



TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 17 March 2009

Mayor: Cr J van Lieshout

**Councillors: Cr B Longland, Deputy Mayor
Cr D Holdom
Cr K Milne
Cr W Polglase
Cr K Skinner
Cr P Youngblutt**

COUNCIL'S CHARTER

Tweed Shire Council's charter comprises a set of principles that are to guide Council in the carrying out of its functions, in accordance with Section 8 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Tweed Shire Council has the following charter:

- to provide directly or on behalf of other levels of government, after due consultation, adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities for the community and to ensure that those services and facilities are managed efficiently and effectively;
- to exercise community leadership;
- to exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and actively promotes the principles of multiculturalism;
- to promote and to provide and plan for the needs of children;
- to properly manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area for which it is responsible, in a manner that is consistent with and promotes the principles of ecologically sustainable development;
- to have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions;
- to bear in mind that it is the custodian and trustee of public assets and to effectively account for and manage the assets for which it is responsible;
- to facilitate the involvement of councillors, members of the public, users of facilities and services and council staff in the development, improvement and co-ordination of local government;
- to raise funds for local purposes by the fair imposition of rates, charges and fees, by income earned from investments and, when appropriate, by borrowings and grants;
- to keep the local community and the State government (and through it, the wider community) informed about its activities;
- to ensure that, in the exercise of its regulatory functions, it acts consistently and without bias, particularly where an activity of the council is affected;
- to be a responsible employer.

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1. Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held Tuesday 17 February 2009 (ECM 1999847).
 2. **Confidential Attachment** - Minutes of the Confidential Council Meeting held Tuesday 17 February 2009 (ECM 1989127).
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SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING RESOLUTIONS

2 Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions

FOR COUNCILLOR'S INFORMATION:

12 August 2008

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

O20 [CNR-OC] Tweed River Estuary Recreational Boating Study

O 228 COMMITTEE DECISION:

Administrator Boyd

Administrator Payne

RECOMMENDED that the Tweed River Estuary Recreational Boating Study 2008 be received and noted and further considered by the new Council.

Current Status: Workshop tentatively scheduled for 26 March or 2 April 2009.

30 October 2008

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

O11 [EO-OC] Chinderah Bay Drive - Chinderah

O 21 COMMITTEE DECISION:

RECOMMENDED that:

1. A workshop be scheduled to discuss the LES for Chinderah.
2. The Tweed River Committee be requested to consider revetment of the river bank at Chinderah in the 2009/10 Tweed River Committee budget.

Current Status: Workshop scheduled for 14 April 2009.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**4 [NOM-CM] Aboriginal Flag and Torres Strait Islander Flag****42 COUNCIL DECISION:**

All Councillors attend a Cultural Awareness Workshop to be conducted by the Local Government and Shires Associations.

Current Status: Workshop scheduled for 24 March 2009.

18 November 2008

PLANNING COMMITTEE**P4 [PR-PC] Development Application DA07/0945 for Multi Dwelling Housing Consisting 34 Residential Units at Lot 290, 630 DP 755740; Lot 1 DP 781512, No. 7 Elsie Street, Banora Point****P 13 COMMITTEE DECISION:**

Cr W Polglase
Cr K Skinner

RECOMMENDED that this item be deferred to allow for further negotiations with the applicant.

Current Status: To Council Meeting of 21 April 2009.

P7 [PR-PC] Development Application DA08/0929 for Construction of a Storage Depot Comprising the Erection of a New Shed and Associated Works at Lot 1 DP 1057594, Fernvale Road, Fernvale**P 16 COMMITTEE DECISION:**

Cr W Polglase
Cr P Youngblutt

RECOMMENDED that this item be deferred.

Current Status: To Council Meeting of 21 April 2009.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**O11 [EO-OC] Renaming of Part of Public Road, Condong Street, Kunghur****O 49 COMMITTEE DECISION:**

Cr J van Lieshout
Cr D Holdom

RECOMMENDED that this item be deferred for further investigation.

Current Status: To be reported to a future Council Meeting.

17 February 2009

NOTICE OF MOTION**15 [NOM] Provision of Rubbish Bins in Public Areas****39 COUNCIL DECISION:**

Cr W Polglase
Cr K Milne

RESOLVED that a report be prepared for Council on the increased provisions of rubbish bins in problem areas of Parks, walking trails and public areas.

Current Status: To be reported to a future Council Meeting.

QUESTION TIME**21 [QT] Recording of Council Meetings**

Cr D Holdom

Asked could the General Manager please investigate and report back to Council on the following:

1. The costs of implementing full audio recording of the formal Council meetings.
 2. The costs of implementing full audio and visual recording of the formal Council meetings.
 3. The legal requirements for safe storage of the recordings and legal requirements for disposal.
 4. Any legal requirements concerning recording and any other associated matters.
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The Acting General Manager advised that arrangements will be made to prepare a costing report for audio recording of Council meetings that incorporates the requirements for storage of the recordings under the State Records Act and any legal issues.

Current Status: Report to be prepared for 21 April 2009 meeting.

23 [QT] Determination of Development Applications

Cr D Holdom

Asked could Council officers submit a report to Council on the proposed practice of requiring the approval of the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (DITRD&LG) under the Airports (Protection of Airspace) Regulations 1996, prior to the determination of any development applications with relevant planning assessment matters, and as part of the investigations for this report, can Council officers consult with the DITRD&LG, Gold Coast Airport, Air Services Australia and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority?

The Director Planning & Regulation advised the meeting that the requested report will be prepared.

Current Status: To be reported to a future Council meeting. A meeting has been requested with Gold Coast Airport.

MAYORAL MINUTE**3 [MM-CM] Mayoral Minute for the period 18 February 2009 - 10 March 2009****COUNCILLORS****INVITATIONS:****Attended by the Mayor**

- 19 February 2009 - Tweed Gold Coast Campus SCU/Scholarship Presentation Ceremony
- 21 February 2009 - Tweed Heads & Coolangatta SLSC Historic Re-enactment
- 21 February 2009 - Flutterbies Dinner – Bushfire Appeal, Tyalgum
- 5 March 2009 - International Women’s Day – NSW Premier’s Function, Sydney
- 7 March 2009 - Tweed/Coolangatta View Club – International Women’s Day
- 7 March 2009 - Tweed Shire Women’s Services Gala Ball

Attended by other Councillor(s) on behalf of the Mayor

- Cr Longland - 19 February 2009 - VMR Point Danger, Minister Joe Tripodi, funding announcement for Marine Infrastructure Program
- Cr Longland 5 March 2009 - Launch of refurbished mobile learning centre, Murwillumbah East Primary School

Inability to Attend by or on behalf of the Mayor

- Nil
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CONFERENCES:**Conferences attended by the Mayor and/or Councillors**

- Cr Skinner - 17 to 20 Feb 2009 - NSW & VIC Flood Management Conference (Albury)
 - Cr Holdom - 19 – 21 February 2009 – Climate Change Summit (Sydney)
 - Cr van Lieshout- 10 to 12 March 2009 - LGSA Tourism Conference 2009 (Kiama)
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Information on Conferences to be held

Councillors, please refer to the Councillor portal for complete Conference information

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

3 March 2009 – Extinguishment of restriction on the use of land Lot 2 Dp787449
Terranora Road, Terranora, Road closure Lot 4 Dp739986
Robinsons Road, Piggabeen

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayoral Minute for the period 18 February 2009 to 10 March 2009 be received and noted.

ORDINARY ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

4 [GM-CM] Media Policy - Version 1.1

ORIGIN:

Media

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Version 1.0 of the Media Policy was adopted by Council Administrators on 18 December 2007. This Policy has now been updated to acknowledge the election of Councillors to Tweed Shire at the Local Government Elections conducted in September 2008.

Councillors reviewed the policy at a workshop conducted on 3 March 2009 and it is now presented for formal adoption.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts Version 1.1 of the Media Policy as follows:-

"This policy relates to Tweed Shire Council's dealing with all media including proactive and reactive enquiries, interviews, media alerts and releases.

Definitions

Media Refers to all print, electronic and broadcast media (including local, metropolitan, specialist, community and industry print, radio, broadcast and web media).

Objectives

- ***To ensure Council upholds its commitment to the community by keeping them informed of Council's actions and activities.***
 - ***To ensure media receive timely, accurate and reliable information from Council.***
 - ***To ensure Council manages and has knowledge of information that is conveyed to media relating to organisational operational matters.***
 - ***To ensure the distribution of all media is through Council's Communications and Marketing unit to maintain strong media relations and ensure all media outlets receive the information.***
 - ***To ensure Council communicates consistent and accurate messages***
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by providing approval to speak directly to the media only to the Mayor and Councillors, General Manager, Directors or their nominated delegate and the Communications and Marketing unit.

Code of Conduct

The Local Government Act 1993 requires every Council to adopt a Code of Conduct for observance by all Councillors, members of staff and delegates representing the Council. This policy will adhere to and enhance requirements set out in Council's Code of Conduct, in particular section 10.22 Public Comment by Council Officials.

Liaison with media outlets

All media outlets and their representatives are to be treated equally and without bias. All media releases, alerts, operational advice and other statements and announcements are to be provided to all and any relevant outlets for reporting.

Mayor and Councillors

The Mayor and Councillors are elected representatives of the community and are able to speak freely to the media to convey their personal opinion.

When the Mayor and Councillors are speaking in an official capacity and on behalf of Council they are encouraged to seek advice where necessary from the General Manager.

Before making any public comments on matters where Council is involved in current legal proceedings with third parties the Mayor and Councillors must seek prior advice from the General Manager as any public comment could have significant implications and repercussions including financial and legal consequences for Council.

Preparing and issuing media releases

The Communications and Marketing unit is responsible for preparing and issuing media releases about Council's activities, decisions and plans.

Council staff who wish to contact the media should obtain the approval of their Manager/Director and then contact Communications and Marketing to determine the most appropriate media distribution.

Media organisations and the general public are encouraged to subscribe to the media release subscription service to ensure delivery of all Council media releases directly to their email. This service is available from the Media Centre at the Tweed Shire Council website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au.

Council media releases, alerts and operational advice will be distributed on a regular basis via the media release subscription service, facsimile and will be available online.

Providing a Council spokesperson for comment or interview

Wherever possible and practicable, Council will provide a spokesperson for comment or interview in support of a media release issued, or at the request of a media outlet.

Where a Council staff member is authorised to speak with representatives of media outlets, appropriate training and/or advice will be provided by the Communications and Marketing unit.

Any comment on operational matters about Council should be forwarded to the Communications and Marketing unit in the first instance.

Media seeking specific comment from the Mayor and Councillors should contact them directly through the contacts available at <http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CouncilStructure/Councillors.aspx>.

Enquiries

All enquiries about Council should be forwarded to the Communications and Marketing unit in the first instance. The query will be responded to via a written response or an organised interview. In the rare event the Communication and Marketing unit cannot be contacted the media should make contact with the General Manager or relevant Director.

Media seeking specific comment from the Mayor and Councillors should contact them directly through the contacts available at <http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CouncilStructure/Councillors.aspx>.

Responses

All responses to the media, excluding Councillor comments and those already approved by Directors, should be coordinated by the Communications and Marketing unit in a timely, accurate and reliable manner and in writing where possible.

Delegation

Only the Mayor and Councillors, General Manager, Directors or their nominated delegate and the Communications and Marketing unit are to speak directly to the media. Unit Managers or other Council staff should only be interviewed once approval has been given by their Director.

Media access to Council Business Papers and associated information

Media organisations will have access to Council Business Papers as near as possible to the time they are available to Councillors (as per Council's Code of Meeting Practice).

An email advising of the Business Papers being available online will be sent to the media release subscription service when they are available prior to a Council meeting. Alternatively limited hard copies will be produced for those media organisations who regularly attend Council meetings.

Media Planning

To assist proactive media planning, all projects developed by Council which will require publicity or distribution of information to the public, should be included in Council's proactive 'Communications and Marketing' reporting and communicated to the Communications and Marketing unit, giving at least five working days in advance of the targeted activity and a minimum of ten days if it is to appear in the Tweed Link."

REPORT:

As per Summary.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Adoption of the recommendation will require updating of Council's Intranet and Internet pages to reflect Version 1.1 Media Policy.

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REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR TECHNOLOGY & CORPORATE SERVICES**5 [TCS-CM] Tweed Shire Council's Code of Conduct (Version 1.5)****ORIGIN:****Risk & Human Resources****SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

At its meeting of 27 January 2009, it was resolved that:

"Council defers this item to a future meeting to allow consideration of the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct (Version 1.5)."

A workshop was conducted on this matter on Tuesday 3 March 2009 which has resulted in amendments to Sections 9.9 and 10.22 as listed in the report.

The Code of Conduct Version 1.5 is resubmitted to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts the following enhancements, including the Case Studies Examples of Good Practice, to the Code of Conduct:

Clause 6.10 - Lobbying

Councillors and staff should be aware that they are at some time likely to be lobbied by a wide range of people including individuals, organisations, companies and developers. Appropriate lobbying of councillors is a normal part of the democratic system and that councillors have a representative role in considering the views of their constituents and communicating with them.

Examples of inappropriate and or unlawful Councillor Conduct that could occur during lobbying:

- ***Disclosing confidential information, including legal advice;***
- ***Accepting a political donation in return for a favourable exercise of discretion during decision-making; and***
- ***Giving an understanding to an interested party prior to consideration of all the information relevant to a decision.***

Clause 6.11

Councillors should exercise judgement when deciding whether to be involved in private meetings with people seeking to influence a council decision. Suspicions of inappropriate lobbying can occur when lobbying is not open to public scrutiny. (ICAC, 2006, Lobbying local government councillors)

Clause 6.12

You must ensure transparency when being lobbied by:

- ***Keeping a record of the meeting and completing a file note on the appropriate form;***
- ***Holding meetings in locations such as council offices;***
- ***Having other people present; and***
- ***Making sure that any information obtained when being lobbied is available to council staff and other councillors.***

Refer to Case Studies Examples of Good Practice for “Lobbying” (commencing Page 12 Guidelines for the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW –October 2008).

Clause 6.13 - Appointments to other organisations

Councillors and staff who are appointed by council as a member of another body or organisation must comply with the codes of conducts of the body or organisation and council.

Clause 6.14 - Alcohol and other drugs

Council officials must not be intoxicated or drug affected when performing their official duties.

Intoxication by alcohol or being drug affected is an unsafe personal condition and is proven to be a hindrance to the performance of official duties. A person, so affected, cannot provide the high standard of service required and is impaired in their ability to make decisions. It may also bring into question the validity of decisions made while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Such a person could also expose others to an unacceptable level of risk.

Clause 7.29 - Caucus votes

Binding caucus votes on matters is inconsistent with the obligation of each councillor to consider the merits of the matter before them. Political group meetings must not be used to decide how councillors should vote on matters like development applications, where there are specific statutory considerations for each decision maker to consider.

CLAUSE 8.1 - TOKEN GIFTS AND BENEFITS

Generally speaking, token gifts and benefits (value less than \$ 20) include:

- 8.1 E) ***COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS MUST DISCLOSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS POLICY A DESCRIPTION OF ANY GIFT OR GIFTS TOTALLING A VALUE EXCEEDING \$20 ON ANY ONE OCCASION AND A VALUE EXCEEDING A CUMULATIVE VALUE OF \$100 PER ANNUM MADE BY THE SAME PERSON DURING A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS OR LESS. (REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS RETURNS – SECTION 449)***

Clause 9.9 - Meetings with Developers and Consultants

All Council Officials must record details of all meetings relating to development applications or sale of Council Property, which take place with Developers, Consultants and/or Objectors on the appropriate form (file note) or electronic record. The record will include information on any meetings with persons who may want to develop or have other matters that should be reported to Council, excluding general and counter enquiries.

The appropriate form must be registered in Council's Corporate Records Management system within five (5) days of the meeting.

Clause 10.22 - Public comment by Council Officials

Councillors and staff must ensure that they fully understand the requirements/delegations under which they are permitted to make public comments prescribed in Councils Media Policy. If staff are in any doubt authorisation should be obtained from the General Manager.

Public comments refer to:

- ***Speaking engagements; and***
- ***Expressing either council or personal views verbally (including on radio and television) and in writing in the public domain.***

REPORT:

During October 2008, the Department of Local Government released guidelines for the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW. The guidelines provided information on good practice suggestions and relevant case studies/examples.

Council's Code of Conduct has been reviewed, resulting in appropriate good practice suggestions being incorporated in the revised Code. The suggestions are:

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Council has enhanced the previous Model Codes by including Clauses 9.9 and 10.22 as follows:

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Clause 10.22 - Public comment by Council Officials

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- Speaking engagements; and
- Expressing either council or personal views verbally (including on radio and television) and in writing in the public domain.

Furthermore, an appendix to the Code of Conduct has been prepared which details a number of the case studies/examples contained in the Guidelines for the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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1. Tweed Shire Council's Code of Conduct, Version 1.5 (ECM 1998853).
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6 [TCS-CM] Council Committees - Community Membership

ORIGIN:

Human Resources & Risk

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Following the call for expressions of interest for community representation on various council committees, this report seeks endorsement for membership of specific committees.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. Confirms the community membership of the Tweed River Committee as:
Claire Masters, Rhonda James, Judy Robinson, Robert Quirk, Martin Dobney, Errol Wright, Max Boyd AM and Peter Baker.**
- 2. Confirms the community membership of the Tweed Coastal Committee as:
Rhonda James, John Harbison, Ian Rabbitts, Gary Thorpe, David Cranwell, Terry Kane and Jason Pearson.**
- 3. Calls for further expressions of interest for community representation for the Sports Advisory Committee; the Banora Point Community Centre Advisory Committee and the Tweed River Regional Museum Advisory Committee.**
- 4. Invites expressions of interest for community representation for the Floodplain Management Committee and the Koala Beach Wildlife and Habitat Management Committee.**

REPORT:

Expressions of interest for community representation on various council committees were invited during January 2009. Interest shown in a number of these committees has unfortunately not met the desired community representation requirements and further expressions of interest will be called for the Sports Advisory Committee, the Banora Point Community Centre Advisory Committee and the Tweed River Regional Museum Advisory Committee.

Since the calling of expressions of interest two (2) further committees, being the Floodplain Management (currently three (3) community members) and the Koala Beach Wildlife and Habitat Management (currently six (6) community members) have been identified as requiring community representation. These committees will have expressions of interest invited for community representation.

The Tweed River Committee received eleven (11) expressions of interest, with these nominations being reviewed by the existing Council and State Government representatives only with the following community membership being recommended:

Claire Masters, Rhonda James, Judy Robinson, Robert Quirk, Martin Dobney, Errol Wright, Max Boyd AM and Peter Baker.

All of the above nominations represent sectors of the community such as boating, agriculture and environment.

The Tweed Coastal Committee received ten (10) expressions of interest, with these nominations also being reviewed by the existing Council and State Government representatives only with the following community membership being recommended:

Rhonda James, John Harbison, Ian Rabbitts, Gary Thorpe, David Cranwell, Terry Kane and Jason Pearson.

All of the above nominations represent and are supported by community based groups such as progress associations. Each locality is represented on the committee.

Representation on the Community Cultural Development Advisory Committee will be the subject of a further report.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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7 [TCS-CM] Planning Institute of Australia - 2009 National Congress

ORIGIN:

Risk & Human Resources

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

The Planning Institute of Australia - 2009 National Congress will be held at the Darwin Convention Centre from 29 March to 1 April 2009. The congress will explore the latest planning solutions around Australia and look at other issues such as climate change, governance and regulatory reform, economics of development and social inclusion.

Councillor Holdom has indicated an interest in attending this congress, with registration costs being \$1420. Councillor Holdom has indicated that she will meet her own travel and accommodation costs incurred as part of this attendance. This request is in accord with attendance at conferences as prescribed in the Councillors - Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy.

Expenditure will be allocated within the Councillors Expenses budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Councillor Dot Holdom be authorised to attend the Planning Institute of Australia 2009 National Congress to be held in Darwin from 29 March to 1 April 2009.

REPORT:

As per Summary.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

8 [SUB-CCDA] Minutes of the Community Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting held 12 February 2009

VENUE:

Coolamon Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah

TIME:

3.00 pm

PRESENT:

Cr. Barry Longlands, Max Boyd, Barbara Carroll, Judith Sutton, Phil Villiers, Lesley Mye, Lesley Buckley

APOLOGIES:

Gary Corbett, Dr Glenda Nalder

Moved: Barry Longland

Seconded: Max Boyd

That the apologies be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved: Barry Longland

Seconded: Max Boyd

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Community Cultural Development Advisory Meeting held Thursday 29 August 2008 were tabled at the meeting and accepted by the Committee as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS ARISING:

Items from Meeting held 24 July 2008

1. Treasures of the Tweed Mural Project

Lesley Buckley advised the Committee that Deborah Bates, Community Development Coordinator, Job Futures, has advised that they are finalising Stage 2 of the public art project plan to commence Stage 3 in March 2009.

A Commercial Road Resident's meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 3 March 2009 at 6.00 pm to provide the residents with a schedule for Stage 2 of the project as well as the Conceptual Design.

2. Creative Industries Strategy – Arts Northern Rivers

Lesley Buckley provided the Committee with a summary of the Northern Rivers Creative Industries Strategy report which has been finalised by Arts Northern Rivers and the consultant Positive Solutions.

Arts Northern Rivers have provided Council with the following reports:

- (a) NR Arts and Creative Industries Strategy;
- (b) Arts and Creative Industries employment and infrastructure in the Tweed; and
- (c) Framework for a Tweed CI prospectus

a) NR Regional perspective

Between 2001 & 2006 employment in the CI increased from 1,886 to 2,254 – an increase of 3.9% per year compared with 3.1% for the rest of the regional economy – this equates to a growth rate 25% faster than the rest of the regional economy; Almost two thirds of all CI employment was accounted for by Architecture; Design; Visual Arts and Publishing (which includes writing; journalism and design professionals);

NR is recognised as a 'hot-spot' for the State's creative industries;

At a national level the arts and creative industries has out-paced that of other sectors;

The NRCIS identifies the following 6 CI sectors – Advertising and Marketing; Architecture, Design and Visual Arts; Film, TV and Radio; Music and Performing Arts; Publishing/writing; Software and Digital Content.

The Strategy identifies a unified regional Vision, 6 Goals and 12 Priority Actions which aim to encourage entrepreneurship; professional development; effective marketing and appropriate infrastructure to sustain and grow creative businesses in the region.

The regional vision sees the arts and creative industries accepted as a vital part of the lifestyle and economy of Northern Rivers.

The 6 Goals are:

1. Education, training and professional development – encouraging creative practitioners and entrepreneurs to access professional and business development opportunities, enhancing their contribution to the region's creative economy.
2. Access and Lifestyle – encouraging access to the arts through a range of strategic facilities, festivals and community engagement programs
3. Infrastructure and Finance – encouraging cooperative planning and resource sharing to sustain arts and creative businesses at key stages of the their development
4. Innovation and Product Development – encouraging creative innovation and the generation of locally produced enterprise
5. Sales, Marketing and Distribution – encouraging local, national and international markets for our regional creative products

6. Advocacy – encouraging promotion of the regions arts and creative industries both within and beyond the region.

The 12 Priority Actions are supported by a range of strategies, action plans, key performance indicators, timeframes prioritising short, medium and long-term actions and lead agencies responsible for driving and delivering each of these strategies.

The report also identifies High Priority Action Programs and resource implications and maps out a list of hypothetical visions for the future and their implications under the following headings:

1. Lifestyle
2. Infrastructure
3. Products and Services
4. Finance
5. Education and Training

b) TSC Report:

Positive Solutions have also prepared a report for Tweed Shire Council which includes:

Tweed-specific arts and creative industries employment data

In Tweed Shire the number of individuals employed in the CI grew at a higher rate to that of other industries – 5.7% cumulative annual growth compared to 4.5%. This CI growth rate is 45% higher than the regional figure of 3.9% for all other industries.

The following CI sub-sectors are providing the greatest levels of employment in the Tweed:

- a) Architecture, Design and Visual Arts
- b) Publishing
- c) Software and Digital Content

The Occupational data shows that the three most highly representative occupations are: Computing Professionals; Marketing and Advertising professionals and Designers and Illustrators.

Tweed-specific arts and creative industries infrastructure

The report details Tweed specific CI infrastructure and notes that both the Tweed River Art Gallery and the Tweed River Regional Museum are listed at a State level as ‘significant’ arts infrastructure, and the most valued infrastructure in the region.

Infrastructure-specific issues relevant to the Tweed Shire include:

- a) The large number of halls which are being refurbished as multipurpose venues in response to increasing community demands
 - b) The need to review co-location of activities (such as exhibitions, sport, performances, youth activities). Co-location can result in venues being stretched to meet incompatible demands and losing their fitness and purpose. It may be regional and rural halls should be refurbished to match specific requirements of only one or two specialised and compatible activities.
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- c) The need for a new dedicated performance space in Murwillumbah to attract touring product as well as meeting the needs of local amateur companies

As well as the “hard” bricks and mortar infrastructure, the Report also identifies 5 Shire-based festivals as significant CI infrastructure:

- Speed on the Tweed
- Tweed River Festival
- Tweed Valley Banana Festival and Harvest Week
- Tyalgum Classical Music Festival
- Wintersun Rock and Roll Nostalgia Festival

The report also identifies 24 Tweed-based business involved in the arts and creative sector – this includes diverse sectors of the Performing Arts; Design and Architecture; Music; Visual Arts and Screen

Identified gaps and needs

The report identifies Tweed specific gaps and needs under the following three headings:

1. Planning Framework

The report identifies that although TSC has the most complete suite of local government plans in relation to the arts and cultural development, it does not yet have strategies devoted to nurturing the development of Creative Business.

The report highlights the need for Council to firstly fully appreciate the role of the arts and creative industry sector (economically, socially and culturally), in order to adopt an active advocacy stance in promoting arts in the Shire.

The report advises that the recently drafted State Government Creative Industries Strategy identifies Tweed/Richmond as accommodating the highest concentration of creative industries workers in the State outside Sydney. This creates an opportunity for the Shire to leverage off its existing and recognised reputation in this area.

2. Infrastructure

The report identifies the following issues in line with CI infrastructure:

- a) Need for affordable studio spaces and incubator facilities for artists
- b) Need to develop Council/Developer partnership proposals identifying what Council can provide and the gaps which developers may help to address
- c) A review of zoning in some locations to encourage the development of live-work premises – ie to facilitate the establishment of home-based creative industries type businesses (such as Broken Hill, where front veranda has become the artist’s studio and sales gallery, and features on a tourist trail)
- d) The paucity of commercial galleries assisting established artists to market product out of the area

- e) The lack of local and regional facilities/infrastructure development strategies to ensure coordination of investment both within the Shire and across the region
 - f) Opportunities to strengthen linkages between culture, heritage and tourism and more specifically between Indigenous culture and tourism
3. Industry Development
- 1. The need for ongoing business skills training required e.g marketing skills for visual artists facilitated through partnerships between Council, tertiary providers, Chambers of Commerce, Tweed Economic Development Corporation, Tweed Tourism and the Northern Rivers Regional Development Board.
 - 2. The precarious foundations upon which industry support organisations, networking and professional development opportunities are based – almost entirely on short-term project funding with no guarantee of continuing support
 - 3. The opportunity to encourage private investment in the CI

Recommendations for Future progress

The report recommends that TSC continues to participate in further discussions on the implementation of the NR Creative Industries Strategy and that this discussion should include consideration of key performance measures and results.

The choice of priority actions by TSC will influence the selection of targets and performance measures with particular relevance to Tweed.

The report recommends that TSC continues to monitor:

- Arts and creative employment in the Shire;
- Numbers of creative industries mentors based in the shire;
- The retention of arts and cultural organisations, and establishment of new organisations;
- Retention, growth, loss of arts and creative infrastructure as recorded in the preceding infrastructure table;
- Creative Industry business start-ups and closures in the Shire (and/or retail creative industries businesses as listed in the yellow pages.

RESOLVED that the Committee dedicates the next Cultural Advisory Committee meeting to the task of identifying key strategies to support a Tweed-centric Creative Industries Plan.

1. Tweed Auditoria Upgrade

Lesley Buckley provided an update on the Tweed Auditoria Upgrade. Peter Ganser, Council's Public Assets Coordinator has advised that the following items have so far been addressed:

Murwillumbah:

- 1. New Carpet has been laid
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2. Smoke Hatch repair is currently underway
3. Currently liaising with technical and lighting specialists regarding the stage lighting and rigging system

Tweed:

Tender for water-proofing roof has been advertised – expected to be addressed in late February.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Cultural Development Officer's Report
 - a) Asialink Residency
Lesley Buckley provided the Committee with a written report on her recent 3-month Arts Management Residency in South Korea with the Andong Festival Tourism Foundation.
 - b) Cultural Planning – Update
 - a) Youth, Disability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sector planning has been completed and ratified by each of the sector planning Committees
 - b) Data from the Cultural Planning Survey has been compiled
 - c) Griffith University Research Project is currently being finalised

Lesley Buckley advised that she has recently met with Researchers from Griffith University in order to address the Creative Industries component of the Council's 2009-2014 Cultural Plan. Griffith University has advised that this will involve additional work to be undertaken on the quantitative and qualitative data already collected. Estimate of costs for data modelling and report writing is \$4,000.

Lesley Buckley advised that she currently has an operational budget to enable this research to be included in current project.

Moved: Cr Barry Longland

Seconded: Barbara Carroll

RECOMMENDATION:

That the amount of \$4,000 be expended from the Cultural Development 08-09 budget to include the development of Creative Industries strategies in the Research Project.

Carried Unanimously

2. 2008 Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference

Lesley Buckley and Lesley Mye attended the 2008 Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference in Armidale in late November and presented a paper titled "Community Cultural Development – What's its Value."

The theme of this year's conference *Community Strength, Sustainability and Resilience* and its connection to building the capacity of communities delivered a dynamic range of presentations, including key note addresses from notable speakers such as:

- Jody Broun, Director General, NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs presented an overview of *Two Ways Together*, the *NSW Aboriginal Affairs Policy 2003 – 2012*
 - Professor Judy Atkinson, Director, Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples, SCU. Dr. Atkinson's presentation focused on Local Government's role in nurturing strengths and solutions to assist Aboriginal people to govern their own social and cultural destinies.
 - Mr. Warren Mundine, CEO and Company Secretary, Native Title Services Corp Ltd., presented an overview on the Federal Government's Employment Covenant which aims to rally Australian businesses to commit to providing permanent and full-time employment opportunities for 50,000 Aboriginal Australians.
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3. Salt Cultural Arts Fund Acquittals

The following acquittal reports have been received for funds distributed in 2008:

1. All Saints Anglican Church – Four Seasons Concert Series 2008
2. Fingal Head Public School P & C – Dreamtime Pathway project

Lesley Buckley advised the Committee that the Salt Cultural Arts Fund has now been fully expended.

4. Public Art Proposal - Seaside City

Council has received a Public Art proposal from Landscape Architect Rod Copeland, on behalf of Richtech Pty Ltd the developer of Seaside at Kingscliff.

The Public Art proposal is for an entry feature that is to be located at the road interchange entry to the Seaside development at Kingscliff beachfront.

The Public Art Advisory Committee assessed the proposal in January. Although the Committee were impressed with the conceptual design, it was unable to recommend the approval of same until the following issues have been addressed. These are:

- a) Ownership and Long-term Maintenance - Council is not in a position to acquire the artworks or provide the long-term maintenance and responsibility for such. The Committee suggested that an agreement be undertaken to whereby the developer maintains the artworks, and that at the end of the 5 years, the developer will be required to undertake the removal of the artworks and restore the site.
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- b) Public Risk and Liability - As per the above recommendation, the developer would also be required to cover all aspects of risk management and public liability until such time as the artworks are removed.
- c) Sight Distance for Speed Regime - Some concerns were raised in line with the sight distance for speed regime, especially for the artwork clusters located on the northerly aspect of the site plan, therefore the Committee requires the developer to provide a Risk Assessment.
- d) Lighting Feature - Although the lighting is a significant feature of the design, questions were raised as to how useful the LED lighting will be in line with street lighting.

5. Jack Evans Boat Harbour – Gorrimah Public Art Project

A meeting of the Indigenous Public Placemaking Project Committee (IPPP) took place on 29 January 2009.

The meeting was convened to finalise the sign-off of the Public Art Implementation Strategy.

David Oxenham, DCNR; Patrick Knight, DE&O; Stewart Brawley, MRSU and Georgina Wright, Project Manager Tweed Heads Masterplan, attended the meeting with members of the Public Art Advisory Committee.

Concerns were raised by members of the Committee regarding the implications that approval of the Tweed Heads Public Art Strategy could have on Native Title. The Committee were advised that the approval of the strategic document could have no impact on the status of Native Title and that appropriate wording will therefore be included in the Preface of the Strategy.

Georgina Wright has recently drafted wording which was tabled at the Tweed Aboriginal Advisory Committee on 6 February 2009.

6 Cultural Seed Funding

Three proposals for Cultural Development seed-funding were received:

- a) Tyalgum Festival Classical Music – \$1,500 to seed the development of an annual concert series to be staged in collaboration with the Friends of the Tweed River Art Gallery.
- b) Links for Life – \$1,300 to seed the development of a Visual Art Workshop Project for disadvantaged Young People, including those with a disability.
- c) Ukitopia Arts Collective - \$1,000 to seed the development of Ukitopia's 2009 Arts Program.

Moved: Max Boyd

Seconded: Judith Sutton

RESOLVED that the Seed funds be granted as requested.

Carried Unanimously

Lesley Buckley advised the Committee that despite the Cultural Seed Funding being adopted as part of Council's 7 year Plan, it was in fact only funded for two years. Currently \$18,000 remains in the 2008-2009 budget to expend.

7. Aboriginal Liaison Officer Report

- Memorandum of Understanding was endorsed by CMT & EMT and a report will go to the next Council meeting
- Traditional Torres Straight Islander Weaving Workshop – two workshops are planned for the 4 and 31 March. The group are working towards an exhibition in NAIDOC Week 2009
- Tweed Aboriginal Transport Working Group (TATWG) adopted Terms of Reference and Position Description for a Coordinator. The Working Group has successfully applied for funding but are unable to accept the grant until an auspice body is established
- The Wollumbin Consultative Committee's met on the 11 February to discuss the Plan of Management for Wollumbin
- Knowledge Holders first meeting to be held Friday 13 Feb 2009 regarding the three proposed dam sites
- Constance Chatfield Liaison Officer for LGSA and David Williams, Executive Member for the NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network, will be invited to attend a future AAC meeting
- Tweed/Byron Local Area Command Aboriginal Consultative Committee meeting was held on 11 February regarding Circle Sentencing and the Aboriginal Justice Group
- Cultural Awareness – Aunty Joyce Summers will facilitate a Cultural Awareness training session for Councillors on Tuesday 24 March 2009, 3.30pm – 6.30pm at the Coolamon Cultural Centre

Lesley Mye advised the Committee that it would be advantageous for Council to bid for the 2011 Local Government Aboriginal Network (LGAN) Conference.

Action: Lesley Mye to provide information to the next meeting of the Committee to enable discussion regarding suitable sponsors and locations for the conference.

Moved: Barbara Carroll

Seconded: Judith Sutton

That the reports by Council's Cultural Development Officer and Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Lesley Mye be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Community Cultural Development Advisory Committee will be held at a date to be advised.

The meeting closed at 7 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Nil.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Cultural Development Officer's Report

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

"That the amount of \$4,000 be expended from the Cultural Development 08-09 budget to include the development of Creative Industries strategies in the Research Project."

9 [SUB-LTC] Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held Thursday 12 February 2009

VENUE:

Mt Warning Meeting Room

TIME:

Commencing at 9.00am

PRESENT:

Committee Members: Cr Barry Longland (Deputy Mayor), Mr Lance Vickery, Roads and Traffic Authority, Snr Constable Paul Henderson, NSW Police, Mr Rod Bates on behalf of Mr Geoff Provest MP, Member for Tweed.

Informal: Mr John Zawadzki (Chairman), Mr Ray Clark, Ms Judith Finch (Minutes Secretary).

APOLOGIES:

Mr Mike Baldwin, Roads & Traffic Authority of NSW, Mr Thomas George MP, Member for Lismore, Mr Geoff Provest MP, Member for Tweed, Mr Paul Brouwer, Mr Col Brooks on behalf of Mr Thomas George MP, Member for Lismore.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 12 December 2008 adopted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of that meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING

Rod Bates gave the following comments:-

Item B4 - Rob Roy Crescent, Quigan Street; McPhail Avenue, Kingscliff

DW1909734; 1926304; 1919974; 1915891; Rob Roy Crescent; McPhail Avenue; Quigan Street; Traffic - Safety; Speed Zones; Signs - Traffic; Traffic - Directional Signs; Petition; Complaint; Traffic - General; Traffic - Parking Zones; Traffic - Monitoring/Camera; Pedestrian - Safety

Amend 2nd last paragraph to read "is NOT required", as follows:-

A speed hump is already in place on Rob Roy Crescent. The measured traffic speeds indicated that further traffic calming is not required.

Items B7 and C1 - Rod Bates advised that he did vote in favour of these items.

B7 - Crabbes Creek Road, Crabbes Creek

That due to the low vehicle volumes on Crabbes Creek Road, Crabbes Creek and relatively low 85 percentile speed, the installation of speed humps is not supported and Police be requested to enforce current speed limits.

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

C1 - Pacific Motorway - Yelgun to Chinderah

That this matter be referred to the Roads & Traffic Authority of NSW.

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

The meeting was also held in the Mt Warning Meeting Room.

SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING RESOLUTIONS

[LTC] Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions

B1 [LTC] Kyogle Road

From Meeting held 18/9/08, 16/10/08 and 13/11/08 (Item B1)

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1886479; Traffic Committee; Safety; Speed Zones; Kyogle Road

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

"Request received to reduce the derestricted speed limit on Kyogle Road which runs through the village shops at Mount Burrell.

Council speed studies in the vicinity of Mount Burrell on Kyogle Road show that the 85th percentile speed is around 80kph.

It was recommended that speed limit surveys be undertaken at this location and forwarded to the RTA representative for an evaluation.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

For the Committee's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That this matter be listed on the Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions."

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

PRESENT. DID NOT VOTE - Geoff Provest

B1 [LTC] Heffron Street, Tweed Heads - Tweed River High School

From Meeting held 13/11/08 (Item B1)

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1912458; Heffron Street; Minjungbal Drive; Traffic - Committee; Traffic - Safety; Pedestrian Safety; Traffic - School Zones; Pedestrian Crossings; School - Tweed River High

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

"Request received in relation to a recent School Safety and Response Unit report regarding Tweed River High School which has raised the following for Local Traffic Committee consideration:-

- "1. The provision of a school pedestrian crossing in Heffron Street outside the main school gate.*
- 2. An audit be conducted in relation to the possibility of a fence being erected along the entire length of Minjungbal Drive between Heffron Street and Kirkwood Road. The erection of a fence would force students to cross at the traffic lights at the intersection of Heffron Street and Minjungbal Drive.*
- 3. Minjungbal Drive and surrounding streets be declared a 'School Zone' between the hours of 8:00am and 9:30am and 2:30pm and 4:00pm to reduce the speed limit to 40kph during these school hours."*

A meeting was held between NSW Police, Council's traffic engineer and school officials on Tuesday 28 October 2008 to discuss the above issues.

With regard to issue 1 it was agreed at the meeting that the warrants for a pedestrian crossing would be difficult to achieve and a mid block crossing would be more appropriate. Council officers will further investigate this option.

With regard to issue 2 Council's Traffic Engineer advised that safety fencing installation is relatively expensive and the fencing of the median in Minjungbal Drive may cost up to \$200,000. On a cost basis this option is prohibitive.

With regard to issue 3 Council officers will further investigate this option in conjunction with the school and bus operators.

Further information will be provided to the Committee by Council officers.

The Chairman advised of comments received from Mr W McKennariey on behalf of the Blind Citizens Association (DW1928150).

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That this item be placed on the Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That this item be placed on the Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions.

FOR VOTE - Unanimous"

B8 [LTC] Tweed Valley Way between Condong and Chinderah

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1926529; Tweed Valley Way, Condong and Chinderah; Traffic - Safety;
Traffic - Committee

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received in relation to traffic safety at night on the Tweed Valley Way between Condong and Chinderah. It has been suggested that "cats eyes" be placed on this stretch of road.

'Cats Eyes' are normally referred to as 'Retroreflective Raised Pavement Markers' or 'RRPM's'. They are used to augment painted lines on the road surface. For Tweed Valley Way a typical installation would be red RRPM's on the left edge line, white or yellow RRPM's on the right edge line or separation/barrier line at a spacing of about 24 metres.

Unfortunately installation of RRPM's comes at a cost together with replacement and need to be considered within budgetary constraints, however centreline RRPM's do exist at all 'painted turn lanes and islands and bends signposted at speeds lower than 100kph.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That this be investigated further by Council officers.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That this be investigated further by Council officers.

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

PRESENT. DID NOT VOTE - Col Brooks

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

A. FORMAL ITEMS SECTION

DELEGATIONS FOR REGULATORY DEVICES

Nil.

B. INFORMAL ITEMS SECTION

GENERAL TRAFFIC ADVICE

B1 [LTC] Traffic Safety Concerns - Uki Village

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1969548; 1978195; Kyogle Road; Mitchell Street; Rowlands Creek Road; Norco Street; Traffic - Committee; Directional Signs; Speed Zones; Parking; Pedestrian Safety; Monitor/Camera; Traffic - Safety; Local Area Traffic Management

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received regarding speeding traffic through the village of Uki.

"One trouble spot is the section of Rowlands Creek road outside First Light Bodyworks and the Uki Guesthouse, where drivers coming from the direction of Rowlands Creek ignore the Stop Sign and compete with vehicles travelling east, for first place onto Kyogle Rd. If this section were to be turned into one-way, speeding would automatically be minimised because vehicles would be forced to turn left and access Kyogle Rd from outside the school. This is a much safer access anyway, as the angle of the Rowlands Ck Rd off-shoot is quite dangerous.

Villagers must cross Kyogle Rd to access the shops on either side, but they have to put their lives at risk to do so. Nights are often worse as hoons use the straight stretch of road for street racing and burn-outs.

A couple of speed cameras either end of the village would be perfect, however, some form of speed deterrent would help enormously.

Market Day on the 3rd Sunday of the month also poses a problem with parking. Of special concern is the density of traffic in Mitchell St near the headquarters of the Uki Rural Fire Service. The fire truck is unable to exit the premises because of parking on both sides of the very narrow road. 'No Stopping' signs would address this problem."

This matter will be investigated by Council officers and reported to the meeting.

There is very strict criteria for fixed speed cameras and in this case this criteria would not be met.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That in relation to traffic issues in the Village of Uki it is recommended that:-

1. Council officers consider the installation of a splitter island at the intersection of Kyogle Road and Rowlands Creek Road.
2. The other issues be further considered by the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That in relation to traffic issues in the Village of Uki it is recommended that:-

1. Council officers consider the installation of a splitter island at the intersection of Kyogle Road and Rowlands Creek Road.
2. Consideration be given to the trimming of landscaping within the Cenotaph area on Rowlands Creek Road.
3. In relation to the exiting issues from the Uki Rural Fire Service Shed Council officers contact the Uki Rural Fire Service for their opinions.

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

PRESENT. DID NOT VOTE - Rod Bates

B2 [LTC] Criterion Cycle Race - Murwillumbah

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1977690; Nullum Street; Brisbane Street; Condong Street; Wollumbin Street; Bicycle Matters - General; Traffic - Committee

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received for Local Traffic Committee endorsement of a proposal to hold a Criterion cycle race around Knox Park utilising Nullum Street, Brisbane Street, Condong and Wollumbin Streets on a Sunday in May as part of the Australian Selection Trials.

Further details will be provided at the meeting.

The Committee considered that further detail is required regarding the Knox Park Criterium especially in relation to traffic control at intersections (especially roundabouts) and method of detouring traffic (particularly heavy vehicles).

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That the Criterion cycle race around Knox Park on Sunday 24 May 2009 be approved subject to a satisfactory Traffic Management Plan, standard conditions and Police approval.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That the cycle races around Knox Park and other parts of the Shire, as detailed in Cycling Queensland's letter dated 3 February 2009 be approved subject to:-

1. A more detailed Traffic Management Plan being submitted.
2. Standard conditions and Police approval.
3. The applicant contact the Tweed River Art Gallery Director regarding any concerns of the Art Gallery.

*FOR VOTE - Unanimous
PRESENT. DID NOT VOTE - Rod Bates*

B3 [LTC] Little Hill Street, Tweed Heads

ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1962784; Little Hill Street; Traffic - Committee; Directional Signs; Parking

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received for parking restrictions to be placed on one side of Little Hill Street.

"As Little Hill Street is only a narrow, one way street it has become increasingly dangerous driving down the street as cars are being parked on both sides of the one way street, making it almost impossible to drive between 2 parked cars safely.

We would request that Council place several signs (lower & upper Little Hill Street) restricting parking to the left hand side only of the street. Hopefully this will make driving safer and vision for pedestrians more available. This is a busy thoroughfare down to the beach, used by many cars, adults and children - we want to prevent accidents before they occur."

Council officers will investigate the site and report to the meeting.

The Committee noted that the pavement width is 6.7m and the Australian Road Rules state that vehicles cannot be parked within 3m of another vehicle. The request for parking restrictions on one side of Little Hill Street was considered unnecessary at this time.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

For the consideration of the Local Traffic Committee.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That no action be taken on Little Hill Street at this time.

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

B4 [LTC] Marine Parade Road and Car Park Closures KAFE Festival May 2009

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1977724; Traffic Committee; - Traffic Control Plan; Festivals - Kingscliff; Local Area Traffic Management; Car Parks - Kingscliff

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Local Traffic Committee approval is sought for the KAFE Festival in Kingscliff on 1 - 3 May 2009. Note that there is a change of road closure format from previous festivals.

Request has been received to close the foreshore car park from the Cudgen Surf Club towards Cudgen Creek from 3:30pm to 10:00pm on 2 May 2009 for the purpose of conducting an afternoon and evening concert in conjunction with the KAFE Festival.

Request also received for closure of Marine Parade from 6:00am to 4:00pm on Sunday 3 May 2009 from Turnock Street to Seaview Street. This closure to also include removing 6 car park spaces from the Cudgen Surf Club car park for the day.

The organisers have undertaken to:-

- 1. Advise all business houses affected in writing fourteen (14) days prior to the event.*
 - 2. Provide written support of the closures from the Business Chamber of Commerce.*
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3. *Notify the traffic alterations in the Tweed Link.*

There is no detail why the street needs to be closed or what it will be used for. This is contrary to advice from Council officers and discussions with organisers.

Extensive consultation would need to take place with businesses given the economic impact (paid for by the organisers).

There is only anecdotal evidence of support from businesses in the area.

Kingscliff is likely to be in full tourist mode, traffic movements at the maximum - given dates of festival coincide with the May long weekend in Queensland.

Residents of the area also need to be consulted not just advised of change to the traffic 2 weeks before.

It is considered that evidence of support from affected businesses be obtained prior to any approval as the proposed 10 hour closure on a Sunday is significant.

The Committee considered that insufficient detail has been submitted to properly assess the application. In particular support from local business owners and alternative plans for parking were not provided.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That the Festival organisers of the proposed KAFE Festival be advised that road closures and car park closures are not supported based on previous advice to the Festival organisers.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That the Festival organisers of the proposed KAFE Festival be advised that road closures and car park closures are not supported based on the information provided and previous advice to the Festival organisers.

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

B5 [LTC] Heffron Street, Tweed Heads South

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1959560; 1959595; Traffic - Committee; School Zones; Parking Zones; Heffron Street; Tweed River High

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received for the provision of a Parent Drop Off Zone at the front of the Tweed River High School, Heffron Street, Tweed Heads South.

Tweed River High School currently has a 200 metre frontage to Heffron Street. All of this is taken up by a bus zone.

Surfside Buses have indicated that they "would strongly oppose any change to existing arrangements that may jeopardize the efficient operation of existing school bus services in the afternoon.

"..... We currently load 10 school buses at the school zone on Heffron Street in the 10 minute period between 2:35pm and 2:45pm. It is imperative that these school buses have unhindered access to and from the bus zone during this time."

Surfside also advise that they require 180 metres of the school frontage in total to accommodate bus pick up.

Council also proposes to install a pedestrian refuge on Heffron Street outside the school's main gates to provide a safer crossing. This will involve reducing bus parking by at least 20 metres.

As the frontage is only 200 metres there is insufficient space to incorporate a parent pick up and drop off zone.

It is also more desirable that bus manoeuvres and parent pick up manoeuvres be separated. In this regard a public car park exists at the Minjungbal end of Heffron Street for drop off and pick up purposes.

The Committee noted that a pedestrian refuge will be constructed on Heffron Street which will require kerb space.

It was suggested that Council officers contact the high school principal with a view of student pedestrian access being allowed through the existing gates on the eastern side of the school to Council's car park area. Council's car park area could be used as the pick up drop off location.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That a parent drop off zone at the front of the Tweed River High School on Heffron Street is not supported as insufficient frontage length exists to cater for both buses and this zone.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That:-

1. A parent drop off zone at the front of the Tweed River High School on Heffron Street is not supported as insufficient frontage length exists to cater for both buses and this zone.
2. The opportunity of student pedestrian access through the eastern school gate to Council's car park be further investigated.

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

B6 [LTC] Riverside Drive, Tumbulgum

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1948812; Traffic - Committee; Parking Zones - Boat Ramps; Riverside Drive

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

At the Local Traffic Committee meeting held 19 July 2007 the following item was discussed:-

"Request received that trailer parking be disallowed as follows:-

- 1. On the eastern side of Riverside Drive from the House of Gabriel to Tumbulgum Tavern.*
- 2. On the western side of Riverside Drive from Tumbulgum Tavern to the intersection of Fawcett Street, Tumbulgum.*

Speed surveys were conducted on Riverside Drive from the 20 July 2006 to 27 July 2006. Average daily traffic was 935 vehicles per day and the 85th percentile speed was 55km/h."

At Council's meeting held 16 August 2007 the following recommendation was endorsed:-

- "1. Appropriate signage for no parking of trailers be installed on the eastern side of Riverside Drive from the Birdwing Cafe to Tumbulgum Tavern.*
- 2. Prohibitive parking signage for vehicles over 6m not be installed on the western side of Riverside Drive.*
- 3. Traffic calming devices for Riverside Drive not be installed as the 85th percentile speed is 55kph."*

Request now received for the extension of current signage, prohibiting cars with boat trailers in excess of 6 metres parking between the Birdwing Café and the Tumbulgum Tavern on the eastern side of Riverside Drive, to include all commercial premises in Riverside Drive and associated side streets.

It is reported that trailer parking is a problem that arises mainly on weekends.

Council officers will further investigate the matter and report to the meeting.

The Committee considered that more information was required in relation to the views of business owners and actual extent of trailer parking on weekends.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

For the consideration of the Local Traffic Committee.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That this item be listed on Outstanding Resolutions.

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

B7 [LTC] Lorna Street to Cylinders Drive Connection

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW; 1952175; 1959066; Traffic Committee; Lorna Street; Cylinders Drive; Local Area Traffic Management; Speed Zones

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received in relation to the proposed linkup of Cylinders Drive, Salt Village to Lorna Street, Seaside Estate. The Residents Association has raised concerns as follows:-

"... alarmed at the prospect of having extra traffic entering and speeding down their narrow streets upsetting their quality of living.

On behalf of the residents of Salt, we strongly object to the connection of Cylinders Drive to Lorna Street, and ask that Tweed Council reconsider the linkup and instead make Cylinders Drive a cul-de-sac. Another possibility could be to install bollards, allowing easy access for bicycles or pedestrians NOT CARS AND TRUCKS. These bollards could be removed for the use of emergency vehicle access when necessary."

The extension of Cylinders Drive to the south through the proposed Seaside City Estate has always been envisaged as part of the integration of developments in this area.

It is expected that the ultimate traffic along Cylinders Drive (with connection to Lorna Street) will be well less than 1,000 vehicles per day which is in accordance with Council's guidelines and is minor. The perception of speeding traffic is speculative which would be verified through speed surveys following the connection to Lorna Street.

*Cr Longland left the meeting at 11:00am.
Council delegate, Mr John Zawadzki became the Council Representative*

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

For the consideration of the Local Traffic Committee.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That consideration be given in the subdivision design of Lorna Street for traffic calming (speed control devices).

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

B8 [LTC] Quiksilver Pro Show 2009

ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1979127; Coral Street; Boundary Street; Community Events on Council Administered Land; Jack Evans Boat Harbour; John Follent Park; Traffic - Committee; DA08/1190

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Traffic Committee advice sought on proposed road closure and traffic management plan for the conduct of the Quiksilver Pro Show 2009 on Saturday 7 March 2009 from 2:00pm to 10:30pm. It is proposed to hold an event catering for an estimated 3,500 people at a live concert at the John Follent Park, Coral Street. Parking for the event will be directed to the Jack Evans Boat Harbour access off Boundary Street.

This is the 3rd year that this event has been held and there have been no previous concerns raised with this event.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That approval be given to the Pro Show Quiksilver 2009 event subject to standard conditions of approval and Police consent.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That the Committee has no objection to the Pro Show Quiksilver 2009 event on Saturday 7 March subject to standard conditions of approval and Police consent.

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

C. CLASSIFIED ROADS SECTION

REGULATORY MATTERS

C1 [LTC] Tweed Coast Road, Casuarina

ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1978362; 1978363; Traffic - Committee; Weight of Vehicles; Tweed Coast Road - Casuarina, Kings Forest

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received for Local Traffic Committee approval for a temporary B-Double Gazettal of a section of the Tweed Coast Road from the Pacific Highway to approximately 200m north of Depot Road to facilitate pine forest log removal to Brisbane. The applicant requests approval until the end of 2009.

The request is submitted for the Local Traffic Committee's advice.

Council officers will assess the route in accordance with Route Assessment Guidelines for Restricted Access Vehicles as issued by the Roads & Traffic Authority of NSW.

Rod Bates, on behalf of Mr Geoff Provest raised concerns with the use of B-Doubles on Tweed Coast Road through residential areas and cannot support an application to utilise B-Doubles.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That the Committee provides no objection to the temporary B-Double Gazettal of a section of the Tweed Coast Road from the Pacific Highway to approximately 200m north of Depot Road proposal subject to compliance with the Roads & Traffic Authority of NSW guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That the Committee provides no objection to the temporary B-Double Gazettal of a section of the Tweed Coast Road from the Pacific Highway to approximately 200m north of Depot Road proposal subject to compliance with the Roads & Traffic Authority of NSW guidelines and only until 31 December 2009.

*FOR VOTE - Lance Vickery, Snr Constable Paul Henderson, John Zawadzki
AGAINST VOTE - Rod Bates*

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Committee will be held 12 March 2009 in the Mt Warning Meeting Room commencing at 9.00am.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11:45am.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Nil.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

B. INFORMAL ITEMS SECTION

GENERAL TRAFFIC ADVICE

B1 [LTC] Traffic Safety Concerns - Uki Village

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1969548; 1978195; Kyogle Road; Mitchell Street; Rowlands Creek Road; Norco Street; Traffic - Committee; Directional Signs; Speed Zones; Parking; Pedestrian Safety; Monitor/Camera; Traffic - Safety; Local Area Traffic Management

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

"That in relation to traffic issues in the Village of Uki it is recommended that:-

- 1. Council officers consider the installation of a splitter island at the intersection of Kyogle Road and Rowlands Creek Road.*
- 2. Consideration be given to the trimming of landscaping within the Cenotaph area on Rowlands Creek Road.*
- 3. In relation to the exiting issues from the Uki Rural Fire Service Shed Council officers contact the Uki Rural Fire Service for their opinions."*

B2 [LTC] Criterion Cycle Race - Murwillumbah

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1977690; Nullum Street; Brisbane Street; Condong Street; Wollumbin Street; Bicycle Matters - General; Traffic - Committee

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

"That the cycle races around Knox Park and other parts of the Shire, as detailed in Cycling Queensland's letter dated 3 February 2009 be approved subject to:-

- 1. A more detailed Traffic Management Plan being submitted.*
- 2. Standard conditions and Police approval.*
- 3. The applicant contact the Tweed River Art Gallery Director regarding any concerns of the Art Gallery."*

B3 [LTC] Little Hill Street, Tweed Heads

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1962784; Little Hill Street; Traffic - Committee; Directional Signs; Parking

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

"That no action be taken on Little Hill Street at this time."

B4 [LTC] Marine Parade Road and Car Park Closures KAFE Festival May 2009

ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1977724; Traffic Committee; - Traffic Control Plan; Festivals - Kingscliff; Local Area Traffic Management; Car Parks - Kingscliff

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

"That the Festival organisers of the proposed KAFE Festival be advised that road closures and car park closures are not supported based on the information provided and previous advice to the Festival organisers."

B5 [LTC] Heffron Street, Tweed Heads South

ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1959560; 1959595; Traffic - Committee; School Zones; Parking Zones; Heffron Street; Tweed River High

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

"That:-

- 1. A parent drop off zone at the front of the Tweed River High School on Heffron Street is not supported as insufficient frontage length exists to cater for both buses and this zone.*
- 2. The opportunity of student pedestrian access through the eastern school gate to Council's car park be further investigated."*

B6 [LTC] Riverside Drive, Tumbulgum

ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW1948812; Traffic - Committee; Parking Zones - Boat Ramps; Riverside Drive

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

"That this item be listed on Outstanding Resolutions."

B7 [LTC] Lorna Street to Cylinders Drive Connection

ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW; 1952175; 1959066; Traffic Committee; Lorna Street; Cylinders Drive; Local Area Traffic Management; Speed Zones

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

"That consideration be given in the subdivision design of Lorna Street for traffic calming (speed control devices)."

B8 [LTC] Quiksilver Pro Show 2009

**ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure**

FILE NO: DW1979127; Coral Street; Boundary Street; Community Events on Council Administered Land; Jack Evans Boat Harbour; John Follent Park; Traffic - Committee; DA08/1190

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

"That the Committee has no objection to the Pro Show Quiksilver 2009 event on Saturday 7 March subject to standard conditions of approval and Police consent."

C. CLASSIFIED ROADS SECTION

REGULATORY MATTERS

C1 [LTC] Tweed Coast Road, Casuarina

**ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure**

FILE NO: DW1978362; 1978363; Traffic - Committee; Weight of Vehicles; Tweed Coast Road - Casuarina, Kings Forest

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

"That the Committee provides no objection to the temporary B-Double Gazettal of a section of the Tweed Coast Road from the Pacific Highway to approximately 200m north of Depot Road proposal subject to compliance with the Roads & Traffic Authority of NSW guidelines and only until 31 December 2009."

10 [SUB-PTW] Minutes of the Public Transport Working Group Meeting held Friday 20 February 2009

VENUE:

Coolamon Cultural Centre

TIME:

10:00am

PRESENT:

Len Greer, John Zawadzki (Tweed Shire Council), Mr Rob Spragg (Tweed Shire Council), Judith Finch (Minutes Secretary Tweed Shire Council), Alan Cavanagh (Surfside Buslines), Doug Weatherley (Community Representative), Bill McKennariey (Blind Citizens Australia), Linda Lomman (Northern Suburbs Social Development Council), John Parsons (Parsons Bus Service).

APOLOGIES:

Ben Riley (Ministry of Transport), Rosemary Beard (Veterans Affairs), Don Stubbs (Tweed Taxis), Phil Barron (Tweed Ballina Byron Community Transport).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved: Len Greer

Seconded: John Zawadzki

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Public Transport Working Group meeting held Friday 12 December 2008 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Alan Cavanagh arrived at 10:10am

BUSINESS ARISING:

From Meeting Held 12 December 2008:

Item 3 Social Plan Review 2008 – Transport Issues

Mr Cavanagh advised that for Route 607 there are now weekend services in place.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

1. Mr Bill McKennariey - Draft Induction Kit

ECM 1895545

John Zawadzki advised that the PTWG does not work in with the elections of Council - this group is perpetual as per the previous Council resolution.

2. Relocation Request - Country Link Bus Stop from Heffron Street to Tweed City
ECM 1971863

Rob advised that this was a request from an individual traveller.

Action: That Rob Spragg request permission from the individual to forward her request to Country Link.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Election of New Chairperson

Due to the low number of members at the meeting, John Zawadzki called for a Chairperson for this meeting only.

Rob Spragg was voted Chairperson for this meeting.

2. Bicycle User Group Initiative (BUG)

Rob Spragg advised that this was to initiate a Bicycle User Group. John Zawadzki suggested that the group should receive Dan Walton's comments.

Action: That Rob Spragg discuss this item with Dan Walton and advise the group of his recommendation.

3. Public Transport Working Group Future Direction

Mr Greer recognised that there were not many people at today's meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

1. The Public Transport Working Group be reformed with membership to be recommended by Council.
2. The new membership be ratified as soon as possible.
3. Council considers nominating a Councillor Representative to attend Transport Working Group meetings.

Alternate members were discussed as being invited to attend when representatives are not able to attend meetings.

Linda advised that the scope of a new group should have Community Services being involved to address the needs of the community regarding transport. Having members from the relevant sections and those people making a commitment to attend is important when the new group is formed. A planning session of the new group would be warranted.

Concern was raised that the group tries to look at too many items and needs to refocus on public transport.

Mr McKennarney advised that he considered this to be a very important group and the advice of transport operators is needed. The direction and focus of the group needs reassessing.

Mr Greer advised that he believed a Councillor should be the chairperson to enable items from this group to be acted upon through Council.

John Zawadzki advised that this group's role is in promotion of transport issues through Council.

Mr Parsons advised that this group has asked Council for money to clean bus shelters in the budget yet less funding was committed.

Changing the name of the group was discussed, such as removing the word "Public", maybe Transport Advisory Group or being a Committee of Council.

The Aboriginal Transport Group was discussed as being invited to be involved with this meeting.

Mr Greer advised that he considered a Councillor needed to be involved in these meetings and that guidelines regarding all aspects of transport needs to be discussed on responsible offices for transport issues.

Rob Spragg suggested a session between the group and invite Councillors and other development officers in relation to transport issues.

The group decided that the next meeting would focus on a planning session. The meeting invitation should state that the focus is on a 'Planning Session' and that everyone's attendance is necessary.

Action:- That John Zawadzki and Linda Lomman discuss the scope of the Planning Session which will form the basis of a new group.

OTHER BUSINESS:

4. Graffiti

On the 27 January 2009 it was noted that Council passed a resolution that there is now zero tolerance to graffiti

Motion by Len Greer:

In view of Council's resolution that there is now zero tolerance to graffiti initiative we recommend that the Director of Engineering & Operations consider placing the removal of all graffiti from bus shelter sheds on the highest priority and to instigate a general regular cleaning program of bus shelters.

Moved by Len Greer
Seconded by John Parsons

RECOMMENDATION:

That in view of Council's resolution that there is now a zero tolerance to graffiti initiative we recommend that the Director of Engineering & Operations consider placing the removal of all graffiti from bus shelter sheds on the highest priority and to instigate a general regular cleaning program of bus shelters.

5. Local Government Weekly - Livable Communities

Linda Lomman advised that Council can respond to this survey on how walkable your area is. Individuals can also fill out the survey.

Action: That Linda Lomman discuss this matter with Maggie Groff and Dan Walton.

6. Regional Excursion Daily (RED) Ticket

Linda Lomman advised of the new \$2.50 regional excursion daily fare for seniors, pensioners and better fares cards. There is also a new ½ care fare for eligible job seekers and apprentices and trainees.

Linda queried if this is being promoted by the operators. Alan advised that it has been advertised in seniors papers and the Gold Coast Bulletin.

It was noted that this could be a promotion for this group to organise through the Ministry of Transport.

Action that:-

1. *This item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.*
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2. *The RED tickets be promoted on Council's web site.*

Outstanding Matters Report:

• Meeting Date	• Title	• Action	• Action Officer	• Comments/Completed
• 24/8/2007	• Council's Transport Policies & Procedures	• Commence Network Plans	• Rob Spragg	• Ongoing - Rob advised he has been working on this and that this will be circulated for the next meeting
• 29/8/2008	• Gold Coast/Tweed Transport	• Liaison between Gold Coast City Council and Tweed on transportation	• John Zawadzki	• Ongoing
• 29/8/2008	• Promotion and Possible Expansion of Tyalgum Bus Service	• Rob Spragg to meet with Barry Singh and Ben Riley to discuss possible funding for promotion	• Rob Spragg	• Ongoing
• 29/8/2008	• Transport Needs for Older People in Tweed	• Funding for transport needs for older people from the Ministry of Transport	• Rosemary Beard and Ben Riley	• Ongoing

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Public Transport Working Sub Group is not yet scheduled for 2009.

The next meeting of the Public Transport Working Group will be held on 24 April 2009 subject to Council's acceptance.

The meeting closed at 12:10pm.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

4. Graffiti

There is a report to Council's Operations Committee meeting of 17 March 2009 in relation to removal of graffiti and Council's zero tolerance policy.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

3. Public Transport Working Group Future Direction

The Group's recommendation being:

"That:-

- 1. The Public Transport Working Group be reformed with membership to be recommended by Council.*
- 2. The new membership be ratified as soon as possible.*
- 3. Council consider nominating a Councillor Representative to attend Transport Working Group meetings."*

be amended to read:

"That the Director Engineering & Operations report to Council regarding the constitution, membership and function of the Public Transport Working Group."

4. Graffiti

The Group's recommendation being:

"That in view of Council's resolution that there is now a zero tolerance to graffiti initiative we recommend that the Director of Engineering & Operations consider placing the removal of all graffiti from bus shelter sheds on the highest priority and to instigate a general regular cleaning program of bus shelters.'

be amended to read:

"That action in relation to zero tolerance of graffiti be considered and dealt with in conjunction with the report to Council's Operations Committee on this subject."

11 [SUB-TRC] Minutes of the Tweed River Committee Meeting held Wednesday 25 February 2009

VENUE:

Canvas & Kettle Meeting Room

TIME:

9.10am

PRESENT:

Cr Kevin Skinner; Cr Katie Milne; Robert Quirk (NRCMA & NSW Cane Growers' Association); Richard Hagley (Department of Environment & Climate Change); Carl Cormack (NSW Maritime Authority); Bob Loring (Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries); Martin Dobney (Action Sands Chinderah); Claire Masters (Tweed Landcare Inc); Errol Wright (Tweed River Charter Operators); Rhonda James (Caldera Environment Centre); Peter Baker (Tweed Agriculture Representative); David Oxenham; Jane Lofthouse, Tom Alletson, Sebastien Garcia-Cuenca, Mark Kingston (Tweed Shire Council).

INFORMAL:

Cr Barry Longland; James Green (NSW Maritime Authority); Jim Warburton; Richard Murray (Tweed Environment Group); Cathey Philip (Minutes Secretary)

APOLOGIES:

Lance Tarvey (Department of Environment & Conservation); David McPherson (Department of Lands); Kyle Slabb (Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved: Robert Quirk

Seconded: Martin Dobney

RESOLVED that the Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 10 December 2008 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting with the following amendments:-

Dredging Stotts Channel

The second paragraph of the existing minutes be replaced with the following:

Cr Milne raised the issue of maintaining tidal flushing of Kerosene Inlet. The process of tidal flushing was discussed with the importance of maintaining the system of the river overtopping the training wall noted. An investigation into the ecological health of Kerosene Inlet will be undertaken.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Item from Meeting held 10 December 2008

1. Boyd's Bay Marina

Boyd's Bay Marina

Jane advised that the Department of Lands has selected a preferred proponent and negotiations have commenced but that she had no further details.

Claire suggested that Council forward a further submission to the Department of Lands detailing the environmental constraints associated with building a marina at the site.

It was noted that there has not been a response from the Department of Lands to Council's original submission on the Draft Crown lands Plan of Management.

Jim Warburton attended at 9.34am

Moved: Claire Masters

Seconded: Rhonda James

RESOLVED that the Committee make the following recommendation to Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council (following advice that a preferred proponent for the marina has been selected) write to Department of Lands reiterating concerns about the ecological constraints of the proposed marina site at Boyd's Bay, as per Council's submission forwarded to Department of Lands relating to the Draft Tweed Coast Regional Crown Reserve Plan of Management.

Vote:

For: 7

Against: 3

CARRIED

Richard Murray attended at 9.42am

2. Fingal Head Issues

Environmental Education

Seagrass mapping in Wommin Lake

Aerial photography since 1962 was presented. A seagrass monitoring workshop is to be held 9 March 2009 at the Banora Point Community Centre.

Sand bar growth at mouth of Kerosene Inlet

Tom referred to aerial photos he had forwarded by email. Suggested a survey of the rock wall where the tide spills in and out be undertaken to determine the level so flushing dynamics can be maintained if required in the future.

TRSBP will be asked for detailed data on the growth of the sand bar (adjacent the southern river training wall at end of Leticia Spit) in the Tweed River.

Rhonda raised concern about sea birds if any disturbance to this bar was to be considered. Tom advised it would be taken into consideration if a proposal to modify the sand bar were ever considered.

A general discussion took place on how to prevent vehicles from driving on the sand bar given existing impacts on shorebirds. Suggestions were:-

- Issue fines
- Erect eco-friendly signs
- Include Aboriginal Land Council in discussions

It was determined that the issue of vehicle restriction on the sand bar inside the mouth of the river be made an agenda item at the next TRC meeting. A summary of previous Council and Land Council efforts to control vehicles will be presented and a member of the TBLALC requested to attend the meeting.

Cr Milne also requested an update on a sunset committee which had been formed by Council to look at issues pertaining to management of Leticia Road.

3. Cobaki Broadwater Investigation

Cobaki Broadwater

Robert Quirk advised that Southern Cross University is willing to have a meeting to discuss monitoring of runoff from Tugun Bypass on Cobaki Broadwater. Tom and Robert to arrange time and date.

4. Moorings at Tweed River

Tweed River; Boating; Pontoons; Jetties

Cr Milne noted that although the minutes stated that the current moorings at the Tweed Heads/Coolangatta Golf Course is 12, NSW Maritime Authority has not limited it to 12 boats. There has been no consultation with the community regarding increasing the moorings and suggested that Council request NSW Maritime Authority consults with the community.

Sarah Holloway Peter Hanington & Damian McCann attended at 9.51am.

After general discussion it was decided that this matter should be further addressed at the upcoming workshop on boating and river use.

Moved: Cr Milne

Seconded: Claire Masters

RESOLVED that the committee request NSW Maritime Authority to carry out consultation with the general community about changing the number moorings in the Tweed River.

Vote:

For: 3

Remainder: against

DEFEATED

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Tweed River Bank Erosion

Tweed River; Riverbank Erosion

A submission has been received from Brian & Hazel Tree on the Tweed River bank erosion. Discussion of this issue was deferred until the next meeting.

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2. Community Representation on Tweed River Committee

Committees of Council

This item was dealt with as the last agenda item.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Department of Environment & Climate Change - Coordinating Group Cobaki Foreshore

Estuary Management; Cobaki Broadwater

Letter to Department of Environment & Climate Change regarding the formation of a coordinating group for land management at Cobaki foreshore.

Deferred to next meeting due to time constraints.

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2. Department of Planning - Tugun Bypass Issues

Tugun Bypass

Letter to Department of Planning requesting a response to concerns regarding water quality data at Tugun Bypass raised by Lindy Smith.

Deferred to next meeting due to time constraints.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Budd Park River Bank Stabilisation

Budd Park; Riverbank Erosion

Deferred to next meeting due to time constraints.

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2. Dredging Stotts Channel

Dredging; Stotts Island Nature Reserve; Wommin Lake

Robert expressed interest and did not participate in discussion.

Tom briefly summarised the proposal to undertake a preliminary study costing \$15,000. Committee support is required to commit the money from the budget to undertake the work. The Committee resolved in April 2007 to support this project.

David advised that over long period of time Council and the Committee had worked with the Cane Industry which had supported Council to improve water quality. The Cane Industry have indicated what they believe is drainage problem and how it could be addressed. The Committee was requested to provide funding to undertake preliminary investigations into means of dredging a small section of Stotts Channel. If the State Government Agencies responsible for authorising such works indicate that (based on the TRC funded scoping study) an approval to undertake the project would be possible, then the Cane Industry would be required to fund further investigation and the actual works.

General discussion was held regarding whether funding should be committed for a study.

Moved: David Oxenham

Seconded: Errol Wright

RESOLVED that the Committee allocates \$15,000 from its budget to proceed with the preliminary investigation into dredging a sediment slug at the downstream end of Stotts Channel.

3. Cobaki & Terranora Broadwater Estuary Ecosystem Health Monitoring Program
Cobaki Broadwater; Terranora Broadwater

Peter Hanington from the University of Queensland & International Water Centre presented outcomes of Estuary Ecosystem Health Monitoring Program (EHMP).

The presentation was followed by a Q&A session.

4. Cobaki & Terranora Broadwater Catchment Management Plan
Cobaki Broadwater; Terranora Broadwater

Sarah Holloway and Damien McCann from Australian Wetlands presented outcomes of the Cobaki & Terranora Broadwater Catchment Management Plan.

The presentation was followed by a Q&A session.

There was a general discussion on the relevant information regarding the Cobaki Lakes Masterplan being sent to Department of Planning.

David advised that Council staff will work collectively to develop a position on stormwater release from the proposed Cobaki lakes development, based on information in the new catchment management plan. If appropriate a submission based on this work will be sent to the Department of Planning.

Tom commented that the Masterplan doesn't include very specific information with respect to stormwater treatment. Broad concepts are outlined and quantified proposals

would be expected in the application for individual development stages. It is the up to the Department of Planning to either accept or reject the Masterplan.

Jim Warburton congratulated Council and the presenters for their effort and input and thanked for the Committee for the invitation to attend the presentation.

5. Community Committee Member Nominations

Committees of Council

A discussion was held between Council staff and the State Government representatives regarding community representation on the Tweed River Committee. The resolution of the Committee is the subject of a separate report to Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Jet Boat Tours

Boating; Tweed River

Cr Milne raised the issue of jet boat tours and whether or not monitoring could be undertaken to determine the impact of vessel wake on the river. David responded that such an investigation would need to have a very carefully developed scope to be useful and that scope would need to be considered in the context of budget allocation.

It was proposed that the matter be reconsidered following a workshop with Councillors and NSW maritime Staff to discuss and bring a proposal back to next meeting. Need to look at program and allocation of funds.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on Wednesday 8 April 2009 at the Canvas & Kettle Meeting room commencing at 9.00 am.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Nil.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Business Arising:

Item from Meeting held 10 December 2008

1. **Boyd's Bay Marina**

Boyd's Bay Marina

As per the Committee's recommendation being:-

"That Council (following advice that a preferred proponent for the marina has been selected) write to Department of Lands reiterating concerns about the ecological constraints of the proposed marina site at Boyd's Bay, as per Council's submission forwarded to Department of Lands relating to the Draft Tweed Coast Regional Crown Reserve Plan of Management."

12 [SUB-TCC] Minutes of the Tweed Coastal Committee Meeting held Wednesday 25 February 2009

Tweed Coastal Committee

VENUE:

Canvas & Kettle Meeting Room

TIME:

Commencing at 1.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cr Barry Longland (Chair); Cr Katie Milne; Terry Kane (Cabarita Beach-Bogangar), Richard Hagley (Department of Natural Resources); Lance Tarvey (Department of Environment & Conservation); Gary Thorpe (Hastings Point); Rhonda James (Caldera Environment Centre); John Harbison (Mooball); Jason Pearson (Kingscliff); Ian Rabbitts (Fingal Head); Jane Lofthouse, Tom Alletson, Mark Kingston, Stewart Brawley (Tweed Shire Council).

INFORMAL:

Cathey Philip (Minutes Secretary)

APOLOGIES:

David McPherson (Department of Lands); David Oxenham, Sebastien Garcia-Cuenca, (Tweed Shire Council).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved: Jason Pearson

Seconded: Cr Milne

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Tweed Coastal Committee Meeting held Wednesday 10 December 2008 were tabled at the meeting and accepted by the Committee as a true and accurate record of the proceedings with the following amendments:

1. Stewart Brawley incorrectly shown as in attendance.
2. Hastings Point Dune Disposal - it was requested that Council consider monitoring marine water quality on the seaward side of the dune disposal site.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Item from Meeting held 10 December 2008

1. Cudgera Creek Ecological Assessment

The Cudgera Creek Ecological Study will commence shortly. Prior to commencement Tom will discuss the revised scope of the study with Hastings Point residents. Kerosene Inlet will be study as an independent site funded through the Tweed River Committee.

Tom thanked Gary for providing the document he received from the Australian Marine Science Centre provided further assistance in developing the scope of the project.

2. Letitia Spit Recession

Crown Land

Jane provided an update received from Department of Lands; in granting the land claims at Fingal Head, the court ordered that an ambulatory easement under s.88b be created 50m wide landward from the MHWL as it appears from time to time. The easement does not make it crown land but it does provide for public access. The tenure remains with the Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Ian said there was a need to clarify status of Crown lands easement south of Fingal Head.

Next Meeting: Jane to follow up and report back to the Committee.

3. Seagrass Watch Training Day

Environmental Education

A Seagrass Watch Training Day is to be held Monday 9 March 2009 at Tweed Heads. Jane commented she is hoping for groups/individuals to come forward to participate and set up monitoring groups in their local estuary.

4. Hastings Point Dune Disposal

Coastal Management; Water Monitoring

Gary noted that at the previous meeting it was suggested that Council staff do a presentation to the Hastings Point community on the dune disposal system. Jane to follow up with Marty Hancock.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Community Representation on Tweed Coastal Committee

Committees of Council

This item was dealt with as the last agenda item. The Committee's recommendation will be forwarded to Council.

2. Bitou Bush Report

Bitou Bush Control Strategy; Biodiversity

Copies of the Bitou Bush - Current Management & Control Options report were circulated to committee members. More copies are available through Sally Jacka.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Nil.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Kingscliff Foreshore Protection Works
Kingscliff Beach; Kingscliff Foreshore Masterplan; Coastal Management

The submitted EIS for the Kingscliff Foreshore Protection Works has been withdrawn as Council's planning staff recommended a change in the format.

The EIS will be separated into two components and each lodged separately with Council.

The SLSC seawall project will be the easier of the two to get approval and to obtain funding.

The sand nourishment project is not as urgent in that the Surf Club is the only main structure that would be damaged in a major storm event.

The EIS will go out to the public as part of the development approval process.

Jane advised that Action Sands was the only complying tender for sand supply. Delivery will possibly be via pipeline or dredging and pumping onto beach.

The next meeting of Tweed River Entrance Sand Bypass Project Community Advisory Committee is to be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 4 March in the South Sea Islander Room at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre.

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2. Tweed DuneCare Coordinating Committee Minutes

Dune Care Committee

Jane advised that the Tweed DuneCare Coordinating Committee requests that the following recommendation be forwarded by the Committee to Council.

Moved: Cr Longland

Seconded: Terry Kane

RESOLVED that the following recommendation be made to Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council supports the joint applications by Tweed DuneCare Groups for "Caring for our Country" Federal Grants funding.

Jane gave brief update on fence between Wommin Lake and the Lagoon at Fingal Head. The project has been successful so far with only one break through during the school holidays.

Cr Milne felt the signage was not very natural looking and that this would be a good location for more descriptive/educational signage, explaining why area is protected. This will be further considered when developing signage for Fingal Head.

Cr Longland referred to correspondence from Arthur Kemp and asked Ian if there was anything further Tweed Coastal Committee should do. It was noted that Council will develop a descriptive plan for the site and discuss its implementation with residents/stakeholders.

Jane to follow up with Rod Keevers as to what happened regarding the destruction of trees in Cypress Crescent, Cabarita Beach.

3. Community Committee Member Nominations

Committees of Council; Tweed Coastal Committee

A discussion was held between Council staff and the State Government representatives regarding community representation on the Tweed Coastal Committee. The resolution of the Committee is the subject of a separate report to Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Planning for Quarry Car Park - Fingal Head

Ian requested an on site meeting with relevant parties regarding planned works for the Fingal Head quarry car park.

Stewart responded saying Council had allocated funding to fix up car park but it was to be done in conjunction with the upgrade of the intersection.

Next Meeting: Further discussion to be held at next meeting.

2. Position Paper - Sea Level Rise

Coastline Management Plan; Climate Change; Coastal Management

Richard advised a draft position paper on sea level rise has been released by Department of Environment & Climate Change. The levels adopted are based on IPCC plus studies carried out by CSIRO. Access to the paper is available via the Department's web site. Submissions close early April 2009. A report to Council will be prepared in response to the position paper.

3. Study on Coastal Creeks Flood

Flood Levels; Floodplain Management; Flood Study

Terry asked for update on the above study to be advised at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Status of Coastal Creeks Flood Study to be provided.

4. Development Application - Lot 156 DP 628026 Creek Street Hastings Point

DA07/0600

Gary raised the issue of a single dwelling being approved and constructed on the above site. The Committee needs to be aware of the potential development application for a 58 dwelling resort on the site. The Committee is to look at any development and must consider Estuary Management Plan, particularly the 50 metre buffer zone to estuary.

Next Meeting: Item to be placed on agenda.

5. Green Organics Bins

Garbage - Green Organics Collection

Jane advised that the matter of the provision of green organics bins was raised at the Dune Care meeting. Members suggested all ratepayers should pay for the service in an attempt to stop people from dumping green waste or it going into landfill.

6. Jack Evans Boat Harbour

Parks - Jack Evans Boat Harbour

Cr Milne raised concerns about an erosion problem on the south side of Jack Evans Boat Harbour.

There was a general discussion on how to resolve problem. The option to rock retain would cost approximately \$30K. Sand dredging is a potential to be investigated for the long term management of Jack Evans Boat Harbour.

7. Groundwater at "the Point" Development Hastings Point

DA06/0413

Gary advised that "the Point" development has come across ground water even though consultants had said they would not go to a depth that would strike groundwater.

After a general discussion it was decided that Jane investigate:-

- The Council officer involved and request they contact Gary.
- Department of Water & Energy discharge licence.
- Monitoring.
- Other potential groundwater impacts eg. on vegetation such as the HCV littoral rainforest adjacent.

Next Meeting: Jane to provide status.

8. Hastings Point Signage

Environmental Education

Gary requested he be involved in the discussions regarding the location of the Hastings Point signage.

9. Jet Boat Around Cook Island

Tweed River; Cook Island Aquatic Reserve

Cr Milne raised concerns about the jet boat possibly operating near Cook Island. A Code of Conduct is being prepared by NSW Maritime Authority.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Tweed Coastal Committee will be held Wednesday 8 April 2009 in the Canvas & Kettle Meeting Room commencing at 1.00pm.

The meeting closed at 2.58pm

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Nil.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

2. **Tweed DuneCare Coordinating Committee Minutes**

Dune Care Committee

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

"That Council supports the joint applications by Tweed DuneCare Groups for "Caring for our Country" Federal Grants funding."

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13 Minutes of Sub-Committees/Working Groups for Distribution Only

The following Minutes of Sub-Committees/Working Groups do not require Council decision and are distributed for information only.

UNDER SEPARATE COVER:

1. Minutes of the Public Transport Working Group Meeting held Friday 12 December 2008 (ECM 1963964)
 2. Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 6 February 2009 (ECM 1963964)
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ORDERS OF THE DAY**14 [NOR-CM] Tweed Development Control Plan - Hastings Point****NOTICE OF RESCISSION:**

Councillor K Skinner, Councillor P Youngblutt and Councillor W Polglase move:

That Council resolution at Minute No 35 in relation to Item 8, Tweed Development Control Plan - Hastings Point, of the Meeting held 17 February 2009 being:-

... that Council places on public exhibition a draft amendment to Section A1 of the Tweed Development Control Plan (DCP) to restrict the interim density ratio to no more than two dwellings (dual occupancy) per site for the whole of Hastings Point.

be rescinded.

15 [NOM-CM] Hastings Point Development Controls**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

Councillor K Skinner moves, in light of the recent extensive community interest in Council proposed development controls for the Hastings Point area, Council endorses the following:

1. That Council officers send out a letter to all residents and owners of Hastings Point asking whether they support or oppose the latest endorsed interim development controls for Hasting Point, which restrict all development to a maximum height of two storeys (and 8 metres), and a maximum density of two (2) dwellings per property.
 2. Residents and owners be given 28 days to respond to the above letter.
 3. The endorsed interim controls of Council's 17 February 2009 meeting shall not be applied until after the results of the above consultation has been reported to Council.
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16 [NOM-CM] Briefing Sessions for Business Paper**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

Councillor D Holdom moves that:

1. Council discontinues the full briefing session held prior to an Ordinary Council Meeting; and
 2. This full session be replaced with a one (1) hour briefing session to allow the General Manager to inform any and all Councillors of any changes to the business papers and/or any late items to be considered by Council at said meeting.
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17 [NOM-CM] Future Development of Kings Forest and Cobaki Lakes**NOTICE OF MOTION:****Background:**

The proposed Kings Forest and Cobaki Lake developments are among the largest residential developments in NSW. Councillors have not yet received a briefing on either of these developments. Given the magnitude of these developments, the sensitivity of the environmental areas in which they are sited, the level of interest and concern about them in the community, and the fact that these developments are likely to require significant and ongoing involvement by council and councillors for a considerable time into the future, it is essential that councillors are properly informed about what is proposed in each area, and about the associated social, economic and environmental issues.

This notice of motion is intended to initiate such a process, and to provide councillors with the opportunity to discuss these developments with relevant council staff and staff from the NSW Department of Planning.

Councillor K Milne moves that :

1. Councillors receive briefings on the currently proposed and likely future development of Kings Forest and Cobaki Lakes.
 2. In addition to presentations from council planning staff, Council requests that relevant representatives of the NSW Department of Planning be present at and contribute to these briefings.
 3. The briefings include, but not necessarily be limited to, consideration of the following matters for each development:
 1. Zoning issues
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2. Environmental impact issues (including potential impact on koala habitat and other threatened species, wetlands, saltmarsh and the Wallum sandplain)
 3. Bushfire issues
 4. Residential density and character
 5. Infrastructure
 6. Industrial and commercial development
 7. Open space, recreational and community facilities
 8. Buffer zones
 9. Fill, flooding and climate change issues
 10. Developer contributions
 11. The planning and approval process that will apply to the development of these areas
4. That the briefing be open to community observers.
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18 [NOM-CM] Koala Plan of Management - Kings Forest Concept Plan

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Councillor B Longland moves:-

That given established scientific knowledge and concern for the Tweed's fragile coastal koala population, Council resolves to write to the Minister for Planning to convey our commitment to the protection of koala habitat through:

1. Insisting that any revised Koala Plan of Management relating to the Kings Forest development includes known best practice for the preservation of habitat and associated wildlife corridors for the existing koala population, and,
 2. Ensuring that the widespread community concern regarding any new urban development within this habitat is given due weight in the assessment of the Kings Forest development application.
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19 [NOM-CM] World Rally Championship

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Background

Councillors have all listened to presentations from the organisers of the World Rally Car and of other numerous developers, including attending site visits, yet most Councillors have not attended the community rallies held about the World Rally car or Bay St.

Meetings with developers have become institutionalised which has provided some form of control. This would be fine if council and councillors took these community rallies

more seriously and also organised such access and attendance to Councillors to provide a balance. I would like this situation to change so that Council facilitates community and environmental presentations just as much as if not more than developer presentations.

We also need some serious and equivalent time and discussion on the state of our wildlife, vegetation, wildlife corridors and health of the waterways.

Councillor K Milne moves that:

1. Council requests the organisers of the Repco World Rally Championship submit a detailed economic impact analysis and for details on the financial and in kind contributions expected of Council for this first and future events.
 2. Council writes to the Minister for Tourism and the Environment seeking what options there may be for more low impact events and all year round low impact activities.
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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

REPORTS THROUGH GENERAL MANAGER IN COMMITTEE

REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER IN COMMITTEE

1 [GM-CM] Land Sales and Marketing - Council Land

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY:

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret

2 [GM-CM] Disposal of Council Land by Public Tender - Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY:

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS

3 [EO-CM] Marana Street Bilambil Heights

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY:

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege

