



**HINCHINBROOK  
SHIRE COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE  
HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
INGHAM  
ON THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2010  
AT 9.15 A.M.

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ATTENDANCE - Present were Councillors Cr. 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 Chief Executive Officer (R.W. Clark), Manager Engineering Services (B.E. Leach), Manager Environmental Health Services (T. Tanase) and Executive Secretary (B.K. Edwards).

APOLOGY - An apology for non-attendance was received from Cr. G. Giandomenico and it was resolved that leave of absence be granted.

PRAYER - The Acting Mayor opened the meeting with prayer.

1. MINUTES - Resolved that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 be approved as a correct record of proceedings and be signed by the Mayor.  
(Crs. Lynch and Gianotti - Carried unanimously)

2. BUSINESS -

1. CEO REPORT OF COUNCILLOR REQUESTS

Consideration of CEO Report of Councillor Requests for the period 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 to 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted and a Nil Report be recorded.  
(Crs. Lynch and Molachino - Carried unanimously)

2. WORKS REPORT

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

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Bosworth - Carried unanimously)

3. INSTRUCTION SHEETS

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

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.

That Council consider the Media Communications Policy at the next Deputation Day on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

*(Crs. Molachino and Bosworth - Carried unanimously)*

4. FUNCTION II - DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

A. PROGRAM A – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. BOB DUNNING, Halifax, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, requesting Council to consider allowing him to place a number of containers with his belongings on vacant land at 2 Eddleston Road, Cordelia and obtain a Trustee Permit from Council for the land. Mr. Dunning currently lives at 3 Mona Road, Halifax and his landlord will not allow him to place the containers on this block. Advising that he will be able to maintain the 300 to 400 m<sup>2</sup> area and he does not wish to clear the scrub on the other half of the block. The neighbour, Mr. Colin McCloy does not have a problem with this proposal.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Toowoomba, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, seeking Council's views and / or requirements in relation to an application received for Permit to Occupy over Lot 427 on Crown Plan CWL2855, Parish of Cordelia at Eddleston Drive, Cordelia. Advising that the proposed use of the land is for storage purposes. (076/0001)

Resolved – That Council advise the Department that it has no objection to the proposed issue of a Permit to Occupy for the proposed storage purposes however Council envisages that the Reserve will be required for its intended purpose at a later time (beach sewerage scheme) and accordingly the Permit to Occupy should be subject to it being determinable at a maximum of six (6) months notice.

*(Crs. Lynch and Molachino - Carried unanimously)*

*The Works Engineer entered the meeting at 9.23 a.m.*

2. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Townsville, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2010, seeking the Council's views and / or requirements in relation to an application received by G.T. Cantamessa for Allocation or Purchase of Reservation in Title within Lot 1 on RP713852, Parish of Waterview at Bruce Highway, Ingham. Advising that the land is freehold and the applicant has applied to allocate the road reservation in title to Lot 1 on SP221352. (068/0031)

Resolved – That Council advise the Department that it has no objection to the application, nor does it have any requirements.

*(Crs. Kaurila and Lynch - Carried unanimously)*

3. THORSBY & HOMEWOOD PTY. LTD., Ingham, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, on behalf of G. Cantamessa seeking an extension of approval for six months until 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 (original approval date 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2008) for completion of the proposed reconfiguration (rearrangement of boundaries) between Lot 1 on RP713852, Lot 1 on RP720560, Lot 4 on RP709082 and Lot 3 on RP708744, Parish of Waterview at Bruce Highway, Ingham. (068/0031)

Resolved – That an extension of time for two years until the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 in which to complete the proposed reconfiguration be granted and the applicant be advised that no further extensions will be granted.

*(Crs. Kaurila and Bosworth - Carried unanimously)*

4. REQUEST TO CHANGE AN EXISTING APPROVAL – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR RECONFIGURING A LOT – WESLEY P. & ORLA J. DAY – 117 SACH'S LANE, INGHAM – LOT 1 on RP720200.

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2010 seeking Council's direction in relation to a request received from Wesley P. and Orla J. Day to change an existing approval of Development Application in October, 2009. The requested change is to delete conditions (b) and (c), and not fulfil conditions (d) and (3). (066/0207)

Resolved – That a Notice of Motion be prepared to incorporate proposed changes to the approval conditions for further consideration by Council.

*(Crs. Bosworth and Kaurila - Carried unanimously)*

5. OUTBACK EARTH PTY. LTD., Ingham, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010, seeking approval of the proposed reconfiguration of land (subdivision) into two lots of Lot 1 on SP177770, Parish of Cordelia at 7 Bellbird Close, Allingham. Land is zoned *Village*. (066/0210)

Resolved – That the Development Application for Reconfiguration (subdivision) into two lots of Lot 1 on SP177770, Parish of Cordelia be approved subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) The development is to be generally in accordance with the submitted proposal plan;
- (b) The fronting section of Bellbird Close to be upgraded to Council's 8 m sealed and kerbed standard.
- (c) Provision of kerb and channel to Hinchinbrook standard profiles and including invert access crossings to each allotment to all road frontages of the development, or provision of other approved surface drainage works aimed at providing similar levels of amenity to kerb and channel.
- (d) Filling and levelling of lots and footpaths, to ensure water drains to the front of lots and/or other legal points of discharge;
- (e) Surface drainage to be catered for in a manner that lessens possible impacts in receiving areas,
- (f) Payment to the Council of water headworks contribution of \$1,555 (one (1) additional lots x \$1,555);
- (g) Payment to the Council of Public Open Space contribution of \$1,555 (one (1) additional lots x \$1,555);
- (h) Provision of underground electricity reticulation to each lot, including network of street lighting for minor roads to the current Australian Standard AS/NZS 1158.3.1:1999;
- (i) Prior to commencement of civil works, submission to Council for approval of engineering drawings and specifications setting out proposed works. Payment of an engineering plan scrutiny fee based on 2% of approved cost estimate of engineering construction works;
- (j) Provision of completion certificates for civil construction works, including "as constructed" surveyed information, to suit Council's software. [Autocad drawing files connected to two (2) Council permanent marks or similar accuracy]; and
- (k) A twelve (12) month maintenance period to apply and commencing at practical completion of works. A security to be kept by Council for any unfinished works and expected maintenance obligations.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Bosworth - Carried unanimously)*

B. PROGRAM B – TOURISM

1. COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE.

Consideration of location of community Christmas Tree at the Visitor Centre during the festive season, or the alternative purchase of a second tree for Rotary Park.

Resolved – That consideration be deferred to a future series of meetings pending receipt of further information.

*(Crs. Kaurila and Bosworth - Carried unanimously)*

2. PARK AND AMENITY LIGHTING IN ROTARY PARK.

Consideration of improvement of park and amenity lighting in Rotary Park, Ingham.

Resolved – That information and associated costs be prepared for future budget consideration in the 2010 / 2011 budget.

*(Crs. Bosworth and Gianotti - Carried unanimously)*

5. FUNCTION V - INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

A. PROGRAM A – TRANSPORT

1. PROPOSED ROAD OPENING BEHIND ROYAL HOTEL.

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 regarding a recent meeting held with representatives of all benefitted properties with a view to opening a road at the rear of the Royal Hotel so that access could be gained to the rear of the commercial properties located immediately to the east of the Royal Hotel. Seeking Council's direction in relation to the view expressed at the meeting that Council should fund a greater proportion of the proposed works.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Molachino - Carried unanimously)*

2. AMENDMENTS TO DIGITAL CADASTRAL DATABASE – UNMAINTAINED ROADS – NAMES OF SIGNIFICANCE.

Consideration of Report to Council from Acting Infrastructure Engineer dated 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, seeking Council's direction in relation to removing road names from the gazetted road reserves for reallocation to other roads or shire infrastructure and also having them removed from the digital cadastral database through the Department of Environment & Resource Management. Also seeking Council's direction in relation to commissioning a local historian to collate a new list of significant names to include people who have contributed in some way to the Shire.

Resolved – That Council remove the names listed from the gazetted Road Reserves for reallocation to other roads or Shire infrastructure in the future and that appropriate arrangements are made with the Department of Environment and Resource Management [DERM] to have these changes reflected in the "Digital Cadastral Database".

That Council obtain local history to collate a new list of significant names to include people who have contributed in some way to Hinchinbrook Shire. This list will be readily available to Council when future projects are proposed or commissioned and will provide suitable recognition to these people in the region.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Molachino - Carried unanimously)*

B. PROGRAM C – TECHNICAL SERVICES

1. J. PETERSEN, Ingham, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, seeking approval of the proposed Material Change of Use – Code Assessment – Close to Rural Boundary - Siting Relaxation over Lot 4 on RP800725, Parish of Marathon at 93 Jones Road, Bemerside. Land is zoned *Rural Settlement*. (058/0303)

Resolved – That Council approve the Development Application for Material Change of Use Application for Mr. Jeff Petersen 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, and subject to the following:-

- (a) Applicant to demonstrate compliance with Outcome 01. of the "Flooding and Inundation Code".

*(Crs. Bosworth and Gianotti - Carried unanimously)*

2. HSC 10/04 – UPGRADE OF KELLY THEATRE, INGHAM: SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND DISPOSAL OF SEATING.

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Technical Support dated 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 regarding tenders received for the supply, installation and disposal of seating at the Kelly Theatre, Ingham.

Resolved – That Council engage Macrosphere Pty. Ltd. to undertake the upgrade of the Kelly Theatre seating and disposal of the old seating project for the sum of \$137,643 (incl. GST).

*(Crs. Bosworth and Kaurila - Carried unanimously)*

C. PROGRAM A – TRANSPORT

1. FORREST BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC., Allingham, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, requesting Council to consider sealing Bosworth's Road and to construct an all weather crossing over Palm Creek as a matter of priority in the 2010 / 2011 budget as the residents / ratepayers of Forrest Beach deserve to have an all weather road to the Warren's Hill Waste Transfer Station. Advising that they believe when the road is impassable in the wet season, the dumping of rubbish illegally is a common practice. Reminding Council that in October, 2002 Bosworth's Road was earmarked separately from the Waste Transfer Station in Councils five year forward works program. Further reminding Council that in flood situations when the road is not trafficable, Council would provide a skip bin for the beach. (048/0007)

Resolved – That Council thank the Forrest Beach Progress Association for their request and advise that the road has been placed on a draft Forward Works Program and will be reviewed each year during budget consideration, however due to other competing priorities, it is unlikely to be successful in the short or medium term.

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

D. PROGRAM E – BUILT ENVIRONMENT

1. LUCINDA FORESHORE BUFFER ZONE – PRECINCT 2.

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, updating Council in relation to a meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 with some of the adjacent property owners to the Lucinda Foreshore Buffer Zone – Precinct 2.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.

2. SWIMMING ENCLOSURE OPERATION.

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, providing an update on the Shire swimming enclosure operational costs.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.

*That all of the recommendations contained in Infrastructure Management – Built Environment 2.5.D.1 to 2.5.D.2 be adopted.*

*(Crs. Gianotti and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)*

E. PROGRAM G - WATER

1. HON. STEPHEN ROBERTSON MP, MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES & ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR TRADE, Brisbane, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, regarding the draft water resource plan (WRP) for surface water and groundwater within Wet Tropics area, advising that an Information Report has been prepared containing information about the water planning process, an overview of the catchment, and proposed arrangements for consultation and technical assessments that will support the water planning process. Forwarding Information Report with guidelines for making a submission, together with Public Notice for public inspection until the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2010. Submissions on the proposal to prepare a draft water resource plan and the Information Report are sought from community, stakeholders and local governments within the Wet Tropics area, and encouraging Council to make a submission by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2010. 046/0013)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

F. PROGRAM H - SEWERAGE

1. HON. DESLEY BOYLE MP, MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT & ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS, Brisbane, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, advising that the Minister has approved a grant of \$6.6 million (ex GST) to Council to assist with the costs associated with upgrading the Ingham (\$3.6 million) and Dungeness / Lucinda (\$3.0 million) sewage treatment plants. This funding commitment represents a 60% subsidy of the estimated total project cost of \$11.0 million (ex GST) which is consistent with that previously provided under the Smaller Communities Assistance Program and Council is expected to contribute the remaining funds. An officer of the Department of Infrastructure & Planning will be in contact with Council shortly to discuss the approved grant and the funding conditions. (011/0009)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

*That all of the recommendations contained in Infrastructure Management – Water 2.5.E.1 and Infrastructure Management – Sewerage 2.5.F.1 be adopted.*

*(Crs. Lynch and Bosworth – Carried unanimously)*

6. FUNCTION III – COMMUNITY SERVICES

A. PROGRAM A – COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

1. HERBERT RIVER EXPRESS, Ingham, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, expressing disappointment at Council's decision to provide \$250 towards the Girls Night Out event and now waive the hall hire fees as requested. Noting that Council changed their decision from \$450 at the Committee Business Meeting to \$250 at the General Meeting and advising that they wish to cancel their tentative bookings of the Shire Hall. Requesting whether Council's decision to provide the donation is conditional on the Shire Hall being hired for the function. Further noting that Council provided \$915 for the Herbert River Crushers season launch which is a similar amount to what the Herbert River Express was quoted to hire the Shire Hall for the Girls Night Out event. As both are ticketed events, advising that the difference between the two is the fact that all proceeds from the event goes to the Cancer Council, while the Crushers season launch benefits the Crushers. (012/0002)

Resolved – That Council provide a donation of \$250 (excl. GST) to the Girls Night Out event, regardless of the event being held in the Shire Hall or at another venue.

2. NAIDOC WEEK SCHOOL INITIATIVES, Brisbane, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, requesting Council's financial support towards the 2010 NAIDOC Week (4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2010) School Initiative Competitions which are coordinated with the support of councils, Department of Education & Training, Catholic Education, Department of Indigenous Affairs, Department of Sport & Recreation, along with Federal counterparts. The initiatives bring education to all students on cultural diversity involves communities, elders, government departments and councils in a whole of community approach that assists in the overall reconciliation process. Requesting Council to consider providing financial assistance in the sum of \$450 towards the design, printing and distribution of entry forms for the (colouring-in, short story, creative writing and essay writing competitions) that are distributed to all primary and secondary schools within the local government area.

Resolved – That Council provide a donation of \$250 (excl. GST) towards the NAIDOC Week School Initiatives.

3. MACKNADE BOWLS CLUB INC., Macknade, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, advising that the Club will host the annual Australian Italian Festival Fours in May where teams will travel from Townsville through to Tully to complete in this ladies event. Requesting Council's financial assistance towards this event. (012/0002)

Resolved – That Council provide financial assistance in the sum of \$250 (excl GST) to the Macknade Bowls Club as the event fulfils Council's Support for Events Policy.

4. TAYLAH CARMELITO, Ingham, received 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, advising that she has been selected in the girls 14/15 year old girls Australian Futsal Team to play in the United Kingdom on the 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 to 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2010. Requesting Council to consider providing financial assistance towards her costs involved in representing the district and Australia. (012/0002)

Resolved – That as this event fulfils Council's Support for Achievement Policy guidelines, Council provide the sum of \$250 (excl. GST) to Miss. Taylah Carmelito.

5. SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND FLOODS.  
Consideration of donation to the victims of the recent South East Queensland floods.

Resolved – That Council donate the sum of \$500 (excl. GST) to Murweh Shire Council, Charleville and \$500 (excl. GST) to the Balonne Shire Council, St. George to be used directly to assist their local SES organisations.

*That all of the recommendations contained in Community Services – Community Assistance 2.6.A.1 to 2.6.A.5 be adopted.*

*(Crs. Bosworth and Molachino – Carried unanimously)*

#### B. PROGRAM C – RECREATION

1. SHOWGROUNDS OVAL LIGHTS – UPDATED FEES FOR USE OF LIGHTS TO HIRERS.  
Consideration of Report to Council from Customer & Corporate Services Officer dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2010 seeking Council's consideration of increasing the fees for use of lights at the Ingham Showgrounds Oval due to the higher cost of running the new lights.

Resolved – That Council increase the fees as follows for use of lights at the Ingham Showgrounds Oval due to the higher cost of running the new lights during the peak rate period:-

- Flat rate of \$12 (incl. GST) for Training per hour;
- \$19 (incl. GST) for Practice per hour; and
- \$25 (incl. GST) for Game Night per hour.

*(Crs. Molachino and Lynch - Carried unanimously)*

7. FUNCTION I - CORPORATE SERVICES

A. PROGRAM A – CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1. STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING MINUTES.

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the SMT Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.

Resolved – That the Minutes be received and noted.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – CR. L. MOLACHINO.

Consideration of request by Cr. L. Molachino for leave of absence from Council from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

Resolved – That Council approve leave of absence for Cr. L. Molachino from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

3. EXTERNAL REVIEW OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S APPRAISAL.

Consideration of future budget allocation for an external review of the Chief Executive Officer's appraisal.

Resolved – That consideration be deferred to the 2010 / 2011 budget deliberations.

4. AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, Deakin, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, inviting Council to participate in the 2010 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) to be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2010. The ALGA has identified three themes for the NGA under which motions should be submitted, and which reflect the key priorities indentified by the Australian Government in the recently released third Intergenerational Report and aim to build upon existing ALGA and local government policy priorities. The themes for motions in 2010 are Population; Productivity; and Participation. Forwarding a discussion paper prepared to assist Councils in submitting and developing motions for debate at the NGA which provides background information on the themes. To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, motions must be received by 5.00 p.m. Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 and must:-

- Fall under one of the themes – population, productivity, participation;
- Be relevant to the work of local government nationally; and
- Complement or build on the policy objectives of state or territory association. (007/0003)

Resolved – That Deputy Mayor, Cr. Andrew Lancini attend the 2010 National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

*That all of the recommendations contained in Corporate Services – Corporate Governance 2.7A.1 to 2.7.A.4 be adopted.*

*(Crs. Bosworth and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)*

B. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

1. MARGARET STEINE – INGHAM KINDERGARTEN, Ingham, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, advising that she is considering entering the Sunrise TV Show Competition for what our town is famous for and her thought is "not chickens but multiculturalism in harmony". A prerequisite of entry into the competition was to advise the local Council and advising that the winnings would go towards building a new sandpit at the community kindergarten in Fanning Street, Ingham. (007/0012)

2. DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING, Brisbane, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, advising that Council's application to have an area of foreshore situated at Forrest Beach placed under the Council's control, was gazetted by the Governor in Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2010. Forwarding copy of Gazette Notice and plan LG147 showing the foreshore delineated. (076/0050)

3. HERBERT RIVER CATCHMENT GROUP, Halifax, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, forwarding copy of letter sent to The Hon. Stephen Robertson MP, Minister for Natural Resources, Mines & Energy and Minister for Trade, and The Hon. Kate Jones MP, Minister for Climate Change & Sustainability regarding the condition of and impact of runoff and water quality from the tailings dams at abandoned tin dredging sites in the Upper Herbert Catchment in the Herberton / Mt. Garnet region. In view of the Queensland Government's stance to reef water quality, requesting the Government to engage with Terrain NRM, the current landholders, and the Tablelands Regional Council to appropriately resource an action plan to address the much needed rehabilitation of abandoned tailings dams as they will be a continuing source of aggravation unless some positive action can be taken to rehabilitate the landscape (079/0118)
4. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Brisbane, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, advising of the amendments to the *Valuation of Land Act 1944* passed in Parliament on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 which has removed a financial exposure of up to \$900 million for average Queenslanders, and sets a course for the comprehensive reform of Queensland's statutory valuation system. The Queensland Government will move to adopt the "site value" methodology used in other Australian States from the 2011 valuation, for property except that in rural areas; and will reintroduce the independent statutory position of Valuer General which was abolished in 1992, to lead Queensland's State Valuation Service. (001/0021)
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND, Fortitude Valley, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, bringing Council up to date with recent developments regarding changes to the *Valuation of Land Act 1944*. Legislation has now been passed through Parliament offering absolute protection from having to pay back \$600 million i.e. 3 years rates for all shopping centres and major buildings based on legal principles established in the Pacific Fair case. The State Government is now committed to move to a Site Valuation System in urban areas and the Premier has personally committed to Greg Hallam of LGAQ that she will fully involve LGAQ and councils in the preparation for the roll out of the new valuation methodology from the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2011. The Government has set aside \$30 million to compensate affected landholders with respect to the 300 property valuation court cases which are still under appeal. It is the LGAQ's understanding that in the first instance, Councils will have to pay rates back based on lower valuations as the 300 court matters are mediated before the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2010. Councils will then be reimbursed by the State Government. (001/0021)
6. STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE – HINCHINBROOK UNIT, Ingham, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, forwarding quarterly report on the activities of the Hinchinbrook State Emergency Service Unit for October, November, and December, 2009. (040/0011)
7. 2009 GOLDEN CASKET VARIETY SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.  
Thanking Council for its contribution to the 2009 Golden Casket Variety Special Children's Christmas Party held in Townsville. Thanks to those who contributed to the Party, local children with special needs were having fun and making memories their families will treasure forever.

Resolved – That the list of miscellaneous correspondence be received and noted.  
(Crs. Bosworth and Kaurila - Carried unanimously)

C. PROGRAM C – MINUTES OF ORGANISATIONS / COMMITTEES ON WHICH COUNCIL IS REPRESENTED

1. AUSTRALIAN ITALIAN FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION INC.  
Consideration of minutes of the Australian Italian Festival Association Inc. Committee Meetings held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 and 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

Resolved – That the list of minutes be received and noted.  
(Crs. Molachino and Lynch - Carried unanimously)

8. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT  
Consideration of Councillor Activity Reports as at the 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 to ensure transparency and public scrutiny of Councillor workload.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.  
(Crs. Bosworth and Lynch - Carried unanimously)



9. FUNCTION I - CORPORATE SERVICES

A. PROGRAM A – CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1. STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING MINUTES.

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the SMT Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

Resolved – That the Minutes be received and noted.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – CR. G. GIANOTTI.

Consideration of request by Cr. G. Gianotti for leave of absence from Council from the 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2010

Resolved – That Council approve leave of absence for Cr. G. Gianotti from the 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2010.

*That all of the recommendations contained in Corporate Services – Corporate Governance 2.9.A.1 to 2.9.A.2 be adopted.*

*(Crs. Molachino and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)*

10. FUNCTION III – COMMUNITY SERVICES

A. PROGRAM A – COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

1. COMMUNITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Consideration of details of community financial assistance account from Manager Corporate & Economic Development dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

*(Crs. Lynch and Kaurila - Carried unanimously)*

11. FUNCTION IV- HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

A. PROGRAM B – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1. PEST SURVEY PLAN.

Consideration of a Pest Survey Program to be conducted for the whole of the Hinchinbrook Local Government area to survey and map areas for the control of Pond Apple, Hymenachne, Giant Sensitive Plant, Mikania Vine, Siam Weed and Acacia Curassavica to comply with the Land Protection (*Pest and Stock Route Management*) Act 2002.

Resolved – In accordance with the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*, Council authorises a Pest Survey Program to be conducted for the whole of the Hinchinbrook Local Government area, valid for a period of three months starting on the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2010. The purpose of the program is to survey and map areas for the control of Pond Apple, Hymenachne, Giant Sensitive Plant, Mikania Vine, Siam Weed and Acacia Curassavica.

*(Crs. Lynch and Bosworth - Carried unanimously)*

12. FUNCTION V - INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

A. PROGRAM A – TRANSPORT

1. 2009 / 2010 PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

Consideration of Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 requesting Council to adopt the Draft Ten (10) Year Forward Plant Replacement Program and 2009 / 2010 Plant Replacement Program.

Further consideration was given to a Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 requesting Council to purchase an excavator for the New Ingham Cemetery in the 2010 / 2011 Plant Replacement Program.

Further consideration was given to a Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010 providing information on the possible benefits of a portable toilet block for use at community events such as Maraka, Lucinda Family Fishing Classic, and other events in the Shire.

Resolved – That the Report regarding the portable toilet blocks be received and noted and no action be taken to purchase the units and availability for hire be noted.  
(Crs. Lynch and Kaurila - Carried unanimously)

*The meeting adjourned at 10.12 a.m. for morning tea and resumed at 10.35 a.m.*

Resolved – That the Report regarding the excavator be received and noted and consideration be deferred to a future series of meetings pending receipt of further information regarding possible changes to shoring which would dictate different machinery requirements.  
(Crs. Kaurila and Lynch - Carried unanimously)

Resolved – That Council adopt the draft Ten (10) Year Forward Plant Replacement Program and 2009 / 2010 Plant Replacement Program.  
(Crs. Kaurila and Lynch - Carried unanimously)

B. PROGRAM C – TECHNICAL SERVICES

1. S. & V. DI GIACOMO, Ingham, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, seeking approval of the proposed Material Change of Use – Code Assessment – Close to Rural Boundary - Siting Relaxation over Lot 3 on RP897189, Parish of Marathon at 50230 Bruce Highway, Ingham. Land is zoned *Rural*.  
(058/0302)

Resolved – That Council approve the Material Change of Use Application for Mr. Sebastiano and Mrs. Venus Di Giacomo 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. Bosworth and Molachino - Carried unanimously)

*The Works Engineer left the meeting at 10.52 a.m.*

3. GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

1. FUNCTION II - DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

A. PROGRAM A – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. SPINA KYLE WALDON, Ingham, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2010, on behalf of *W.P. & O.J. Day, S.J. Bisson and S.I. Parmenter* seeking approval of the proposed reconfiguration of land (rearrangement of boundaries) between Lots 1 and 2 on RP720200, Parish of Cordelia at Sach's Lane, Victoria Estate. Land is zoned *Village*.  
(066/0211)

Resolved – That the Development Application for Reconfiguration (rearrangement of boundaries) between Lots 1 and 2 on RP720200, Parish of Cordelia be approved.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Kaurila - Carried unanimously)

*Cr. P. Lynch declared a conflict of interest in Item 3.2.A.1. due to his association with the Club however did not leave the meeting.*

2. FUNCTION III – COMMUNITY SERVICES

A. PROGRAM A – COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

1. LIONS CLUB OF FORREST BEACH, Allingham, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010, advising that the annual Stinger Net Opening Carnival will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 which was postponed in November, 2009. The Club will erect tents and marquees to sell food and drink on the foreshore area, as well as rides and other entertainment provided. Requesting Council to erect temporary fencing on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April and remove it on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Resolved – That Council provide support to the Lions Club of Forrest Beach by way of granting the Club permission to close the car park from 8.00 a.m. on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 until 8.00 a.m. on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 and providing manpower to erect the marquee and plastic fencing on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 and removing the marquee and plastic fencing on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

That inkind support in sum of \$2,000 be provided to the Club.  
(*Crs. Bosworth and Gianotti - Carried unanimously*)

4. CONCLUSION – This concluded the business of the meeting which closed at 11.00 a.m.
5. APPROVED and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2010.

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ACTING MAYOR