

ORDINARY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MINUTES

TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 9.00 AM

Council Members >>

The Mayor, Councillor Jenny Hill
Councillor Suzanne Blom
Councillor Colleen Doyle
Councillor Gary Eddiehausen APM
Councillor Pat Ernst
Councillor Ray Gartrell
Councillor Jenny Lane
Councillor Anthony Parsons
Councillor Trevor Roberts
Councillor Vern Veitch
Councillor Les Walker

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Goals and Strategies of Townsville City Council >>

Corporate Plan >>

Goal 1: Economic Sustainability - A strong diverse economy which provides opportunities for business and investment with an integrated approach to long term planning where the city's assets meet the community needs.

- 1.1 Create economic opportunities for Townsville to drive economic and community prosperity.
- 1.2 Maximise opportunities through engagement and partnership with stakeholder achieve a strong resilient economy.
- 1.3 Utilise the City Plan to inform the development of current and future infrastructure needs of Townsville.
- 1.4 Promote and market Townsville as a vibrant destination for commerce, entertainment and lifestyle.
- 1.5 Provide and maintain water and sewage infrastructure to ensure a functioning network.
- 1.6 Provide and maintain a leading practice integrated transport network to facilitate the sustainable growth and efficient movement of Townsville.

Goal 2: Environmental Sustainability - A sustainable future where our environment is valued through the protection and enhancement of our unique, natural and built environment with a commitment to reducing our environmental impact.

- 2.1 Effective management, protection and conservation of our environment to ensure a balance between built infrastructure and areas of environmental significance.
- 2.2 Implement an effective integrated demand management approach to infrastructure planning and delivery.
- 2.3 Preserve our natural environment through active management, education and compliance activities.
- 2.4 Adopt urban design principles that create a distinct sense of place, enables and informs place creation, maximises efficiency, and enhances the built and natural environment.
- 2.5 Research and implement environmental solutions utilising innovative smart technology and encourage behaviour change.

Goal 3: Social Sustainability - A vibrant community that is accessible, safe, healthy, creative and knowledgeable, where we embrace diversity and our sense of community.

- 3.1 Encourage active and healthy lifestyles through accessible public facilities and community initiatives.
- 3.2 Support the community's access to and participation in a range of artistic, cultural and entertainment activities.
- 3.3 Enhance wellbeing and safety in the community.
- 3.4 Enhance a knowledgeable, inclusive and connected community that embraces growth and lifelong learning.
- 3.5 Provide community infrastructure and services that support growth and meets community needs.

Goal 4: Responsible Governance - A well-managed, transparent and effective organisation that gives the community confidence, demonstrates financial sustainability, where our customers are satisfied with our services and our employees are proud to work here.

- 4.1 Undertake robust and accountable financial, resource and infrastructure planning and management to ensure affordable and sustainable outcomes for our community.
- 4.2 Deliver best value customer service to our community.
- 4.3 Enable innovation and technology capacity within council to drive organisational efficiencies.
- 4.4 Engage with the community to inform council decision making processes.
- 4.5 Provide inspirational leadership and contemporary management systems that drives a coordinated, motivated, highly effective and efficient organisation.
- 4.6 Commit to open transparent and accountable governance to ensure community confidence and trust in council.
- 4.7 Promote an organisational culture that values and empowers its workforce.

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REPORT	COUNCIL MEETING
DATE	Tuesday 23 February 2016 at 9.00am
ITEMS	1 TO 55
PRESENT	The Mayor, Councillor J Hill Councillor V Veitch Councillor S Blom Councillor C Doyle Councillor G Eddiehausen APM Councillor P Ernst Councillor R Gartrell Councillor J Lane Councillor A Parsons Councillor T Roberts Councillor L Walker

Opening of Meeting and Announcement of Visitors

The Chair, The Mayor, Councillor J Hill opened the meeting at 9.00am.

Prayer

Reverend Jeff Coop of the Anglican Church delivered the opening prayer.

Apologies and Leave of Absence

There were no apologies or leave of absence noted.

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

It was MOVED by Councillor V Veitch, SECONDED by Councillor J Lane:

"that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 27 January 2016 be confirmed."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Disclosure of Interests

- (i) Community and Cultural Committee - perceived conflict of Interest - Item 35 - Councillors Blom, Gartrell, Walker and Veitch - Councillors Blom, Gartrell, Walker and Veitch are members of a Lions Club.
- (ii) Sports Parks and Recreation Committee - perceived conflict of interest – Item 18 – Councillor J Lane - Councillor Lane's husband is a past employee of James Cook University.
- (iii) Planning and Development Committee and Officer's Reports - material personal interest – Item 7 and 55 – Councillor C Doyle – Councillor Doyle is the owner of a property within the defined PDA.
- (iv) Sports Recreation and Parks Committee - perceived conflict of interest – Item 15 and 19 – The Mayor, Councillor J Hill – Councillor Hill is patron of Townsville AFL.
- (v) Sports Parks and Recreation Committee - perceived conflict of interest – Item 18 – Councillor V Veitch - Councillor Veitch's wife is an employee of James Cook University.
- (vi) Sports Recreation and Parks Committee - perceived conflict of interest - Item 17 Councillor A Parsons is a life member of Sharks Touch Club.

Petitions

- (i) **Petition to request that council reinstate the public access points to Ross River Dam**

Overview

The Mayor, Councillor J Hill tabled a petition from main petitioner Guy Reece resident of Kelso signed by 230 petitioners.

Petition Request

That council reinstate public access points and wall of Ross River Dam which include:

1. The boat wash access down by the rangers hut - now blocked with steel and barbed wire;
2. The wooden stairs access point mid-way down dam wall;
3. The two access points at the end of the asphalt road at the end of the dam; and
4. The 2km of dam wall revoked from public use.

Council Decision

That the petition be referred to the relevant Division to seek a formal response from staff to be reported back to a future council meeting.

Deputations

There were no deputations.

Notices of Motion

Nil

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Mayoral Minute

The Mayor thanked all Councillors for their contributions during the current term and paid special recognition to Councillor Pat Ernst and Councillor Jenny Lane neither of whom have renominated for council at the pending election.

Councillor Ernst served one four year term and was Chair of Council's Sports Recreation and Parks Committee.

Councillor Lane has served the community as a Councillor since 1994 having served in the current term as Chair of Council's Governance and Finance Committee and a member of Council's Audit Committee.

The Mayor's appreciation for the community service of Councillor's Ernst and Lane was carried by acclamation.

Committee Items

Infrastructure Committee

It was MOVED by Councillor T Roberts, SECONDED by Councillor A Parsons:

"that the committee recommendations to items 1 and 2 be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1 Quarterly Corporate Performance Report to Infrastructure Committee

Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a written assessment of council's Corporate and Operational Plans on a quarterly basis. The Public Infrastructure Core Service section of the Corporate Performance Report, under separate cover, is presented to the Infrastructure Committee.

Officer's Recommendation

That council receive the Public Infrastructure Core Service section of the Corporate Performance Report for the second quarter of 2015/16, being the period from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 1 of the council minutes (page 8635) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

2 Engineering Services - Realignment of Yardley Road, Hervey Range

Executive Summary

Yardley Road is currently unsealed road of 530 metres that serves approximately four properties (all for the one family – Yardley). The physical location of this road does not currently align with the road reserve.

This report recommends proceeding with a simultaneous road closure and opening for Yardley Road so that the physical road matches the road area on the cadastre.

Officer's Recommendation

That council agree to proceed with an application to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines for a simultaneous road closure and opening for Yardley Road, where it connects onto Hervey Range Road, Black River.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 1 of the council minutes (page 8635) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

Planning and Development Committee

In accordance with section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor C Doyle declared a material personal interest in regards to item 7.

- (a) **the nature of the material personal interest as described by the Councillor:**
Councillor C Doyle is the owner of property within the defined PDA.
- (b) **how the Councillor dealt with the material personal interest:**
Councillor C Doyle vacated the chambers during discussion and voting on the item.

It was MOVED by Councillor A Parsons, SECONDED by Councillor P Ernst:

"that the committee recommendations to items 3, 5 and 6 be adopted and that items 4 and 7 be dealt with separately."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 4 MI15/0027 Report - MCU (Impact) Telecommunication Facility - Mobile Base Station, 10 Castle Hill, Castle Hill

It was MOVED by Councillor A Parsons, SECONDED by Councillor P Ernst:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

In accordance with council's Meeting Procedures Policy where council does not unanimously support an Officer's Recommendation or an alternative resolution Councillors are to have recorded their reasons for doing so.

For	Against
Councillor A Parsons	Councillor V Veitch
Councillor C Doyle	Councillor J Lane
Councillor G Eddiehausen	Councillor S Blom
The Mayor, Councillor J Hill	
Councillor L Walker	
Councillor P Ernst	
Councillor R Gartrell	
Councillor T Roberts	
Reasons Against	

Do not believe that the amenity values of Castle Hill have been properly considered or that alternative locations have been fully investigated.

CARRIED

Item 7 P&D Strategic Planning - Expression of Interest for provision of cultural facilities

It was MOVED by Councillor A Parsons, SECONDED by The Mayor, Councillor J Hill:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 MI15/0020 Report - Material Change of Use (Impact) Service Station and Ancillary Convenience Shop, Drive-through Fast Food Outlet and Shop, 450 Bayswater Road, Mount Louisa

Executive Summary

A Development Application for a Material Change of Use – Service Station, Food and Drink Outlet and Shop on Lot 3 RP 885659 located at 450 Bayswater Road, Mount Louisa was lodged by the applicant, BNC Planning on behalf of Bayswater Investments (QLD) Pty Ltd, on 30 July 2015.

The application received four properly made submissions during the public notification period. The concerns raised in these submissions have been thoroughly reviewed against the provisions of the Townsville City Plan during the course of the assessment of the application. Relevant concerns have been addressed in this report and subsequently conditioned where reasonable.

Through appropriate control measures and conditions (particularly with regards to maintaining acceptable levels of amenity for adjoining residential properties), the proposed development has demonstrated compliance with the relevant outcomes of the Townsville City Plan. The application is subsequently recommended for approval subject to reasonable and relevant conditions.

Officer's Recommendation

That council approve application MI15/0020 for a Development Permit for Service Station, Food and Drink Outlet (Drive-through Fast Food Outlet) and Shop under section 243 of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* on land described as Lot 3 RP 885659, more particularly 450-456 Bayswater Road Mount Louisa on the following grounds/subject to the following conditions -

1. Approved Plans and Supporting Documentation

Condition

- a) The development must generally comply with the plan(s) and supporting documentation referenced in the table below and attached as stamped "Approved Subject to Conditions" which forms part of this approval, unless otherwise specified by any condition of this approval.

Plan Name	Plan No.	Revision No.	Revision Date
Site Plan	DA110	P5	06/19/2015
Floor Plan	DA201	P3	06/19/2015
Elevations Sheet 1	DA301	P3	06/19/2015
Elevations Sheet 2	DA302	P2	06/19/2015
Overall Section	DA311	P3	06/19/2015
Perspective 1	DA901	P2	07/16/2015
Perspective 2	DA902	P2	07/16/2015
Associated Reports			
Traffic Impact Assessment Report (Job No. BNCA006), dated October 2015, prepared by LCJ Engineers			
Noise Impact Assessment (A065), dated 7 January 2016, prepared by Dedicated Acoustics.			

- b) One full set of the most up to date approved plans and supporting documentation must be held on site and available for inspection for the duration of the construction phase.

Reason

The development must comply with all planning scheme requirements and definitions as approved and conditioned by this development permit.

Timing

During the operation and life of the development.

2. Property Numbering

Condition

Legible property numbers must be erected at the premises and must be maintained to the satisfaction of the Council.

The site identification numbers should be of reflective material. Maintained free from foliage and other obstructions, and be large enough to be read from the street.

Reason

To allow the general public, service and emergency service providers to effectively identify the property.

Timing

Prior to the commencement of the use and maintained for the life of the development.

3. Noise Impact Assessment

Condition

The developer must implement all recommendations of the Noise Impact Assessment (A065), dated 7 January 2016, prepared by Dedicated Acoustics, unless otherwise conditioned as part of this approval.

All recommendations of the Noise Impact Assessment must be implemented by operators of all uses of the site at all times following the commencement of the use.

The Noise Impact Assessment and any subsequent acoustic assessment/information must be made available to all future operators/purchasers of approved uses on the site.

Reason

To ensure the noise mitigation measures achieve the acoustic quality objectives of the Noise Impact Assessment (A065) dated 7 January 2016, prepared by Dedicated Acoustics and relevant acoustic legislation/policies.

Timing

Detailed design of the proposed acoustic measures/treatments and noise management plan must be submitted and assessed as part of Compliance Assessment.

4. Noise Levels

Condition

The current location of the speaker box is not approved unless otherwise demonstrated that the required acoustic quality objectives (noise levels) as per the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2008* for the adjoining sensitive receptors adjacent to the drive-through facility can be achieved.

Supplementary information must be submitted and approved by council prior to the installation of a speaker box associated with the Food and Drink Outlet and drive-through facility.

Reason

To ensure that the residential amenity for adjoining properties is not detrimentally affected by the development, particularly with regards to noise.

Timing

Details must be submitted and assessed as part of Compliance Assessment and maintained thereafter for the life of the development.

5. Acoustic Control Measures - Post Construction Certification

Condition

The developer must submit to council a post construction certification demonstrating that all of the recommendations of the Noise Impact Assessment (A065), dated 7 January 2016, prepared by Dedicated Acoustics have been achieved including any subsequent Noise Impact Assessment associated with this development.

Certification must be provided by a suitably qualified acoustic consultant.

Reason

To ensure the acoustic quality objectives of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy* and the recommendations of the Noise Impact Assessment (A065), dated 7 January 2016, prepared by Dedicated Acoustics have been effectively implemented/installed.

Timing

Certification must be submitted to council prior to the commencement of the use.

6. Building Materials

Condition

All buildings and structures associated with the use must be constructed from materials and/or painted or similarly treated with paint or pigment of a low reflective level which does not cause excessive glare.

Reason

Ensure protection of matters of public safety and amenity in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Prior to commencement of the use.

7. Relocation of Services or Facilities

Condition

The developer must be responsible for any relocation and/or alteration to any public service or facility installation required as a result of any works carried out in connection with this development at no cost to Council.

Reason

To ensure development is appropriately serviced by public services and/or in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Prior to the commencement of the use.

8. Electricity and Telecommunication

Condition

Electricity and telecommunications must be provided in accordance with Part 9.4.7 Works code.

Reason

To provide an appropriate level of electricity and telecommunication services for the development in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Prior to the commencement of use.

9. Storage**Condition**

Goods, equipment, packaging material or machinery must not be stored or left exposed outside the building so as to be visible from any public road or thoroughfare. Any storage on site is required to be screened from view from all roads and adjacent properties.

Reason

To ensure the development does not have a detrimental effect on the visual amenity of the surrounding land in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

At all times following the commencement of the use.

10. Car Parking**Condition**

- a) All car parking facilities, associated ramps and driveways must be provided in accordance with Part 9.4.6 Transport impact, access and parking code and designed in accordance with SC6.4.3.5 Development manual planning scheme policy and as detailed in the latest amendment of the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZ 2890. All car parking facilities must be maintained to a safe operating standard at all times thereafter.
- a) The developer must provide a minimum of 32 car spaces including disabled parking on site in accordance with SC6.10 Parking rates planning scheme policy.
- b) A line marking and signage plan associated with the car parking facility including entry and exit access driveways, circulation lanes, and drive-through lane must be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices – Queensland (MUTCD) to ensure a safe and efficient operation of the car parking facility. The design plan must consider the following requirements (but should not be limited to):
 - Provide appropriate signage to designated entry and exit driveways including directional signs for internal circulation to promote legibility of vehicular movements.
 - Appropriate line marking/signage to vehicles exiting the westernmost driveway in travelling towards the inner lane of Bayswater Road to utilise the existing turning lane facility.
 - Internal speed limit signs as per the recommendations of the associated Noise Impact Assessment.
 - Additional 'No Standing' signs along Bayswater Road and evaluate the need to provide similar signs along the Buchanan Street frontage.
- c) The developer must provide details of the finished surface of the internal car parking and refuelling area to ensure that the proposed pavement surface treatment will not promote 'wheel squeaks and chirps' in accordance with the recommendations of the Noise Impact Assessment (Report Ref: A065), prepared by Dedicated Acoustics, dated 7 January 2016.

Reason

To ensure development is appropriately serviced by parking and access facilities in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Parts a) and b) of this condition must be provided prior to the commencement of the use and maintained at all times following the commencement of the use.

Parts c) and d) of this condition must be submitted and assessed as part of Compliance Assessment for the development.

11. Hours of Operation**Condition**

Unless otherwise approved by council, the activities associated with the use must only be conducted between the following hours for each respective use:

- Service Station – 24 hours a day
- Food and Drink Outlet – 6am to 10pm
- Shop – 6am to 10pm

All fuel tanker and service deliveries for all uses on the site are only permitted **between 7am and 7pm Monday to Saturday inclusive**. Deliveries are not permitted on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Reason

To ensure the development does not have a detrimental effect on the amenity of the surrounding land in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

At all times following the commencement of the use.

12. Screening of Plant and Utilities**Condition**

- a) Unless otherwise approved by council, the location and screening of the air conditioner condenser units and refuse/service areas must be located in accordance with the Site Plan (DA110, Revision P5), Floor Plan (DA201, Revision P3) and Elevations Sheet 1 (DA301, Revision P3). This is to ensure that such areas/equipment are not significantly visible from the street and reduces audible outputs to surrounding residential properties.
- b) All other plant and utilities must not be visible from the street.

Reason

To ensure the development does not have a detrimental effect on the amenity of the surrounding land in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Prior to and at all times following the commencement of the use.

13. Landscaping and Street Enhancements**Condition**

Landscaping and Irrigation Design plans are required to be submitted and approved by council.

The Landscape and Irrigation Design plans must be prepared in accordance with Part 9.4.3 Landscape code. The landscape plans are to include dense plantings of trees and shrubs in the landscape areas along the side and rear boundaries of the site, to create a mixed height screen.

The Bayswater Road footpath is to be provided with full width concrete in accordance with Treatment P6 of the Footpath Treatment Policy and street trees. (Note: Due to the existing bus stop and new driveways it is recognised that it may not be possible to provide street trees in Bayswater Road).

The Buchanan Street footpath is to consist of a 1500mm wide concrete footpath generally conforming to Treatment P6 of the Footpath Treatment Policy with street trees and irrigated turf. Plantings are not to be provided on the area of the footpath between the concrete footpath and the property boundary. Landscape plantings to the frontages of the site are to be provided within the site.

Reason

All works must be completed in accordance with the approved landscaping plan and constructed to a standard in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Details of landscaping and street enhancements must be submitted and assessed as part of an application for Compliance Assessment for the development. All landscaped areas must be maintained thereafter to the satisfaction of council.

14. Minimum Floor Levels

Condition

The developer must ensure that floor levels of all non-residential buildings are above the defined flood event

The developer must submit documentation signed by an engineer (who must be an RPEQ) to a Building Certifier identifying the required minimum development floor height to achieve required flood immunity.

Reason

For matters of public safety and amenity in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Prior to the issuing of a Development Permit for Building Works

15. Signage

Condition

The developer must submit to Council for approval plans of any signage to be associated with the use that is deemed to be assessable development in accordance with the assessment tables of Part 5.8.2 of the Planning Scheme, unless otherwise approved by this development permit. Signs must be designed in accordance with the Part 9.4.1 - Advertising Devises Code. Approved signs must be maintained to the satisfaction of Council. To maintain amenity for adjoining properties, no illumination of the signage is to occur unless otherwise approved in writing by Council.

Note: Signage has been included as a Plan Right development type, see Council's web site for a list of accredited consultants that can assist with the submission of an application.

Reason

Signage not deemed either Exempt or Self Assessable development requires a Code Assessable Operational works development application to be lodged with Council in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Prior to the commencement of the use.

16. Soil Erosion Minimisation, Sediment Control**Condition**

During the construction phase of this development the developer must be responsible for the installation and maintenance of adequate erosion and sediment control management in accordance with Part 9.4.2 Healthy Waters Code

Note: The contingent design, implementation and maintenance of measures must be provided in accordance with SC6.4.3.8.6 *Development manual planning scheme policy*.

Reason

Development ensures that the receiving waters during construction are managed from the effects of increased sediment run-off in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Must be submitted and assessed as part of Compliance Assessment for the development.

17. Dust suppression**Condition**

During the construction and maintenance phases of this development the developer must be responsible for adequate mitigation measures being put in place for the suppression of dust.

Reason

To ensure potential impacts to surrounding properties is avoided.

Timing

To be undertaken during the construction and maintenance phases.

18. Refuse Facilities**Condition**

A Waste management plan (WMP) must be prepared in accordance with SC6.5.3.22 Waste management guidelines as required by Part 9.4.7 Works code and submitted to council for approval.

Reason

Ensure protection of matters of public health and amenity in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Details of the waste management plan must be submitted and assessed as part of Compliance Assessment and maintained for the life of the development.

19. Lighting**Condition**

- a) The developer must ensure all internal and external lighting is fitted with shades and erected in a manner that ensures that adjoining premises and roads are not affected.
- b) Lighting must be provided in accordance with the *Australian Standard AS4282 Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting* and

*Australian Standard AS 1158.1.1 – Road Lighting – Vehicular Traffic
(Category V) Lighting – Performance and Installation Design
Requirement.*

Reason

Ensure protection of matters of public health and amenity in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Prior to the commencement of the use and maintained at all times during the life of the development.

20. Stormwater Drainage

Condition

An appropriately qualified and experienced Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ) must certify that stormwater drainage has been achieved in accordance with Part 9.4.2 Healthy Waters Code.

The submitted civil works design plans as part of Concept Stormwater Quality Management Plan with Report Ref: 15186GG/R01, Revision A dated September 2015 are considered conceptual design plans and are subject to further detailed design. Prior to submission of final stormwater management plan, the developer must further investigate the effects of redirecting the stormwater discharge from this development onto the existing council stormwater drainage network along Buchanan Street – Majanna Street.

The developer must provide details of internal stormwater storage/detention device/s that are to be installed within the development site to ensure that the recommendations of the conceptual civil works plan relating to stormwater management are generally achieved.

Reason

To convey stormwater legally and in an environmentally responsible manner in accordance with Part 9.4.2 Healthy waters code.

Timing

Must be submitted and assessed as part of Compliance assessment and maintained for the life of the development thereafter.

21. Stormwater Quality Management

Condition

The submitted Concept Stormwater Quality Management Plan with Report Ref: 15186GG/R01, Revision A dated September 2015 is required to be generally implemented in accordance with the relevant council guideline and incorporate any further reasonable requests from council. All works must be carried out in accordance with SC6.4 Development manual planning scheme policy. The developer must submit detailed design stormwater quality management plans to council prior to construction of relevant development works.

Reason

To manage and to minimise the risk of causing environmental harm to receiving waters, damage to council infrastructure, and unnecessary financial burdens to council and the community in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Must be submitted and assessed as part of Compliance assessment and maintained for the life of the development thereafter.

22. Roadworks and Traffic

Condition

- a) The developer must construct the new access driveway and crossover from the existing kerb and channel to the property boundary at the developer's expense generally in accordance with Part 9.4.6 Transport impact, access and parking code and the relevant recommendations of the Traffic Impact Assessment Report, 6.3 of the Report Ref: BNCA006 dated 7/10/2015.
- b) The developer must replace the kerb and channelling as necessary to repair any irregularities or breaks for the full frontage of the site in accordance with Part 9.4.6 Transport impact, access and parking code.
- c) During the construction phase, any damages to the road reserve (i.e. footpath/kerb and channel) must be replaced by the developer in accordance with Council's standards.

Reason

To ensure that the premises is appropriately serviced by connection to Council road infrastructure. Construction must be in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Details of such works must be submitted and assessed as part of Compliance Assessment and maintained for the life of the development thereafter.

23. Sewerage Reticulation

Condition

The proposed alteration to existing sewer reticulation within the development site shown on Sewerage Plan C10 Revision A prepared by SMCE dated 03/07/2015 is generally accepted a concept plan and is subject to further detailed design. The final design must incorporate the following design requirements (but not be limited to):

- Maximum spacing of sewer manholes (maintenance structures) is 90m. [Note: The proposal to demolish existing MH2/L9A2 will potentially exceed the 90m spacing requirement.]
- Maintenance hole is required where there is a change in pipe material.
- Construction methodology and schedule must be provided prior to construction to ensure the discharge from upstream catchment is not affected by the relevant construction work.
- Proposed wash down and oil separator pit within the bowser area is subject to a separate council approval.
- Ensure that appropriate maintenance structure lids are provided for manholes subject to vehicular traffic and stormwater infiltration.

All property connections are to be directed to the nearest existing sewer manhole, details of the sewerage reticulation works must be submitted and approved by Council.

Reason

To ensure that the premises are appropriately serviced by Council infrastructure where located in a service area for a sewerage service under *the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*.

Timing

Must be submitted and assessed as part of Compliance Assessment for the development.

24. Conduit Assessment

Condition

A visual inspection of the existing DN150 sewer main traversing the site must be conducted in accordance with the following:

- a) An assessment is required on the pre-construction and post construction condition of the sewer gravity main from MH 2/L9A2 to 3/L9A2.
- b) The assessment must be undertaken by a certified CCTV operator to perform conduit condition assessment and the results are to be submitted to Council in CD or DVD format accompanied by a written report to be approved by Council.
- c) Any upgrading or replacement determined by Council will be carried out at the developer's expense.

Reason

To assess condition of the conduit in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Must be submitted and assessed as part of Compliance Assessment for the development for pre-construction.

A post-construction assessment must be provided upon completion of all relevant development works.

Advice

1. Infrastructure Charges

Condition

An infrastructure Charges Notice outlining the estimated infrastructure contributions payable relevant to the Development Permit is attached for your information.

2. Further Approvals Required

Condition

- a) **Compliance Assessment**
A Compliance Assessment application associated with the following conditions must be submitted to Council for approval prior to the issue of a Development Permit for Building Works, unless otherwise approved by Council.

Condition 3 – Noise Impact Assessment

Condition 4 – Noise Levels

Condition 5 – Acoustic Control Measures – Post Construction Certification

Condition 10 – Car Parking

Condition 13 – Landscaping

Condition 16 – Soil Erosion Minimisation, Sediment Control

Condition 18 – Refuse Facilities

Condition 20 – Stormwater Drainage

Condition 21 – Stormwater Quality Management

Condition 22 – Roadworks and Traffic

Condition 23 – Sewerage Reticulation

Condition 24 – Conduit Assessment

All engineering, acoustic, waste management, soil erosion and sediment control, landscaping and streetscape enhancement designs/documentation associated with such an application must be prepared and where necessary, certified by a suitably qualified/experienced person.

- b) **Plumbing and Drainage Works**
The developer must obtain a Compliance Permit to carry out plumbing and drainage works prior to the commencement of sanitary drainage works.
- c) **Building Works**
The developer must obtain a Development Permit for Building Works to carry out building works prior to works commencing on site.

3. Shop Fit Out

Condition

- a) Prior to any fit out of the intended food premises, an application for food licence including details on the fit out of the premises must be submitted to Council's Environmental Health Services. No fit out or construction may take place before approval is granted. A food premise is anywhere food or beverages are prepared, packed, stored, handled, serviced, supplied or delivered for sale.
- b) Prior to any fit out of a Skin Penetration Establishment, a separate application must be submitted to Council's Environmental Health Services for Licence issue. No fit out or construction may take place before approval is granted.
- c) Where the premises is intended to be used for carrying out an Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA) that has been devolved to council, as defined in Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008*, an application for development approval under the *Sustainable Act 2009* must be submitted to the relevant administering authority prior to the commencement of the activity. To operate an ERA, an Environmental Authority is required. The application for the DA is also taken to be the application for the Environmental Authority.

Maximum penalties may be imposed for operating an Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA) without a development approval.

Further to this; to operate an ERA the operator needs to be a registered suitable operator. Applications for this can be submitted to local government with the EA application or can be sent direct to Department of Environment & Heritage Protection (DEHP). DEHP assess all suitable operator applications.

Maximum penalties may be imposed for operating an EA as an unregistered operator.

4. Connection to Council Sewer

Condition

A copy of this permit and the approved sewer reticulation design must be submitted to Council with the appropriate application form for connection to Council's sewer supply. Council will respond to the application with a quotation for the work upon payment will schedule the works for connection.

5. Storage of Materials and Machinery

Condition

All materials and machinery to be used during the construction period are to be wholly stored on the site, unless otherwise approved by Council.

6. Building Work Noise

Condition

The hours of audible noise associated with construction and building work on site must be limited to between the hours of:

- 6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Monday to Saturday; with
- No work on Sundays or Public Holidays.

7. Specifications and Drawings

Condition

Details of Council's specifications and standard drawings can be viewed on Council's website.

8. Environmental Considerations

Condition

Department of Environment and Heritage Protection Requirements.

Construction must comply with relevant Legislation, Policies and Guidelines.

9. Liquid Trade Waste Approval/Agreement

Condition

The developer is advised that a Trade Waste Approval/Agreement may be required under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* and should confirm this with Council's Environmental Health Services.

10. Building Over/Adjacent to Services

Condition

The developer is advised that the proposed building structures are over/adjacent to an existing sewer. In accordance with QDC MP1.4, the applicant may be required to make an application to Council for consent under Section 191 of the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* for building over or adjacent to services.

11. Flammable and Combustible Liquids

Condition

Where flammable and combustible liquids are stored or handled on site, advice regarding the requirements for storage and handling of Flammable and Combustible Liquids Must be obtained from the relevant administering authority.

12. Roadworks Approval

Condition

The developer is responsible for obtaining a Roadworks permit in accordance with Subordinate Local Law No. 1.15 (Carry out Works or Interfering with a Road or its Operation) 2011 for the installation of any hoardings, gantries or temporary road closures of the footpath or road prior to the commencement of works. The application must indicate the following:

- i. Completed Roadworks permit application form;
- ii. Prescribed fee;
- iii. Traffic Management Plan prepared by a suitable qualified traffic professional detailing the traffic management measures put in place to manage all Roadworks including pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (Queensland) Part 3 – Works on Roads.

If the works require closure of part of the road reserve, a temporary Road Closure

Permit will be required. This permit allows for a section of road reserve to be closed for the purpose of works. The Queensland Police Service is the issuing authority for these permits. An application will need to be made to Council for a letter of 'no objection' prior to applying to the Queensland Police Service for the permit. The Traffic Management Plan will need to be included with the application to Council.

13. Property Notation – Noise Impact Assessment

Condition

A Property Notation will be attached to the property to ensure that the Noise Impact Assessment and any subsequent acoustic assessment/information is made available to all future operators/purchasers of approved uses on the site.

14. Dilapidation Report

Condition

The developer should provide Council with a dilapidation report including photographs of the footpath, kerb and channel in the vicinity of the access/es to the site, driveways, stormwater drainage pits within the road reserve (etc.), prior to commencement of the works. Any damage identified by Council inspectors as a result of construction activities are to be rectified prior to acceptance of development works. The developer will be responsible for the restoration of all damage identified by the inspectors if this report is not lodged prior to work commencing.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 3 of the council minutes (page 8636) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

4 MI15/0027 Report - MCU (Impact) Telecommunication Facility - Mobile Base Station, 10 Castle Hill, Castle Hill

Executive Summary

The application seeks a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Telecommunication Facility – Mobile Base Station at 10 Castle Hill Drive, Castle Hill, (MI15/0027). The development is located in the Open Space Zone under the Townsville City Plan and is Impact Assessable.

The proposal for a Telecommunication Facility – Mobile Base Station consists of a 20 metre monopole, with an extended 3.4 metre slim turret to attach the antennae. The total height will be 23.4 metres above ground level. The associated prefabricated equipment shed located alongside the monopole has a width of 3.38 metres, length of 3.15 metres and a height of 3 metres. The proposed structures will be contained within a 63 square metre chainmesh fenced compound with a secure access gate, and will be painted eucalyptus green to reduce visual impact.

The proposed Facility will be located at the foothill of Castle Hill, adjacent to the eastern boundary of Lot 788, between existing public water infrastructure, that being the Middle City Reservoir and the Bottom City Reservoir. The ground surrounding the subject site is cleared and already disturbed due to the presence of the reservoirs. Vehicle access for construction and future maintenance will be via an existing service road, for the reservoirs, off Walker Street. The Facility has an approximate 75 metre separation distance from existing residential uses, which exceeds the requirement for a minimum of 50 metres.

The strategic intent for this zone encourages open space uses and seeks to preserve the land for those activities. Consideration has been given to the scale of the specific use, the corresponding site location and taking into account submitter's concerns.

The applicant identified a number of key considerations in regard to the decision to locate the proposed development on the subject site. Furthermore, site photos and photomontages were included in the report to illustrate the minimal impact the proposed development will have on the amenity of Castle Hill and provided information on the perceived health risks from telecommunication facilities. Furthermore, the telecommunications provider, Optus, investigated several alternative locations to determine an appropriate site to provide additional coverage in an area that is designated as a 'black-spot' with poor connectivity to the network. The content of these investigations are discussed below.

The application was publicly notified between 29 October and 19 November 2015, which included letters to the 377 adjoining owners. Twenty three (23) signs were placed on road frontages and on appropriate advantage points. During this period, six (6) properly made submissions were received by council. The submissions raised concerns in regards to amenity, property devaluation, perceived health risks, lack of information on signage, perceived security risks, application not properly notified, issues relating to fire and storm water drainage, transportation of the telecommunication facility and the accessibility of walking tracks. The applicant provided a response to each of the submissions. The submissions and responses are discussed below.

Following an assessment of the proposed use against the purpose, performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes of the Townsville City Plan, the development is recommended for approval subject to reasonable and relevant conditions.

Officer's Recommendation

That council approve application MI15/0027 for a development permit for Telecommunication Facility - Mobile Base Station under section 243 of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* on land described as Part of Lot 788 CP 855219, 10 Castle Hill Road, Castle Hill subject to the following conditions -

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE

Telecommunication Facility – Mobile Base Station SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

1. Approved Plans and Supporting Documentation

Condition

- a) The development must generally comply with the plan(s) and supporting documentation referenced in the table below and attached as stamped "Approved Subject to Conditions" which forms part of this approval, unless otherwise specified by any condition of this approval.

Plan Name	Plan No.	Revision No.	Revision Date
Draft Site Layout	B1199B-P1	01	29.07.14
Draft Site Elevation	B1199B-P2	01	29.07.14
Associated Reports			
Douglas Partners, Project 83900, May 2015 - Report on Geotechnical Investigation – Proposed Optus Monopole, Walker Street, Castle Hill, prepared for Metasite Pty Limited.			

- b) One full set of the most up to date approved plans and supporting documentation must be held on site and available for inspection for the duration of the construction phase.
- c) The developer must implement the recommendations outlined in the above reports/s prior to the commencement of the use.

Reason

The development must comply with all planning scheme requirements and definitions as approved and conditioned by this development permit.

Timing

During the operation and life of the development.

2. Building Materials**Condition**

All buildings and structures associated with the use must be constructed from materials and/or painted or similarly treated with paint or pigment of a low reflective level which does not cause excessive glare.

Reason

Ensure protection of matters of public safety and amenity in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Prior to commencement of the use.

3. Protection of Operational Airspace**Condition**

- a) Permanent or temporary physical obstructions must not adversely affect operational airspace such as activities associated with the proposed use or its construction, (including cranes) must not involve transient intrusions above 15 metres.
- b) Emissions must not significantly affect air turbulence, visibility or engine operation in operational airspace such as gaseous plume at a velocity exceeding 4.3 metres per second or smoke, dust, ash or steam.
- c) Any activity on the subject land must not emit anything that may interfere with current or proposed electronic air navigation or communications systems.
- d) Any proposed site lighting, including street lighting, car parking lighting and advertising or business sign lighting must be installed such that it does not project light spillage above the horizontal plane or beyond the subject site to protect the integrity of the Townsville Airport night lighting system and ensures that adjoining sites and roads are not affected.

Reason

To ensure the development does not have detrimental effect on the operation of airspace.

Timing

During the construction of the development and at all times following the commencement of the use.

4. Roadworks and Traffic**Condition**

During the construction phase, any damages to the road reserve (i.e. footpath/kerb and channel) must be replaced by the developer in accordance with Council's standards.

Reason

To ensure development is appropriately serviced by access facilities in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Prior to the commencement of the use.

5. Lighting**Condition**

The developer must ensure all internal and external lighting is fitted with shades and erected in a manner that ensures that adjoining premises and roads are not affected.

Reason

To ensure lighting does not affect adjoining premises and roads.

Timing

During the operation and life of the development.

6. Electricity and Telecommunication**Condition**

Electricity and telecommunications must be provided in accordance with Part 9.4.7 Works code.

Reason

To provide an appropriate level of electricity and telecommunication services for the development in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Prior to the commencement of the use.

7. Stormwater Drainage**Condition**

- a) The developer must ensure that no ponding of stormwater occurs on adjacent allotments and that no stormwater formerly flowing onto their development site is diverted onto other neighbouring allotments.
- b) Overland flow paths and underground drainage must be designed so as not to directly or indirectly cause nuisance to a downstream or adjoining property.

Reason

To convey stormwater legally and in an environmentally responsible manner in accordance with Part 9.4.2 – Healthy waters code.

Timing

To be maintained for the life of the development.

8. Soil Erosion Minimisation, Sediment Control

Condition

During the construction phase of this development the developer must be responsible for the installation and maintenance of adequate erosion and sediment control management in accordance with Part 9.4.2 Healthy Waters Code

Note: The contingent design, implementation and maintenance of measures must be provided in accordance with *SC6.4.3.8.6 Development manual planning scheme policy*.

Reason

Development ensures that the receiving waters during construction are managed from the effects of increased sediment run-off in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Assessed as part of Compliance assessment and maintained for the life of the development.

9. Relocation of Services or facilities

Condition

The developer must be responsible for any relocation and/or alteration to any public service or facility installation required as a result of any works carried out in connection with this development at no cost to Council.

Reason

To ensure development is appropriately serviced by public services and/or in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Prior to the commencement of the use.

10. Revegetation

Condition

All revegetation works to be undertaken in accordance with Development Manual planning Scheme policy SC6.4

Native grass species are to be used to stabilise and revegetate any areas of soil disturbed by construction activities.

Reason

To provide appropriate vegetation coverage to address amenity and/or to manage soil erosion issues in accordance with relevant codes/s and policy direction.

Timing

During the construction phase.

11. Rock Breaking, Drilling and Piling

Condition

Rock breaking, drilling and piling must be undertaken in accordance with Development manual planning scheme policy SC6.4, specifically SC6.4.3.15.6.

Reason

To ensure that the construction process is undertaken in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

Timing

Prior to, or during construction of the development.

Advice**1. Infrastructure Charges****Condition**

An infrastructure Charges Notice outlining the estimated infrastructure contributions payable relevant to the Development Permit is attached for your information.

2. Further Approvals Required**Condition****Building Works**

The developer must obtain a Development Permit for Building Works to carry out building works prior to works commencing on site.

3. Storage of Materials and Machinery**Condition**

All materials and machinery to be used during the construction period are to be wholly stored on the site, unless otherwise approved by Council.

4. Building Work Noise**Condition**

The hours of audible noise associated with construction and building work on site must be limited to between the hours of:

- 6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Monday to Saturday; with
- No work on Sundays or Public Holidays.

5. Environmental Considerations**Condition**

Department of Environment and Heritage Protection Requirements.

Construction must comply with relevant Legislation, Policies and Guidelines.

6. Dilapidation Report**Condition**

It is advisable that the developer undertake a dilapidation report, prior to the commencement of any works on the site to mitigate against any possible future legal action. The report is designed to document evidence of the existing condition of adjoining properties internally and externally prior to any rock breaking or construction work commencing. Hence the report should document and provide photographs that clearly depict any existing damage to neighbouring properties.

7. Defence Registration –**Condition**

The developer is advised that a structure of this height is required to be registered on the RAAF Aeronautical Information Service database in accordance with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority. For further information please contact the Aeronautical Data Office at raafais.data@defence.gov.au or (03) 9282-6400.

8. Regulated Device Audible Noise

Condition

A person must not operate a regulated device in a way that makes an audible noise:

- On a business day or Saturday, before 7.00a.m or after 7.00p.m; or
- On any other day, before 8.00a.m or after 7.00p.m.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 3 of the council minutes (page 8636) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

5 Outcome of Appeal No. 348 of 2015, Boag & Sanger v Townsville City Council and Townsville Christian Education Association Ltd - 104-156 Yolanda Drive, Annandale

Executive Summary

A submitter appeal was filed in the Planning and Environment Court in Townsville on 27 October 2015 against council's approval of a development application on 25 August 2015 for a Development Permit - Material Change of Use (Impact) Education Establishment – Stage 4 situated at 104-156 Yolanda Drive, Annandale (Annandale Christian School).

The submitters claimed the application should be refused for amenity reasons or, in the alternative, the approved conditions should be amended to appropriately resolve the amenity issues raised in the appeal.

The matter proceeded to mediation on 14 December 2016 where the respondent and co-respondent agreed with the submitter to amend some of the approval's conditions in order to resolve the appeal.

A final order by consent was sealed by the court on 13 January 2016 and therefore this matter is now at an end.

Officer's Recommendation

That council receive this report.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 3 of the council minutes (page 8636) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

6 Planning and Development Committee - Quarterly Corporate Performance Report

Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a written assessment of council's Corporate and Operational Plans on a quarterly basis. The Planning and Development Core Service section of the Corporate Performance Report, under separate cover, is presented to the Planning and Development Committee.

Officer's Recommendation

That council receive the Planning and Development Core Service section of the Corporate Performance Report for the second quarter of 2015/16, being the period from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 3 of the council minutes (page 8636) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

7 P&D Strategic Planning - Expression of Interest for provision of cultural facilities

Executive Summary

Townsville's cultural facilities were conceived and established when the city's population was 100,000. Today these facilities are struggling to serve a community approaching 200,000 and a regional population of 300,000. As a city, we are turning away touring performances because our facilities are over booked and we are unable to host international exhibitions because our galleries are undersized and substandard.

The aspiration to be the Capital of Northern Australia is underpinned by the diversity of the regional economy. Cultural pursuits contribute to that diversity by differentiating places, defining cities, enhancing identity, attracting investment and increasing tourism. It is essential that Townsville be recognised as both the Cultural and Economic Capital of Northern Australia, and that will only be achieved through the development of improved cultural facilities.

In recognition of this on 23 April 2015 Council resolved to endorse the Townsville City Waterfront Priority Development Area which included a Cultural Precinct.

Council should now test the market so that can consider whether there may be financial benefits from leasing privately constructed Cultural Facilities against Council funding and constructing the proposed Cultural Facilities as identified within the PDA.

Expressions of Interest that are received will be considered by a future council, and it is appropriate to record that the commencement of an expression of interest process places no legal or other obligation on council to proceed.

Officer's Recommendation

That council resolve that it is in the public interest to call for Expressions of Interest for provision of commercial premises within the Central Business District for rent and use as Art Gallery, Library and Concert Hall in accordance with Council accommodation specification, because consideration of Expressions of Interest will inform the council's consideration of options for the delivery of the Cultural Precinct.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 3 of the council minutes (page 8636) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

Healthy and Safe City Committee

It was MOVED by Councillor G Eddiehausen, SECONDED by Councillor T Roberts:

"that the committee recommendations to items 8 and 10 be adopted and that item 9 be considered separately."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 9

It was MOVED by Councillor G Eddiehausen, SECONDED by Councillor T Roberts:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

In accordance with council's Meeting Procedures Policy where council does not unanimously support an Officer's Recommendation or an alternative resolution Councillors are to have recorded their reasons for doing so.

For	Against
Councillor A Parsons	Councillor J Lane
Councillor C Doyle	
Councillor G Eddiehausen	
The Mayor, Councillor J Hill	
Councillor L Walker	
Councillor P Ernst	
Councillor R Gartrell	
Councillor S Blom	
Councillor T Roberts	
Councillor V Veitch	
Reasons Against	
This is private land, the owner of this land is in receivership, Council has not spoken with the receiver and there is no report from council's legal services.	

Councillor Lane requested that council note the comments made by council's solicitor regarding the activities of QNIs administrator.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 Community and Environmental Services - Townsville Local Disaster Management Group - Minutes of Full Committee Meeting 25 November 2015

Executive Summary

The Townsville Local Disaster Management Group (TLDMG) Full Committee meets twice per year (usually June and November) with staff of the Townsville City Council, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Area Coordinator – Emergency Management, State Emergency Service Local Controller and other agencies.

Attached are the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2015.

At this meeting, the TLDMG:

- approved the revised Townsville Local Disaster Management Plan;
- approved the revised Evacuation Sub Plan;
- approved the revised Tsunami Response Plan;
- approved the revised Transport Sub Plan;
- approved the revised Shelters and Evacuation Centres Sub Plan;
- approved the revised Environmental Health Disaster Management Plan;
- approved the revised Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) Sub Plan;

- approved the revised Animal Management Sub Plan;
- approved the revised Community Education and Marketing Sub Plan;
- approved the revised Community Information and Warnings Sub Plan;
- approved the revised Impact Assessment Sub Plan;
- approved the revised Financial Management Sub Plan;
- approved the revised Resupply Sub Plan; and,
- accepted the 2015 Caravan Parks and Marinas Report.

Officer's Recommendation

That council endorse:

- a) The minutes of the Townsville Local Disaster Management Group Full Committee Meeting held on 25 November 2015;
- b) Townsville Local Disaster Management Group's acceptance of the 2015 Caravan Parks and Marinas Report;
- c) Townsville Local Disaster Management Group's approval of:
 - the revised Townsville Local Disaster Management Plan;
 - the revised Evacuation Sub Plan;
 - the revised Tsunami Response Plan;
 - the revised Transport Sub Plan;
 - the revised Shelters and Evacuation Centres Sub Plan;
 - the revised Environmental Health Disaster Management Plan;
 - the revised Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) Sub Plan;
 - the revised Animal Management Sub Plan;
 - the revised Community Education and Marketing Sub Plan;
 - the revised Community Information and Warnings Sub Plan;
 - the revised Impact Assessment Sub Plan;
 - the revised Financial Management Sub Plan; and
 - the revised Resupply Sub Plan.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 8 of the council minutes (page 8658) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

9 Environmental Health - Mosquito Treatments on QN Land

Executive Summary

Queensland Nickel (QN) has an estimated 150ha of saltmarsh mosquito breeding habitat positioned along the Yabulu foreshore that is a significant breeder of the saltmarsh mosquito, *Aedes vigilax*. This mosquito is an aggressive biter thus providing a high nuisance value, is a vector of Ross River Virus and Barmah Forest Virus and has the ability to disperse up to 50km from its breeding site (an estimated pest range of approximately 15km) resulting in widespread community impact.

Townsville has an agreement with QN to undertake aerial mosquito treatment on their land. This agreement is based on QN's obligation under the Public Health Regulations 2005 to control mosquito breeding on their land. With QN now with Administrators, consideration needs to be given into the current service arrangements.

Mosquito treatment on QN land is required as it provides a community benefit (being residents, travellers, visitors, workers) especially within these combined areas to Townsville. The council, through the Vector Control Unit, is specifically resourced to undertake these services and have been for many years. Provided that the Vector Control Unit has permission and unrestricted access to undertake mosquito control services (being access for surveillance and treatment), then these services can continue. The options available to council are:

Option 1 – Mosquito Treatment Services Continue

Services to continue as normal under the current agreement and costings. Invoices will be generated but there is no guarantee that council will be able to recoup the costs.

Option 2 – No Mosquito Treatment Services

Unless a purchase order is provided, mosquito treatment services are to cease immediately.

Officer's Recommendation

That council continue to provide mosquito treatment services to Queensland Nickel land at Yabulu under the current agreement.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 8 of the council minutes (page 8658) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

10 Quarterly Corporate Performance Report to Healthy and Safe City Committee

Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a written assessment of council's Corporate and Operational Plans on a quarterly basis. The Community and Culture Core Service section of the Corporate Performance Report, under separate cover, is presented to the Healthy and Safe City Committee.

Officer's Recommendation

That council receive the Community and Culture Core Service section of the Corporate Performance Report for the second quarter of 2015/16, being the period from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 8 of the council minutes (page 8658) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

Smart City Sustainable Future Committee

It was MOVED by Councillor V Veitch, SECONDED by Councillor L Walker:

"that the committee recommendations to items 11 to 14 be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 2016 Earth Hour Update

Executive Summary

This year council has once again been approached to demonstrate local and regional leadership by participating in the World Wildlife Funds (WWF) annual Earth Hour Event. Integrated Sustainability Services have been granted prior approval (council resolution 28 April 2015) to undertake a planned Earth Hour Activity that includes turning off non-essential lights at both Walker Street and Thuringowa Drive administration centres, turning off the flood lights that light Castle Hill and to hold a community based energy management (sustainability) showcase activity.

This year's Earth Hour event will be held on March 19 with the theme "Switch Off for the places we Love". Due to this theme, Integrated Sustainability Services wish to use Earth Hour as an opportunity to showcase the Rowes Bay Sustainability Centre with opportunities to host night time activities, powered by renewable energy and storage for LED lighting in partnership with our Environment Products and Services network to practice holding Carbon neutral evening activities, at the Sustainability Centre and Wetlands with a small screening of the Earth Hour documentary being held from 8:30pm until 9:30pm.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That council note the updated Earth Hour 2016 Report, and support the turning off of non-essential lights at both Walker Street (103 and 143) and Thuringowa Drive administration centres and Castle Hill; and
2. That council support a community based Earth Hour activity at the Rowes Bay Sustainability Centre.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 11 of the council minutes (page 8661) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

12 Horseshoe Bay Erosion Mitigation Works Update

Executive Summary

In line with the State Government's preferred shoreline erosion management process Townsville City Council (TCC) commissioned a Horseshoe Bay Coastal Erosion Mitigation Options Study (the study). The report was present to council and endorsed 12 February 2015.

The study concluded that the most appropriate and implementable option to immediately address the erosion issue at Horseshoe Bay was beach nourishment via a program of sand back-passing. In 2014 TCC gained the necessary approvals from the State Government and council began implementation of the recommended beach nourishment program.

A continuation of this management approach is preferable over the development of a full Shoreline Erosion Management Plan, given the extensive investigations and external consultation completed already, the success of works implemented so far and the opportunity to incorporate ongoing works into the general Magnetic Island State Marine Parks works permit approval.

Officer's Recommendation

That council endorse continuation of the successful implementation of sand renourishment works in line with the Horseshoe Bay Erosion Mitigation Options Report in preference to the development of a full Shoreline Erosion Management Plan.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 11 of the council minutes (page 8661) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

13 2015/16 Townsville City Council Reef Guardian Action Plan Report

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Authorised by Director Community and Environment
Department Integrated Sustainability Services
Date 1 February 2016

Executive Summary

The Reef Guardian Councils (RGC) Program is a Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) program that recognises the role of local government in helping to protect the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) from the impacts of declining water quality and climate change. Council was one of the first Reef Guardian Councils in the Great Barrier Reef region to be recognised through this program.

On 21 November 2006 council accepted the invitation from Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority to participate in the Reef Guardian Council Program. This participation was re-affirmed by the current council on the 23rd April 2013 with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

The Reef Guardian Councils program requires councils to prepare an annual Action Plan. In 2015, the format of the Action Plan shifted to be more user-friendly and presents itself now as a word document rather than an excel spread sheet. The revised format aims to help clearly articulate and compare actions of participating local governments.

The Reef Guardian Councils Action Plan attached represents the actions currently being undertaken by the relevant divisions and departments of council for the 2015/16 financial year. A short officer presentation will showcase the development of the Action Plan and some of the key actions and initiatives.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That council endorse the 2015/16 Townsville City Council Reef Guardian Action Plan; and
2. That council note the officer presentation showcasing the development of the Action Plan and some of the key actions and initiatives.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 11 of the council minutes (page 8661) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

14 Quarterly Corporate Performance Report to Smart City Sustainable Future Committee

Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a written assessment of council's Corporate and Operational Plans on a quarterly basis. The Environment and Sustainability Core Service section of the Corporate Performance Report, under separate cover, is presented to the Smart City Sustainably Future Committee.

Officer's Recommendation

That council receive the Environment and Sustainability Core Service section of the Corporate Performance Report for the second quarter of 2015/16, being the period from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 11 of the council minutes (page 8661) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

Sports Recreation and Parks Committee

In accordance with section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor J Lane declared a conflict of interest in regards to item 18.

- (a) the name of the councillor who has the perceived conflict of interest:**
Councillor J Lane.
- (b) the nature of the conflict of interest as described by the Councillor:**
Councillor Lane's husband is a past employee of James Cook University.
- (c) how the Councillor dealt with the perceived conflict of interest:**
The Councillor determined that she could reasonably be perceived to have a conflict of interest in this matter before the meeting, however considered her position and was of the opinion that she could participate in debate and vote on the matter in the public interest.
- (d) if the Councillor voted on the issue – how the Councillor voted:**
The Councillor voted as per the recommendation.
- (e) how the majority of persons who were entitled to vote at the meeting voted on the matter.**
The majority of persons entitled to vote at the meeting voted as per the majority of persons entitled to vote at the meeting voted as per the officer's recommendation.

In accordance with section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor A Parsons declared a perceived conflict of interest in regards to item 17.

- (a) the name of the councillor who have the perceived conflict of interest:**
Councillor A Parsons
- (b) the nature of the conflict of interest as described by the Councillor:**
Councillor Parsons is a life member of Sharks Touch Club.
- (c) how the Councillor dealt with the perceived conflict of interest:**
The Councillor determined that he could reasonably be perceived to have a conflict of interest in this matter and left the meeting and did not participate in debate or voting on the matter.
- (d) if the Councillor voted on the issue – how the Councillor voted:**
The Councillor vacated the Chambers during discussion and voting on this item.
- (e) how the majority of persons who were entitled to vote at the meeting voted on the matter.**
The majority of persons entitled to vote at the meeting voted as per the officer's recommendation.

In accordance with section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, The Mayor, Councillor J Hill declared a perceived conflict of interest in regards to item 17 and 19.

- (a) the name of the councillor who have the perceived conflict of interest:**
The Mayor, Councillor J Hill.
- (b) the nature of the conflict of interest as described by the Councillor:**
Councillor Hill is patron of Townsville AFL.
- (c) how the Councillor dealt with the perceived conflict of interest:**
The Councillor determined that she could reasonably be perceived to have a conflict of interest in this matter before the meeting, however considered her position and was of the opinion that she could participate in debate and vote on the matter in the public interest.
- (d) if the Councillor voted on the issue – how the Councillor voted:**
The Councillor voted as per the recommendation.
- (e) how the majority of persons who were entitled to vote at the meeting voted on the matter.**
The majority of persons entitled to vote at the meeting voted as per the majority of persons entitled to vote at the meeting voted as per the officer's recommendation.

In accordance with section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor V Veitch declared a conflict of interest in regards to item 18.

- (a) **the name of the councillor who has the perceived conflict of interest:**
Councillor Veitch.
- (b) **the nature of the conflict of interest as described by the Councillor:**
Councillor Veitch's wife is an employee of James Cook University.
- (c) **how the Councillor dealt with the perceived conflict of interest:**
The Councillor determined that he could reasonably be perceived to have a conflict of interest in this matter before the meeting, however considered his position and was of the opinion that he could participate in debate and vote on the matter in the public interest.
- (d) **if the Councillor voted on the issue – how the Councillor voted:**
The Councillor voted as per the recommendation.
- (e) **how the majority of persons who were entitled to vote at the meeting voted on the matter.**
The majority of persons entitled to vote at the meeting voted as per the majority of persons entitled to vote at the meeting voted as per the officer's recommendation.

It was MOVED by Councillor P Ernst, SECONDED by Councillor L Walker:

"that the committee recommendations to items 15, 16, 18 to 28 be adopted and that item 17 be dealt with separately

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 17 Community Services - Licence to Occupy (LTO) - Various Agreements

It was MOVED by Councillor P Ernst, SECONDED by Councillor L Walker:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Ernst thanked staff and the Directors for their support afforded him throughout his term as Councillor and Chair of the Sports and Recreation Committee.

15 Community Services - Licence to Occupy (LTO): Magnetic Island Magpies Junior AFL Club INC

Executive Summary

Council approval has previously been given for the establishment of a number of Licences to Occupy (LTO) with community groups in order to formalise their use of Council controlled spaces.

Licences to Occupy formalise the conditions under which community groups are able to make use of these spaces

Magnetic Island Magpies Junior AFL Club INC. is seeking a licence to occupy land located at Horseshoe Bay Recreational Reserve, Horseshoe Bay Road, Horseshoe Bay, Magnetic Island - Lot 13 on E124292 for a term of 5 years for the purpose of playing AFL. Currently the club uses this park for training for AFL and hosting AFL games, the LTO will formalise this agreement with Council.

Officer's Recommendation

That council approve the issuing of a Licence to Occupy for a term of 5 years to the Magnetic Island Magpies Junior AFL Club Inc. over the Horseshoe Bay Sports Reserve, Horseshoe Bay, Magnetic Island (Lot 13 E124292) for the purpose of playing AFL.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 15 of the council minutes (page 8665) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

16 Community Services - Licence to Occupy (LTO): Full Boar Archers - Hervey Range Road

Executive Summary

Council approval has previously been given for the establishment of a number of Licences to Occupy (LTO) with community groups in order to formalise their use of council controlled spaces.

Licences to Occupy formalise the conditions under which community groups are able to make non-exclusive use of these spaces.

Full Boar Archers Inc. is seeking a licence to occupy land located on Hervey Range Road, part of Lot 26 on SP149308 for a term of five years for the purpose of Full Boar Archery.

Officer's Recommendation

That council approve the issuing of a Licence to Occupy (LTO) to Full Boar Archers Inc. over part of Lot 26 on SP149308 for a term of five years for the purpose of Full Boar Archery.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 15 of the council minutes (page 8665) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

17 Community Services - Licence to Occupy (LTO) - Various Agreements

Executive Summary

Council approval has previously been given for the establishment of a number of Licences to Occupy (LTO) with community groups in order to formalise their use of council controlled spaces.

Licences to Occupy formalise the conditions under which community groups are able to make use of these spaces.

This report is for five new LTO agreements, as below:

- Western Lions Junior Rugby League seek to obtain a LTO at Heatley Park, 316 Fulham Road Heatley, part Lot 494 EP1786, part lot 760 EP1382, for a term of 1 year.
- Centrals Junior and Senior ASA Rugby League Club seek to obtain a LTO at Cranbrook Park, 20-40 Bergin Road Cranbrook, Lot 1 RP718847, for a term of 1 year
- Souths United Rugby League Club Inc seek to obtain a LTO at Victoria Park, 65 Morey Street South Townsville, Lot Part Lots 1 and 2 RP706700 and Part Lot 195 CP868168, for a term of 5 years
- Sharks Touch Club seek to obtain a LTO at Queens Park, 19-43 Paxton Street North Ward, Lot 201 SP12660, for a term of 1 year.
- Jots Touch Club seek to obtain a LTO at Queens Park, 19-43 Paxton Street North Ward, Lot 201 SP12660, for a term of 1 year.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That council approve a Licence to Occupy (LTO) for Western Lions Junior Rugby League at Heatley Park, 316 Fulham Road Heatley, part Lot 494 EP1786, part lot 760 EP1382 , for a term of 1 year.
2. That council approve a Licence to Occupy (LTO) for Centrals Junior and Senior ASA Rugby League Club at Cranbrook Park, 20-40 Bergin Road Cranbrook, Lot 1 RP718847, for a term of 1 year
3. That council approve a Licence to Occupy (LTO) for Souths United Rugby League Club Inc seek at Victoria Park, 65 Morey Street South Townsville, Lot Part Lots 1 and 2 RP706700 and Part Lot 195 CP868168, for a term of 5 years
4. That council approve a Licence to Occupy (LTO) for Sharks Touch Club at Queens Park, 19-43 Paxton Street North Ward, Lot 201 SP12660, for a term of 1 year.
5. That council approve a Licence to Occupy (LTO) for Jots Touch Club at Queens Park, 19-43 Paxton Street North Ward, Lot 201 SP12660, for a term of 1 year.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 15 of the council minutes (page 8665) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

18 Community Services - Townsville and JCU Rowing Club - License to Occupy (LTO)

Executive Summary

Council approval has previously been given for the establishment of a number of Licenses to Occupy with community groups in order to formalise their use of council controlled spaces.

Licenses to Occupy formalise the conditions under which community groups are able to make use of these spaces.

The Townsville and JCU Rowing Club Inc. is seeking a License to Occupy (LTO) on land located around and adjacent to the Riverside Gardens Community Centre, 55 Riverside Bvd, Douglas 4814 (Lot 901 of SP169642). The club currently leases the ground floor of the community centre as a clubhouse and storage shed. During training and in particular events (regattas) an LTO will formalise an agreement with Council and indicate usage areas.

Officer's Recommendation

That council approve the issuing of a License to Occupy to Townsville and JCU Rowing Club Inc. (the Club) for parts of open space adjacent to the Riverside Gardens Community Centre, 55 Riverside Bvd, Douglas, 4814.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 15 of the council minutes (page 8665) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

19 Community Services - Licence to Occupy (LTO): Garbutt Bombers - Harold Phillips Park

Executive Summary

Council approval has previously been given for the establishment of a number of Licences to Occupy (LTO) with community groups in order to formalise their use of council controlled spaces.

Licences to Occupy formalise the conditions under which community groups are able to make use of these open spaces on a non-exclusive basis.

The Garbutt Bombers are seeking a Licence to Occupy a portion of Harold Phillips Park located at 4 Hugh Street, Garbutt (part of Lot 32 on EP1533) for a term of five years for the purpose of playing Australian Rules Football (AFL).

This land is currently used for this purpose by the Garbutt Bombers, the LTO will formalise this agreement with Council.

Officer's Recommendation

That council approve the issuing of a Licence to Occupy (LTO) to the Garbutt Bombers over a portion of Harold Phillips Park, 4 Hugh Street, Garbutt (part of Lot 32 on EP1533) for the purpose of playing Australian Rules Football (AFL).

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 15 of the council minutes (page 8665) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

20 Community Services - Lease A - North Queensland Football Ltd, - Murray Sporting Complex

Executive Summary

North Queensland Football Ltd (previously known as Townsville Junior Soccer Football Inc) are seeking a lease over the parcel of land located at Murray Sporting Complex, 96 Murray Lyons Crescent Annandale, Lot 190 CP911403 known as Lease A, for the purpose of a clubhouse and playing fields (approximately 116,954m², 11.69ha).

The club have been operating at the existing playing fields at Murray Sporting Complex for the past 15 years under a lease directly with the State. Townsville City Council is the trustee of this land.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That council approve the issuing of a lease to NQ Football over the parcel of land located at Murray Sporting Complex, 1 Stuart Drive Annandale, Lot 190 CP911403 known as Lease A for a term of up to 10 years, for the fee of \$1.00 per year, exclusive of GST, if requested.
2. That the lease provide for the Club to be responsible for the following:
 - Maintenance, Repair, Replacement of:
 - a) Structural (Clause 6.1a)
 - b) Services/pipes/conduits (clause 6.1 (b))
 - c) Painting (clause 6.3)
 - d) Minor maintenance (clause 6.6)
 - Landscaping (clause 5.8)

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 15 of the council minutes (page 8665) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

21 Community Services - Lease D - North Queensland Football Ltd, - Murray Sporting Complex

Executive Summary

North Queensland Football Ltd (previously known as North Queensland Soccer Federation Inc) are seeking a lease over the parcel of land located at Murray Sporting Complex, 1 Stuart Drive Annandale, Lot 190 CP911403 known as Lease D, for the purpose of a clubhouse and playing fields (approximately 55,850m², 5.85ha).

The club have been operating at the existing playing fields at Murray Sporting Complex for the past 12 years under a lease directly with the State. Townsville City Council is trustee of this land.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That council approve the issuing of a lease to NQ Football over the parcel of land located at Murray Sporting Complex, 1 Stuart Drive Annandale, Lot 190 CP911403 known as Lease D for a term of up to 10 years, for the fee of \$1.00 per year, exclusive of GST, if requested.
2. That the lease provide for the Club to be responsible for the following:
 - Maintenance, Repair, Replacement of:
 - a) Structural (Clause 6.1a)
 - b) Services/pipes/conduits (clause 6.1 (b))
 - c) Painting (clause 6.3)
 - d) Minor maintenance (clause 6.6)
 - Landscaping (clause 5.8)

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 15 of the council minutes (page 8665) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

22 Community Services - Lease - Ross River Redskins Rugby Football Club and Roman Catholic Trust Corp for the Diocese of Townsville - Murray Sporting Complex

Executive Summary

Ross River Redskins Rugby Football Club Inc and Roman Catholic Trust Corp for the Diocese of Townsville are seeking a joint lease over the parcel of land located at Murray Sporting Complex, 1 Stuart Drive Annandale, Lot 190 CP911403 known as Lease H, for the purpose of a clubhouse and playing fields (approximately 29062m², 2.9ha).

Townsville City Council is the trustee of this land. This parcel of land was previously leased directly through the State Department – Natural Resources and Mines by Bindal Sharks United Training Employment Sport and Recreation Aboriginal Corporation, this lease has been surrendered.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That council approve the issuing of a lease jointly to the Ross River Redskins Rugby Football Club Inc and the Roman Catholic Trust Corp for the Diocese of Townsville over the parcel of land located at Murray Sporting Complex, 1 Stuart Drive Annandale, Lot 190 CP911403 known as Lease H for a term of up to 30 years, for the fee of \$1.00 per year, exclusive of GST, if requested.
2. That the lease provide for the lessees to be responsible for the following:
 - Maintenance, Repair, Replacement of:
 - a) Structural (Clause 6.1a)
 - b) Services/pipes/conduits (clause 6.1 (b))
 - c) Painting (clause 6.3)
 - d) Minor maintenance (clause 6.6)
 - Landscaping (clause 5.8)

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 15 of the council minutes (page 8665) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

23 Community Services - Aitkenvale Sporting Association Inc - Illich Park

Executive Summary

Council was recently successful in securing funding from the State Government for redevelopment in-line with the Illich Park master plan. The first stage of this redevelopment is currently in progress, and due for completion by end of 2016.

Part of the Illich Park master plan proposes demolishing the current Centrals Aitkenvale Sporting Associations' Junior Rugby League Inc. (ASA) clubhouse facility and developing a new facility in an alternative location within Illich Park.

To support this occurring, council has requested a property valuation of the current ASA clubhouse to identify the potential amount of compensation that may be paid to Centrals Aitkenvale Sporting Associations' Junior Rugby League Inc. who developed and is the current lessee of the facility. The valuation values the ASA Clubhouse as \$275,000 (ex GST). While Council would become the owner, it is intended that the club remain as lessee of the existing facility until the new facility is developed.

The ASA also made a number of requests in relation to their future tenancy in their new clubhouse and use of playing fields at Illich Park including;

1. Owning the land where the new clubhouse will be developed in freehold;
2. Fencing of the 2 senior rugby league fields at Illich Park.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That council approve payment to Centrals Aitkenvale Sporting Associations' Junior Rugby League Inc. the amount of \$275,000 ex GST (\$302,500 incl GST) as compensation for the surrender of the developed facility on Lot 51 and 52 RP703556, 116 Charles Street, Aitkenvale noting that upon payment, the existing facility will become a Council asset with no conditions placed on council about how it can make use of it.
2. That council agree in principle to the request from Centrals Aitkenvale Sporting Associations' Junior Rugby League Inc. to be able to purchase land in freehold at Illich Park for the development of a new clubhouse.
3. That council agree in principle to the request from Centrals Aitkenvale Sporting Associations' Junior Rugby League Inc. to allow the installation of fencing around the two senior fields at Illich Park (pending approval and adherence to the conditions set by Engineering Services).

Committee Recommendation

That this item be withdrawn and presented to the ordinary council meeting to be held on 23 February 2016.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 15 of the council minutes (page 8665) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

24 Community Services - Lease Renewal and Extension - MA Olympic Football Club, Aplins Weir Rotary Park

Executive Summary

MA Olympic Football Club have requested to renew and extend their current lease of the existing Clubhouse on the parcel of land located at Aplins Weir Rotary Park, 16 Burt Street Mundingburra – Lot 1 RP721522 for a term of 10years.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That council approve a lease to MA Olympic Football Club over their existing clubhouse, located at Aplins Weir Rotary Park, 16 Burt Street Mundingburra – Lot 1 RP721522 for a term of up to 10 years, for the fee of \$1.00 per year, exclusive of GST, if requested.
2. That council note that MA Olympic Football Club will be responsible for;
 - Maintenance, Repair, Replacement Obligations of Lessee
 - a) Structural (Clause 6.1a)
 - b) Services/pipes/conduits (clause 6.1 (b))
 - c) Painting (clause 6.3)
 - d) Minor maintenance (clause 6.6)
 - Landscaping Obligation (clause 5.8)

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 15 of the council minutes (page 8665) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

25 Community Services - Lease Transfer - Townsville Bowls Club - The Strand

Executive Summary

The Townsville City Bowls Club previously held a lease over 8 The Strand, Townsville City directly with The State of Queensland - represented by The Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM). This parcel of land, also known as Lot 100 on CP859212, has a strategic importance to council for the purpose of future development. The land is owned by the State, and is not a designated reserve. The lease is described as a 'special lease' with the allowable use being defined as 'Sporting (bowls club)'.

Prior to the club ceasing operation on the 31 December 2016, the club approached council requesting that council take over the existing lease of the facility with DNRM. The lease has a term that expires on 14 April 2024, and involves a rental amount payable of \$2,500 per year, with the lessee being responsible for all maintenance of land and improvements. The transfer of the lease will enable Council to deal with the improvements and equipment left by the club as it sees fit.

Officer's Recommendation

That council approve the transfer of the existing lease of Lot 100 on CP859212 (8 The Strand) from The Townsville Bowls Club to council, under the existing lease terms and conditions.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 15 of the council minutes (page 8665) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

26 Community Services - Rockclimbing Association North Queensland - License to Occupy

Executive Summary

Council approval has previously been given for the establishment of a number of Licenses to Occupy with community groups in order to formalise their use of council controlled spaces.

Licenses to Occupy formalise the conditions under which community groups are able to make use of these spaces.

The Rockclimbing Association North Queensland is seeking a License to Occupy (LTO) on land located at Mount Stuart with access to climbing areas located at the Mount Stuart and Murray suburb border, at and adjacent to Mount Stuart Park (Lot 632 EP 2386 and Lot 146 RP 729415). The club is also seeking a License to Occupy (LTO) on land along part of the Northern face of Castle Hill (Lot 788 CP 855219). A License to Occupy will formalise an agreement with Council and indicate usage areas for the club while confirming tenure will also assist the club to gain funding for club development.

Officer's Recommendation

That council approve the issuing of a License to Occupy to Rockclimbing Association North Queensland Inc. (the Club) for parts of open space at Mount Stuart/Murray (Lot 632 EP 2386 and Lot 146 RP 729415) and at Castle Hill (Lot 788 CP 855219).

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 15 of the council minutes (page 8665) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

27 Community Services - North Queensland Sports Foundation

Executive Summary

The North Queensland Sports Foundation (NQSF), founded in 1983, is an independent body formed by and representing local governments in North Queensland, with the purpose of developing sport and sporting events in North Queensland.

The NQSF delivers the North Queensland Games (NQ Games) in every second year and the Western Games in the years in between.

Attached are the most recent Board meeting minutes and associated documents held on the 11 December 2015.

Officer's Recommendation

That council note the attached minutes and financial reports of the North Queensland Sports Foundation Board Meeting held on 11 December 2015.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 15 of the council minutes (page 8665) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

28 Quarterly Performance Report Sports Recreation and Parks Committee

Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a written assessment of council's Corporate and Operational Plans on a quarterly basis. The Community and Cultural Core Service section of the Corporate Performance Report, under separate cover, is presented to the Sports Recreation and Parks Committee.

Officer's Recommendation

That the council receive the Community and Cultural Core Service section of the Corporate Performance Report for the second quarter of 2015/16, being the period from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 15 of the council minutes (page 8665) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

Community and Cultural Committee

In accordance with section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillors Blom, Gartrell, Walker and Veitch declared a perceived conflict of interest in regards to item 35.

- (a) **the name of the Councillors who have perceived conflict of interest:**
Councillors Blom, Gartrell, Walker and Veitch.
- (b) **the nature of the conflict of interest as described by the Councillors:**
The Councillors are members of a Lions Club.
- (c) **how the Councillors dealt with the perceived conflict of interest:**
The Councillors determined that they could reasonably be perceived to have a conflict of interest in this matter before the meeting, however considered their position and were of the opinion that they could participate in debate and vote on the matter in the public interest.
- (d) **if the Councillors voted on the issue – how the Councillors voted:**
The councillors voted as per the recommendation.
- (e) **how the majority of persons who were entitled to vote at the meeting voted on the matter.**
The majority of persons entitled to vote at the meeting voted as per the officer's recommendation.

It was MOVED by Councillor S Blom, SECONDED by Councillor C Doyle:

"that the committee recommendations to items 29 to 36 be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor S Blom thanked staff and the Community and Cultural Committee members for the past four years and noted that it had been challenging at times but there had been a lot of good results through the Committee.

29 Quarterly Corporate Performance Report Community and Cultural Committee

Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a written assessment of council's Corporate and Operational Plans on a quarterly basis. The Community and Culture Core Service section of the Corporate Performance Report, under separate cover, is presented to the Community and Cultural Committee.

Officer's Recommendation

That council receive the Community and Culture Core Service section of the Corporate Performance Report for the second quarter of 2015/16, being the period from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 29 of the council minutes (page 8675) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

30 Annual Report on the Lifelong Learning Strategic Action Plan

Executive Summary

The Lifelong Learning Strategic Action Plan 2014-2017 recognises the importance of learning to the ongoing development of a strong, vibrant and economically sustainable community. It is recognised that individuals who engage in lifelong learning are more likely to participate actively in society and community life which fosters community cohesions and development.

In 2014-2015, Library Services along with Gallery Services, Integrated Sustainability Services and Community Development have contributed to outcomes in this plan through the delivery of learning programs in a variety of venues. This report presents the highlights of the 2014/2015 year.

Officer's Recommendation

That the Lifelong Learning Strategic Action Plan highlights for the 2014/2015 year be noted.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 29 of the council minutes (page 8675) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

31 Minutes Learning Communities Leadership Group

Executive Summary

The Learning Communities Leadership Group is a community forum of council. The Learning Communities Leadership Group meets bi-monthly. The Learning Communities Leadership Group is a high-level reference group of dynamic and enthusiastic community leaders who are intent on providing access to lifelong learning opportunities and developing Townsville as a learning community. They are guided by the Lifelong Learning Strategic Action Plan which emphasises social inclusion and learning as an agent of social and economic sustainability.

Minutes of the meetings held on 12 October 2015, 7 December 2015 and 1 February 2016 are attached for information.

Officer's Recommendation

That the minutes of the Learning Communities Leadership Group meetings be received for information:

- a) 12 October 2015
- b) 7 December 2015
- c) 1 February 2016

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 29 of the council minutes (page 8675) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Authorised by Acting Director Community and Environmental Services
Department Community services
Date 20 January 2016

Executive Summary

Attached to the Report to Council are the minutes of council's Inclusive Community Advisory Committee meeting held on 10 December 2015.

Officer's Recommendation

That council note the minutes of the Inclusive Community Advisory Committee meeting of 10 December 2015 including the recommendation that the Inclusive Community Advisory Committee model continue in order to support the next elected council.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 29 of the council minutes (page 8675) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

33 Community Services - Basque Club of North Queensland Australia Inc - Lease Renewal

Executive Summary

The Basque Club of North Queensland Australia Inc. currently leases a building and part of the block at 53 Sabadine Street, Aitkenvale (Lot 1 RP 708997). The club has been in operation for 12 years and has over 200 members. The club wishes to renew its lease over the same site.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That council approve issuing of a lease to Basque Club of North Queensland – Australia Inc. for the area shown in Attachment 1 for a building and part of the block at 53 Sabadine Street, Aitkenvale (Lot 1 RP 708997) on the condition that:
 - a) the expiry date will be 10 years from the end date of the previous lease;
 - b) rent payable is \$1.00 if and when requested;
 - c) the permitted use of the lease area will be for a Clubhouse;
 - d) the lessee will be responsible for landscape maintenance of the leased area; and
 - e) there are no common areas or cars parks that the lessee will have an exclusive right to use.
2. That council note Basque Club of North Queensland – Australia Inc. under the issued lease will be responsible for:

Maintenance, Repair, Replacement Obligations of Lessee

 - a) structural (Clause 6.1a);
 - b) services/pipes/conduits (clause 6.1 (b));
 - c) painting (clause 6.3); and
 - d) minor maintenance (clause 6.6).

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 29 of the council minutes (page 8675) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

34 Community Services - North Queensland Wildlife Care Inc - Aitken Street, Aitkenvale - Lease Renewal

Executive Summary

The North Queensland Wildlife Care Inc has requested the renewal of the lease for their facility at Aitken Street, Aitkenvale – Lot 3 on RP 896268. The use of the lease area is for wildlife animal care.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That council approve issuing of a lease to North Queensland Wildlife Care Inc. for the facility at Aitken Street, Aitkenvale – Lot 3 on RP 896268 for the purpose of wildlife animal care with the following conditions:
 - a) the expiry date will be 10 years from the end date of the previous lease;
 - b) rent payable is \$1.00 if and when requested;
 - c) the lessee will be responsible for landscape maintenance of the leased area; and
 - d) there are no common areas or cars parks that the lessee will have an exclusive right to use.
2. That council note that the North Queensland Wildlife Care Inc. under the issued lease will also be responsible for:

Maintenance, repair, replacement obligations of lessee:

- a) structural (Clause 6.1a);
- b) services/pipes/conduits (clause 6.1 (b));
- c) painting (clause 6.3); and
- d) minor maintenance (clause 6.6).

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 29 of the council minutes (page 8675) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

35 Community Services - Townsville Castle Hill Lions Club Inc - 38 Fleming Street, Aitkenvale - Lease Renewal

Executive Summary

The Lions Club of Townsville Castle Hill Inc. currently leases a building at 38 Fleming Street – Lot 79 RP 703555. The club has been in operation since 1962 and currently has 57 members. The club wishes to renew its lease over the same site.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That council approve issuing of a lease to Townsville Castle Hill Lions Club at 38 Fleming Street – Lot 79 RP 703555 for the purpose of a clubhouse on the conditions that:
 - a) the expiry date will be 10 years from the commencement date of the lease;
 - b) rent payable is \$1.00 if and when requested;
 - c) the lessee will be required to paint the property every 10 years; and
 - d) the lessee will be responsible for landscape maintenance of the leased area.
2. That council note that the Townsville Castle Hill Lions Club under the issued lease will be responsible for:

Maintenance, Repair, Replacement Obligations of Lessee

- a) structural (Clause 6.1a);
- b) services/pipes/conduits (clause 6.1 (b));
- c) painting (clause 6.3); and
- d) minor maintenance (clause 6.6).

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 29 of the council minutes (page 8675) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

36 Community Services - Railway Estate Community Garden Operating Model

Executive Summary

The Community Garden located at 131 Robertson Street, Railway Estate provides an environment that supports an interconnected community, promotes activation of open space and sustainable gardening practices. A review conducted in 2013 highlighted that the garden was operating inefficiently and inequitably; a report was submitted to Council (17 December 2013) endorsing recommendations to establish a community garden management committee and to realign plots to be occupied by community service organisations rather than individuals. An Expression of Interest process was undertaken (January - February 2015) to identify suitable, incorporated community service organisations to occupy vacant plots as well as a transitioning process to affiliate existing individual plot holders with a community service organisation. The EOI was unsuccessful; no submissions were received.

Following the EOI the process of signing User Agreements between plot holders and Townsville City Council (TCC) was undertaken to avoid Council being liable for injuries to individuals though this was also unsuccessful. A stakeholder engagement workshop was held with plot holders on 9 May 2015 to re-establish relationships, to reinvigorate communication, to ascertain the current status and to collaboratively identify solutions to enable the community garden to operate effectively and efficiently.

A Community Garden Management Committee (CGMC) has been established and is working towards their incorporation status (the committee will be known as Townsville Community Garden Incorporated). An operating model has also been developed that identifies the future intent of having a lease arrangement between Townsville City Council and Townsville Community Garden Incorporated over the parcel of land that the community garden currently occupies which will enable individuals and service organisations to be plot members.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That council endorse the operating model for the Railway Estate Community Garden; and
2. That council authorise the negotiation of a lease arrangement between Townsville City Council and Townsville Community Garden Incorporated once incorporation status of the group is achieved.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 29 of the council minutes (page 8675) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

Governance and Finance Committee

It was MOVED by Councillor J Lane, SECONDED by Councillor C Doyle:

"that the committee recommendations to items 37 to 44 be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor J Lane thanked the staff who have reported to the Governance and Finance Committee and all the Councillors who attend.

37 Treasury Report - January 2016

Executive Summary

Attached to the Report to Council is an internal treasury report to provide council with information on cash, investments and debt. The report informs council on its monthly cash position.

Officer's Recommendation

That council note the treasury report for January 2016 and the information contained therein.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 37 of the council minutes (page 8681) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

38 Budget Variance Report - Whole of Council - January 2016

Executive Summary

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, the Director Corporate Services presented and discussed the Budget Variance Report for the whole of council for January 2016, pursuant to section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

The Director Corporate Services circulated separately to the Agenda the Budget Variance Report for the whole of council for January 2016.

Officer's Recommendation

That council note the financial report for January 2016 and budget variance explanations, pursuant to section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 37 of the council minutes (page 8681) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

39 Quarterly Corporate Performance Report Governance and Finance Committee

Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a written assessment of council's Corporate and Operational Plans on a quarterly basis. The Enabling Core Service section of the Corporate Performance Report, under separate cover, is presented to the Governance and Finance Committee.

Officer's Recommendation

That council receive the Enabling Core Service section of the Corporate Performance Report for the second quarter of 2015/16, being the period from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 37 of the council minutes (page 8681) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

40 Corporate Governance Audit Committee 8 December 2015

Executive Summary

The minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 8 December 2015 are attached to the Report to Council.

Officer's Recommendation

That council receive the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 8 December 2015.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 37 of the council minutes (page 8681) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

41 Audit Committee Governance Reports 8 December 2015

Executive Summary

The Corporate Governance reports of the Audit Committee meeting held on 8 December 2015 are attached to the Report to Council.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the report/attachment be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remain confidential unless council decides otherwise by resolution.
2. That council receive the Corporate Governance reports of the Audit Committee meeting held on 8 December 2015.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 37 of the council minutes (page 8681) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

42 Additional sole suppliers and/or suppliers of specialised or confidential services for the 2016 calendar year

Executive Summary

Council resolved at an ordinary council meeting on the 15 December 2015 that it was satisfied with a list of identified suppliers, as being suppliers who are sole suppliers and/or suppliers of specialised or confidential services for the 2016 calendar year. The executive summary in relation to the supporting report read (in part):

It is a requirement of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to invite written quotations or tenders where the carrying out of works or the supply of goods and services involves costs greater than \$15,000 or \$200,000 respectively. Additionally Council's Procurement Policy contains provisions regarding obtaining quotations for amounts less than \$15,000.

The Regulation acknowledges that there are instances where it will not always be possible to meet these criteria and provides a number of exceptions to manage these instances, including the following:

235 Other exceptions

A local government may enter into a medium-sized contractual arrangement or large-sized contractual arrangement without first inviting written quotes or tenders if—

- (a) the local government resolves it is satisfied that there is only 1 supplier who is reasonably available; or*
- (b) the local government resolves that, because of the specialised or confidential nature of the services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for the local government to invite quotes or tenders;*

To meet operational requirements it has been identified that there are a number of suppliers who are the only reasonable option from which Council can obtain goods and services. This has created difficulties in meeting Councils procurement requirements as there are no alternative suppliers to provide competitive quotes.

Corporate Procurement has coordinated this report to enable a register of sole suppliers and suppliers of specialised or confidential services to be established and to ensure that legislative requirements are met.

Relevant Council officers have been asked to list and justify why this legislative exception should be considered for each nominated supplier and a summary of the supporting rationale is listed in Attachment 1.

However since the resolution has been adopted, Property Management, Engineering Services, Maintenance Services and Human Resources – People Performance have identified further suppliers that they believe should be added to the list.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the report/attachment be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remain confidential unless council decides otherwise by resolution.
2. That council resolve, in accordance with section 235(a) and (b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that it is satisfied that the suppliers as listed in Attachment 1 of the Report to Council are additional sole suppliers and/or suppliers of specialised or confidential services for the 2016 calendar year.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 37 of the council minutes (page 8681) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

43 Request for concession - Property number 537526

Executive Summary

A request has been received from for a concession for the general rate for property number 537526. The application has been made under council's concessions policy specifically in relation to a not-for-profit community organisation.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the report/attachment be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remain confidential unless council decides otherwise by resolution.
2. That council resolve to grant a concession for the general rate for the property number 537526 and that the concession include general rates from 1 July 2015.
3. That council resolve that the concession will continue to be granted until such time that the land use changes or change of ownership for the property is recorded or council decides otherwise.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 37 of the council minutes (page 8681) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

44 Request for concession - Property number 32570

Executive Summary

A request has been received for a pensioner concession for property number 32570. The property was jointly owned by two owners until July 2015. In July 2015, the property transferred out of two owners name into one owner who does not meet the eligibility criteria set out in the Pensioner Rates Concession Policy and as such, is not entitled to a concession. The property owner is seeking special consideration to be granted a concession on the basis of medical and financial issues.

The Pensioner Rates Concession Policy defines the level of assistance provided to eligible ratepayers and also provides a fair and consistent assessment framework for the administration and application of the concession. This ratepayer does not meet the fundamental eligibility criteria defined in the policy and therefore council should decline the request for special consideration.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the report/attachment be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remain confidential unless council decides otherwise by resolution.
2. That council resolve to decline the request for special consideration for a concession for property number 32570.

Committee Recommendation

1. That the officer's recommendation be adopted.
2. That council review the Pensioner Rates Concession Policy in line with the budget process.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 37 of the council minutes (page 8681) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

Townsville Water and Waste Committee

It was MOVED by Councillor R Gartrell, SECONDED by Councillor V Veitch:

"that the committee recommendations to items 45 to 49 be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor V Veitch, noted the final closing of the Picnic Bay landfill as being a significant outcome for the Magnetic Island Community.

45 Corporate Services - Quarterly Corporate Performance Management - Townsville Water and Waste

Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a written assessment of council's corporate and operational plans on a quarterly basis. The Solid Waste Management, Wastewater Services and Water Services Core Service sections of the Corporate Performance Report, under separate cover, is presented to the Townsville Water and Waste Committee.

Officer's Recommendation

That council receive the Solid Waste Management, Wastewater Services and Water Services Core Service sections of the Corporate Performance Report for the second quarter of 2015/16, being the period from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 45 of the council minutes (page 8686) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

46 Townsville Water & Waste - Cairns Townsville Mackay (CTM) Water Alliance - Meeting Minutes - November 2015

Executive Summary

Townsville Water entered into a formal water alliance with Cairns and Mackay Regional Councils in December 2009. The objectives of the alliance are to achieve efficiencies through a combined approach to improve service levels, share resources and jointly meet the challenges of reform within the water industry.

The Cairns Townsville Mackay (CTM) Water Alliance Executive Committee meet three times a year and minutes from these meetings are presented to the Townsville Water and Waste Committee for their information. The meeting minutes from the last CTM meeting on 13 November 2015 are attached to the Report to Council.

Officer's Recommendation

That council note the minutes of the Cairns Townsville Mackay Water Alliance meeting held on 13 November 2015 in Townsville.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 45 of the council minutes (page 8686) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

47 Wastewater Operations - Maintenance of Sanitary Drainage Policy

Executive Summary

After the amalgamation, Townsville City Council (TCC) had two policies referring to sanitary drains:

- Blockages of Sanitary Drains and Sewer Connections - including tree root ingress (Former Thuringowa City Council (COT 1/002); and
- Sanitary Drains (Former TCC Policy 296).

These policies were rescinded during the Ordinary Council Meeting on 23 August 2011 and not replaced with a new policy. The information in relation to the responsibilities of council to maintain its sewerage infrastructure and the services it provides in relation to the maintenance of privately owned sanitary drainage was from that moment onwards included in the Townsville Water and Waste customer service standard. This has led to increased confusion and dissatisfaction of council's reticulated sewage customers due to reduced clarity in relation to council's responsibilities and services in this regard. A new Maintenance of Sanitary Drainage Policy has been prepared to address these issues.

Officer's Recommendation

That council approve the following Maintenance of Sanitary Drainage Policy.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

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MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY DRAINAGE POLICY >>

1. POLICY STATEMENT >>

Property Owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of private sanitary drainage, including any portion of that drainage located outside of their property. Council is not responsible for maintenance or repair (including removing blockages from any cause) of private sanitary drains.

Council will not reimburse any costs relating to work carried out on Council's sewerage infrastructure unless prior approval was obtained for that work.

2. PRINCIPLES >>

Council will expend funds only in the public interest, and has no responsibility to bear the costs of maintaining or repairing private sanitary drainage.

3. SCOPE >>

This policy applies to all work undertaken on sanitary drainage and Council's sewerage infrastructure within the Local Government Area of Townsville.

4. RESPONSIBILITY >>

The Manager Wastewater Operations is responsible for ensuring that this policy is regularly reviewed in accordance with Council's policy and procedures on policy development.

The Manager Wastewater Operations, and Managers and Supervisors of Townsville Water are responsible for ensuring that the policy is understood and adhered to by all relevant personnel.

5. DEFINITIONS >>

5.1 Terms defined in the:

- a) *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008;*
- b) *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002;*
- c) *Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003;*
- d) *Standard Sewerage Law (Repealed 2002);*

have the same meanings in this Policy.

If a term is defined in more than one of the listed laws and there is any difference between those definitions, then for the purposes of this Policy priority is to be given to the definition in the order in which the laws are listed here.

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- 5.2 Private sanitary drainage means the sanitary drainage that is owned by a property owner other than the council, which may include pressure mains.

6. POLICY >>

6.1 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF PRIVATE SANITARY DRAINAGE >>

Under the law the property owner is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the *sanitary drainage* servicing their property up to the point of connection to council's infrastructure.

The device that is the point of connection to the council's infrastructure is defined as the *property service*. Under the law the council owns and is responsible for maintenance and repair of the property service.

The property service is usually located within the property owner's land, but it may be located outside of the property owner's land, and in some circumstances may be a located a considerable distance outside the property owner's land. When the property service is located beyond the property owner's land, a portion of the property owner's private sanitary drainage is located outside the property owner's land.

Regardless of whether the property service is located inside or outside of the property owner's land, the council is not responsible for and – except as set out in this Policy – will not carry out maintenance or repair works upon private sanitary drainage. The council is not responsible for and will not pay costs arising from works on private sanitary drainage including for example the cost of clearing any blockages caused by the ingress of tree roots or other foreign objects.

It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain and repair their private sanitary drainage. When the private sanitary drainage extends beyond the property owner's land, it is the property owner's responsibility to obtain any necessary approvals to carry out work on that other land.

6.2 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF COMBINED SANITARY DRAINS >>

Under the law the Council is not responsible for maintenance or repair of combined sanitary drains, however to serve the public interest the Council will maintain and repair combined sanitary drains from the point at which the private property services connect.

6.3 CLEARING OF BLOCKAGES IN PRIVATE SANITARY DRAINAGE >>

- 6.3.1 The property owner is responsible for engaging and paying for the services of a private plumber or drainer to clear a blockage in their private sanitary drain.

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6.3.2 Council may clear the blockage if:

1. The private sanitary drain services a residential property in a sewerage area of Townsville excluding Magnetic Island; and
2. the property owner requests the council to clear the blockage; and
3. the property owner provides a written acceptance that the property owner will be liable to pay the Council's standard blockage clearance fee.

(Note that Magnetic Island is excluded because transport delays and costs make work by Council upon private sanitary drainage on Magnetic Island cost-prohibitive).

6.3.3 Council will not, in normal circumstances, clear a blockage on a commercial or industrial property. If Council does clear a blockage on a commercial or industrial property, that work will be charged at the relevant sewerage blockage clearance fee specified in the current Fees and Charges Schedule, or if it is necessary to excavate and/or remove and reinstate paved or concreted surfaces and/or structures, actual costs will apply.

6.4 CLEARING OF BLOCKAGES IN COUNCIL SEWERS AND SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING PROPERTY SERVICES >>

6.4.1 Council is responsible for clearing blockages in Council's sewerage infrastructure.

6.4.2 Third parties, including private plumbers or drainers must not undertake any work to inspect, clear a blockage in or repair Council sewerage infrastructure – that is, beyond the start of the property service (the connection point) - without obtaining Council's (Wastewater Operations) approval prior to commencing any work.

6.4.3 Council will not reimburse the cost of any work performed upon council's sewerage infrastructure if the work was performed without Council's prior approval. Council may take action against any person who unlawfully interferes with council infrastructure.

6.4.4 If Council approves a private plumber or drainer to clear a blockage, Council will reimburse the cost up to a maximum amount equivalent to one relevant sewerage blockage clearance fee specified in the Council's current Fees and Charges Schedule. Council will not reimburse the cost of CCTV inspections.

6.5.5 If Council approves a private plumber or drainer to conduct repair of council's sewerage infrastructure, council will reimburse to the value of the previously approved quotation.

6.5.6 Council will reimburse the property owner after receipt of completed form QAF0459 Reimbursement of Wastewater Costs and a copy of the paid plumber's or drainer's invoice.

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7. LEGAL PARAMETERS >>

Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008

Local Government Act 2009

Standard Sewerage Law (Repealed 2002)

Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002

Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003 (Pt 5)

8. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS >>

Townsville City Council Fees and Charges Schedule

AS/NZS 3500.2:2003 - (Plumbing and drainage—Sanitary plumbing and drainage)

Form QAF0459 Reimbursement of Wastewater Costs

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Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 45 of the council minutes (page 8686) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

48 Business Management and Compliance - Customer Service Standard Scorecard Quarter 2, 2015/2016

Executive Summary

Townsville Water and Townsville Waste Services each published their first Customer Service Standard Scorecard in October 2015, reporting on their performance against targeted service standards during 2014/2015.

Each of the businesses will now report quarterly moving forward, and the results for Quarter 2 of the 2015/2016 financial year are available and ready to be published on council's website.

Officer's Recommendation

That council note the results to be published in the Quarter 2, 2015/2016 Customer Service Standard Scorecards for Townsville Water and Townsville Waste Services, which will be published on council's website.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 45 of the council minutes (page 8686) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

49 Business Management & Compliance - Monthly Report Card - December 2015 and January 2016

Executive Summary

Townsville Water and Townsville Waste's monthly report cards containing year to date operating results for 2015/16 are submitted for December 2015 and January 2016.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the report/attachment be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remain confidential unless council decides otherwise by resolution.
2. That council note the report cards from Townsville Water and Townsville Waste for the month of December 2015 and January 2016.

Committee Recommendation

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

Council Decision

Refer to resolution preceding item 45 of the council minutes (page 8686) where council resolved that the committee recommendation be adopted.

Officers Reports

Planning and Development

50 Planning and Development Action Report - Response to petition requesting the extension of trading hours of Woolworths Rasmussen

Executive Summary

The Mayor, Councillor J Hill tabled a petition at the Full Council meeting on the 22 September 2015 requesting the extension of trading hours of Woolworths Rasmussen, which was recommended to be referred to the relevant department for consideration and a report presented back to council.

Development Assessment's investigation into the request has identified that trading hours are regulated by the State, and therefore a resolution cannot be determined by council. The trading hours of retail shops in Queensland are regulated by the *Trading (Allowable Hours) Act 1990*, supported by the *Trading (Allowable Hours) Regulation 2004* and various trading hour Orders made by the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.

The Queensland Industrial Relations Commission has the jurisdiction to decide trading hours in excess of the minimum allowable hours. Industrial organisations are able to apply to the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission for an extension of trading hours for non-exempt shops in a particular locality or state-wide. A supermarket is identified as being a non-exempt shop, and thus a request for the extension of trading hours can be made to the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission by Woolworths.

Officer's Recommendation

That council inform Guy Reece as the representative of the petition to make further representations to the Office of Fair and Safe Work Queensland, Department of Justice and Attorney-General. Alternatively, Woolworths Rasmussen is also able to apply to the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission for an extension of trading hours.

Council Decision

It was MOVED by Councillor A Parsons, SECONDED by Councillor R Gartrell:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community and Environment

51 Community and Environmental Services - Townsville Local Disaster Management Group - Minutes of Members' Meeting 20 January 2016

Executive Summary

The Townsville Local Disaster Management Group (TLDMG) members meet every second month with staff of the Townsville City Council, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Area Coordinator – Emergency Management, State Emergency Service Local Controller and other agencies.

Attached are the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2016.

At this meeting, the TLDMG:

- agreed that the Townsville Fire Management Group (FMG) operate as the official channel for reporting to the Townsville Local Disaster Management Group on bushfire management matters;
- agreed that the internal Bushfire Management Working Group continue to operate as an internal mechanism for council's bushfire management coordination; and,

- approved the Fire and Evacuation Plan - Heatley Public Cyclone Shelter for inclusion in the Operating Procedure Public Cyclone Shelter.

Officer's Recommendation

That council endorse:

- a) The minutes of the Townsville Local Disaster Management Group Members' Meeting held on 20 January 2016;
- b) Townsville Local Disaster Management Group's agreement that the Townsville Fire Management Group (FMG) operate as the official channel for reporting to the Townsville Local Disaster Management Group on bushfire management matters;
- c) Townsville Local Disaster Management Group's agreement that the internal Bushfire Management Working Group continue to operate as an internal mechanism for council's bushfire management coordination; and,
- d) Townsville Local Disaster Management Group's approval of the Fire and Evacuation Plan - Heatley Public Cyclone Shelter for inclusion in the Operating Procedure Public Cyclone Shelter.

Council Decision

It was MOVED by The Mayor, Councillor J Hill, SECONDED by Councillor G Eddiehausen:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

52 Community Services - Illich Park clubhouse and development requests

Executive Summary

Council was recently successful in securing funding from the State Government for redevelopment in-line with the Illich Park master plan. The first stage of this redevelopment is currently in progress, and due for completion by the end of 2016.

Part of the Illich Park master plan proposes demolishing the current clubhouse facility and developing a new facility in an alternative location within Illich Park.

To support this occurring, council has requested a property valuation of the current clubhouse to identify the potential amount of compensation that may be paid. The valuation values the Clubhouse as \$275,000 (ex GST). While Council would become the owner, it is intended that the clubhouse remain in use under lease until the new facility is developed.

Several additional operationally related requests have been made relating to the tenure of the land where the new clubhouse facility will be located, and managing the use of playing fields at Illich Park including;

1. Owning the land where the new clubhouse will be developed in freehold;
2. Fencing of the 2 senior rugby league fields at Illich Park.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That, subject to the finalisation of terms of an agreement between Council and the Centrals Junior Rugby league Club (CJ RLC) for the appropriation of improvements developed by CJ RLC at 116 Charles Street, and the requirement for any money paid to CJ RLC to be re-invested in recreational pursuits for which CJ RLC was incorporated, Council will, on appropriation of those improvements make payment to that club of \$275,000 (plus GST).
2. That council agree in principle to the request from the Aitkenvale Sporting Association to be able to purchase land in freehold at Illich Park for the development of a new clubhouse.
3. That council agree in principle to the request from the Aitkenvale Sporting Association to allow the installation of fencing around the two senior fields at Illich Park (pending approval by, and adherence to the conditions set by, Engineering Services).

Council Decision

It was MOVED by Councillor P Ernst, SECONDED by Councillor R Gartrell:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Corporate Services

53 Ceremonial Council Meeting (150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Municipality) - 15 February 2016

Executive Summary

A ceremonial meeting was held on the 15 February 2016 to formally recognise and record the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the city's Proclamation.

Officer's Recommendation

That council adopt the minutes of the Ceremonial Council meeting held on the 15 February 2016.



PROGRAMME

**150th Anniversary of the
Proclamation of Municipality**

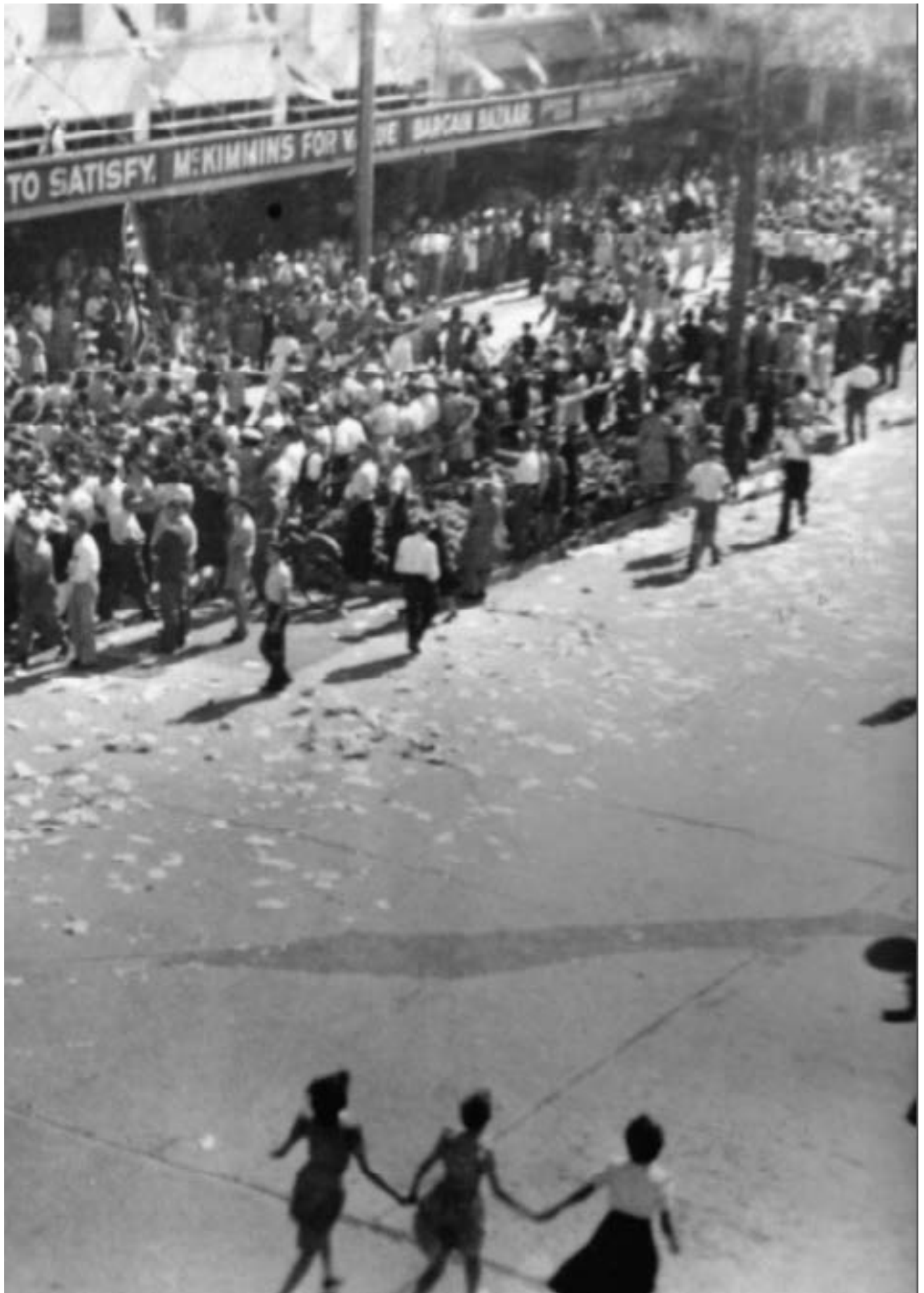
Ceremonial Council Meeting

Monday 15th day of February 2016, 10:30am

**Old Magistrates Court,
Sturt Street, Townsville.**







**Townsville City Council
As at 15th day of February 2016
150 years after Proclamation**

Cr Jenny Hill – Mayor
Cr Vern Veitch – Deputy Mayor
Cr Suzanne Blom
Cr Colleen Doyle
Cr Gary Eddiehausen APM
Cr Pat Ernst
Cr Ray Gartrell
Cr Jenny Lane
Cr Tony Parsons
Cr Trevor Roberts
Cr Les Walker

Mr Ray Burton PSM - CEO

This Ceremonial Council meeting is to formally recognise and record the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the city's Proclamation. The reports covered at this meeting reflect on some milestones of the city's history.

Agenda

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Reading of Proclamation by Town Crier (*Ray Dickson*)

Reading of First Known Council Minutes (*Mr Ray Burton PSM*)

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- ii. Townsville Water Supply *presented by Cr Ray Gartrell*
- iii. Unfurling of the Federal Flag *presented by Cr Jenny Hill*
- iv. Strand Park (later named ANZAC Park) *presented by Cr Pat Ernst*
- v. Council Response To The Outbreak of War, August 1914 *presented by Cr Vern Veitch*
- vi. Spanish Influenza Epidemic in Townsville in 1919 *presented by Cr Gary Eddiehausen APM*
- vii. Soldiers' Memorial *presented by Cr Trevor Roberts*
- viii. Paluma Road *presented by Cr Suzanne Blom*
- ix. World War II in Townsville *presented by Cr Les Walker*
- x. First Female Councillor – Joan Innes Reid *presented by Cr Colleen Doyle*
- xi. Civic Administration Centre *presented by Cr Jenny Hill*
- xii. Civic Theatre *presented by Cr Jenny Lane*

Mayor's Closing Address

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Mayor's Welcome Address

A little over 150 years ago, Andrew Ball and Mark Watt Reid, supported by a small party of Aborigines, set out to find a suitable site for a port north of the Burdekin River. The party reached the Ross Creek in 1864 and established their camp nearby.

Within two years, the settlement was declared the municipality of Townsville.

And the rest they say is history.

Townsville's rich heritage includes the Indigenous people who inhabited this area before the arrival of Europeans and I acknowledge the Bindal and Wulgurukaba traditional owners and custodians of this land that we work, live and play on. We pay our respects to their cultures, their ancestors, and their elders – past and present – and all future generations and I acknowledge their culture as an integral part of our collective history.

Battling the heat and humidity, with no electricity, roads, nor telephones, our early pioneers planted strong roots to sustain the growth of the city we love, and successive generations have contributed to the social and economic fabric of this community.

What began as a port and service town for the gold regions to the west, Townsville became a critical trade link upon which so much of the north's economic and social expansion depended.

And of course, as a garrison city and strategic location for Australia's defence forces, our city's contribution to this country has been significant in times of war, and peace.

We owe much to the visionary business and civic leaders whose belief, hard work, investment and fierce representation over a century and a half have laid the foundation for the great city and lifestyle we have today.

Our determination and tenacity has seen us secure city-building initiatives and landscape-changing projects including James Cook University, major minerals refineries, The Strand and Jezzine Barracks, entertainment and sporting facilities and landmark research institutions.

Today, in this special historical council meeting, we honour individuals, events and initiatives that have helped shaped Townsville.

From infrastructure to pioneers, city firsts and nation-shaping events, Townsville boasts a rich and diverse history, much of which was documented in the minutes of Townsville City Council meetings.

We are not the makers of history, we are made by history.

Reading of Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Sir **GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN**, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Queensland and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, and Premier of Queensland.

HEREAS by the Municipal Institutions Act of 1864, it was amongst other things enacted that any city or town, either alone or combined with any adjoining defined portion of any province, not being part of such city or town, or any rural district, might, as thereafter enacted, be constituted a municipality, and that the Governor might, as also therein provided, declare such city or town, either alone or combined as aforesaid, or any rural district, to be a Municipality by a name to be mentioned in a Proclamation to be issued thereupon, and might also by the same or any other Proclamation define the limits and boundaries thereof, and that -upon such publication the Municipality should be constituted accordingly; and whereas by a certain Proclamation dated the fifteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty six, and duly made and published as aforesaid, a certain town in the said Proclamation described and named was declared to be a Municipality within the meaning of the said Act, by the name of the "Municipality of Townsville"

Now, therefore, I, Sir **GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN**, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, do, by this my Proclamation, declare that the limits and boundaries of the said Municipality shall be as follows, that is to say,- Commencing on Ross Creek, and bounded on the south by a line bearing west to the south-east corner of suburban section No. 1, then by a continuation of said line forming the south boundaries of suburban sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; on the west by the western boundary of suburban sections 5 and 6 and by a prolongation thereof bearing north 10 degrees east to the shore of Ross Bay ; on the north by the shore of Ross Bay bearing easterly to the mouth of Ross Creek; and on the east by Ross Creek upwards in a southerly direction to the point of commencement.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Brisbane, the eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and in the twenty-ninth year of Her Majesty's reign.

G. F. BOWEN.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. R. MACKENZIE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Reading of First Known Council Minutes

Example of first known Municipality of Townsville minutes as printed in the Cleveland Bay Express on Saturday 22nd September 1866. A fire in 1878 damaged the Town Council offices, with a large number of Council records lost. The earliest City of Townsville meeting minute records still held within council are from 7th September 1876.

Municipality of Townsville

Monday, 17th September, 1866

THE Council met at the Masonic Hall, at 3.30pm
Present, The Mayor, Aldermen Aplin, and Johnson
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

Report of No.1 Legislative Committee, read
Moved by Alderman Aplin seconded by Alderman Johnson - That report No. 1 of the Legislative Committee be adopted.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Aplin seconded by Alderman Johnson - That the Town Solicitor be instructed to furnish as early as possible a draft of a by-law for the conduct of bathing on the sea-beach, in such form as may be submitted to the Executive Council for their approval.
Carried

Notice of Motion, standing in Alderman Johnson's name for the acceptance of Mr. E. Robert's services as Town Surveyor postponed by the mover to next meeting, in consequence of the absence of three members of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Aplin – That the report No. 7 of Public Works' Committee be adopted.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Aplin, seconded by Alderman Johnson – That report No. 7 of Finance Committee be adopted.
Carried

Notices of Motion

By Alderman Johnson – That the Finance Committee be instructed to ascertain upon what terms a loan of £2,000 can be obtained upon the security of the revenue of the Corporation.

By Alderman Aplin – That tenders be called for forming a portion of Flinders street, opposite the rocks in section three.

The Council then adjourned.

The earliest records on file for the **Thuringowa (Townsville) Divisional Board** was a meeting on Wednesday 9th June 1880 as printed in the Morning Bulletin, Rockhampton on Friday 18th June 1880. The Mayor was William Aplin.

The members of the Thuringowa (Townsville) Divisional Board appear to have set to work in real earnest. From a report published in the Townsville Herald of the 9th instant, we gather not only that the valuations have all been completed, but that the court of Appeal has actually sat and is posed of the business brought before it. There was only one appeal, however, and that was dismissed. The general rate was fixed at 9d. in the £1 and the Secretary instructed to post the rate notices at once. A motion was made "that separate accounts be kept for each subdivision, and that all moneys collected in each subdivision together with the Government subsidy be expended thereon," but it was opposed by all the members present (excepting of course the mover) on the ground of its impracticability, it being pointed out that the subdivision with the smallest income would have the principal roads in the division to maintain, and that these roads were necessary to gain access to the other subdivisions. Eventually the motion was amended, by omitting the second clause, so that it simply directed that the accounts for each subdivision should be kept separately. We think the action of the Thuringowa Board in this matter is to be commended.

The Board has also resolved to fix a tax upon vehicles, which the Herald says was arranged on the following basis:- Buggies and spring carts, 15s. per annum; two-wheeled drays, £1 10s.; and waggons and coaches, £3. We are of opinion that the Board have in this particular exceeded their powers. Section 78 of the Divisional Boards Act provides that "it shall be lawful for any board to make such bye-laws *** for the levying of rates and tolls, for the regulation of all such matters relating to the good order and government of the division as may be regulated by bye-laws made by the council of a municipality *** as they shall see fit and the Governor-in-Council shall approve. And every such bye-law shall, after publication in the Gazette, have the force of law in such division." It is quite clear that this section does not confer more extensive powers on divisions than are possessed by municipalities in regard to the licensing of vehicles. Indeed, there is nothing said about licensing vehicles in the Divisional Boards Act, and it is only by giving the words "rates and tolls" a rather free interpretation that any authority can be found in the new Act for requiring that vehicles travelling over the roads of the division shall be licensed and pay a license fee. The Local Government Act, in the section relating to bye-laws, has a sub-section specially authorising municipal councils to make bye-laws for "regulating and licensing porters, public carriers, carters, water-drawers, and vehicles plying for hire." If a license on vehicles be a "toll" within the meaning of the new Act – and we should think it is, - a Divisional Board, may impose licenses upon vehicles, but such only as ply for hire. To go beyond this limit would appear to us to be a usurpation of powers for which there is no statutory authority

The Strand

The Strand Sparkles as Townsville's Jewel in the Crown

Executive Summary

In the 1860s the landscape was very different. Marine Surveyor, GP Heath described Cleveland Bay and its foreshore, noting that the land, facing the bay between the hills near the mouth of the creek and the next point, appears to have a convenient slope for building purposes. The landscape varied from the granite slopes of Castle Hill, Stanton Hill and Melton Hill, to undulating sand dunes along the foreshore which were intersected by a number of small creeks. The site Heath referred to has become not only the suburb of North Ward but also the most utilised place for recreational activities in Townsville.

Officers Recommendation

That the history of The Strand be noted by council as part of its 150 year celebrations.

Report Information

Significant changes have occurred to the foreshore since the 1860s. The rocky outcrop that projected from Melton Hill to sea just past Tobruk Pool has been removed; Hambeluna in the vicinity of Strand Park has been filled in and the foreshore of gently sloping beach and sand dunes has disappeared. Sand from these dunes was used to reclaim the mangrove and salt pan area behind Kissing Point. These changes have occurred because of development pressure and monsoonal weather. Despite these changes swimming and other recreational activities have remained a major focus of the Strand.

As early as 1868 there was a call for bathing houses between the Rocks and Kissing Point. To support the use of the Strand for swimming purposes the Council passed Bylaw 10 that allowed swimming only between sunset and 8am. By 1875 Munro's Bathing Machines were operating. These provided for privacy but also protection from crocodiles and sharks as they were fenced. Swimming could be dangerous and there have been numerous reported drowning's and stinger, crocodile and shark attacks over the 150 years.

As the population grew, swimming enclosures were constructed with wooden piles driven into the sand at such intervals to exclude sharks and other marine predators. The Corporation Baths, Ethel Crowther Swimming Enclosure and the Seaview Baths were constructed in this manner. These enclosures were constantly damaged by heavy seas and had to be regularly rebuilt. Today these structures have evolved into the more easily maintained and safer swimming enclosures using stinger nets.

In 1941 the Council proposed a new swimming pool for the Strand which was to be named Tobruk Memorial Baths. However it was not completed and opened to the public until late 1950 due to World War II. The pool was officially opened by Major General Windeyer in November 1951 as a public memorial to soldiers who fought and died during the Siege of Tobruk in 1941.



The baths was used as a training venue for the Australian swimming squad for the 1952, 1956, 1960 and 2012 Olympic Games. Another favorite swimming spot is the Kissing Point Rock Pool built in 1968. The pool was formed by constructing a seawall from 13,000 tons of rock to form a tidal swimming enclosure. It was rebuilt after Cyclone Althea in 1971 and reconstructed during the Strand redevelopment.

Cyclones and severe storms have wreaked havoc on the foreshore of Cleveland Bay. Not only have these events meant the constant rebuilding of housing and infrastructure but they have caused changes to the natural environment. In 1998 Cyclone Sid and further heavy weather in 1997 and 1998 caused substantial damage to the Strand foreshore which led to the reconstruction of the Strand in 1999. The solution to the constant erosion was to construct headlands at strategic points along the foreshore so that the beach sections were compartmentalised and contained the sand for a longer period of time. The headlands also provided opportunities for directing stormwater and created spaces for recreational activities. Described as an engineering masterpiece, the project was jointly funded by the Townsville City Council, Queensland State and Federal Governments at a cost of A\$35 million.

An estimated 200,000 people turned out on the opening weekend, which included the Longest Dinner on the Strand, Strandtea by the Sea, Strandfire and performances. Features of the Strand redevelopment followed its historical theme of recreation with the creation of an equal access playground at Sister Kenny Park, a water park, a youth park, swimming enclosures and eateries.

The Strand is a lasting legacy for the people of Townsville. During construction, it generated jobs and has added to the economy of the city. Today the Strand is a pleasure ground, a place where the community can go for picnics, dining, swimming, fishing and entertainment. Its current use is built upon a tradition that was embedded during the early days of European settlement.

It was MOVED by Councillor A Parsons SECONDED by Councillor V Veitch

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED

Townsville Water Supply Water Supply a Crucial Building Block in Townsville's History of Growth

Executive Summary

Townsville City Council was a member of the Townsville Water Authority which was established in 1882 to provide reticulated water to residents within the Townsville City area. This body held the rights to water in the Ross River and represented the needs of residents in the Townsville area only. The weirs were constructed as part of attempts to service the water needs of their residents. As urban development spread in Townsville a large supply of water was needed and a series of weirs were constructed across Ross River.

Officers Recommendation

That the construction of the Townsville water supply be noted by council as part of its 150 year celebrations.

Report Information

The Townsville Water Authority was incorporated by statute in 1882 and at that time water was obtained from Willmetts Well on Charters Towers Road. In 1885, Hubert's Well was constructed near what is now the corner of Ross River Road and West Street. Other wells followed. However continuing water shortage meant that in 1908 the process of damming Ross River and thus artificially ponding water for local use began.

Gleeson's Weir, the first of a series of weirs, was constructed across Ross River downstream from Gleeson's farm. However water was not pumped from this weir until about 1923. Prior to that date, water from Gleeson's weir was let down Ross River as required. It flowed above the bed or through the sand to the pumping plant in Ross River near Thompson Street. This well was known as Top River well. There were one or two other similar stations in this vicinity and all these stations pumped water up to Townsville city via Hubert's Well.

When electricity became available in 1922 all the pump stations were gradually converted from steam to electricity. As a result of a tendency for high tides to force salt water into the sand at Top River wells, it was decided in 1927 to construct a stop weir at the site of what is now Aplin's Weir. This consisted of a curtain of steel sheeting driven through the sand to the clay bed with a concrete overflow section about 1.2 metres above the sand level. This successfully retained water which otherwise would have percolated down to the salt water section. In 1926 a series of pump stations were installed along the banks of Ross River extending to Five Head Creek. This was so water which was stored in the sands of Ross River above Gleeson's Weir could be tapped. A pumping main was built on the river bank and the pumping stations were connected to it. However this source of water did not prove to be very satisfactory; and in the early 1930s it was decided to construct a weir across the river at the Black School.

When constructed it was a hollow buttress weir with an ogee downstream shape and upstream sloping face. The abutments were stone pitched. In 1934 extensions were undertaken to the Black School weir. A new pump well was added as well as new buttresses to the right and left of the pump well. The original pump well and an existing buttress were also underpinned at that time. It appears that this additional work was necessary due to damage sustained to the weir during flooding.



Water restrictions throughout 1935 were very severe and it was only with considerable difficulty that sufficient water was supplied for Townsville's use. Black School Weir filled in 1936 and there was ample water for a few years, but with the outbreak of the war and the quartering of large numbers of American and Australian troops in Townsville, the demand on the water supply again became critical. This was met to some extent by the erection of a two feet high galvanised iron stop weir on the top of the earlier stop weir which functioned satisfactorily and provided

a useful supplement to the weir's capacity. In October 1943 a concrete weir was constructed at the site of the stop weir. It was ready for use by January 1944 and became known as Aplin's Weir.

In the 1970s Ross River dam was constructed at Five Heads Creek. In recent years a pipeline has been laid to allow water from the Burdekin Dam to supplement the Ross River Dam supply, which is reticulated throughout the Townsville urban area.

It was MOVED by Councillor R Gartrell SECONDED by Councillor L Walker

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED

Unfurling of the Federal Flag Townsville Holds Special Place in History with First Unfurling of the Federal Flag

Executive Summary

After federation of the Australian colonies, in April 1901, the Commonwealth Government launched a flag competition to design a Federal Flag. The competition ran until 31 May and entries were judged by a Board and the successful designs submitted to the Imperial Authorities. On 3 September, Edmund Barton, Australia's Prime Minister unfurled the winning flag design on Melbourne's Exhibition Building. However it was not until 20 February 1903 that the Government gazetted approval by King Edward VII of the design of the Australian flag.

Lord Hopetoun was appointed Australia's first Governor-General in July 1900. In May, Lord Hopetoun had headed north to the Cairns hinterland where he spent time with his brother in law. On his return journey to Melbourne, Hopetoun took the opportunity to visit Townsville, Mackay and Brisbane.

Officers Recommendation

That the unfurling of what would become the Federal flag by the Governor General, Lord Hopetoun be noted by council as part of its 150 year celebrations.

Report Information

The Mayor of Townsville is heartily congratulated for the function organised for the reception of the Governor General, Lord Hopetoun on Monday 16 September 1901. It is evident it impressed the residents of Townsville, although by the terms of his Excellency's letter, accepting an invitation to pay an official visit to Townsville, the simplest and shortest programme was best suited to Lord Hopetoun's wishes. The arrangements, made for His Excellency to inspect and open the new Municipal Chambers and to hoist the first Federal flag over the buildings, were well planned, as, besides allowing for public participation, the ceremonies have a permanent place in the history of the city.

There was no squandering of much needed money, yet the street displays and the decorations of the Town Hall and various business premises along the route of the procession were carried out to give the maximum of effect. In every way the reception prepared for his Excellency was enthusiastic, interesting and acceptable.

Members of the Kennedy Regiment in scarlet; and members of Naval Brigade in blue, along with mounted police formed a guard of honour at the wharf to meet the Governor General. As his Excellency disembarked, three hearty cheers were given by the people assembled on the wharf and a novel welcome came from the river bend where a blast of sixteen charges of gelignite sent a huge volume of water high into the air.



Then a battery of field cannon stationed in front of the Supreme Court on Melton Hill thundered forth a welcome while the artillery band played the national anthem. His Excellency inspected the ranks of the guard of honour and complimented the officer commanding on a well set up body of men. The procession then moved off towards the city, via the Strand, Wickham and Flinders Streets.

The route of the process was adorned in flags. From the new Customs House to Queens Hotel there was line of national flags and as

the Governor-General progressed through the streets, crowded balconies gave shouts of welcome. Several business places were decorated with his Excellency's colours, purple and gold, and in every direction flags and pennants fluttered in the breeze. Standards of other nations and multi-coloured streamers testified to the desire of the people to appropriately receive the Sovereign's representative but it was noticeable that the Union Jack was strongly in the ascendant. "And ever upon our topmost tower, the banner of England flew". The façade of the Town Hall was decorated with bunting and the verandah uprights were framed with ferns and palms. At the summit of the Town Hall flag pole, the Federal flag rested concealed.

On the balcony of the Town Hall, the Mayor officially welcomed his Excellency and after Lord Hopetoun had suitably replied, he hoisted the Federal flag which bore on the bar side of the luff the inscription "The first Commonwealth flag hoisted by the first Governor-General of Australia, Lord Hopetoun," and on the reverse side "Murdo Cameron, Mayor, September 16 1901 and the sailmaker's name, William McKenzie. At the request of the Mayor, the Governor-General then unfurled the flag which, as it unfurled, was greeted with round of cheering. The guard of honour presented arms as the flag unfurled. His Excellency said "It has afforded me very great pleasure indeed to unfurl this grand new flag and I feel highly honoured that the first time I have been present as its unfurling should have been in Townsville, the Queen City of the north."

After refreshments at the Crown Hotel hosted by Mrs Cameron and her daughter, Lord Hopetoun returned to the Wodonga. On boarding the vessel he once again thanked the Mayor and the citizens for the very warm reception with which they had greeted him. He thought it would be a source of gratification to all who were interested in Australia to know of the kind treatment extended to him in this, the first town of north Queensland.

It was MOVED by The Mayor, Councillor J Hill SECONDED by Councillor S Blom

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED

Strand Park (later named ANZAC Park)

Early Strand the Inspiration for City's Proud Parks Tradition

Executive Summary

The discovery of gold in the immediate hinterland at Ravenswood and then Charters Towers in the 1870s led to Townsville becoming the defacto capital of North Queensland. Economic growth coincided with increased leisure hours for workers and growing community opinion on the benefits of the outdoors to health and physical fitness. These factors influenced the establishment of public parks and recreation areas. In seaside locations public parks often developed in close proximity to long promenades and areas for sea bathing. Such was the case for ANZAC Park. The whole foreshore of the Strand was used for recreational purposes from the 1860s but was not officially gazetted for public purposes until 1900. Strand Park, now ANZAC Park, developed in close proximity to the bathing area, and was gazetted as a reserve for park purposes in 1912. In 1932 the park was renamed Anzac Memorial Park.

Officers Recommendation

That the history of ANZAC Park be noted by council as part of its 150 year celebrations

Report Information

In April 1912 the Council took steps to have the area from King Street to the City Baths



gazetted as a reserve for Park purposes.

The area became known as Strand Park. It was the Council's intention at that time to "beautify and maintain the [foreshore] as a pleasure resort". John Tyack, who served as a Council Alderman (1906-1913), Mayor (1912) and licensee of the Queen's Hotel (1899-1913), was instrumental in the beautification process. By 1912 Tyack had completed two sections of the reconstruction of the Queens hotel creating an imposing building in a federation architectural style. The hotel held a commanding position

overlooking the park and foreshore and catered to distinguished guests.

In May 1913 Alderman Tyack sought Council approval for the erection of a bandstand on the beach. This was granted and using funds raised by Tyack through public subscription, construction began. The design for the bandstand was by A.B. Polin a Sydney architect who had resided in Townsville for a number of years. By June 1913 Council employees had construction underway. However Tyack, whose untiring efforts had instigated the project, died in July 1913 before the work was completed.

The bandstand was handed over to the Council by Mrs Tyack on 3 September 1913 with the official opening and dedication held on the 27 September 1913. In his opening speech the Mayor, Alderman RW McClelland stated, He was sure the existence of the bandstand would mean that they [bandsmen] would all practice up and give the public many good entertainments there in the future. He also pointed out that the stand was for vocal as well as instrumental concerts. There was nothing nicer, he thought, than vocal concerts in the open-air on summer evenings. They knew that practice made perfect, and there was no telling to what professional standard they might rise. No matter what individuals said about the deterioration of people of North Queensland, he could say they could produce men and women to take their part with any others in the world.

The bandstand remained on the site adjacent to the entrance to the park until the construction of the Centenary fountain in 1960 when it was relocated to its present site. During the 1920s the Council concentrated their efforts in beautifying the surroundings of Strand Park. The park was levelled, top dressed, couch grass planted, a well was sunk, shrubs and further trees planted and picnic tables and seats located for visitors. In addition public conveniences were constructed at the eastern side of the park near the bowling green in October 1920. By the mid-twenties a children's playground existed at the western end of the park near the sea baths. When electricity became available in Townsville in the 1920s, lighting was upgraded in the park. By February 1924 the bandstand was lit by electric light and in 1929 extra lighting was installed in the park and in the public conveniences. Also at that time a four feet wide gravel path was laid along the seafront from the City Baths to the bowling green. The improvements created an increased workload for the curator and resulted in the Council employing two extra men for three months to work in Strand Park. The upgrading of the park coincided with the erection of the World War I memorial clock tower in 1923.

A large ornate fountain and pond was placed in the park opposite Queens Hotel by this time. Local knowledge suggests that the fountain came from the Central Refreshment Rooms when it was sold in 1917. The fountain was removed in the mid-1950s when the bandstand was relocated and the centenary fountain erected. At the suggestion of the RSL the park was renamed Anzac Memorial Park in 1932.

Throughout its history Anzac Park has been used for community festivals and recreation purposes. Surf Lifesaving Clubs utilised the park for weekly training sessions, the bandstand has been used for public meetings, musical entertainments and weddings; and the park grounds have become the site of annual commemorations.

It was MOVED by Councillor P Ernst SECONDED by Councillor R Gartrell

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED

Council Response To The Outbreak Of War, August 1914

City Council Rallies the Community for Great War Effort

Executive Summary

On 31 July 1914 in an election speech at Colac in Victoria, the Opposition Leader Andrew Fisher declared that 'should the worst happen, after everything has been done that honour will permit, Australians will stand beside the mother country to help and defend her to our last man and our last shilling'. Only days later, Britain declared war against Germany on 4 August 1914. Townsville City Council rallied to the cause, mobilising troops, implementing security measures and establishing a patriotic fund to support the families of soldiers.

Officers Recommendation

That Townsville's response to the outbreak of war in August 1914 be noted by council as part of its 150 year celebrations.

Report Information

Following the declaration of war on 4 August 1914, forces were mobilised from the regions to the north, south and west of Townsville. The united body of troops including members of the Kennedy Regiment and local Rifle Clubs were assembled at Kissing Point to await orders. It was understood that forces would be transported to Thursday Island to provide protection to the Australian mainland from the German imperial Navy stationed in New Guinea. On Thursday 6 August all leave from the camp at Kissing Point ceased. From then on the camp was closed, and everything was in readiness for a move north. The final farewell to the troops took place at the jetty on Saturday 8 August.

The Mayor, Alderman Swales and a number of aldermen drove over to the jetty where a large crowd had assembled. Mounted on the gates of the wharf, the Mayor made a stirring address to the soldiers. He said he hardly knew how to address them as they came from many towns in North Queensland so he referred to them as "Soldiers of the King". He said they were now going away on duty on behalf of the mother country and their own land. He was certain that they would make a name for themselves and Australia and that, the day would be an epoch in the history of Australia. He felt certain that the traditions of the British soldier would be upheld by them. The departing soldiers had the best wishes of the people, and the citizens of the north would do all they could to assist those who they were leaving behind.

The Mayor then called for three cheers for the troops, which were heartily given and the National Anthem, led by the Rev Canon Williams was then sung. The Kanowna left port around midday as the Kennedy Band on board the vessel struck up "Rule Britannia". The combined bands on shore responded with the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" and the many people assembled sang along. Then everyone sang the National Anthem. Cheer followed cheer as the Kanowna slowly moved off. It was certainly a moment to be remembered: the Kanowna, with khaki-covered figures packed like bees on all her decks, the vessel itself gaily dressed in flags from stem to stern, the forest of waving hands and handkerchiefs; and the volume of cheering.

The Mayor called for the community to aid the relatives of those in the North Queensland military forces on active service through the establishment of a Patriotic Fund. To raise funds Alderman TV Coyle suggested the organisation of a Patriotic Concert at the Theatre Royal on 20 August. The concert, with the backing of the community and prominent citizens, provided funds to aid the families of troops.



It was **MOVED** by Councillor V Veitch **SECONDED** by Councillor T Roberts

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED

Spanish Influenza Epidemic in Townsville in 1919

Foresight Spares City from Worst of 1919 Spanish Flu Epidemic

Executive Summary

Following World War 1 a particularly contagious influenza broke out in Europe. As troops returned to their home countries the infection quickly spread throughout the world. The pandemic gained a hold in Australia in January 1919. For many months land and sea quarantine measures were successful in keeping it out of Queensland. However by April 1919 it appeared in Brisbane and by May 1919 the first cases occurred in Townsville. This report documents council's response to the epidemic.

Officers Recommendation

That Townsville's response to the influenza epidemic in 1919 be noted by council as part of its 150 year celebrations.

Report Information

The influenza arrived in Townsville via passengers who had travelled by sea and rail. On 24 May 1919 a Special Council meeting was held to consider the local response to the influenza epidemic. At this meeting council resolved to form a committee to deal with matters related to the epidemic until such time as they received definite information from the government relative to the newly gazetted influenza regulations. Around this time both the city and shire councils were seeking clarification from the Queensland government on a number of issues. These included whether, as an infectious disease, the North Kennedy Hospital Board was responsible for treatment of patients and who paid for the response measures to fight the disease. The government eventually responded, giving local authorities responsibility for managing the epidemic in their area and implementing a cost sharing arrangement that saw council liable for one third of the cost of managing the disease and the Queensland government funded the other two thirds. The Townsville and Thuringowa councils worked together to manage the outbreak.



The city had been a busy place prior to the report of the first cases in May 1919. Schools and places where people congregated were closed and the Red Cross Society organised public lectures on the prevention and treatment of the disease. At public meetings, council called for Volunteer Patrol workers and VAD (Voluntary Aid Detachment) workers who were allocated to nursing patients in their homes and ready to assist in any other capacity. Added to this state of preparedness Townsville was protected by the positive response to the provision of free vaccinations at the Town Hall. About 3000 inoculations were performed and with those carried out privately it is estimated that about 5000 members of the community were protected before the epidemic began.

By 30 May an isolation hospital at Belgian Gardens State School (then known as Townsville North State School) was ready for patients. One was later established at St Anne's School in the city. These temporary hospitals relieved the pressure on the Townsville Hospital and protected patients in the hospital from exposure to the highly contagious disease. Further it allowed serious cases to be removed for special treatment providing a maximum chance of recovery and a place for nursing needy cases who would be uncared for and possibly die from lack of attention. Lastly it provided targeted medical care from staff who were devoted to constant supervision and investigation of one disease and concentrated methods of treatment.

Due to its highly infectious nature, the influenza strain was a notifiable disease and from 26 May to 5 August, 1,469 cases were reported, but it is probable that 4 or 5 times this number were actually infected and suffered a mild or severe form. Following the epidemic, Townsville's Medical Officer of Health, Dr W.B. Nisbet suggested that the disease was not so severe in Townsville due to early vaccinations, the mild climate and the disease weakening as it travelled round the world. Of the inoculations performed not one single case reported any serious or insignificant effects. The vaccinations protected Townsville in many ways:

- † They rendered a large number of people immune to the influenza.
- † Those who did suffer from influenza after vaccination had the disease a shorter time and were therefore less likely to infect others.
- † It is also possible that such cases had the disease in a less infectious form and were not so liable to spread it.

Of the eighteen deaths that occurred in the city, ten occurred in the isolation hospitals, seven in private homes and one in the public hospital. By the first week of August, cases had declined with only one or two cases reported. The remaining isolation hospital at Belgian Gardens was closed on 8 August and state schools reopened. In his report to council, Dr Nisbet praised the Mayor and Aldermen and members of the Thuringowa council for their contribution to containing the epidemic and thanked the Red Cross, VAD workers and ambulance staff for their hard work.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor G Eddiehausen **SECONDED** by Councillor P Ernst

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED

Soldiers' Memorial

Anzac Park Memorials Honour City's Fallen Soldiers

Executive Summary

Before the end of World War I memorials to soldiers were simply known as 'Soldiers' Memorials', or the 'Soldiers' Monument'. The term 'war memorial' was not commonly adopted until after World War I when it provided a grand symbol of community loss, pride and gratitude. The memorial in Strand Park was initially known as the 'Soldiers' Memorial'. In June 1923 a site was selected in Strand Park for the erection of a Soldiers' Memorial. It was centrally located between the bandstand and the city baths.

Officers Recommendation

That the construction of soldiers' memorials in ANZAC Park be noted by council as part of its 150 year celebrations.

Report Information

By October 1923 the memorial was in place but was not officially unveiled by the Governor of Queensland, Sir Matthew Nathan, until April 1924. The memorial served a two-fold purpose commemorating Townsville's fallen soldiers and a useful function by encompassing a clock. It was constructed of red marble, grey granite and white marble. The names of those who died were placed on white marble tablets located on the four faces of the memorial. It was designed and constructed by local Townsville stonemasons Melrose and Fenwick using funds raised through public subscriptions. The verse on the monument was composed by P.F. Rowland, renowned scholar and headmaster of the Townsville Grammar School.

In June 1925 the council took over the upkeep of the clock in the memorial and in May 1934 the clock was converted to a synchronous movement clock. The original clocks were replaced in early 1955 with heavy duty clocks. In the early 1970s these clocks were replaced with bronze emblems of the three services and the city's coat of arms. At the suggestion of the RSL the park was renamed Anzac Memorial Park in 1932 and a memorial arch was erected prior to ANZAC Day in 1934.

In addition, the park featured a number of artillery pieces commemorating Australian involvement in war. Known as war trophies, they were distributed throughout the world by the British government embodying the tradition of disarming the enemy and distributing the proceeds to the victors. After World War I thousands of weapons made their way to Australia to be located in municipal parks. In 1922 two captured German guns were given to Townsville under the trusteeship of Tom Lowth, George Murray and David Potts by the Queensland War Trophies Committee in acknowledgement of the sacrifices made by North Queensland soldiers. They were placed east and west of the bandstand by 1924.



Three other guns were also located in the park. Two 24-pounder muzzle loading cannons were relocated beside the World War I guns and transferred to the park's adventure playground by 1961. These guns are now located outside 4th Field Regiment Headquarters, Lavarack Barracks. The other gun was a 19th century British-made naval gun that was placed on a concrete platform on the Strand boundary near the Bowls Club before 1916 and which is now held by the Maritime Museum.

In recent times more memorials have been added to the park to acknowledge

Australia's involvement in international wars. These include several small concrete plinths with brass plaques commemorating Australian involvement in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Prior to the Battle of the Coral Sea Commemorations in 1992, the gardens of Anzac Memorial Park were replanted and most of the memorial structures were cleaned and/or repainted. A large Coral Sea Battle Memorial designed by Plante and Associates was built to the north of the Centenary Fountain. The memorial commemorates the role of Australian and American servicemen in the Battle of the Coral Sea in 1942. The Hero's Walk, designed by Plante and Associates and commemorating Victoria Cross recipients, was constructed adjacent to the War Memorial in 1995 as part of the VP50 celebrations. Signs mounted on dark granite plinths contain biographic information, a photograph and a map of the field of service of each recipient. In 2001, at the instigation of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (Townsville Branch) the Anzac Way Memorial designed by Jon Kuskopf Architects was erected on the park boundary directly in front of the war memorial. The memorial commemorates all Australians, both military and civilian, who have contributed and continue to contribute to Australia's and world's freedom and peace. This memorial includes an imposing black granite archway surmounted with an eternal flame.

It was MOVED by Councillor T Roberts SECONDED by Councillor C Doyle

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED

Paluma Road

Historic Paluma Road an Engineering Marvel

Executive Summary

Prior to the construction of the road, the only access to Mt Spec was on foot or horseback which often took days through the steep and thickly vegetated terrain. Over the course of the first thirty years of the twentieth century, the Paluma Mt Spec area was considered as a place for recreation and recuperation, as a future water supply and for primary industries such as timber getting and small scale farming. In the 1930s when the economic climate of depression impacted the Townsville community, a developmental road was constructed to Paluma Mt Spec with unemployment relief funding and relief workers.



Officers Recommendation

That the events surrounding the construction of the Paluma Road be noted by council as part of its 150 year celebrations.

Report Information

In the 1920s, the Main Road Commission began to investigate the possibility of constructing a tourist road to Mt Spec-Paluma. Although the area was within the Thuringowa and Hinchinbrook Shires, Townsville

City Council was keen to get access to a water supply for its growing city and therefore was the road's greatest champion at local government level. Council's Engineer, FH Brazier also supported the construction of a road. With increasing demand for water, the Townsville Mayor, WH Green saw Mt Spec as a potential water catchment for Townsville and made several trips into the area. A Department of Lands report in 1921 was considered by the Water Works Committee of council and council gave its support to the idea of development at Mt Spec. The committee gave the chair permission to consult with members of the Townsville and District Development Association. The Water Works Committee recommended that the State Treasurer be approached to send an officer from the Hydraulic Engineers Department to assess the area as to provide for the city's future water supply. However no officer was sent. By 1924 the city's water supply had deteriorated such that reticulation was cut off between the hours of 8pm and 6am. In 1929 a surveyor with the Lands Administration Board reported to council on the potential of the Mt Spec catchment to provide a future water supply. The Deputy Forester filed a similar report in 1931.

However financial constraints meant council could not commit funds to the project. Progress was slow over the next two decades, as council tried to get financial support for the scheme from State Treasury. After Alderman Clegg represented council on a RACQ trip to Mt Spec in 1924, council resolved to approach the Main Roads Board to have a survey done of the road to Mt Spec. Although most of the road lay within the Hinchinbrook Shire, it was not interested in the Mt Spec road proposal. At a meeting in 1929, Townsville City Council and Thuringowa Shire Council recommended that application be made to the Main Roads Commission to have a road from Townsville to Mt Spec declared a Tourist Road. Hinchinbrook Shire was relieved of construction costs as most of the overheads would be covered by Unemployment Relief Funds. Thuringowa Shire Council would contribute the rest and gave formal approval in 1934. Mayor Green's vision of Mt Spec as a water catchment was not realised until 1954.

The prospect of accessing timber reserves in the Mt Spec areas supported the development of the road. However the greatest impetus for the construction of the road was to relieve unemployment in the region. Construction began in 1931. The project became the largest unemployment relief project in the region.

The work was hard and living conditions were difficult and isolated. Few mechanical aids were used and workers cleared the rainforest with picks and shovels. Explosives were used to blast areas of rock and horse drawn scoops, wheelbarrows or mining trolleys on small pieces of portable track removed the rock. Workers lived in temporary camps with their families at various points along the road.

The construction of the bridge was a feat in itself and evolved in stages. First an initial framework was built and then sawn timber laid over it to form the shape of the arch. Rock was then filled behind the arch and lagging put down to hold the concrete when it was poured. Once the arch was in place the abutments were completed and the road was laid.

The project took five years to complete and was officially opened on 18 July 1937. At the opening the member for Kennedy, CG (Nugget) Jesson announced that the government's objectives in building the road were that, besides providing employment, it would provide the citizens of Townsville with a mountain resort and establish communication with the hinterland.

It was MOVED by Councillor S Blom SECONDED by Councillor A Parsons

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED

World War II in Townsville

Townsville's WWII Role Helps Defend the Nation

Executive Summary

In 1942, Townsville was a major staging point for the Allied war effort in the Pacific. Although World War II started in September 1939, it was not until the bombing of Pearl Harbour in December 1941 and the fall of Singapore in February 1942, that Townsville began to fear the prospect of having the war on its doorstep. After the fall of Singapore, Townsville began its transformation into a garrison city.



Officers Recommendation

That Townsville's response to World War II be noted by council as part of its 150 year celebrations.

Report Information

As early as March 1942 unidentified aircraft were sighted over Townsville. In May of the same year unidentified aircraft were sighted over Townsville and anti-aircraft batteries fired briefly and Allied planes attempted unsuccessfully to intercept the aircraft. By this time Townsville was under blackout regulations, radio stations were not allowed to broadcast after sunset and schools were temporarily closed down. The build-up of military forces in 1942 placed a considerable strain on both the resources and the people of Townsville. Military personnel outnumbered civilians by three to one.

Residential and business premises were commandeered for military use and between 5,000 to 7,000 people voluntarily evacuated south or to other regional centres. Drastic shortages of ice, fresh milk, firewood and fuel, coupled with inflated prices for fruit and vegetables, contributed to an air of tension between civilians and the military.

Aside from the strict rationing of basic goods and services, Townsville's population was affected socially as well. The war offered women more opportunity to participate in public life and they took up jobs that had hitherto been the sole domain of men.

Early in the war, as a precaution against air raids, the council constructed open shelters (known as slit trenches) in the central business district and erected fifteen concrete 'pill-box' shelters in the centre of Flinders Street. These air-raid shelters were put to good use around midnight on the night of 25 July 1942 when Japanese bombers flew over the city. On the first run two Kawanishi flying boats were picked up by searchlights but continued to circle the city for more than half an hour before dropping about six bombs on tidal flats near the mouth of the Ross River and the harbour. This was a Saturday night in Townsville.

Despite the late hour, there were still groups of people milling in Flinders Street and when warning sirens sounded, police and air-raid wardens directed people into the slit trenches and shelters within ten minutes. Those who had taken shelter in the 'pill-boxes' reportedly entertained themselves by singing until the all-clear was given. There were two subsequent raids, this time from single bombers but in all three raids, the only damage was to a coconut tree at Oonoonba. On the night of the third raid, two United States airmen, intercepted the Japanese plane and with the aid of search lights manned from the ground, managed to successfully hit their target.

Blackout regulations dramatically altered the appearance of Flinders Street at night. The regulations applied to all types of lights, from hotels and businesses to private homes and even vehicles. Any light that was visible could not be conspicuous at 300 feet, and not be discernible at 2,000 feet.

As part of security arrangements, the Post Office underwent changes. In 1942 the clock tower was dismantled and the mechanism placed in storage so that it could not become a target for enemy bombs. However it was not until 1963-4 that a new, modified clock tower was built.

The end of World War II prompted crowds of people to gather in Flinders Street to celebrate the announcement of peace. It was reported that upon receiving the news of Japan's defeat, 'there was a spontaneous movement of jubilation, hilarity and joy'. Offices and shops were emptied of their occupants and 'joy ran riot'. Crowds streamed through Flinders Street and total strangers shook hands and linked arms in what must have seemed like an endless procession. After almost six years in the shadow of the war, the people of Townsville expressed their joy and relief that the war was finally over.

In the early evening a second wave of celebrations took place, with a procession ending at Anzac Memorial Park on The Strand. The parade was described by the Townsville Daily Bulletin as the 'greatest in the history of the city' and bonfires were lit on the hills and on the seashore.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor L Walker **SECONDED** by Councillor J Lane

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED

First Female Councillor – Joan Innes Reid

Joan Innes Reid – A Trailblazer for Women in Local Government

Executive Summary

Joan Innes Reid was born in rural Victoria in 1915. She attended Melbourne University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1936. She obtained her Master of Social Work in Canada where she lived for around 15 years. Returning to Australia in 1953, she took up the position of medical social worker at Townsville General Hospital, the only social worker in northern Queensland until 1962. A passionate enthusiastic worker for community wellbeing, she was elected to council in 1967 and served both as a councillor and Deputy Mayor. She was defeated for Mayor at the 1976 election.



Officers Recommendation

That the commitment and achievements of Joan Innes Reid as the first female councillor on Townsville City Council be noted by council as part of its 150 year celebrations.

Report Information

Due to her experience as a social worker in the region, in 1967 Joan was nominated to join the Association for Civic Development (ADC) team in the council elections. The ADC team had a broad platform that included many community welfare initiatives to improve services to residents.

Obtaining success in the elections in 1967, Joan Innes Reid was appointed Townsville's first female councillor. Joan Innes Reid had a vision of community well-being that was holistic and extended beyond human services to include education, cultural heritage and the performing and visual arts. In 1973 she became Deputy Mayor. Joan continued to juggle her council responsibilities with her work at the hospital until she resigned from the hospital in 1975 to run as an independent candidate for Mayor in the 1976 election.

Some of her notable achievements while in council include,

- † The mayoral robe and chain of office worn by mayors on ceremonial occasions;
- † Child Care
 - ‡ Relocation of the Child Day Care Centre from the inaccessible and drab third floor of the City Building next to the Town Hall to a spacious warehouse with an outdoor play area;

- ‡ The establishment of an accredited kindergarten in the centre, Koolkuna and the employment of a qualified kindergarten teacher in charge of its activities.
- ‡ Engagement of an Early Childhood Education expert, Peggy Banff, as a consultant to undertake a comprehensive report on Townsville's suburban day care facilities and provide advice and guidance to staff at these centres. From this was developed a Code of Standards and Practices for Townsville Day Care Centres that became a model for day care centres in Queensland.
- † Disability access
 - ‡ Modifications to kerbs and pedestrian crossings, introduction of gradients instead of steps, a designated parking bay allocated on the main street, accessible public toilets in public parks and introduction of general compliance with access design standards in new public and commercial buildings.
- † Community information
 - ‡ Directory of Health and Welfare resources in north Queensland which became the resource directory updated annually by the Community Information Centre.
- † Establishment of a Youth council to encourage civic awareness and responsibility
- † Branch library at Aitkenvale
- † Civic Administration building
- † Establishment of the Arts and Culture Committee
- † Appointment of first municipal social worker in 1974
- † Establishment of the Regional Art Gallery Advisory Committee, Townsville Branch of the National Trust of Queensland and Townsville Museum.

After her election loss in 1976, Joan Innes Reid joined James Cook University, as a tutor in Behavioral Sciences. In 1984 she was made a Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of her community work. Joan was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters by the University in 1995, the first woman to be so honoured. She died in 2001. A commemorative plaque honouring her contribution to social work and politics was unveiled at a ceremony in Townsville in August 2003. She was described as 'a social worker with very special qualities: of vision; compassion; leadership; energy; dogged determination. In short, a veritable role model for present day social work and community welfare students'.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor C Doyle **SECONDED** by Councillor S Blom

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED

Civic Administration Centre

Walker Street Civic Centre Still Going Strong, 40 Years On

Executive Summary

On Friday 5 March 1976, the Premier of Queensland, The Honourable J Bjelke-Petersen opened Townsville City Council new administration building in Walker Street.

Officers Recommendation

That the construction and opening of the City Administration Building in Walker Street be noted by council as part of its 150 year celebrations.

Report Information

The municipality of Townsville was incorporated on the 15 February 1866. Early meetings were held in the Masonic Hall but by October 1866, plans had been drawn up for the first Town Hall to be located on the municipal reserve at the corner of Melton Terrace and The Strand, on the crest of the Melton Hill. While the building was originally designed to have verandahs on three sides with a central entrance tower, the land surveyed could not accommodate the design and the council was not successful in obtaining additional land from the government. The final building, completed by September 1868, was a simple, unpretentious structure with a verandah overlooking Cleveland Bay.

By February 1876, larger premises were required and council moved a motion to construct a new Town Hall in Flinders Street. The old Town Hall was leased to the local community; providing some revenue. By December 1877 the new Town Hall was described as a mere shell, an iron roof and no ceiling. It was small and hot and stuffy during the summer months so council authorised the installation of a ceiling and ventilation of back wall. This did not alleviate the issues and in November 1878 council moved to premises in Denham Street. When this building burned down, council approached the government and exchanged the reserve on Melton Hill for land adjacent to the Telegraph Office in Flinders Street. While the new building was being constructed, council carried on business in premises on Stokes Street, immediately to the north of McKimmons and Richardson's drapery establishment where Cowboys League Club is now located. In early 1880 the building was completed and served civic purposes until the Municipal buildings (where Northtown is now) were opened in 1901. This building and its 1927 extensions served council and the community until the early 1970s when increasing urbanisation and a fire warranted the construction of a new civic administrative centre.

The Civic Centre concept with a modern city administration building as a key structure in the heart of the city, was adopted and approved in principle by the Townsville City Council in 1968. Council launched the project in July 1969 inviting Townsville architects to compete for the best design for the new city building, and the Civic centre. Plans had to include the location for a new theatre, art gallery, museum, library, fountains, landscaped gardens and shaded recreation areas on a four acre site between Wills and Walker Streets.

The Architects, Lund Hutton Newell & Paulsen Pty Ltd won the competition and sketch plans of the \$2.5million 5 storey administration building, were submitted to the government early in March 1971.



At this time rapidly escalating costs and heavy financial commitments for other essential services (particularly water from the Ross Dam) caused progress on the building to delay.

To compound these problems, investigations showed that unsatisfactory foundations could increase building costs by more than \$200,000. As a consequence, the height of the new building was reduced from five storeys to three.

In March 1973, the Department of Local Government and Treasury approved final designs for the administration building. E.A. Watts Pty Ltd won the building contract with a quote for \$2.51 million, and work commenced on July 19, 1973.

Although the building was due to be completed by March 1975, a prolonged wet season and other difficulties delayed occupation until mid-January that year. Continuing increases in labour and materials charges raised the total cost of the building, including fittings and furniture to \$3.5 million.

Landscaping for the new Civic Centre included gardens, shaded walkways, paved courtyard and fountain. A second stage was envisaged with an art gallery, museum, city hall, extensions to the city administration offices and a car park.

As a sign of our ever expanding population, urbanisation and supporting infrastructure, council has again sought new accommodation and just last year purchased the adjoining former Commonwealth offices at 143 Walker Street. This building is now home to Customer Service, Planning, Integrated Sustainability and Communications staff.

It was **MOVED** by The Mayor, Councillor J Hill **SECONDED** by Councillor V Veitch

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED

Civic Theatre

Take a Bow! Civic Theatre Steals the Show as Region's Premier Venue

Executive Summary

The Civic Theatre was built to satisfy community needs in two specific areas:

- † To provide a training and performing centre for local groups who were involved in presenting drama, ballet, pop, choral and classical music concerts, musicals, band shows and other entertainments;
- † To provide a first class venue for national and international professional companies touring from the capital cities and overseas.

On Friday 31 March 1978, His Excellency the Governor of Queensland, Sir James Ramsay opened the Townsville Civic Theatre at a gala opening concert with Brian May and the Melbourne Show Band.

Officers Recommendation

That the construction of the Civic Theatre be noted by council as part of its 150 year celebrations.

Report Information

The Theatre Royal in Flinders Street had long brought performers and patrons into the centre of Townsville. The building was demolished in the early 1970s despite public protest. Temporary venues were found, including the disused Wintergarden Theatre which had a large stage and raked auditorium and the School of Arts Building, which had a flat floor auditorium.

In April 1973 the council's city architect, Nigel Daniels, was appointed to design a new theatre. The Civic Theatre was designed with a number of objectives in mind to replace the former Theatre Royal to provide a modern, versatile and well equipped venue for theatregoers; to assist and encourage North Queensland playwrights, directors and performers; to overcome entertainment deficiencies in Townsville; to establish a major centre for the performing arts in our northern region and to link Townsville into the mainstream of top class productions by professional companies touring from the capital cities and overseas.

Theatres in capital and provincial cities were inspected and advice was sought on a wide range of theatre equipment and facilities. Consultants were appointed to provide expertise in highly technical fields such as acoustics, lighting and stage machinery.



The site in Boundary Street was selected in October 1973. Preparation of working drawings began early the following year but due to lack of funding the project was temporarily shelved. However the Queensland Government approved a subsidy of one-third of the estimated cost and the council committed to meet the remaining two-thirds of the funding and work continued.

By mid-1975, detailed plans and specifications were completed and approved, and in November that year tenders were called. In February 1976 a tender by John Holland (Constructions) Pty Ltd was approved and construction work began.

The overall project cost of \$4.5 million, included site preparation works, the provision of parking and landscaping, consultants' fees and contract commitments for rises in wages and material costs.

Today, the atmosphere inside the theatre is one of warmth and intimacy, heightened by specially made burgundy coloured stage curtains. A striking feature of the auditorium is its compactness. There is no dress circle, or gallery. There are no pillars to obstruct the view. Regular theatregoers are surprised to see there are no aisles - a design feature gaining wide acceptance in new theatres overseas and in Australia in the 70s. Adequate space is allowed to reach all seats between the rows.

At the time of the opening the Civic Theatre stage was the biggest in Queensland. It compared favourably with many well-known overseas theatres including the Old Vic in London and the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor J Lane **SECONDED** by Councillor G Eddiehausen

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED

Closing address by Mayor

I am extremely proud of Townsville's achievements over the past 150 years and the city's status as a progressive, northern capital and centre for education, research, commerce, administration, industry and training; and employment.

Our isolation from the state's capital has meant that strong local government has played an essential part in the city's growth – with the planning and delivery of services, by providing leadership and assistance for local business in driving economic and social opportunities, and building a strong, resilient and proud community.

Lessons from the past have stood us in good stead and local government will continue to be at the forefront in the realisation of Townsville's potential.

We have so much to celebrate in our city's 150th year. From concerts to ceremonies, festivals to exhibitions and a massive Defence Force Air Show and Sky Show over The Strand in October, the T150 celebrations are our chance to shine.

"The Range, Reef and Ross River" Townsville & District History 1864 – 2016 is a limited edition book exclusively published for the Townsville City Council. This anniversary history book was made possible by the support of local history participants and major contributions provided by local corporations and companies.

As we move through 2016, I urge everyone to get involved and celebrate!

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the staff involved in the preparations, research, report writing and staging of today's ceremonial meeting. You have added substantial value to our T150 celebrations and on behalf of Council we express our gratitude.

Councillors, ladies and gentlemen, this concludes the ceremonial meeting and I now invite all present to join the Councillors and myself for a lunch in the adjoining gardens. Please feel free to move forward to view the historic photo displays on the wall before moving to the gardens.

I formally declare the meeting closed.

Garden Lunch in Perfume Gardens





Council Decision

It was MOVED by The Mayor, Councillor J Hill, SECONDED by Councillor V Veitch:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

54 Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report - Quarter 2

Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a written assessment of council's Corporate and Operational Plans on a quarterly basis. The Corporate Performance Report, under separate cover, provides an assessment of council's progress towards implementing council's Corporate and Operational Plans.

The standing committees received the core service section of the Quarter 2 report relating to their committee and the purpose of this report is to adopt the Quarter 2 Corporate Performance Management Report in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That in accordance with section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* council adopt the Corporate Performance Report for the second quarter of 2015/16, being the period from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015 (attachment 1); and
2. That in accordance with section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* council note the change made to the Operational Plan in the second quarter as outlined in attachment 2.

Council Decision

It was MOVED by Councillor J Lane, SECONDED by Councillor V Veitch:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Confidential Items

It was MOVED by Councillor P Ernst, SECONDED by Councillor R Gartrell:

"that council RESOLVE to close the meeting in accordance with Section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

Section 275(1) (e) contracts proposed to be made by it.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The council discussed the items.

It was MOVED by Councillor P Ernst, SECONDED by Councillor R Gartrell:

"that council RESOLVE to open the meeting."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In accordance with section 172 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor C Doyle declared a material personal interest in regards to item 55.

(a) the nature of the material personal interest as described by the Councillor:

Councillor C Doyle is the owner of property within the defined PDA.

(b) how the Councillor dealt with the material personal interest:

Councillor C Doyle vacated the chambers during discussion and voting on the item.

55 Engineering Services - Waterfront Promenade Project - TCW00156 Design Consultancy Services Stage 1A

Executive Summary

Tender contract TCW00156 is for Design Consultancy Services for the Waterfront Promenade Project Stage 1A.

This report outlines the tender process and subsequent outcomes of the tender evaluations along with making a recommendation to award the contract to the successful tenderer. The report also summarises the reasoning for the Panel's recommendation.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the report/attachment be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remain confidential unless council decides otherwise by resolution.
2. That council award Tender TCW00156 for the Waterfront Promenade Stage 1A Design Consultancy Services to SMEC Australia Pty Ltd for the price of up to \$1,101,104 (excl GST).
3. That council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or his delegate, to award variations up to the approved budget provided the variations are for the completion of the work under the contract.

Council Decision

It was MOVED by The Mayor, Councillor J Hill, SECONDED by Councillor L Walker:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

General Business

(i) Update requested for enacting of Level 3 Water Restrictions

Councillor A Parsons requested an update from the Director of Water and Waste as to when Level 3 water restrictions would be enacted. The Director advised that the current level of the dam is 21.7 per cent with the trigger point for Level 3 water restrictions being 20 per cent. He advised further that in the absence of significant rain, Level 3 water restrictions could possibly be enacted in the first week of March.

(ii) Ceremonial Meeting

Councillor L Walker congratulated the Chief Executive Officer and staff for the well-executed Council Ceremonial Meeting held on 15 February 2016 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the city's Proclamation. Councillor Walker noted that the meeting had been well received by the community and was worthy to mark Townsville's 150th birthday.

(iii) Traffic Management and traffic light phasing

The Mayor, Councillor J Hill, noted that she had received numerous complaints regarding traffic management and phasing of lights throughout the city. The Mayor requested that staff be directed to have discussions with the Department of Main Roads and Transport regarding the phasing of lights and what opportunities exist to improve light phasing and that a report noting this information be brought back to a future council meeting.

(iv) Reflections on the last four years in council.

The Mayor noted the achievements made by council over the past four years and thanked the Councillors, Chief Executive Officer, Directors and staff for their work for the benefit of the Townsville community.

Close of Meeting

The Mayor, Councillor J Hill declared the meeting closed at 9.51am.

CONFIRMED this TWENTY SIXTH day of APRIL 2016

MAYOR

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER