

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, INGHAM ON THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, 2010 AT 4.00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

- Present were Councillors Cr. G. Giandomenico, A.J. Lancini, G.P. Gianotti, L.R. Molachino, and Cr. S.J. Kaurila, Cr. P.D. Lynch and D.M. Bosworth.
- Also present was the Manager Corporate & Economic Development (R.F. Pennisi), Manager Engineering Services (B.E. Leach), and Executive Secretary (B.K. Edwards).

<u>PRAYER</u> - The Mayor opened the meeting with prayer.

1. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on the 28th January, 2010 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 11th February, 2010 be approved as a correct record of proceedings and be signed by the Mayor. (Crs. Lancini and Molachino - Carried unanimously)

2. BUSINESS -

1. CEO REPORT OF COUNCILLOR REQUESTS

Consideration of CEO Report of Councillor Requests for the period 21st January, 2010 to 10th February, 2010.

<u>Resolved</u> – That the advice be received and noted and the item be moved to a future agenda. (Crs. Bosworth and Lancini - Carried unanimously)

2. <u>FINANCIALS</u>

Consideration was given to a report of financial activities for the months of January and February, 2010.

<u>Resolved</u> - That the Report be received and noted. (Crs. Molachino and Lancini - Carried unanimously)

3. WORKS REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of civil operations for the month of January, 2010.

<u>Resolved</u> – That the Report be received and noted. (Crs. Gianotti and Lynch - Carried unanimously)

4. <u>INSTRUCTION SHEETS</u>

Consideration was given to monthly Instruction Sheets during the month of January, 2010.

<u>Resolved</u> – That the Report be received and noted. (Crs. Molachino and Lynch - Carried unanimously)

5. <u>FUNCTION II - DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING</u>

A. PROGRAM A – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. <u>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</u>, Toowoomba, 27th January, 2010, seeking Council's views and / or requirements in relation to an application received from Robert John and Desley Ann Lynch to wholly surrender Permit to Occupy No. 24/6751 over Lot A on PER6751, Parish Marathon at Seaforth with the purpose being weekend / holiday. Also requesting Council to confirm the applicants claim that all improvements including fishing hut has been cleared and that all refuse has been disposed of. (077/0001)

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council offer no objection to the application to surrender Permit to Occupy 24/6751 over Lot A on PER6751, subject to all improvements being removed from the site.

2. <u>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</u>, Toowoomba, 4th February, 2010, seeking Council's views and / or requirements in relation to an application received from James Biviano and John Rollino to wholly surrender Permit to Occupy No. 24/4122 over Lot 1 on PER4122, Parish Cordelia at Gentle Annie. (077/0001)

<u>Resolved</u> - That Council offer no objection to the application to surrender Permit to Occupy 24/4122 over Lot 1 on PER4122, subject to all improvements being removed from the site. (Crs. - Carried unanimously)

That all of the recommendations contained in Development and Planning – Economic Development 2.5.A.1 to 2.5.A.2 be adopted.

(Crs. Lancini and Bosworth – Carried unanimously)

 FORREST BEACH HOTEL / MOTEL, Allingham, 29th January, 2010, seeking an extension of approval for two years until 31st January, 2012 (original approval date 31st January, 2008) for completion of the proposed reconfiguration (subdivision) into two lots of Lot 343 on CWL2773, Parish of Cordelia at 1 Ash Street, Allingham. (066/0180)

<u>Resolved</u> – That an extension of time for two years until the 31st January, 2012 in which to complete the proposed reconfiguration be granted and the applicant be advised that no further extensions will be granted.

4. <u>THORSBY & HOMEWOOD PTY. LTD.</u>, Ingham, 18th January, 2010, on behalf of *R. Tento* seeking an extension of approval for four months until 25th May, 2010 for completion of the proposed reconfiguration (subdivision) into two lots of Lot 1 on RP724381, Parish of Cordelia at Taylors Beach Road, Halifax. (066/0049)

 $\underline{\text{Resolved}}$ – That an extension of time for four months until the 25th May, 2010 in which to complete the proposed reconfiguration be granted and the applicant be advised that no further extensions will be granted.

(Crs. - Carried unanimously)

That all of the recommendations contained in Development and Planning – Economic Development 2.5.A.3 to 2.5.A.4 be adopted.

(Crs. Bosworth and Lancini – Carried unanimously)

6. <u>FUNCTION V - INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT</u>

A. PROGRAM A – TRANSPORT

1. <u>D.M. SMITH, W.J. MONAGHAN & G.W. SMITH</u>, Safety Beach, 18th December, 2009, requesting Council to advise of their plans regarding formalising public access to the rear of 18 – 26 Lannercost Street, Ingham and to allocate resources in the next budget to create this access through private property. Requesting Council to also suggest a course of action either by themselves or Council to alleviate the inconveniences to businesses occupying the properties and adjoining business proprietors in the intervening period as they are suffering unnecessary difficulties in their operations. (092/0164)

Consideration was also given to a Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 10th February, 2010 updating Council on the progress of his investigations into possible access to rear of Herbert Street lots.

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council commence negotiations with the landowners of the businesses occupying the affected properties on the basis that the registered proprietors provide the rear land required for service road purposes at no compensation cost and that a benefited area rate be established to repay only capital cost of the works over a period of fifteen (15) years. (Crs. Gianotti and Lancini - Carried unanimously)

2. NORTHERN DRAG RACERS CLUB INC., Aitkenvale, 27th December, 2009, requesting Council's permission to run another 1/8 mile Drag Racing Event in Ingham on the 9th and 10th May, 2010 at the Ingham Airstrip to promote the sport of drag racing and its sponsors in Ingham. The Club will be looking at requesting local charities to provide food and drink for the event during the weekend which will be run the same as the previous event and under their Governing Body (A.N.D.R.A.) rules and regulations. Further requesting Council to assist with providing bins, toilet facilities, and approximately 20 plastic barricades for the event. (036/0002)

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council advise the Northern Drag Racers Club it is unable to consider offering use of the airstrip due to the current bitumen seal condition and the possibility of further damage.

(Crs. Gianotti and Molachino - Carried unanimously)

3. NAMING OF NEW SERVICE ROADS – TOWNSVILLE ROAD, INGHAM.

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 1st December, 2009 seeking Council direction in relation to the naming of 4 service roads on Townsville Road, Ingham (Palm Tree Caravan Park to Larsen's Road; Bizi Bee Mini Loads to Martin Street; Skinner Street to St. Mark's Lutheran Church; and entrance to Herbert River Pony Club to the Tropixx Motel) as a result of the Bruce Highway upgrade leading into Ingham from Tokalon Road to Lannercost Street, Ingham.

<u>Resolved</u> – That consideration be deferred to a future series of meetings. (Crs. Bosworth and Kaurila - Carried unanimously)

4. RENAMING RURAL ROAD – MOUNT FOX AREA.

Consideration of Report to Council from Acting Infrastructure Manager Engineering Services dated 5th February, 2010 seeking Council direction in relation to the renaming of "Ewan Road", Mount Fox to "Furber Road", Mount Fox.

<u>Resolved</u> — That Council rename the western leg of "Ewan Road" to "Furber Road", and the eastern leg of "Ewan Road" to "Kashgora Park Road".

That the existing unmaintained road is renamed from "Furber Road" to "Knuckledown Road". (Crs. Molachino and Lancini - Carried unanimously)

B. PROGRAM C – TECHNICAL SERVICES

1. SITING RELAXATION APPLICATION – 14 LYONS STREET, INGHAM.

Consideration of a Report to Council from Acting Infrastructure Engineer dated 9th February, 2010 in relation to a Siting Relaxation Application received for the construction of an extension to an existing residence at 14 Lyons Street, Ingham from Steven and Donna Hobbs.

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council approve the Siting Relaxation Application of Steven and Donna Hobbs on the grounds that the proposed extension is not expected to impact upon the amenity of surrounding properties.

(Crs. Molachino and Lynch - Carried unanimously)

C. PROGRAM E – BUILT ENVIRONMENT

1. LUCINDA FORESHORE BUFFER ZONE.

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 9^{th} February, 2010 seeking updating Council on the damage to / destruction of native vegetation within the Lucinda foreshore buffer zone which occurred in association with a working bee which took place on Sunday 29^{th} November, 2009.

Consideration was also given to a letter dated 9th February, 2010 from Lucinda Progress Association outlining their response and explanation of what occurred at the working bee at Lucinda on the 29th November, 2009.

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council accept the offer from Greening Australia to undertake revegetation works in Precinct 2 buffer zone of the Lucinda Foreshore and negotiate a ten (10) year Memorandum of Understanding for the ongoing maintenance of the area.

That Council endorse a community tree planting day on Sunday 14th March, 2010 and invite Lucinda Progress Association and all Shire residents to be involved.

That the anticipated cost of \$27,664 (excl. GST) of revegetation and maintaining this area be considered at the March, 2010 review of the 2009 / 2010 budget. (Crs. Lynch and Kaurila - Carried unanimously)

7. FUNCTION IV- HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

A. PROGRAM B - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1. ERGON ENERGY TIDY TOWNS NOMINATION 2010.

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Environmental Health Services dated 1st February, 2010, seeking Council's direction in relation to nominating a township in the Hinchinbrook Shire for the Ergon Energy Tidy Towns 2010 Awards.

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council nominate the town of Ingham for the Ergon Energy Tidy Towns 2010 Awards.

(Crs. Lynch and Molachino - Carried unanimously)

8. <u>FUNCTION III – COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>

A. PROGRAM A – COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

 INGHAM ROD & REEL CLUB, Ingham, 11th January, 2010, advising their annual Hinchinbrook Catch and Release Tournament will be held on 14th and 15th May, 2010 and seeking sponsorship for this event. Council's support will assist in raising funds to promote recreational fishing through increased fish stocks. (012/0002)

Resolved – That Council provide the sum of \$250 (excl. GST) to the Ingham Rod & Reel Club, as the Hinchinbrook Catch and Release Tournament qualifies under Council's Support for Events Policy.

(Crs. Bosworth and Lancini - Carried unanimously)

9. <u>FUNCTION V - INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT</u>

A. PROGRAM E – BUILT ENVIRONMENT

HINCHINBROOK LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN.
 Consideration of draft Hinchinbrook Local Disaster Management Plan.

 $\underline{\mathsf{Resolved}}$ – That Council adopt the Draft Hinchinbrook Local Disaster Management Plan as presented.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lancini - Carried – Cr. Bosworth recorded her vote against the motion)

B. <u>PROGRAM G – WATER</u>

1. <u>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</u>, Cairns, 27th January, 2010, forwarding a copy of the Moratorium Notice on new water resource development in the Wet Tropics area which came into effect on the 18th January, 2010, together with a map of the affected area, and a fact sheet explaining the provisions of the moratorium in further detail. The Moratorium applies to new applications to take or interfere with surface water, as well as new works for taking underground water across the moratorium area. Its purpose is to maintain a stable base of water entitlements from which to commence water resource planning once the Honourable Stephen Robertson MP, Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade formally announces the intent to prepare a water resource plan for the Wet Tropics. Also forwarding a brochure regarding water resource planning. (046/0013)

<u>Resolved</u> – That the advice be received and noted. (Crs. Lancini and Gianotti - Carried unanimously)

10. FUNCTION III – COMMUNITY SERVICES

A. PROGRAM A – COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

1. <u>ST. TERESA'S COLLEGE</u>, Abergowrie, 1st February, 2010, requesting Council to consider waiving the Shire Hall fee for a combined senior school social / disco for Year 11 and 12 students from Abergowrie, Gilroy and Ingham State High Schools in mid-late March, 2010. The College would like to host / organise the event and gain Police assistance similar to the Blue Light Disco's. Gilroy College is keen to be involved and the Ingham State High School is taking the proposal to the next meeting of their administration team. Should the social proceed, there would be approximately 300 – 350 students with admission being minimal to cover costs only (i.e. DJ with no raffles scheduled). The senior leaders would prepare the hall, organise soft drinks, chips, etc. Teachers will be requested to assist with supervision.

<u>Resolved</u> – That consideration be deferred to the next series of meetings pending discussions between the Hinchinbrook Youth Council and St. Teresa's College. (Crs. Bosworth and Gianotti - Lost)

That as this proposal does not meet Council's Support for Events Policy, Council is unable to support this request and that the St. Teresa's College may like to consider approaching the Hinchinbrook Youth Council for their sponsorship.

(Crs. Lynch and Molachino - Carried – Cr. Bosworth recorded her vote against the motion)

2. <u>HERBERT RIVER PASTORAL AND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION INC.</u>, Ingham, 1st February, 2010, seeking Council's continued support to ensure the success of the 128th Ingham 2010 Annual Show to be held on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th July, 2010. (012/0002)

Resolved – That Council provide financial assistance in the sum of \$10,000 (excl. GST) and provide inkind support up to \$14,500 (excl. GST) which is a similar level as applied in previous years.

(Crs. Kaurila and Lynch - Carried)

3. <u>HERBERT RIVER EXPRESS</u>, Ingham, 27th January, 2010, advising that they have decided to once again host the third annual Girls Night Out event for 2010 to raise funds for much needed Cancer facilities both locally and in Townsville. In its first year the event raised \$3,500 with \$5,000 raised in 2009. As the events popularity grows so does the venue and requesting Council to donate the use of the Shire Hall to achieve their goal of \$10,000 raised in 2010. The event is tentatively booked for September and all sponsors will be acknowledged in advertisements, signage at the event, on promotional flyers and posters. (012/0002)

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council advise that the hall hire fees will not be waived, however Council will provide a donation in the sum of \$250 to support the event. (Crs. Kaurila and Lynch – Carried unanimously)

4. <u>HONEYCOMBES SALES & SERVICE PTY. LTD.</u>, Ingham, 5th February, 2010, seeking Council's permission to hold a customer focus day in Rotary Park on Saturday 27th February, 2010 to display and demonstrate the John Deere range of residential mowers and accessories with BBQ food and soft drinks given out. Advising that no alcohol will be involved and the event will be covered by their insurance.

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council allow Honeycombes Sales & Service Pty. Ltd. permission to use Rotary Park on Saturday 27th February, 2010. (Crs. Kaurila and Molachino - Carried unanimously)

B. PROGRAM C – RECREATION

1. HERBERT RIVER JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE INC., Ingham, received 29th January, 2010, making application to Council to purchase the small clubhouse located within the Showgrounds beside the grandstand, to allow the Club to use this building as an office for the executives, to store training gear, display trophies, and to hold general meetings. The Club has been operating in Ingham for almost 50 years, and most of that time the Club has not had a clubhouse to call their home. Should Council allow the purchase, the Club will be able to apply for grants to repair the building, as it is currently in disrepair. The building will be made available to other clubs or organisations if they wish to use the building. Discussions have been held with the Showground Committee regarding the possibility of taking over the clubhouse to which they have advised the Club they are in favour of. (047/0025)

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council advise that it is unable to sell or offer any form of tenure over the clubhouse, but has no objection to the Herbert River Junior Rugby League Club using the Showgrounds small clubhouse for their purpose, subject to it being made available if needed by other hirers.

(Crs. Gianotti and Molachino - Carried unanimously)

2. <u>ENDEAVOUR FOUNDATION</u>, Ingham, 21st January, 2010, advising they are an active group of men and women with intellectual disabilities who attend the Endeavour Foundation's Learning and Lifestyle in Ingham. This year the group will commence a new program called "Green Care" and requesting Council to allow the group to "Adopt a Park" as part of this project to assist Council to maintain and beautify a park. The park they suggest is Rotaract Park on Yeldham Street, Ingham and we would like to plant a garden and tend it each Friday morning. Further advising they would also be interested in other projects Council has in mind for this park e.g. painting swings etc. The group would not be able to purchase many items for the park and any donations of healthy seedlings or other items towards the project would be appreciated. (039/0004)

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council thank the Endeavour Foundation for their offer to adopt Rotaract Park in Yeldham Street, Ingham and that the Green Care group liaise with Council's Public Open Space Supervisor, Mr. Colin Dallavanzi to formalise details of the group's involvement. (Crs. Kaurila and Gianotti - Carried unanimously)

11. <u>FUNCTION I - CORPORATE SERVICES</u>

A. PROGRAM A – CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1. CORPORATE PLAN 2010 – 2014.

Consideration and adoption of Hinchinbrook Shire Council Draft Corporate Plan 2010 – 2014.

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council adopt the Draft Corporate Plan 2010 – 2014 as amended. (Crs. Bosworth and Lancini - Carried unanimously)

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - CR. G. GIANDOMENICO.

Consideration of request by Cr. G. Giandomenico for leave of absence from Council as follows:-

- 5th April, 2010 to 9th April, 2010;
- 31st May, 2010 to 18th June, 2010; and
- 26th July, 2010 to 6th August, 2010.

 $\underline{\mathsf{Resolved}}$ – That Council approve leave of absence for the Mayor, Cr. G. Giandomenico as follows:-

- 5th April, 2010 to 9th April, 2010;
- 31st May, 2010 to 18th June, 2010; and
- 26th July, 2010 to 6th August, 2010.

That Deputy Mayor, Cr. A.J. Lancini assume the role of Acting Mayor during the Mayor's absence. (Crs. Lancini and Kaurila - Carried unanimously)

3. <u>DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING</u>, Brisbane, 23rd December, 2009, advising that the Honourable Desley Boyle MP, Minister for Local Government, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships has released an exposure draft of the *Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2009*. The Regulation provides for establishing and changing Local Government areas, names and classification, Local Government committees and meeting procedures, the business of Local Governments including local laws, roads and other infrastructure, approved inspection programs, Councillor remuneration, Local Government employee disciplinary processes and appeals, portability of long service leave for Local Government employees, superannuation requirements, and registers for delegations and interests. Requesting Council to review the Regulation and make a submission on any provisions which can be improved by Friday 26th February, 2010.

Consideration of Report to Council from Chief Executive Officer dated 12th February, 2010 in relation to his review of the proposed Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2009.

<u>Resolved</u> – That the Report be received and noted and that a submission be lodged in relation to suggested improvements to the Regulation. (Crs. Kaurila and Lancini - Carried unanimously)

B. <u>PROGRAM B – COUNCIL SUPPORT SERVICES – FINANCIAL SERVICES</u>

DEBT RECOVERY.

Consideration of properties with outstanding rates.

<u>Resolved</u> – That the details of outstanding rates and charges be noted and that Finance Officers continue recovery action as detailed in Council's Debt Recovery Policy. (Crs. Lancini and Molachino - Carried unanimously)

C. <u>MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE</u>

- 1. <u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC.</u>, Fortitude Valley, 22nd January, 2010, forwarding Joint LGW / LGM 2008 / 2009 Report to Members. (600/0022)
- 2. <u>TERRAIN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</u>, Innisfail, 5th February, 2010, inviting Council to attend the next Board Meeting of Terrain Natural Resource Management in Mossman on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th February, 2010. (007/0012)
- 3. <u>QUEENSLAND TOURISM INDUSTRY COUNCIL</u>, Brisbane, 27th January, 2010, forwarding copy of the judges' feedback for Council's entries in the 2009 Queensland Tourism Awards (Tyto Wetlands and Tyto Wetlands Information Centre, and advising that Awards seminars will be conducted around the State in April and May this year and strongly recommending attendance for all entrants as there can be significant changes to the rules and criteria from one year to the next. (079/0079)

<u>Resolved</u> – That the list of miscellaneous correspondence be received and noted. (Crs. Bosworth and Lancini - Carried unanimously)

D. <u>PROGRAM C — MINUTES OF ORGANISATIONS / COMMITTEES ON WHICH COUNCIL IS REPRESENTED</u>

1. <u>LUCINDA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION</u>.

Consideration of minutes of the Lucinda Progress Association Meeting held on the 7th December, 2009.

<u>Resolved</u> – That the list of minutes be received and noted. (Crs. Molachino and Kaurila - Carried unanimously)

12. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT

Consideration of Councillor Activity Reports as at the 15th February, 2010 to ensure transparency and public scrutiny of Councillor workload.

<u>Resolved</u> – That the Report be received and noted. (Crs. Molachino and Bosworth - Carried unanimously)

13. FUNCTION II - DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

A. PROGRAM A – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. <u>REWARDS MANAGEMENT PTY. LTD.</u>, West Perth, 15th September, 2009, seeking approval for the proposed Material Change of Use – Cane Farm to Production Forestry over Lot 6 on RP835575 and Lot 7 on RP712942, Parish of Leach at Abergowrie Road, Abergowrie. Land is zoned *Rural*. (058/0290)

<u>Resolved</u> – That conditional approval be granted for the proposed Material Change of Use – Code Assessment – Cane Farm to Production Forestry over Lot 6 on RP835575 and Lot 7 on RP712942, Parish of Leach for the following reasons:-

(a) The proposed development is consistent with the Hinchinbrook Shire Planning Scheme, Rural Zone Code.

The following conditions should be attached to an approval:-

- (a) The development being as per the proposal plans submitted with the Development Application dated 17th September 2009, inclusive of Lot 6 on RP835575 and Lot 7 RP712942 for Material Change of Use Cane Farm to Forestry;
- (b) Existing access points from the proposed plantation areas directly onto the State Controlled Road (Ingham Abergowrie Road) are to be constructed in accordance with the Conditions of Development (Concurrence Agency Advice) provided in the response from the Department of Transport and Main Roads Ref: 830/874 DCT2300. Note that the conditional approval is subject to Road Accesses being fully constructed and approved prior to the commencement of operational works.
- (c) Managing groundcover at all times to recognise its role in stabilising and retaining nutrients and sediments on site;
- (d) Being consistent with best practice, managing the release of pesticides and nutrients for agricultural purposes so it does not occur in quantities or circumstances that have the potential to result in adverse impacts on site, either directly or indirectly or adversely impact on on-site features of significant value, such as coastal wetlands or waterways;
- (e) Undertake protective measures on land susceptible to soil erosion because of slope, soil, or agricultural practices, to avoid or minimise sediment entering waterways;
- (f) In accordance with the Department of Environment and Resource Management concurrence agency requirements as detailed in the conditions contained in the Amended Referral Agency Response issued on 12th October 2009 (Ref IC1208TSV0009).
- (g) The applicant is to advise the Department of Natural Resources & Waters or relevant authority where the teak wildings have spread into adjacent vegetation on State Lands;
- (h) A ten (10m) metre buffer around the entire perimeter of the Teak plantation, including between the plantations and native vegetation internal to the property boundary, is to be maintained free of individual Teak plants;
- (i) Maintenance to the buffer is to be conducted at regular intervals such as every three (3) months;
- (j) The applicant is to destroy individual teak wildings that have invaded native vegetation, either on site or on adjacent State Lands including land within the banks of watercourses, lakes or springs;

- (k) Exotic teak wildings to be destroyed within the banks of watercourses, lakes and springs must be cut within 20-50cm centimetres of ground level and the ground and rood mass must not be disturbed except where necessary for approved excavation;
- (I) All firebreaks and fire management lines are to be located within the subject block to ensure that clearing of remnant vegetation on adjacent lots does not occur; and
- (m) That the applicant is to destroy any crop regrowth that has the potential for harbouring of pests and disease that could threaten the viability of other agricultural industries.

(Crs. Lancini and Gianotti - Carried unanimously)

2. <u>STRATEGIC CROPPING LAND – POLICY & PLANNING FRAMEWORK DISCUSSION PAPER</u>. Consideration of Discussion Paper about the policy and planning framework for conserving and managing Queensland's strategic cropping land.

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council make a submission to the Department regarding the discussion paper about Strategic Cropping of Land, identifying the following factors for consideration:-

- That categorisation of land is based on 5 categories for cropping rather than 3 and those areas with Marginal Suitability, and Unsuitability be included as part of the categorisation;
- A definition of "simple management practices" encompass, is included.
- The key principles to be employed should be based on sustainability including, economic, community and environmental factors. A balance needs to be maintained to ensure that farming and cropping communities remain viable and are enhanced by appropriate land use and development.
- That criteria be identified and included to allow for the best and most appropriate use of land with the priority being given to uses that provide a higher overall benefit to the whole community both in the short and long term.
- That carbon sequestration and tree plantations be assessed with the same criterion as all other development so as to protect the integrity of the strategic cropping land and most beneficial use of land for the local community.

(Crs. Lynch and Molachino - Carried unanimously)

3. <u>FORREST GLEN RETIREMENT VILLAGE – CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR NEW RESIDENTIAL DUPLEXES AT CASSADY BEACH ROAD, ALLINGHAM.</u>

Consideration of Report to Council from Customer & Corporate Services Officer dated 11th February, 2010 seeking Council's endorsement of the Chief Executive Officer's action to invite Expressions of Interest to build four new residential duplexes at Cassady Beach Road, Allingham.

Resolved – That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer's action for Stage 1 to invite Expressions of Interest on Saturday 13th February, 2010 to meet funding time frames, in accordance with the Old Local Government Act 1993 Chapter 6, Division 3, Subdivision 3 – 489.(1), allowing the required minimum of three (3) weeks.

(Crs. Bosworth and Lynch - Carried unanimously)

14. FUNCTION V - INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

B. PROGRAM C – TECHNICAL SERVICES

1. <u>G. & V. DI BELLA</u>, Ingham, 4th February, 2010, seeking approval of the proposed Material Change of Use – Code Assessment – Close to Rural Boundary - Siting Relaxation over Lot 2 on RP706329, Parish of Trebonne at 93 Scarrone's Road, Blackrock. Land is zoned *Rural*.

(058/0300)

Resolved – That Council approve the Material Change in Use for Close to Rural Boundary Siting Relaxation Application for Mr. Gaetano and Mrs. Vera Di Bella, on the grounds that the proposed residential development will be sited in a location compatible with existing land use in the area and meets other relevant requirements of the Rural Zone Code.

(Crs. Molachino and Lancini - Carried unanimously)

REPLACEMENT SEATS FOR KELLY THEATRE PROJECT.

Consideration was given to Report to Council from Manager Technical Services dated 11th February, 2010 providing update on replacement seats for the Kelly Theatre Project.

<u>Resolved</u> – That the Report be received and noted. (Crs. Kaurila and Molachino - Carried unanimously)

15. FUNCTION I - CORPORATE SERVICES

A. PROGRAM B - COUNCIL SUPPORT SERVICES - FINANCIAL SERVICES

LOAN BORROWING POLICY.

Consideration of Report to Council from Chief Executive Officer dated 15th February, 2010 regarding Draft Policy on Borrowings 2009 / 2010.

 $\underline{\text{Resolved}}$ – That Council amend its 2009 / 2010 budget Borrowings Policy by borrowing the amount of \$6,000,000 to be applied towards the following projects:-

Q150 Project \$4,250,000;
 Ingham TLC Project \$1,550,000; and
 Ingham Streetscape Project \$200,000.

That the current 2009 / 2010 budget be revised to include the new anticipated and redemption payment for 2009 / 2010.

(Crs. Molachino and Kaurila - Carried – Cr. Bosworth recorded her vote against the motion)

3. GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

1. <u>FUNCTION V – INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT</u>

A. PROGRAM C – TECHNICAL SERVICES

1. <u>FORREST BEACH QCWA</u>, Allingham, 12th February, 2010, advising that the QCWA Forrest Beach Branch would like to take on the role as caretakers of the Forrest Beach Shop for at least three (3) years. QCWA Northern Division Council has granted approval to the Forrest Beach Branch to move ahead with plans for the shop and final approval can be granted at the State Executive meeting in Brisbane on the 8th and 9th March, 2010. Requesting Council to provide a copy of the intended works Council intends to carry out on the shop and further requesting that Council remove the petrol bowser and outside signs, or alternatively allow them to paint over the signs with white for their logo. (092/0109)

Resolved – That Council approve in principle the use of the old Forrest Beach Shop for three (3) years subject to liaison and negotiations with Manager Corporate & Economic Development in relation to the work that QCWA members are prepared to carry out to make the Shop habitable.

(Crs. Kaurila and Bosworth - Carried unanimously)

2. <u>FUNCTION II - DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING</u>

A. PROGRAM A – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. <u>ROBERTS NEHMER McKEE</u>, Townsville, 15th February, 2010, advising that the Solicitors for the appellants (J.R., M.K., G.C., & I.L. Girgenti) are prepared to accept Council's conditions and requesting Council's permission to prepare a Consent Order to put before the Planning & Environment Court.

<u>Recommended</u> – That Council advise its solicitors, Robert Nehmer McKee to proceed with preparing the Consent Order to put before the Court and that the following conditions be attached to that Consent Order:

- a. Property access to Council Standards to be constructed to both proposed lots;
- b. Separate utilities including Telephone, Water and Electricity Supply to be provided to both proposed lots;

- c. Evidence is to be provided in accordance with File Note 09/07680 "Explanatory File Note-Development Applications Reconfiguring a Lot Code Electricity Supply to Rural Residential Lots" that electricity can be connected to both allotments. The evidence must be provided in the form of either "Attachment A" or "Attachment B" of the file Note;
- d. Payment to Council of Water Headworks contribution of \$1,555 (one (1) additional lot x \$1,555); and
- e. Payment to Council of Public Open Space contribution of \$1,555 (one (1) additional lot x \$1,555).

Please note that in relation to condition (c), the applicant would at the appropriate time need to obtain the latest relevant forms from Ergon Energy or relevant authority. (Crs. Kaurila and Bosworth - Carried unanimously)

4.	<u>CONCLUSION</u> – This concluded the business of the meeting which closed at 6.00 p.m.
5.	APPROVED and adopted this 11 th day of March, 2010.

		MAYOR	