



TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL

# **AGENDA**

## **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 31 July 2007**

**Chairman: Mr Garry Payne AM**

**Administrators: Mr Garry Payne AM  
Mr Max Boyd AM  
Mr Frank Willan**



### **COUNCIL'S CHARTER**

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

Tweed Shire Council has the following charter:

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

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## ABORIGINAL STATEMENT

Administrator Payne acknowledged the Bundjalung Aboriginal Nation with the following statement:

*"We wish to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Bundjalung Nation who have lived in and derived their physical and spiritual needs from the forests, rivers, lakes and streams of this beautiful valley over many thousands of years as the traditional owners and custodians of these lands."*

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Council Meetings held Tuesday 10 July 2007**

### UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:

To view any "**non confidential**" attachments listed below, access the meetings link on Council's website [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au) or visit Council's offices at Tweed Heads or Murwillumbah (from Friday the week before the meeting) or Council's libraries (from Monday the week of the meeting).

1. Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meetings held Tuesday 10 July 2007 (DW 1634659)
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## ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE

### [AM] Signing of Documents

#### Documents signed by Administrators

##### Administrator Boyd

13 July 2007	Request - Land Acquisition - Numinbah Road, North Arm
13 July 2007	Deed of Agreement - Lawler and Koch and Hackney
13 July 2007	Extinguishment of Easement - Lot 2 DP 511812

#### RECOMMENDATION:

**That the information be received and noted.**

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## ORDINARY ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

### REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

#### 1 [SUB-PTWG] Minutes of the Public Transport Working Group Committee Meeting held Friday, 25 May 2007

VENUE:

Coolamon Cultural Centre

TIME:

10:00am

PRESENT:

Committee Members:

David Bishara (Surfside Buslines), Penny Baldwin (TBBCT), John Parsons (Parsons Bus Service), Len Greer (Pottsville CA),

Informal:

Red McNamara, Robin Spragg, Terry O'Toole, Doug Weatherly

APOLOGIES:

Bill McKenniarey, Gary Corbett

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved: John Parsons

Seconded: Penny Baldwin

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Public Transport Working Group Committee meeting held Friday, 20 April 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Outwards:

- Allan Molloy, Tweed Heads dated 2 May 2007

Inwards:

- Allan Molloy, Tweed Heads dated 19 March 2007
- Disability Access Committee dated 3 May 2007

OUTSTANDING MATTERS REPORT:

1. Barnby St Subdivision

Red McNamara tabled the layout approved on 21 December 2006, indicating a fixed bus route. There was no consultation with bus operators. There was discussion how school services operate in this area. Subdivision designs need to take into account operational requirements, but developers will challenge requirements unless Council has an adopted policy requiring public transport to be



provided for. Bus contracts are commercial, and the operator has to be able to operate economically.

It was agreed to draft a report asking the Administrators to discuss public transport policy, determine Council processes and the Committee's role.

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2. Role and Functioning of the Committee – Planning Process

Linda Lomman was to discuss processes with Red McNamara and Noel Hodges. Deferred to next meeting.

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3. Role & Functioning of the Committee - Chairperson

It was agreed that Len Greer would Chair the Committee for at least six months.

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4. Kings Forest Development

A new concept plan is to be prepared at the request of the Planning Department. Guidelines setting out transport principles for urban development in Tweed have been provided (these will be circulated to Committee members)

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5. Northern Rivers Transport Page in Telephone Book

Funding through CPTIGS still to be investigated.

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6. Country Public Transport Infrastructure Scheme

Pole signs as identifiers, rather than shelters are the priority, though both may be included. Work towards a final submission is continuing, but applications have not yet been invited by the MoT.

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7. Surfside Buslines Service Planning

The audit of infrastructure is completed.

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8. Eye Clinic in Murwillumbah

Transport services depend on what community transport is available in Queensland; funding may move from Department of Health to Department of Community Services.

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9. Report to Council on Public/Community Transport

This Report can be linked to the report proposed on Barnby Street, especially the reference to establishing a budget item for public transport promotion and awareness; draft for next meeting.

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10. Bus Shelters - Maintenance

A proposal for a public art project was not favoured. Volunteers have been cleaning shelters in some areas. After discussion, a request to Council to triple the current maintenance funding was recommended. Information about the extra transport funding provided for the Region by MoT following closure of the railway was requested. A draft letter is to be prepared to the Administrators querying whether shelters could be cleaned in conjunction with existing regimes for toilet or park facilities cleaning.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council triples the current maintenance funding for Bus Shelters Maintenance.

Moved: David Bishara

Seconded: Penny Baldwin

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11. Petition re Tweed City Bus Stop on Minjungbal Drive

Information was requested from Traffic Engineering about the possibility of a pedestrian crossing close to the two bus stops, rather than at the traffic signals. No reply to the letter to Tweed City Management has yet been received.

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12. Cross Border Transport Taskforce - MoT Discussion Paper

The draft response circulated is accepted and has been submitted.

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13. Noble Park Estate Bus Service

Surfside is considering amendments to the Route 608 service, which is not being well used.

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GENERAL BUSINESS:

14. Murwillumbah Shuttlebus Proposal

In response to the car park proposed at the Murwillumbah Swimming Pool complex, a shuttle bus linking car parks on the fringe of town, such as the Railway Station and the Showgrounds, has been proposed by a member of the public. It was noted and queried who would fund the shuttle.

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15. Seniors Expo Stall

The Seniors Expo stall on 17 May 2007 successfully distributed a large amount of transport information, Network Maps, timetables and advice. The Tourist Information Centre later requested copies of the Network Map for distribution.

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16. Cross Border Taxi Legislation

The Queensland Minister for Transport has announced legislation allowing NSW and Qld taxis that crossed the border to return with a fare-paying passenger, using designated ranks such as Coolangatta Airport.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of Public Transport Working Group Committee will be held on Friday, 22 June 2007 at 10:00am at the Coolamon Cultural Centre, (Old Art Gallery), Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah.

The meeting closed at 12:00.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:**

**The quality of bus shelter maintenance needs to be considered in light of Council's budgetary constraints and should be referred to EMT for consideration. The General Manager has referred the cleaning of the main bus shelters to Council's cleaners for attention.**



**DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**10. Bus Shelters - Maintenance**

**That Council refers the recommendation - *That Council triples the current maintenance funding for Bus Shelters Maintenance* - to Executive Management Team for consideration.**

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**2 [SUB-TRC] Minutes of the Tweed River Committee Meeting held Wednesday 13 June 2007**

VENUE:

Murwillumbah Auditorium

TIME:

9.15am

PRESENT:

David Oxenham (Chair); Max Boyd (Tweed Shire Council Administrator); Graham Martin (Tweed River Advisory Committee & NSW Cane Growers' Association); Bob Loring (Dept of Primary Industries – Fisheries); Martin Dobney (Action Sands Chinderah); Lance Tarvey (Dept of Environment & Climate Change); Claire Masters (Tweed Landcare Inc); Jane Lofthouse, Marty Hancock, Mark Kingston (Tweed Shire Council)

INFORMAL:

Phil Shaw & Jessica McGrath (Ecosure); Jan McCrohon & Cathey Philip (Minutes Secretaries)

APOLOGIES:

Robert Quirk (Tweed River Advisory Committee & NSW Cane Growers' Association); Richard Hagley (DECC); Rhonda James (Caldera Environment Centre); Des Williams (Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council); David McPherson (Department of Lands); Errol Wright (Tweed River Charter Operators); Tom Alletson, Don Buckley (Tweed Shire Council)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was noted there should be an amendment to the Minutes of the Meeting held 21 February 2007, Agenda Item No 7, as follows:

"Max discussed the Ripples building at Tumbulgum where a private beach has also been constructed" is a misunderstanding, as Max Boyd had noted that problem areas started upstream of Ripples B & B, so there should be no reference to a beach at Ripples.

Moved: Max Boyd

Seconded: Lance Tarvey

RESOLVED that the Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 11 April 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting. Noted amendments to minutes of 21 February 2007.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Nil

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CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Letter from Banora Point Residents Group

Tweed River Committee

The association has sent several letters to Council recently requesting additional restriction of vehicles at Oxley Cove and reiterating their request for the direct appointment of a representative of the organisation to the Tweed River Committee.

Reply sent by Council on 24 May 2007, position to be advertised as discussed and decision to be made at next meeting regarding any appointments to the Tweed River Committee based on applications received.

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2. Letter from QLD Main Roads Department

Cobaki Broadwater

Queensland Main Roads has written to confirm their support for the Cobaki and Terranora Broadwater Ecosystem Health Monitoring Project. \$20,000 has been committed to this project by Qld Main Roads. Budget is approximately \$200,000. There are other possible contributors such as LEDA developments (Cobaki Lakes).

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3. Letter from Gold Coast Airport

Cobaki Broadwater

Gold Coast Airport Limited has written to confirm its support for the Cobaki and Terranora Broadwater Ecosystem Health Monitoring Project with a commitment of \$20,000.

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4. Letter from Humes

Cobaki Broadwater

Humes has offered \$20,000 support for the Cobaki and Terranora Broadwater Ecosystem Health Monitoring Project. Discussion on suitability of Humes as a corporate sponsor of this project. The Committee have no issues with accepting this contribution.

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5. Letter from Department of Environment & Climate Change re: Management of Lands around the Cobaki Estuary

Cobaki Broadwater

DECC have written to Council to invite Tom Alletson to a meeting re the above to look at the management of lands around the Estuary. Tom has asked David Hannah to attend the meeting on 27 June 2007 at the Autumn Club, representing the Tweed River Committee. Australian Wetlands is the Consultant commissioned for the Terranora and Cobaki Broadwater Management Plans and Tom has requested their attendance. Richard Hagley and Lance Tarvey also will attend the meeting. Max Boyd, TBLALC, Dept of Planning, DPI, National Parks & Wildlife, GCAL have been invited.

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6. Letter from Tweed Bird Observers

Birds

Tweed Bird Observers have written confirming their desire to have a bird hide constructed at Trutes Bay adjacent to Fraser Drive. The site is very steep and difficult and would need a large investment to construct a bird hide. Area E may provide better access. Tom will continue looking at the site and costing it out, possibly designing a walkway along the bottom of the site from a parking area. Conceptual investigation of the site to be continued.

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7. Letter from Tweed Landcare Inc re Integrated Water Supply Options

Water Supply - General

Claire discussed her attendance at a meeting at Tyalgum, and Tweed Landcare Inc opposition to the Federal Government's Rocky Cutting dam proposal. It is felt that continuing education is the key to raising people's awareness and making water a more valued resource. Claire congratulated Council on what they are doing to improve people's understanding and reduce consumption.

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CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Letter of response to Banora Point Residents Group

Tweed River Committee

Letter sent 24 May 2007 regarding Banora Point Residents Association representation on Tweed River Committee. Advice given that Council has resolved to initiate a process of advertising a vacancy on the Tweed River Committee, to be filled by a sectoral, rather than geographical representative. Decision to be made at next meeting once applications have been received.

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2. Letters to Cobaki Broadwater Foreshore Landowners

Cobaki Broadwater

As per resolution at April meeting, Council's letter dated 5 June 2007 was tabled – to Qld Main Roads, Aboriginal Land Council, Gold Coast Airport, Leda, DECC - regarding Preparation of an Integrated Foreshore Management Plan for Cobaki Broadwater.

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3. Submission to Draft Tweed Estuary Nature Reserve Plan of Management

Tweed Estuary Nature Reserve

Submission addressed to Lance Tarvey was tabled at meeting. Lance noted there were two submissions received from tourist boat operators, and one from NSW Maritime. Lance will collate all comments received. The Department of Lands submission noted that it would not support further vacant Crown Lands being allocated to the Tweed River Estuary Nature Reserve.

Yabby pumping as an issue for the Nature Reserve may be left with DPI-Fisheries as marine animals do not come under the relevant NPWS Act.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Cobaki & Terranora Broadwaters Catchment Management Plan Review

Cobaki Broadwater; Terranora Broadwater

Australian Wetlands and sub-consultant Aber have commenced the plan review. They have been provided a large amount of background information and the project will take approximately 12 months. The consultants will make a presentation on progress in August. The TBLALC and Lindy Smith will be invited to attend any meetings where this project is on the agenda.

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2. Murwillumbah Town Reach Enhancement Plan - Update

Riverbank Erosion

SPLAT from Gold Coast has been appointed and the project has strong links with the Murwillumbah Locality Plan. The town reach borders from Condong Creek to the end of River Street and from Commercial Road to Myall Creek. It aims to improve the river bank areas and provide advice to residents with MHWM title of options for foreshore works.

Jane advised that a Development Control Plan will be established for all waterways and river banks, so that there will be agreement between relevant authorities as to the desirability of developments such as pontoons and riverbank works in different reaches of the river.

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Graham Martin stressed the importance of not impeding the flow of the Rous River by building pontoons and jetties. Mark Kingston discussed the rock revetment in Rous River at Hogans Road intersection. Claire voiced concern about people using the public foreshore to launch boats at Chinderah causing erosion, and possible traffic accidents, opposite the shops. She asked about the possibility of installing bollards in this area.

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3. Tweed Shire Council NRM Section Overview - Marty Hancock  
Natural Resource Management

Council's restructure has been approved by the Administrators and this has implications for natural resource management programs and personnel. Marty presented an overview of the newly formed NRM Section structure and program areas. It was noted that the restructure will enable Council to have greater capacity to manage Natural Resources.

*Phil Shaw & Jessica McGrath (Ecosure) joined the meeting at 10.00am*

Max Boyd asked if the NRM Section would have input into any DA's that have an impact on NR values. Marty explained the operational focus of the section but that it will provide comment and technical advice on NRM issues but it will not be the primary vehicle for DA's. Traditionally the planners or the Environmental Health Unit have handled environmental issues in DA's. Max Boyd stressed that there should be more input now from the NRM Section. Noted that there are no clear guidelines as yet, but the Section will develop guidelines on issues that will need to be addressed by the NRM Section.

Discussion on funding. Claire led discussion on the community's disappointment about the lack of funding for the biodiversity program. The Vegetation Management Plan allocation for 2007/08 is \$160,000 from Council revenue and \$50,000 in general budget, which is much lower than expected.

*Mark Kingston left the meeting at 10.19am.*

Claire noted that we are coming into year 5 of implementation of the Vegetation Management Plan where there is a minimal amount of resources allocated for biodiversity for the upper catchment. Claire had discussed the new waste charge with council staff and its similarity to an environment levy, however, the waste section did not need to apply for a new rate rise, it was possible through the landfill management charge. Within the NRM unit, there is much less money allocated and staff for bush regeneration than formal park management.

David Oxenham stressed that the majority of rehabilitation work needed would be on private land and that of Council revenue of approximately \$132m a year, currently about 3% went directly to environmental management. In 2009/10 Council will be putting \$1.4m into vegetation management, plus grants.

Max Boyd advised Claire on progress of the planning reforms sections of the Vegetation Management Plan and the new LEP which should be close to adoption before the next Council elections take place. Council needs to chase all government grants possible to supplement Council income as do most sections of Council. Noted that the 7 Year Plan will provide more income in the future and that this year is a particularly tight year.

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Marty noted that the NRM section will be in a better position to leverage funding. Claire endorsed the restructure of Council and said Landcare is very grateful to Council, but there is now a need to resource this section. Max noted that Council needs to provide a wide range of services, and it takes time to develop the individual programs.

*David Oxenham left the meeting at 10.34am*

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4. Phil Shaw - Ibis Management Associated with Gold Coast Airport  
Airport – General; Ibis Management

Following a request by Lance Tarvey, Phil Shaw of Ecosure (Environmental Consultants based on the Gold Coast) presented details of the Gold Coast Airport bird management strategy. He also mentioned that they have deployed oysters in Cobaki Broadwater for water quality monitoring.

*David Oxenham rejoined the meeting at 10.42am.*

There is concern at the number of pelicans feeding at seafood outlets along Kennedy Drive West, sometimes 50-70 pelicans on mud flats, plus feeding from tourist boats. Ecosure is looking for the Committee's influence to reduce the amount of artificial feeding of birds.

Max Boyd suggested asking Gold Coast Airport for statistics to demonstrate directly to fish shop owners and tourist operators the potential impact of bird strikes on aircraft and the resultant potential disasters that can be caused.

Ibis Management Program was developed after a bird strike on Qantas plane in 1995. Ecosure are looking at targeting feeding areas such as the Landfill sites in order to break the breeding cycle. Graham Martin noted that during cane harvesting the birds feed on grubs, with an increase in no-till farming, this natural pest control is reduced.

Possible solutions to problem:

- Signage in parks – not to feed birds.
- Tweed Link article re not feeding wildlife generally.
- Writing to fish shops on perspective of polluting environment.
- Education of fish shop owners, fish cleaners and boat operators first (4 main ones) who should then educate their tourist customers.
- Signs on fish cleaning tables - guts and heads into BIN.

Ecosure will pursue the 4 main organisations individually, and also write an article for the Tweed Link. Marty feels there could be a combined effort consisting of Ecosure, Council and DECC to visit operators regularly. NRM Section will nominate a representative.

Tweed River Committee to invite Norbett Benton, Environment Manager of GCAL, to a future meeting to discuss management plans for Cobaki Broadwater foreshore.

*Phil Shaw & Jessica McGrath left the meeting at 11.25am*

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5. Duroby Creek - Fish Passage Barrier

Fisheries

In association with staff of DPI Fisheries, a site in Duroby Creek has been identified where works are required to remove a significant tidal obstruction which is also a barrier to fish passage. Plans, photographs and estimate budgets were presented at the meeting.

Cost approximately \$15,000. Fisheries to undertake the technical reports and studies and Council to prepare DA. Clive Easton to look at upstream impact from potential increased salt inundation.

Moved: Claire Masters

Seconded: Bob Loring

RESOLVED that the Committee supports the project if no issues for upstream land holders and habitat from an increase in tidal range.

6. Ray Pascoe Park & Oxley Cove Rock Revetment

Riverbank Erosion

Rock revetment in these areas has been completed, and some photographs of the work were made available.

7. Grant Application - Implementation Estuary Program 2007/08

Tweed River Committee

The proposed implementation program for 2007/08 was presented to the meeting.

Project	Description	Budget Amount
<i>Project Coordination and Administration</i>	Coordination of Tweed River Committee and management of all Tweed River Estuary Management Program Projects.	\$100, 000
<i>Education</i>	Tweed River Festival and ongoing education initiatives (including catchment trailer and Bugs and Slugs Program in local primary and high schools)	\$20, 000
<i>Wetland Enhancement</i>	Charles Bay Project Second Year Implementation Rous River confluence wetland enhancement project	\$70, 000
<i>Monitoring</i>	Ecosystem Health Monitoring Program for Tweed River Estuary Stormwater Quality Monitoring Lower Estuary	\$70, 000
<i>Riparian Rehabilitation</i>	Riparian Vine Weed Control Project, Oxley Cove 3 <sup>rd</sup> year, Byrill Creek 3 <sup>rd</sup> year, Riparian Project Team	\$200, 000
<i>Community Nursery</i>	Continued support for the Tweed River Committee Community Nursery	\$30,000
<i>Stormwater</i>	Works to address stormwater pollution including retrofit of SQIDs on Condong Creek catchment and Terranora and Cobaki Broadwaters	\$100, 000
<i>Bank Stability</i>	Revetment work and access improvement adjacent Philp Parade, Tweed Heads, final works Oxley Cove foreshore	\$150, 000



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Project	Description	Budget Amount
<i>ASS and Floodgate Projects</i>	Tidal gate installation, ASS research support, water quality monitoring	\$80, 000
<i>Boating Facilities</i>	Implementation of Tweed Recreational Boating Study including development of Condong Regional Boating Facility	\$80, 000
<i>Foreshore Projects</i>	Tweed River Murwillumbah Reach – stabilisation, amenity and access enhancement plan implementation first year (5 klm reach)	\$100, 000
	Tweed Shire Contribution	\$500, 000
	DECC Estuary Program	\$500, 000
	Total	\$1, 000, 000

Moved: Max Boyd

Seconded: Bob Loring

RESOLVED that the Waterways and Coast Coordinator proceed with the application for financial assistance for 2007/08 implementation of the Tweed River Estuary Management Plan from the Estuary Management Program of DECC as per the table shown above.

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8. Foreshore Structures and Beaches, Tweed River - Meeting held 6 June  
Riverbank Erosion; Pontoons

A meeting attended by Department of Lands, DPI – Fisheries, Maritime Authority and Council was held to discuss foreshore management issues along the Tweed River.

Graham Martin requested a copy of the Maritime Authority's Tweed River Boating Plan of Management.

Max Boyd wants a Council report to be made available to the general public, prior to a DCP being developed for foreshore works. On Agenda of next meeting, Jane to present sections of Murwillumbah foreshore video.

Moved: Max Boyd

Seconded: Graham Martin

RESOLVED that a report be given to Council regarding the development of a foreshore DCP in liaison with Department of Lands, Maritime Authority, DPI-Fisheries, DECC, and Department of Water & Energy.

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GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. DIDSON Trial on Tidal Floodgates

Floodgates

Marty tabled a media release 28 May 2007 re Tweed's fish friendly tidal gates and use of a DIDSON camera to record use of the open gates by fish. Cane farmers had anecdotal evidence that their tidal flood gates were working to allow fish passage. DPI used the DIDSON camera to film cane drains which are being used in high numbers by fish. There are now 20 tidal floodgates in place and another 5 should be in by the end of the year. This was a good promotion of improved drain management practices.

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2. Stotts Island Dredging

Dredging

Martin Dobney offered assistance or advice re dredging project in Stotts Channel. Jane to provide contact details to David Hannah.

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3. Funding - Estuary Management Program

Tweed River Committee

Moved: Max Boyd

Seconded: Claire Masters

RESOLVED that Council officers prepare a report and letter to the Minister for Environment & Climate Change requesting ongoing secured financial assistance for implementation of the Tweed River Estuary Management Plan through the Estuary Management Program of DECC.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council officers prepare a report and letter to the Minister for Environment & Climate Change requesting ongoing secured financial assistance for implementation of the Tweed River Estuary Management Plan through the Estuary Management Program of DECC..

Request for a letter of support from Tweed Landcare Inc, dredging industry and Tweed cane growers to support the request to the Minister for ongoing funds. Discussion on renewing the nexus between dredging royalties and management of river.

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4. Tweed Naturally Video

Tweed River Committee

Jane to check distribution with Marilyn Smith and distribute copies to Committee members.

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5. Ukerebagh Island

Noxious – Weeds and Plants

Lance Tarvey advised that NRCMA offered a grant of \$10,000 for continuation of pest plan control on Ukerebagh Island Nature Reserve.

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**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on 8 August 2007 at the Canvas & Kettle Meeting room commencing at 9.00 am.

The meeting closed at 12.40pm.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:**

Nil.

**DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

3. Funding - Estuary Management Program

Tweed River Committee

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

**"That Council officers prepare a report and letter to the Minister for Environment & Climate Change requesting ongoing secured financial assistance for implementation of the Tweed River Estuary Management Plan through the Estuary Management Program of DECC."**

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**3 [SUB-PTWG] Minutes of the Public Transport Working Group Committee Meeting held Friday 22 June 2007**

VENUE:

Coolamon Cultural Centre, Murwillumbah

TIME:

3.30pm

PRESENT:

Committee Members:

Linda Lomman (PTDP), Len Greer (PCA), John Parsons (Parsons Bus Services), Rosemary Beard (DVA), Penny Baldwin (TBBCT)

Informal:

Robin Spragg (TSC), Doug Weatherley (Murwillumbah Residents Association), Red McNamara (TSC), Terry O'Toole

APOLOGIES:

Bill McKenniarey, David Bishara, Gary Corbett

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved: John Parsons

Seconded: Penny Baldwin

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Public Transport Working Group Committee meeting held Tuesday, 22 May 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Outwards:

- Nil.

Inwards:

- Colleen Smith, Wommin Bay Hostel, 3 June 2007 (Reply explaining current policy for shelters)
- Leon Sutor, Kingscliff boat ramp vicinity, 29 May 2007 (Investigate taxi radio interference and resolve)

BUSINESS ARISING:

Agenda Items

1. Major Development Review - Cobaki Lakes Master Plan

Planning maps for parts of the proposal prepared by the developer were tabled, and transport service proposals discussed. It was not known whether the operator was consulted. Further planning would be monitored. Details of current controls were requested, and it was suggested this proposal be used as a prototype for developing the guidelines for developers.

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2. Policy Document Review - Draft Report on Council's Transport Integration Policies and Processes

An updated draft of the Report requested in May was circulated. This Report reviewed the processes for integrating transport requirements with urban extensions and major land use developments. It recommended Council should prepare guidelines for developers on sustainable transport design, and involve the operators in the design and planning processes.

Terry had prepared a motion to be moved, but after discussion it was decided to combine this within the draft Report to EMT. The Report was strongly supported.

There was concern about the length of Council's process for recommendations from the Committee to reach Council Meetings, which appeared to be two months. Some recommendations did not appear to have been dealt with. NRSDC would prepare a letter about inconsistencies in the process, and a motion was moved that:-

"Minutes be distributed as soon as possible, so as to get to the earliest Council Meeting" (it should be noted that this process is subject to the Director's recommendations being incorporated).

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3. Studies, Inquiries and Promotions - Review of Surfside Southern Gold Coast Services

This would include an improved hourly service from Tweed Heads to the Airport and John Flynn Hospital. David Bishara will provide further details when the Review is complete.

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Outstanding Matters Report

1. Barnby St Subdivision and Report on Transport/Land Use Integration

These two matters have been combined in the Report, to be forwarded to the Executive Management Team. It was advised that the Barnby Street development has been sold to a new owner.

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2. Kings Forest Development

Awaiting a new concept plan from Department of Planning.

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3. NR Transport Pages in Telephone Book

Five of the seven Councils have agreed funding; transport operators are being circulated and the draft is to be checked with SENSYS graphic design standards. This project is in line for completion before next February's edition.

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4. CPTIGS submission

Audit complete and quotes being obtained for 'j' poles.  
MoT round not yet open.

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5. Transport to Eye Clinic in Murwillumbah

Gold Coast Mobility Office unable to resource. Disability Access Committee is investigating.

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6. Bus Shelters Maintenance

Draft Report requesting combined infrastructure maintenance team tabled for Executive Management Team. Result of the previous recommendation to include larger funding in 2007/8 Council Budget to be checked. Criteria for MoT \$500,000 funding for NR is to be investigated as a possible source when the new MoT Coordinator arrives.

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7. Tweed City pedestrian crossing

Road Safety Officer has advised that marked pedestrian crossings on multi-lane roads will not be approved by RTA; this section of Minjungbal Drive to become 3 lanes both ways. Mid-block activated signals would not meet the warrants, and would interfere with the other signals.

Tweed City Management has not replied.

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8. Cross Border Transport Taskforce

Consultation by the Taskforce with NOROC as proposed has not taken place.

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9. Noble Park Estate bus service

Revised 608 timetable is pending timetable review by Surfside.

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GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Draft Guidelines for Transport/Land Use Integration

These guidelines had been sent via Lindsay McGavin to the Cobaki Lakes developers, and were circulated for Committee information.

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2. New Community Transport service in East Banora

Arising from the survey of residents in Lilly Pilly estate, a new fortnightly shopping service is being introduced by TBBCT, and is receiving much interest from less mobile people in East Banora generally.

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3. Rydon Youth Service award

The new service introduced by MoT, TBBCT and NAHS has received a NAHS award for best practice.

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4. Connections with the Aged Interagency, Disability Access Committee and Gold Coast Mobility Office

To be investigated and improved; Rebecca from GCMO to be invited to the next meeting. Travel problems faced by Tweed Challenge clients using public transport services are also to be investigated.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the revised public transport guidelines and processes envisaged in Agenda Item 2 should be introduced in time to be incorporated into plans for Cobaki Lakes, Dunloe Park and all remaining Shire release areas

Moved: Terry O'Toole

Seconded: Linda Lomman

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**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of Public Transport Working Group Committee will be held Friday, 20 July 2007 at the Coolamon Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah.

The meeting closed at 12:00pm.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:**

The issue regarding public transport guidelines is being reported to Executive Management Team for consideration in relation to the Development Control Plan requirements.

**DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

4. **Connections with the Aged Interagency, Disability Access Committee and Gold Coast Mobility Office**

**That the Committee's recommendation being:**

***"That the revised public transport guidelines and processes envisaged in Agenda Item 2 should be introduced in time to be incorporated into plans for Cobaki Lakes, Dunloe Park and all remaining Shire release areas."***

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**be referred to the Executive Management Team for consideration and report to Council or response to the "Public Transport Working Group".**

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**4 [SUB-DAC] Minutes of the Tweed Shire Council Disability Access Committee Meeting held Thursday 21 June 2007**

VENUE:

Activities Room, HACC Centre, Heffron Street, Tweed Heads South

TIME:

10.00 am

PRESENT:

Administrator Max Boyd, Maggie Groff, Stephen Pollitt, Peter Ainsworth (Recreation Services), Ross Cameron, Vic Sparks, Una Cowdroy, Julie Lewin, Milena Morrow, Pam Veness (Minutes)

APOLOGIES:

Ron Douglas (Chair), Barbara Carroll, Gary Corbett, Stefan Zak

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:

The positions of chair and vice chair were declared vacant and nominations called for :

Ms Morrow was nominated by Mrs Cowdroy and Mr Sparks  
Ms Lewin was nominated by Ms Morrow and declined

Ms Morrow was unanimously elected to the position of Chair

Ms Lewin was nominated by Ms Morrow and Mrs Cowdroy and declined  
Mr Pollitt was nominated by Mr Sparks  
Mr Sparks was nominated by Mr Pollitt and declined

Mr Pollitt was unanimously elected to the position of Vice-Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved: Ms Lewin

Seconded: Ms Morrow

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Tweed Shire Council Disability Access Committee meeting held Thursday 19 April 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Carried unanimously

BUSINESS ARISING:

Item from Meeting held 17 February 2005

9. Mobility Map

Ms Groff reported that work was progressing on this project.

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Item from Meeting held 16 June 2005

2. 'Missed Business' - How to attract more customers by providing better access to your business"

The document is in final draft form. Quotes for printing are being obtained.

At their meeting on 19 April, Council resolved the following:

*COUNCIL DECISION:*

*Administrator Boyd*

*Administrator Willan*

*RESOLVED that:*

1. *Minutes of the Tweed Shire Council Disability Access Committee Meeting held Thursday 19 April 2007 be received and noted; and*
2. *Director's recommendations be adopted as follows:*

*Business Arising*

*Item 2 'Missed Business' - How to attract more customers by providing better access to your business"*

*That Council approves the launch and distribution of the "Missed Business" publication to coincide with the inaugural Disability Access Awards ceremony with the aim of raising awareness of access issues within the Shire.*

*FOR VOTE – Unanimous*

The Committee discussed the printing and distribution of the document at the launch and via Council's website

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Item from Meeting Held 16 February 2006

4. Footpath Access - Tweed Valley Way, Murwillumbah South

The Committee discussed two areas in need of footpath upgrades, near Greenhills Lodge and south of the Railway Station. Mr Clark will be requested to update the Committee on any progress.

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Item from Meeting held 18 August 2005

7. Disability Access Awards - Tweed Shire

The Committee discussed the merits of altering the name to Access Awards, to place more emphasis on access for all sectors of the community.

The Working Party has proposed the Launch be held within the next two months, with the Award ceremony planned to coincide with International Day of People with a Disability 2007, in early December.

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A number of entries for the Poster Competition were received and judging was held on 31 May, with finalists chosen. Council's Youth Development Officer Margaret Strong will notify entrants of the presentation ceremony to be held during the abovementioned launch.

Ms Groff met with Council's Manager Community & Cultural Services and Director of Community and Natural Resources on 19 June to discuss monetary prizes as an incentive to business owners to improve accessibility.

Moved: Mrs Cowdroy

Seconded: Mr Pollitt

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approves the awarding of a monetary prize for the annual Access Awards at an amount determined by the Director of Community and Natural Resources.

Carried unanimously

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Item from Meeting Held 16 February 2006

6. Uki Resident's Association

The Uki Strategic Plan is currently under review by a Steering Committee. Mr Ainsworth advised that a refurbishment of the public toilet building at the rear of the Hall is to take place soon, with a proposal for a unisex accessible toilet to be attached to the existing facility. Recreation Services officers will conduct a site inspection also in relation to footpaths and access to the Hall, park and Buttery areas.

A request has been received via Manager Recreation Services for three more accessible picnic tables to be installed at the Buttery, funded by the Disability Access budget. Ms Groff will request more information regarding their intended location with regard to the proposed works outlined above.

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1. Tweed Shire Council Swimming Pool Hoists

Ms Groff has consulted with Spinal Cord Injuries and the Independent Living Centre on this matter. The issue has been referred to Manager Risk and Human Resources, Mr Neil Baldwin on 16 May. A response is awaited and following this Ms Groff will consult with Lismore City Council, which has recently installed a hoist at Lismore Pool. Mr Cameron will request a review of the plans for the refurbishment of Murwillumbah Memorial Pool complex to ascertain the possibility of incorporating an access ramp.

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2. Transport Issues

In follow-up to this discussion at the last meeting, The Public Transport Working Group has been requested to ask Surfside Buslines to consider providing at least one accessible bus on routes 602 & 605. Mr Pollitt noted there appears to be no accessible bus on Route 601. Ms Groff will relay this concern to the Working Group.

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4. Footpath - Ewing Street, Murwillumbah

Works Unit has advised the steps lie on Council road reserve however such non-public benefiting assets are not maintained through Council funding. If the property owner wishes the asset to be upgraded a contribution toward the cost of works is sought. If the steps deteriorate to a condition that they became a safety issue then Council may remove them rather than repair if funding is not available.

Ms Groff has visited the premises to ascertain alternate access for the property owner and reported there is access from the rear of the property. Given the location of the stairs on the road reserve of Ewing Street, Council would not encourage the use of these to access a busy roadway where no footpath exists. Ms Groff will advise the property owner accordingly.

5. Pedestrian Crossing – Civic Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah

Ray Clark has advised that RTA warrants would not be met for a marked pedestrian crossing at this location. Approximately two years ago kerb extensions were installed and a section of the levee wall removed to improve pedestrian access in this area. The RTA also states that raised tactile indicators are not to be used on pedestrian ramps due to the perceived trip hazard.

Item from meeting held 19 April 2007

1. South Tweed Indoor Pool doors

Current Status: Mr Cameron organised for an inspection of the entranceway to be conducted. The installation of electronic doors has been recommended.

Moved: Mr Pollitt

Seconded: Mr Sparks

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the expenditure of \$6750 from the Disability Access budget for the installation of electronic doors to allow independent access to this facility.

Carried unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A. Garrard – Pottsville - disability parking, location of toilets and accessibility of the proposed new shopping arcade. Manager Risk and Human Resources is formulating a response to all issues raised.

2. Media Release - First five-year review of the *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002* (the Transport Standards). The Minister for Transport and Regional Services, in consultation with the Attorney-General, is required to review the efficiency and effectiveness of the Transport Standards within five years of their taking effect, and every five years after that. Matter referred to Public Transport Working Group.
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GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Multi-Arts Performance Project

Ms Groff provided an update on the “Gr 8 Par T, R U Coming?” performances held recently, and the proposal to develop further this highly successful project.

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2. International Day of People with a Disability 2007

Ms Groff advised that a number of initiatives are planned, including the Access Awards ceremony, a photographic competition to be launched shortly, and a repeat performance of the Multi-Arts Performance Project as above.

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3. Private Certifier

Discussion held on access within private business premises following refurbishment and subsequent approval by a Private Certifier. Manager Building Services to investigate.

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3. Disability Parking Space near Library

The issue of longer term disability parking adjacent to the Murwillumbah Library was raised. Ms Groff will refer the matter to the Road Safety Officer to investigate options.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on 16 August, 2007.

The meeting closed at 12 noon.

**DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS:**

**It is recommended that Council adopts the two recommendations.**



**DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Item from Meeting held 18 August 2005

**7. Disability Access Awards - Tweed Shire**

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

***"That Council approves the awarding of a monetary prize for the annual Access Awards at an amount determined by the Director of Community and Natural Resources."***

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Item from meeting held 19 April 2007

**1. South Tweed Indoor Pool doors**

As per the Committee's recommendation being:

***"That Council approves the expenditure of \$6750 from the Disability Access budget for the installation of electronic doors to allow independent access to the South Tweed Indoor Pool."***

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**5 [SUB-LTC] Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 19 July 2007**

VENUE:  
Council Chambers

TIME:  
Commencing at 9.00am

PRESENT:  
Committee Members: Mr Paul Morgan (Chairman), Mr Mike Baldwin, Roads and Traffic Authority, Sgt Bill Darnell, NSW Police, Mr Thomas George, MP, Member for Lismore, Mr Geoff Provest MP, Member for Tweed, .

Informal: Mr Paul Brouwer, Mr John Zawadzki, Ms Judith Finch (Minutes Secretary).

APOLOGIES:  
Mr Ray Clark.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

[LTC] Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting Held 14 June 2007

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting Held 14 June 2007 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

*FOR VOTE - Unanimous*

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Nil.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

**A. FORMAL ITEMS SECTION**

**DELEGATIONS FOR REGULATORY DEVICES**

A1 [LTC] The Quarterdeck, Tweed Heads

ORIGIN:  
Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW 1589793; 1631852; 1631372; Traffic - Speed Zones; Traffic - Safety; The Quarterdeck; Kent Road; Mugga Way



SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received in relation to a sweeping blind bend on The Quarterdeck near the intersection of Kent Road where The Quarterdeck joins Mugga Way.

The situation occurs as cars are travelling well over the 50km/h speed limit around the bend on The Quarterdeck and drivers overtake vehicles that are exiting driveways, thereby crossing double lines.

It has been requested that speed deterring devices be placed before the sweeping bend and at the Kent Street exit.

Speed surveys of this location show that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed just north of the Anchorage is 62km/h and that over 20% of vehicles are travelling over 60km/h. Residents have reported 3 crashes in this area in the last 3 months. Average daily traffic on The Quarterdeck was 1,900 vehicles per day.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That:-

1. The site be assessed for suitability of traffic calming devices.
2. Police and Council develop a strategy to enforce the current posted speed limit on The Quarterdeck.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That no further action be taken at this time on The Quarterdeck.

*FOR VOTE - Unanimous*

A2 [LTC] Stuart Street, Tweed Heads

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW 1623698; 1631350; School - Tweed Heads Primary; Traffic - Safety; Directional Signs; School Zones; Stuart Street

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received for the conversion of the 'No Parking' area to school drop off and pick up area for the students of Tweed Heads Public School in Stuart Street.

It is proposed to implement a volunteer marshalling system for students and parents who will use the new area located in Stuart Street.

The request has arisen from the new Roads & Traffic initiative for signage around schools.

*To be brought forward to the Local Traffic Committee meeting in August 2007.*

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That the area be assessed for the implementation of a school drop off and pick up area for students attending Tweed Heads Public School, subject to Roads & Traffic Authority guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That the area in Stuart Street be assessed for the implementation of limited parking for the Tweed Heads Public School.

*FOR VOTE - Unanimous*

A3 [LTC] Commemorative Walkway Off Murphys Road, Kingscliff

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW 1622338; 1627508; Traffic - Parking Zones; Pedestrian Walkway/Boardwalk; Pedestrian Safety; Handicapped / Disabled; Footpaths - Request For; Kerb & Gutter; Viewing Platform Murphys Road

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received for a 'No Parking' area at the approach to the Commemorative Walkway. Parked vehicles often park in front of the path obstructing wheelchair access.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That the Committee endorse the installation of 'No Parking' signage at the entrance to the Commemorative Walkway off Murphys Road, Kingscliff.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That:-

1. Two white guide posts with reflectors be installed on Murphys Road Kingscliff to delineate the walkway access.
2. A yellow line be painted on the edge of carriageway between the two guideposts.

*FOR VOTE - Unanimous*



A4 [LTC] Enterprise Avenue and Parkside Drive, Tweed Heads South

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW 1594076; 1627487; Traffic - Safety; Directional Signs; Enterprise Avenue; Parkside Drive

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received for reconsideration of the current traffic plan for Enterprise Avenue and Parkside Drive, Tweed Heads South.

Staff at Australia Post are concerned with the following:-

1. Visibility restrictions caused by the parking of vehicles in close proximity to the driveway to the Australia Post building and the intersection.
2. Parked vehicles facing south on the curve of Enterprise Avenue opposite Parkside Drive.
3. The speed of vehicles turning left into Enterprise Avenue from Parkside Drive.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That the Committee endorse the provision of 'No Stopping' signage on Enterprise Avenue 5m east of the entrance of the Post Office to 10m into Parkside Drive.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That 'No Stopping' signage be installed on Enterprise Avenue 5m east of the entrance of the Post Office to 10m into Parkside Drive.

*FOR VOTE - Unanimous*

A5 [LTC] Riverside Drive, Tumbulgum

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW; 1613256; 1564655; 1627458; Traffic - Parking Zones; Tumbulgum Road; Traffic - Speed Zones

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received that trailer parking be disallowed as follows:-

1. On the eastern side of Riverside Drive from the House of Gabriel to Tumbulgum Tavern.



2. On the western side of Riverside Drive from Tumbulgum Tavern to the intersection of Fawcett Street, Tumbulgum.

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

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That the Committee consider the suitability of:-

1. The installation of appropriate signage for no parking of trailers on the eastern side of Riverside Drive from the House of Gabriel to Tumbulgum Tavern.
2. The installation of appropriate signage for no parking of trailers on the western side of Riverside Drive from Tumbulgum Tavern to the intersection of Fawcett Street, Tumbulgum.
3. Traffic calming devices for Riverside Drive.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That:-

1. Prohibitive parking signage for vehicles over 6m be installed on the eastern side of Riverside Drive from the House of Gabriel to Tumbulgum Tavern.
2. Prohibitive parking signage for vehicles over 6m be installed on the western side of Riverside Drive from Tumbulgum Tavern to the intersection of Fawcett Street, Tumbulgum.
3. Traffic calming devices for Riverside Drive not be installed as the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is 55kph.

*FOR VOTE - Unanimous*

A6 [LTC] Tweed Coast Road, Cabarita

This item was moved to Section C - Regulatory Devices on Classified Roads at the request of the Roads & Traffic Authority representative.

A7 [LTC] Eucalyptus Drive, Banora Point

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW 1632990; 1594077; 1623779; 1623790; Traffic - Safety; School Zones; Eucalyptus Drive



SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received in relation to parking and traffic issues adjacent to Banora Point High School and Centaur Primary School.

Council officers met with representatives from the Police and the Roads and Traffic Authority to discuss parking and traffic issues at this location.

A letter has been written to the schools advising that the item will be discussed at the July meeting and that parking time limits for Eucalyptus Drive would be recommended. As yet no response has been received from the schools.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That the Committee endorse the installation of 15 minute parking limits, excluding the bus zones, for the on road parking spaces in Eucalyptus Drive.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That this item be brought forward to the August 2007 meeting of the Local Traffic Committee.

*FOR VOTE - Unanimous*

A8 [LTC] Brett and Powell Streets, Tweed Heads

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW 1628232; 1536728; Parking Zones; Brett Street, Powell Street; SN: 167, 1062; Tweed Heads Parking Study

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

From Meeting held 15 February 2007

DW1536728; Parking Zones; Brett Street; Powell Street; SN: 167; 1062

*"Request received for restricted 1 or 2 hour parking signage at the corner of Brett and Powell Streets, Tweed Heads in the access area near the entrance to the garage to the Albert Gardens building due to people parking in this area all day.*

*The Committee noted that Council is currently undertaking a car parking study for the precinct and the study will make recommendations to Council as to how parking should be managed in that precinct. It is expected that the report will be considered by Council in late April.*

*For Council's information."*

Current Status: To be brought forward to the LTC for meeting in May 2007.

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From Meeting Held 17 May 2007:

To be brought forward to the LTC for meeting in June 2007.

Current Status: To be brought forward to the LTC for meeting in June 2007.

From Meeting Held 14 June 2007:

Current Status: A report currently being prepared for the Council Meeting to be held on 10 July 2007 to be referred to the Local Traffic Committee.

The following is the resolution from the Operations Committee meeting held 10 July 2007:-

That:-

- "1. *The Local Traffic Committee be requested to consider the installation of two hour limited parking signs from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday, along the following streets:-*
  - a) *Solander Street – residential side only.*
  - b) *Brett Street east – (Keith Compton Drive to Powell Street) residential side only.*
  - c) *Powell Street between Florence and Solander – both sides.*
  - d) *Florence Street between Keith Compton and Powell – residential side only.*
  
2. *The Local Traffic Committee be requested to consider the installation of one hour time limited parking signs in the Tweed Heads Civic Centre Car Park covering 10 spaces from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday.*
  
3. *The Tweed Heads Hospital administration be requested to:-*
  - *provide more on-site parking for staff and visitors which may require the construction of multi-level car parking.*
  - *improve the effectiveness of its private (staff) car parking operations within the two car park areas off Keith Compton Drive either by way of staggering work shifts or other administrative means.*
  - *encourage travel demand management such as car pooling, public transport usage or drop-off/pick-up arrangements amongst its staff.*
  - *provide better signage to the public car parking areas accessed from Florence Street.*
  - *provide more parking bays along Keith Compton Drive by constructing angled parking bays.*
  
4. *Council writes to the Department of Health and Tweed Heads Hospital advising any future hospital development that generates the need for additional car parking will not be supported unless such parking is provided on site.*



5. *Council enters into discussions with the Tweed Heads Bowls Club regarding installation of signage on the Powell Street Car Park entrance advising it is open to the public unless special events are being held.*
6. *A review of the effectiveness of these parking restriction be undertaken within three months to assess whether further (or possibly less) time limited parking is warranted in the vicinity of the hospital."*

From Meeting Held 19 July 2007:

The Traffic Engineer updated the Traffic Committee on the investigations that have been completed including a report to Council on the 10 July 2007.

The Committee noted that Council is enforcing parking restrictions on the hospital site.

The Roads & Traffic Authority Representative advised that Items 3 4 and 5 are for information only.

#### RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That the Committee assess the installation of two hour limited parking signs from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday, along the following streets:-

- a) Solander Street – residential side only.
  - b) Brett Street east – (Keith Compton Drive to Powell Street) residential side only.
  - c) Powell Street between Florence and Solander – both sides.
  - d) Florence Street between Keith Compton and Powell – residential side only.
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  3. The Tweed Heads Hospital administration be requested to:-
    - provide more on-site parking for staff and visitors which may require the construction of multi-level car parking.
    - improve the effectiveness of its private (staff) car parking operations within the two car park areas off Keith Compton Drive either by way of staggering work shifts or other administrative means.
    - encourage travel demand management such as car pooling, public transport usage or drop-off/pick-up arrangements amongst its staff.
    - provide better signage to the public car parking areas accessed from Florence Street.
    - provide more parking bays along Keith Compton Drive by constructing angled parking bays.
  4. Council writes to the Department of Health and Tweed Heads Hospital advising any future hospital development that generates the need for

additional car parking will not be supported unless such parking is provided on site.

5. Council enters into discussions with the Tweed Heads Bowls Club regarding installation of signage on the Powell Street Car Park entrance advising it is open to the public unless special events are being held.
6. A review of the effectiveness of these parking restriction be undertaken within three months to assess whether further (or possibly less) time limited parking is warranted in the vicinity of the hospital."

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

That:-

1. Two hour limited parking signs from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday, be installed along the following streets:-
  - a) Solander Street – residential side only.
  - b) Brett Street east – (Keith Compton Drive to Powell Street) residential side only.
  - c) Powell Street between Florence and Solander – both sides.
  - d) Florence Street between Keith Compton and Powell – residential side only.
2. One hour time limited parking signs in the Tweed Heads Civic Centre Car Park covering 10 spaces from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday.
3. A review of the effectiveness of these parking restriction be undertaken within three months to assess whether further (or possibly less) time limited parking is warranted in the vicinity of the hospital."

*FOR VOTE - Unanimous*

**B. INFORMAL ITEMS SECTION**

**GENERAL TRAFFIC ADVICE**

B1 [LTC] Development Application DA06/0718 for a 9 Hole Golf Course Clubhouse and Administration Building at Lot 7 DP 867005 Pottsville Road, Cudgera Creek

**ORIGIN:**

Director Engineering and Operations

**FILE NO:** DW 1629945; DA06/0718; Traffic Committee; Traffic - Speed Zones; Pottsville Road

**SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Council approved DA06/0718 at its meeting held 10 July 2007 for DA06/0718 for a 9 Hole Golf Course Clubhouse and Administration Building at Lot 7 DP 867005 Pottsville Road, Cudgera Creek. A number of submissions were received concerning this



application that raised concerns about the current speed limit on the Pottsville Mooball Road, the report to Council with the application advised:-

*"Issue: Concern was raised regarding the potential traffic impact of the proposal and the traffic safety of the proposal in relation to Pottsville – Mooball Road.*

*Several objections raised concerns to the general traffic safety along Pottsville – Mooball Road and requested a reduction in speed limit from 100kmph to 80kmph. These concerns have been raised with Council's Traffic and Transport Engineer as part of the assessment of this application and separately as a specific traffic issue identified by the public. Council's Traffic and Transport Officer has reviewed the subject proposal and has raised no objection to the application, subject to the provision of an Austroads Type B Intersection at the entrance point of the golf course. The provision of this intersection will provide a formal and safe access to the Pottsville – Mooball Road.*

*The final point of concern in relation to road safety related to the positioning of the access to the site, specifically it's proximity to neighbouring access points. As discussed earlier, the proposal has been reviewed by Council's Traffic and Transport Officer with no objections raised subject to the provision of the Austroads Type B Intersection. It is recognised that the proposal will generate additional traffic to and from the site however the provision of the required intersection will allow a formal traffic flow and improved road conditions. The proposal is considered to maintain adequate sight lines and will not result in a reduction of road safety."*

Council requests the Committee to review the speed limit on this section of road.

The Roads & Traffic Authority Representative advised that the current speed limit should be retained and reviewed after the development is operational if needed. It was noted that access to the development should be consistent with the current speed environment.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:**

That the Committee review the speed limit on the Pottville Mooball Road.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

That the current speed limit on Pottsville Mooball Road be retained.

*FOR VOTE - Unanimous*

**B2 [LTC] Twin Towns Triathlon Season - Use of Roads**

**ORIGIN:**

Planning & Infrastructure

**FILE NO:** DW 1622907; 1631326; Roads - General; Road - Closures - Temporary; Bicycle Matters; Sport & Rec General

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**SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Request received for permission to use Tweed Shire roads for the 2007/2008 Twin Towns Triathlon Club Season with the dates of competition being:-

September	15, 22, 29
October	6, 13, 20, 27
November	3, 10, 17, 24
December	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
January	5, 12, 19, 26
February	2, 9, 16, 23
March	1, 8, 15 **

\*\* 15 March is the Championship Event.

This is to increase fitness awareness through social participation in the swim, cycle and run format with Saturday morning events during summer. This has been incident free since 1989.

The cycle leg comprises a 14.5km course with approximately 80 to 120 cyclists on the road at intervals between 6:15am and 7:15am.

The cycle leg begins at Club Banora (side road adjacent to tennis courts) then turn left onto Leisure Drive. Continue straight until the lights at Fraser Drive (turn left) and then turn left at Banora Hills Drive. Turn right into Pioneer Parade then turn right at Short Street. Turn left down Sexton Hill and left turn at roundabout onto Darlington Drive. Turn right at roundabout onto Leisure Drive and turn left past tennis courts to re-enter club Banora. See course map at the end of this report.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:**

That the Committee assesses the application for conditional approval to the Twin Towns Triathlon Club, for the use of Tweed Shire roads for the cycle leg of the season on the following dates:-

September 15, 22, 29  
October 6, 13, 20, 27  
November 3, 10, 17, 24  
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
January 5, 12, 19, 26  
February 2, 9, 16, 23  
March 1, 8, 15\*\*

\*\* Note that the 15 March is the Championship Event

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

That a representative of the Twin Towns Triathlon Club be requested to attend the August meeting of the Local Traffic Committee to discuss possible alternative routes.



*Geoff Provest retired from the meeting at 11:36 AM.*

*FOR VOTE - Unanimous*

B3 [LTC] Public Assembly - World Youth Day Cross and Icon

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW 1620191; 1631308; Road Closures - Temporary; Youth Matters; Greville Street; River Street; Alma Street; Commercial Road; Wharf Street; Murwillumbah Street; Queensland Road; Mooball Street

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received for a Public Assembly for World Youth Day Cross and Icon on the 7 August 2007 of approximately 1,000 persons to commence at 9:00am. Roads would reopen as the procession passes through.

The Police Rep advised that traffic assistance/control would be required from Council.

The Committee noted that the roads would be partly closed.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That the Committee assess the impact of the event on the road network and applies appropriate conditions.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That the Police and Council officers coordinate the traffic control required for the World Youth Day Cross and Icon event on 7 August 2007, which will include the provision of relevant information in the Tweed Link, provision of traffic control and traffic management.

*Mr Morgan left the meeting at 10:36am.*

*FOR VOTE - Unanimous*

B4 [LTC] Rally for Rivers Special Event

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW 1632310; 1632311; Dams - Rocky Cutting - Proposed; Knox Park; Brisbane Street; Wollumbin Street; Murwillumbah Street; Queensland Road; Commercial Road



SUMMARY OF REPORT:

A Special Event Resource Management Plan has been received for the public assembly of approximately 120 persons called "Rally for Rivers - Save Tyalgum Valley, No Dam on The Oxley" to commence at Knox Park, Murwillumbah on the 4 August 2007 from 9:30am to 1:00pm.

The purpose of the proposed assembly is to raise awareness to the public of the proposed dam on the Oxley River at Rocky Cutting.

It is proposed that the assembly of persons will form a procession in Knox Park, Brisbane Street between the children's playground and skate bowl. It will then proceed by footpath down Wollumbin Street then around the block and up Murwillumbah Street to Queensland Road and returning to Knox Park where there will be guest speakers. All travel will be done on footpaths only.

RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:

That the Committee assess the type of event category and that suitable conditions be applied to the "Rally for Rivers - Save Tyalgum Valley, No Dam on The Oxley" public assembly to commence at Knox Park, Murwillumbah on the 4 August 2007 from 9:30am to 1:00pm.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That:-

1. Council endorses, subject to Police approval, the "Rally for Rivers - Save Tyalgum Valley, No Dam on The Oxley" (Class 2 event) public assembly to commence at Knox Park, Murwillumbah on the 4 August 2007 from 9:30am to 1:00pm subject to criteria stated in the application.
2. The applicant provide a copy of its public liability insurance policy to the Police prior to the event being held.
3. The applicant complies with the criteria as detailed in the application.

*FOR VOTE - Unanimous*

C. REGULATORY DEVICES ON CLASSIFIED ROADS SECTION

C1 [LTC] Tweed Coast Road, Cabarita

This item was moved from Agenda Item A6 (under Delegations for Regulatory Devices) at the request of the Roads & Traffic Authority Representative.

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: DW 1632362; Coast Road, Cabarita Beach; Casuarina Way; Tweed Coast Road; Barclay Drive

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**SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Request received for the provision of allocated bus stops along the 5.6km section of the Coast Road between Tamarind Avenue, Cabarita and Dianella Drive.

It is reported that drivers are expressing concern about the lack of bus stops along the 5.6km section of the Coast Road between Tamarind Avenue, Cabarita and Dianella Drive.

*Thomas George retired from the meeting at 10:03 AM.*

The Committee noted that the missing link on Casuarina Way between Celerywood Drive and Barclay Streets is currently at detail design stage and is expected to be completed by the developer by Christmas 2007 which would then enable Surfside Buslines to use this link to service the southern section of Casuarina. The Committee also noted that the financial and environmental costs of constructing bus bays on the Tweed Coast Road is not feasible and even if approval was obtained it would take longer than the construction of the above missing link. Temporary bus stops could be installed on the eastern side of the Tweed Coast Road on the approach to Barclay Drive and the approach to Celerywood Drive until the link is completed.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE:**

That the Committee assess the Tweed Coast Road for suitable bus stops in the vicinity of Barclay Drive.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

That Surfside Buslines be requested to consider installation of bus stops on the approach to Celerywood Drive and Barclay Drive on the eastern side of Tweed Coast Way only.

*FOR VOTE - Unanimous*

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Committee will be held 16 August 2007 in the Council Chambers commencing at 9.00am.

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 11:35am.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:**

Nil.

**DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:****A. FORMAL ITEMS SECTION****DELEGATIONS FOR REGULATORY DEVICES****A1 [LTC] The Quarterdeck, Tweed Heads**

**FILE NO: DW 1589793; 1631852; 1631372; Traffic - Speed Zones; Traffic - Safety; The Quarterdeck; Kent Road; Mugga Way**

**As per the Committee's recommendation being:**

*"That no further action be taken at this time on The Quarterdeck."*

**A2 [LTC] Stuart Street, Tweed Heads**

**FILE NO: DW 1623698; 1631350; School - Tweed Heads Primary; Traffic - Safety; Directional Signs; School Zones; Stuart Street**

**As per the Committee's recommendation being:**

*"That the area in Stuart Street be assessed for the implementation of limited parking for the Tweed Heads Public School."*

**A3 [LTC] Commemorative Walkway Off Murphys Road, Kingscliff**

**FILE NO: DW 1622338; 1627508; Traffic - Parking Zones; Pedestrian Walkway/Boardwalk; Pedestrian Safety; Handicapped / Disabled; Footpaths - Request For; Kerb & Gutter; Viewing Platform Murphys Road**

**As per the Committee's recommendation being:**

*"That:-*

- 1. Two white guide posts with reflectors be installed on Murphys Road Kingscliff to delineate the walkway access.*
- 2. A yellow line be painted on the edge of carriageway between the two guideposts."*

**A4 [LTC] Enterprise Avenue and Parkside Drive, Tweed Heads South**

**FILE NO: DW 1594076; 1627487; Traffic - Safety; Directional Signs; Enterprise Avenue; Parkside Drive**

**As per the Committee's recommendation being:**

*"That 'No Stopping' signage be installed on Enterprise Avenue 5m east of the entrance of the Post Office to 10m into Parkside Drive."*

**A5 [LTC] Riverside Drive, Tumbulgum**

**FILE NO: DW; 1613256; 1564655; 1627458; Traffic - Parking Zones; Tumbulgum Road; Traffic - Speed Zones**

**As per the Committee's recommendation being:**

***"That:-***

- 1. Prohibitive parking signage for vehicles over 6m be installed on the eastern side of Riverside Drive from the House of Gabriel to Tumbulgum Tavern.***
- 2. Prohibitive parking signage for vehicles over 6m be installed on the western side of Riverside Drive from Tumbulgum Tavern to the intersection of Fawcett Street, Tumbulgum.***
- 3. Traffic calming devices for Riverside Drive not be installed as the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is 55kph."***

**A7 [LTC] Eucalyptus Drive, Banora Point**

**FILE NO: DW 1632990; 1594077; 1623779; 1623790; Traffic - Safety; School Zones; Eucalyptus Drive**

**As per the Committee's recommendation being:**

***"That this item be brought forward to the August 2007 meeting of the Local Traffic Committee."***

**A8 [LTC] Brett and Powell Streets, Tweed Heads**

**FILE NO: DW 1628232; 1536728; Parking Zones; Brett Street, Powell Street; SN: 167, 1062; Tweed Heads Parking Study**

**As per the Committee's recommendation being:**

***"That:-***

- 1. Two hour limited parking signs from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday, be installed along the following streets:-***
  - a) Solander Street – residential side only.***
  - b) Brett Street east – (Keith Compton Drive to Powell Street) residential side only.***
  - c) Powell Street between Florence and Solander – both sides.***
  - d) Florence Street between Keith Compton and Powell – residential side only.***

2. ***One hour time limited parking signs in the Tweed Heads Civic Centre Car Park covering 10 spaces from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday.***
3. ***A review of the effectiveness of these parking restriction be undertaken within three months to assess whether further (or possibly less) time limited parking is warranted in the vicinity of the hospital."***

**B. INFORMAL ITEMS SECTION****GENERAL TRAFFIC ADVICE**

**B1 [LTC] Development Application DA06/0718 for a 9 Hole Golf Course Clubhouse and Administration Building at Lot 7 DP 867005 Pottsville Road, Cudgera Creek**

**FILE NO: DW 1629945; DA06/0718; Traffic Committee; Traffic - Speed Zones; Pottsville Road**

**As per the Committee's recommendation being:**

***"That the current speed limit on Pottsville Mooball Road be retained."***

**B2 [LTC] Twin Towns Triathlon Season - Use of Roads**

**FILE NO: DW 1622907; 1631326; Roads - General; Road - Closures - Temporary; Bicycle Matters; Sport & Rec General**

**As per the Committee's recommendation being:**

***"That a representative of the Twin Towns Triathlon Club be requested to attend the August meeting of the Local Traffic Committee to discuss possible alternative routes."***

**B3 [LTC] Public Assembly - World Youth Day Cross and Icon**

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**C. REGULATORY DEVICES ON CLASSIFIED ROADS SECTION**

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**FILE NO: DW 1632362; Coast Road, Cabarita Beach; Casuarina Way; Tweed Coast Road; Barclay Drive**

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### 6 [NOM] Murwillumbah District Hospital

#### NOTICE OF MOTION:

Administrator Boyd moves:

That Council advises the NSW Minister for Health in the following terms:

1. a) Council has supported and facilitated development of the Tweed Hospital at Tweed Heads on a number of occasions and indeed supplied, free of charge, the land on which it now stands.
  - b) It is the strong option of Council that the Murwillumbah District Hospital has had and will continue to have a significant role to play in providing health services to a large proportion of the population of the upper Tweed Shire.
  - c) With respect, Council submits that the services provided by Murwillumbah District Hospital should be strengthened and expanded in recognition of its strategic location and its proven importance in the provision of health services in Tweed Shire.
2. Council invites the NSW Minister for Health to visit the Tweed for talks with Council and representatives of concerned citizens about the long term future of the Murwillumbah District Hospital.
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