

AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 5 September 2006

Chairman: Mr Frank Willan

Administrators: Ms Lucy Turnbull

Mr Max Boyd AM Mr Frank Willan



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ABORIGINAL STATEMENT

Administrator Willan 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 of these lands."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Council Meetings held Tuesday 15
August 2006

UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:

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- 1. Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held Tuesday 15 August 2006 (DW 1445849).
- 2. **Confidential Attachment** Minutes of the confidential Council Meeting held Tuesday 15 August 2006 (DW 1444390).



SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING RESOLUTIONS

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)

P111COMMITTEE 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.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES

O25 [EC-OC] Tweed Shire Social Plan - 2006 Review

0199 COMMITTEE DECISION:

Administrator Turnbull Administrator Boyd

RECOMMENDED that Council:

1. Notes the information obtained from community consultation in January 2006.

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The report be referred to the General Manager for consideration and further 2. report to Council.

Current Status: Matter being considered by General Manager.

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: Report to be prepared.

15 AUGUST 2006-08-23

PLANNING COMMITTEE

P10 [PD-PC] Section 96(1A) Application DA04/1528.03 for Amendment to Development Consent DA04/1528.03 for a Residential Subdivision (MOD 76-6-2006 modifying DIPNR DA 243-10-2004) at Lot 242 & 243 DP 1082837, No. 159 **Overall Drive, Pottsville**

P 124 COMMITTEE DECISION:

Administrator Turnbull **Administrator Boyd**

RECOMMENDED that this item be deferred pending further information.

Current Status: Arrangements to be made for Administrator Turnbull to

inspect site with Acting Director Engineering & Operations.

8 THIS IS PAGE NO OF THE AGENDA OF THE TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 5 P11 [PD-PC] Development Application DA06/0180 for a Retail Complex Comprising Supermarket & Seven (7) Speciality Shops at Lot 1, 2, 3, 4 DP4279; Lot 18 DP962878; Lot 1 DP443232; Lot 17 DP965658; Lot 1 DP437562; Lot 1 DP183770, No. 230 Tweed Valley Way, South

P 125 COMMITTEE DECISION:

Administrator Turnbull Administrator Willan

RECOMMENDED that Development Application DA06/0180 for a retail complex comprising supermarket and seven (7) speciality shops at Lot 1, 2, 3 & 4 DP 4279; Lot 18 DP 962878; Lot 1 DP 443232; Lot 17 DP 965658; Lot 1 DP 437562; Lot 1 DP 183770, No. 230 Tweed Valley Way South Murwillumbah be deferred until the Town Centre Strategy for Murwillumbah has been provided. This is to be dated no later than the last Council meeting of 2006.

Current Status: Brief prepared for Murwillumbah Town Centre Strategy.



ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE

[AM] Signing of Documents

Documents signed by Administrators:

Administrator Boyd

8 August 2006	Chinderah Bay Marina - Deed of Variation - Contract for Sale
28 August 2006	Tweed & Coolangatta Tourism Inc Management Agreement
28 August 2006	Lease to Southern Cross University - Part of courtyard area - Tweed
-	Heads Civic Centre

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received and noted.



REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

1 [SUB-TRC] Minutes of the Tweed River Committee Meeting held Wednesday 9 August 2006

VENUE:

Canvas & Kettle Meeting Room, Murwillumbah Civic Centre

TIME:

9.15am

PRESENT:

David Oxenham (Chair); Max Boyd (Tweed Shire Council Administrator); Robert Quirk (Tweed River Advisory Committee & NSW Cane Growers' Association); Richard Hagley (DIPNR); Kersten Tuckey (Department of Lands); Martin Dobney (Action Sands Chinderah); Claire Masters (Tweed Landcare Inc); Errol Wright (Tweed River Charter Operators); Jane Lofthouse, Tom Alletson, Geoff Edwards (Tweed Shire Council)

INFORMAL:

Ronelle Herbert (Tweed Shire Council); Jan McCrohon (Minutes Secretary)

APOLOGIES:

Rhonda James (Caldera Environment Centre); Carl Cormack (NSW Maritime Authority); Bob Loring (Dept of Primary Industries – Fisheries); Lance Tarvey (Dept of Environment & Conservation); Harry Christopher (Bilambil Heights Progress Assoc); Marty Hancock (Tweed Shire Council)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Correction to Minutes – Business Arising Page 3. Robert Quirk asked that 'every landholder' be changed to 'every cane grower'.

Moved: Max Boyd Seconded: Robert Quirk

RESOLVED that the Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 14 June 2006 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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BUSINESS ARISING:

Item from Meeting held 14 June 2006 – General Business Item 2

Stotts Channel Vegetation Clearing

Drainage Union - Duranbah

An invitation to meet on site and review extent of tree lopping in Stotts channel will be issued to National Parks, Fisheries and the Duranbah Swamp Drainage Union. Discussion on progress took place. Tom has spoken to Robert Quirk and Lance Tarvey and they will meet on site. Max suggested putting markers in the ground so that it could all be simplified without so many site visits. However, Tom reiterated that the long process of developing a management plan for Stotts channel resulted in agencies making a commitment to an on-site inspection every time removal of mangroves and other vegetation was required.

Item from Meeting held 14 June 2006 – Agenda Item No 4

2. Tweed Vegetation Management Plan

Vegetation Management Plan

Claire asked about the Vegetation Management Officer time frame for employment. Tom advised that interviews for the applicants would be held in the week of 28th August.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

 Draft Memorandum of Understanding Tweed Shire Council and NRCMA Tweed River Committee

The draft Memorandum of Understanding was presented for discussion.

Robert Quirk updated the Committee on the background – to work towards the same goals as the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority. Jane explained the MoU further, including the partnership roles etc. Jane will be meeting with Peter Boyd of the CMA tomorrow to discuss further. Robert said we have funding in our own right, which is unique – anything we do needs to be targeted towards the CAP. Max asked if there should be some reference to the fact that we're right on the state border. General discussion on cross border regions.

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Moved: Max Boyd Seconded: Geoff Edwards

RESOLVED that the Tweed River Committee recommend to Council that it endorse the Memorandum of Understanding between NRCMA and Tweed Shire Council subject to finalisation, including the recognition that Tweed Shire Council undertakes programs and projects that contribute to the targets within the Catchment Action Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the Memorandum of Understanding between NRCMA and Tweed Shire Council subject to finalisation, including the recognition that Tweed Shire Council undertakes programs and projects that contribute to the targets within the Catchment Action Plan.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Letter to NSW Fisheries - Mangrove Removal to Enhance Shorebird Habitat
 Tonys Bar, Fingal Wetland, Bird Habitat

Twelve months ago an application was made to NSW Fisheries to allow clearing and lopping of some 200 mangroves within the lower estuary to enhance shorebird habitat in this area. Despite enquiries no feedback was received on this application until approximately one month ago when it was reported verbally that the application was being viewed unfavourably. Subsequently, a letter was sent to DPI Fisheries (letter tabled at meeting) on 7 July, requesting an urgent meeting with Fisheries Officers in an attempt to resolve the matter. As of 3 August 2006, no response has been received in relation to this letter. Robert Quirk suggested that another letter be sent to Fisheries, saying that due to the significance of the roosting sites, the Committee seeks urgent approval for funding.

Moved: Robert Quirk Seconded: Kersten Tuckey

RESOLVED that the Manager Water write to Department of Primary Industries requesting that the mangrove removal application be dealt with expediently and seeking a meeting within 14 days.

Errol Wright joined the meeting at 9.35am

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Program Status - Overview of Current and Impending Projects

Tweed River Committee

An overview of all existing projects and their budgets was presented.

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2. Estuary and Coastal Management Programs - Funding Application 2006/07

Tweed River Committee

Changes have been made to the NSW Estuary Management Program funding application procedures. Details of such and implications for the TRC budget and program planning were discussed.

Jane presented the Tweed River Committee 2006/07 budget of \$1,000,000, to apply for CMA funding of \$500,000 to match TSC's \$500,000. Richard suggested putting in the CAP target, and another column for Tweed Estuary Plan, before applying to CMA.

Discussion on the use of videos to present a visual record of what has been achieved by Tweed River Committee over the years, to demonstrate to the public and for use in funding applications. The Committee agreed that this would be a powerful message to get across to the public. Landcare are currently in the process of making a video for this purpose. Geoff Edwards suggested a central list of projects for the whole area, with Landcare, Council etc. Richard Hagley suggested a good means of recording or reporting projects would be Council's GIS system, using layering.

Moved: Max Boyd Seconded: Claire Masters

RESOLVED that the Committee endorse the program that Jane has proposed and that Council officers seek every opportunity through CMA and other funding opportunities to enhance the program.

Moved: Geoff Edwards Seconded: Robert Quirk

RESOLVED that the Committee work with Council's IT unit to record all Tweed Valley NRM activities and locations on Council's GIS.

3. River Health Grants Program

Catchment Water Quality

The river health grants program has been operational for approximately one month and has started well. An overview of the types of people and sites engaged was presented.

Tom discussed his visits to properties and the support received from rural land holders with regard to weed control and river health. With council contributing to the costs, most land holders are happy to contribute their share.

David said the source of funding for the above is from the water and sewer fund, and the dividend to be returned to Council from that fund is about \$180,000 pa which keeps accumulating if it is unspent each year. Upstream of the weir, the nexus is that all of that catchment has an effect on the drinking water quality for the Tweed district – a need to implement a multi barrier approach, to minimise a possible contamination event. It's about Council putting money towards providing a barrier for our drinking water supply.

Claire noted the percentage of monies being spent in the estuary as opposed to upper catchment fresh water systems was inequitable.

 Bilambil Creek Landcare Project Open Day and Planting Event Landcare, Terranora Broadwater

The two year anniversary of the commencement of this project is being celebrated with an open day and planting on Saturday 9 September at Bilambil sports ground. The Cobaki and Terranora Broadwater Cultural Heritage Management Plan which has been prepared by Ian Fox on behalf of the TRC will be launched at this open day. Tom to send out invites to all TRC committee members to come and plant some trees to support this model Council/Community project.

5. Terranora and Cobaki Broadwater Ecosystem Health Monitoring Project Update
Terranora Broadwater, Cobaki Broadwater

Progress on this project and next steps were discussed. Replicating work done by Qld Uni in 2000/2001. An integrated estuarine and fresh water eco system monitoring program.

Discussion on the significance of monitoring unless it's done after a specific flood event. Claire suggested that water quality monitoring should be event driven. Tom replied that the importance is the health of the river eco system and its resilience to cope with events. Max said the overall aim should be an A rating. Tom explained that this Committee has set water quality objectives for the river, but hasn't set an objective for how ecological healthy we want our river to be. If we want an A, it's up to us to say what an A is – in the first instance we would take this from the south east Qld model.

Geoff Edwards left the meeting at 11.20am

Further discussion on contributions, say from Gold Coast Airport, Tugun Bypass, Cobaki Lakes Development, Area E and the sewer fund.

Claire asking about current polluters, how can this be documented, where is the high nutrient coming from. Tom explained that we needed to find out what rating our water is, whether it be B, or B- or C.

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Max requested that a report on the land use and land status of all the land around Cobaki Broadwater be provided by the Lands Dept and brought back to the next meeting.

Moved: Max Boyd Seconded: Martin Dobney

RESOLVED That the committee endorses in principal the ecosystem health monitoring project, estimated cost in the order of \$313,000, and that collaborative funding be sought from stakeholders including the Tugun Bypass, Gold Coast City Council, respective owners of Area E and the Cobaki Lakes, GC Airport Ltd and TSC Sewer Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses in principal the ecosystem health monitoring project, estimated cost in the order of \$313,000, and that collaborative funding be sought from stakeholders including the Tugun Bypass, Gold Coast City Council, respective owners of Area E and the Cobaki Lakes, GC Airport Ltd and TSC Sewer Fund.

6. Terranora and Cobaki Broadwater CLAM Update

Terranora Broadwater, Cobaki Broadwater

Progress on this project and next steps were discussed. It is not guaranteed that the CLAM project will result in the preparation of a detailed management plan for the broadwaters, sufficient for the needs of Council and the community. As such, funds have been held in reserve to assist in the preparation of as detailed management plan for the area and its catchment, following, or assisting with the follow-up to the CLAM model.

7. Potential Project - Confluence of Rous and Tweed River

Rous River

As a result of the launch of the river health grants program, a landholder with significant SEPP 14 wetland on property at the confluence of the Rous and Tweed has contacted Council with interest in undertaking environmental works. Details were presented to the meeting and a determination to provide funding support was agreed to by the Committee. Work would include fencing of the wetland areas and turning some of the cane area into wetland. Funding could be obtained from the CMA.

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8. Potential ARC Project - Rainforest Restoration and Camphor Conversion

Tweed River Committee

Griffith University researchers have had discussion with Council staff about the possibility of making an application for ARC grant funding to investigate rainforest restoration inlands dominated by Camphor Laurel. The details of this project were presented for the committee.

No formal request or monetary discussion as yet, so this is open for discussion by the Committee. Over the next decade this might be more important in terms of the Vegetation Management Plan. Claire offered her support for this program on behalf of Landcare.

Moved: Robert Quirk Seconded: Claire Masters

RESOLVED that the Committee in principal offer support of the ARC linkage to the project to the tune of \$5,000 pa over the next 3 years.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Impacts on Native Vegetation adjacent to Tugun Bypass Project

Cobaki Broadwater

A paper prepared by Ecograph on the impacts on native vegetation from construction of the Tugun Bypass was tabled. Max stressed that compensatory habitat and drainage issues need to be fully addressed with regards to the impact on Cobaki Broadwater.

In terms of a drainage management plan, Max said from Council's point of view that stormwater should be tested and treated prior to discharge to Cobaki Broadwater. David Hannah, TSC Environmental Scientist, is liasing with the bypass alliance from Council.

The Airport could also contribute to compensatory habitat.

Geoff Edwards returned at 12.30pm

2. Coastal and Marine Educational Strategy

Tweed Coastal Committee

NRCMA have contracted the development of a Coastal and Marine Educational Strategy. Tom & Jane went to a meeting on Friday – a draft will not be available for comment, only a final copy of the Coastal and Marine Educational Strategy.

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3. **Overseas Visitors**

Tweed River Committee

Between 6 and 9 September, a group of sugar cane farmers from Indonesia will be out here for 3 days. Robert requested that Jane and/or Marty might spend some time with them to show them natural resources in the Shire.

Tom added that there will be another visitor coming out from Kenya, sponsored by the River Symposium. She will be coming out prior to commencement of the Symposium on 4 September and hosted by a family in the Shire.

Leave of Absence

Tweed River Committee

Kersten Tuckey will now be off on maternity leave for 11 months - the Chair offered thanks for all her work and wished her well. David McPherson from Lands Department will be attending Committee meetings in her place.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on Wednesday 11 October 2006 at the Canvas & Kettle Meeting room commencing at 9.00 am.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Nil.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. **Draft Memorandum of Understanding Tweed Shire Council and NRCMA Tweed River Committee**

As per Committee's recommendation being:

"That Council endorse the Memorandum of Understanding between NRCMA and Tweed Shire Council subject to finalisation, including the recognition that Tweed Shire Council undertakes programs and projects that contribute to the targets within the Catchment Action Plan."

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AGENDA ITEMS:

5. Terranora and Cobaki Broadwater Ecosystem Health Monitoring Project Update

Terranora Broadwater, Cobaki Broadwater

As per Committee's recommendation being:

"That Council endorses in principle the ecosystem health monitoring project, estimated cost in the order of \$313,000, and that collaborative funding be sought from stakeholders including the Tugun Bypass, Gold Coast City Council, respective owners of Area E and the Cobaki Lakes, GC Airport Ltd and TSC Sewer Fund."



2 [SUB-TCC] Minutes of the Tweed Coastal Committee Meeting held Wednesday 9 August 2006

VENUE:

Canvas and Kettle Meeting Room, Murwillumbah

TIME:

Commencing at 1.10pm

PRESENT:

Terry Kane (Cabarita Beach-Bogangar) (Chair); Max Boyd (Tweed Shire Council Administrator); Kersten Tuckey (Department of Lands); Richard Hagley (Department of Natural Resources); Evan Matthews (Fingal Head); Gary Thorpe (Hastings Point); Peter Harding (Pottsville); John Harbison (Mooball); Stewart Brawley, Jane Lofthouse, Tom Alletson, David Oxenham, Geoff Edwards (Tweed Shire Council)

INFORMAL:

Leigh Abernethy, Jan McCrohon (Minutes Secretary)

APOLOGIES:

Lance Tarvey (NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service); Pat Dwyer (Dept of Primary Industries – Fisheries); Rhonda James (Caldera Environment Centre), Jason Pearson (Kingscliff)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved: PETER HARDING Secondeded: MAX BOYD

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Tweed Coastal Committee Meeting held Wednesday 14 June 2006 were tabled at the meeting and accepted by the Committee as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Noted that the proposed Kingscliff EIS Meeting was not held. An update meeting may need to be held before the October meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Draft Memorandum of Understanding Tweed Shire Council and NRCMA
 Total Catchment Management

A Memorandum of Understanding between the NRCMA and TSC has been drafted and was presented for discussion.

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Robert Quirk updated the Committee on the intention of the MoU for Council and the NRCMA to work together towards achieving the NRM goals and targets set by the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority. Jane will be meeting with Peter Boyd of the CMA tomorrow to discuss the MoU further. Jane has added a paragraph acknowledging that TSC have a catchment focus. Discussion on the need for all NRM works to be targeted towards the CAP. It is possible to do cross regional projects, and there is one at the moment with Southern Qld which was funded for over \$2 million, targeting biodiversity. Max requested a reference be added to the fact that Tweed is right on the state border.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

NRCMA Fund Application - Cudgen and Cudgera Creeks
 Estuary Management; Cudgen Creek; Cudgera Creek

A funding application has been made to the NRCMA for development of Vegetation Management Plans and on-ground works for the forest adjacent to Kingscliff High School (Cudgen Creek) and Crown Land and road reserve at Hastings Point (Cudgera Creek).

A total of \$34,000 has been requested for the two projects which will run over the next 10 months if funding is approved.

Discussion on the 50 metre riparian buffer zone and its application to house blocks along the creek.

Noted that the 50m buffer applies in most cases to rezoning applications and redevelopment of large blocks of land. The Estuary Management Plan is an advisory document, not statutory, there are clauses within the LEP relating to blocks adjacent to the waterways.

Leigh Abernethy joined the meeting at 1.30pm

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Coastal Creek Project Updates

Tweed Coastal Committee

Christies Creek Floodgate - Christies Creek (tributary of Cudgera Ck) has an old floodgate which had supposedly become redundant but it was found that it had helped create freshwater wetlands which now have the status of Endangered Ecological Communities. There are two options - the first to rebuild the old floodgate at an approximate cost of \$48,000. The other option is to construct a 700m long bund alongside the existing drain to raise the height of eastern levee by 400mm. The second option would cost approx \$40,000 and be a more difficult process, although it would mean that fish

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passage would be improved if old floodgate were to be removed. General discussion on the 2 options.

Moved: Max Boyd Seconded: Peter Harding

RESOLVED that the Committee reconstruct the existing floodgate at a cost of approximately \$50,000. To be included in next year's budget.

- Cudgera Creek Viewing Platform Koala Beach. Planners have requested more detailed design, should be completed before Christmas.
- Mooball Creek Riparian Works ongoing work adjacent to Overall Drive, with TCC and NRCMA funds – to stabilise riverbank along Overall Drive and remove weeds.
- Hasting Point Signage Tom to meet with Leigh Abernethy to develop signage types and location. Tom to organise on-site meeting with Gary Thorpe and Leigh.
- Duranbah Beach Tweed River Entrance Sand Bypass Project has a commitment to deliver 50,000 cubic metres to Duranbah Beach to preserve the dunes. Tom has written a draft nourishment strategy suggesting that it be adopted as a joint project by TSC and TRESBP. There is reluctance by TRESBP to adopt this strategy as the project has an existing management plan.

There is the opportunity to move Duranbah Beach higher on the priority list in the development of the Tweed Heads Master Plan.

2. Coastal Landscape and Design Projects - Update

Coastline Management Plan

Leigh Abernethy provided an update on relevant coastal design projects. Funding originally allocated was not included in the 2 year provision of the 7 year plan, however, the projects should still be able to move ahead. Kingscliff Master Plan will be presented at the 5 September meeting of Council. The furniture plan has moved to detailed design, and prototypes should be on ground by October. Pottsville will depend on funding, but consultation should still go ahead and it will go back to the committee in September. Architects have been utilised to look at the old kiosk in Ambrose Brown Park, Pottsville. Cabarita is moving slowly forward – Consultants presenting outcomes in September. A letter has gone to the Fingal Head Community Association in relation to combining funds from Chinderah and Fingal Head, of \$15,000 each, to upgrade and link the foreshores. Evan Matthews to follow up reply with the Fingal Head Community Association.

Leigh left the meeting at 2.06pm

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3. Coastal and Marine Education Strategy

Environmental Education

The NRCMA have engaged Consultants to develop a Coastal and Marine Education Strategy. Jane reported on the Draft Strategy meeting held at Hastings Point on Friday 4 August.

Jane noted that the strategy includes provision of marine education centres such as the Hastings Point Marine Centre. Council to request a copy of the Draft Strategy for comment, given the fact that Council is interested in developing a marine education facility.

Lands Department would also like the opportunity to provide input.

4. Access to Crown Land between Wommin Lake and Wommin Lagoon, Fingal Head Wommin Lake; Wommin Lagoon

There is a need to develop strategies for minimising access to the Aboriginal land between Wommin Lake and Lagoon due to damage to the dunal systems by illegal vehicular access.

Kersten Tuckey advised that the land had been granted to the TBLALC and that the TCC and Council should liaise with the Land Council regarding opportunities to reduce illegal access.

Evan Matthews said there is a real problem with lawlessness and damage to the land by dune buggies and motor bikes etc. The area needs more pro-active management, with signs, rangers etc.

Kersten noted that there is a car park reserved from the land grant under Crown Land management. Fencing of the roadway and this car park may reduce access to the dunes. There is no funding available through the Department of Lands, but it may be possible to apply for a grant through the NRCMA or similar.

Stewart Brawley left the meeting at 2.22pm

5. Cudgen Lake Sustainability Assessment and Plan of Management

Cudgen Lake

The next phase of the Sustainability Assessment for Coastal Lakes has commenced. The Coastal Lakes Assessment and Management (CLAM) Tool was presented at the April meeting. DNR have now commissioned Consultants to develop a Management Plan for Cudgen Lake using the CLAM tool. GeoLink, the Consultants, will be requested to present an update at the next meeting of the TCC.

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Meeting scheduled for 15 August with Geolink Consultants, and some stakeholders.

6. Program Status

Tweed Coastal Committee

An update of the program status for Coastline and Coast Estuary Programs.

Tweed Coast Estuaries Management Program Project Status - August 2006

Program	Allocation	Projects	Description and Status
Area	Balance	,	'
General	\$824		Administration costs - ongoing
Monitoring	\$11,624	Water Quality	13 sites, bi-monthly sampling; overspent
Education	\$3,086	General	
		Coast Estuaries education booklet	To go to tender – no budget
	\$1,597	Canoe trail	Maintenance and replacement
Cudgen	\$111,110	Boardwalk Construction	Redesign to cycleway width, tied in with
Creek			pedestrian bridge
	\$4,101	Headland Rehabilitation	No works proposed
	\$452	Cudgen Creek Riparian management	Overspent
Cudgera Creek	\$29,296	Viewing platform and canoe access	Awaiting approval
	\$14,550	Christies Creek Floodgate Removal	Options to be considered
		Riparian and erosion rehabilitation	
Mooball Creek	\$1,712	Hardy Park rehabilitation project	60% works completed at current site transfer overspend to CMA funding

7. Estuary and Coastal Management Programs - Funding Application 2006/07

Tweed Coastal Committee; Coastal Management; Estuary Management

Council are now required to apply for funding for individual projects within the Coastal and Estuary Management Programs of the DNR. Discussion of projects for 2006/07.

Tweed Coast Estuaries 2006/07

Project	Description	Amount
Water Quality Monitoring Education Cudgen	Ongoing monitoring plus event monitoring for Cudgen Plateau Estuary Guide Recreational Access Plan & works	\$15,000 \$15,000 \$20,000
Cudgera	Christies Creek Floodgate	\$35,000
Mooball	Riparian Rehab - streambank & vegetation	\$15,000
	Total	\$100,000
	DNR	\$50,000
	TSC	\$50,000

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Moved: Max Boyd Seconded: Geoff Edwards

RESOLVED that Council submit the funding application to Department of Natural

Resources for 2006/07.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council submit the funding application to Department of Natural Resources for 2006/07.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Beach Safety Liaison Committee

Beach Safety Liaison Committee

Report by Geoff Edwards on the first meeting of this Committee, whose role is to look at recommendations regarding beach safety, including recommendation concerning the possible full time employment of Council lifeguards. Also whether to provide lifeguard services adjacent to new residential areas, at a particular population threshold. The Committee will provide ongoing feedback to the Tweed Coastal Committee.

Jane asked about warning signs, for example at Cudgera Creek estuary. Geoff said this should be assessed by Council's Risk Assessor.

Beach Survey – Jane awaiting a report.

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2. Litter Traps, Cabarita

Stormwater Treatment

10 litter traps were installed around the Cabarita Beach CBD, with the result that 192 kilos of litter and other pollutants were collected after a 3 month period.

3. Cudgera Creek Underboring Project

Cudgera Creek

Gary Thorpe asked for an update on the remediation work on the pipeline. David advised that budget allocation could be discussed outside of this meeting, as contract details were confidential. A permit is required from Fisheries for working on the creek bed. Gilbert Diving has been contracted to place the concrete anchors and move the pipeline into position. Drawings are available and work should be starting in the next two months.

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Monitoring

John Harbison asked for an update on water quality monitoring at next meeting. Jane to action.

5. Cudgen Plateau Farmland Erosion

Cudgen Creek; Pollution - Water

Max Boyd instigated discussion on the possible use of detention ponds to reduce sediment inflow into Cudgen Creek from Cudgen plateau farmlands. Discussion on the need for a combination of a change in land use practices and detention ponds. This would possibly require land acquisition to create detention ponds, and it may be possible to obtain grant funds to do this. This project would need Department of Agriculture and CMA involvement.

Jane to contact the DPI regarding the Extension Officer currently working in Cudgen, and to invite this officer to the next TCC meeting for an update.

Max Boyd left the meeting at 3.05pm

6. Mooball Sewerage Treatment Plant

Mooball Creek

Peter Harding referred to an article from the Tweed Link regarding the removal of funding from the State Government for the Mooball Sewerage Treatment Plant Scheme. Peter expressed the Pottsville community's concern at the negative impact of not building an STP on water quality in Mooball Creek.

7. Department of Lands Representative

Tweed Coastal Committee

Kersten Tuckey advised that she would not be attending further meetings while on maternity leave, however, David McPherson would be replacing her from the next meeting. The Chair wished her well.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Tweed Coastal Committee will be held Wednesday 11 October 2006 in the Canvas & Kettle Meeting Room commencing at 1.00pm.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Nil.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

7. Estuary and Coastal Management Programs - Funding Application 2006/07

Tweed Coastal Committee; Coastal Management; Estuary Management

As per Committee's recommendation being:

That Council submit the funding application to Department of Natural Resources for 2006/07.

3 [SUB-LTC] Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held Thursday 17 August 2006

VENUE:

Peter Border Room

TIME:

Commencing at 9.00am.

PRESENT:

Committee Members: Mike Baldwin, Roads and Traffic Authority; Jason Thrupp, NSW Police; Mr Neville Newell, MP, Member for Tweed.

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

APOLOGIES:

Mr Don Page MP, Member for Ballina.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held Thursday 20 July 2006 were tabled at the meeting and accepted by the Committee as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE ITEMS

Item from Meeting Held 16/3/06:

3. Bakers Road, Murwillumbah

R0280 Pt1; DW1346133; Street - Sign; Traffic - Parking Zones; New Art Gallery

"Request received in relation to parked vehicles at the art gallery. The parked vehicles are making it difficult for persons at 41 Bakers Road to exit their property.

This item deferred until the extensions to the Art Gallery are complete as extra onsite car parking should be provided.

To be brought forward to the Local Traffic Committee meeting in September 2006.

For Council's information."

Current Status: To be brought forward to the LTC for meeting in September 2006.

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BUSINESS ARISING:

Item from Meeting Held 20/7/2006:

7. Cudgera Creek Road, Pottsville

Heavy Vehicles; R1470 Pt5; DW1425845; 1433280

"Request received for lifting of B-double restrictions on Cudgera Creek Road during the hours of 7:00am to 9:00am and 2:00pm to 4:00pm on school days now that Cudgera Creek Road has been upgraded.

Item deferred awaiting formal submission of an application.

For Council's information."

Item from Meeting Held 17/8/2006:

The meeting noted that an application has now been received and that the road upgrading is complete.

RECOMMENDATION:

That B-double restrictions on Cudgera Creek Road during the hours of 7:00am - 9:00am and 2:00pm to 4:00pm on school days be lifted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

PART A

Marine Parade, Kingscliff
 DA03/1620 Pt3; DW1435453; DW1346283; Local Area Traffic Mgt; Property No. 10163;
 Traffic - Safety; Traffic - Parking Zones

Request received for the provision of a 'Construction Zone' immediately in front of the Azura development at Lot 29 DP 979920, 52 Marine Parade, Kingscliff as loading and unloading activities could be hazardous to through traffic and vehicles parked in the area.

An undertaking has been received that this 'Construction Zone' would be removed from 22 December 2006 to 8 January 2007.

The Road Safety Officer tabled the Traffic Management Plan and photographs of the site. The Committee does not support the 'Construction Zone' as the application fails to address the needs of pedestrians. The proponent needs to provide a traffic control plan advising of how pedestrian movements will be accommodated on the western side of Marine Parade as the footpath would appear to be closed.

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The Committee would consider a fresh application if all of the above matters are addressed.

For Council's information.		

 Mooball Street, Murwillumbah
 DW1431997; R3520 Pt2; Parking Infringement Notices; Transport - Bus Services -Stops; School Zones

Request received for Local Traffic Committee advice in relation to the location of the bus school zone on Mooball Street. It is reported that this bus zone is not utilised due to the steepness of the road and the width of the parking area. It is also reported that buses are dropping off and picking up at the base of the hill on Mooball Street, which is also covered by a bus zone. The Committee agreed to the request and to replace it with a parent set down/pick up area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a 'No Parking' zone be erected on Mooball Street to replace the existing 'Bus Zone' between 8:00am - 9:00am and 3:00pm - 4:00pm on School Days.

 Enterprise Avenue, Machinery Drive and Parkside Drive Tweed Heads South DW1435953; Traffic - Weight of Vehicles; R1915 Pt1; R3250 Pt4; R4144Pt1

Request received for extension to the existing B-Double route in Machinery Drive / Greenway Drive and Parkside Drive from Tierney Place to a depot in Enterprise Avenue to gain access to the Depot for storage and distribution and provide off street parking for a vehicle.

The Committee noted that at the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 17 April 2003 an application was discussed which was resolved as follows:-

"That:-

- 1. The current B Double designation for Kennedy Drive and Minjungbal Drive be modified to allow B Doubles to travel only between the hours of 7:00pm to 7:00am and
- 2. Subject to Mr Abood submitting a DA for the site showing that B-Doubles are able to enter and exit the site in a forward direction, an extension of designation for B-Double use between the hours of 7:00pm to 7:00am be made for:
 - a) Machinery Drive and Greenway Drive only to the intersection of Traders Way.
 - b) Traders Way from Greenway Drive to Enterprise Avenue.
 - c) Enterprise Avenue from Traders Way to number 30 Enterprise Avenue."

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The Committee noted Mr Abood's arguments. However also notes that these oversize vehicles are very slow at traffic signals and take up large areas of road space to make turns and would have a severe impact on general traffic flow and efficiency within the congested Machinery Drive area. For example, B-doubles cannot turn left from Minjungbal Drive into Machinery Drive from the left turn lane, thereby affecting through traffic. Similar problems would occur at the Enterprise Avenue intersection. A problem with the approval process is that it allows any B-double to use the route. It is also noted that the turning problems have been exacerbated by the recent decision to allow b-doubles to increase their length from 25m to 26 metres. A standard semi trailer is only 19 metres in length. Given the impact these oversize vehicles will potentially have on traffic flow and the fact the applicant still has not demonstrated the site complies with the Roads & Traffic Authority B-double Route Assessment Guidelines, the application was not supported. The Committee noted it could support a complying application but not during day time hours due to traffic congestion.

RECOMMENDATION:

That subject to Mr Abood submitting a DA for the site showing that B-Doubles are able to enter and exit the site in a forward direction, an extension of designation for B-Double use between the hours of 7:00pm to 7:00am be made for:-

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- b) Traders Way from Greenway Drive to Enterprise Avenue.
- c) Enterprise Avenue from Traders Way to number 30 Enterprise Avenue.

4. Philip Street, Pottsville

R4261 Pt1; Parking - Zones; DW1436230

Request received for Local Traffic Committee advice in relation to new line markings that appear to be causing problems. As cars leave Philip Street parked cars on the left hand side of the road are causing the departing traffic to have to move to the wrong side of the road. It is suggested that 'No Parking' signage may need to be erected.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the unbroken section and the broken sections of linemarking on Philip Street Pottsville be removed beyond 10m south from the intersection with Coronation Drive

Cycle Club Events - Dungay, Urliup, Dulguigan an North Tumbulgum
 DW1438330; 1437341; Roads - General; Bicycle Matters; Traffic - Safety

Request received in relation to cycle club weekend race events being conducted on public roads around Dungay, Urliup, Dulguigan and North Tumbulgum.

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It is reported that cyclists are travelling 4 - 5 abreast and it is difficult for traffic to pass from either direction and at times this makes it necessary for motorists to stay behind the cyclists for 5 - 10 kilometres. It is also reported that there are large groups of cyclists travelling in both directions at the same time which leaves no room for any other traffic.

The Committee recommended that the Cycle Club be advised that Council has received complaints and requests that the Club seek approval for their weekend events in relation to temporary closure of roads and submit traffic control plans for any event in which participants are riding more than 2 abreast.

For Council's information.		

6. Hungerford Lane, Kingscliff

R2605 Pt1; DW1440555; Traffic - Parking Zones

Request received for erection of a 'No Parking' zone at the southern end of Hungerford Lane, Kingscliff.

Photographs of the location were viewed by the Committee. It was noted that the issue of parking in the lane will increase as development of units proceeds and eventually parking will need to be banned on one side of the lane. The Committee supports this proposal subject to acceptance from the adjoining land owners.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- An advertisement be placed in the Tweed Link advising that a 'No Parking' zone is proposed to be erected on the western side of Hungerford Lane, Kingscliff between Palmers Avenue and Sutherland Street requesting public comment.
- 2. The signage be approved subject to the issues raised in 1 above being addressed.
- 7. Salt Village Traffic Management Proposal DW1445190; 1445192; 1445195; 1445191; Local Area Traffic Management; Traffic Safety

Late Agenda item. Request received for local area traffic management in the car park are of the Salt Village including streets to increase pedestrian safety. With the children's playground and park on one side of the road and the village centre retail stores on the other it creates a flow of pedestrian traffic across this road. It is reported that young children often cross without looking and in areas that look as if there 'may' be a crossing due to the different coloured pavement (created as desire lines for pedestrians crossing). Several proposals were considered and the Committee supported the proposed one-way

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traffic aisles on Bells Boulevard and the SALT car park and the associated 'speed bumps'.

The RTA Representative advised that raised and or coloured pavement surfaces are not permissible in public roads on pedestrian desire lines unless pedestrian access is physically prevented. See RTA Technical Direction TDT2001/04. The Committee noted that the Technical Direction should be referred to Council's Development Assessment Unit to ensure future subdivisions comply with this requirement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. The installation of speed bumps on Bells Boulevard within the Salt Village car parking area be approved.
- 2. Approval be given for the designation of the car park on Bells Boulevard within Salt Village to be one way.
- 8. Poplar Avenue, Bogangar

R4400 Pt1; DW1445995;

Late Agenda item. Request received from the Works Unit for the Committee to consider installing a 'Give Way' sign and associated Linemarking to assist drivers in delineating the intersection.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a 'Give Way' sign and associated linemarking be installed on Poplar Avenue to increase delineation at the intersection with Rosewood Avenue, Bogangar.

PART B

 Alterations and Additions to Pottsville North Caravan Park, Coast Road, Pottsville -Lot 2, Lot 1 DP 731761; Lot 522; DP 822808; Lot 7016 DP 1055269

DA06/0808; DW1442006; Property: 35841; 45975; 94490

A Major Project application has been received from the Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserve Trust on behalf of Council.

The application is not listed within Schedule 2 of SEPP No. 11 - Traffic Generating Developments however, Local Traffic Committee comments on the application are invited. Council will exhibit the Environmental Assessment (EA) from 16 August 2006 until 15 September 2005.

The Committee noted that the development is serviced by an existing roundabout which has adequate capacity to cater with the additional traffic generated by the proposal.

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TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2006
For Council's information.
NEXT MEETING:
The next meeting of the Local Traffic Committee will be held 14 September 2006 in the Peter Border Room commencing at 9.00am.
The meeting closed at 11:20am.
DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:
Nil.
DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:
Business Arising:
Item from Meeting Held 20/7/2006:
7. Cudgera Creek Road, Pottsville Heavy Vehicles; R1470 Pt5; DW1425845; 1433280
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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

REPORTS THROUGH GENERAL MANAGER IN COMMITTEE

1 [GC-CM] TEDC Quarterly Financial Reporting – June 2006 Quarter

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY:

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

2 [GC-CM] Hastings Point Marine Environment Centre

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REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT IN COMMITTEE

3 [PD-CM] Development Application DA05/0816 for a 3 Storey Dwelling & Demolition of Existing Dwelling at Lot 460 DP 755740, No 27 Fingal Road, Fingal Head

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY:

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

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

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REPORTS FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS IN COMMITTEE

4 [EO-CM] Boundary Adjustment - Wardrop Valley - Lots 1 & 2 in DP 1069561

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY:

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 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
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- 5 [EO-CM] The Lower Tweed and Pacific Highway Road Network Master Plan

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