



# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, INGHAM  
ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2009  
AT 4.10 P.M.

## ATTENDANCE

- Present were Councillors G. Giandomenico, A.J. Lancini, G.P. Gianotti, D.M. Bosworth, L.R. Molachino, S.J. Kaurila and P.D. Lynch.
- Also present was the Chief Executive Officer (R.W. Clark), Manager Engineering Services (B.E. Leach) and Executive Secretary (B.K. Edwards).

## PRAYER

- The Mayor opened the meeting with prayer.

## 1. MINUTES

- Resolved that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 be approved as a correct record of proceedings and be signed by the Acting Mayor.  
*(Crs. Lancini and Bosworth - Carried unanimously)*

## 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS REPORT -

The Joint Committee submitted a report of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.

**Resolved** – That the report be received for consideration.  
*(Crs. Lancini and Molachino – Carried unanimously)*

### 1. CEO REPORT OF COUNCILLOR REQUESTS

Consideration of CEO Report of Councillor Requests for the period 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 to 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2009.

**Resolved** – That the advice be received and noted.  
*(Crs. Lancini and Gianotti – Carried unanimously)*

### 2. FUNCTION II - DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

#### A. PROGRAM A – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

##### 1. 2009 NEW YEAR'S EVE STREET PARTY.

Consideration of hosting the 2009 New Year's Eve Street Party on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009.

**Resolved** – That Council not host the 2009 New Year's Eve Street Party and the matter be again considered in the 2010 / 2011 budget process.

That Council advise the Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce of its decision.  
*(Crs. Molachino and Lancini – Carried unanimously)*

2. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Cloncurry, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, seeking Council's views and / or requirements in relation to an application received from Mr. J.S. Kemp for a Renewal of Special Lease 44430 being land described as Lot 181 on CWL3203 on Gibson's Road, Abergowrie. The proposed use of the land is Primary Industries (Sugar Cane Growing) and the land is zoned *Rural*. (077/0001)

**Resolved** – That Council advise the Department that it has no objection to the Renewal of Special Lease 44430 and has no requirements in relation to the application.

3. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Townsville, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, seeking Council's views and / or requirements in relation to an application received from Mr. B.N. Johnson for a Conversion of Special Lease 24 / 44427 to Freehold being land described as Lot 178 on CWL3263 on El Alamein Road, Abergowrie. The proposed use of the land is Primary Industries (Sugar Cane Growing) and the land is zoned *Rural*. (077/0001)

**Resolved** - That Council advise the Department that it has no objection to the Conversion of Special Lease 24 / 44427 to Freehold and has no requirements in relation to the application.

***That all of the recommendations contained in Development & Planning – Economic Development 2.2.A.2. and 2.2.A.3. be adopted.  
(Crs. Kaurila and Bosworth – Carried unanimously)***

4. DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES & FISHERIES, Townsville, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2009, advising that the Department of Employment, Economic Development & Innovation (DEEDI) manages a network of declared Fish Habitat Areas (FHA) along the Queensland coast to protect fish habitats that are essential to sustain Queensland's commercial, recreational and Indigenous fisheries.

DEEDI regularly reviews opportunities to expand this network and has identified two areas of interest, Lot 545 on CWL666 and Lot 382 on SP136985, which are reserves managed by Council. The subject lots contain tidally influenced lands with significant mangrove and saltmarsh vegetation communities of high fish habitat value. Other tidal lands of similar value within the Cattle Creek and Palm Creek system are also planned for inclusion into the FHA.

It is noted that Lot 382 on SP136985 contains a lease to the Forrest Beach Senior Citizens Association and it is not proposed to be incorporated within the FHA.

FHAs can be declared over parcels of tenured land, with the written consent of the landowner or trustee, without requiring surrender of tenure but with the understanding that the land is managed in accordance with legislative requirements under the Fisheries Act 1994 and subordinate legislation, policies and guidelines. Subject to Council's agreement, DEEDI proposes to include these reserves, excluding the leased area, within the Cattle Creek and Palm Creek declared FHAs. Inclusion of the reserves into the declared FHA will protect these important fish habitats from inappropriate development and ensure fisheries productivity into the future, but does not restrict lawful recreational, commercial or Indigenous fishing. Information on FHA management is attached for your information.

Requesting Council's views and / or requirements as trustee regarding including this land into the declared FHA network. (044/0008)

**Resolved** – That Council advise the Department of Employment, Economic Development & Innovation that it seeks to have a 53m x 460m strip along Cassady Beach Road within Lot 382 on SP136985 and the lease portion of land to the Forrest Beach Senior Citizens Association be excluded from the proposal.

**That Council also advise the Department of Employment, Economic Development & Innovation that it has no objection to Lot 545 on CWL666 being included within the Fish Habitat Areas proposal.  
(Crs. Molachino and Gianotti – Carried unanimously)**

5. THORSBY & HOMEWOOD PTY. LTD., Ingham, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, on behalf of **P.A. Costanzo** seeking an extension of approval for two years until 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 (original approval date 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1999) for completion of the proposed reconfiguration (subdivision) into two lots of Lot 6 on RP857765, Parish of Trebonne at Abergowrie Road, Trebonne. (065/0034)

**Resolved** – That an extension of time for two years until 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 in which to complete the proposed reconfiguration be granted and the applicant be advised that a further extension will not be granted.

6. S. PUGLISI, Ingham, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, on behalf of **G. & M. Puglisi** seeking an extension of approval for two years until 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 (original approval date 25<sup>th</sup> November, 1999) for completion of the proposed reconfiguration (subdivision) into two lots of Lot 1 on RP897188, Parish of Cordelia at Foresthome, Ingham. (066/0046)

**Resolved** – That an extension of time for two years until 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 in which to complete the proposed reconfiguration be granted and the applicant be advised that a further extension will not be granted.  
(Crs. – Carried unanimously)

**That all of the recommendations contained in Development & Planning – Economic Development 2.2.A.5. and 2.2.A.6. be adopted.**  
(Crs. Bosworth and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

7. THORSBY & HOMEWOOD PTY. LTD., Ingham, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, on behalf of **J. & D. Dredge** seeking approval of the proposed reconfiguration of land (subdivision) into two lots of Lot 14 on SP162495, Parish of Cordelia at 136 Beatts Road, Allingham. Land is zoned *Village*. (066/0206)

**Resolved** - That the Development Application for Reconfiguration (subdivision) into two lots of Lot 14 on SP162495, Parish of Cordelia be approved subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) The development is to be generally in accordance with the submitted proposal plan Drawing No. 4460-1;
- (b) The fronting section of Beatts Road to be upgraded to Council's 8m 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.
- (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) Provision of a separate water reticulation service to each lot from existing mains in Beatts Road, including enveloping pipes as necessary.
- (g) Payment to the Council of water headworks contribution of \$3,110 (two (2) additional lots x \$1,555);
- (h) Payment to the Council of Public Open Space contribution of \$3,110 (two (2) additional lots x \$1,555);
- (i) 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;
- (j) Provision to Telstra's requirements, of telecommunications conduits under the road at various intervals to serve the proposed lots without requiring future excavation of the sealed road surface;
- (k) Prior to commencement of civil works, submission to Council for approval of Engineering Drawings and specifications setting out proposed works. Payment of engineering plan scrutiny fee based on 2% of approved cost estimate of engineering construction works;

- (l) 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].
- (m) 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.

The Applicant is also reminded of the Department of Environment and Resource Management’s requirement that the proposed development works be referred to the Commonwealth Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.  
(Crs. Lancini and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

**B. PROGRAM B – TOURISM**

- 1. INGHAM BUS CHARTER (ANDREW BARRA), Ingham, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, offering his Bus Company as a means of advertising the Tyto Precinct as he owns 2 buses; one being a brand new coach, and the other a 2007 mini-bus. Mr. Barra’s proposal is to place artwork on his buses similar to the Kuranda Bus. Both buses travel everyday throughout North Queensland, as well as charters to Southern Queensland and interstate. Mr. Barra asks for no yearly advertising fees, only that Council pays for the artwork.

**Resolved** – That Council support the proposal in principle and investigate the proposal further including costs and potential design of artwork.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

**3. FUNCTION V - INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT**

**A. PROGRAM A – TRANSPORT**

- 1. INGHAM FLOTILLA, QF14 OF THE AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEER COAST GUARD ASSOCIATION INC., Halifax, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2009, advising that the Association has purchased a Polaris All Terrain Vehicle which complies with the Department of Transport registration requirements. Due to the construction of the vehicle, a Police permit is required to use the vehicle on public roads and the Coast Guard is to ascertain whether Council has any conditions to impose prior to the permit being issued. Seeking Council’s views and / or requirements in relation to the permit.

**Resolved** - Council advise the Coast Guard that it has no specific requirements, beyond that which Queensland Police may have for operation of the vehicle on road carriageways under its control. However it does require a list of such roads where the vehicle is proposed to be operated. Also, separate permitting of other areas under the control of Council (e.g. road verges and reserves) is required.  
(Crs. Bosworth and Lancini – Carried unanimously)

- 2. HSC 09 / 71 – FLOOD DAMAGE RECONDITIONING – VARIOUS LOCATIONS 2009 / 2010.  
Consideration of Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2009 regarding offers received for flood damage reconditioning at various locations.

**Resolved** – That Council accept the offer from AllCiv Pty. Ltd. to undertake flood damage reconditioning at various locations throughout Hinchinbrook Shire’s road network.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Molachino – Carried unanimously)

- 3. PROPOSED LOCAL ROAD NETWORK – BRUCE HIGHWAY SOUTH – TOOBANNA VILLAGE ZONED AREA.  
Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2009 informing Council of discussions held between Council Officers and Department of Main Roads representatives regarding requirements to address access onto the Bruce Highway South – Toobanna Village zoned area, and preliminary possible solutions.

**Resolved** – That the advice received and noted and that further discussions be continued with the Engineering Services and the Department of Main Roads.  
(*Crs. Molachino and Kaurila – Carried unanimously*)

4. INGHAM AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING.

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2009 seeking Council's consideration of a proposal received from North Queensland Aviation Services for an "exclusive use" lease for half of the relocated Ingham Airport Terminal building.

**Resolved** – That Council call tenders for the lease of half of the relocated Ingham Airport Terminal building for a term of 5 + 5 years with appropriate condition of cleaning and maintenance of the whole building including toilets.  
(*Crs. Molachino and Kaurila – Carried unanimously*)

**B. PROGRAM C – TECHNICAL SERVICES**

1. VICTORIA PLANTATION STATE SCHOOL, Victoria Estate, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, advising that the Year 5 and 6 class has completed a unit on "What Makes a Public Place Successful?" and decided on the Tyto Precinct as their "place". Forwarding a CD containing a powerpoint file showcasing some of the work created such as student responses to the question "Will the Tyto Precinct be a successful public place?", oral presentations regarding Tyto, examples of designs of geocoins, and 3D representations of selected parts of the Tyto Precinct.

Advising that the class has a suggestion for Council to consider which they believe could help promote this wonderful district to a different group of people from around the world. Requesting Council to consider designing and producing a geocoin (with text and graphics that reflect aspects of the district (e.g. Tyto, Wallaman Falls etc.) that can be cached in a place of beauty in the district (e.g. Tyto Wetland mail lagoon, Wallaman Falls). At present a cache has been hidden by a geocacher near the main lagoon.

Geocaching is a growing worldwide recreational activity where people hide "caches" near a place of beauty containing small trinkets as well as a notepad and pencil. The finder may take a small trinket from the cache (and sometimes replaces it with something else) and writes a short message about the location. Sometimes a geocoin is produced and placed in the cache which usually has text and graphics on each side of the coin depicting a special event or place and is often sought by geocachers as a collector's item.

Further advising that during the unit, the local skate park was also discussed to help make a decision as to whether the children believed it was a "child friendly" place. It was discovered that very few students visit the skate park as it is considered to be unsafe (by parents and children) due to the bullying and rude language that a small number of kids display. Their research indicated that facilities such as the skate park needs to be part of a bigger public park or space.

Also expressing their appreciation for the support, time and resources given to the classes by Ray Hoon and Rae Domin throughout the unit and their day at the Information Centre and the tour of the Wetlands and the developing precinct were fantastic.(079/0079)

**Resolved** – That Council congratulate the Victoria Plantation State School on their professionally presented project and Council refer the matter to the Tyto Wetlands Steering Committee to investigate the design and production of the Geocoin.  
(*Crs. Lancini and Kaurila – Carried unanimously*)

2. MERCER LANE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

Consideration of update of progress of Mercer Lane Covered Walkway Project from Manager Engineering Services.

**Resolved** – That Council accept the quotation of R.L. & N.A. Poppi Pty. Ltd. for the concreting works and that it be exposed aggregate surface.  
(*Crs. Molachino and Lancini – Carried unanimously*)

**C. PROGRAM E – BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

1. A. REYNOLDS, Binnaway, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, advising he is the owner / operator of a commercial fishing vessel and is attempting to relocate his business to Dungeness. As there is no provision for transfer of moorings, advising he is required to lodge an application with the Maritime Safety Queensland to register a mooring site in Enterprise Channel at Dungeness. The site is previously registered as TN 158 and seeking Council's views and / or requirements in relation to the proposed mooring.

**Resolved** – That Council advise the applicant that it has no requirements in relation to the application.

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

**D. PROGRAM G – WATER**

1. BRIGIDA VAN LIESHOUT, Taylors Beach, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2009, requesting Council's permission to water her lawn outside the water schedule for Taylors Beach. Advising she cannot manage to sprinkle both the front and back lawns on a Monday and would rather water the front lawn on a Sunday, leaving Monday to only water the backyard. As she sometimes has to work she believes she would never go beyond the 72 hours which she is allowed to water and hoping that Council will grant her request to water at 12 Trevally Street on a Sunday. (046/0011)

**Resolved** – That Council advise that the hours of watering must be maintained within the current water restriction area.

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

**4. FUNCTION IV- HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES**

**A. PROGRAM A – HEALTH SERVICES**

1. INCREASE IN BOND – INGROUND BURIALS.  
Consideration of Report to Council from Environmental Health Technical Officer dated 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, requesting Council's consideration of increasing the amount of bond to be paid for an inground burial in the Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Uniting and Non-Denominational Divisions in the New Ingham and Halifax Cemeteries from \$435 to \$630.

**Resolved** – That Council match the actual costs of laying a cement slab over the entire grave plot for an inground burial in the Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Uniting and Non-Denominational Divisions in the New Ingham and Halifax Cemeteries by increasing the bond from \$435 to \$630 immediately.

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

**B. 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 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2009. 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 Kaurila – Carried unanimously)***

5. **FUNCTION III – COMMUNITY SERVICES**

A. **PROGRAM A – COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE**

1. TAYLAH CARMELITO, Ingham, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, advising that she has been selected in the girls U/14 years North Queensland Team to attend the 2009 Vikings National School Futsal Championships at Albury / Wodonga from the 29<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009. Requesting Council to consider providing financial assistance towards her costs involved in representing the Ingham State High School and district. (012/0002)

**Resolved** – That as the 2009 National School Futsal Championships fulfil Council's Support for Achievement Policy guidelines, Council provide the sum of \$250 to Miss. Taylah Carmelito.

2. CORAL BELCHER, Forrest Beach, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, advising that she has been selected as goalkeeper in the girls U/19 years North Queensland Team to attend the 2009 Vikings National School Futsal Championships at Albury / Wodonga from the 28<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009 even though she is still in Grade 12 at the Ingham State High School. Requesting Council to consider providing financial assistance towards her costs which will be in excess of \$1,300 to represent the Ingham State High School and district. (012/0002)

**Resolved** – That as the 2009 National School Futsal Championships fulfil Council's Support for Achievement Policy guidelines, Council provide the sum of \$250 to Miss. Coral Belcher.

3. NAOMI DE CAMPO, Ingham, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, seeking Council's permission to hold a sausage sizzle in Rotary Park on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 which parents and families of diabetics in the Ingham district will raise funds in conjunction with Woolworths Ingham for The Walk For A Cure. Woolworths is kindly donating 100% of the profits of the sausage sizzle to the Cure and the group is hoping to receive interest from service clubs also. Advising that they would also appreciate any support Council can offer and inviting Council to take part in The Walk For A Cure.

**Resolved** – That Council grant permission to use Rotary Park on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 in support of The Walk For A Cure.

*That all of the recommendations contained in Community Services – Community Assistance 2.5.A.1. and 2.5.A.3. be adopted.*

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

4. DOROTHY HATFIELD QCWA, Trebonne, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, advising that the QCWA Younger Set Leadership School will be held at the Abergowrie College in September, 2009 where approximately 50 young girls aged between 10 and 25 attend to compete in dressmaking, handcraft, cooking, and public speaking / debating competitions. There will also be a Younger Setter of the Year competition, Conference and Annual Meeting with many supervisors and State Executive attending also. Participants will learn meeting procedures, workshops will be held on water management, make up made from sugar, as well as microwave cooking. The school theme is "Looking after tomorrow, Today", and one day of the school will be designated to a bus trip around the district. Seeking Council's financial assistance towards the Leadership School. (012/0002)

**Resolved** – That as the QCWA Younger Set Leadership School fulfils Council's Support for Events Policy guidelines, Council provide the sum of \$250 to the QCWA.

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

5. INGHAM STATE HIGH SCHOOL, Ingham, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, seeking Council's continued financial support to the School's Presentation Night on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 at the Shire Hall.

**Resolved** – That Council provide a donation of \$40 (excl. GST) to the Ingham State High School for Presentation Night.

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

6. INGHAM STATE HIGH SCHOOL, Ingham, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, advising that School is preparing for the "Let's Get The Party Started" event at the Knightclub on the 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2009 for the Year 9 students and their parents / carers on issues involving underage drinking and other drugs. Students will present to their parents / carers information they have learned throughout the program. Requesting Council to once again provide their support by paying for the laundering costs of cloth tablecloths borrowed from the Australian Italian Festival Association. (012/0002)

**Resolved – That Council pay the laundering costs of \$216 to the Australian Italian Festival Association.**  
**(Crs. Bosworth and Molachino - Carried unanimously)**

7. BLUE CARE, Ingham, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, advising that Blue Care is planning on holding the International Day of the Older Person luncheon on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2009. Requesting Council to consider allowing Blue Care to hold the luncheon at the Ingham Showgrounds Pavilion rather than at the Shire Hall following concerns arising last year during an induction of the Shire Hall. It was realised that in the event of an evacuation of the hall, elderly residents would have great difficulty evacuating via the stairs at the side or front of the hall as many people are either in wheelchairs or on wheelie walkers. Blue Care believe that the Pavilion would be an alternative venue and would be grateful for Council's suggestion should it believe that another venue would be better suited.

Also requesting Council to once again provide Council workers to assist with set up and clearing of tables and chairs for the event, as well as waiving hall hire charges. Blue would also be grateful if Council could continue to provide the sum of \$1,000 financial assistance towards the hosting of the event. (012/0002)

**Resolved – That Council provide financial assistance of \$1,000 (excl. GST) towards the running expenses of the International Day of the Older Person Luncheon, and provide the use of the Showgrounds Pavilion and its facilities at no cost to Blue Care as the event is a non-ticketed event, and provide assistance with setting up and putting away of tables and chairs prior to and after the event.**  
**(Crs. Lancini and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)**

8. GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AUTHORITY, 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.

**Resolved – That Mr. Fred Nucifora be invited to attend a future Deputation Day to explain the proposal for further consideration by Council at a future series of meetings.**  
**(Crs. Kaurila and Gianotti – Carried unanimously)**

## **B. PROGRAM C – RECREATION**

1. FORREST BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC., Allingham, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, requesting Council's permission to enhance the columns of the shelter shed in Progress Park with underwater scenes of coral and fish. The Association has a quantity of paint left over from the mural and a number of eager volunteers. (079/0128)

**Resolved – That Council grant permission to the Forrest Beach Progress Association to paint underwater scenes on the Progress Park shelter shed columns.**  
**(Crs. Bosworth and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)**



6. **FUNCTION I - CORPORATE SERVICES**

A. **PROGRAM A – CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

1. **NORTH QUEENSLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE.**

Consideration of delegates attendance at the North Queensland Economic Development Conference to be held in Townsville on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009 at the Mercure Inn, Townsville.

**Resolved – That the Mayor, Cr. Pino Giandomenico, Deputy Mayor, Cr. Andrew Lancini, Cr. Sherry Kaurila, Cr. Patrick Lynch, CEO, Mr. Robert Clark and Manager Corporate & Economic Development, Ms. Rosemary Pennisi attend the North Queensland Economic Development Conference in Townsville on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009.**

**That Council register the President of the Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Mary Brown and the Australian Italian Festival Association Coordinator, Mrs. Piera Delroy to attend the Conference.**

**That Council's Deputation Day scheduled for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009 be rescheduled to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.**

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

2. **NORTH QUEENSLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**, Ayr, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2009, advising that the Association resolved to forward to all Member Councils a copy of a letter received by the NQLGA from Mrs. Beth Honeycombe, Chairman of Tropical Medical Training (TMT), requesting the Association's assistance. Mrs. Honeycombe's letter advises that TMT is a not-for-profit public company established to deliver vocational General Practice education and training. TMT finds placement for their GP Registrars with General Practitioners and hospitals in communities across North Queensland. The company is seeking the support of local authorities to take responsibility for seeking out and making welcome General Practice Registrars who undertake training in their local hospitals or medical practices.

Further advising that the Executive resolved to write to all Member Councils requesting feedback on each Council's policy for welcoming new medical practitioners and trainees to their community, and as soon as all Council responses are received by the Association they will be collated and feedback provided back to TMT. (007/0004)

**Resolved – That the Mayor present to the North Queensland Local Government Association to work collaboratively with neighbouring shires and local service organisations to develop up a welcome package for general practice registrars who undertake training in Ingham.**

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

3. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP 2009.**

Consideration of Mayor and 2 Councillors attendance at a Financial Management & Sustainability Workshop to be held at Cairns Regional Council Administration Building on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 from 8.00 a.m. to 3.45 p.m. The workshop is to be co-presented with Queensland Treasury Corporation and will cover asset management planning, community engagement and development of community plans, understanding financial sustainability, Mayoral and Councillor powers and obligations under the *Local Government Act 2009* and regulations.

**Resolved – That Council register the Mayor, Cr. Pino Giandomenico, Deputy Mayor, Cr. Andrew Lancini and Cr. Geoffrey Gianotti to attend the Financial Management & Sustainability Workshop in Cairns on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.**

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

4. **THE HON. ANTHONY ALBANESE MP**, Canberra, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, encouraging Council to participate in the Walk to Work Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009 which is an initiative of the Pedestrian Council of Australia (PCA) and seeks to promote the health, road safety, and environmental benefits of walking and / or taking public transport to work. (007/0012)

PEDESTRIAN COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA, Brisbane, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, seeking Council's participation in National Walk to Work Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009 to encourage all Australians to walk all or part of the way to work in order to achieve better health and cleaner air.

**Resolved – That Council participate by promoting Walk to Work Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009.**

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

**B. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE**

1. ASHLEY SPINA, Ingham, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, thanking Council for providing financial assistance towards her recent trip to Perth to participate in the National Secondary Schools Football Championships. (012/0002)
2. POWERLINK, Virginia, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, forwarding copy of their *Transmission Update* brochure and a regional insert / s that provides an overview of projects in the Hinchinbrook are forming part of Powerlink's \$2.9 billion, 5 year capital works program. Also advising that a copy of Powerlink's *Annual Planning Report Overview* and the *2009 Annual Planning Report* can be found at [www.powerlink.com.au](http://www.powerlink.com.au) (040/0031)
3. HON. STEPHEN ROBERTSON MP, MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES & ENERGY & MINISTER FOR TRADE, Brisbane, forwarding Consultation Paper about the draft *Geothermal Energy Bill 2009* for Council's comment by the 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2009. The Queensland Government is planning for the future of the geothermal energy industry in this State. It is proposed that the *Geothermal Energy Bill 2009* will replace the *Geothermal Exploration Act 2004* and provide a regulatory framework for both geothermal exploration and production in Queensland. (001/0006)
4. INGHAM BOWLS CLUB INC., Ingham, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, thanking Council for its donation towards the recent Invitation Fours Bowls Competition held in late July which was well attended attracting many visitors to the district. Sponsors were mentioned on several occasions and feedback from visitors to the Tyto Centre and Wetlands was that they were fantastic and spectacular. The visitors advised they would spread the word when then returned home. Accommodation at the new motel and restaurant was praised and the food was of the highest quality. (007/0048)
5. INGHAM SUGAR CITY RODEO INC., Ingham, received 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, forwarding copy of the Committee's Covered Arena proposal tabled at the recent Showgrounds Management Advisory Committee Meeting as part of the future development plans for the Showgrounds.
6. GREAT GREEN WAY TOURISM, Cardwell, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, thanking Council for its support in purchasing a Personal Locator Beacon and advising that they will follow upon the contacts provided in the Ingham / Lucinda area regarding the possibility of additional support. (012/0002)
7. ALBERT SMITH – MARAKA POPULAR PORTRAIT AWARD, Ingham, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, thanking Council for the offer of sponsorship for the 2009 Popular Portrait Awards and advising that due to the generous support of donors, the additional finances for the event is now not required. (012/0002)
8. AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, Deakin, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, in relation to Mayor Pino's participation in the 2009 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) *Rising to the Challenge – Climate Change, Infrastructure and Finances* where over 700 participants met in Canberra, advising that the insights and knowledge of the Mayor presentation provided regarding local government's role in emergencies and the important role of Council during the Queensland floods were greatly appreciated by all delegates. The presentation allowed all delegates to gain a deeper understanding of the practical actions councils need to be ready to deliver in times of emergency, and feedback received through the evaluation survey indicated that delegates appreciated Mayor Pino's contribution and believed that his presentation and participation was of great value. Some feedback indicated that the bushfire and flood presentations were of the highest quality presentations at the NGA. (007/0003)

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

7. **FUNCTION II - DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

A. **PROGRAM A – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

1. **TYTO RESTAURANT / CAFÉ LEASE.**

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Corporate Communications dated 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, seeking Council direction in relation to again call expressions of interest for a lessee to operate the Tyto Restaurant / Café with conditions.

**Resolved** – That Council advertise for expressions of interest to lease the Tyto Q150 restaurant / café for an initial term until 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 at \$10 per annum, with an option to extend the lease for a further 2 x 3 year term, subject to satisfactory performance by the lessee and negotiation of lease rental based on commercial market rates applicable at that time.

(Crs. Lynch and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

2. **STAGE 2 TYTO PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT – TECHNOLOGY LEARNING CENTRE & REGIONAL GALLERY – CONCEPT DESIGN.**

Consideration of Report to Council from Chief Executive Officer dated 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 requesting Council to formally endorse the Technology Learning Centre and Regional Gallery concept design to allow the Architect Consultants to continue with detailed design and documentation of the Stage 2 Tyto Precinct Development project.

**Resolved** – That Council adopt the concept design as presented by the Architect Consultants and instruct them to proceed with the detailed design and documentation phase of the project.

(Crs. Kaurila and Lancini – Carried unanimously)

8. **FUNCTION I - CORPORATE SERVICES**

A. **PROGRAM B – COUNCIL SUPPORT SERVICES**

**SUB-PROGRAM – FINANCIAL SERVICES**

1. **ANDREW CRIPPS MP, MEMBER FOR HINCHINBROOK**, Ingham, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2009, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. John Hargrave of 37 Hardy Street, Ingham requesting Council to consider extending the due date for Mr. and Mrs. Hargrave's rates to the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2009 to enable them to access the 15% refund on their rates due to extenuating circumstances.

**Resolved** – That Council grant discount for special circumstance under Section 1021 of the *Local Government Act* for all property owners who have circumstances that meet the following criteria and for either 15% discount or 10% discount on 1<sup>st</sup> installment depending on the individual property owner circumstances:-

- The property owner received 15% discount or 10% discount on 1<sup>st</sup> installment payment for the prior year Main Levy Rate Notice; and
- Council has changed the timing of the Main Levy Annual Rate Notice and due date that has resulted in the property owner not being able to access a Centrelink advance payment; and
- The property owner is able to provide Centrelink documentation that shows the advance was last received during the prior year Main Levy Rate Notice issue and due date; and
- The property owner is able to provide Centrelink documentation that shows the earliest date the advance will be paid and the value of the advance; and

- Any value in excess of the advance from Centrelink is to be paid to Council on or before the 15% due date or 10% discount on 1<sup>st</sup> installment payment due date on the Main Levy Rate Notice; and
- The value of the advance from Centrelink is paid by the property owner to Council within 48 hours of the property owner receiving the funds from Centrelink where it is after the 15% due date or 10% discount on 1<sup>st</sup> installment payment due date on the Main Levy Rate Notice.

When these circumstances are met, the Council will grant the 15% discount or 10% discount on the 1<sup>st</sup> installment which ever is applicable as if the advance payment from Centrelink had been received by Council on the Main Levy due date as it is outside the property owners control to access this advance by the due date due to circumstances beyond their control.  
(*Crs. Kaurila and Bosworth – Carried unanimously*)

#### **B. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE**

1. HERBERT RIVER CRUSHERS, Ingham, received 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, advising Council that the Crushers rugby league clubs have succeeded in making it to the Townsville District Rugby League Grand Final in two grades (U/19 and A grade) with only a three point loss causing the Crushers to miss out on the Reserve grade final appearance also, however they believe and sure that Council will also agree that such an effort reflects well on the Herbert River district.

Also thanking Council for its decision to upgrade the lighting at the Ingham Showgrounds which can only benefit all facility users. Also thanking Council for its support throughout the 2009 season. (041/0015)

**Resolved** – That the list of miscellaneous correspondence be received and noted.  
(*Crs. Lancini and Molachino – Carried unanimously*)

#### **9. FUNCTION V - INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT**

##### **A. PROGRAM G – WATER**

1. REFURBISHMENT OF WATER TOWERS PROJECT – CURRENT BUDGET.  
Consideration of Report to Council from Water & Sewerage Manager dated 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 seeking Council direction in relation to tenders received for the refurbishment of Shire water towers.

**Resolved** – That Council accept Brice Engineers Pty. Ltd. tender for the refurbishment of the Forrest Beach Tower as recommended by the Consultants so as to have it repaired completely before the next wet season.

That Council inform Brice Engineers Pty. Ltd. that there may be a possibility of completing the Halifax Tower work after the wet season depending on the outcomes of other water projects.

Complete the outstanding towers repairs in the next financial year using Brice Engineers Pty. Ltd. if an arrangement can be worked out to continue the current tender into the next year.

That Water & Sewerage Manager investigate during the refurbishment the cost and the feasibility of placing a decorative Christmas star light or appropriate fixing.  
(*Crs. Lancini and Molachino – Carried unanimously*)

### 3. GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

#### 1. FUNCTION II – DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING SERVICES

##### A. PROGRAM A – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### 1. REQUEST TO CHANGE AN EXISTING APPROVAL – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE – MULTIPLE UNIT DEVELOPMENT – 11 VICTORIA MILL ROAD, INGHAM – LOT 2 on SP133151.

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 regarding a request received from R.L. Firth to change an existing approval of Development Application in April, 2007. The requested change is to vary the layout of the units from the approved 1 x 3 bedroom and 4 x 2 bedroom unit arrangements, to a 2 x 1 bedroom and 3 x 2 bedroom arrangements. (058/0176)

**Resolved** – That Council approve the request to change an existing approval, issued to R.L. Firth for the Multiple Unit Development at 11 Victoria Mill Road, Ingham, with amended conditions as follows:-

(a) The development is to be carried out generally in accordance with the submitted plans, SK01 to 5, dated November 2006, as attached to the Development Application, and as amended by Drawings 1 to 3 submitted with the Form 2 Development Application for Request to Change an Existing Approval, dated the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2009;

(e) Payment to the Council of water headworks contribution of \$2,250 (1.5 ETUs additional); and

(f) Payment to the Council of sewerage headworks contribution of \$2,250 (1.5 ETUs additional).

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

#### 2. FUNCTION V – INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

##### A. PROGRAM A – TRANSPORT

#### 1. REVIEW OF HSC 09 / 56 – DE-NUTTING OF COCONUT PALMS.

Consideration of Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2009, regarding offers received for the annual de-nutting of Coconut Palms.

**Resolved** – That Council accept the offer from Lewis Group (Aust) Pty. Ltd. for the de-nutting of Coconuts Palms in the Shire.

*(Crs. Kaurila and Lancini – Carried)*

#### 2. HSC 09 / 63 – 2009 / 2010 RESEAL PROGRAM – SUPPLY & SPRAY OF BITUMINOUS SURFACING.

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, regarding offers received for the supply and spraying of bitumen surfacing at Hawkins Creek, Stone River, Macknade, Blackrock, Lower Herbert and Halifax areas for Council's 2009 / 2010 Reseal Program. Seeking Council endorsement of Manager Engineering Services' decision to finalise the reseal tender having regard to bulk Natural Disaster Relief & Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) works currently in progress with the Reseal Program works.

**Resolved** - The Council endorse the Manager Engineering Services decision to accept the Offer from Pioneer Road Services for the Supply & Spray of Bitumen Surfacing for Council's 2009 / 2010 Reseal Program.

That Council amend the 2009 / 2010 budget by revising the Council road reseal budget to \$850K.

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

3. REVIEW OF HSC 09 / 64 – SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF MANUFACTURED PREMIX.  
Consideration of Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2009, regarding offers received for the annual supply and / or supply and delivery of manufactured premix which is used in road maintenance pavement works.

**Resolved – That Council accept the offer from Pioneer Road Services Pty. Ltd. for the supply and delivery of manufactured premix.  
(Crs. Lancini and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)**

4. REVIEW OF HSC 09 / 65 – SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF BITUMEN EMULSION.  
Consideration of Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2009, regarding offers received for the annual supply and / or supply and delivery of bitumen emulsion which is used in road maintenance pavement works.

**Resolved – That Council accept the offer from Boral Resources for the supply and delivery of bitumen emulsion.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Lancini – Carried unanimously)**

### 3. FUNCTION I – CORPORATE SERVICES

#### A. PROGRAM A – CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1. LGMA FUNDRAISING PROGRAM FOR MAKE-A-WISH.  
Consideration of request from Records Manager dated 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 for Council to donate the sum of \$72 to the morning tea and raffle organised by Council staff on Tuesday 8th September, 2009 for the LGMA fundraising program for Make-A-Wish. The morning tea and raffle raised \$328 made up of \$186 raffle money and \$124 from the morning tea, and as Councillors opted to participate in the morning tea in lieu of their normal Council Meeting morning tea, the additional sum of \$72 would make a grand total of \$400.

**Resolved – That Council donate the sum of \$72 to the LGMA fundraising program for Make-A-Wish.  
(Crs. Lancini and Molachino – Carried unanimously)**

4. CONCLUSION – This concluded the business of the meeting which closed at 5.15 p.m.
5. APPROVED and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of **October, 2009.**

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MAYOR