FINAL MINUTES

4 March 2009

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Declaration of Potential Perceived Conflict of Interest

Nil.

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

His Worship the Mayor, Cr C Meng (Chairperson), Crs G R Christensen, D T Comerford, P F Steindl, D R Hatfield, D E Camilleri, W A Cameron, G R Thomsen, K J Casey and K L May were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting. Also present was Mr P Franks (Chief Executive Officer) and Ms D Jeffery (Minute Secretary).

The meeting commenced at 10:00am.

2. OPENING PRAYER:

Pastor Euan McDonald led those present in Prayer.

3. APOLOGIES:

THAT the apology on behalf of Cr D J Perkins be accepted.

Moved Cr Camilleri **Seconded Cr Steindl**

CARRIED

4. CONDOLENCES:

Condolences were expressed at the passing of Peter "Osmo" Puntti, former grounds maintenance officer for Mackay City Council.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

5.1 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES - 25 FEBRUARY 2009

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 February 2009 be confirmed.

Moved Cr Comerford **Seconded Cr Hatfield**

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Nil

7. MAYORAL MINUTES:

Nil.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND OFFICERS' REPORTS:

8.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES MONTH ENDING JANUARY 2009

Author DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Purpose

The Engineering Services Highlights and Significant Issues Report, month ending January 2009, is attached for information purposes.

Director's Recommendation

THAT the report be noted.

Council Resolution

THAT the Director's Recommendation be adopted.

Moved Cr Casey **Seconded Cr Cameron**

CARRIED

8.2 ARMSTRONG BEACH ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

File No Armstrong Beach Road
Author MANAGER TECHNICAL SERVICES

Purpose

To advise Council on plans to construct a section of Armstrong Beach Road commencing 3.5km from the Bruce Highway intersection.

Background/Discussion

The reconstruction of this section of Armstrong Beach Road was identified by the previous Sarina Shire Council as an important strategic link in the Council's Capital Works Program.

The design which allows for an 8.0m wide sealed pavement is a continuation of Capital Works Projects undertaken along Armstrong Beach Road by Sarina Shire Council and will compliment the future upgrade of the Miran Khan / Armstrong Beach Road intersection which is currently being designed.

The project involves:

- Widening and overlay of 2.1km of roadway to provide an 8.0m sealed pavement.
- Alterations to the existing vertical and horizontal alignment
- Provision of a pavement improvement to meet a 20 year design life.
- Extensions to existing cross drainage lines.
- Application of 18940m² of bitumen surfacing.
- Linemarking and Signage.

It should be noted that the design scope has been broad to enable the inclusion of works in the future should funding be available.

Consultation

The reconstruction of Armstrong Beach Road is a continuation of the former Sarina Shire Council's initiative to prioritise their arterial road network.

Resource Implications

The estimated cost to undertake all the works identified within the design scope that has been completed is $1,113,000. The budget allocation in the Capital Works Program as detailed below:

2007/08 Capital Works Program – Sarina		$85,000
2007/08 Main Roads – TIDS funding		$145,000
2008/09 Capital Works Program – Sarina		$120,000
2008/09 Main Roads – TIDS funding		$110,000
2008/09 Saturation Damage funding		$72,000
	Total	$532,000

Due to the funding available it is proposed to proceed with construction of a section commencing 3.5km from the intersection with the Bruce Highway for a length of 1.06km towards Armstrongs Beach. These works will continue from a newly completed section of work previously undertaken by Sarina Shire Council.

Plans are also then available for the next stage of the upgrade of Armstrong Beach Road in the future.

Conclusion

The design addresses the traffic safety requirements and is in accordance with the road hierarchy guidelines and ensures that this important transport link is upgraded to the required standard.

Director's Recommendation

THAT:

1. The plans for the reconstruction of Armstrong Beach Road be approved.

2. The section of Armstrong Beach Road commencing 3.5km from the Bruce Highway intersection for the distance of 1.06km be undertaken at an estimated cost of $532,000.

Council Resolution

THAT the Director's Recommendation be adopted.

Moved Cr Casey **Seconded Cr Hatfield**

CARRIED

8.3 APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE ADJOINING LOT 1 RP716948 PARISH OF BASSETT

File No **Lot 1 RP716948**
Author **MANAGER TECHNICAL SERVICES**

Purpose

To advise Council that an application for the permanent closure of a section of road reserve has been lodged with the Department of Natural Resources and Water (DNR&W) on a section of roadway in the Parish of Bassett Locality of Balnagowan adjoining Lot 1 RP716948.

Background/Discussion

The DNR&W has received an application for the permanent closure of approximately 2.65Ha of a section of road reserve adjoining Lot 1 RP716948. A copy of Drawing No. 08/588/CEN showing the proposed area is attached.

The matter was considered by Council's internal Land and Road Use Working Group meeting of 19 February 2009 and no objection was raised.

It is understood from the advice from DNR&W that the land is to be used for private purposes. The area in question is indicated on the attached plans by the cross-hatched area.

Consultation

Land and Road Use Working Group 19 February 2009.

Resource Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

The proposed permanent closure of a section of road reserve adjoining Lot 1 RP716948 Parish of Bassett, Locality of Balnagowan, will have no adverse impact on Council's current or future requirements.

Director's Recommendation

THAT Council advise DNR&W that it has no objection to the permanent closure of approximately 2.65Ha of road reserve adjoining Lot 1 RP716948 by the applicant.

Council Resolution

THAT the Director's Recommendation be adopted.

Moved Cr Casey **Seconded Cr Cameron**

CARRIED

8.4 BOAT RAMPS AND PIONEER RIVER

File No **Boat Ramps**
Author **MANAGER TECHNICAL SERVICES**

Purpose

Following a recent briefing regarding options with regard to the future establishment of a major boat launching facility for the Pioneer River, formal resolution is required of Council's support of the preferred option to allow the submission of an application under the 'Boating Infrastructure Capital and Maintenance Program' so that further works in relation to the project can progress.

Background/Discussion

The issues of provision of adequate boat launching facilities has been an ongoing issue that has been progressively addressed by Council in partnership with Queensland Transport (QT).

However, there is still an unmet demand during good boating conditions which tends to cause considerable congestion at the Mackay Harbour facilities.

As a result of a review by Council in conjunction with QT and Sunfish it was determined that options for an all-tide ramp accessing either the Pioneer River or the ocean be investigated.

Following discussions with Queensland Transport a feasibility study was commissioned in relation to options for the site of a future major boat launching facility.

A number of sites have been considered regarding functionality, design, environmental and safety requirement. Two options upstream of the Forgan Bridge, Mackay (Riverside Drive options) and one at the Pioneer River entrance (East Point option) have been assessed in more detail to support the feasibility study.

After reviewing background information, opinions of all stakeholders were sought to assist with preparation of the concept plan. Meteorological and hydrodynamic investigations were then undertaken to indicate the usage potential for each option. Preliminarily cost estimates were used to classify the different options based on economic, social and environmental criteria.

Water levels and peak flood velocities from previous hydrological studies were used to highlight the design levels and civil works requirements. Local wave characteristics were assessed from local standard extreme weather conditions and cyclonic historical activity. A hydrodynamic model of the Pioneer River estuary was set up based on tidal, freshwater and wind action. This model was used to estimate tidal currents at the three locations.

The preliminary wave climate investigation confirmed the low wave climate to be expected at these locations. The hydrodynamic model results suggest smaller tidal levels and a smaller tidal range for the Riverside Drive options than further downstream at the East Point option in this flood influenced estuary. Currents are expected to be smaller at East Point location than for the Riverside Drive options, where erosion and scouring would be of concern.

The Riverside Drive sites offer greater potential for future upgrades, easily manageable road access and land tenure matters. However, the East Point site seems preferable due to lower environmental impacts and enhanced navigation access and user safety.

As such, the East Point location appeared the most suitable location based on these criteria as well as the initial cost assessment for the projects.

Council should note the following proposed timeline of the project as well as the indicative costings. These costs are very preliminary and would be refined in the detail design process.

It should also be highlighted that Council would be responsible for an estimated amount of $900,000 in relation to this project as a minimum dependent on the result of negotiations with the developer of East Point and the length of access road required at the time of development of the boat launching facility. (Preliminary estimate is based on maximum road length and would take Council's commitment to $2.7 million)

Criteria / Option	OPTION 1 Along Riverside Drive	OPTION 2 Sheltered Riverside Drive	OPTION 3 East Point
Maintenance	Low	Medium	Low
Differentiating safety issues	Long distance to destination, cross currents	Long distance to destination	
Approximate capital cost (minimum length Road)	**$3,000,000**	**$2,650,000**	**$2,100,000**
Approximate capital cost (maximum length road)	**$3,500,000**	**$3,100,000**	**$3,900,000**

Table 10 Cost breakdown for "minimum road development"

Criteria / Option	OPTION 1 Along Riverside Drive	OPTION 2 Sheltered Riverside Drive	OPTION 3 East Point
Boat Ramp	$1,420,000	$1,050,000	$770,000
Car Park and Operation Space	$440,000	$510,000	$215,000
Access Road	NIL	NIL	$250,000
Add. Costs and Contingency	$1,140,000	$1,090,000	$865,000
Total	**$3,000,000**	**$2,650,000**	**$2,100,000**

In terms of when the project can be readily completed it is envisaged that an allowance of 4 to 10 years is realistic, with a project delivery date around 2015-2020.

Proposed action list

Action	When
Project to governmental agencies (EPA, DNRW)	2008
Resolve interfacing issues with East Point Development	2009
Additional site investigations and preliminary design	2009
Resolve Land Title Claim	2010
Detailed design facility (3 month)	2010
Development approval (6 to 9 month)	2010
Tendering and construction works	2010

Given the above, Council are requested to formally adopt the East Point site as the preferred development option noting that the Council would be responsible for costs associated with 'landside' works as a result, i.e. car park and access road.

Consultation

- Queensland Transport
- Sunfish
- Marine Safety Queensland
- East Point
- Port Binnli
- MPA

Resource Implications

Future contribution required for 'landside' infrastructure, (i.e. car park and access road), is dependent on the length of access road. Preliminary costs indicate this cost would be of the order of $900,000 (minimum) to $2,700,000 (maximum).

Conclusion

Given the outcome and recommendations of the feasibility study Council are requested to:

- Confirm the selection of the East Point site as the preferred option for development of a major boat launching facility.
- Approve further negotiations with the developer of East Point in regard to timing, design and staging of construction of the access roadway.
- Formally approve the submission of an application under the 'Boating Infrastructure Capital and Maintenance Program' to Queensland Transport in order for further progress on the project to occur.

Director's Recommendation

THAT Council:

1. Confirm the selection of the East Point site as the preferred option for development of a major boat launching facility.
2. Approve further negotiations with the developer in regard to timing, design and staging of construction of the access roadway.
3. Formally approve the submission of an application to Queensland Transport under the 'Boating Infrastructure Capital and Maintenance Program'.

Council Resolution

THAT the Director's Recommendation be adopted.

Moved Cr Casey **Seconded Cr Hatfield**

CARRIED

8.5 AUSTRALIAN SOUTH SEA ISLANDER CENTRE

File No **143210-003-SP-1, 170019-001-SP-1**
Author **Executive Manager Corporate Projects**

Purpose

To consider a request from the Mackay & District Australian South Sea Islander Association (MADASSIA) for the establishment of an Australian South Sea Islander Centre at the general locality of the existing South Sea Islander Lagoons Meeting Hut facility, Alexandra Street (City Gates area).

Background/Discussion

Council is the Trustee of the Reserve for Public Halls and Cultural Purposes, being Lot 3 on SP 143210. On this parcel is presently the South Sea Islander Lagoons Meeting Hut complex, a community hall type facility operated by Council under lease arrangement with MADASSIA. Adjacent and surrounding this Reserve is another Reserve (for Parks and Gardens Purposes), also under the Trusteeship of Council.

The proposal from MADASSIA is for development of a major Centre based around the existing Hut facility. To enable this to occur use of an area larger than the existing Reserve for Public Halls and Cultural Purposes will be required. Council as the Trustee of both Reserves would need to request the Department of Natural Resources and Water (Department) to amend the Reserve boundaries. Both Reserve purposes are designated as Community Purposes under the Schedule to the *Land Act 1994*, and therefore such an action should be routine.

Council as Trustee would also be required to consent to any future lease to cover the establishment of the Centre. Such lease would be considered to be a standard Trustee Permit Lease under the provisions of the *Land Act 1994*, and would be a "community" type lease involving a twenty(20) year term, peppercorn rental etc. The current South Sea Islander Lagoons Meeting Hut complex is leased to and operated by MADASSIA, however Council assumes responsibility for the maintenance of the building. It would be assumed that from any development of an Australian South Sea Islander Centre that the operation of the Centre, including maintenance of any buildings, would be the sole responsibility of the Lessee (ie MADASSIA).

As part of the planning process for the complex MADASSIA and Mackay Tourism have established a steering committee. As part of its activities a Feasibility Study has been prepared by The Stafford Group, and it is understood that this Study will form the basis of any application for funding assistance by way of a business case. No attempt has been made to assess or review the Study as presented, or the financial analysis contained therein.

MADASSIA does not at this time have a fixed identified land footprint or area as the proposal and plans are conceptual only. They are seeking Council's in-principle support for the future Reserve modifications and leasing of an area of land so as to enable them to seek funding assistance.

Consultation

Briefing to Council on Wednesday 18th February 2009 by Marc Turner (Mackay Tourism), and Donnielle Fatnowna (MADASSIA), presenting concept and also feasibility study report for the project (Feasibility Study prepared by The Stafford Group).

Council's Engineering Services Department (inclusive of the Parks and Environment Program) has provided comment on the proposal. In summary the advice is that the proposal does not cause any undue issues for the development of the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens from a layout or masterplanning sense, however there are a number of design issues which will need to be co-ordinated (ie pathways, plantings) to ensure an overall integrated development.

Resource Implications

Council is being requested to "reserve" the land area required for the proposed expanded Centre, as well as to provide letters of support or similar for any funding being sought. Council has not been requested to make any monetary or in-kind contribution.

MADASSIA and the project team will be seeking funding for the project.

Council currently assumes the building maintenance responsibilities for the South Sea Islander Lagoons Meeting Hut.

Conclusion

MADASSIA is seeking at this time simply in-principle support for the project, including the future ability to amend the Reserve area and issue a lease for the Centre.

The proposed Centre does not interfere with the masterplanning for the future stages of the Botanic Gardens, however Council would need to be included in any detail design to ensure that the Centre is fully integrated with the surrounding Botanic Gardens.

Council has not been requested to accept any financial responsibility for the project, either establishment or ongoing operation, and any in-principle approval for the project would need to clarify this point.

Given these points there would appear to be no reason for Council to object to the proposal and in-principle support is suggested.

Director's Recommendation

THAT Council resolve to give in-principle support to the concept of establishment of a South Sea Islander Centre at the general locality of the existing South Sea Islander Lagoons Meeting Hut complex (Lot 3 on SP 143210), subject to

a) Funding being successfully sought for the project by MADASSIA within a five(5) year period.
b) The construction and ongoing operational costs of the facility, including building maintenance costs, be fully borne by MADASSIA.

c) Council being involved in final design of the Centre to ensure that there is integration between the Centre and the proposed further development of the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens.

FURTHER THAT Council acknowledge that to accommodate the Centre a Reserve amendment application to the Department of Natural Resources and Water will be required to amend the boundaries of Lot 3 on SP 143210 and Lot 1 on SP 170019, as well as a lease issued over the Centre footprint.

Council Resolution

THAT the Director's Recommendation be adopted.

Moved Cr Comerford **Seconded Cr Christensen**

CARRIED

8.6 APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & WATER - PLACE NAME CHANGE - WHITSUNDAY COAST

File No **Locality Names**
Author **Executive Manager Corporate Projects**

Purpose

To consider a Council response to an application made to the Department of Natural Resources and Water for amendment to the District of "Whitsunday Coast" to expand it to encompass a larger area extending southwards to Ilbilbie.

Background/Discussion

The Department of Natural Resources and Water (Department) has received an application to –

- Cancel the current Whitsunday Coast District, and to create a new Whitsunday Coast District extending southwards to Ilbilbie (see attached plan QPN1109);and
- Create Districts of "Whitsunday Hinterland" and Whitsunday Region"

The Department has provided background information regarding naming protocols.

Districts were originally entered into the database to answer a problem of a "city in a city" . A District could be defined or undefined; region, tourist, pastoral agricultural areas are interchangeable terms, but not used as part of an address.

Currently there are four(4) Tourist areas (or Districts) in the Department's data base, being -

- Cooloola Coast (1977)
- Sunshine Coast (1967)
- Capricorn Coast (1969)
- Whitsunday Coast (1972)

These names are considered to be fairly "historical". This comment is made due to the fact that the only administrative names structure in use are Localities, Suburbs, Towns and Townships. Districts are not now included as a category in the *Place Names Act 1994*. These four(4) historical names were left in place following changes in naming structures.

Definitions of current naming structures include -

Locality: A bounded area, considered being of a rural or semi rural nature within a local government area, recognised by local usage.

Suburb: Bounded are within a City, Town, Shire or Region, principally with a focus around a shopping centre, school or transport facility.

(The localities and suburbs are used for addressing purposes, the entire state is divided into localities (special project completed in 1999 and Gazetted September 1999). This data base is used by Emergency Services, Local Governments and Australia Post to name a few. These are primarily what the Department governs under the *Place Names Act 1994 .)*

Town: small urban area usually in a rural environment, usually with a population of 200-2000; local government entity as defined in the *Local Government Act 1993*

Township: Small urban area with a population of less than 200

When classifying a suburb or locality, the general principle applied should be that when a Local Government has been recognized as a "City" or "Town" under the *Local Government Act 1993*, it may have a combination of areas classified as Suburbs and Localities, however, if the Local Government is a "Shire" under the *Local Government Act 1993*, only Localities are applicable. For those Local Government areas affected under the *Local Government Reform Implementation Act 2007*, a combination of suburbs and localities is permitted in the new Regional Councils formed, retaining the previous classification of suburb or locality.

The current application before the Department is essentially to realignment the boundaries of the Locality of the Whitsundays into "Whitsunday Hinterland" and "Whitsunday Region", and to also extend the area of the Whitsunday Coast District to match the reported Captain Cook voyage along the coast in this area.

The applicant has put together substantial documentation in support of his argument regarding the voyage of Captain Cook. The basis of the argument appears to be that due to errors in the practice of "retardation of time" undertaken by the Cook voyage in their attempt to maintain constant and correct time despite moving across a number of time zones, that at the time of recording the arrival at the place named "Whitsunday" that the Endeavour was in fact off the coast close to Mackay and then extending to the "Whitsunday" area.

Documentation provided is comprehensive in volume. No attempt has been made to either verify or disprove the argument as presented, for such an activity would be a very involved and debateable process.

Council is consulted by the Department as an interested party. Any comment made by Council is not necessarily binding on the Department, but rather used by them in the decision making process.

Consultation

Department of Natural Resources and Water, and Council's Geographical Information System (GIS) Section.

Resource Implications

Nil

Conclusion

It is suggested that Council's views regarding the application to amend named areas should simply take into account issues such as areas of interest, and historical and recognisable names, rather than attempt to debate historical facts.

The use of the District name of Whitsunday Coast (noted as somewhat historical given the very few like named District areas in Queensland, and changes to the naming structure) should be viewed as more tourism based and used as a marketing tool for promotion.

Council would also need to question, apart from correcting a possible 200 year old recording anomaly, what value could be achieved from extending the known and marketed name of Whitsunday Coast southward to Ilbilbie.

It is suggested that the Mackay area has never been included within marketing or promotional material for the Whitsunday Coast area, and extending the area would simply cause confusion and erode previous marketing and promotion activities.

It is also suggested that the Mackay area, and Sarina and others to the south of Mackay, have no direct area of interest in being linked to the Whitsunday name, and indeed have separate and independent identities.

Director's Recommendation

THAT Council advice the Department of Natural Resources and Water that in relation to an application lodged with them for amendment to Whitsunday named areas, that Council does not support such an application and wishes for the currently utilised names and applicable areas to remain due to -

a) adjustment of the Whitsunday Coast area would cause confusion and erode previous marketing and promotional activities; and
b) the Mackay area, and Sarina and others to the south of Mackay, have no direct area of interest link to the Whitsunday name and have separate and independent identities.

Council Resolution

THAT the Director's Recommendation be adopted.

Moved Cr May **Seconded Cr Cameron**

CARRIED

9. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil.

10. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS:

Nil

11. TENDERS:

11.1 MRC 2009-010 MATERIAL BLASTING OPERATIONS

File No **MRC 2009-010**
Author **DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Purpose

To present to Council for approval of tenders submitted for the Material Blasting Operations within the Council operated quarries across the region.

Background/Discussion

Tenders were invited on the 15 November 2008, via the Council's website and advertised locally in the Daily Mercury, requesting submissions from suitably experienced, resources and licensed Drill and Blast companies.

The successful tender is required to provide design blast patterns and is responsible for drill and blast operations within quarry pits to deliver rock particle size less than 400mm and to produce Blast Reports upon request.

The following submissions were received by 2.30pm 9 December 2008

1) Cardross Mining Pty Ltd
2) Dempsey Australia Pty Ltd
3) Caruana Holdings Pty Ltd
4) Excel Drilling

The Evaluation Panel conducted an initial compliance check on 17 December 2008 and identified three of the four submissions failed to comply with pricing criteria (omitted the cost of establishment and disestablishment from the site) and were therefore non-conforming with the immediate requirements of the Request for Tender. This included compliance with contractual requirements and provision of requested information.

Only one submission progressed through to the qualitative criteria assessment on the basis that all terms and conditions and mandatory requirements of the request for tender had been met.

During the evaluation the tender was assessed against the nominated qualitative criteria.

The weighting attributed to each qualitative criteria was:

- Relevant experience in performing works of a similar nature 25%
- Key personnel skills and experience 25%
- Tenderers' resources available to complete the works 25%
- Demonstrated understanding or methodology proposed 25%

At the completion of the assessment it was established by the panel that Cardross Mining Pty Ltd received high scores based upon the qualitative criteria.

Cardross Mining Pty Ltd currently undertake similar project work at Kagara Zinc Ltd involves designing, drilling and blasting shots up to 150,000t at a time and is scheduled to provide 1.2 million tones/month.
Other projects completed include:

- Kagara Zinc Pty Ltd – Mt Garnet Project
- Kagara Zinc Pty Ltd – Balcooma Project
- Western Metals Copper Ltd – Gunpowder Copper Project
- Murchison United NL – Mt Cuthbert Copper Project

Cardross Mining Pty Ltd were then assessed based upon their tender pieces. A post tender Tender Information Request (TIR) was issued to Cardross mining Pty Ltd to verify that pricing included site establishment and disestablishment. The prices submitted by Cardross Mining Pty Ltd are significantly higher than those of the current provider, however the evaluation concluded that the higher price is balanced by the reduction in risk to MRC.

Based upon the confirmation of the details in the TIP and the evaluated details, the evaluation panel established that Cardross Mining Pty Ltd submission has the capacity, experience and represents the most financially beneficial outcome to Mackay Regional Council.

Consultation

Contracts Coordinator, Technical Officer Maintenance and Special Projects Engineer undertook the evaluation of the tenders. The Manager Maintenance oversaw the tender review process.

Resource Implications

The contract price when compared to current provider shows that the greatest impact to Council resources will be the blasting of gravels in the less that 5,000 m3 quantities. However this

impact is significantly less in the quantities greater than 10,000 m3 were by direct comparison of prices the increase in the cost of gravel production is approximately $0.90/m3. However it should be noted that Council currently provides traffic control while carrying out blasting and transportation of machinery from site to site (establishment and disestablishment) to the current provider. When taken into account the significantly reduces the price differential. Every effort will be made by staff to target quantities greater than 10,000 m3 where possible and create the greatest efficiency for Council

Conclusion

That awarding the Contract to Cardross Mining Pty Ltd represents the most advantageous outcome to Mackay Regional Council based on the ability to perform the works requested and demonstrated value for money to Mackay Regional Council.

Director's Recommendation

THAT the fixed price tender submitted by Cardross Mining Pty Ltd be accepted for the provision of MRC 2009-010 Material Blasting Operations.

Council Resolution

THAT the Director's Recommendation be adopted.

Moved Cr Casey **Seconded Cr Camilleri**

CARRIED

12. CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFIED MOTIONS

Nil.

13. LATE BUSINESS:

The Mayor, on behalf of all Councillors, thanked Mrs Erica Nagle, Director of Community Services, for her significant contribution to the Council and the community. The Mayor wished Mrs Nagle and her family the very best for the future.

Cr Comerford commented that in 2001 Mrs Nagle was the first woman to be appointed to an Executive Management Role within Mackay City Council.

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Nil.

15. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS:

Nil.

16. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10:23am.

17. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

17.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION INFORMATION - 15.02.09 TO 21.02.09

For Council information only – No Decision Required.

Development Applications Received

App No	Location	Applicant	Description
DA-2009-51	18 Austin Dr, Eton	Christopher J Fry	Oversized Shed
DA-2009-43	L 2 Kanes Rd, Gargett	Tropical Cabins Pty Ltd	Boundary Relaxation
DA-2009-58	L 2 Peak Downs Hwy, Eton	Kathleen M Willoughby	Boundary Realignment
DA-2009-54	42 Webb Rd, Sarina	Focus Pty Ltd	Boundary Realignment
DA-2009-56	14 Nadina St, Beaconsfield	Grant Christensen	Material Change of Use - Setback
DA-2009-60	L 3 Hopfs Sawmill Rd, Kuttabul	Malcolm R Burston	1 lot into 2 Rural lots on proposed lot 11 of DA-08-435
DA-2005-129	165 Gardiners Rd, Habana	Bruno M Volpe	Amendment to Building Envelope - Reconfiguration of 1 Rural Residential Lot to create 2 Rural Residential Lots.
DA-2009-63	5 Pacific Ave, Sarina	Aleesha J Kerr	Oversized Outbuilding
DA-2009-61	8 Creek St, Eton	Graham T Hutton	Oversized Shed
DA-2009-55	L 30 Barrow Hill Rd, Habana	Dawson Surveying	Boundary Realignment

DA-2009-35	L 3 Pleystowe Connection Rd, Balnagowan	Bruce P Davies	Boundary Realignment of 4 lots
DA-2009-3	59-61 Kerrisdale Crt, Beaconsfield	Good Shepherd Lodge	Aged Care Facility (Hospital)
OW-2009-12	3 Blue Beach Bvd, Haliday Bay	Landscope One Pty Ltd	Operational Works - 3 Lot Residential Subdivision (Village Zone).
DA-2009-64	39-51 Crichtons Rd, Paget	Whitsunday Design & Drafting Pty Ltd	General Industry Building
DA-2009-67	17 Mooney Crt, Marian	Buildsmart	Oversized Shed
DA-2009-66	14 Sturt Cres, Erakala	Luke R Morris	Boundary Relaxation
DA-2009-57	178 Shoal Point Rd, Shoal Point	Daniel P Coonan	1 lot to create 2 Urban Residential lots
DA-2009-59	4 Knobel St, North Mackay	Michael Williams	Oversized Shed
DA-2009-62	5 Ocean Crt, Sarina	Trina L Insch	Front Boundary Relaxation
DA-2009-65	62 Armstrong Beach Rd, Armstrong Beach	Leslie P Kent	Oversized Shed

Development Applications Finalised

App_No	**Location**	**Applicant**	**Description**
Approved Subject to Conditions			
DA-2007-565	84-144 Broadsound Rd, Ooralea	Canebridge Developments Pty Ltd and Stockland Development Pty Limited	Reconfiguration of 3 lots to create 2 stages comprising 5 lots in Stage 1 & 47 lots in Stage 2 plus a balance lot.

DA-2008-163	115 Attards Rd Habana	Peter Wellington	Combined Application for a Material Change of Use for Rural Residential Use AND a Reconfiguration of 1 lot to create 3 Rural Residential Lots in a Community Title Scheme under the Superseded Planning Scheme
DA-2008-199	235-261 Connors Rd Paget	Camilleri Trading Pty Ltd	Material Change of Use - General Industry (Temporary Use for three (3) years - Storage Yard for Vehicles and Machinery associated with an off-site screening and crushing operation)
DA-2008-236	L 206 Diamond Cres Sarina	Cotherstone Pty Ltd	Material Change of Use - Rural to Urban Residential AND Reconfiguration of 1 Lot to create 18 Residential Lots
DA-2008-447	16-20 Silverton Crt Paget	Maxime	Material Change of Use - General Industry (two tenancies)
DA-2008-529	30 Belangason Way Shoal Point	CMD Pty Ltd	Combined Application for a Material Change of Use for 25 Multiple Dwelling Units AND a Reconfiguration of 1 lot to create 25 Community Title lots plus common property
DA-2008-755	L 2 Farleigh-Habana Rd, Habana	Fay D Vella	Boundary Realignment
DA-2008-91	4 Wilson St, West Mackay	Muriel G Hammer	Combined Application for a Material Change of Use AND Operational Works
DA-2009-41	32 Gunsynd St Ooralea	Stuart W Hart	Boundary Realignment for Shed Encroachment
DA-2009-50	7 Mackenzie St, West Mackay	Garage World	Oversized Shed

OW-2008-110	93-95 Willetts Rd Mt Pleasant	Bawd Pty Ltd	Operational Works for Roadworks, Stormwater, Landscaping and Drainage Works
OW-2009-7	14 Nebo Rd, West Mackay	Coral Cay Holdings Queensland Pty Ltd	Operational Works - alterations & additions to motel.

Negotiated Decision

DA-2007-472	Leisure Court, Casey Ave, South Mackay	IDEC Solutions Pty Ltd	Material Change of Use - Sport and Recreation (Additions to existing basketball stadium)
DA-2008-62	13-23 Belangason Way, Shoal Point	Construction Management & Development Pty Ltd	Material Change of Use - 69 Motel Units (65 Dual Key Units and 4 Triple Key Units), Catering Shop and Shop (under the Superseded Planning Scheme)

Others – Deemed Refusal

DA-2007-284	L 3 Sugarshed Rd Erakala	Glenella Estates Pty Ltd	Material Change of Use - Preliminary Approval overriding Planning Scheme to facilitate development of medium density residential & Commercial (local shops)
DA-2007-285	L 3 Sugarshed Rd Erakala	Glenella Estates Pty Ltd	Combined Application - Material Change of Use Preliminary Approval Overriding the Planning Scheme to facilitate urban residential development & Reconfiguration for 52 Urban residential lots, 2 parkland lots, 2 buffer lots & 2 Balance lots

Confirmed on Wednesday 11 March 2009.

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MAYOR

ENGINEERING SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES REPORT – MONTH ENDING JANUARY 2009

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Purpose

To review Engineering Services Department highlights and significant issues for the month ending January 2009.

Background and Discussion

Highlights and Significant Issues for period are as follows: -

- Engineering Services Management

Coordination of project meetings, briefings and reports on the following projects:

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On-going involvement in the following areas:

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Major Projects

Botanic Gardens

Preliminary costings for Stage 3 works being sourced. Tamarind Car park concept plans in progress.
Council Landscape Architect assisting with planning for toilet facility.

- Construction

Works have been completed on the following projects:

- St Helens Creek Bridge, Toons Road Calen has reached Practical Completion. Some drains to be installed once creek level recedes. Fencing awaits sign off by property owner.
- Nebia Creek Bridge, Pleystowe Connection Rd, Balnagowan has reached Practical Completion. Awaiting second coat seal once weather permits.
- Broomdykes Drive footpath works completed
- Kiem St drainage upgraded.
- Queensland Transport bus shelter capital works completed.
- River St Truck Drainage – on Maintenance

Works have been substantially completed on the following projects:

- Palm Tree Creek bridge has not yet reached practical completion but awaits fair weather to complete abutment protection and the seal on the bridge
- Murray's road construction, only final seal to be applied.
- Davey Road footpath, awaiting Ergon pole relocation
- Norris Road Stage 1. linemarking to be undertaken soon
- Farrellys Lane west culvert being delayed due to wet weather
- Schmidtkes Lane culvert being delayed due to wet weather.
- Peterson Street Sarina works completed except for final seal and linemarking.

The following projects are in progress:

- Rectification works to Highams bridge
- High Street reseal has been awarded to Vassallo Construction. Works will commence once weather permits.
- Bedford Road works being delayed through wet weather.
- Beaconsfield Road rehabilitation at Norris Road resurfacing in progress.
- Alfred St roundabout and towards Wellington Street
- Palm Tree Creek approaches wet weather delaying progress
- Glendaragh Road works being delayed due to wet weather
- Craig Street Koumala rehabilitation of flood damage segment
- North Inneston road Koumala rehabilitation of flood damage segment
- Eton Hack and Pony Club – awaiting advice from BSA for the over –the-stair chair lift
- Sarina Band Hut – Budget prices given back to the Sarina department for comment
- Schmitdke Drain
- Mirani Skate Bowl

The following projects have been tendered:

- Cabbage Tree rd drainage tenders received and being evaluated for presentation to Council
- Percy Court tenders received and being evaluated for presentation to Council.
- Kenilworth St rehabilitation currently out to tender
- Blacks beach Road Drainage (Bourke St) currently out to tender
- Farleigh Habana Road currently out to tender
- Rae St drain currently out to tender

Tenders are being developed for the following projects:

- Lagoons Creek bridge
- River Street Extension – Final
- Gregory St Bus shelter - Community consultative plan being developed

Special Projects:

Bluewater Quay

- Carlyle Street and River Street intersection has been opened providing access to River Street.
- The car park area in River Street Service Road adjacent to the Paxton's Building has been opened for use with a temporary seal provided by Mackay Regional Council.
- Structural steel for the Boardwalk area at the Sydney Street end of the site has been installed and the timber decking works are progressing. Steel work for the Market Place is also currently being installed.
- The Floodgates for installation in the retaining wall have been delivered to site and relocation of the Flood gauge has been completed.
- Work on the retaining walls within the complex are progressing, however has not been able to be completed due to the inclement weather during the last month. The contractor, Woollams Constructions, is awaiting improved weather conditions before commencing ground works for the access road from Carlyle Street into the Bluewater Quay site.

Depot

- Recent meetings with the MRC Steering Committee and the Alliance Key staff for a way forward on the design and construct documentation
- Unable to continue filling due to the weather.

General

- Meeting held with Queensland Transport regarding completion of the current DDA bus stop upgrades. Upgrading of 24% of bus stops will be completed by June 2009. Preliminary discussions held to determine the further 30% of bus stops required to be upgraded by 2012. Submissions are required for this by 28th February 2009.
- Financial projects list confirmed, balancing the expense side of the budget with the confirmed list of projects. Works commenced on the income side.
- Projects identified that are controlled by external factors and these will be transferred from the program as part of the December budget review.

- Maintenance

Maintenance crews returned from Christmas leave on the 06th January. All crews have been extremely busy restoring access, repairing culvert crossings, pothole patching, water board patching, and general restoration associated with recent wet weather and rain events.

Maintenance Grading in the following areas:

- Pleystowe – Greenmount – Victoria Plains – Eton – Sarina – Hay Point – Armstrong's Beach – Koumala – Alligator Creek – Calen – Finch Hatton – Marian – Kolijo – Pleystowe.
- 2008 flood Damage repairs – Calen – Victoria Plains

Special Projects:

- Cleaning out culverts and pipes in city heart with Transpacific Industries as per drainage maintenance audit – internal memo 8089 – 35% of identified sites completed.
- Clean up and removal of excess concrete from levee bank.
- Patching of Ullman & Nolan saturation damage test patching.

Drainage Maintenance – City Heart

Patch Repairs – Saturation Damage Test Holes

Gully pit repairs:

- Sarina – Hay Point – Alligator Creek – Grasstree.

Drainage Maintenance:

- Sarina – Hay Point – Alligator Creek – Grass Tree – Koumala.

Boat Ramps:

- Replace mooring poles at River Street Boat Ramp.

RMPC:
Pothole patching – Bruce Highway North / south, Peak Downs Highway, Mackay-Eungella, Eton – Homebush and rosella – Homebush.

Other Bituminous Works – Bruce Highway – North / South, Peak Downs Highway, Mackay-Slade Point and Maraju – Yakapari road.

Shoulder Grading / Re-sheeting Works – Eungella Dam Road – Minor Repairs

Clean Culverts / Pipes and Drains – Cleaning of inlets / outlets to culverts on the Bruce Highway – North, Peak Downs Highway Mackay – Slade Point and Maraju – Yakapari Road.

Repair Culverts / Pipes – Minor culvert repairs to drainage structures on the Gargett – Mia Mia / Mia Mia Connection Road

Slashing Rural – Mackay-Eungella , Rockleigh-North Mackay, Mackay Bucasia, Eimeo Road, Mackay-Habana, Habana-Yakapari, Eton-Homebush, Rosella-Homebush, Habana-Yakapari, Sarina-Homebush, Peak Downs Highway, North-Eton, Marian-Hampden, Mirani-Eton, Yakapari-Seaforth, Bruce Highway North.

Slashing Urban – Bruce Highway North and South, Mackay-Slade Point, Mackay-Bucasia Road.

Boom Mowing - Mackay bypass

Clearing Works - Bruce Highway – North and South, Eungella Dam Road.

Road Side Litter Collection - Bruce Highway South

Road Side Sweeping - Mackay-Slade Point, Mackay-Bucasia, Bruce Highway North and South

Rest Area Servicing - Palmtree Creek – Bruce Highway North

Emergency Callouts – Bruce Highway – North, Mackay-Eungella, Eungella Dam, Marian-Eton, Habana-Yakapari, Sarina Beach and Mackay-Slade Point.

Repair Signs / Guide Posts – Bruce Highway-South and North, Mackay-Eungella Road, Hay Point, Mirani-Mt. Ossa, Marian-Hampden, Sarina-Marlborough Road.

Flood Damage – 2008 – Koumala-Bolingbroke Road.

Extra Scheduled Maintenance Works
Formation Grading – Mt. Ossa Seaforth
Pavement Repairs – Hay Point, Sarina-Marlborough, Sarina-Homebush, Sarina beach, Mackay-Eungella.

- Technical Services

  - On going discussions with Council staff regarding modifications to standard drawings and specifications and modifications to Engineering Design guidelines for incorporation as planning scheme policies as well as provision of briefing to Consultants and interested parties.
  - Development and design process for saturation damage projects throughout Council area
  - Discussion with GHD and Service Providers regarding future road construction at Connors Road (Farrelly's to Archibald)
  - Discussions with Consultants and developers involved regarding design works and division of costs for Farrelly Lane Connors to Milton reconstruction
  - Discussions with consultants and Colonial Mutual regarding upgrading of Malcomson and Greenfields intersection
  - Discussions with consultants and Lend Lease in regard to River Street construction and realignment
  - Discussions with Holy Spirit / Emmanuel College representatives regarding external works for development of car park and Extension of Baxter Drive
  - Concept development Caledonian Drive Stormwater Quality Improvement Device
  - Briefing to Council on Peatey Street Traffic Calming

- Ongoing discussions with staff and Executive management team regarding future capital works program and utilisation of infrastructure charges.
- Provision of reports to Council regarding Farleigh Habana Reconstruction, Shoal Point Road upgrading, Devereux Creek Road, Victoria Street pedestrian crossings, petition for closure of George Street.
- Ongoing negotiation with Consultants and Mackay Water regarding future design projects.

▪ Parks and Environment

- Customer requests received 345, requests attended 164, with 328 outstanding. Many of the requests are for mowing operations that will be serviced in scheduled mowing runs throughout the following month as weather permits. Of the requests received there were 114 tree requests and 72 attended in the month.
- There was 1,560,830 m2 of grass mowed in parks, 830,129 m2 of easements mowed and 33,322 m2 of drains mowed in the month.
- 4,061 lin.m of whipper snipping was completed.
- 59 coconut trees were denutted and defronded.
- An additional 5 temporary staff were engaged for the wet weather mowing and arboriculture activities in January.
- 26 burials and 6 ashes internments were conducted in cemetery operations in January.
- Repairs to Bucasia and Haliday Bay Swimming enclosures due to high tides were undertaken this month. Inspections of all enclosures conducted to remove floating debris and sticks from the mesh.
- Sand renourishment at Midge Point Beach was undertaken with assistance from the local progress association and local businesses.
- Consultant appointed for Sandfly Creek Management Plan project
- Mackay Natural Environment Centre volunteers had this month off, and will be returning in February to assist with plant propagation works for natural environment projects.
- Capital projects were commenced in Apex Park, Sarina; Melba Street, Armstrong Beach; and many hours spent gathering data for the Mackay Shade Sail project submission to the Federal Government.
- Rain affected operations throughout this month.
- Heavy pruning of Orientation and Hedges and Screen area of Botanic Gardens in preparation for BGANZ Congress in October
- Turf trials established in association with Australian Centre for Lifestyle Horticulture and DPI Brisbane
- Weeding, snipping and mowing operations
- Regional Forest pathways sustained heavy damage due to rain wash out
- Canopy lifting of trees for safety and mowing operations conducted at gardens
- Horticultural Reference Group met and inspected coastal habitat for ideas for future gardens.
- Mackay Water redevelopment project meeting and timeline now expect completion in May 2010 not October 2009 as previously indicated.
- Drought in previous years is affecting tree asset stock and many tree losses due to extremes of climate in last two years. High rainfall in January has resulted in trees splitting, branches dropping and loss of stability in root system.
- Removal of large Hoop Pine at Seaforth due to rotting in trunk and vertical tension cracking on windward side of tree causing sever lean and threatening surrounding areas and infrastructure including local shop.

- **Critical Activities Proposed for the Following Month**

Consultation

There has been consultation with Engineering Services Program Managers.

Resource Implications

Nil.

Conclusion

Director's Recommendation

THAT this report be received.