

# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

## HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, INGHAM ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2010 AT 4.00 P.M.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

- Present were Councillors G. Giandomenico, A.J. Lancini, G.P. Gianotti, L.R. Molachino, P.D. Lynch, S.J. Kaurila and D.M. Bosworth.
- Also present was the Chief Executive Officer (R.W. Clark), Manager Engineering Services (B.E. Leach), Manager Corporate & Economic Development (R.F. Pennisi), 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 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 be approved as a correct record of proceedings and be signed by the Mayor. (Crs. Lancini and Molachino - Carried unanimously)

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS REPORT -

The Joint Committee submitted a report of meeting held on 14th September, 2010.

<u>Resolved</u> – That the report be received for consideration. (Crs. Molachino and Gianotti – Carried unanimously)

#### **BUSINESS** -

#### 1. OPERATIONAL ACTION 1.0 - COMMUNITY

1. <u>INGHAM EARLY LEARNING CENTRE</u>, Ingham, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, advising that the Centre is a community based not-for-profit childcare centre providing affordable and high quality childcare to Shire families. Further advising that they are the only Centre to provide care for children from 0 - primary school age, together with long day care and school age care. The Centre is having great difficulty in sustaining the viability of the Centre as families are leaving the district in search of employment, and families are also simply unable to afford childcare. These issues have led the Centre to put off staff due to decreased children attending the Centre.

Requesting Council to consider reducing the Centre's annual rates or providing continuous financial support to assist with the viability of the Centre to allow them to continue to provide childcare to the district. Also advising that various fundraising events have been run and grants applied for which have been unsuccessful as community support is not provided and the Centre is not eligible for the grants due to another privately owned centre in close proximity.

Consideration of further letter from Ingham Early Learning Centre dated 17th August, 2010 providing evidence / information demonstrating that their land is used for education purposes and enclosing proof of *License for a Centre Based Child Care Service* from the Office for Early Childhood Education and Care and *National Childcare Accreditation Council Certificate* to prove they are a Childcare Centre that provides an educational program to young children.

Consideration was also given to a Report to Council from Revenue Supervisor dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2010 regarding the Ingham Early Learning Centre's claim that they are a Centre used for educational purposes.

Consideration of a further letter from Ingham Early Learning Centre dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2010 enclosing further evidence of their financial situation and educational status.

Resolved – That Council provide a general rate remission for 2010 / 2011 under the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 Section 54(1)(b) which is that the land is owned by an entity whose objective does not include making a profit and Section 54(1)(c) that the payment will cause hardship to the landowner.

(Crs. Molachino and Bosworth – Carried – Cr. Gianotti recorded his vote against the motion)

#### 2. OPERATIONAL ACTION 3.0 - ENVIRONMENT

#### 1. UPGRADES TO MARINA PARADE, INGHAM

Consideration of a Report provided by Manager Engineering Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 regarding the progress of upgrades to Marina Parade, Ingham.

<u>Resolved</u> — That Council note and endorse action taken by Council's Manager Engineering Services, Bruce Leach, but retain a traffic calming device west of Clemments Street, in its present location.

(Crs. Kaurila and Gianotti – Carried – Cr. Bosworth and Cr. Molachino recorded their votes against the motion)

#### 3. <u>CEO REPORT OF COUNCILLOR REQUESTS</u>

Consideration of CEO Report of Councillor Requests for the period 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 to 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

<u>Resolved</u> – That the advice be received and noted and a Nil Report be recorded. (Crs. Bosworth and Lancini – Carried unanimously)

Manager Corporate & Economic Development, Ms. Rosemary Pennisi entered the meeting at 4.06 p.m.

#### 4. <u>FINANCIALS</u>

Consideration was given to a report of financial activities as at the 8th September, 2010.

Resolved - That the Report be received and noted.

#### 5. WORKS REPORT

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

<u>Resolved</u> – That the Report be received and noted.

That all of the resolutions contained in 2.4. Financials and 2.5. Works Report be adopted. (Crs. Bosworth and Molachino— Carried unanimously)

#### 6. OPERATIONAL ACTION 1.0 - COMMUNITY

Cr. D.M. Bosworth declared a conflict of interest in Item 2.6.1 as she is the Treasurer / Secretary of the Herbert River Gun Club and left the room and took no part in discussions or recommendation thereon.

 HERBERT RIVER GUN CLUB, Ingham, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, making application for an interest free loan in the sum of \$10,000 to the Herbert River Gun Club to be repaid by monthly instalments over a five (5) year period to fund installation of an ablution block at the club grounds on Fairford Road, Ingham. (079/0072) Consideration of a Report to Council from Finance Manager dated 8th September, 2010 regarding the Application for Interest Free Loan.

<u>Resolved</u> – That the application be refused due to it not meeting the eligibility criteria of the Policy.

(Crs. Gianotti and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

#### Cr. D.M. Bosworth returned to the meeting.

2. <u>INGHAM BIRD CLUB</u>, Ingham, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, advising they will be hosting the Northern Avian Conference on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2011, which will attract participants from clubs based in the north from Atherton Tableland and Cairns, to Mackay in the south and out to Charters Towers in the west and seeking financial assistance to assist them with the costs associated in hosting this event. (012/0002)

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council provide the Ingham Bird Club with \$250 (excl. GST) as the Avian Conference fulfils Council's Support for Events Policy guidelines. (Crs. Gianotti and Lancini – Carried unanimously)

3. <u>HERBERT RIVER SUB-BRANCH RSL</u>, Ingham, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, advising that due to a shortage of band members for Anzac Day, two members travelled from Brisbane to participate and while one member was happy to pay his own way the other is seeking reimbursement of the cost of his airfare, being \$434.00 and seeking Council's consideration of reimbursement of this expense.

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<u>Resolved</u> – That Council advise that it cannot make payment of the claim for expenses. (Crs. Gianotti and Molachino – Carried unanimously)

Cr. G. Giandomenico and Cr. A.J. Lancini declared a conflict of interest in Item 2.6.4 as they are the President and Vice President respectively of the Australian Italian Festival Association Inc. and left the room and took no part in discussions or resolution thereon.

#### Cr. G. Gianotti took the Chair.

4. AUSTRALIAN ITALIAN FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION INC, Ingham, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, thanking Council for its generosity and past support of the Festival and seeking Council sponsorship towards the 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 Australian Italian Festival as with costs increasing every year, Council's sponsorship is fundamentally critical to the continuity of the festivals future. Advising that festival organisation employs a trainee to assist the Festival Director who is enrolled in a Certificate III in Administration with a 12 month contract. With the help of all the various skills the trainees have acquired, once they leave, they have been able to go to University to further their studies or acquire positions in marketing and advertising. The Association strongly believes that the festival organisation has played a very important part in training these young people from the community and given them the opportunities to succeed. Funding avenues available to the festival have become scarce, and therefore Council's continued sponsorship will play an important part in presenting the 2011 event. (012/0002)

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council provide the Australian Italian Festival Association Inc. with \$40,500 (excl. GST) sponsorship together with \$8,100 inkind support for the 2011 Festival. (Crs. Lynch and Kaurila – Carried – Cr. Bosworth recorded her vote against the motion)

Crs. G. Giandomenico and A.J. Lancini returned to the meeting and Cr. G. Giandomenico resumed the Chair.

5. <u>HINCHINBROOK YOUTH COUNCIL</u>, Ingham, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, seeking approval to put their funds towards the purchase of a concrete table and chairs, a recycled plastic bench and a drinking fountain to be installed at the Skate Park. (044/0024)

 $\underline{\text{Resolved}} - \text{That Council approve the installation of table and chairs, recycled plastic bench and drinking fountain subject to Engineering approval.}$ 

That Council submit the shade sail project for funding under the State Government Sport and Recreation program.

(Crs. Lynch and Lancini – Carried unanimously)

6. <u>INGHAM TOASTMASTERS</u>, Ingham, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, advising that Ingham Toastmasters will host the annual Area 2 Conference on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, which will attract competitors from Townsville and judging officials from throughout North Queensland, and seeking financial assistance to assist with the hosting of this event. (012/0002)

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council provide Ingham Toastmasters with \$250 (excl. GST) as the annual Area 2 Conference fulfils Council's Support for Events Policy guidelines.

7. <u>INGHAM SQUASH RACQUETS ASSOCIATION</u>, Ingham, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, advising they will be hosting the first Q Squash Northern Region Qualifier for 2011 on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, which is an open tournament featuring up to 100 local and northern regional juniors who will travel from as far north as Cairns and south from Mackay to play for a position in the Northern Region Redbacks junior squash team, and seeking sponsorship to assist with the hosting of this event. (012/0002)

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council provide Ingham Squash Racquets Association with \$250 (excl. GST) as the Q Squash Northern Regional Qualifier fulfils Council's Support for Events Policy guidelines.

That all of the resolutions contained in 1.0 Community – Items 2.6.6 and 2.6.7. be adopted. (Crs. Kaurila and Gianotti – Carried unanimously)

Cr. P. Lynch declared a material personal interest in Item 2.6.8. as he is employed by the Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre and left the meeting and did not participate in the discussion or resolution thereon.

#### 8. ANNUAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Consideration was given to the level of financial assistance to be provided to the Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre.

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council provide annual financial assistance of \$33,361 (excl. GST) which is a CPI increase of 2.10% on the 2009 / 2010 allocation. (Crs. Kaurila and Bosworth – Carried unanimously)

Cr. P. Lynch returned to the meeting.

#### 9. ANNUAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Consideration of annual financial assistance to local organisations.

Resolved – That Council provide annual financial assistance as follows:-

Herbert River District Band \$ 1,200 Herbert River Museum Gallery \$ 5,000

Ingham Meals on Wheels \$ 3,134 (incl. CPI increase)

Blue Care – Nursing Service \$ 4,330 Ethnic Community Care Links \$ 1,500 Australian Volunteer Coastguard – Ingham Flotilla \$12,000

(Crs. Bosworth and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

10. <u>INGHAM STATE HIGH SCHOOL</u>, Ingham, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2010, seeking Council's continued financial support to the School's Presentation Night on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2010 at the Shire Hall.

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council provide a donation of \$40 (excl. GST) to the Presentation Night. (Crs. Bosworth and Molachino – Carried unanimously)

11. <u>QUEENSLAND MUSEUM, MUSEUM OF TROPICAL QUEENSLAND</u>, Townsville, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, enclosing a report for the Museum of Tropical Queensland Community Pass program for 2009 / 2010 financial year which shows a dramatic increase in residents visiting the Museum with a total 774 visitors from the Hinchinbrook Shire. The Hinchinbrook education visitors recorded a total of 165 students, which is an increase from 84 students the previous year.

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

12. <u>GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AUTHORITY</u>, Townsville, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, requesting Council to consider setting aside a proportion of its annual operating expenditure budget to financially support the complete or partial subsidy of transport costs for school groups from the Hinchinbrook Shire to visit Reef HQ Aquarium. The transport subsidy would be offered to schools in the 2010 school year. Based on successful achievement of negotiated milestones and outcomes and annual review of Council's discretionary spending, ongoing provision of the transport subsidy would be at the discretion of Council.

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council trial the funding of three trips and the costs thereof be funded from the unallocated donations and the Primary School Principals Association be requested to proportionately allocate the use.

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

#### 7. OPERATIONAL ACTION 2.0 - ECONOMY

1. <u>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</u>, Brisbane, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, advising that DERM recently issued annual / quarterly rental invoices for leases, licences and permits to occupy under the *Land Act 1994*. Further advising that due to an error in delivery of information packages incorporating Fact Sheets informing all landholders of new rental arrangements prescribed under the Land Regulation 2009, the due payment date has now been extended to 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2010. In addition, DERM acknowledge that had landholders been afforded an appropriate time to consider the new rental arrangements they may have applied to surrender their lease, licence or permit before rental bills were distributed, and they are therefore offering to waive the respective annual or quarterly rental invoice for applications to surrender received before 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2010. (076/0001)

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

2. <u>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</u>, Townsville, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, advising that in relation to the application for Purchase / Allocation of Reservation in Title over Lot 2 on RP715816, it is the Department's understanding that Council's preference is for the reservation in title to be used for the dedication of a road through the Girgenti property on the alignment of the access easement described as Easement A on RP745442. In order for Council to use (all or part) of the reservation for road purposes, Council is required to acquire the area under the *Acquisition of Land* Act and request the Department (Acquisitions) to investigate the resumption of possession of all or part of the reservation. Providing further requirements as a pre-requisite of any investigation of this nature and requesting Council to advise if it intends to pursue the resumption process. In the event that Council does not wish to apply for resumption, the Department seeks Council's objections or requirements it may have in relation to the sale of the reservation to the applicant.

Resolved – That consideration be deferred to the next series of meetings pending receipt of further information.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lancini – Carried unanimously)

3. THORSBY & HOMEWOOD PTY. LTD., Ingham, 20th August, 2010, on behalf of Carey Investments Pty. Ltd. seeking an extension of approval for two years until 18th September, 2012 (original approval date 18th September, 2008) for completion of the proposed reconfiguration (rearrangement of boundaries) between Lots 3 on RP730450 and Lot 4 on RP730451, Parish of Leach at Hawkins Creek Road, Hawkins Creek. (073/0034)

 $\underline{Resolved}$  - That an extension of time for two years until the 18th September, 2012 in which to complete the proposed reconfiguration be granted and the applicant be advised that no further extensions will be granted.

(Crs. Molachino and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

4. THORSBY & HOMEWOOD PTY. LTD., Ingham, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, on behalf of *D. Mahony* seeking approval of the proposed reconfiguration of land (rearrangement of boundaries) between Lot 26 on CAR124254 and Lot 52 on CWL292, Parish of Cordelia at Taylors Beach Road, Halifax. Land is zoned *Rural*. (066/0220)

Consideration was also given to an Engineering Planning Report by the Manager Engineering Services dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 regarding the proposed reconfiguration.

<u>Resolved</u> – That the Development Application for reconfiguration of land (rearrangement of boundaries) between Lot 26 on CAR124254 and Lot 52 on CWL292, Parish of Cordelia at Taylors Beach Road, Halifax be approved subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) The Applicant constructing property access complying to Hinchinbrook Shire Council standards to both lots, or demonstrating that such is already in existence;
- (b) All utility services (phone, water electricity) are to be separated and wholly located on the block being served; and
- (c) Evidence to be furnished to confirm that a potable and secure water supply is available to the smaller lot in accordance with the Hinchinbrook Shire Planning Scheme requirements. (Crs. Lancini and Kaurila Carried unanimously)
- 5. REQUEST TO CHANGE AN EXISTING APPROVAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE DUPLEX 49–51 McILWRAITH STREET, INGHAM LOT 1 ON RP721660. Consideration of a Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 regarding an application from Design Centre (NQ) Pty Ltd to change an existing approval of Development Application. The requested change is from two x two bedroom duplex units (detached) to two x three bedroom duplex units (detached). Land is zoned *Residential*.

(058/0308)

Consideration was also given to an Engineering Planning Report by the Manager Engineering Services dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 regarding the proposed reconfiguration.

<u>Resolved</u> — That Council approve the request from Design Centre (NQ) Pty. Ltd. to change an existing approval as per their application.

(Crs. Lancini and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

6. <u>REQUEST TO CHANGE AN EXISTING APPROVAL – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE - MULTIPLE UNIT DEVELOPMENT – 30 ELEANOR STREET, INGHAM – LOT 3 ON RP892898.</u>

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated  $8^{th}$  September, 2010 regarding a request received from Port Bellbird Pty. Ltd. to change an existing approval of Development Application. The requested change is to vary the layout of the units from the approved  $4 \times 1$  bedroom unit arrangement, to  $2 \times 2$  bedroom units and  $1 \times 3$  bedroom unit.

(058/0287)

Consideration was also given to an Engineering Planning Report by the Manager Engineering Services dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 regarding the proposed reconfiguration.

<u>Resolved</u> — That Council approve the request from Port Bellbird Pty. Ltd. to change an existing approval as per the application.

(Crs. Molachino and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

#### 8. OPERATIONAL ACTION 3.0 - ENVIRONMENT

#### 1. MONA LANDING BOAT RAMP FACILITY.

Consideration of a Report by Manager Engineering Services dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 regarding possible future arrangements for the Mona Landing boat ramp facility.

Further consideration was given to a letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 from Carr's Mona Farm (Mrs. Margaret Carr on behalf of the Carr Family) advising that have not received a final plan for their proposed alterations from Brazier & Motti and requesting Council to defer consideration of this matter.

Further consideration was also given to a letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 from Brazier Motti requesting Council to postpone its decision in relation to the proposed upgrade to the existing boat ramp at Mona Landing on Carr's Mona Farm on Mona Road, Halifax.

<u>Resolved</u> – That consideration be deferred to the second series of meetings in November commencing on the 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 to allow the applicant to provide a final plan. (Crs. Molachino and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

#### 9. OPERATIONAL ACTION 4.0 - GOVERNANCE

1. NORTH QUEENSLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, Ayr, 27th August, 2010, forwarding Notice of Conference for the Association's upcoming bi-annual conference to be hosted by Cairns Regional Council from 3rd to 5th November, 2010 at the Port Douglas Community Hall, Port Douglas. Agenda items must be submitted by Monday 27th September, 2010. The early deadline will enable the agenda to be available on the Burdekin Shire Council's website one month prior to the conference to allow each Council to discuss agenda items at their own Council meetings prior to the NQLGA Conference.

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

#### 2. <u>2010 CHRISTMAS CLOSE DOWN – TOWN OFFICE AND WORKS DEPARTMENT.</u>

Consideration of office closure times over the 2010 Christmas period.

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council's Shire Office be closed from close of business on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 and re-open on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2011, and the staff arrangements as in past years apply again for 2010 relating to Federal employees.

That the Council Depot will be closed from close of business on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 and re-open on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2011. (Crs. Bosworth and Lancini – Carried unanimously)

#### 3 I G HEALTH PLAN

Consideration of Queensland Local Government Health Plan, which is offered to Local Government Association of Queensland member Councils, but requires participating Councils to provide a refundable deposit (\$2,500) to establish an "excess refund pool" and which will be refunded within a period of 12 to 36 months.

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council agree to participate in the LG Health Plan as proposed by the Local Government Association of Queensland.

(Crs. Molachino and Lancini – Carried unanimously)

#### 4. SALE OF LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES.

Consideration of Report to Council dated 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 from Revenue Supervisor seeking Council's direction on the sale of land for overdue Rates.

Resolved – That in accordance with Section 77(1) of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 Council adopt the reserve price as being the higher of the following:-

- (i) The amount of overdue rates on the land; or
- (ii) The unimproved value of the land.

(Crs. Lancini and Bosworth – Carried unanimously)

5. <u>PORT OF TOWNSVILLE LIMITED</u>, Townsville, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2010, advising that the Economic Development Conference, which is organised by Townsville City Council each year, has this year been replaced by the SEGRA Conference, which is being held in Townsville from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2010. Registrations are now open.

<u>Resolved</u> – That the Mayor, Cr. G. Giandomenico and Cr. S.J. Kaurila attend the SEGRA Conference in Townsville on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2010. (Crs. Molachino and Lancini – Carried unanimously)

#### 6. 2010 LGAQ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE.

Registrations are now open for the 2010 LGAQ Community Development Conference will be held in Townsville on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 with this year's theme being "Communities within Communities – a mosaic of community development practice".

<u>Resolved</u> – That Cr. D.M. Bosworth attend the 2010 LGAQ Community Development Conference in Townsville on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2010. (Crs. Lancini and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

#### MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

1. <u>HERBERT RIVER GUN CLUB</u>, Ingham, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, thanking Council for its continued financial and in-kind support of their 3 Day Annual Clay Target Shoot held in June this year and enclosing a copy of an article published in the Australian Clay Target Shooting News.

(012/0002)

- 2. <u>SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND</u>, South Brisbane, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, presenting the 2009 / 2010 Annual Report for Council's information. (079/0013)
- 3. <u>JONATHAN QUINN</u>, Griffith University, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, thanking Council for its support which enabled his attendance at the RDAQ conference in Mackay earlier this year. (012/0002)
- 4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND. LGAQ Executive Report to 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference 2010.

(600/0006)

- 5. HON. ANDREW FRASER MP, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC <u>DEVELOPMENT</u>, Brisbane, 20th August, 2010, advising that the State Budget 2010-11 introduced a 12 month trial for a Regional First Home Owner Grant for all new first homes constructed outside the area covered by the SEQ Regional Plan and a grant of \$11,000 is now available until 1st July, 2011. This is aimed at stimulating regional economic activity. Further advising that some local governments have indicated they will be considering options to further encourage this activity such as rate discounts or rate holidays for new homes and advising there may be opportunities for assistance in promoting such initiatives. (079/0002)
- NORTH QUEENSLAND SPORTS FOUNDATION, Townsville, 7th September, 2010, forwarding a Notice of Meeting for the North Queensland Sports Foundation AGM to be held on Friday 1st October, 2010, and also enclosing Nomination Forms for Executive Committee which is to be completed and returned by 17th September, 2010. (079/0025)

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

#### 10. <u>COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT</u>

Consideration of Councillor Activity Reports as at the  $13^{th}$  September, 2010 to ensure transparency and public scrutiny of Councillor workload.

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

#### 11. <u>OPERATIONAL ACTION 1.0 - COMMUNITY</u>

1. <u>SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND</u>, Brisbane, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, providing a submission for provision of lifequard services at Forrest Beach for 2010 / 2012.

Consideration of a Report from Customer and Corporate Services Officer dated 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 regarding lifeguard services at Forrest Beach for 2010 / 2011.

Resolved – That Council accept the offer in the sum of \$10,903.42 (inc. GST) from Surf Life Saving Queensland for the Christmas school holiday period 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 to 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 during the hours of Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm and that the offer to provide services for the September, 2010 and Easter 2011 school holidays be declined. (Crs. Gianotti and Molachino – Carried unanimously)

2. <u>FORREST BEACH STATE SCHOOL</u>, Allingham, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, advising that the Optiminds Team from Forrest Beach State School, consisting of six year 7 students and one year 6 student, recently won the regional finals and will now travel to Brisbane to contest the Australian Finals and seeking financial assistance to assist the team with travel and accommodation expenses.

(012/0002)

<u>Resolved</u> – That as this event qualifies under Council's Support for Achievement Policy the sum of \$700 (excl. GST) be provided to the Forrest Beach State School. (Crs. Bosworth and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

3. <u>CHRISTIE LEAHY</u>, Coolbie, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, advising that she has been selected to participate in the 15 year girls 2010 National School Futsal Championships being held at the Gold Coast in September, 2010. Requesting Council to consider providing financial assistance towards her costs involved in representing the community. (012/0002)

<u>Resolved</u> - That as this event qualifies under Council's Support for Achievement Policy the sum of \$250 (excl. GST) be provided to Ms Leahy.

(Crs. Kaurila and Molachino – Carried unanimously)

### 12. <u>OPERATIONAL ACTION 4.0 - GOVERNANCE</u>

1. <u>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING</u>, City East, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2010, advising that the Department of Education and Training [DET] will accept Council's formal advice that it wishes to end its lease of premises at Townsville Road, Ingham on a nominated date and requesting such formal advice.

Further advising that DET is unable to reimburse Council for its contribution for the construction of the premises and also that leaving the premises vacant would constitute a breach of the lease and that sub-letting to an acceptable tenant would be permitted but at a rental no more than that which Council currently pays to the Department. (079/0164)

<u>Resolved</u> – That Council seek discussions with the Minister for Education and Training, The Hon. Geoff Wilson in relation to the Department's response. (Crs. Lancini and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

#### 5. GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

- 1. OPERATIONAL ACTION 2.0 ECONOMY
  - 1. <u>NEGOTIATED CHANGE TO EXISTING APPROVAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR RECONFIGURING A LOT J.F. PEEBLES, J.P. SIMPSON, R.E. PEEBLES, R.G. PRESS & B.J. PRESS TOWNSVILLE ROAD (BRUCE HIGHWAY) AND SCOVAZZI'S ROAD, TOOBANNA LOTS 1 & 2 ON RP735015 AND LOT 3 ON RP883348.</u>

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2010, regarding a request received from the applicant to change the existing approval decided by Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2010. (065/0128)

Resolved – That Council approve the following amendments to the conditions of approval to reflect the reduced number of lots:-

- Proposed changes to the lot layout as per the attached LCJ Engineers Drawing Number REC1590 Sheet No. SK2 Revision D;
- Condition (m) Payment to Council of water headworks contribution of \$59,090 (Thirty-eight (38) additional lots x \$1,555); and
- Condition (n) Payment to Council of public open space contribution of \$59,090 (Thirty-eight (38) additional lots x \$1,555).

(Crs. Molachino and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

6.	<u>CONCLUSION</u> – This concluded the business of the meeting which closed at 4.40 p.m.	
7.	APPROVED and adopted this 7 <sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.	
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