2. Operator access good seat sides sideways for better view of road surface
3. drum width 1200mm
4. Rear tyres had large gaps leave ridges in work surface
5. Exhaust outlet facing rearward toward the driver could cause fume issues in some conditions
6. Drum wiper adjustment in manual
7. Tie down points difficult to access
8. Water tanks are plastic and in prominent positions risk of damage high

Caterpillar

1. Park brake standard
2. Easier to board and included 3 contact points - operator area has more room
3. Drum width 1300mm
4. Rear tyre gap very small – larger gap between inside tyres easily covered in next pass
5. Exhaust facing away from operator
6. Drum wiper automatic
7. Tie down points easily accessible
8. Daily checks easy to complete

The Caterpillar performs the tasks better than the Ammann in this instance, the drum width and rear tyre gap produce a superior finish

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

Purchase Caterpillar CB335E combination roller from Hastings Deering and accept the Hastings Deering trade offer:

1. Total machine \$59,600 exc GST (\$65,560 inc GST)
2. Trade offer of \$15,000 exc GST (\$16500 inc GST)
3. Total Change Over cost \$44,600 exc GST (\$49,060 inc GST)

5/7

Engineering Services Workgroup – Progress Report

Re: Engineering Services Workgroup – Progress Report
From: Works Department Manager – G.C. Ingham
File: WG04/00187 xref AG07/01011
Date: 26 February 2008

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

The purpose of this report is to inform the committee of progress in the Engineering Services Workgroup (ESW) for the Gympie Regional Council.

The ESW was one of a number of workgroups set up to facilitate the effective amalgamation of the 3 shires to make up the new Gympie Regional Council. Basic infrastructure, construction and maintenance is a significant part of Council business and therefore it is important that come mid March 2008, operations can continue with little or no disruptions.

The workgroup which meets weekly, consists of engineering staff from Cooloola, Tiaro and Kilkivan Shires and is chaired by the Director of Engineering Services, to date a number of milestones have been achieved:

- Assessment of resources and plant requirements for additional works areas in particular Division 3 Tiaro
- Implementation of plant purchasing (see previous LTC reports)
- Development of Gympie Regional Road Directory and register
- Development of Capital and Maintenance funding levels for roads
- Road and public signage
- Development of staff structures
- Communication lines established.

It is intended that at least the current level of service in all areas will be continued come March 2008.

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

Recommend that the report be received.

SECTION 6: WORKS DEPARTMENT - GENERAL BUSINESS

SECTION 7: WORKS DEPARTMENT - LAND PROTECTION

7/1 Land Protection Monthly Report

Re: Land Protection Monthly Report
From: Lands Protection Officer, Mr T. Huckstepp
File: WG94/00077
Date: 26 February 2008

Report: (Lands Protection Superintendent – Mr Troy Huckstepp)

Spraying ongoing on shire roads as follows:

All of the Main Roads in the shire have been treated for weeds and tree regrowth. Efforts are now being focussed on shire roads for Rats Tail Grasses, Parthenium and Groundsel. All roads included in the reseal program have been sprayed as well as the Monkland Crusher and Roadcraft sites.

Noxious Weeds Issues:

\$30,000 has been received from the Burnett Mary Regional Group (BMRG) to establish the Salvinia Bio-control breeding facility at the Gympie Landcare site on Groves Road. Work should commence within the next couple of months, with the first lot of control agents planned to be released in October/November of this year.

Parthenium is thriving in the warm conditions, the majority of affected landholders are fulfilling their obligations and controlling the infestations. Further surveys and inspections will be conducted to ensure current control measures are maintained.

The infestation of Hymenachne in Amamoor Creek appears to be under control. A recent inspection of the Creek has showed that very little Hymenachne has regrown since the initial joint treatment. A complete survey (possibly by canoe) is proposed within the next couple of months, while there is a flow in the Creek.

Giant Rat-Tail Grasses (*Sporobolus pyramidalis* and *Sporobolus natalensis*) have become a major problem throughout the shire. Good rain and warm weather have encouraged these grasses to grow and set seed rapidly. The Land Protection Unit is working with numerous landowners in assisting them manage their infestations. The Land Protection Unit has also employed external contractors to assist in covering the roadside infestations quicker.

Wild Dog Issues:

The Land Protection Unit has been using the infrared cameras that were purchased under a BMRG funding grant. The cameras have been producing positive results and will help landowners target their control efforts.

After recent wild dog attacks and sightings in the Chatsworth area, the Landowners concerned have attending a meeting with officers from the Land Protection Unit and they have been advised that it is the responsibility of the Landowner but the Land Protection Unit will assist where possible. This assistance could be in the form of lending traps and advice,



A small pack of wild dogs in the Melawondi/Imbil area

Feral Pig Issues:

More bounty payments have been made, taking the total for this financial year to 86, (150 were allocated for the trial). Some positive data is being collected and will be scrutinised in the coming months. This information will assist in the targeting of feral pigs in future baiting and trapping programs.

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

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

SECTION 8: WORKS DEPARTMENT - LAND PROTECTION - GENERAL BUSINESS

SECTION 9: WORKS DEPARTMENT - PARKS & GARDENS
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9/1 Parks & Gardens Monthly Report
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Re: Parks & Gardens Monthly Report
From: Parks & Gardens Superintendent, Mr E. French
File: EP94/00008
Date: 26 February 2008

Report (Parks & Gardens Superintendent – E. French)

Further works were undertaken by Staff and contractors in Calton Terrace Park prior to the opening of the Gympie Miners Memorial Wall. Limited landscaping and ongoing sandstone wall renovations will occur over the next three months.

A representative of the Rotary Club of Gympie, Mr Rob Ison, has had discussions with Cr Nielson and Council staff regarding the relocation of the

shelter at Kidd Bridge Park to Nelson Reserve. The club has agreed to locate the shelter next to the northern side of the playground. This site will allow for optimum use and possible connection of any barbecues installed in the future to the planned bulk gas supply for the existing barbecues. The club intended to complete the relocation of the shelter by the 4 March.

The Lands Protection Superintendent has been assisting in the implementation of a number of projects. These projects include; the All Abilities Playground, Lake Alford water quality improvements, improvements to delivery of herbicide spraying services, and irrigation & drainage works at One Mile Recreation Reserve.

Parks staff and contractors have made further improvements in vegetation management throughout the shire, but are still behind in many areas. Recent cooler night temperatures will assist, as will additional staff that will be employed by the start of March.

Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – G C Ingham)

Recommend that the Parks & Gardens monthly report, as presented, be received.

9/2

Works Cost Statement – Parks & Gardens

WORKS COST STATEMENT

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

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

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

SECTION 11: WATER & SEWERAGE**11/1 Works Cost Statement – Water & Sewerage****WORKS COST STATEMENT****Recommendation: (Works Department Manager – Mr I. Schiefelbein)**

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

11/2 Projects in Progress

Re: Projects in Progress
From: Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein
File: WW00/00057
Date 27 February 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 are in the process of construction of the three (3) sewage treatment plants for the Cooloola Coast. Work on the Cooloola Cove and Tin Can Bay plants has commenced. Work on the Rainbow Beach plant is expected to start in March 2008.

2. Jones Hill Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

Initial site works, pipe works, pipe diversion and raw water pump system have commenced. Excavation for site works has commenced. Work on the raw water pump system has been delayed by high river levels.

3. Tin Can Bay / Cooloola Cove Trunk Water Main

A report has been submitted to the EPA. Following a response from the EPA further work on Environmental Management Plan for Construction is programmed.

Once complete and the application approved the design will be commenced.

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

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.

An updated planning report has been submitted and is being reviewed by Council officers.

6 Waldock Road Pump Station and Rising Main

Waldock Road Pump Station is complete. Sewage is currently being pumped from the pump well by a pump out waste contractor until the Groundwater Road Pump Station is operational.

7. Winnngton Road Trunk Sewer

The contractors (M & K Pipelines) have completed the work except for some restoration work.

8 Groundwater Road Sewerage Scheme

Work on the trunk sewer and rising main by Contractor Cooloola Civil Constructions is complete except for some restoration work, The underbore under the Mary River is substantially complete. High river levels have delayed the final pipe link up.

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

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 have been 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 March/April 2008.

11. CCTV Inspection Program

Tenders have been called for CCTV Inspection of Sewers in Gympie and Tin Can Bay by the contractor, RAIN. We Weather has delayed commencement of the project.

12. Highway Diversions

Eire Constructions have commenced diversion of pipework in the Monkland Street area required for the upgrade of the Bruce Highway. Several underbores under the highway have been completed. One underbore had to be relocated due to the unknown objects and fuel under the Bruce Highway.

13. Trade Waste

Due to the increasing number of sewer blockages caused by 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. Work on this project is expected to commence in April 2008.

15. Stumm Road Overflow

Modification have been made to the Stumm Road Pump Station overflow system to prevent overflow to a property owner's dam. Work on plugging of the existing overflow have now also been completed.

16. Esplanade (TCB) Overflow

Modifications have been made to sewer system in Tin Can Bay to prevent overflow to residences.

17. Painting of Wine Glass Water Tower

Tenders have been called for the repainting of the Wine Glass Water Tower.

Recommendation: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

Recommend that the above information be received.

11/3

Footpath Remediation Works - Minute G96/01/08 refers

Re: G96/01/08 Footpath Remediation Works – Minute G96/01/08 refers
From: Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein
File: G96/01/08
Date 1 February 2008

COUNCIL RESOLVED VIDE MINUTE G96/01/08 THAT COUNCIL REQUEST THE WATER & SEWERAGE MANAGER TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER OF REMEDIATION WORKS ON FOOTPATHS AND SURROUNDING AREAS FOLLOWING WORK BEING CARRIED OUT BY COUNCIL STAFF (IE SEWERAGE REPAIRS ETC) AND ENSURE THAT THE AREAS ARE SEEDED WITH THE APPROPRIATE LAWN GRASS.

Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

An investigation of remediation works on footpaths has been carried out with particular attention to Barter Street. The work in Barter Street has only recently been completed by contractors (EIRE Contractors) working on behalf of the Water and Sewerage Department. Some work is yet to be completed.

The work has been completed under adverse condition and has subsequently been affected by substantial amounts of rainfall. However the restoration has been completed satisfactorily and the areas seeded. The seeds may not have had time to germinate (ie at the time of complaint the work had only been completed for less than two weeks).

In one location a concrete footpath is still required to be replaced. The Contractor plans to complete this work early in March, the delay being due to the availability of specialist contractors for the stamped concrete.

Some residents have requested, and the Contractor has supplied special couch seed.

Restoration on footpaths is usually achieved by topsoiling and grassing by reseeded. Where necessary ie after heavy rainfall or traffic reapplication is carried out.

An alternative is turfing, however the initial cost and maintenance cost for turfing is significantly higher. The final appearance can also look inconsistent and may set a precedent. At this stage the Water and Sewerage department has adopted seeding as the preferred rehabilitation method except where turfing is **justified** because of the condition of the footpath or specific site conditions.

The residents are usually advised that, upon request, Council will come back and repair any bare areas. Any complaints should first be referred to the Water and Sewerage Department.

Recommendation: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

Recommend that the information be received.

11/4	Sewer Connection – 21 Langara Drive, Gympie – Minute W28/02/08 refers
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Re: Sewer Connection – 21 Langara Drive, Gympie – Minute W28/02/08 refers
From: Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein
File: WS95/00009 DOC ID: 871407
Date 27 February 2008

COUNCIL RESOLVED VIDE MINUTE G28/02/08 AS FOLLOWS:

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 sewer area and construct the sewer.***

Report: (Water & Sewerage Manager – I Schiefelbein)

In response to Council's determination the owner of the property Mr Cross has offered \$15,000 of the \$23,000 contribution costs as the adjacent owners are not interested in contributing to the construction cost but would have to be connected.

While this would save Council \$15,000 in construction costs when the sewer is constructed it could set a precedent of Council contributing to costs.

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

Recommend that the property owner be advised that Council and developers are funding all of the main infrastructure for sewerage and at this time extensions of sewers in to old areas in only carried out on a full cost recovery basis. There are vast areas of Southside that may be connected in the future, but Council has yet to consider the significant rating implications of a policy of subsidising connections.

**SECTION 12: WATER & SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT -
GENERAL BUSINESS****SECTION 13: HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT****13/1 (a) Mandatory Fluoridation of Queensland's Water Supplies**

Re: Referendum on the Fluoridation of Queensland's Water Supplies
From: Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Premier, PO Box 15185
City East Qld 4002
File: WW94/00023 Doc Id: 878709
Date: 29 February 2007

"Thank you for your letter of 14 December 2007 seeking advise as to whether the Queensland Government will consider a referendum on the fluoridation of Queensland's water supplies. I have been requested to reply to you on the Premier's behalf. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Queensland Government will not be holding a referendum on the fluoridation.

The views of Queenslanders regarding fluoridation have been tested over the years via surveys conducted by the Office of Statistical and Economic Research, Central Queensland University, the Local Government Association of Queensland, and the Queensland Oral Health Alliance. These surveys have consistently demonstrated that between 60-70% of Queensland's water supplies therefore concords with the wishes of the majority of Queenslanders who want to access the benefits of fluoridated water.

Thank you for writing to the Premier. I trust this information is of assistance."

13/1(b)	Mandatory Fluoridation of Queensland's Water Supplies
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Re: Water Fluoridation Bill Introduced
From: Local Government Association of Queensland Inc
File: WW94/00023 DOC ID 878696
Date: 15 February 2007

The Bill to fluoridate Queensland's water supplies has been introduced to Parliament.

The State Government introduced the Government's Water Fluoridation Bill 2008 to Parliament on Tuesday 12 February, 2008. The Government has agreed to fund the infrastructure and operational costs for the introduction of fluoride into Queensland's water supplies.

LGAQ Policy to date on fluoridation of water supplies has been as follows: "as oral health is a State Government responsibility and the State will receive a direct financial benefit from the fluoridation of public water supplies, the State Government should fully fund Local Government for the capital and recurrent costs of its introduction."

The State Government has committed \$35 million to fluoridate Queensland's water supplies over the next four years.

The new Bill will replace the current Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act 1963. Under this legislation, a statutory duty will be placed on public water suppliers who supply water to over 1,000 people, to add fluoride to the public water supply under their control or management. There are no sanctions on Local Government to provide the service but the State can order the fluoridation of water supplies if required.

Within two years, 80% of Queenslanders will have access to fluoridated water, increasing to more than 90% by 2012. The Government recognises that a

project of this size and scope will require close consultation and collaboration with a number of key stakeholders and across a number of Government departments. LGAQ is a member of the Queensland Fluoridation Committee, an expert Committee established to advise the Minister about the safety and efficacy of fluoridation of public water supplies and about the general operation and application of the act.

Queensland Health and Department of Local Government have met with LGAQ in the first of regular meetings to discuss the practicalities of fluoridating. The planned roll – out will begin with an audit of all water treatment facilities soon to clarify infrastructure requirements and bulk purchasing of plant equipment.

A high – level group involving several agencies and chaired by Queensland Health also started meeting last month to establish clear roles and responsibilities across Government to implement the fluoridation program.

Water fluoridation will be phased into water treatment plants in the following local government areas (incorporating the new boundaries):

2008: SEQ major water treatment plants – Mt Crosby (2 plants), Landers Shut, Molendinar, Mudgeeraba and North Pine (54% estimated coverage).

2009: SEQ minor water treatment plants, Indigenous communities, commencement of Cairns, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton and Toowoomba Regional. (80% estimated coverage)

2010: Completion of Cairns, Gladstone, Mackay and Rockhampton; Fraser, Gympie, Somerset, South Burnett, Southern Downs, commencement of Dalby (83% estimated coverage).

2011: Blackall, Emerald, Dalby completion, Goondiwindi, Hinchinbrook, Longreach, Mornington, Mt Isa., Murweh, North Burnett, Rio Tintio (Weipa), Tablelands, Whitsunday (92% coverage).”

Report: (Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant

The matter of mandatory fluoridation of the Queensland’s water supplies was considered by Council in December 2007 where it was resolved as follows:

Minute G91/12/07 states that:

“That Council ask the State Government to indemnify the Council against forced inclusion of fluoride into the Cooloola Shire reticulated water supply and to indemnify the Council against future claims of ill health made by the residents of the Shire”.

Minute G92/12/07 states that:

“That in accordance with the policy of Queensland Local Government adopted at the 2006 LGAQ conference –

- Local Government believes it is a principle of ethical public health policy that mass, involuntary medication must never proceed without the express consent of the community and, prior to the State Government forcing local governments to implement the installation of fluoridation, that the State Government conduct a Referenda on this issue.”*

Council wrote to the Hon Anna Bligh MP, Hon Stephen Robertson MP and Cr Paul Bell regarding the above resolutions.

Council has received a reply from the Office of the Premier advising that the Queensland Government will not be holding a referendum on fluoridation. A response regarding the State Government to indemnify the Council has not been received.

The Local Government Association of Qld has released a circular regarding the State Government introducing the Governments Water Fluoridation Bill 2008 to Parliament on the 12 February 2008.

The circular indicates that the State Government has committed \$35 million to fluoridate Queensland’s water supplies over the next four years and it should be noted that the phasing in of fluoridation for Gympie is planned for 2010.

Recommendation: (Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant

For Council’s information

13/2	Petition - Wading Pool at Tin Can Bay – Minute G83/01/08 refers
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Re: G83/01/08 Petition Wading Pool at Tin Can Bay – Minute G93/01/08 refers
From: Health & Community Services Manager – M R Grant
File: CG94/00016
Date: 26 February 2008

MINUTE G83/01/08 OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2008 RECOMMENDED THAT THE PETITION BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT TO THE WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report: (Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant

I refer to the recent petition received by Council for the construction of a wading pool at Tin Can Bay

I advise that the Tin Can Bay pool Manager has discussed this matter with staff during the 2006/2007 swim period and the proposal to construct a wading pool is considered to be a positive addition to the pool complex at Tin Can Bay.

It should be noted that council has not included the proposed new facility in it's 20 year plan and it is suggested that this matter be referred to the Gympie Regional Council for consideration.

Recommendation: (Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant

Recommend that Council refer the proposal to construct a wading pool at Tin Can Bay to the Gympie Regional Council for consideration.

13/3

Eel Creek Road 3m³ Road Side Bulk Bin Site

Re: Eel Creek Road 3m³ Road Side Bulk Bin Site
From: Sally Bekker
File: CG94/00028 DOC ID 875644
Date: 19 February 2008

I am writing once again in relation to the abovementioned site. Since this first letter we have noted that portable bins have been supplied by Council in the Mooloo and Langshaw areas and yet the site remains. Far from diluting the volume of traffic to the dump site, we have noticed a marked increase in traffic (including meetings when no rubbish is left) to the site. With the increase in development this is hardly surprising, yet it puts our property under the public eye. Since our last letter we have built a large equipment shed on site and purchased some valuable livestock. Our plan is to build a house in the next 6 months some 80 metres from this boundary. We have become quite nervous as we have noted signs of strangers crossing the boundary at the dump site. Nothing has been taken or de-valued in any way as yet. As it is screened from view of the road it allows any visitor the ability to observe our property at leisure. The amount of rubbish that blows over the fence has also increased with increased activity.

Eventually, we would still like to use this site as access to our property, and would be prepared to invest in clearing up the site, but would like first to know if the more immediate concern regarding increased levels of traffic to our property boundary will be addressed.

Report: (Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant

The writer is again expressing concern regarding Council's Eel Creek Road bulk bin site.

Reference is made to a previous report to Council in W29/07/07 and subsequent Council Minute as follows:

Report from works & Services Committee Meeting 03/07/07 states:

“The writer is requesting Council remove the Eel Creek Road 3m³ roadside bulk bin site as they wish to develop their property located adjacent to the subject bin site. Council has been reviewing its entire waste operations which has included the removal of four 3m³ roadside bulk bin sites.

Reference is made to Council Minute F31/03/07 which states in part:

RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL:
...AGREE TO PROVIDE A SHIRE WIDE 240L DUAL WHEELED BIN REFUSE/RECYCLING SERVICE;

I confirm that Council has received correspondence from the Minister with respect to providing a Shire wide 240L wheeled bin refuse/recycling service and that Council's solicitor is currently reviewing the correspondence and will respond to Council accordingly.

As discussed previously, in the event that a Shire wide 240L wheeled bin service is provided Council will need to review its waste operations with respect to the provision of 3m³ roadside bulk bin sites.”

Minute G29/07/07 states in part

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

It appears that the writer has constructed a shed on site and is preparing to construct a house in which case the writer has requested removal of the bulk bin site in previous correspondence.

It should be noted that the matter of wheelie bins for the Langshaw area has been referred to the new Gympie Regional Council for consideration and I refer to Council Minute G54/02/08 as follows:

“Further that council refer the matter of the Langshaw Wheelie Bin Petition to the Gympie Regional council for consideration”.

Recommendation: (Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant

Recommend that Council refer the matter of the Eel Creek 3m³ road side bulk bin site to the new Gympie Regional Council for consideration and advise Ms Sally Bekker accordingly.

13/4	Petition Waste Management Langshaw – Minute G54/02/08 refers
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Re: G54/02/08 Petition Waste Management Langshaw – Minute G54/02/08 refers
From: Health & Community Services Manager – M R Grant
File: CG94/00014
Date: 19 February 2008

Report: (Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant

I refer to Council **Minute G05/02/08** which states the following:

“That the Petition be received and referred to the Health & Community Services Manager for investigation and report to a future Works & Services Committee Meeting.”

This matter was discussed at a recent Waste Strategy Workgroup Meeting on the 12 February 2008, where it was resolved to recommend to Council that all further discussions relating to the Shire wide wheelie bin services be referred to the Gympie Regional Council for consideration.

The above matter was discussed at a recent General Meeting 19 February 2008 where Council **Minute G54/02/08** resolved the following:

“Further that council refer the matter of the Langshaw Wheelie Bin Petition to the Gympie Regional Council for consideration”.

Advice *has* been forwarded to Mr Partridge.

Recommendation: (Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant

Recommend that Council advise the primary petitioner Mr CH. Partridge as per Council Minute G54/02/08.

13/5	Refuse Service to 91 Counter Road, Wolvi – Minute G19/02/08 refers
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Re: G19/02/08 Refuse Service to 91 Counter Road, Wolvi - Minute G19/02/08 refers
From: Health & Community Services Manager – M.R. Grant
File: CG97/00014
Date: 26 February 2008

Report: (Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant

I refer to Council **Minute G19/02/08** which states the following:

“That the correspondence be received and referred to the Health & Community Services Manager for investigation and report to a future Works & Services Committee Meeting.”

As stated previously by Council in respect to similar matters, the writer will be treated as an objector to the wheelie bin service and should be advised according to Council’s previous advices. Reference is made to Council Minute G12/01/08 which states the following:

“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.”*

Recommendation: (Health & Community Services Manager – MR Grant

Recommend that Council advise S.J. Dawson of 91 Counter Road, Wolvi that their correspondence will be treated as an objection and

- 1. That wheelie bins will not be delivered to 91 Counter Road unless requested and that**
- 2. Objections will be assessed by Council at a later date with a decision pending.**

13/6	Southside Waste Management Facility
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Re: Southside Waste Management Facility
From: Judith Ballard, 332 Glastonbury Road, Widgee Crossing South
File: CG94/00023
Date: 27 December 2007 & 7 February 2008

Letter dated 19 December 2007:

I would like to put a new boundry fence up, on the other side is council land on rubbish tip side. I was wondering if you could get someone to clear it, if we put the fence up ourselves please while the excivator is here please. It would be very much appreciated.

Letter dated 7 February 2008:

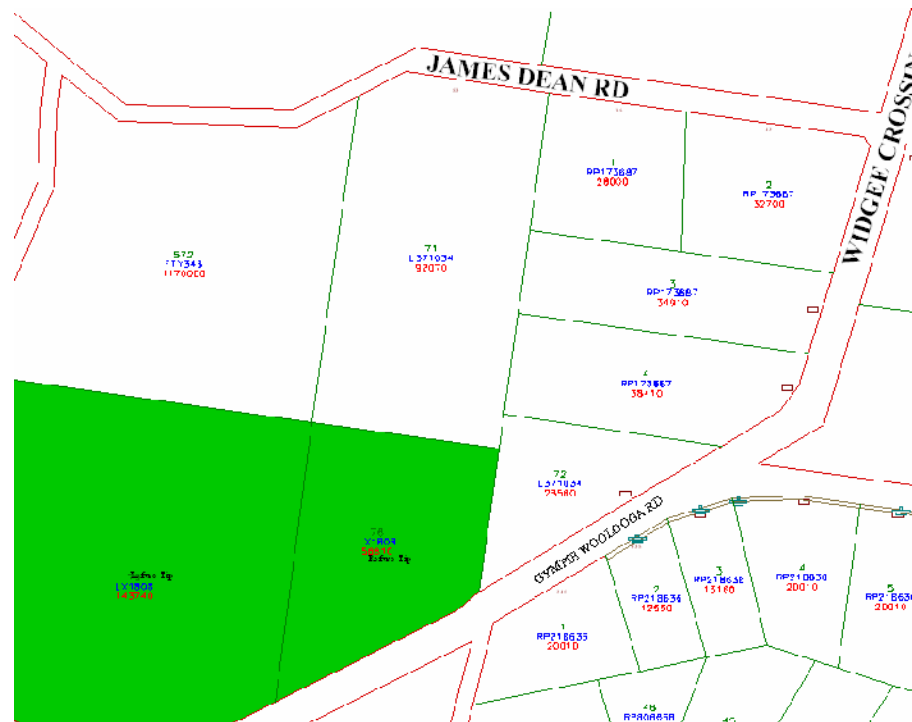
If you would be so kind in clearing the fence line there will be know further cost on you people.

My son Terry will be doing the rest of the work.

I would like to have the O K to have a couple of trees on your side of the fence please, for past for the fence.

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

The above letters have been received from the owners of 332 Glastonbury Road, Widgee Crossing South (Lot 72 on L371034). The western boundary of this property borders Council's Southside Waste Management Facility (Lot 76 on LX1808) as highlighted below. The shaded parcels of land show Council's Waste Management Facility.



The writer is requesting that Council clear the boundary of the property (approximately 170 m in length) in order for her to arrange for new fence to be erected.

An inspection of the current fence conducted with Council's Foreman has confirmed that the subject boundary fence is aged and in a dilapidated state with wood rot observed in several fence posts. Trees have further grown through the existing fence requiring removal.

Repair of this fence is not a realistic option due to its current state.

The owner has indicated in writing that should Council authorise the clearing of property boundary and removal of the existing fence, she will arrange and pay for the erection of a new fence, at no additional cost to Council.

Council's Foreman has indicated that this clearing work would be best performed with an excavator and has estimated that cost for this job to be between \$3 000 and \$4 000.

Council has previously considered the replacement of the dividing fence on the northern boundary of the Southside Waste Management Facility and resolved vide Minute W26/10/07 as follows.

“Recommend that Council write to the owners of 53 James Dean Road, Widgee Crossing South requesting that they forward to Council two (2) independent quotations in writing for the construction of a new

dividing fence between their property – 53 James Dean Road, Widgee Crossing South (Lot 71 on L371034) and Council’s Southside Waste Management Facility (Lot 76 on LX1808).

Construction materials and method to be as per the existing dividing fence. One these two (2) independent written quotations have been obtained, Council will pay 50% of the lowest quote subject to the quote being acceptable.

Further that the location of the fence be referred to the Director of Engineering to investigate and decide upon.”

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

Recommend that Council authorise staff to arrange for the clearing of the boundary and the removal of the existing dilapidated fence between the Southside Waste Management Facility and 332 Glastonbury Road, Widgee Crossing South (Lot 72 on L371034).

Further, once the boundary has been cleared and the existing fence removed, Council authorise staff to arrange for the boundary to be surveyed and pegged in order for a new dividing fence to be erected.

Construction materials and method to be as per the existing dividing fence.

Further, that the conduct of this work is conditional upon the owner of 332 Glastonbury Road, Widgee Crossing South (Lot 72 on L371034) being solely responsible for the cost and erection of a new boundary fence with no further costs or works to be sought from Council, as per her written advice.

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

SECTION 16: IN COMMITTEE MATTERS
