



AGENDA

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 26 September 2006

Chairman: Mr Frank Willan

**Administrators: Mr Frank Willan
Ms Lucy Turnbull
Mr Max Boyd AM**

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REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

01 [GC-OC] Application for Financial Assistance - Australian Paralympic Committee

ORIGIN:

Corporate Compliance

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

The Australian Paralympic Committee has launched its new fundraising initiative, Connect1000. This program seeks support from the small business, community, schools and individuals over the four (4) years of the Paralympiad. The fundraising target for the FESPIC Games, being conducted in November 2006, is \$200,000 and for the 2008 Beijing Games is \$3.5 million.

The Committee is requesting support for either an ongoing or a one-off donation.

Council has previously donated amounts of \$500 (in year 2000) and \$250 (in year 2005) to the Australian Paralympic Committee.

In accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 - Donations, Council resolved on 6 October 2004 that:-

"... in future, all donations made by Council, whether in cash or in kind, be made by way of a resolution of Council."

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council provides a donation in the amount of \$400 towards the Australian Paralympic Committee initiative Connect1000.

REPORT:

As per summary.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Budget No. A0018 - Donations

The 2006/2007 Budget allocation for Donations is \$30,000 of which \$22,145 was distributed in the first round donations with the balance (\$7,855) reserved for the second round and determination by Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In considering this request, reference should be made to the Donations Policy.

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Nil.

02 [GC-OC] Application for Financial Assistance - Pottsville Beach Tennis Club

ORIGIN:

Corporate Compliance

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council has received an application from Pottsville Beach Tennis Club for financial assistance to defray the 2006/2007 sewerage charge (\$473.00) levied on the rate notice for the toilets on tennis club land, adjacent to the sporting field and shopping precinct at Pottsville.

The club advises that it is battling financially and that the toilets are mainly used by shoppers in the CBD, visitors, soccer players and supporters, Pottsville markets, etc.

Council would be required to pay the sewerage charge for these toilets, if they were constructed on public land.

A copy of the application letter is included in the report for Council's information.

In accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 - Donations, Council resolved on 6 October 2004 that:-

"... in future, all donations made by Council, whether in cash or in kind, be made by way of a resolution of Council."

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council donates an amount of \$473.00 to the Pottsville Beach Tennis Club, being the amount equivalent to the 2006/2007 sewerage charge.

REPORT:

A copy of the Pottsville Beach Tennis Club's letter is reproduced below for Council's information:

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Pottsville Beach Tennis Club
PHONE 66761064 P.O. Box 9
OR 66764321 Pottsville 2489
2nd August 2006
Property No. 101460
Reference No. 10068435
Rates Section
Tweed Shire Council
P.O. Box 816
Murrumbidgee 2484

Dear Sir,

The committee of P.B.T.C are concerned regarding the annual sewerage charges listed for payments on our rate notice. We are a small club battling financially. The point we wish to make is that the toilets are mainly used by shoppers in the CBD, visitors, soccer players and supporters, Pottsville markets, etc. Our usage is minimal just a few hours each week. Closure of the toilets other than when required by the tennis club would cause great concern and indeed anger and we have no wish to take this course of action. We would very much appreciate consideration for a reduced sewerage charge and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with a Council representative.

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Pottsville Beach Tennis Club contributes considerably in encouraging fitness for youths in the community and receive no financial support from the Council. We look forward to receiving your reply and hope that some mutually agreeable arrangement can be reached

Yours faithfully

John Rose
(JOHN ROSE) Hon SEC

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Budget No A2180 – Public Toilets Operations
Funds are available in this Budget Allocation for this donation

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In considering this request, reference should be made to Council's Donations Policy and the Donations and Subsidies Policy.

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03 [GC-OC] Monthly Investment Report for Period Ending 31 August 2006

ORIGIN:

Financial Services

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report is provided to Council to advise details of monies Council has invested in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993.

RECOMMENDATION:

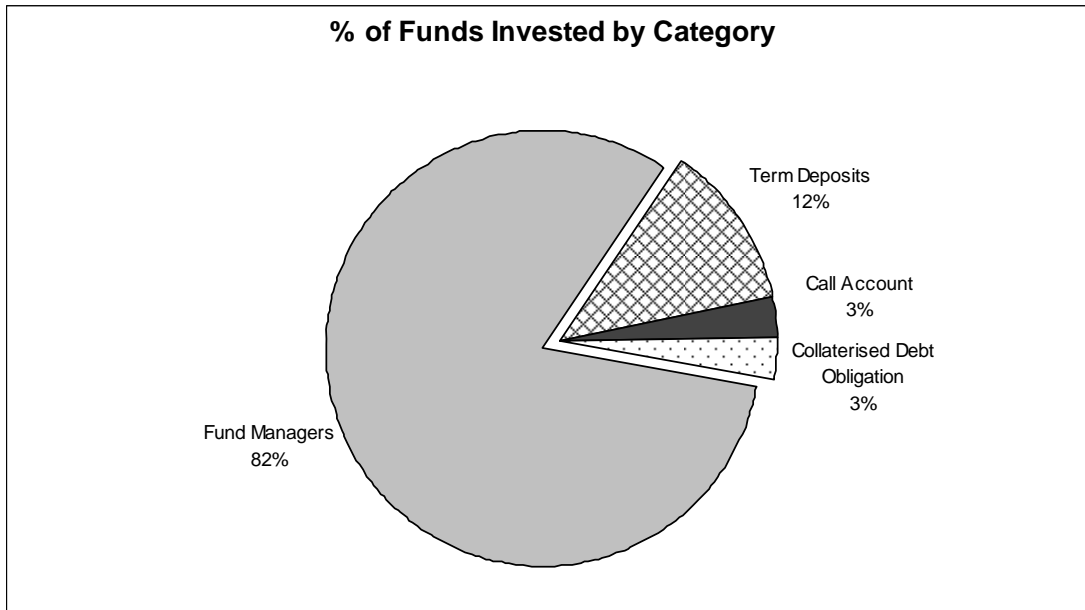
That in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 the monthly investment report as at 31 August 2006 totalling \$132,569,037.37 be received and noted.

REPORT:

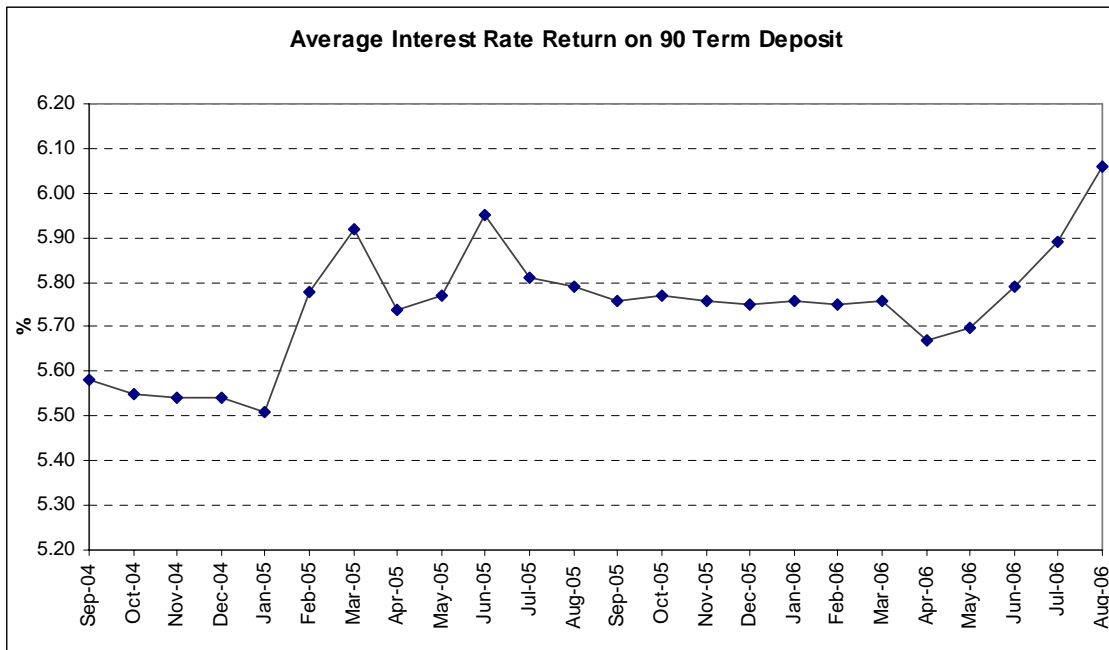
Report for Period Ending 31 August 2006

The "Responsible Accounting Officer" must report monthly to Council, setting out details of all the funds Council has invested and certification has been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act (1993), Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulations and Council policies.

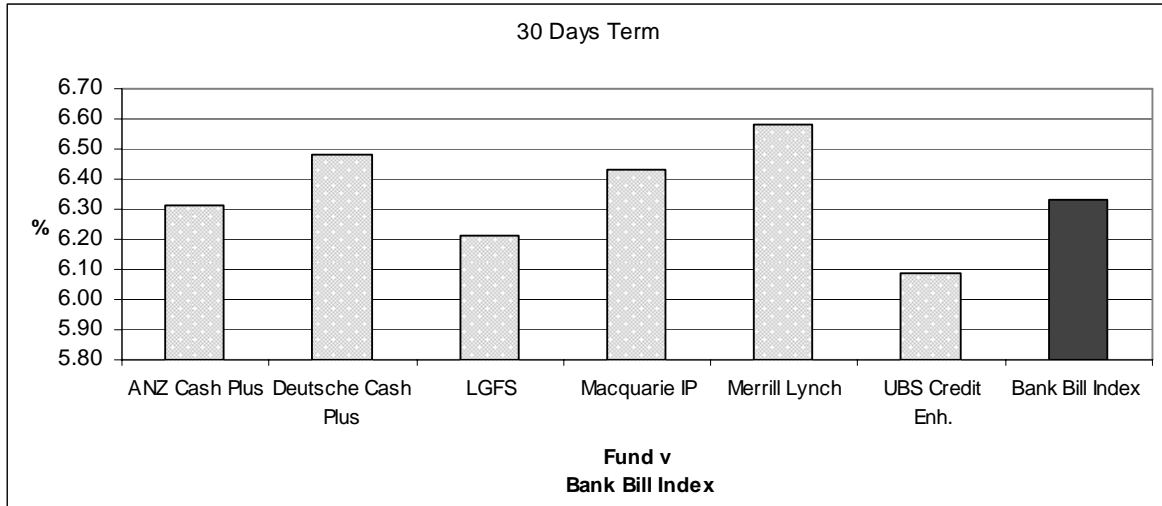
1. CURRENT INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO BY CATEGORY



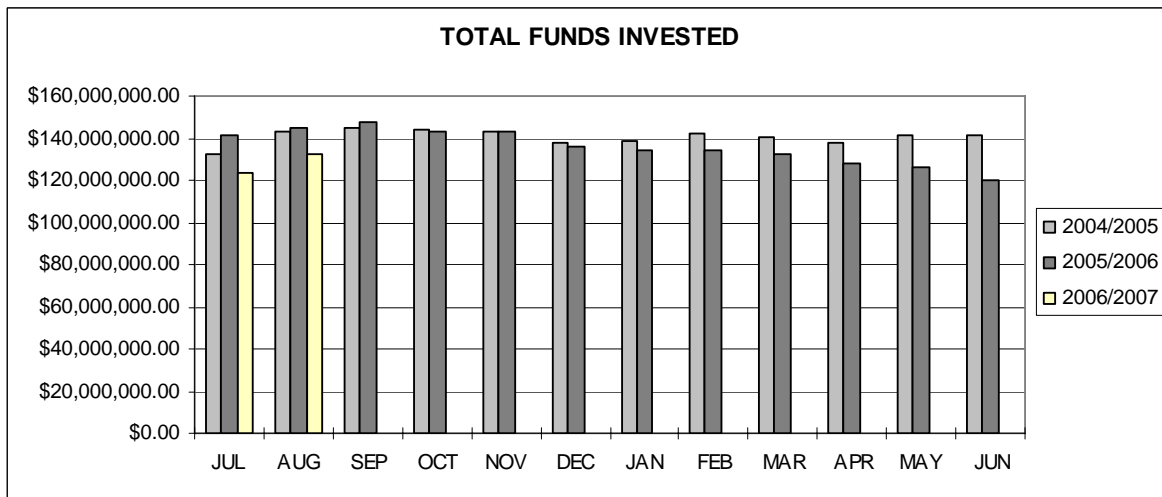
2. INVESTMENT RATES - 90 DAY BANK BILL RATE (%)



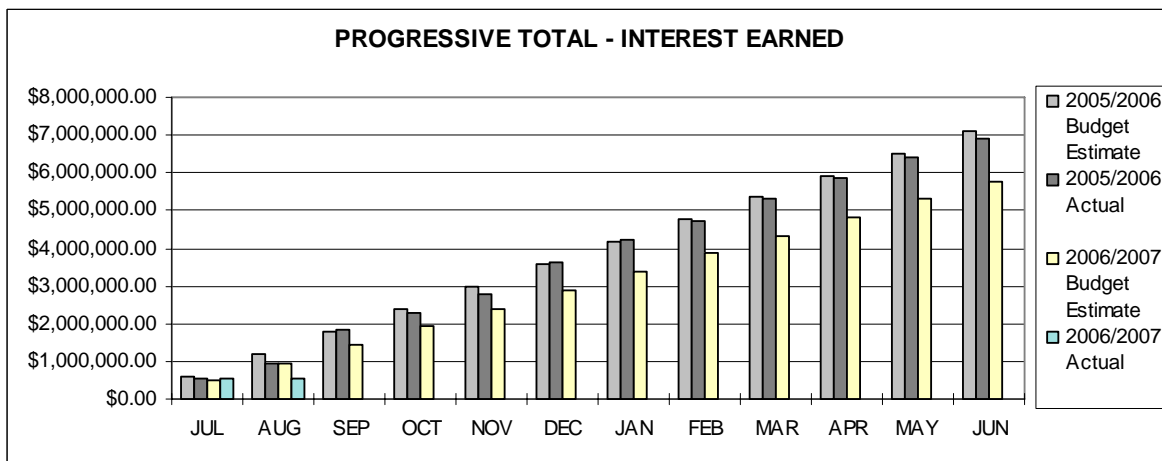
3. ANNUALISED RATE OF RETURN FOR FUNDS MANAGERS - NET OF FEES



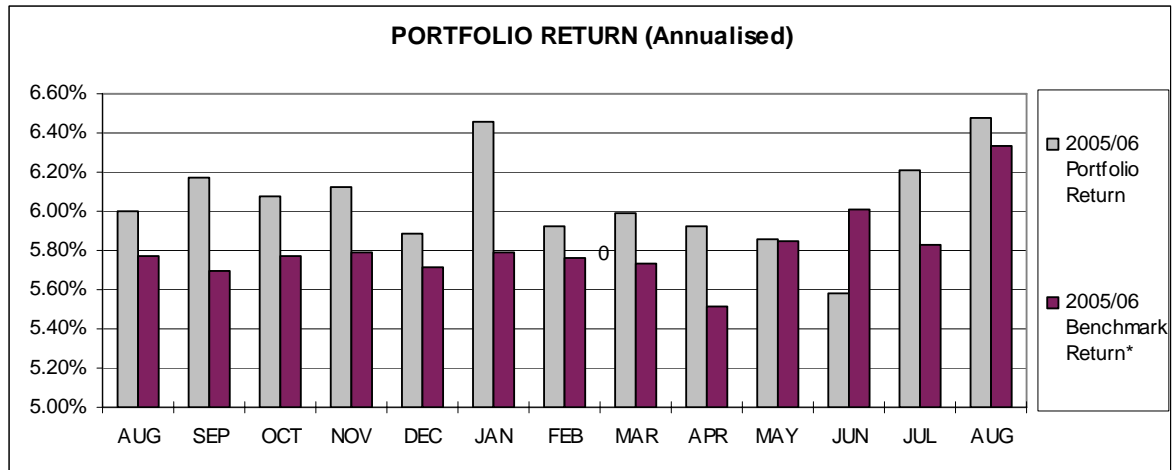
4. MONTHLY COMPARISON OF TOTAL FUNDS INVESTED



5. ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE TOTAL OF INTEREST ON TOTAL FUNDS INVESTED



6. PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE



7. MARKET COMMENTARY

Domestic Economy

Recently released domestic home sales data showed mining-focused Perth leading the country with property prices increasing 35% for the year ended June 2006, meanwhile NSW Sydney prices dropped by 0.5% over the same period.

The official cash rate remains at 6% following the Reserve Bank of Australia's meeting of 5 September 2006. Lower commodity prices and weaker than expected United States economic data has helped lower expectations of another interest rate hike before the end of 2006.

Global Economy

With signs of the United States economy beginning to slow, the US Federal Reserve Bank left interest rates unchanged for the first time after 17 consecutive monthly rate rises.

High oil prices and inflation risks remain a concern but the outlook for the global economy, while slowing, is still good for the rest of 2006 and 2007.

Source: Oakvale Capital August Economic Commentary

8. INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 31 AUGUST 2006

GENERAL FUND

TERM DEPOSITS	14,203,320.00	
FUND MANAGERS	43,506,405.53	
COLLATERISED DEBT OBLIGATION	4,000,000.00	
CALL	4,000,000.00	65,709,725.53

WATER FUND

TERM DEPOSITS	0.00	
FUND MANAGERS	25,524,285.04	25,524,285.04

SEWERAGE FUND

TERM DEPOSITS	2,000,000.00	
FUND MANAGERS	39,335,026.80	
CALL	0.00	
FLOATING RATE NOTE	0.00	41,335,026.80

TOTAL INVESTMENTS **132,569,037.37**

It should be noted that the General Fund investments of \$65 million are not available to be used for general purpose expenditure. It is virtually all restricted by legislation and council resolution for such purposes as unexpended loans, developer contributions, unexpended grants and various specific purpose reserves such as domestic waste, land development and employee leave entitlements.

Statutory Statement - Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 Clause 212

I certify that Council's investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulations and Council's investment policies.



**Chief Financial Officer
(Responsible Accounting Officer)**

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

04 [EO-OC] Road Closure Application - Parish of Mooball

ORIGIN:

Design

FILE NO: GR3/12/9

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council has received a notice of application to close two sections of Crown Road reserve north of Lots 221 DP 1003549 and southwest, south and east of Lot 222 Dp 1003549, from Department of Lands. Council have been requested to provide their consent or objection to the closure of these sections of Crown Public Road.

An investigation of the Crown road reserves has been conducted. It is noted that the section of road reserve, which runs east to west through Lot 221 DP 1003549, is unformed and runs parallel to Pottsville Road. The road reserve serves no apparent purpose other than providing access to Lot 221.

The section of Crown road reserve, which runs west to southeast, is a fully formed and sealed road reserve. It adjoins Pottsville road via an overpass which crosses the Pacific Highway. This road reserve holds potential to provide future access to Lot 204 DP 1002166 which may have the capacity for subdivision at some later date. It is recommended that Council consider the transfer of this section of road reserve from Department of Lands to Council.

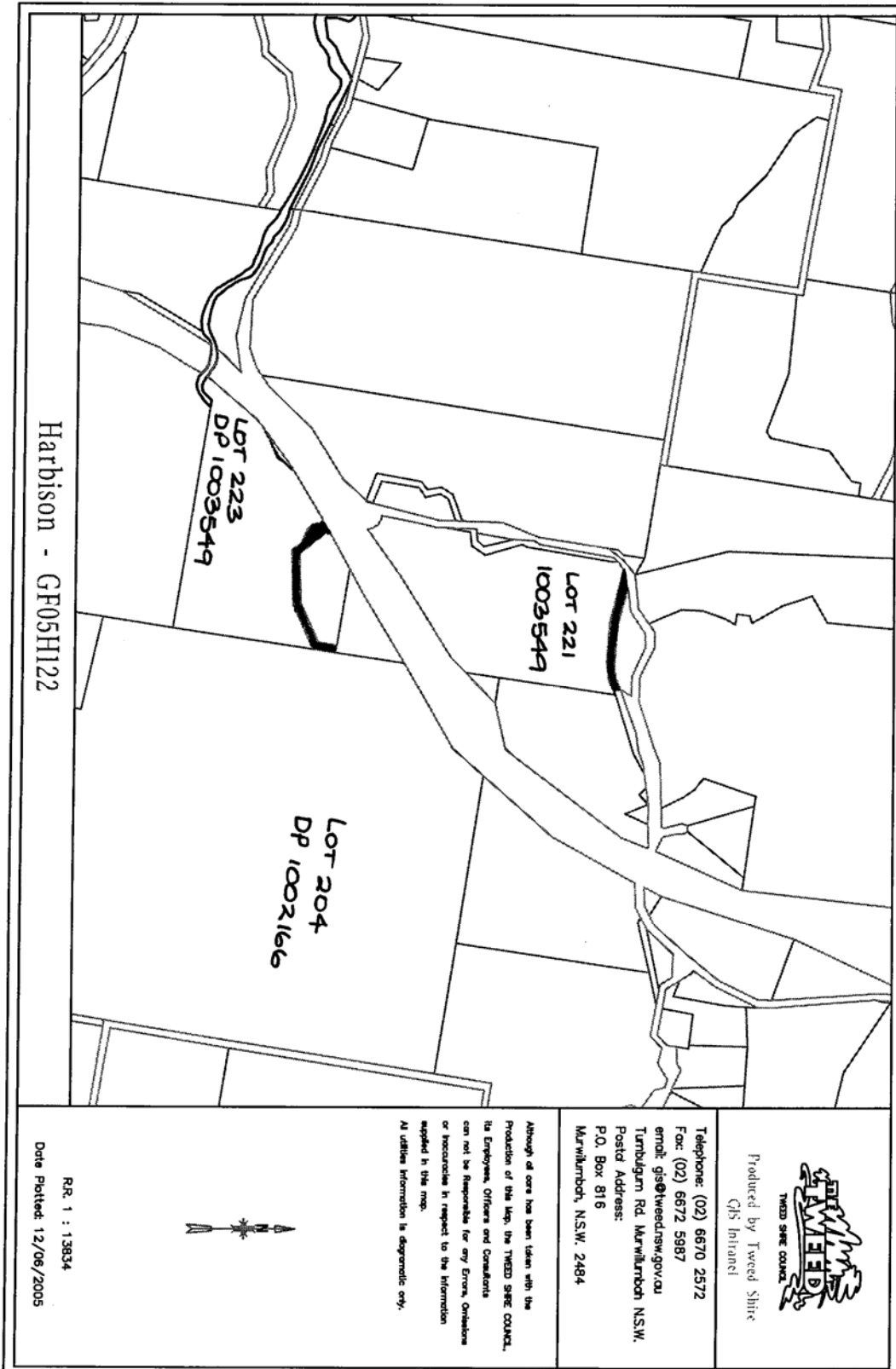
RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. Council provides no objection to the closure of the section of Crown Road Reserve running East to West within Lot 221 DP 1003549.**
- 2. Council objects to the closure of the Crown road reserve within Lot 223 DP 1003549.**
- 3. An application be made to the Department of Lands to transfer to Council the section of road reserve within Lot 223 DP 1003549.**

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report. Below is a plan of the proposed road closures.



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RR 1 : 13834
 Date Plotted: 12/06/2005

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

05 [EO-OC] Acquisition of Crown Land - Part of Crown Reserve R46741, Lot 1 in DP 1101923, Tweed Coast Road, Pottsville

ORIGIN:

Design

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Sewerage augmentation works are required in the Pottsville coastal zone to allow for additional residential development. A suitable site has been established for the construction of a new sewer pump station on Crown land near the intersection of Cudgera Avenue and Tweed Coast Road Pottsville, known as Lot 1 in DP 1101923. This site was chosen based on minimal environmental and social impact. The new pump station will replace the existing one at Rajungra Street. Rajungra Street Pump Station is in close proximity to a childcare centre and residents regularly experience odour control problems.

Department of Lands have provided their concurrence to the acquisition of Lot 1 in DP 1101923, being part of Crown Reserve R46741 for the purposes of a Sewer Pump Station.

The acquisition is to proceed under the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act, 1991 whereby an application is to be made to the Department of Local Government for approval to the acquisition.

RECOMMENDATION:

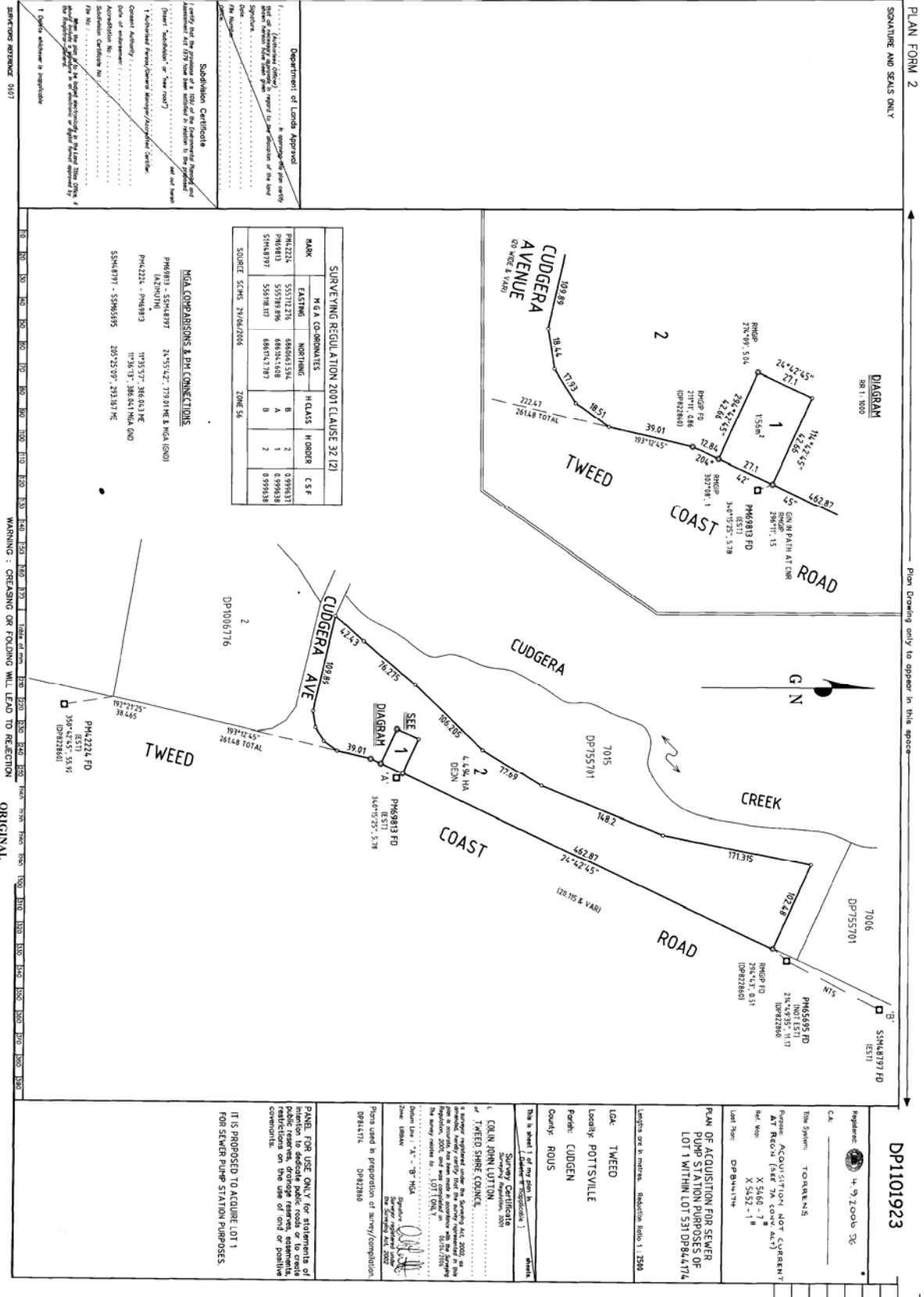
That:-

- 1. Council approves the acquisition of part of Crown Reserve 46741 known as Lot 1 in DP 1101923 under the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 for the purposes of the Local Government Act, 1993 and the making of the necessary application to the Minister and/or Governor;**
- 2. Lot 1 in DP 1101923 be classified as operational following gazettal of the acquisition; and**
- 3. All necessary documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council.**

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report. Below is a copy of DP 1101923 showing Lot 1 highlighted.

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PLAN FORM 2
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Department of Land Approval
 (Please 'Initial' or 'New Road')
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Subdivision Certificate
 (Please 'Initial' or 'New Road')

1. Subdivision Certificate No. ...
 2. ...
 3. ...

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PH42224	EASTING 5557172.276 NORTHING 6466643.594	B	2	0.999637
PH48813	EASTING 5557878.896 NORTHING 6467041.608	A	1	0.999638
SH48397	EASTING 5557883.817 NORTHING 6467171.787	B	2	0.999638

SOURCE SCANS 29/06/2004 ZONE 56

NDA COMPARISONS & PH CONNECTIONS

PH48813 - SSM48797	24°55'42" - 77°01'06" & NGA (GD00)
PH42224 - PH48813	17°35'57" - 346 043 19E
SSM48797 - SSM48395	205°25'09" - 293 307 9E

PLAN OF ACQUISITION FOR SEWER PUMP STATION PURPOSES OF LOT 1 WITHIN LOT 531 DP884417/L

Lengths are in meters. Reduction Ratio 1:2500

LOCALITY: TWEED
 LOCALITY: POTTSVILLE
 PARISH: CUDGERA
 COUNTY: ROUS

This is sheet 1 of one sheet in the ...

Survey Certificate
 Surveying Regulation 2001

1. COLIN JOHN LUTON
 of TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL
 a surveyor registered under the Surveyors Act, 2002 in the State of New South Wales, has made in accordance with the Surveying Act, 1978, a survey of the land shown on this plan and the survey is hereby certified to be correct.

Datum Line "A" - "B" - NGA
 Zone: UTM
 Datum: GDA 2000
 Projection: Transverse Mercator
 Units: Meters

Plans used in preparation of survey/compilation:
 PH42224 DP827860

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IT IS PROPOSED TO ACQUIRE LOT 1 FOR SEWER PUMP STATION PURPOSES.

Register: 4 9 2006 36
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 Title System: TORRANS
 Purpose: ACQUISITION NOT CURRENT AT REGON (SEE TA CONG ACT)
 Ref: X 5460 - 7 H
 X 5452 - 1 H
 Lot: DP884417/L

DP1101923

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

O6 [EO-OC] Road Closure Application - Parish of Chillingham

ORIGIN:

Design

FILE NO: GR3/12/2

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council has received a notice of application to close three sections of Crown Road reserve east, southeast and through Lot 300 DP 1053375 and through Lot 301 DP 1053375, from Department of Lands. Council has been requested to provide its consent or objection to the closure of these sections of Crown Public Road.

An investigation of the Crown Road reserves has been conducted. It is noted that the section of road reserve at the northern end of Lot 300 running east to west (marked 1 on the attached plan) forms an intricate network of Crown Road reserves enabling access to further private properties. Closing this section of road reserve would sever this current network. It is recommended that Council consider the transfer of the full section of Crown Road reserve running from Numinbah Road at the Eastern end to Lot 162 DP 755696 at the western end to enable the possibility of constructing access along the road reserves to any of the adjacent properties.

The section of Crown Road reserve dissecting Lot 300, running north to south (marked 2 on the plan) is not formed but provides potential access to Jacksons Creek, as well as a loop connection between Numinbah Road, the road reserve to the North and Zara Road. With regard to the abovementioned, Council's road closure policy provides under roads not eligible for closure at:-

- "1. Roads providing or capable of providing access to rivers, creeks and at
2. Roads capable of providing physical access to other roads, public and private properties."

The third section of Crown Road Reserve is wholly within Lot 301 in DP 1053375 (marked 3 on the plan). The road reserve has a dense coverage of vegetation which may contain significant flora and wildlife, therefore as per Council's Road Closure Policy, item 3 of roads not eligible for closure, it is recommended that Council object to the closure of this road.

RECOMMENDATION:

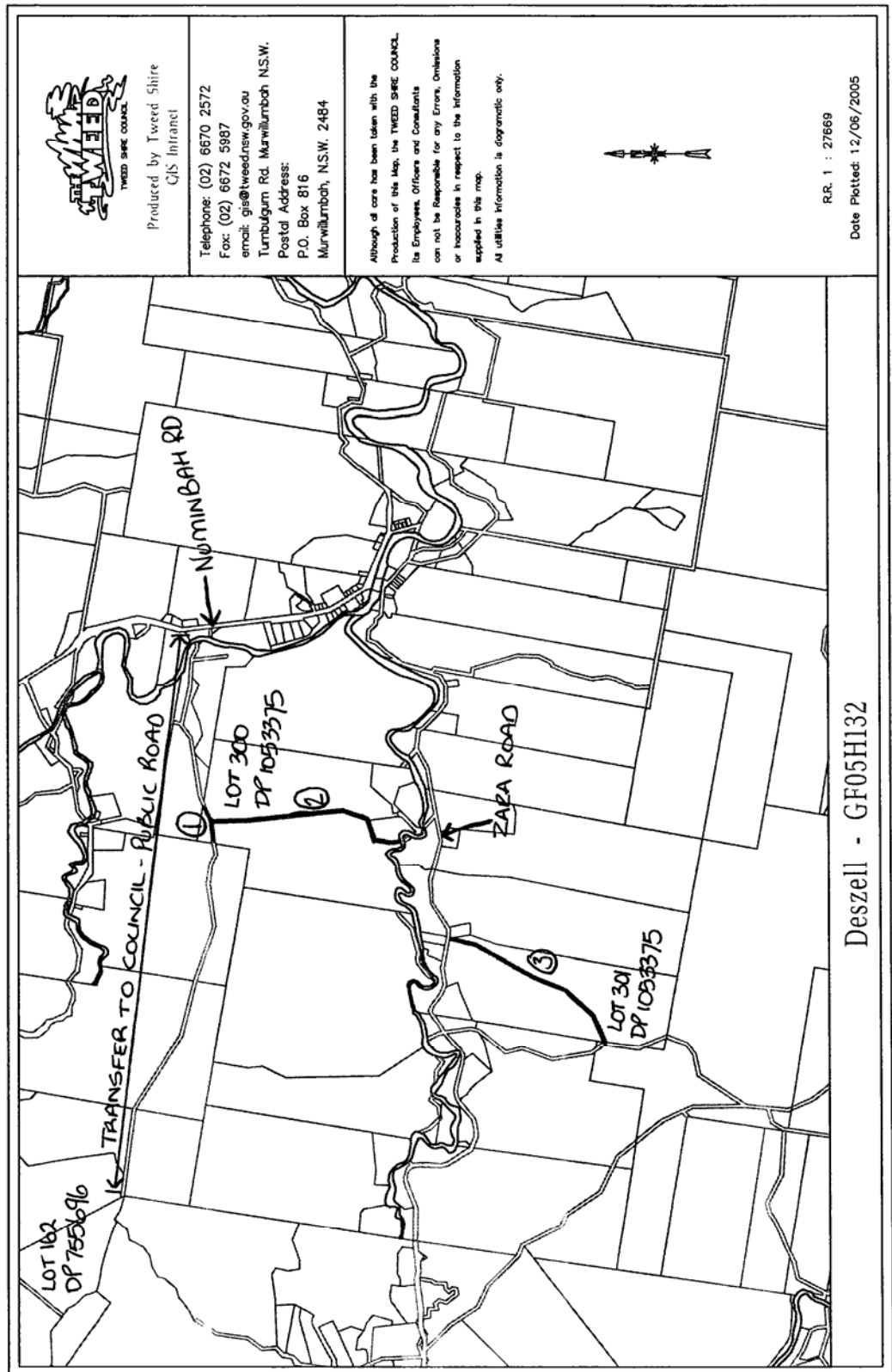
That:-

- 1. Council objects to the closure of the Crown Road reserve east, south east and through Lot 300 DP 1053375 and through Lot 301 DP1053375.**

- 2. An application be made to the Department of Lands to transfer to Council the sections of Crown Road reserve running from Numinbah Road at the Eastern end to Lot 162 DP 755696 at the western end and the Crown Road reserves, east, south east and through Lot 300 DP 1053375 and through Lot 301 DP1053375 to firstly continue the network connection through Lot 300 DP 1053375, which may otherwise be severed and secondly to preserve the potential wildlife corridor and scenic escarpment through Lot 301 DP 1053375.**

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report. Below is a plan showing the proposed Road Closures highlighted.



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R.R. 1 : 27669
Date Plotted: 12/06/2005

Deszell - GF05H132

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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07 [EO-OC] Acquisition of Crown Land - Reserve Number 56146, Bray Park

ORIGIN:

Design

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

A development application was lodged for the refurbishment of Bray Park Weir and Bray Park Intake. Department of Lands provided their approval to the application but noted that Council had no legal tenure over the land, being part of Crown Reserve 56146, and advised that this should be sought prior to the commencement of any works being undertaken.

Department of Lands has provided their concurrence to the acquisition of those parts of Crown Reserve 56146 as required.

Two plans of acquisition have been registered for the areas. They are shown as Lot 1 in DP 1092651 and Lot 1 in DP 1092652.

The acquisition is to proceed under the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act, 1991 whereby an application is to be made to the Department of Local Government for approval to the acquisition.

RECOMMENDATION:

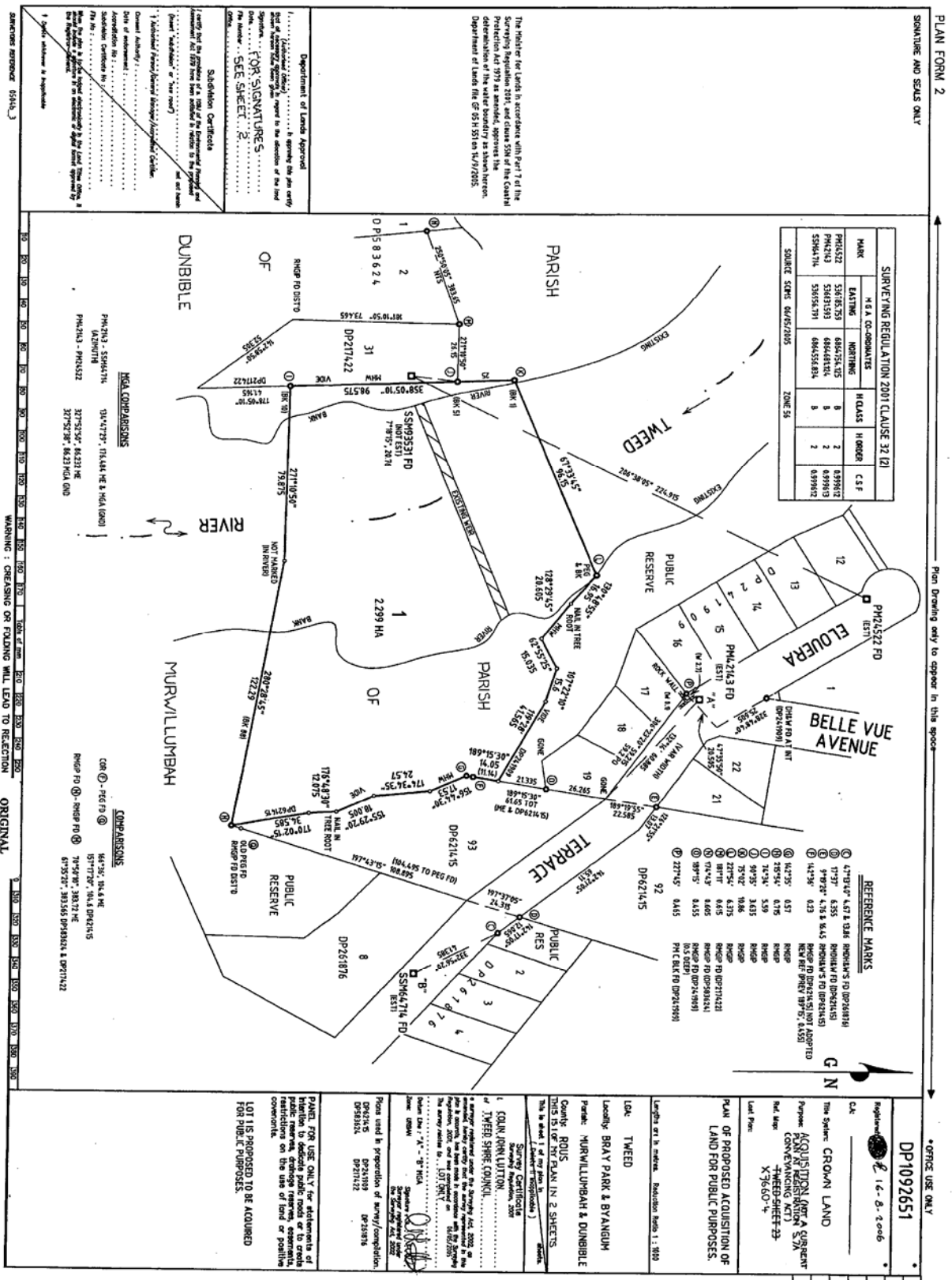
That:-

- 1. Council approves the acquisition of Lot 1 in DP 1092651 and Lot 1 in DP 1092652 under the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 for the purposes of the Local Government Act, 1993 and the making of the necessary application to the Minister and/or Governor;**
- 2. Lot 1 in DP 1092651 and Lot 1 in DP 1092652 be classified as operational following gazettal of the acquisition; and**
- 3. All necessary documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council.**

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report.

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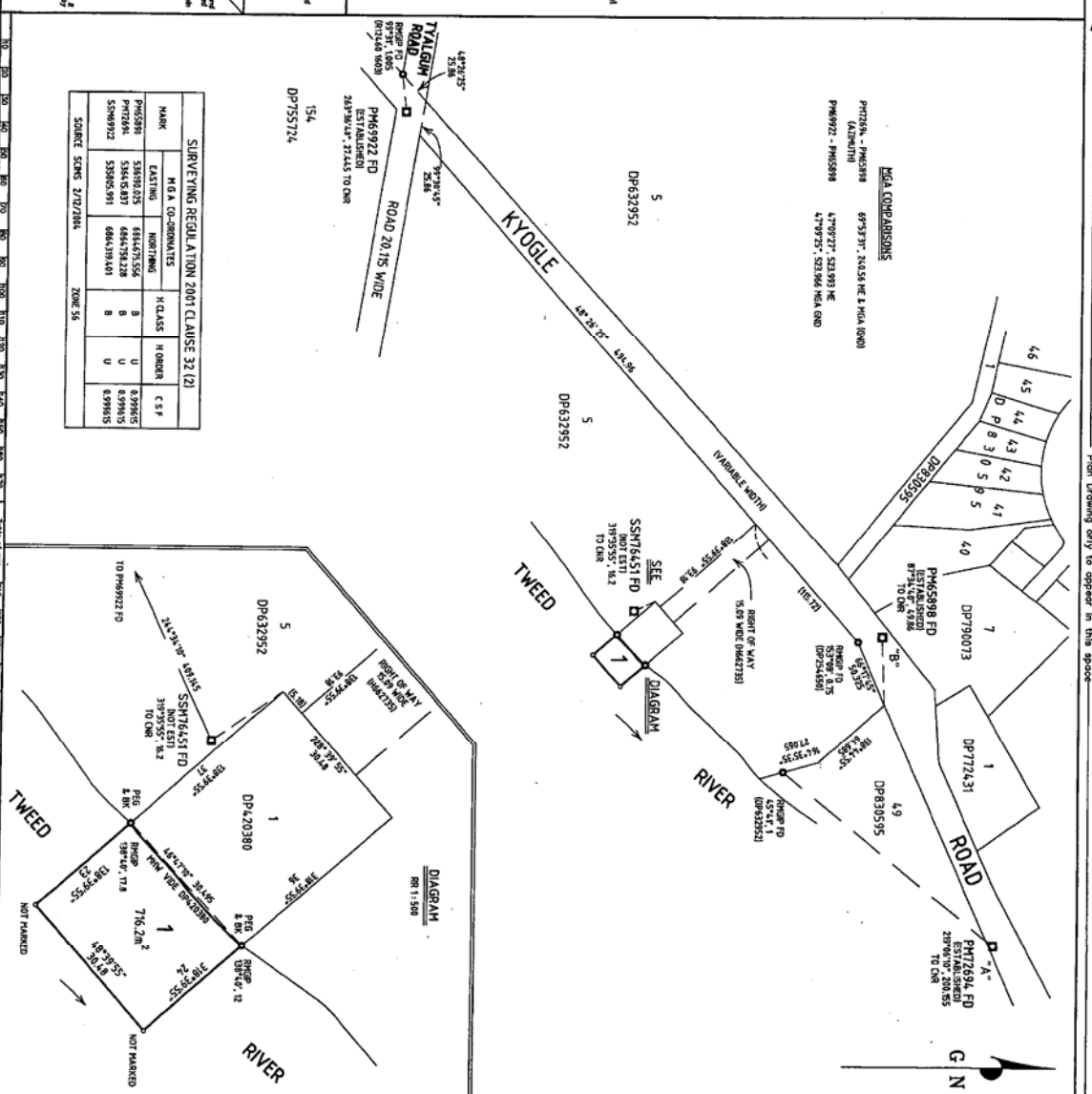


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PLAN FORM 2
SIGNATURE AND SEALS ONLY

The Minister for Lands in accordance with Part 1 of the Surveying Regulation 2001, and clause 55(4) of the Coastal Protection Act 1972 as amended, approves the determination of the water boundary as shown hereon. Department of Lands File No: 03/1532 on 06/12/2005.

Department of Lands Approval
1. Approval: *Gregory 2005*
2. Approval: *Gregory 2005*
3. Approval: *Gregory 2005*
4. Approval: *Gregory 2005*
5. Approval: *Gregory 2005*
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19. Approval: *Gregory 2005*
20. Approval: *Gregory 2005*



SURVEYING REGULATION 2001 CLAUSE 32 (2)					
MARK	N.G.A. CO-ORDINATES	H CLASS	H ORDER	C S F	
PC62952	5320.212	B	U	039815	
PC62952	5384.517	B	U	039815	
PC62952	5385.911	B	U	039815	
SOURCE: SCANS 27/02/04. ZONE 55					

WARNING : ORISSING OR FOLDING WILL LEAD TO REFLECTION ORIGINAL

Plan Drawing only to appear in this space

DP1092652

Reference: 16-B-2006

CA: _____

This system CROWN LAND

Purpose: **ACQUISITION (NOT A CURRENT EASE) OF REGISTRATION S.7A (2)(a) (Section 197)**

Lot No: **X3660-4L**

Lot Area: _____

PLAN OF LAND PROPOSED TO BE ACQUIRED FOR WATER SUPPLY PURPOSES

Length: one in metres. Reduction Ratio 1:2000

Loc: TWEED

Locality: BYANGUM

Parish: MURWILLIMBAH

County: ROUS

This is sheet 1 of 1 of the plan. (Check)

Survey Certificate No: _____

Surveyor: **COLIN JOHN LUTTON**

Surveying Institution: _____

Approved by: **TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL**

Date: _____

Scale: **1:2000**

Zone: **55**

Please used in preparation of survey/compilation
PREPARED BY: **DP420380 DP7190073**

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LOT 115 TO BE ACQUIRED FOR WATER SUPPLY PURPOSES.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Acquisition costs have been allowed for in the 2006/2007 Water Budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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08 [EO-OC] Road Closure Application - Parish of Tyalgum

ORIGIN:

Design

FILE NO: GR3/12/12

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council has received a notice of application to close two sections of Crown Road reserve east and west of Lot 1 in DP 228691, from Department of Lands. Council have been requested to provide their consent or objection to the closure of these sections of Crown Public Road.

An investigation of the Crown road reserves has been conducted. It is noted that the section of road reserve, which runs south to north through Lot 1 has the potential to provide access to Pumpenbil Creek as well as adjoining properties. Although not currently formed this road reserve has the potential to be developed in the future for vehicle, cycle, pedestrian or equestrian use and may further join Tyalgum Road to Pumpenbil Road. To facilitate any of these proposals it would be necessary for Council to have tenure over this road reserve.

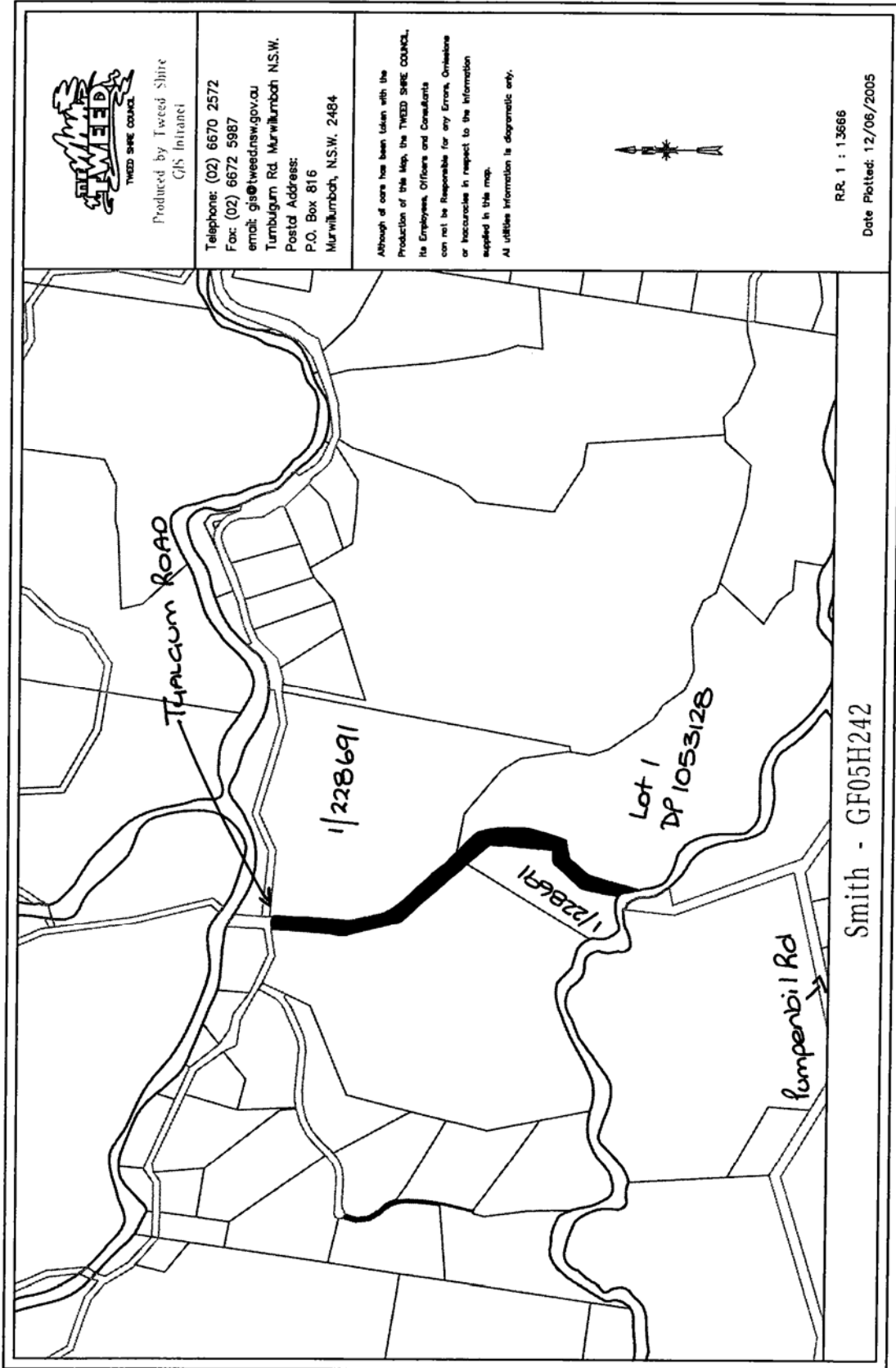
RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. Council objects to the closure of the Crown road reserve running east and west of Lot 1 in DP 228691.**
- 2. An application be made to the Department of Lands to transfer to Council the whole section of road reserve running south from Pumpenbil Road, north to the intersection of Tyalgum Road.**

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report. A plan of the proposed road closure is shown below:-



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Date Plotted: 12/06/2005

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

09 [EO-OC] Road Closure Application - Parish of Condong

ORIGIN:

Design

FILE NO: GR3/12/1

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council has received a notice of application to close two sections of Crown Road reserve south and west of Lot 2 in DP 605944, from Department of Lands. Council have been requested to provide their consent or objection to the closure of these sections of Crown Public Road.

An investigation of the Crown Road reserves has been conducted. It is noted that the section of road reserve adjoining Lot 2 DP 605944 and Lot 175 DP 755698 shows a dense tree coverage and difficult terrain. It is unlikely that any construction of a road reserve would be viable along this alignment. There is a further Crown Road reserve parallel to this road reserve running along the western boundary of Lot 175 which could provide future access to properties should it be required.

The Crown Road reserve running along the southern boundary of Lot 2 DP 605944 is a part of an intricate network of Crown Road reserves enabling access to further private properties. Closing this section of road reserve would sever this current network.

Council are in the process of transferring a section of this road network adjacent to Lot B DP 416611 to allow a landowner to construct an access to his property. To facilitate any future similar needs to construct access to properties in this vicinity it would be necessary for Council to have tenure over the Road Reserves.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

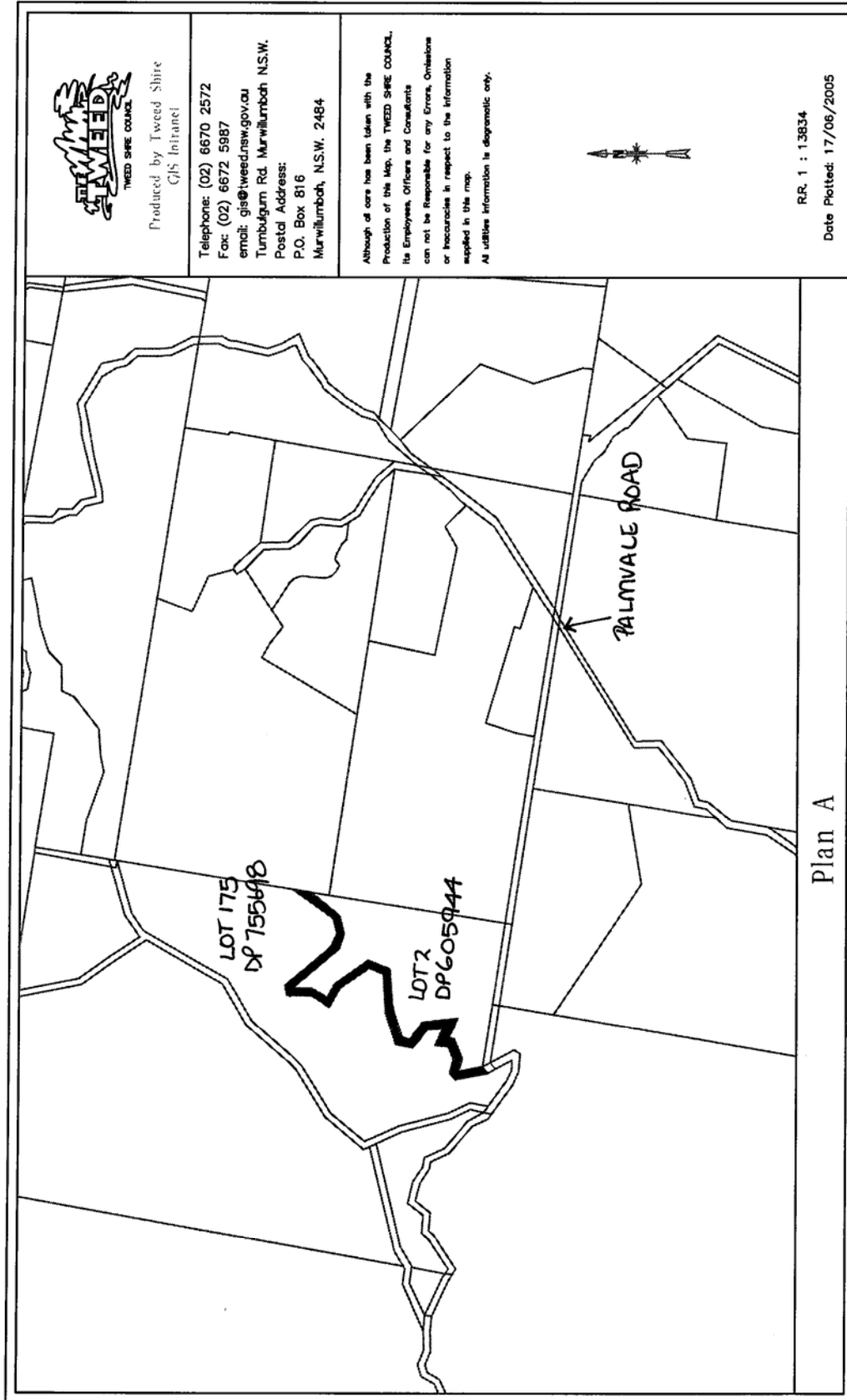
- 1. Council raises no objection to the closure of the section of Crown Road Reserve running along the western boundary of Lot 2 DP 605944.**
- 2. Council objects to the closure of the Crown Road reserve along the southern boundary of Lot 2 DP 605944.**

3. An application be made to the Department of Lands to transfer to Council the sections of Crown Road reserve which form the full network of roads from Lot 5 DP 258530, through Lot 2 DP 605944, Lot 175 DP 755698, Lot 172 DP 755698, Lot 110 DP 659954 and Lot B DP 416611.

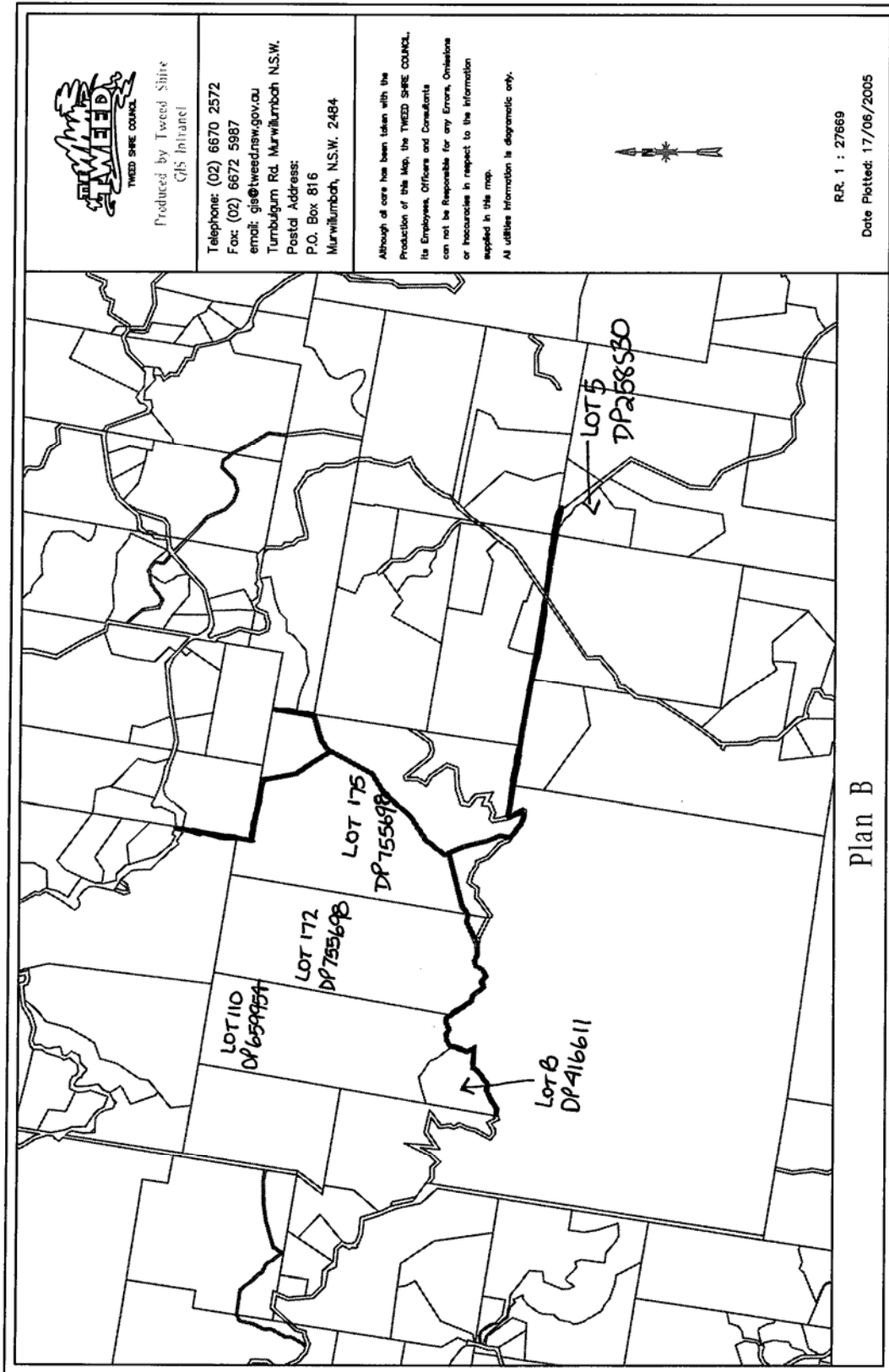
REPORT:

As per Summary of Report.

Plan A shows the section of Crown Road to be closed:-



Plan B shows the sections of Crown Road proposed to be transferred to Council:-



LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

O10 [EO-OC] Classification of Land as Operational, Chinderah

ORIGIN:

Design

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

At Council's meeting of 13 June 2006 it was resolved to acquire Lot 1 in DP 415317 on Tweed Coast Road, Chinderah for the purposes of road widening. Settlement was completed on 4 July 2006.

Part of Lot 1 will be utilised for road widening purposes and the residue is proposed to be transferred to an adjoining landowner as compensation for acquisition of part of that parcel for road widening.

To enable Council to transfer the residue land to the adjoining landowner it is necessary to resolve to classify this parcel as "Operational" pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993.

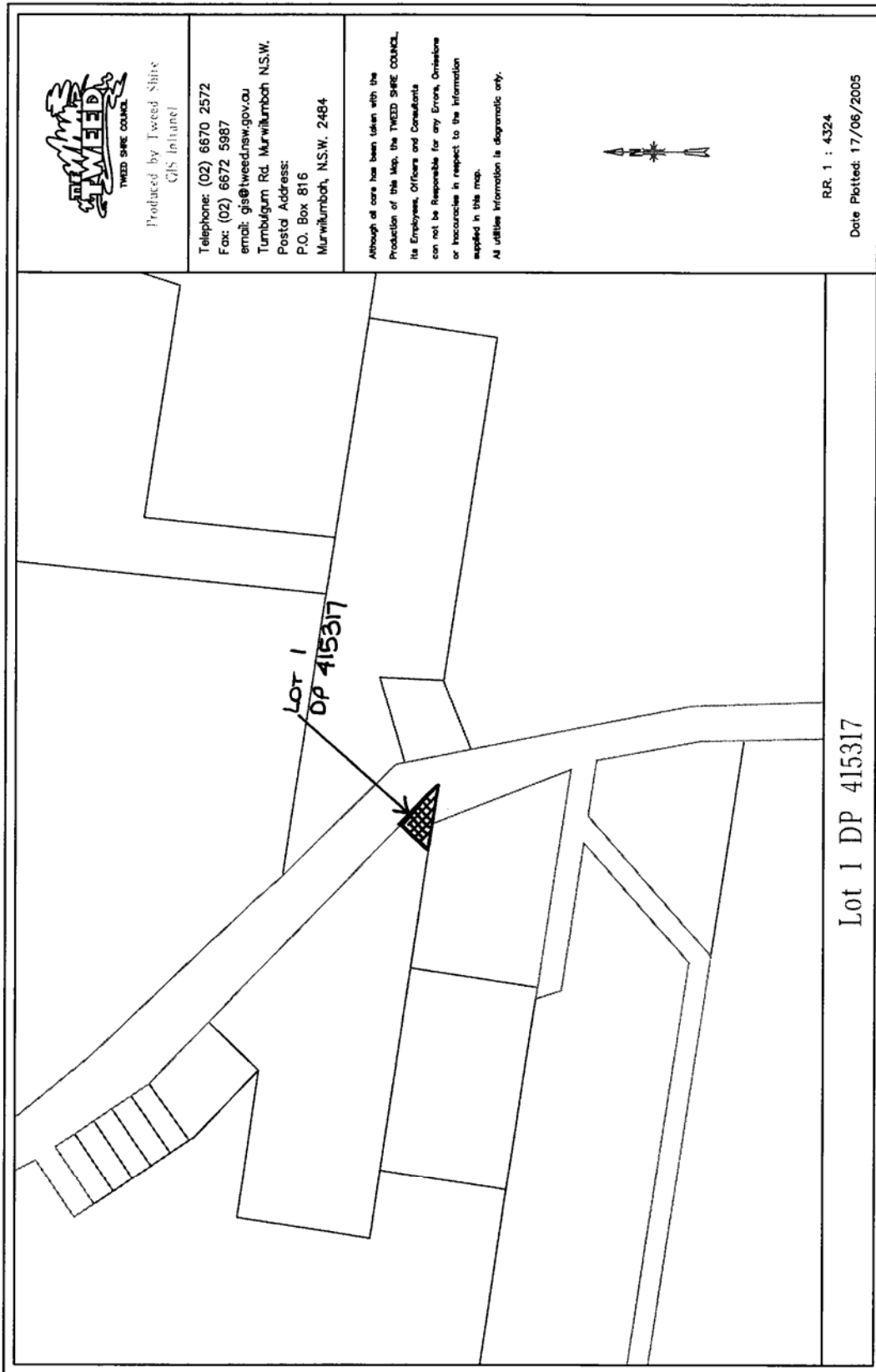
RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. Lot 1 in DP 415317 be classified as "Operational" pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government Act, 1993; and**
- 2. All necessary documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council.**

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report. A plan of the area is shown below:-



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Date Plotted: 17/06/2005

Lot 1 DP 415317

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

011 [EO-OC] Land Acquisition for Road and Compensation Purposes - Dodds Road, Chinderah

ORIGIN:

Design

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

There has been a long standing dispute between landowners and members of the public regarding access to a Crown Road along the foreshore of the Tweed River at Chinderah. The Crown Road extends from Dodds Road, which comes off the Pacific Highway, immediately north of the intersection of Tweed Valley Way and the Pacific Highway.

There has been a history of rubbish dumping, theft and vandalism on properties adjacent to the Crown Road that travels north west from Dodds Road and then south along the riverfront to the beginning of the stretch of road known as "Oaks Avenue".

Council approached the landowner to discuss the conflict and possible resolutions and an agreement has now been made with the landowner.

Council intends to acquire the road reserves transferred by the Department of Lands and transfer them to the landowner as compensation for the acquisition of the land severed by the transecting road reserve within Lot 3, and dedicate it as road.

Council will derive the benefit of owning the foreshore land and will then be able to manage the riparian rehabilitation of the land once it is in Council's ownership.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

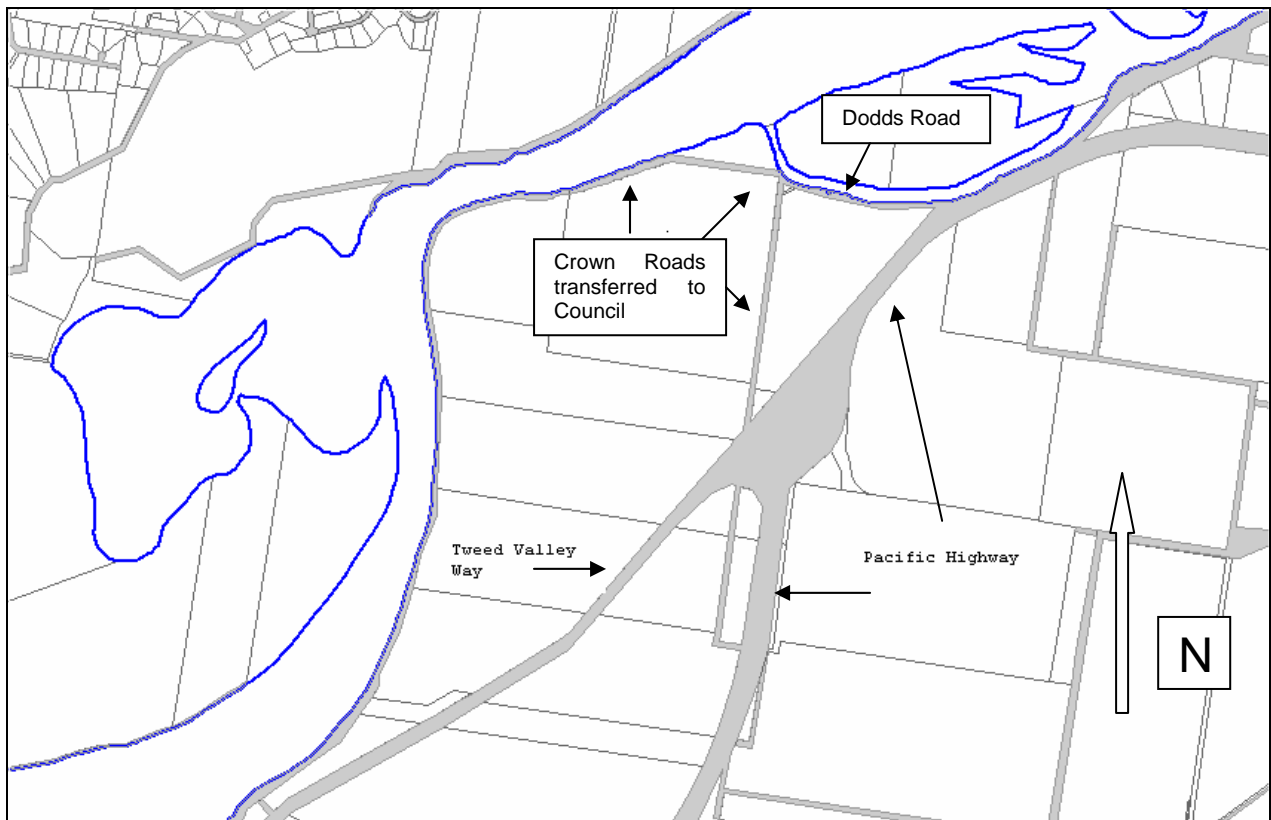
- 1. Council approves the acquisition of proposed Lots 1 and 2 in a plan of acquisition for public road and the acquisition of proposed Lots 3 and 4 in the plan of acquisition for compensation purposes under the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 for the purposes of the Roads Act, 1993 and the making of the necessary application to the Minister and/or Governor;**
- 2. Lots 1 and 2 be dedicated as road following gazettal of the acquisition; and**
- 3. All necessary documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council.**

REPORT:

There has been a long standing dispute between landowners and members of the public regarding access to a Crown Road along the foreshore of the Tweed River at Chinderah. The Crown Road extends from Dodds Road, which comes off the Pacific Highway, immediately north of the intersection of Tweed Valley Way and the Pacific Highway.

There has been a history of rubbish dumping, theft and vandalism on properties adjacent to the Crown Road that travels north west from Dodds Road and then south along the riverfront to the beginning of the stretch of road known as "Oaks Avenue".

The Department of Lands transferred the Crown Road reserve from the end of Dodds Road to the western boundary of Lot 3 in DP 755701 and the road on the eastern boundary of Lot 3, shown below:



There were enclosure permits over the area of Crown Roads now transferred to Council, and the transfer effected the closure of those enclosure permits. One of the roads transferred to Council, being the road that transected the north-western corner of Lot 3 in DP 755701, was in fact covered in sugar cane (shown as proposed Lot 4 in the plan at the end of this report).

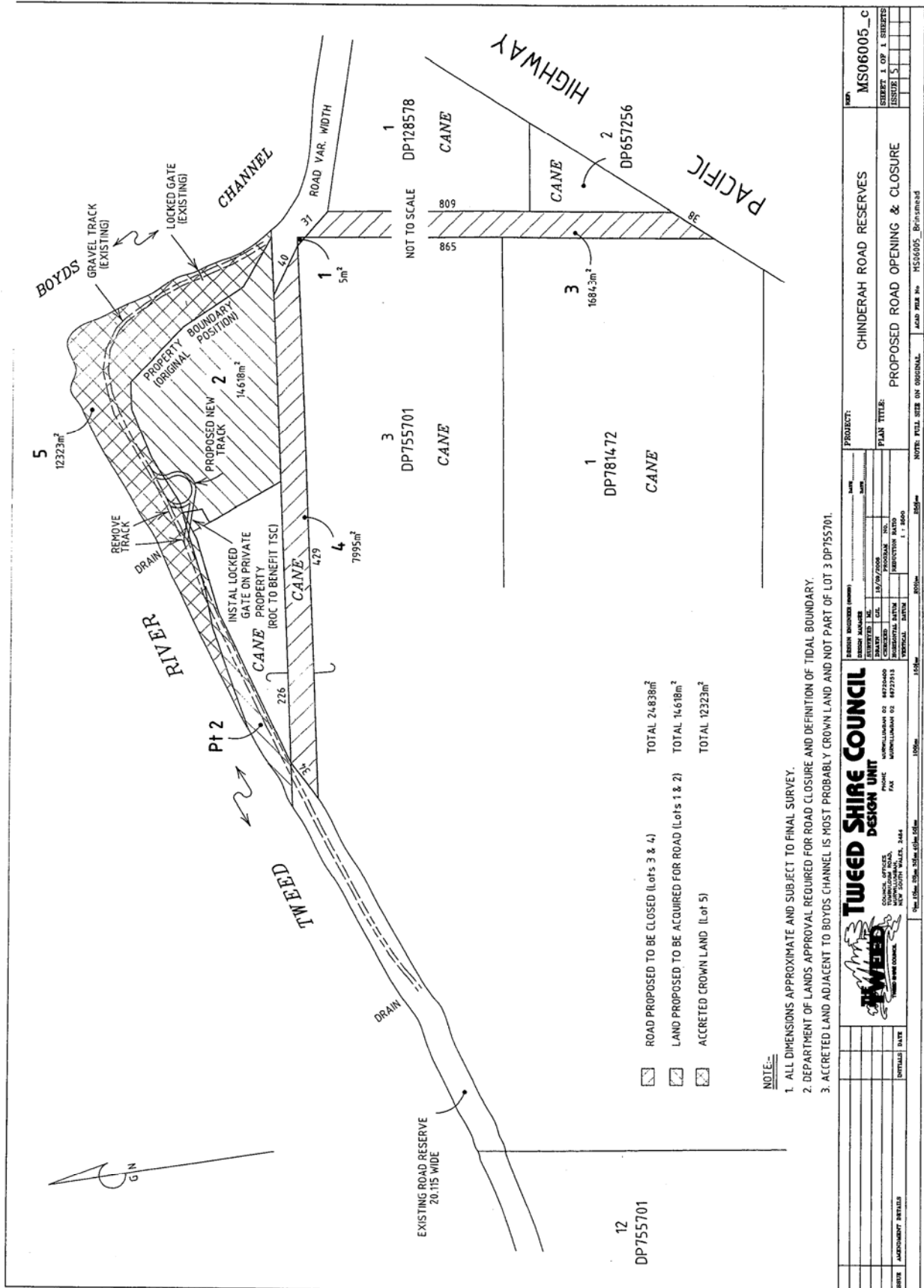
One of the areas of conflict is that members of the public, mostly fishermen, accessed the river from Dodds Road, and over an existing track that comes off Dodds Road. However, the track diverted from the road reserve at the north-eastern corner of Lot 3 and travelled around the riverfront and meets with the east/west road reserve that

transected the north-western corner of Lot 3. This meant that users of the track were on private land and the landowner, in response to the vandalism and theft that had been occurring had eventually constructed a gate at the end of Dodds Road to close off the private track. This meant that the fishermen, who had made inquiries with both Council and the Department of Lands, were told that legally they were able to access the transecting east/west road reserve within Lot 3. As noted earlier, this road reserve was covered in sugar cane, and is viewed as an illegal use by the Department of Lands.

Council approached the landowner to discuss the conflict and possible resolutions and an agreement has now been made with the landowner.

Council intends to acquire the road reserves transferred by the Department of Lands and transfer them to the landowner as compensation for the acquisition of the land severed by the transecting road reserve within Lot 3, and dedicate it as road.

The plan below shows Council's intentions. The lots proposed to be closed road, Lots 3 and 4 are to be transferred to the landowner and consolidated with the surrounding parcels. Proposed Lots 1 and 2 are to be dedicated as road.



When the area was surveyed in readiness for this report, it was noted that the private track was, in fact, on Crown Land, by virtue of it being accreted land. The Department of Lands has indicated that it would concur to the acquisition of the area and subsequent dedication as road. This will then provide a public road access off Dodds Road to the river foreshore.

The acquisitions are to proceed under the provisions of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act (NSW) 1991* whereby an application is to be made to the Department of Local Government for approval to the acquisition.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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012 [EO-OC] Classification of Land as Operational - Pottsville

ORIGIN: Design

FILE NO: DA4420/276

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Lot 730 in DP 1068713 was created in the subdivision of Lot 637 in DP 1062587 in the Seabreeze Estate at Pottsville. Lot 730 is to be transferred to Council pursuant to Condition 58 in Development Consent DA4420/276, as there is a sewer pump station constructed within the Lot.

The transfer document has been received by Council and it is necessary to resolve to sign the document under Common Seal and to resolve to classify Lot 730 as "Operational Land" pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993.

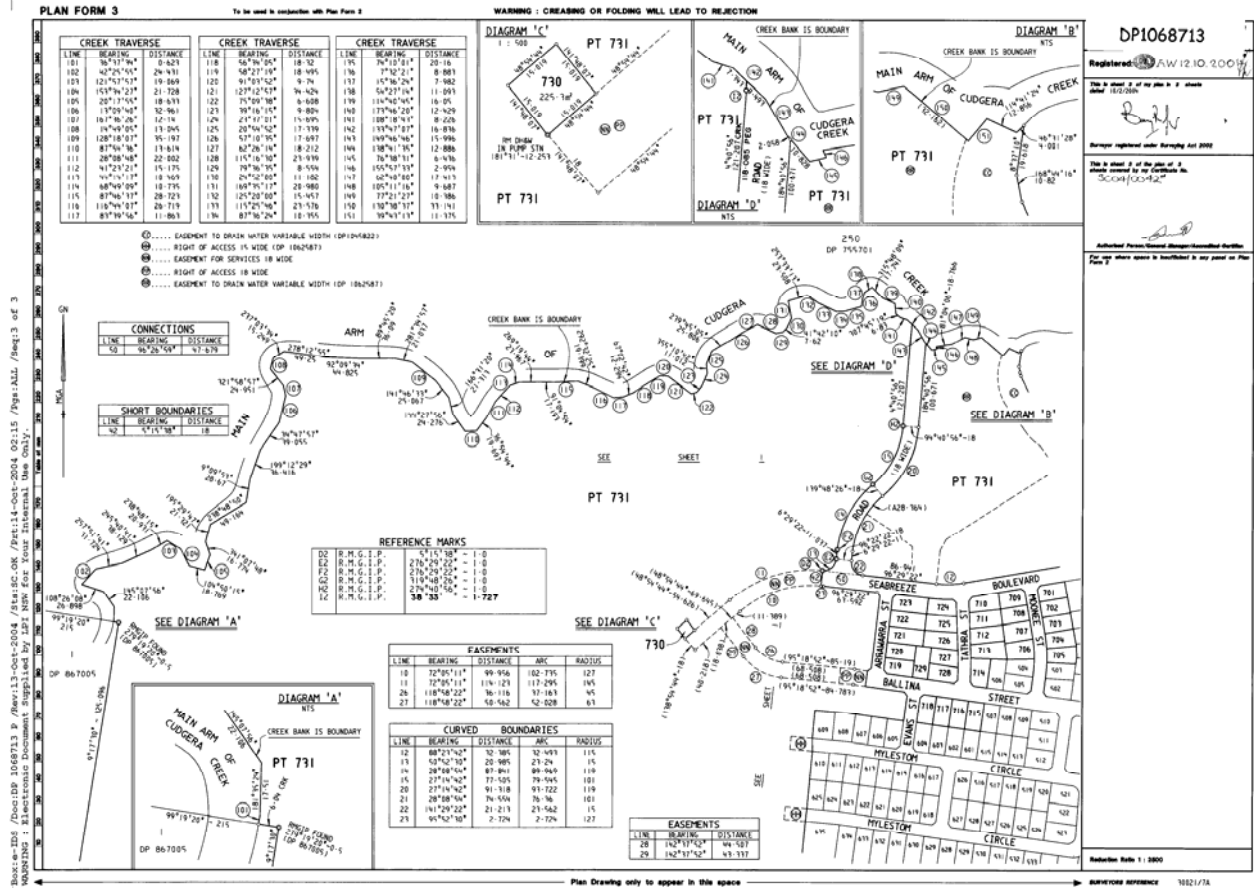
RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. Council approves the transfer of Lot 730 in DP 1068713 to Council pursuant to Consent Condition 58 of DA4420/276 at Pottsville;**
- 2. Lot 730 be classified as "Operational Land" pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government Act, 1993; and**
- 3. All necessary documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council.**

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report. A copy of the plan of subdivision of Lot 637 in DP 1062587 identifying Lot 730 is shown below:-



LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:

Nil.

013 [EO-OC] Sale of Part of Lot 21 Section 15 in DP 28390 - Marie Street, Tweed Heads South

ORIGIN:

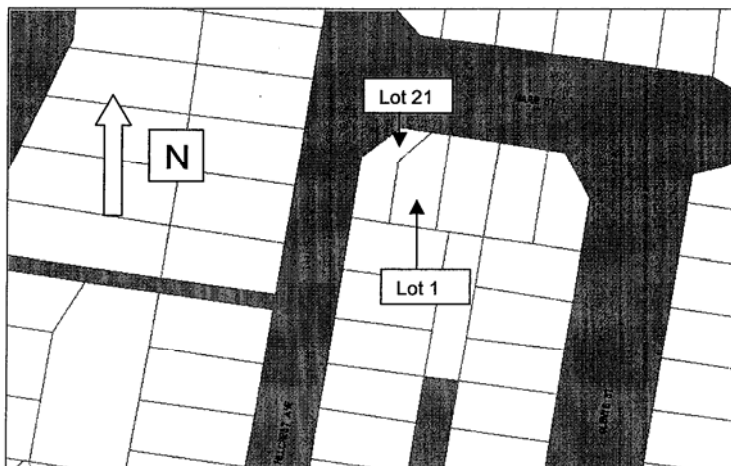
Design

FILE NO: PF3330/20

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council has previously received reports relating to the subject land, being Council land on the corner of Hillcrest Avenue and Marie Street, Tweed Heads South. The parcel is a public garden and recreation space, classified as community land. The previous reports included a report regarding the re-classification of Lot 21, from community to operational land, and a report in relation to the creation of an Easement to Permit Encroaching Structure to Remain burdening Lot 21. Both of these reports sought Councils' approval to take the relevant actions to remedy a long standing encroachment over Lot 21 from a house constructed in 1966/67 on adjoining land, Lot 1 Section 15 in DP 28266, known as 1 Marie Street.

The plan below shows the two parcels, Lot 21 being the Council land and Lot 1 where the encroaching house is constructed:-



The landowners have lobbied for the sale of the land since their discovery of the encroachment of the house onto Lot 21 since 1992.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. Council approves the subdivision of Lot 21 Section 15 DP 28390 to excise the area burdened by the Easement to Permit Encroaching Structure to Remain and that all costs relating to the subdivision are to be borne by the owners of Lot 1 Section 15 DP 28266;**
- 2. Council approves the sale of the parcel created by the subdivision to the owners of adjoining land, Lot 1 Section 15 DP 28266 for the sum of \$13,794 by private treaty;**
- 3. The disposal of the land falls within "special circumstances" in Council's Disposal of Land Policy; and**
- 4. All necessary documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council.**

REPORT:

Background

Lot 21 was created in Deposited Plan 28390 as a public garden and recreation space in 1958. However the land was not immediately vested in Council, but remained in the ownership of the developer. Section 50 of the *Local Government Act*, 1993 provides that where a plan of subdivision approved by Council before 15 June, 1964 made provision for public garden and recreation space, the Council may publish a notification that the land will vest in Council as a Public Reserve. The notice was published on 4 November 2005.

The Encroachment

The issue of the encroachment has been a matter that has extended over a considerable period, commencing when the adjoining neighbours lodged an application to extend their home in 1992. The initial assessment of the application was refused as it was noted the extensions would encroach onto Lot 21. It would appear that the initial building application for the house, lodged with Council in 1966 by the previous landowner, showed Lot 1 as a rectangular parcel and did not show the splayed corner of the parcel, the house was approved on that basis. It was only when the current landowners sought approval for an extension that a closer inspection of the file revealed the historical encroachment onto Lot 21 by the house. The landowners were distressed by the discovery of the encroachment and have sought to remedy it by offering to purchase the land affected to legalise the encroachment.

The matter came to the attention of Council's Property Officer in 2004, who suggested that the registration of an easement permitting the encroachment would satisfy the landowners' requirement to legalise the encroachment at little cost to them. It was also noted at that time, that as Lot 21 was community land, Lot 21 would have to be re-classified to enable any action to be taken.

Re-classification of Lot 21

A report was received by Council on 1 September 2004 where it was resolved to prepare a draft LEP to reclassify Lot 21, as noted earlier

The gazettal of the re-classification occurred on 31 March 2006, noting that the area affected by the encroachment, shown hatched in the plan following this report, was included in **Schedule 4 Part 3 - Operational Land - interests changed**. This was an essential component, as Lot 21, now a Public Reserve, was affected by a caveat that forbids the registration of any dealing relating to the estate or interest of the land. Such a caveat is automatically lodged by the Registrar General on any title for a public reserve, and when the title issued for Lot 21 following the gazettal of 4 November, it was issued with the notation regarding the caveat. The notation in the re-classification gazettal regarding the change of interest therefore allows Council to pursue a remedy to the encroachment.

It is to be noted that the unhatched area of the land was included in Schedule 4 part 2, where no interests were changed, and therefore remains restricted by the Registrar General's caveat.

Easement to Permit Encroaching Structure to Remain

A report was received on 23 May 2006 where Council resolved to agree to the creation of an Easement to Permit Encroaching Structure to Remain over Lot 21. The creation of the Easement was effected by the registration of a Transfer Granting Easement, this was registered on 4 August 2006.

Council prepared the Transfer document and when the landowners came in to sign the document, they reiterated that they had consistently sought to purchase the land. Following a thorough and close inspection of the file, it was noted that no objection to the sale had been indicated to the landowners by Council, rather advice to the effect as to the difficulties in being able to do so because of the classification of the land and its status as public reserve.

Sale of land Affected by Encroachment

Now that the reclassification of the land has been effected, particularly the removal of the restriction on dealing with the land for the area subject to the encroachment, it is recommended that Council approve the sale of that part of Lot 21 subject to the encroachment.

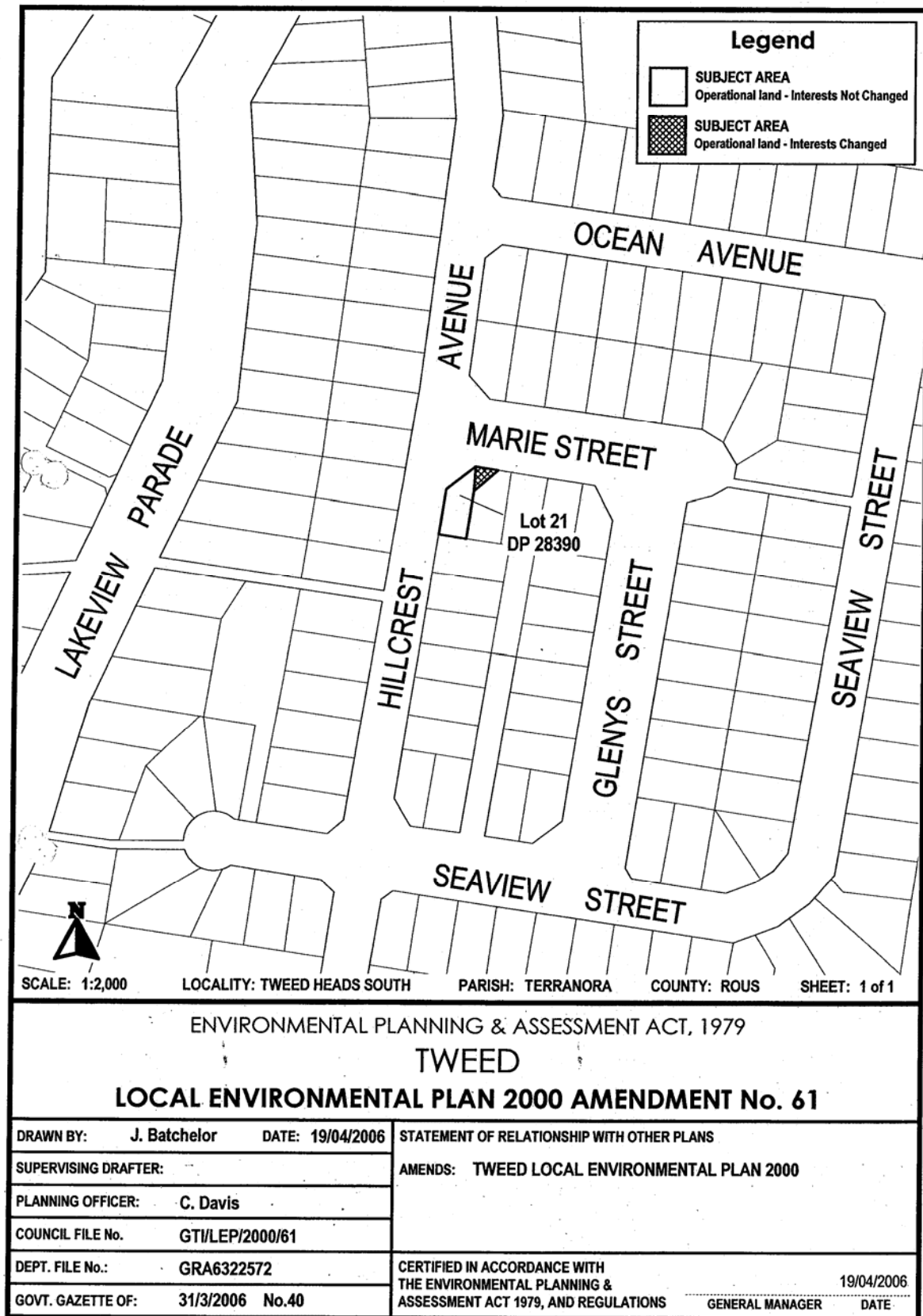
A valuation has been obtained determining that the market value of the land is \$300 per square metre, the area of the affected land is 45.98 square metres, with a sale price of \$13,794.

It is also recommended that all costs relating to the subdivision of the land be borne by the landowners.

As the land is not available for sale to the public, it is also recommended that Council resolves that the sale of the land falls within "special circumstances" in Council's Disposal of Land Policy.

Copies of the reports referred to in the body of the report are attached.

The plan showing the area subject of this report as hatched, follows:-



LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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1. DW 1082090 - Report dated 1 September 2004 - Re-Classification
 2. DW 1088875 - Resolution
 3. DW 1393567 - Report dated 23 May 2006 - Easement
 4. DW 1398219 - Resolution
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O14 [EO-OC] River Health Grants - Major Project at Byangum

ORIGIN:

Water

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report describes a significant project to be undertaken at Byangum under Council's River Health Grants Program. It involves activity on a dairy farm and will involve fencing, provision of water troughs and construction of a concrete laneway to facilitate cattle movement. The purpose of the project is to restrict cattle from river bank areas immediately upstream of the Tweed Shire raw water supply intake point in the Bray Park Weir Pool. This will improve water quality and stream bank condition, and reduce the risk of pathogens such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia compromising the shires potable water distribution network.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council votes the expenditure of \$60,000 as described in this report under the River Health Grants Program.

REPORT:

On 13 June 2006 Council approved a Water Unit program called the River Health Grants Scheme, underpinned by the Water Supply Catchment - Streambank Protection Policy.

This scheme is aimed at improving the quality of water in the Tweed River by assisting landholders to manage their river banks and small tributary streams in a more ecologically sustainable manner.

It is envisaged that most works undertaken through this program will be of relatively small scale, however there are a number of key properties close to the main raw water intake at Bray Park that require substantial investment to protect water quality through a process of risk management.

Water Unit staff are currently negotiating with a Byangum dairy farmer to undertake works on his property including fencing, installation of water troughs, construction of a cattle access laneway and river bank revegetation.

The property and it's spatial relationship to the weir and water intake point is shown in the aerial image included as confidential attachment 1.

The most significant cost to Council to implement works on the property will be to construct the cattle laneway. This element of the project is pivotal, for at this time, cattle move about the property on slightly elevated and drier ground along top of the river bank. It is necessary to fence off the river to protect water quality, and this would make stock movement throughout the farms paddock system extremely difficult. If a laneway is not constructed, constant cattle movement through damp areas will create large expanses of very boggy ground. By providing drinking troughs and a concrete laneway set back from the river bank, this area can be isolated from grazing and cattle movement and revegetated. Restricting cattle access to the river will reduce water turbidity related to erosion and trampling of banks, and remove the current situation whereby cow manure is being deposited directly into the river with tens of metres of the water supply intake. These actions have been identified as priorities in the Bray Park Weir Pool Management Plan.

Council will be sharing the cost of these works with the land owner under an arrangement as set out below.

Activity	Tweed Shire Council Contribution	Landholder contribution
Laneway materials	Concrete. 300m ³ delivered to site. (2.5m x 1200 m x 100mm)	Gravel to form laneway sub-grade
Laneway construction	Machinery as required for initial earth work (Grader)	Set out and construction of laneway.
Off-stream stock water	11 x concrete troughs, with float valves 1 x 13500 L tank	Installation, operation and maintenance of troughs Pipe and fittings as required to plumb in troughs
Fencing	150 split posts, 15 round posts	Wire and electrification as required. Installation of fence. Maintenance of fence.
Revegetation and regeneration	Supply of plants and materials for establishment.	Long term maintenance of plantings.

Council's required contribution to this arrangement is \$60,000. The affected landowner has agreed to contribute significant resources to the project. This will be primarily through construction of the laneway and fences and plumbing of drinking troughs, as well as by purchase of certain materials for each project component.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Allocation of \$60, 000 from the Catchment Water Quality Fund.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This project is in compliance with the Water Supply Catchment – Stream Bank Protection Policy.

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015 [EO-OC] Flood Mitigation Program Grant Funding

ORIGIN:

Design

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council has received three offers for grant funding to undertake flood mitigation projects in the 2006-2007 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council formally accepts the following grant monies and votes the necessary amounts to match the Government grants for each project:

Grant Program	Project	Funding Ratio	Total Grant Funding	Required Council Funding
Natural Disaster Mitigation Programme (NDMP)	Coastal Creeks Flood Study	1:1:1	\$66,666	\$33,333
Natural Disaster Mitigation Programme (NDMP)	Tweed Valley Floodplain Risk Management Study & Draft Plan	1:1:1	\$80,000	\$40,000
NSW Floodplain Management Program (State Only)	Maintenance of Flood Mitigation Works	1:1	\$24,200	\$24,200

REPORT:

Council is in receipt of three letters of offer for flooding grants for 2006-2007. These offers are detailed as follows:

Grant Program	Project	Funding Ratio	Total Grant Funding	Required Council Funding
Natural Disaster Mitigation Programme (NDMP)	Coastal Creeks Flood Study	1:1:1	\$66,666	\$33,333
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NSW Floodplain Management Program (State Only)	Maintenance of Flood Mitigation Works	1:1	\$24,200	\$24,200

Project Details

Coastal Creeks Flood Study

Following completion of a 2-dimensional flood model and study of the Tweed Valley, a similar study for the Coastal Creek catchments (Mooball, Cudgera and Cudgen Creeks) is now to be commenced. The first stage of this flood study is the production of a digital terrain model (DTM) of the study area, to be completed in 2006-2007. As this requires extensive ground level survey, an aerial laser survey is proposed. The DTM will then be used by consultants to model a range of flood events to better understand flooding behaviour and impacts of new developments on coastal villages. The above grant funding will help fund the aerial laser survey project. The grant offer matches the amount sought in Council's grant application.

Tweed Valley Floodplain Risk Management Study & Draft Plan

As previously reported to Council, a Risk Management Study for the Tweed Valley Floodplain commenced in 2005-2006, using the findings of the Tweed Valley Flood Study 2005. This study is being undertaken in several separable parts. Many of these parts will require specialist consultant advice and additional computer flood modelling to identify and assess options for floodplain risk management measures. Examples include the revision of the 1989 Murwillumbah Floodplain Management Plan, and flood planning for the Chinderah/West Kingscliff area. The above grant funding will help fund such items that cannot be undertaken in-house due to expertise and available resources. The grant offer matches the amount sought in Council's grant application.

Maintenance of Flood Mitigation Works

Council is responsible for the ongoing maintenance and replacement of over 200 floodgates and other flood mitigation structures such as levees, pumps and gauges in rural and urban areas. An improved asset management plan for flood mitigation assets has been developed over recent years, prompting an increased need for maintenance

spending, which will be assisted by the above grant funding. The grant offer matches the amount sought in Council's grant application.

Letters of acceptance for the above grants, endorsed by the General Manager, were sent to the respective Government bodies on 6 September 2006, in order to meet the grant acceptance deadlines. Completed Funding Agreements will be returned to Council in due course.

It is recommended that Council formally accepts the grant monies, and votes the necessary amounts to match the grant funding for each project as listed in the above table.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Funds are available in the current 2006/2007 budget to match the grant offers.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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O16 [EO-OC] Production of Master Plan and Plan of Management for Kingscliff Sportsfields

ORIGIN:

Recreation Services

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council allocated \$30,000 in the 2006-2007 budget from Contribution Plan 5 – Local Open Space for the production of a Master Plan and Plan of Management for the current and proposed future sportsfields in the Kingscliff District.

A brief was prepared and tenders invited from three consultants known to Council to have the skills and experience relevant to the project. Two tenders were received.

It is recommended that Council vote an additional allocation from Contribution Plan 5 to undertake the project and appoint the recommended consultants.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:-

- 1. Allocates an additional \$15,000 from Contribution Plan 5 to the production of a master plan and plan of management for Kingscliff Sportsfields and votes the expenditure.**
- 2. Accepts the tender amount of \$43,530 (GST exclusive) by StratCorp Consulting to undertake the project.**
- 3. Authorises the Acting Director of Engineering and Operations to approve any modifications or variations to the project as may become necessary.**

REPORT:

Background:

Kingscliff currently has five sports fields totalling approximately 11ha, with an additional area anticipated to be approx 11 ha planned for West Kingscliff. The establishment and embellishment of the planned West Kingscliff fields include the contribution required from the development of West Kingscliff (CP 7), plus the active open space requirements for the SALT development (CP 25).

These facilities are currently utilised by six different sports as outlined below:-

- Walter Peate Fields are around 6.7 ha in area and currently accommodate Cricket, Little Athletics, Soccer, Hockey, Junior Rugby League and Netball.
- Ned Byrne Field is approximately 1.7 ha in area and is exclusively utilised by Cudgen Rugby League Club.
- Reg Dalton Oval is approximately 1.3 ha in area and is currently utilised by soccer and cricket (turf wicket).
- Merve Edwards Fields is approximately 1.4 ha in area and is currently utilised by hockey and junior soccer
- The future sportsfields at West Kingscliff will be 9.7 ha in area. The final configuration of the area to be dedicated is still under negotiation.

Contribution Plan 5 – Local Open Space allocates \$339,390 to the upgrade of facilities at the existing fields, with an additional \$300,000 included in the 7-year plan under the 'sportsfields capital works (local)' program.

Master Plan and Plan of Management:

The growth experienced in the Kingscliff area, including the significant developments south of Kingscliff (SALT and Casuarina) have placed pressures on a number of sports and will continue to do so as the region populates, particularly over the next few years.

In order to plan for the effective and sustainable development of these sportsfields, Council proposes to undertake a comprehensive consultation and planning process. This will result in the development of master plans for the various sites and the production of a plan of management consistent with the requirements of the NSW Local Government Act 1993.

From submissions received from previous sport and recreation planning projects tendered through Council, three consultants known to Council to have the skills and experience relevant to the project were forwarded invitations to tender.

Contribution Plan 5 Local Open Space

The 2006-2007 budget allocates \$30,000 from Contribution Plan 5 to undertake the planning process. It is apparent from the tenders received that the allocation underestimated the requirements of the brief. The planning process is critical to the effective provision of facilities to cater for the future active open space requirements of the Kingscliff region, and the expenditure of allocated funds. Therefore, it is

recommended Council allocate an additional \$15,000 from Contribution Plan 5 to undertake the project.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$15,000 from contribution Plan 5 – Local Open Space.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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1. **Confidential Attachment** - Supplementary Information - Production of Master Plan and Plan of Management for Kingscliff Sportsfields. (DW1460274)
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017 [EO-OC] Sports Advisory Committee

ORIGIN:

Recreation Services

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

At its meeting held 5 September 2006, Council appointed six community representatives to the Sports Advisory Committee, noting that the two vacant positions may be occupied as appropriate candidates are identified.

Council has since received another 2 nominations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Joanne Watters and Neville Douglas be appointed as community representatives on the Sports Advisory Committee for a two-year tenure.

REPORT:

At its meeting held 5 September 2006, Council appointed six community representatives to the Sports Advisory Committee, noting that the two vacant positions may be occupied as appropriate candidates are identified.

A late application has subsequently been received, and another applicant contacted Council to advise that he had delivered an application to the Tweed office, although Council has no record of the application.

The applicants are:-

Mrs Joanne Watters, and
Mr Neville Douglas

Both applicants demonstrate a commitment to sport and the community in Tweed. Consequently, it is recommended they be appointed to the two vacant positions on the committee.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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018 [EO-OC] EC2006-078 Manufacture, Supply and Delivery of DN 125 to 450mm Diameter Pressure Pipe

ORIGIN:

Contracts

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Tenders for the Manufacture, Supply and Delivery of DN 125 to 450 mm Diameter Pressure Pipe closed on the 31 May 2006.

The pipe materials are to be used in the construction and upgrade of new and existing sewer rising mains servicing the West Tweed Heads Sewerage Treatment Plant.

Following the close of tenders a review of the construction methods to be used in the pipeline construction resulted in the change of preference for pipe material to be used on the project. This change resulted in a variation in the pipe diameters and pipe quantities required for the project.

Submissions to the tender were received from Vinidex Pty Ltd, Crevet Pipelines Pty Ltd and Tyco Water Pty Ltd.

Tenderers were formally advised of the pipe diameter and quantities variation and were requested to review their tender submission to reflect the revised pipe schedule.

The revised submission closed in the tender box on the 23 August 2006.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Vinidex Pty Ltd be awarded the contract for the supply of M-PVC PN 16 pressure pipe as listed in the revised tender schedule with a contract price of \$133,307.55 (GST Excl).

REPORT:

Tenders closing the 31 May 2006 had been called for the Manufacture, Supply and Delivery of DN 125 mm to 450 mm Diameter Pressure Pipe.

The pipe materials are to be used in the construction and upgrade of new and existing sewer rising mains servicing the West Tweed Heads Sewerage Treatment Plant.

The tender specified the pipes to be fabricated from either of the following pipe materials;- Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP), Ductile Iron (DI),M-PVC.,O-PVC and High Density Polyethelene (HD PE).

Following the close of tenders three (3) submissions offering nine (9) pipe material options had been received.

Prior to going to tender the design preference for pipe materials to be used on the project was High Density Polyethelene (HD PE).

However following the close of tenders a review of the construction methods to be used in the pipeline construction was undertaken, which resulted in a change of preference for the pipe material to be used. Difficulties in shoring and trenching whilst laying and butt welding the twelve (12) meter sections of HDPE pipe were identified. Additional costs and construction time delays were envisaged with the use of the HDPE Pipe.

The change in pipe preference resulted in a variation in the pipe diameters and pipe quantities required for the project.

A Notice to Tenderers was forwarded to each supplier advising of the pipe diameter and pipe quantities change with a request that they review their tender submission to reflect the revised pipe schedule. All tenderers acknowledged receipt of the Notice to Tenderers.

Submissions to the revised pipe tender schedule closed in the tender box on the 23 August 2006.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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1. **Confidential Attachment** - Supplementary Information EC2660-078 for the Manufacture, Supply And Delivery Of DN 125mm to 450 mm Diameter Pressure Pipe (DW 1462929).
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019 [EO-OC] EQ2006-119 Expressions of Interest for the Supply of Hardware, Electrical and Plumbing Materials as a Preferred Supplier

ORIGIN:

Contracts

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

The existing Preferred Supplier arrangements for the supply of Hardware, Electrical and Plumbing materials expired on the 30 June 2006.

In accordance with Local Government (Tendering) Regulation 1999 the process for the establishment of a new Preferred Supplier arrangement for the supply of Hardware, Electrical and Plumbing materials is required to be re instigated.

Expressions of Interest for consideration to be nominated as a Preferred Supplier was duly advertised.

RECOMMENDATION:

That suppliers as detailed in the body of the report with the exception of the The Battery Specialist Group be accepted as Preferred Suppliers and that they be formally contacted and requested to nominate the level of discount that will apply for all materials purchased by Council from that supplier over the period of the preferred supplier arrangement.

REPORT:

In accordance with the Local Government Tendering Regulations expressions of interest closing the 30 August 2006 have been sought from local suppliers who are willing to enter into a supply contract on a preferred supplier arrangement for the supply of Hardware, Electrical and Plumbing materials.

The previous preferred supplier arrangement terminated on the 30 June 2006.

Suppliers nominating their interest in being considered as a preferred supplier and considered suitable will be contacted and requested to nominate the level of discount that will apply to all materials purchased from that particular supplier over the period of the agreement.

The preferred supplier agreement is for a twelve (12) month period with a further two (2) by twelve – month extension options.

At the close of the advertising period expression of interest had been received from the following local suppliers:-

Fluid Conveyancing	Plumbing Supplies	Tweed Heads
Tweed Bolt Suppliers	Hardware	Tweed Heads
Blackwoods	Hardware	Tweed Heads
Budds Mitre 10	Hardware	Murwillumbah
J.H.Williams & Sons	Hardware	Murwillumbah
Cetnaj	Electrical Materials	Tweed Heads
Haymans	Electrical Materials	Tweed Heads
Ideal Electrical Supplies	Electrical Materials	Currumbin
The Battery Specialities Group	Alkaline Batteries	Brisbane

All of the above suppliers with the exception of The Battery Specialist Group were participants in the recently expired Preferred Supplier arrangement.

All are local or Shire based operations and have satisfied the requirements of the Preferred Supplier arrangement.

It is recommended that all the above suppliers with the exception of The Battery Specialist Group be accepted as Preferred Suppliers and that they be formally contacted and requested to nominate the level of discount that will apply for all materials purchased by Council from that supplier over the period of the preferred supplier arrangement.

The Battery Specialist Group were not considered due to the minimal dollar value of batteries purchased. Their details have been passed onto Council's Store for price sourcing comparison when future battery purchases are made.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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O20 [EO-OC] Contract EC2006-097 Riverside Drive Tumbulgum Road Reconstruction and Revetment Works

ORIGIN:

Contracts

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

The following project has been listed in the 2006/2007 road projects budget:-

- Riverside Drive Tumbulgum, Road Reconstruction and Revetment Works

A tender has been called for this project in accordance with the Local Government Tendering Regulation 1999 with tenders closing 13 September 2006.

Four Tenders were received at the time of closing and this report recommends the award of the tender.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

1. **Council awards contract EC2006-097 Riverside Drive Tumbulgum Road Reconstruction and Revetment Works to Turner Civil Works Pty Ltd with a contract price of \$282,220.64 (exclusive of GST).**
2. **The Acting Director Engineering and Operations be given delegated authority to approve variations up to 20% of the initial contract sum.**

REPORT:

The following project has been listed in the 2006/2007 road projects budget:-

- Riverside Drive Tumbulgum, Road Reconstruction and Revetment Works

A tender has been called for this project in accordance with the NSW Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 and Council's Procurement Policy. The tender closed 13 September 2006 with submissions being received from the following:-

CivilTeam Engineering Pty Ltd

MJ & SL Seery Excavations Pty Ltd.

Ray Ruddy & Sons

Turner Civil Works Pty Ltd.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost of the contracted works is included in the 2006/2007 roads project budget

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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1. **Confidential Attachment** – Supplementary Information to Agenda Item for EC2006-097 Riverside Drive Tumbulgum, Road Reconstruction & Revetment Works (DW 1463575)
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O21 [EO-OC] North East Weight of Loads Group - Delegation to Exercise Powers Under Road Transport (General) Act 2005

ORIGIN:

Works

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Tweed Shire Council has been a member of the North East Weight of Loads Group (NEWLOG) since its inception in 1994. Recently the RTA wrote to Council advising of the changes in legislation relating to heavy vehicle mass limit enforcement and enclosing a delegation from the RTA to Councils to allow them to authorise council employees to carry out enforcement activities.

As NEWLOG carries out this function on behalf of Council it is necessary to delegate this function to NEWLOG officers, who are employees of Ballina Shire Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. Pursuant to Section 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993 Council appoints as its agent any authorised officer within the meaning of the Road Transport (General) Act 2005 who is at the time in the employ of the Ballina Shire Council for the purposes of Sections 136, 137, 138, 140, 171, 173 of the Road Transport (General) Act, 2005:-**
- 2. Council completes the Delegation of Functions and Authority to Ballina Shire Council under the Common Seal of Council.**

REPORT:

The Delegation of Functions and Authority for signature under the Common Seal of Council is reprinted below:-

"Pursuant to section 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993 Tweed Shire Council appoints as its agent any authorised officer within the meaning of the Road Transport (General) Act 2005 who is at the time in the employ of the Ballina Shire Council for the purposes of the following sections of the Road Transport (General) Act, 2005 (the Act)

- Section 136 Direction to stop vehicle or combination to enable the exercise of other powers*
- Section 137 Direction to move vehicle or combination to enable the exercise of other powers*
- Section 138 Direction to move vehicle or combination where there is danger or obstruction,*
- Section 140 Manner of giving directions under this Division (of the Act),*
- Section 171 Authorised officer may require production by driver of drivers licence and name and address from driver or rider;*
- Section 173 Authorised officer may require responsible person for vehicle and other persons to disclose identity of driver who commits offence*

The Common Seal of Tweed Shire Council"

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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O22 [EO-OC] Gruners Lookout, Tomewin Road

ORIGIN:

Works

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

At the Community Access Committee of Council on 13 June 2006, Council considered a presentation from some residents regarding Gruners Lookout at Tomewin. This report considers options for the lookouts on Tomewin Road.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. The three lookouts on Tomewin Road be removed.**
- 2. The information at Gruners Lookout be made available to the Tweed Museum for display.**

REPORT:

There are three lookouts located on Tomewin Road:-

- Athelstan Terrace
- Tom Lofts Lookout
- Gruners Lookout

At present, none of these lookouts provide views of the valley because of the growth of vegetation. Refer to attached photographs.

Athelstan Terrace

This lookout consists of a shelter shed at the intersection of Athelstan Terrace and Tomewin Road. It is unclear if this location was ever intended as a lookout or merely a roadside stop, and extensive clearing of mature trees would be required to provide any view. The shelter is not serviced by a rubbish bin, creating a litter problem.

Tom Lofts Lookout

This lookout has advance signposting, but no structure or signposting to designate the actual lookout. The "lookout" consists of a small unsealed parking bay beside the southbound lane of Tomewin Road. There is no barrier to prevent vehicles or persons from going over the embankment, although the mature trees would provide some protection for vehicles. The parking bay is too short to allow buses to park.

Gruners Lookout

This lookout consists of a parking bay, shelter and information display. The view is obscured by trees growing on private property, and by shrubs growing on the embankment. There is no kerbing or barrier to contain vehicles, nor any pedestrian safety balustrade. The adjacent house is quite close to the lookout, and as detailed in the presentation to Community Access, is subject to antisocial behaviour from persons using the lookout bay. The information contained in the shelter consists of a bio of Gruner, a print of his painting "The Valley of the Tweed", and some history on the painting. It would be worthwhile to preserve the information display, and the Museum may be the appropriate place for such a display. The shelter could be reused in a park.

General

Council's files contain a series of complaints over several years about the loss of views from the lookouts and their unkempt presentation, and it is clear that Council has lacked the resources or resolve to properly construct and maintain the lookouts.

The standard of all of the lookouts is low, ranging from no facilities at Tom Lofts to basic at Gruners. By contemporary standards, they present a high level of risk because of the lack of delineation, barriers and balustrade.

It is considered that the Athelstan Terrace site has limited value as a lookout, and it is not used as a bus shelter. It has some community value as a roadside stop in a forest surrounding, however the lack of a rubbish collection or toilets would eventually lead to a degradation of the area. The preferred option for this site is its removal.

The Tom Lofts Lookout virtually does not exist, except for the advance signposting. The preferred option for this site is to remove the signposting.

Gruners Lookout has more substantial infrastructure than the others, but presents a nuisance to the adjacent property. It would require substantial upgrading to bring it up to a suitable standard, but the neighbour problems would persist. Given Council's other priorities and the demand from the community for more mainstream infrastructure and community and social facilities, the best option is to remove the structures and signposting.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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1. Gruners Lookout Photo 1 (DW 1459687).
 2. Athelstan Terrace Lookout Photo 2 (DW 1459700).
 3. Tom Lofts Lookout Photo 3 (DW 1459702).
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O23 [EO-OC] Water and Wastewater Activity Management Plans

ORIGIN:

Water

FILE NO: Water Management - Policy

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council adopted Strategic Business Plans for its Water Supply and Sewerage Functions in 1996. These Plans require revision and therefore have been updated in the form of Activity Management Plans (AcMP's). AcMP's have a broader perspective than the traditional Strategic Business Plan in that they document how the activities of providing Water and Sewer services are managed and delivered to the community and provide a comprehensive summary of all relevant policies and plans.

This report presents Council's Water Supply & Wastewater Activity Management Plans for exhibition in accordance with the Department of Water, Utilities & Sustainability (DWUS) Strategic Business Planning criterion.

The Water Supply and Wastewater AcMP's are attached under a separate cover each containing a Main Document and 26 specific Appendices. The AcMP's are not a completed document and will require continual development. They are however at a stage suitable for presentation as a Strategic Business Plan.

The AcMP's include an action and improvement program which in general terms highlight the need to tighten business processes to:-

- enable easier and more comprehensive reporting
- improve compliance with legislation
- improve productivity and effectiveness
- provide the detailed information required for effective decision making

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. Council exhibits the Water Supply & Wastewater Activity Management Plans for a period of 28 days through the Tweed Link and Council's web site.**
- 2. Council officers bring forward a report detailing submissions received and recommended changes to the Activity Management Plans.**

REPORT:

Background:

Council first adopted Water Supply and Wastewater Strategic Business Plans on 6 April 1996. These were prepared by Coopers & Lybrand to comply with relevant state government requirements.

In the revision of these plans a number of alternate formats were considered. Councils In-House consultants MWH were selected to prepare Activity Management Plans (AcMP's) as an alternate to a separate Strategic Business Plan as they provide the following advantages:-

- have a focus on customer expectations and service delivery
- include asset management after determining the customer needs
- promote alternative methods of delivering outcomes which may not be asset based
- are a powerful day to day management tool
- provide a holistic approach which:-
 - integrates information across the traditional activity silos of Council
 - focuses on what needs to be done to manage customer expectations
 - identifies opportunities to avoid or mitigate losses
 - include a forecast of not less than 10 years (20 years for new capital)
 - records all of the information in one place
 - builds on the existing situation
 - is suitable for all types of authorities – large and small
 - provide a structure that can be populated over time along with being able to respond quickly to emerging issues
 - results in a clearer picture of what needs to be done
 - enables anyone to see the total picture at any time
 - embraces the International Infrastructure Management Manual (IMM Manual)
 - ensures the documents are outcomes focussed
 - can be readily substantiated & satisfy legal & audit requirements
 - provide clear evidence/guidance regarding strategic direction and actions of the Activity
 - are consistent with Councils higher level strategic documents
 - automatically provides audit trail of decisions made

Activity Management Plans:

The Water Supply and Wastewater Activity Management Plans are attached under a separate cover each containing a Main Document and 26 specific Appendices. The Main Document is a summary of the information held in each of the Appendices. These Appendices contain more detail, cross referencing to existing Council Policies, procedures and documents. The plans embrace “best practice” as outlined in the International Infrastructure Management Manual.

The AcMPs enable anyone to see the total picture of the activity at any time and ensure a clear, detailed and ‘up-to-date’ picture of the service is always available. All of the key

asset and performance criteria are held in one place. This will ensure a greater level of consistency, stronger management and personal accountability.

The Activity Management Plans will be used on a day-to-day basis whilst also providing the strategic direction for the activity. These plans are intended to meet the Department of Water, Utilities & Sustainability (DWUS), (formerly DEUS) requirements for Strategic Business Planning criterion 1 of the department's best practice management guidelines dated May 2004. This compliance is demonstrated in Appendix Z of each Plan.

Following exhibition and adoption by Council the Plans will be submitted to the Department of Water, Utilities & Sustainability for their concurrence.

The Water Supply & Wastewater Activity Management Plans' format reduces the duplication of information thereby minimising inconsistency and maintenance requirements. In order for the plans to remain current, there are a number of key processes that need to be followed including:-

- All reporting to Council on actions relating to the Water Supply and Wastewater activities will be framed with a reference to the Activity Management Plan appendix or clause. This is to ensure that all decision making related to the activity will force stronger, more coordinated and focussed management of the activity, with greater accountability. It will ensure that staff members have a focus less on the preparation of plans to meet statutory requirements, and more on effective and efficient long-term management of the activity.
- Annual monitoring of changes to incorporate edits to policies and procedures. (This process will be signed off by the Director of Engineering and Operations and Manager Water).
- A comprehensive review at intervals of not less than three years. At the completion of this stage a formal adoption of each plan update by Council will be undertaken.
- Quality assurance audits of Asset Management information to ensure the integrity and cost effectiveness of data collected.

Outcomes:

The Plans have identified a comprehensive Action and Improvement Programme which is detailed in the respective Appendix U of each plan. The Plans are not comprehensive and will require further development to cover all aspects of the water supply and sewerage activities.

In general terms the improvement program has identified the need to tighten business processes to:-

- enable easier and more comprehensive reporting
- improve compliance with legislation
- improve productivity and effectiveness
- provide the detailed information required for effective decision making

In summary, the most important tasks to be undertaken are:-

- development of the asset register
- definition of appropriate levels of service
- consultation with the community on desired levels of service and costs

At this stage the Action and Improvement Programme is indicative. It is proposed that a future report be brought before Council detailing preliminary costs and resource requirements of the Action and Improvement Programme with a recommended implementation strategy.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Some improvements identified in the AcMP's, if addressed, will require significant additional financial and resource allocations. Adoption and exhibition of the Activity Management Plans will enable Council to comply with Department of Water Utilities and Sustainability (DWUS) Best Practice Guidelines.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil in this report however some improvements identified in the AcMP's, if addressed, will require modification of existing environmental planning and assessment, plans, policy standards and codes; Building policy, assessment standards and codes; Engineering policy, assessment standards and codes.

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Due to the large size of the attachment documents they will be tabled at the meeting. These documents will be available on the Council's internet site during the exhibition period.

1. Water Activity Management Plan and Appendices A to Z (DW No 1464496)
 2. Wastewater Activity Management Plan and Appendices A to Z (DW No 1464490)
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O24 [EC-OC] Rural Fire Service - Service Level Agreement

ORIGIN:

Director

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Councils have a number of roles and responsibilities under the Rural Fires Act 1997 (NSW).

Previously Council, with subsidy from the State Government, directly employed staff to carry out these responsibilities.

Of recent times, many of the roles and responsibilities have been performed on Council's behalf by the Rural Fire Service under a Service Level Agreement who now employ the relevant staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves entering into a new District Rural Fire Service Agreement with the New South Wales Rural Fire Service for a period of three years commencing 31 October 2006 and affix the Common Seal of Council to the agreement.

REPORT:

Councils have a number of roles and responsibilities under the Rural Fires Act 1997 (NSW).

Previously Council, with subsidy from the State Government, directly employed staff to carry out these responsibilities.

Of some recent times, many of the roles and responsibilities have been performed on Council's behalf by the Rural Fire Service who now employ the relevant staff.

This operation is through a Service Agreement between the two parties.

The format of the Agreement was determined between the Rural Fire Service and the Shires Association with inclusions determined between the individual Council and the relevant offices of the NSW Rural Fire Service.

The current three year Agreement expires on 30 October 2006.

The Agreement has operated very successfully from Tweed Shire Council's perspective.

It is recommended that a new three year Agreement be entered into by Council commencing 31 October 2006.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

O25 [EC-OC] Cancer Support Initiative "A Day of Sunshine"

ORIGIN:

Environment & Health Services

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

On 5 August 2006 Council supported "A Day of Sunshine", a cancer support initiative of Tweed Palliative Support Group, The Bright Side, Tweed & Murwillumbah Cancer Support Group, and Council's Community Worker Aged & Disability. Funds were allocated from Council's Community Worker's budget. The event provided practical and emotional support, group work, information on complimentary medicine and therapies, and information on support networks available to people diagnosed with cancer, and their carers. This was an outstanding initiative with excellent outcomes, which has proved life changing for many participants, created greater understanding for carers, and provided all with a stronger support network. Evaluations were held at both events, and the group will work to encourage relevant health departments to consider adopting the model for wider participation. The group will now apply to various organisations to fund six events over a two year period.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council continues to support Tweed Palliative Support Group, The Bright Side and Tweed Murwillumbah Cancer Support Group, to encourage relevant health authorities to improve and expand cancer support services for our community.

REPORT:

On 5 August 2006 Council supported "A Day of Sunshine", a cancer support initiative of a working group including Tweed Palliative Support Group, The Bright Side, Tweed & Murwillumbah Cancer Support Group, and Council's Community Worker Aged & Disability. Funds were allocated from Council's Community Worker's budget and in-kind support was provided by Tweed Shire Council.

This was in response to the overwhelming success of an initial "Sunshine Day" held in April 2006 which was funded by a bequest. No funds are available from traditional health resources, at this point in time, to fund such events.

The aim of the event, which was held at The Bright Side, a beautiful property in the Tweed Hinterland, was to provide practical and emotional support, group work, information on complimentary medicine and therapies, and information on support networks available to people diagnosed with cancer, and their carers. Professional therapists offered a range of treatments, and people were encouraged to discuss their situation with fellow sufferers. To make the event less clinical, and to provide a "fun" component, the event was supported by food and beauty treatments. There was no charge to participants.

This has been an outstanding initiative which has proved life changing for many of the participants, created greater understanding for carers, and provided all with a stronger support network.

Evaluations were held at the close of both events, and the group will work cooperatively to encourage relevant health departments to consider adopting the model for wider participation. The group will now apply to various organisations to fund six events over a two year period.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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