



AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 23 January 2007

Chairman: Mr Frank Willan

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

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Council Meetings held Tuesday 19 December 2006

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1. Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held Tuesday 19 December 2006 (DW 1514930)
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SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING RESOLUTIONS

FOR COUNCILLOR'S INFORMATION:

25 JULY 2006

PLANNING COMMITTEE

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

P10 [PD-PC] Draft Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2000, Amendment No 69 - Seabreeze Estate, Pottsville (Stage 2)

P111 COMMITTEE DECISION:

Administrator Turnbull
Administrator Boyd

RECOMMENDED that Council defers this item so a workshop can be conducted on the draft Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2000, Amendment No 69 – Seabreeze Estate, Pottsville (Stage 2).

Current Status: Workshop to be organised in conjunction with assessment of DCP No 5.

ORDINARY MATTERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

4 [NOM] Section 149 Certificates

150 COUNCIL DECISION:

Administrator Boyd
Administrator Turnbull

RESOLVED that Council staff be requested to bring forward a report which addresses the desirability of including details regarding the constraints which apply to all agricultural land classified as being of State or Regional significance on all Section 149 Certificates relevant to these lands.

Current Status: Legal advice has been obtained and a report is to be prepared for the next Council Meeting.

26 SEPTEMBER 2006

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

O22 [EO-OC] Gruners Lookout, Tomewin Road

O 263 COMMITTEE DECISION:

**Administrator Boyd
Administrator Turnbull**

That:-

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3. The General Manager provides a report to Administrators on opportunities for lookouts that can be sustained through time.

Current Status: Report to be prepared.

19 DECEMBER 2006

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

O1 [GM-OC] Tweed Economic Growth Management Strategy

O 324 COMMITTEE DECISION:

**Administrator Turnbull
Administrator Willan**

RECOMMENDED that:-

1.
2. The General Manager be requested to prepare a report on the options for the creation of employment land and precinct within land zoned for urban expansion and elsewhere in the Tweed Shire Council consultation with the Tweed Economic Development Corporation.

Current Status: Terms of reference being reviewed in conjunction with TEDC.

O6 [TCS-OC] A New Direction for Local Government - Department of Local Government Position Paper

O 329 COMMITTEE DECISION:

**Administrator Boyd
Administrator Turnbull**

RECOMMENDED that:

1. ...
2. A draft submission be prepared for consideration by Council, prior to 6 March 2007.

Current Status: Report being prepared.

O7 [TCS-OC] Planning a Sustainable Future - Department of Local Government Options Paper

O 330 COMMITTEE DECISION:

**Administrator Boyd
Administrator Turnbull**

RECOMMENDED that:

1.
2. A draft submission be prepared for consideration by Council, prior to 6 March 2007.

Current Status: Report being prepared.

O12 [EO-OC] Tree Poisoning - Casuarina

O 335 COMMITTEE DECISION:

**Administrator Willan
Administrator Turnbull**

RECOMMENDED that Council:-

1.
5. Requests the General Manager to investigate the feasibility and implement, if able, the posting of a \$15,000 reward that leads to the conviction of person(s) responsible for the wilful damage of vegetation at Casuarina.

Current Status: Legal advice being sought.

O16 [EO-OC] Tweed Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Context Study & Strategy Report

O 339 COMMITTEE DECISION:

**Administrator Willan
Administrator Boyd**

RECOMMENDED that:-

1. ...
2. Council Officers bring forward a further report detailing a proposed Community Consultation program to facilitate the IWCM process.

Current Status: Report being prepared.

ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE

[AM] Documents Signed by Administrators

Administrator Boyd

19/12/06	Request - Glenys Street, Tweed Heads South
03/01/07	Boyd Street Overpass Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received and noted.

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ORDINARY ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

1 [SUB-KBWHMC] Minutes of the Koala Beach Wildlife And Habitat Management Committee Meeting held Wednesday 6 December 2006

Venue:

Cabarita Beach Sports Centre

Time:

3.00pm

Present:

Lucy Turnbull (Administrator-Tweed Shire Council), Stewart Brawley (Manager Recreation Services Unit-Tweed Shire Council), Lael Osun, Carol Cranwell, David Cranwell, Steve Williams & Ray Molony

Informal: Rhonda James, Graham Avery, Blyth Short (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies:

Paul Batson

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Rhonda James

Seconded: Steve Williams

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Koala Beach Wildlife and Habitat Management Committee meeting held Wednesday 4 October 2006 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Correspondence:

1. Paul Batson has resigned as a member of the committee due to work commitments.
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Business Arising:

1. Green Tree Frogs

Item from Meeting held 4 October 2006

"Steve Williams expressed concerns with green tree frogs on the estate and sprays being used in the grey gum gully sediment ponds. S Brawley advised that the spray used by Council is Glyphosphate bioactive which is safe near waterways. It was noted that there are a few different contactors approved to work within the estate. S Brawley advised that he would discuss the issue with Council's entomologist."

Concerns with decline in frog numbers. S Brawley advised by Council's Fauna Ecologist that the frog levels are seasonal.

2. Street Trees and Footpaths

Item from Meeting held 4 October 2006

"Stewart Brawley and Works Manager recently inspected trees along Cudgera and Sassafras Avenue. The trees in question are planted very close to footpaths and lifting the concrete. The streets currently have footpaths on both sides of the road. S Brawley suggested removing the northern side of Cudgera and Sassafras footpath and keeping the one on the other side of the road. Generally only footpaths are on one side of the street in the shire."

General discussion. David Cranwell prefers to keep the footpath. Rhonda noted that the two trees concerned are koala food trees. Carol Cranwell noted that this problem was only going to happen in stage 1 where trees and footpaths are together on the same side of the road. Carol felt that most residents would prefer to keep the path and remove and replant these individual trees."

Stewart advised that Council received a request yesterday for a tree removal on Council land for view and that the removal of the trees in this instance would pose potential concerns and would have to be appropriately handled."

Moved: David Cranwell

Second: Carol Cranwell

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council be requested to remove the trees causing damage to footpaths along Cudgera and Sassafras Avenue and the path be reinstated.

5. Fox Control

"General discussion. S Brawley will discuss issue further with David Hannah and Rural Lands Protection Board. The committee all agreed that the issue needs to be pursued."

Rural Lands Protection Board and Council's Fauna Ecologist are working together to develop a fox control program.

6. Education Program

S Brawley to phone National Parks & Wildlife to investigate if they have any programs which could be used as a base to work from.

General discussion. A few education concepts were discussed. Committee members to emailed ideas to C Cranwell to prepare a draft a vision statement. Agreed that C Cranwell, R James and S Brawley will meet with the Pottsville Beach Public School in the third week term one to discuss the education program with the Principal.

General Business:

1. Domestic Rabbits

Domestic rabbits have been roaming free on the estate. Stewart advised that rabbits do not fall under the Companion Animals Act. Council's Entomologist is aware of the issue and investigating available options. R James requested that the issue be given a high priority, as there is the potential to become a huge problem such as at Salt and Casuarina.

2. Koalas

R James noted that she carried out a site inspection of Lower Grey Gum Gully recently with a group of TAFE students and no Koalas scats were found. She is unsure why there has been a reduction in numbers. The Ray Group monitoring funding ends at the completion of 2006. The annual budget needs to be considered when developing the new fauna monitoring program. The Council's Ecologist is preparing a Fauna Monitoring brief to tender.

R James advised that it is essential to retain the koala food trees on the estate to create corridors that the koalas are familiar with.

Lael suggested that in Sassafrass the path be diverted around the trunk or replacing the path with soft compound which could allow for movement of roots. S Brawley advised that both were valid suggestions however, both options would create future litigation concerns with trip hazards.

3. Sediment Pond Stage 6

Lael Olsen enquired why the gate around the settlement pond is always locked? S Brawley advised that it would be locked to keep the water body safe for children.

4. Committee Member Replacement

Moved: Carol Cranwell
Seonded: Lael Osun

RECOMMENDATION:

That Graham Avery is appointed as the new member on the Koala Beach & Wildlife Habitat Committee.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Koala Beach Wildlife and Habitat Management Committee will be held

The meeting closed at 4.30pm

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Business Arising:

2. Street Trees and Footpaths

The Committee's Recommendation is not supported as subject trees are koala food trees and loss of footpath in the area is not critical as there is an alternative footpath on the other side of the street.

General Business:

4. Committee Member Replacement

This item is supported.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Business Arising:

2. Street Trees and Footpaths

That the trees along Cudgera and Sassafras Avenue be retained and footpath on affected areas on the northern side of the streets be removed.

1. Committee Member Replacement

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

That Graham Avery is appointed as the new member on the Koala Beach & Wildlife Habitat Committee.

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2 [SUB-TCC] Minutes of the Tweed Coastal Committee Meeting held Wednesday 13 December 2006

VENUE:

Canvas and Kettle Meeting Room, Murwillumbah

TIME:

Commencing at 1.00pm.

PRESENT:

Terry Kane (Cabarita Beach-Bogangar) (Chair); Max Boyd (Tweed Shire Council Administrator); Richard Hagley (Department of Natural Resources); Rhonda James (Caldera Environment Centre); Gary Thorpe (Hastings Point); Peter Harding (Pottsville); John Harbison (Mooball); Jason Pearson (Kingscliff); Jane Lofthouse, Tom Alletson, David Oxenham, Geoff Edwards, (Tweed Shire Council)

INFORMAL:

Carl Cormack (NSW Maritime Authority); Leigh Abernethy, Mark Kingston (Tweed Shire Council); Jan McCrohon (Minutes Secretary)

APOLOGIES:

David McPherson (Department of Lands); Lance Tarvey (NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service); Clarence Phillips (Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council); Evan Matthews (Fingal Head); Stewart Brawley (Tweed Shire Council)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved: PETER HARDING

Seconded: JASON PEARSON

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Tweed Coastal Committee Meeting held Wednesday 11 October 2006 were tabled at the meeting and accepted by the Committee as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Item from Meeting held 9 August 2006

1. Cudgera Creek Pipe Lowering

Water Supply – General; Cudgera Creek

David presented a video filmed on 5 December 2006 showing the current condition of the lowered pipes. Pipes were lowered into a jetted trench and weighted down. A section of pipe is currently visible on the bottom. It is anticipated that the level of exposure will depend on the state of the creek bed (eroded or accreted).

Item from Meeting held 11 October 2006

2. General Business Item 3 - Erosion in Cudgen Creek

Cudgen Creek, Riverbank Erosion

Photos of the bank erosion downstream of the bridge were presented to the meeting. It will need to be monitored, but no action to be taken at this stage.

John Harbison reported that Cudgen Creek is being used by jet skis and for towing activities. Carl Cormack asked that these activities be reported to the Maritime Authority office so they have a record of complaints even if officers do not have the opportunity to immediately attend the area.

The moving of the road in Lot 490 has increased use of the foreshore and creek in that location. There is no control over access at this site and no hardening of the site.

Lot 490 access and development to be placed on the Agenda for February's meeting, at John's request.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Letter received from the SES noting that they have the responsibility to finalise the Draft Emergency Action Plan. This information was required prior to the Minister for Natural Resources formally accepting the Tweed Coastline Management Plan.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Kingscliff Foreshore Protection EIS Update

Coastline Management Plan; Beaches - erosion

Following is extract from report to Council regarding the latest development in the Kingscliff Foreshore Protection Study. This was discussed at the meeting.

The preferred strategy in the *Tweed Shire Coastline Management Plan* for protection of public assets along Kingscliff foreshore was that of a flexible rock seawall extending for approximately 500 metres from the existing seawall at the Kingscliff Bowls Club to the Cudgen Headland Surf Lifesaving Club combined with initial and ongoing sand nourishment.

Following a reassessment by Patterson Britton and Partners of available data and evaluation of the hazard reduction that would ensue from initial and ongoing sand nourishment, it was determined that the foreshore protection strategy could be amended.

From preliminary investigations, the foreshore protection strategy is now likely to involve:

- A vertical/stepped seawall of limited length of about 80-100 metres protecting the Cudgen Headland SLSC only. This would require some reworking of the existing Draft Kingscliff Foreshore Master Plan;
- Initial and ongoing sand nourishment of quantities to be determined through further assessments. This would include dune creation, fencing, accessways and revegetation;
- A linear beach reserve about 15 metres wide within the boundary of the current Kingscliff Holiday Park to act as a buffer to any redevelopment of the site;
- Management of stormwater to include detention, reuse, infiltration and controlled overflows to limit impact of stormwater flows on the beach.
- Ongoing monitoring to review the impacts of climate change to determine if any change in strategy is required.

The memo from Patterson Britton also discusses potential sources of sand for nourishment and the approval process required. It is recommended by the Consultant to separate the approval process for the limited seawall and sand nourishment placement from the sand extraction and supply process for a number of reasons.

Moved: John Harbison

Seconded: Peter Harding

RESOLVED that the Committee, in principle, endorses the recommendations of the consultants Patterson Britton & Partners for the change in scope of the Environmental Impact Study for Kingscliff Foreshore Protection Works.

Leigh Abernethy joined the meeting at 1.45pm

2. Coastal Landscape Projects Update

Landscape Plans

Leigh Abernethy presented an update on Coastal Landscape Designs for Ambrose Brown Park, Kingscliff Foreshore and streetscape furniture.

1. Foreshore Landscape Plan for Ambrose Brown Park, Pottsville – plan mostly resolved, requires further consideration of car parking issues.
2. Kingscliff Foreshore Master Plan – the design needs to be reworked to encompass changes to foreshore protection strategies including changes to pedestrian linkages and steps to beach incorporated into surf club seawall. Redeveloped Holiday Park may now be longer with wider foreshore reserve.

3. Cabarita Beach Foreshore Plan - Strengthening links to beaches, Master Plan and Locality Plan going to Council next meeting, still some design modifications and the first of the new design coastal furniture will be installed out front of surf lifesaving club.
4. Boat Ramp Cudgen Creek – bollards will be placed to remove cars from around Norfolk Pines next to boat ramp as car parking is impacting on health of trees.

Leigh left the meeting at 2.10pm

3. Beach Users Survey

Beaches – use of

An overview and finalised survey results were discussed at the meeting. Copies of final report to be distributed to Committee members. Committee agreed it would be useful to conduct a similar survey in Winter 2007.

4. Proposed Meeting Dates 2007

Tweed Coastal Committee

Wednesday 21 February
Wednesday 11 April
Wednesday 13 June
Wednesday 8 August
Wednesday 10 October
Wednesday 12 December

To be held in the Canvas and Kettle Meeting Room, Murwillumbah Civic Centre at 1.00 pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Development, Creek Street, Hastings Point
Development Applications, Creek Street

Gary Thorpe spoke about a proposed development of 60 – 70 house blocks and tourism apartments for Lot 156 Creek St, which runs along Christies Creek. The development has been called in by the State Government. Hastings Point Progress Association has issues about the size of development and proximity to Christies creek. Richard Hagley noted that the DA may be on exhibition currently.

Discussion on issue of fencing of wetland and illegal clearing on site. Richard Hagley to seek further information about the proposed development.

2. Vegetation Management Plan Implementation

Vegetation Management Plan

Discussion on the potential for changing the charter of the Tweed River Committee to include implementation of the Vegetation Management Plan and biodiversity issues.

Council staff consider that the best vehicle for delivery of the Vegetation Management Plan is through the TRC. Given that the TCC has been focusing on the coastal creeks and coastline, it needs to be considered whether vegetation management issues in the coastal zone will be dealt with by the TRC or TCC.

General discussion ensued on whether to keep the committees separate or how they overlapped, and where the VMP fitted in. Mark explained that the VMP was more about a strategic overview. Options discussed included:-

1. One large Committee (combine TRC and TCC)
2. Separate Committees (TRC and TCC) with TRC taking on the vegetation management implementation for Tweed Shire.
3. As in 2 with TCC looking after vegetation management issues in coastal catchments.

The Committee to think about these issues and it is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. It was noted that the overlap in membership between TRC and TCC means that options 2 and 3 are both feasible.

Max Boyd suggested that Mark Kingston present an overview of the Vegetation Management Plan to the River, Coastal and Dunecare Committees.

3. Tweed Coastal Committee Membership

Tweed Coastal Committee

Moved: Jason Pearson

Seconded: Peter Harding

RESOLVED that the Committee recommends that Council endorses Mark Kingston, Environmental Officer (Vegetation Management), as a member of the Tweed Coastal Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses Mark Kingston, Environmental Officer (Vegetation Management), as a member of the Tweed Coastal Committee.

4. Hastings Point Headland

Parks – Hastings Point Headland

Peter Harding noted the poor condition of the road up to Hastings Point Headland. It is not classified as a road and is part of the reserve. To be referred to Manager Recreation Services.

5. Cabarita Beach Surf Lifesaving Club

Surf Lifesaving Club – Cabarita Beach

Geoff Edwards outlined a proposal by Cabarita Beach Surf Lifesaving Club to build an outpost building on the foreshore opposite Koala Beach to provide storage for equipment for the patrolling of Pottsville Beach North. There is funding set aside of \$100,000, which would not fully cover costs. This is for the Committee's information.

6. Tweed Beach Safety Liaison Committee

Beach Safety Liaison Committee

Geoff Edwards advised that the Tweed Beach Safety Liaison Committee were looking at beach access points including numbering and markers, to assist with emergency management on beaches. Consultants will be starting on this early in 2007.

7. Tree Poisoning – Casuarina Foreshore

Parks - Casuarina

Discussion on tree poisoning at Casuarina and Council's reaction to this with hessian wrapping of poisoned trees. Jason Pearson advised that he had also just seen a couple of trees newly cut down on Sutherland Point, Kingscliff for view improvement. This is to be referred to Recreation Services.

Moved: Peter Harding

Seconded: John Harbison

RESOLVED that the Committee recommend that Council makes every effort to find perpetrators and take appropriate action to deter people from poisoning/removing trees on public land.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council makes every effort to find perpetrators and take appropriate action to deter people from poisoning/removing trees on public land.

8. Dune Disposal – Hastings Point STP

Sewerage Treatment – Hastings Point

David noted that the upgrade of the dune disposal system at Hastings Point has been completed. Investigations are underway to extend the system further north. Effluent is to be supplied to Turf Farm and Cabarita rugby fields.

Query as to whether rehabilitation of vegetation around the site is part of the upgrade project.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Tweed Coastal Committee will be held on 21 February 2007 in the Canvas & Kettle Meeting Room commencing at 1.00pm.

The meeting closed at 3.25pm.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Item 7. Tree Poisoning – Casuarina Foreshore

Parks - Casuarina

Council dealt with this matter at its meeting held 19 December 2006.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

General Business:

3. Tweed Coastal Committee Membership

Tweed Coastal Committee

That Council's Environmental Officer (Vegetation Management) be endorsed as a non voting member of the Tweed Coastal Committee.

7. Tree Poisoning – Casuarina Foreshore

Parks - Casuarina

That the recommendation of the Tweed Coastal Committee be noted by Council being:-

That Council makes every effort to find perpetrators and take appropriate action to deter people from poisoning/removing trees on public land.

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3 [SUB-TRC] Minutes of the Tweed River Committee Meeting held Wednesday 13 December 2006

VENUE:

Canvas & Kettle Meeting Room, Murwillumbah Civic Centre

TIME:

9.10am

PRESENT:

David Oxenham (Chair); Max Boyd (Tweed Shire Council Administrator); Robert Hawkins (Tweed River Advisory Committee & NSW Cane Growers' Association); Richard Hagley (DNR); Martin Dobney (Action Sands Chinderah); Bob Loring (NSW Fisheries); Harry Christopher (Bilambil Heights Progress Assoc); Claire Masters (Tweed Landcare Inc); Errol Wright (Tweed River Charter Operators); Jane Lofthouse, Tom Alletson, Geoff Edwards, Marty Hancock, Mark Kingston (Tweed Shire Council)

INFORMAL:

Laurel Allsopp, George Andrews, Faye Hill (Tweed Bird Observers); Josh Culnane (Tweed Shire Council); Jan McCrohon (Minutes Secretary)

APOLOGIES:

Robert Quirk (Tweed River Advisory Committee & NSW Cane Growers' Association); Des Williams (Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council); Lance Tarvey (Dept of Environment & Conservation); David McPherson (Department of Lands); Carl Cormack (NSW Maritime Authority)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was noted there should be an amendment to the previous Minutes, being that Rhonda James was present at last meeting.

Moved: Max Boyd

Seconded: Errol Wright

RESOLVED that the Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 11 October 2006 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Item from Meeting held 13 October 2006

1. Response from NSW Fisheries regarding permit to remove mangroves for Bird Habitat Protection

Tweed River Committee, Tony's Bar

A formal written refusal regarding mangrove removal for bird habitat improvement has been received from NSW Fisheries. Tom summarised as follows:

At a meeting with Lance Tarvey, David Rohweder and Patrick Dwyer there was recognition from NSW Fisheries of the case that TRC presented, but clear that it would not be supported by. An additional application showing more commitment from the Tweed River Committee might be looked at more favourably, including more support from other agencies. It was agreed that if TRC were not progressing with construction of alternative roosts, then we should modify the application to show this. National Parks very keen to progress the application.

Laurel Allsopp asked who would be monitoring use of modified roosts in the long term. Tom advised that this could be carried out by David Rohweder. Laurel said that for 10 years Tweed Bird Observers have been carrying out monitoring in the estuary.

Max felt we should be using the knowledge and experience of Tweed Bird Observers and acknowledge the organisation and the work that the volunteers do.

Rhonda suggested using both sets of data from the different groups and look at the comparison.

Max asked Laurel how important are the high tide roosting sites. Laurel: most important – Tony's Sandbar is one of their observation points, though it is difficult to observe the birds now that the mangroves have spread further. Tweed Bird Observers totally support retaining these sites.

Moved: Max Boyd

Seconded: Rhonda James

RESOLVED that the Tweed River Committee prepare a new application incorporating the requirements set out in the letter from Fisheries, with improved monitoring including Tweed Bird Observers and David Rohweder data.

Item from Meeting held 13 October 2006

2. Construction of Bird Hide - Trutes Bay

Terranora Broadwater

A decision on whether or not to proceed with a detailed design and submission of application to proceed with this project in light of environmental constraints is required.

Laurel Allsopp presented a summary of the work that Tweed Bird Observers are doing, and will give Tom a copy of her report.

Points from her report included:-

- Endangered species.
- Surveys at Trutes Bay, results sent to Uni of Queensland.
- Contributed to Bird Atlas of Australia, with 13,000 copies printed to date.
- Monthly surveys for Landcare at Fingal Head since June 04 and Bilambil since Dec 04.
- No financial backing.
- Surveys conducted on private property from time to time.
- Osprey breeding surveys April to October.
- Involved in India Mynor trapping program.

George Andrews advised that there are hundreds of bird hide sites in the UK, and in the long term here, construction of a building as an education resource for studies including the wetland areas of Tweed Shire would be desirable.

Tom summarised the background to construction of a hide at the Trutes Bay/Botanical Circuit site:

It was agreed that the Botanical Circuit site has serious environmental constraints.

Analysis of aerial photography and SEPP 14 boundaries suggest that an alternate may be available adjacent to Fraser Drive. This site will be inspected with the Tweed Bird Observers.

Harry discussed the problems with drainage flow at low tide in Terranora Broadwater during flood time and if further development occurs. The entrance opposite Seagulls where there are 9 islands needs dredging.

Moved: Max Boyd

Seconded: Martin Dobney

RESOLVED that the Committee investigate the alternate site adjacent to Fraser Drive for a bird hide site or other sites that may be identified.

Item from Meeting held 13 October 2006

3. Clearing of Mangroves in Stotts Channel

Stotts Island Nature Reserve

A joint inspection with National Parks, Fisheries and the Drainage Union has been undertaken. Substantial works to remove vegetation will proceed in April 2007.

Works to be completed then an assessment made of the impact on drainage. Snags are to be realigned with the bank instead of across the channel. Robert noted that the channel needs to be kept open to maintain flood drainage.

Item from Meeting held 13 October 2006

4. Funding for Biodiversity Program - Environmental Levy Considerations
Vegetation management Plan

An Environmental Levy was a key recommendation of the Tweed Vegetation Management Strategy 2004 (TVMS). Although funding has been made available for the TVMS under the 7-year plan, there is no specific provision for an Environmental Levy. In addition, funding for the TVMS was cut under the amended 7-year plan. This has substantial implications for provision of on-ground works. Preliminary budgeting suggests biodiversity related spending will be substantially less than comparable councils. Environment levies are widely used by councils as a transparent way of meeting community demand for improved environmental management. It is suggested that an environmental levy consisting of a component of the funds already allocated to the implementation of the TVMS and a modest additional contribution could facilitate a biodiversity focused levy comparable to funds expended for this purpose by other councils.

Mark Kingston presented an outline on the Biodiversity Program, and why we need an Environmental Levy.

Max congratulated Mark on his excellent presentation and would like to submit his report to Council in its entirety. Additional funding for the vegetation management plan needs to be guaranteed, there is no alternative. It was also agreed that steps would be taken to reinstate the balance of 7 year plan funds that were withdrawn from the vegetation management plan program.

Moved: Max Boyd

Seconded: Claire Masters

RESOLVED that this Committee forwards the following recommendations to Council:

1. That Council notes:-

- An Environmental Levy was a key recommendation of the Tweed Vegetation Management Strategy 2004 (TVMS).
- Implementation of the TVMS is a key environmental goal of the Tweed Shire Management Plan 2006 – 2009.
- Partial funding for implementation of the TVMS was made under the 7-year plan but no specific provision was made for an Environmental Levy.
- TVMS funding was cut by over 30% (\$184K pa) under the amended 7-year plan.

- Cuts to TVMS funding have substantial implications for provision of on-ground works and our ability to take meet our biodiversity management obligations and responsibilities.
 - Preliminary budgeting suggests biodiversity related spending will be substantially less than comparable councils.
 - Coffs Harbour Council raises nearly \$1M from an average Environmental Levy contribution of \$28/ratepayer. Tweed Shire has similar environmental issues, is of similar size, and has a greater population and budget.
 - Resources required to prevent further biodiversity decline far exceeds current spending from all existing sources.
 - With contributions from existing TVMS funding it is possible to raise \$700K pa from a very modest average annual Environmental Levy of \$15/ratepayer.
 - Environment levies are a widely accepted and commonly used method of spreading the cost of environmental repair across the community. They also provide for the transparent delivery of environmental services.
2. That Council consider a report to be provided in early 2007 to initiate an ongoing Environmental Levy to support the delivery of biodiversity programs in the 2007/08 Council budget.
 3. That the Tweed River Committee invite the Council Administrators and EMT on a bus tour to witness first hand the threats to biodiversity and the restoration works currently underway in the Tweed catchment.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council notes:-

- An Environmental Levy was a key recommendation of the Tweed Vegetation Management Strategy 2004 (TVMS).
- Implementation of the TVMS is a key environmental goal of the Tweed Shire Management Plan 2006 – 2009.
- Partial funding for implementation of the TVMS was made under the 7-year plan but no specific provision was made for an Environmental Levy.
- TVMS funding was cut by over 30% (\$184K pa) under the amended 7-year plan.
- Cuts to TVMS funding have substantial implications for provision of on-ground works and our ability to take meet our biodiversity management obligations and responsibilities.
- Preliminary budgeting suggests biodiversity related spending will be substantially less than comparable councils.
- Coffs Harbour Council raises nearly \$1M from an average Environmental Levy contribution of \$28/ratepayer. Tweed Shire has similar environmental issues, is of similar size, and has a greater population and budget.
- Resources required to prevent further biodiversity decline far exceeds current spending from all existing sources.
- With contributions from existing TVMS funding it is possible to raise \$700K pa from a very modest average annual Environmental Levy of \$15/ratepayer.

- Environment levies are a widely accepted and commonly used method of spreading the cost of environmental repair across the community. They also provide for the transparent delivery of environmental services.
- 2. Council considers a report to be provided in early 2007 to initiate an ongoing Environmental Levy to support the delivery of biodiversity programs in the 2007/08 Council budget.
- 3. Council Administrators and EMT attend a bus tour to witness first hand the threats to biodiversity and the restoration works currently underway in the Tweed catchment.

Tweed Bird Observers group left the meeting at 10.50am

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Proposed Terranora Broadwater Rivercare Foreshore Walkway Project
Terranora Broadwater

Tweed Heads Environment Group have written to the committee requesting support for a proposal to undertake vegetation management works along a section of foreshore walkway between Seagulls and Peninsula Drive.

The Committee agreed to support this proposal.

2. Tweed River Estuary - Estuarine Vegetation Monitoring Program 2006
Monitoring

A copy of the latest estuary vegetation monitoring report by the Department of Lands undertaken as part of the Sand Bypass environmental monitoring has been received. Requests for copies were made by several members at the meeting.

3. Letter of thanks from Seagulls Fishing Club
Tweed River Committee

\$700 was contributed by the Committee towards a recreational habitat fisheries grant, which was used for pulling out an old boat ramp, and Seagulls will now use a new boat ramp at Lakes Drive.

4. Letter from Nucrush Pty Ltd - Dredging of Sand and Aggregates in the Tweed River
Tweed River Committee

This firm is seeking a licence to investigate sand and gravel resources within the Murwillumbah reach of the Tweed River. Council's advice has been sought with regard to this issue, and the Tweed River Committee is requested to provide feedback to Council on the desirability of future dredging / materials extraction for commercial purpose.

Martin Dobney pointed out that Nucrush is a potential competitor so he would have to abstain on this due to conflict of interest.

Richard felt that the Department of Lands should be calling tenders for an investigation licence.

Jane noted that it would be desirable according to the Upper Estuary Management Plan for some of the gravel be removed. Jane to follow up.

Max thought it should be supported or at least considered.

Errol noted the need for navigation dredging in the lower Tweed estuary.

Moved: Richard Hagley

Seconded: Geoff Edwards

RESOLVED that the Committee request Council to respond to Nucrush highlighting the recommendations in the Upper Estuary Management Plan and Bank Management Plan supporting the need for investigation of a dredging licence and noting the need to investigate the lower estuary.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council to respond to Nucrush highlighting the recommendations in the Upper Estuary Management Plan and Bank Management Plan supporting the need for investigation of a dredging licence and noting the need to investigate the lower estuary.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Nil

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Tweed River Committee Charter

Tweed River Committee

At the October Meeting it was determined that the Tweed River Committee Charter should be reviewed in light of the fact that the committee will be overseeing implementation of the vegetation management strategy and general biodiversity programs. The existing terms are as follows:-

OBJECTIVES

Long Term

To assist Tweed Shire Council in developing and implementing River Management Plans to ensure the future health of the whole of the Tweed River, and tributaries.

Short Term

- To implement Management Plans which have been prepared by the Committee, in close consultation with the community, for Council.*
- To recommend works / actions under River Management Plans to Council, and to seek funds, via Council, for their implementation.*

Scope of Considerations

In fulfilling the above objectives the following shall be considered:

- The essential features of the estuary including physical, chemical, biological, aesthetic, social and economic.*
- The current uses and conflicts of uses in the estuary.*
- Possible future land uses and their impact on the essential features.*
- The need for nature conservation and remedial measures in the estuary.*
- Identification and assessment of management objectives.*
- Planning controls, works, and other strategies to achieve these objectives.*
- The provisions of the Estuary Management Manual.*

The following points were presented as suggestions for a new Charter and Objectives:-

Charter – to assist Tweed Shire Council and the community to protect and enhance natural resources and ecosystems, and provide for sustainable use of the environment within the Tweed River Catchment and Tweed Shire generally.

General discussion on the wording above, and David suggested that Tom distribute copies of the suggested new Charter and Objectives to all members and receive written feedback before the next meeting.

Concerns were voiced regarding the ongoing role of the Tweed Coastal Committee and it was agreed that this would be discussed in the TCC meeting.

This financial year TSC and State Government are putting in \$500,000 each towards Tweed River Committee programs. The majority of the money continues to be spent in the estuaries.

2. Coastal Lake Assessment and Management Tool (CLAM) Progress and Feedback
Monitoring

Several Council Officers and Richard Hagley attended a workshop in November to review the progress of the above project. Feedback from this meeting was presented and recommendations for moving forward with the review of the Cobaki and Terranora Broadwaters Management Plan discussed.

Tom outlined the management plan being prepared by external consultants, who gave a presentation at the November workshop. Final scope needed for Committee by first meeting in 2007.

Tom attended a meeting with GCAL, and management plans are being prepared for the Cobaki and Terranora Broadwaters.

Marty didn't see much value in the CLAM project, although Richard feels that CLAMS will have its purpose and use. Max felt that GCAL and Pacific Alliance should be funding the major amount of the impact study on Cobaki especially.

Harry Christopher left the meeting at 12 noon

Tom will have a scope of works for a Management Plan review for Cobaki and Terranora Broadwaters by the next meeting in February, which will accompany the next Agenda. The next move will be to engage consultants to commence the project early in the new year. At the same time Tom will arrange a meeting between GCAL, Pacific Alliance, Cobaki Lakes, Dept of Lands, Tweed Byron Land Council and Tweed Heads Pony Club, so that everyone knows what's happening with Cobaki land issues and land tenure. He will also keep trying to attract more funding to the ecosystem health monitoring.

Max pointed out the necessity for a new plan of management to be undertaken and suggested that it be partly funded by the GCAL, Pacific Alliance, Cobaki Lakes and Tweed Shire, the proportions of which will be a matter for discussion at a later date.

Moved: Max Boyd

Seconded: Rhonda James

RESOLVED that the Committee recommends to Council that a revised plan of management for Cobaki Broadwater be prepared and that funding and input for the same be sourced from impacting partners such as GCAL, Pacific Alliance, Cobaki Lakes and others.

Robert Hawkins left the meeting at 12.20pm

3. Tweed River Boating Plan of Management

Boating

An overview of all relevant recommendations of the plan was presented, along with NSW Maritime progress in implementing recommendations. 9 CD copies of the plan are available for Committee members.

The Executive Summary notes a series of recommendations which are all being implemented now, and Jane presented these to the Committee.

Max pointed out that the Plan did not include the recommendations previously made by the Committee and he thinks we should register our concern that the efforts put in by the Committee were ignored or side stepped. There is continuous conflicting use of power craft and passive craft. All uses could have been accommodated.

Jane pointed out that there was no change to zoning of activities.

4. Tweed River Festival

Tweed River Festival

A report on the Tweed River Festival was presented by Jane.

Tom also mentioned the one day workshop held in November for the Uki catchment area which was very successful, and he would like to see continued as part of the Tweed River Festival in future.

David gave a vote of thanks to Tom and Jane and all the people involved in organising the Tweed River Festival.

5. Coral Tree Infestation in the Tweed

Riparian Projects

Marty Hancock has requested that this weed and its spread be considered by the Committee. Marty suggests that we employ someone to look at the situation and find out if it can be contained or not, before it takes off as it has in the Richmond. He has been advised that it could become a major problem if left alone, as it takes over the river banks and is highly noxious. There are two species of the coral tree, one flood plain and one river bank.

It was noted that the Committee should undertake an investigation and engage someone to assess the extent of the problem, sources of infestation and cost of eradication.

6. Assistant Flood Plain Management Officer

Acid Sulphate Soils

Appointment of this officer and related ASS management projects were discussed.

There is an advertisement in the Tweed Link for a 12 month contract to assist Marty in his work, and the position will be funded 50/50 by Fisheries.

7. Research

Tweed River Committee

Wil Glenmore from Water Research Lab of Uni of NSW gave a brief outline of his role, working with the Maritime Authority, on the following:-

- flows
- boat wakes
- floodgates
- tidal restoration/rehabilitation of acid sulphate soils
- processes driving discharge of acid into river, ie 70/80% discharge of acid sulphate soils comes from certain spots.

7. Schedule of 2007 Meetings

Tweed River Committee

Wednesday 14 February – now proposed that it be moved to Wed 21 February

Wednesday 11 April

Wednesday 13 June

Wednesday 8 August

Wednesday 10 October

Wednesday 12 December

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Bird Feeding

Tweed River Committee

Request from Lance Tarvey who has been approached by a consultant working for GCAL dealing with their bird strike strategies. Pelicans being fed by various commercial groups in Terranora Inlet which may have an impact on GCAL. He will discuss this more at the next meeting. Errol said that the pelicans are being fed at the fish restaurants which is a popular tourist activity, but he didn't think they would be affecting the flight paths.

2. Bird Feeding in Vintage Lakes

Tweed River Committee

Bob Loring reported that ducks and swans in Vintage Lakes are being eaten by rogue eels. He would like an article in the Tweed Link requesting that people bring them up onto the bank if they want to feed them, so the eels won't come over when they smell the bread.

3. Membership of Tweed River Committee

Tweed River Committee

Moved: Max Boyd

Seconded: Claire Masters

RESOLVED that Council endorses the appointment of Mark Kingston to the Tweed River Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the appointment of Mark Kingston to the Tweed River Committee.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on 21 February 2007 at the Canvas & Kettle Meeting room commencing at 9.00 am.

The meeting closed at 12.37pm

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Business Arising:

Item from Meeting held 13 October 2006

4. Funding for Biodiversity Program (*Renamed by Director*)

The Committee's proposal to consider an environmental levy to fund the Tweed Vegetation Management Plan and other environmental works is inconsistent with Council's 7 Year Infrastructure & Services Program.

As part of the preliminary drafting of the 7 Year Infrastructure & Services Program the provision of a separate environmental levy was considered. However it was considered that it was more appropriate for Council to include funding of the Vegetation Management Plan within the general rate rise program. Accordingly, the proposals submitted to the public and the application submitted to the Minister for Local Government included funding for the Vegetation Management Plan and other environmental projects within the 7 Year Infrastructure & Services Program itself.

Council has received approval from the Minister for the first 2 years of the 7 Year Infrastructure & Services Program. The status of the remaining 5 years will need to be addressed by Council in the Management Plan process.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Item from Meeting held 13 October 2006

Business Arising:

4. Funding for Biodiversity Program (*Renamed by Director*)

That:

- 1. Council notes the Committee's views and advise them that funding for the Vegetation Management Plan and other nominated environmental projects will be considered in the development of the 2007/08 Management Plan.**
 - 2. Council Administrators and EMT be invited to attend a bus tour to witness first hand the threats to biodiversity and the restoration works currently underway in the Tweed catchment.**
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Correspondence In:

4. Letter from Nucrush Pty Ltd - Dredging of Sand and Aggregates in the Tweed River

As per Committee's recommendation being:

That Council responds to Nucrush highlighting the recommendations in the Upper Estuary Management Plan and Bank Management Plan supporting the need for investigation of a dredging licence and noting the need to investigate the lower estuary.

Agenda Item:

2. Coastal Lake Assessment and Management Tool (CLAM) Progress and Feedback

That Council staff prepare a detailed proposal to Council for the preparation of a revised Plan of Management for Cobaki Broadwater. That such proposal be accompanied by project objectives and outcomes, project justification, project management, timetable, costings and that GCAL, Pacificlink Alliance and Developers within the catchment be approached for a contribution.

General Business:

3. Membership of Tweed River Committee

That Council's Environmental Officer (Vegetation Management) be endorsed as a non voting staff member to the Tweed River Committee.

4 [SUB-LTC] Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held Thursday 14 December 2006

VENUE:

Peter Border Room

TIME:

Commencing at 9.00am.

PRESENT:

Committee Members: Mike Baldwin, Roads and Traffic Authority; Jason Thrupp, NSW Police.

Informal: Chairman: Mr Paul Morgan, Mr Ray Clark and Judith Finch Tweed Shire Council.

APOLOGIES:

Mr Neville Newell, Member for Tweed MP, Mr Don Page MP, Member for Ballina.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held Thursday 16 November 2006 were tabled at the meeting and accepted by the Committee as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

BUSINESS ARISING:

From Meeting Held 16 November 2006:

10. Minjungbal Drive, Tweed Heads South

DW1489454; Minjungbal Drive; Traffic - Linemarking; Directional Signs; Local Area Traffic Management; Pedestrian Crossings; DA06/0351 Pt4; DW1510180; 1512145; Pty: 39186

"Request received for amendments to linemarking, traffic islands, regulatory signage and traffic signals on Minjungbal Drive between Soorley Street and Kirkwood Road by Tweed City Shopping Centre as Condition of Consent.

The plans submitted by the Shopping Centre Consultants were tabled at the meeting. The RTA Representative advised that Clearways must go to the RTA for comment and approval. A copy of the plans was taken by the RTA Representative and he advised that advice would be forthcoming.

For Council's information."

From Meeting Held 14 December 2006:

The RTA have provided additional information that Clearways need to be 5km or greater in length. However the problem can be resolved by installing time restricted "No Stopping" signs e.g. "No Stopping 8:00 - 10:00am" and "3:00 - 6:00pm".

Comments received from a member of the public regarding pedestrian access was noted however the proposal has no impact on existing pedestrian pathways or crossings.

RECOMMENDATION:

That at the completion of the upgrading of Minjungbal Drive to 6 lanes between Soorley Street and Kirkwood Road "No Stopping" signs be erected prohibiting parking between 8:00 - 10:00am and 3:00 - 6:00pm Monday to Friday.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

PART A

1. Bay Street, Tweed Heads - Permit Parking
DW1502132; Local Area Traffic Management; Parking Zones; Bay Street

This item is brought forward for Local Traffic Committee assessment as the current parking permits for Bay Street expire on the 31 December 2006.

The Committee noted that the current system was working well and due to construction activity still being in progress agreed to extend the scheme for a further 12 months.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Bay Street parking permits be extended a further 12 months to 31 December 2007.

2. Healy Lane, Fingal Head
DW 1483314; Local Area Traffic Management; Healy Lane; Parking Zones; Pty: 9941

Request received for the provision of 'No Standing' signage in Healy Lane as it is reported that there are parking issues.

The Committee noted that several inspections had taken place and no parking problems were observed and therefore signage is not warranted at this stage.

For Council's information.

3. Soorley Street, Eastlakes Drive, Shallow Bay Drive, Tweed Heads South
DW1486184; Traffic - Safety

Request received for Local Traffic Committee advice in relation to traffic problems in Eastlakes Drive, Shallow Bay Drive and Soorley Street, Tweed Heads South.

The Committee noted that many of the issues raised were Police issues and should be taken up directly with the Police. The Police Representative agreed to investigate the Police enforcement issues raised.

The Committee suggested that improved signage directing motorists to Tweed Heads be investigated and installed as necessary.

For Council's information.

4. Marine Parade, Kingscliff
DW1505139; LN: 11114; Traffic - Parking Zones; Car Parks - Kingscliff

Request received for the parking restrictions outside of Jack's Mini Mart at 140 Marine Parade, Kingscliff to be changed from 2 hours to 15 minutes now that the shop is trading again.

The Committee noted that the previous limit for parking was 1 hour and was reinstated to 2 hours to be consistent with the CBD of Kingscliff. The Committee does not support continually changing time restrictions however will monitor the existing 2 hour system to determine usage.

For Council's information.

5. Ti-Tree Avenue, Bogangar

DW 1509345; Ti-Tree Avenue; Speed Zones; Traffic - Safety

Request received for Local Traffic Committee advice in relation to speeding vehicles on Ti-Tree Avenue in the vicinity of the "S" bend near Sandalwood Drive with the possibility of the installation of traffic calming devices.

The Committee noted that Ti-Tree Avenue is a low volume road and the bends would be restricting speed of vehicles. Traffic calming would normally be placed on areas where higher speeds are in the majority. It was suggested that the delineation of the bends be investigated to determine if any improvements are needed noting that double centrelines already exist.

The Committee also noted that Council has a back log of requests for traffic calming devices that are unfunded.

For Council's information.

6. Bicycle Road Racing on Local Streets - 2007

DW1511488; Bicycle Matters - General; Traffic - Safety

Appointment made for the Murwillumbah Cycle Club to inform the Local Traffic Committee of their request for the Club's planned activities on local roads for 2007.

Mr J Collier and Mr P McMahon attended the meeting at 9:40am.

The Committee was advised that they were planning on putting in a road plan for the proposed bicycle race which they have done over the past few years. There is a trained official in charge of the race with certified traffic controllers. Cycling Australia and Cycling Qld guidelines are used as well as a code of conduct for the riders. To maintain safety bunches are kept as small as possible, with last year there being 60 - 70 riders. Signage is placed accordingly under RTA guidelines for bicycle road racing. Mr Collier confirmed that riders ride double or single file and call to each other when cars approach. The proposal shows the road plan and they advised that they use light to intermittent traffic roads, which they change so that the same roads are not used each week. The race commences at Pat Smith Park then goes to Chillingham, Crystal Creek, Nobbys Creek and Tyaglum Roads with Urliup Road being the finish line. The race is not timed. Everyone starts together and each grade finishes together, with 3 - 5 minutes between each grade. This creates gaps on the road between bunches. The riding is fairly competitive.

It was noted that these races have been approved by Council in past years.

The Police Rep requested copies of insurance policies and that they would be advised of the conditions that needed to be put in place for the race.

The Chairman advised that the Police needed to assess all the documentation prior to any approvals.

Mr Collier asked if it was OK to manage Kynnumboon Road and Chillingham Road corners with traffic controllers. He was advised that the traffic control plan needs to be approved. The Police Rep advised that he needed a copy of the Certificate of Currency for insurance. Saturday afternoons once a month is when the races are planned with finishing time being before dark. The Police Rep advised that the 26 January 2007 race may be difficult to approve because of the timing of the application and stressed that he needed to see the Certificate of Currency as soon as possible. The Road Safety Officer also requested a copy of the Certificate of Currency.

It was noted that the riders do not exceed speed limits in any location which can be 50kph in some areas.

Maps of the proposed routes were handed to the Police Rep and Road Safety Rep.

Mr J Collier and Mr P McMahon left the meeting at 9:55am.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council gives approval for the use of the subject roads shown in the application document subject to approval from the NSW Police.

7. Wintersun Festival Parade - Tweed Heads

DW1505759; Street - Marches / Parades; Festival - Wintersun; Local Area Traffic Management; Road Closures - Temporary

Request received for the Wintersun Annual Car Rally street parade on 9 June 2007.

The proposed route is along Boundary Street from the park, turn left into Wharf Street, proceed to Frances Street to the roundabout then back along Wharf Street to Griffith Street. The parade will then traverse the streets of Coolangatta, re-enter Tweed Heads at Boundary Street and end at the park.

The parade is proposed to commence at 11:00am and take approximately 45 minutes.

Council and Police Officers are meeting with the Wintersun Organising Committee on the 21 December 2006 and this matter will be discussed there.

This item to be deferred to the February 2007 Local Traffic Committee Meeting.

For Council's information.

8. Crabbes Creek Road Intersection with Tweed Valley Way

DW1512110; Crabbes Creek Road; Tweed Valley Way; Traffic - Safety; Roundabouts; Speed Zones

Late Agenda item. The suitability of an initial design addressing the intersection of Crabbes Creek Road and Tweed Valley Way was discussed.

The Committee noted the constraints at the location however the proposed roundabout between the 2 bridges was not considered a safe solution to the problems at the intersection. The issues being the rural high speed environment and the size of the roundabout. Even reducing the speed limit would not be considered effective given the alignment of the Tweed Valley Way and roadside environment.

For Council's information.

9. Enterprise Avenue, Tweed Heads South

DW1512110; Enterprise Avenue; Traffic - Safety; Parking Zones

Late Agenda item. The Regulatory Services Unit has requested the installation of prohibitive parking signage at Enterprise Avenue, outside the mail exchange centre in Tweed Heads to enable drivers to access the post box.

The location of a post box adjacent to the entrance to the mail centre in Enterprise Avenue and the need for 'No Parking' zone adjacent to the post box was discussed. The Committee noted that the post box is not in a conventional location and appears to be on private property which is considered to be the best option as the Australia Post Mail Distribution Centre has adequate off street car parking which can be used by persons wishing to post letters.

It was noted that no additional regulatory signage on Enterprise Avenue is required.

For Council's information.

10. Redesign of Wardrop Valley Road between Lundberg Drive and the New Industrial Estate

DW1512110; Local Area Traffic Management; Wardrop Valley Road; Speed Zones

Late Agenda Item. Request for a 60kph speed zone on Wardrop Valley Road between Lundberg Drive and the New Industrial Estate requested in relation to proposed road works.

The Committee supported this item.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a 60kph speed zone be installed on Wardrop Valley Road as shown on Plan No. WK05073.

PART B

1. Lot 58 DP 1083567 Collins Lane, Casuarina Development Application DA06/1289
DW1500517; DA06/1289 Pt2; Development Applications - General; Pty 102229

Schedule 2 section (h) of SEPP 11 requires that the above application which proposes 99 vehicle parking spaces in a basement car park be referred to Local Traffic Committee for comment on traffic related issues.

The Committee did not identify any issues.

For Council's information.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Committee will be held 15 February 2007 in the Peter Border Room commencing at 9.00am.

The meeting closed at 12:00 Noon.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Nil.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

BUSINESS ARISING:

10. Minjungbal Drive, Tweed Heads South

DW1489454; Minjungbal Drive; Traffic - Linemarking; Directional Signs; Local Area Traffic Management; Pedestrian Crossings; DA06/0351 Pt4; DW1510180; 1512145;

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DW1502132; Local Area Traffic Management; Parking Zones; Bay Street

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

5 [NOM] Aboriginal Statement

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Administrator Boyd moves:

The words of the aboriginal acknowledgement approved at the Council meeting held 6 July 2005 be referred to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee for consideration of members in view of a recent suggestion made by an Aboriginal person that the words "traditional owners" perhaps should be replaced by original custodians".

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

REPORTS THROUGH GENERAL MANAGER IN COMMITTEE

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS

1 [EO-CM] Licence Agreement - Part of Road Reserve - Riverside Drive, Tumbulgum

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY:

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

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

2 [EO-CM] Bray Park Water Treatment Plant Upgrade - Project Review

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

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES

3 [EC-CM] Request for Donation

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY:

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

- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer

4. Community Options Program

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