FINAL MINUTES

3 March 2010

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Declaration of Potential 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 J Perkins, 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 10:02am.

2. OPENING PRAYER:

Reverend Peter Tonti led those present in prayer.

3. ABSENT ON COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Nil

4. APOLOGIES:

Nil.

5. CONDOLENCES:

Condolences were expressed at the passing of Chris Smith.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES - 24 FEBRUARY 2010

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 February 2010 be confirmed.

Moved Cr Camilleri **Seconded Cr Comerford**

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Nil.

8. MAYORAL MINUTES:

Nil.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND OFFICERS' REPORTS:

9.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES MONTH ENDING JANUARY 2010

Purpose

The Engineering Services Highlights and Significant Issues Report, month ending January 2010, is attached for information purposes.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the report be noted.

Council Resolution

THAT the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Moved Cr Casey **Seconded Cr Steindl**

CARRIED

9.2 SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT STATE PLANNING POLICY FOR AIR, NOISE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS 2009

Author STRATEGIC PLANNER - LOCAL PLANNING

Purpose

To provide Council with a summary of the draft State Planning Policy (SPP) for Air, Noise and Hazardous Materials, and detail the issues proposed to be included in the submission to the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM).

Background

The draft SPP aims to protect human health at home, work and school (sensitive uses) from air, noise and hazardous impacts of industry. It aims to do so through the separation of sensitive uses from industrial uses (through the implementation of buffer zones). All sensitive uses are

listed in Schedule 1 of the SPP (refer to Attachment A "Schedule 1 of the draft SPP – Sensitive Uses").

The draft SPP divides industrial uses into six (6) categories within Schedule 3 with varying prescribed distances from sensitive uses, namely:

- service industrial (no separation necessary)
- low impact (250m separation)
- medium impact (500m separation)
- high impact (1,000m separation)
- noxious impact (1,500m separation)
- intensive animal industries (5,000 m)

These prescribed distances apply to all proposed industrial activities on any lot regardless of whether they are located in the proposed Paget management area or not.

Schedule 4 (refer to Attachment B "Schedule 4 of the draft SPP – Industrial uses and what categories they fall into") lists the industrial uses and determines what activities fall into the six (6) differing categories and buffer requirements.

The draft SPP also contains management areas within Schedule 2, of which Paget is identified and mapped (refer to Attachment C "Proposed Paget Management Area"). The SPP states that these management areas are created for the protection of industry.

The SPP, when finalised, must be implemented through the compilation of a new planning scheme or major amendments to existing planning schemes. The outcome of the planning scheme must be consistent with that of the SPP. Until the planning scheme and the SPP are consistent, the SPP applies to development assessment through the following three (3) development assessment triggers contained in the SPP which apply to development applications. These are:

- **reconfiguration of a lot** for the purpose of a **sensitive use**, greater than six (6) lots that is proposed within a management area, or adjacent to an area zoned for industrial use (250m)
- **material change of use** for a **sensitive use**, greater than four (4) dwellings, which is assessable development, within a management area, or adjacent to an area zoned for industrial use (250m)
- **material change of use** for an **intensive animal industry** that is assessable development, and within 5km of land zoned primarily for a sensitive use.

Applications for development that have been received, but not decided before the finalised SPP takes effect, are not subject to the requirements of the SPP.

Where industries are proposed within the prescribed buffer zone, the applicant must demonstrate that the activity will not adversely impact upon the environmental values of the sensitive use. The draft SPP does provide a list for the minimum acceptable noise and air qualities that must be achieved, which are in Schedules 8 and 9 (not attached).

Discussion

The draft SPP aims:

- to positively affect the health and well-being of the community.
- to reinforce a common expectation that industrial and sensitive uses should be separated to achieve both high levels of amenity and well-being for sensitive uses and efficient operation of industrial development.
- to protect human health at home, work and school (sensitive uses) from air, noise and hazardous impacts of industry

This overall objective of the draft State Planning Policy, which aims to protect human health at home, work and school (sensitive uses) from air, noise and hazardous impacts of industry, is generally supported.

Activity	Mackay City Planning Scheme Provisions	Draft SPP Provisions
Sewerage Treatment Plant 50,000 EP Plant	1,475m	500m > 50,000 EP = 1,000m
Sewerage Treatment Plant 20,000 EP Plant	500m	500m
Sewerage Treatment Plant 3,500 EP or less Plant	500m	500m < 1,500 EP = 250m
Slaughter Yard	1,000m	No provision provided
Sugar Mill	1,000m	1500m
Meat works (Abattoir)	1,000m	1,000t-50,000t = 500m >50,000t = 1,000m
Waste facilities	1,000m	50t – 5,000t regulated waste = 250m; 5,000t – 10,000t general waste = 500m; <50,000t regulated waste = 1000m; 10,000t – 100,000t general waste = 1,000m; >50,000t regulated waste = 1,500m; >100,000t general waste = 1,500m.
Transfer Stations	300m	If at least 30t or 30m^3 a day = 1,000m
Green waste Facilities	300m	No provision provided

The following table presents a comparison between separation distances for various industrial activities found in the draft SPP and Mackay City Planning Scheme 2006.
There are no immediate differences in the two (2) planning documents, with the exception of the draft SPP requiring an extra 500m for sugar mills. Recent amendments (Amendment 2 of 2007 dated 24 April 2009) to the Mackay City Planning Scheme provide greater flexibility for similar industrial uses, particularly high impact and noxious/hazardous uses, to co-locate within buffer areas in order to better manage air, noise and hazardous impacts.

There are a number of issues pertaining to certain elements and the proposed management area, for discussion. Details of these issues are as follows:

1. The draft SPP identifies sugar mills as a "noxious and hazardous industrial activity", and therefore new sensitive uses must not be located within the 1,500m buffer zone. The Ooralea urban area and towns of Marian, Farleigh and Sarina have existing residential development and potential urban land within 1,500m of each sugar mill in these locations.

   Council has recently undertaken Enquiry by Design workshops over Marian and Sarina with a view of developing local plans for these townships. The workshops determined that future growth is desirable for both townships. In Marian, a significant area (greenfield land) of potential future higher density residential and urban residential land falls within the buffer area. A similar situation exists in Sarina however potential future development in the buffer area is of an infill nature.

   The buffer requirement has the potential to effectively sterilise urban land in these existing townships and prevent further urban growth, both industrial (sugar mill) and sensitive uses, within the buffer area. The draft SPP provision which allows sensitive uses to be located within the buffer zone, providing that it can demonstrated that the industry will not negatively affect the environmental values of the sensitive use, is rather difficult to use in this instance, given the known air and noise impacts generated by sugar mills.

   Sugar milling activities and sensitive uses have co-existed since the foundation of these towns and any impacts from milling activities are well known and accepted in these communities. Therefore, it is recommended that the 1,500m buffer for sugar mills be reviewed and provision be made to allow the Local Authority to determine the appropriate air and noise attenuation provisions (to be included within the Planning Scheme), that are accordance with the objectives and aims of the draft SPP, for existing and future sensitive uses that are located adjacent to sugar mills. These provisions will allow both industrial and sensitive uses to continue to co-exist and ensure a strong future for these towns and for sugar milling activities.

2. The effectiveness and relevance of the entire Paget management area is questioned as the aims and objectives of the draft SPP has already been considered and included within the Overall Outcomes and provisions for industrial uses in the Mackay City Planning Scheme 2006. The Mackay City Planning Scheme stipulates that:

   - high impact industrial developments (including noxious and hazardous) incorporate design and siting measures and on-site environmental management to maintain air and water quality, and avoid adverse impact from traffic noise and industrial activities on nearby uses;
   - the establishment of industrial activities will provide suitable and effective buffers or separations around sites to protect and maintain the environmental quality and amenity of adjoining properties; and
   - development incorporates design and siting measures and on-site environmental management to protect adjoining land from any adverse environmental effects such as unacceptable after hours noise, odours, intrusive night lighting and headlight glare.

The Paget management area should be removed in its entirety from the draft SPP as the current Planning Scheme provisions accommodate the objectives and aims of the draft SPP.

3. The following further concerns relate to the proposed Paget management area:

   i. The effectiveness and relevance of the western section of the Paget management area is of concern in relation to the location of established industry (Industry (High Impact)) and residential uses within close proximity to the other. Once the SPP is implemented, development applications would have already been approved or constructed.

      The separation distance, which includes Broadsound Road, between the residential area (west of Broadsound Road) and the industry (high impact) area (east of Broadsound Road) is considered to be sufficient to meet the outcomes sought by the draft SPP. The Mackay City Planning Scheme 2006 has Image Corridor provisions on Broadsound Road that ensures no development occurs within 10m either side of the road reserve. The 40m road reserve plus the 10m Image Corridor buffers provide a separation distance of approximately 60m. In addition, there is opportunity for landscape treatments within the Image Corridors, which will further improve the separation between the industrial and residential uses. This can be applied to the entire length of Broadsound Road and therefore removes the need to apply the management area over the western side of Broadsound Road.

      Therefore, it is recommended that the western boundary of the Paget management area be located on Broadsound Road and the area west of Broadsound Road be removed from the management area.

   ii. The effectiveness and relevance of the eastern section (currently zoned rural) of the Paget management area is of concern. The area to the east of Milton Street is a flood prone area which could pose potential land use conflicts in the future. In the event that this area is considered for future industrial development, provision within the Planning Scheme will be made to ensure that the objectives and aims of the draft SPP are applied.

      Therefore, it is recommended that the eastern boundary of the Paget management area be located on Milton Street.

   iii. Inclusion of the Rural zoned area to the south of the existing industrial zoned land to Bakers Creek within the management area for Paget. This area has several development approvals for industrial activities and also contains the Mackay Meatworks (abattoirs). It would be beneficial to include the southern area in the management area as it will consolidate the abattoir and other approved industrial uses in the greater Paget industrial area.

      Therefore, it is recommended that the Rural zoned area to the south of the proposed management area boundary land to Bakers Creek be included within the Paget management area.

4. The draft SPP fails to acknowledge the Ports of Mackay and Hay Point as management areas. The Ports have high impact and noxious and hazardous industrial uses that are

within close proximity to residential areas (sensitive uses), which have the potential to affect these sensitive uses in relation to air, noise and hazardous materials. It is considered that the industrial uses found within the Ports are no different, if not more intense, to industrial uses within the Paget management area. Therefore, it is recommended that the Ports of Mackay and Hay Point have separate management areas.

Consultation

Council staff attended an information session that was conducted by Department of Environment and Resource Management on the draft SPP on 3 February 2010.

Resource Implications

There are no immediate resource implications for Council. A future study may need to be undertaken by Council regarding High Impact Activities as a background study for the new Mackay Region planning scheme.

Conclusion

Overall the draft SPP is supported in principle; however certain elements will be highlighted in the submission, including:

- The implications for the Ooralea urban area and townships of Marian , Farleigh and Sarina that are adjacent to sugar mills;
- The removal of the entire Paget management area;
- The boundaries of the Paget management area, due to the flood prone area on the east, and development applications for residential subdivisions (approved and constructed) on the west;
- Inclusion of the Rural zoned area to the south of the Paget management area;
- Inclusion of the Ports of Mackay and Hay Point as management areas in the draft SPP.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT Council note the draft SPP for *Air, Noise and Hazardous Materials 2009* and that the above submission on the draft SPP will be made to DERM.

Council Resolution

THAT the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Moved Cr Hatfield **Seconded Cr Comerford**

CARRIED

9.3 MACKAY NETBALL INC - FUTURE EXPANSION

Author Manager Recreation Services

Purpose

To consider a request from Mackay Netball Association Inc. (Mackay Netball) seeking approval to occupy additional land to cater for future growth.

Background/Discussion

Mackay Netball currently lease land in Casey Avenue, being part of the large Recreation Reserve area under Council's Trusteeship (Lot 532 in CI3835). Mackay Netball is currently in the process of renewing the lease through Council's Property Services program.

Previously, Mackay Netball was informed that Council was unable to assign additional land until traffic studies and the like had been undertaken in relation to the stadium development. These traffic studies have now been completed.

Netball has the fourth highest sport participation rate for a club-based sport in Australia and Mackay Netball has experienced a participation growth rate of almost fifty (50) percent in the juniors category over the past two (2) years. In accordance with the club's reported growth, Mackay Netball's Facility Development Plan 2009-2030 indicates a need for four (4) courts in the short/medium term, whilst additional land is required in the long term.

Taking into consideration the growth of the club, the Facility Development Plan 2009 - 2030 and the community's utilisation of the courts (such as schools), the club would like Council to consider the request to occupy additional land (marked as A on the attachment). Block A has been identified by Council's Technical Services program that this area does not impede on the South Mackay sporting precinct car park development capacity. This South Mackay sporting precinct car park development is of benefit to all community and sporting organisations within the vicinity.

As reflected in Mackay Netball's Facility Development Plan 2009-2030, plans exist to expand beyond block A in the long term, therefore Mackay Netball would like Council to acknowledge that additional land may be required in the future.

It should be noted that Mackay Netball is not the only sporting organisation requiring additional land for current and future needs, with many other sporting organisations requesting land for sports and recreation purposes. This land has traditionally been allocated on an ad-hoc basis without any defined land eligibility criteria. To improve the land allocation process for sporting organisations, Council's Recreation Services program will seek to improve the current practices by developing formal standards which are to apply to all sporting organisations. Considering the imbalance of land demand/land supply, it is suggested to retain any potential sports and recreational open spaces not required in the short term to cater for the future.

Consultation and Communication

A significant amount of consultation has occurred between staff of Council's Technical Services and Recreation Services programs, representatives of Mackay Netball and surrounding clubs and organisations in regards to the South Mackay sporting precinct car park development. This consultation took place in various formats, including meetings between individual sporting groups and Council representatives as well as multiple group public consultation meetings. Additional consultation has occurred via phone direct with Mackay Netball.

Resource Implications

There are no direct implications to Council, except for the possibility to re-survey lease boundaries and renew leases dependent upon what Mackay Netball pursue.

Conclusion

Given that Mackay Netball have operated from the site for many years without incident and are rapidly expanding their membership base, it is recommended that approval be granted for Mackay Netball to occupy block A as per attachment. It would be appropriate for this land to be included in the current lease renewal and that Council acknowledge that additional land may be required in the future and should this be the case Council will consider those needs at that time.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT Council grant approval for Mackay Netball to occupy block A (refer to attached Appendix A).

AND THAT Council acknowledge that Mackay Netball may require additional land in the future.

Council Resolution

THAT the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Moved Cr Steindl **Seconded Cr Casey**

CARRIED

SECTION A FUTURE NETBALL COURTS
MACKAY STADIUM
STADIUM INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS
INFRASTRUCTURE CONCEPT PLAN
Mackay
REGIONAL COUNCIL

9.4 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS, SPECIAL PURPOSE ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Author Chief Executive Officer

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update the list of Councillor Membership on the Boards, Special Purpose Advisory Committees and External Committees adopted by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 18 November 2009.

A review of Councillor Portfolios was undertaken at Council's Ordinary Meeting of the 10 February 2010 with a change of appointments for Crs Karen May and George Christensen. As of 1 March Cr May will be the Portfolio Councillor for "Community Services and Facilities" whilst Cr Christensen will take on the responsibility for "Parks, Environment, Sustainability".

Background/Discussion

The appointment of Councillors to Boards, Special Purpose Advisory Committees and External Committees ensures good governance and enables community or special interest groups to have input into significant ongoing activities of Council.

An updated listing of Councillor Memberships on the aforementioned Committees is attached to this report.

Resource Implications

Nil.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the attached updated list of Councillor Memberships to Boards, Special Purpose Advisory Committees and External Committees be adopted.

Council Resolution

THAT the matter be deferred to the Ordinary Meeting of 17 March 2010.

Moved Cr May **Seconded Cr Comerford**

CARRIED

9.5 CORPORATE BRANDING SPONSORSHIP

Author Manager Corporate Communications

Purpose

To recommend to council that it endorse corporate sponsorship to the Mackay Cutters Qld Cup Rugby league team, Mackay Meteors-Meteorettes Qld Basketball League program and Whitsunday Miners Qld Soccer League Football team for 2010.

Background/Discussion

Mackay Regional Council is proactive in its support for community and sporting groups through a range of options and programs.

Rate rebates, totalling $271,695 are provided annually to about 119 sporting bodies and community groups in the region.

This allows these associations and groups to budget for their yearly operation. Council also provides financial assistance to many groups through its Community Grants Program.

In 2009-2010 financial year, council allocated $200,000, which is delivered via two rounds in February and August. The Community Grants Program specifically targets one-off events, infrastructure projects and particular items for purchase for non for profit, community and sporting groups.

The Mackay region is synonymous with developing young sporting talent in a variety of sporting disciplines. The region has four teams that compete in sanctioned Queensland competitions every year. These are conducted on a home and away basis, requiring teams to travel to other Queensland centres.

These teams promote the Mackay region during the year and are good ambassadors for the area. They also indirectly generate an economic benefit to the region, when opposing teams book accommodation, bus services and other catering services during their stay.

All their funding is generated through strong support from the local corporate sector. They are given no funds from their State organisations and Council has never formally provided any financial assistance.

As one of the largest employers in the Mackay region, it is proposed that council becomes a corporate partner by allocating $10,000 to each of the three sporting programs.

There are a number of tangible benefits for council and the community:

- Strengthen council's health and well being objectives through the integration of established community-minded sporting programs
- Players to promote drug free sports and the importance of active healthy lifestyle by attending council-related events or activities
- Commitment for elite teams to develop and deliver programs/clinics for juniors

- Recognise and promote players as role models to the wider community.
- Increased participation of sport in the Mackay region
- Co-branding benefits with locally based teams who have a strong community acceptance

Consultation and Communication

Consultation on the proposal has been undertaken with officials from the relevant sporting teams, Director of Corporate Services Dan McKinlay, David McKendry – Executive Manager Administration Services.

A briefing was presented to councillors on 24 February 2010.

Resource Implications

Costs of the proposed $30,000 funding are provided for in the current budget.

Conclusion

Given the importance of these teams to the general community and the promotional benefits derived from their inclusion in the Queensland competitions, it is important that council support these teams.

All funding recipients will be required to sign a Sponsorship Agreement form that sets out a list of deliverables. Council will immediately terminate funding should behavioural issues or inappropriate actions by players bring the game into disrepute or damage the image of the Mackay region

Officer's Recommendation

THAT Council agree to Corporate Sponsorship of $30,000 for 2010 ($10,000 for Mackay Cutters Qld Cup side, $10,000 for Whitsunday Miners QSL side and $10,000 for the Mackay Meteors-Meteorettes QBL program.

FURTHER THAT a review of the success or otherwise be completed at the end of the calendar year.

Council Resolution

THAT the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Moved Cr Camilleri **Seconded Cr Steindl**

CARRIED

Crs May and Comerford recorded their votes against the Motion.

10. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nil.

11. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS:

Nil.

12. TENDERS:

12.1 TENDER MRC2010-023 - GORGE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

File No MRC 2010-023 Gorge Road Reconstruction
Author Engineering Services – Manager Construction

Purpose

To report to Council on the tenders submitted for the reconstruction of Gorge Road and to recommend that the lump sum contract (MRC2010-023) be awarded to RMS Engineering and Construction Pty Ltd.

Background/Discussion

The project consists of the reconstruction of approximately 950m of rural road extending from the Owens Creek Loop Road intersection to a recent project completed by the previous Mirani Shire Council.

Reconstruction works involve the upgrading of an existing 4.0m wide sealed road to an 8.0m sealed formation to comply with Council's Road Hierarchy requirements.

Further works include the upgrading of existing rural accesses, lighting of the intersection with Owens Creek Loop Road and the realignment of an existing curve to ensure compliance with the current Design Guidelines.

Tenders were invited on the 7 November 2009, via Council's website and advertised locally in the Daily Mercury, requesting submissions from companies suitably experienced and resourced for construction works.

The following submissions were received by 2.30pm 1 December 2009.

Tenderer	Tender Price	Assessment
RMS Engineering and Construction Pty Ltd	**$ 616,043.00**	1
Camco Contractors Pty Ltd	$ 575,613.82	3
FKG Civil Pty Ltd	$ 884,300.97	7
Beach Building and Civil Group Pty Ltd	$ 758,182.75	6
BMD Constructions Pty Ltd	$ 712,188.17	5
Vassallo Constructions Pty Ltd	$ 709,904.96	2

Tenderer	Tender Price	Assessment
John Andrews Grader Hire	$ 713,086.06	N/A
Downer EDI Works	$ 722,217.13	4
Epoca Construction Pty Ltd	$ 664,470.85	N/A

The Evaluation Panel conducted an initial compliance check on 9 December 2009 to identify submissions that were non-conforming with the immediate requirements of the request for tender (RFT). This included compliance with the contractual requirements and provision of requested information.

Seven submissions were 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. John Andrew Grader Hire and Epoca Construction Pty Ltd submissions did not progress to the qualitative criteria assessment on the basis that they failed to address the criteria in the RFT.

During the evaluation, the tenderers were assessed against the nominated qualitative criteria.

The weighting attributed to each qualitative criteria was:

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

Camco Contractors Pty Ltd submitted the lowest price, but did not properly addressed the necessary tender assessment criteria. Consideration has also been given in the assessment to previous works undertaken for Council.

At the end of the assessment process, the assessment team ranked RMS Engineering and Construction Pty Ltd as the preferred tenderer followed by Vassallo Construction Pty Ltd.

A full reference check has been carried out on RMS Engineering and Construction Pty Ltd including project experience and financial capability.

Consultation and Communication

The evaluation of the tenders was conducted by:
- Technical Officer – Engineering Services
- Consultant – Engineering Services
- Contracts Officer – Procurement and Plant.

Resources

The reconstruction of Gorge Road forms part of the approved 2009/10 Capital Works Program and the total cost is within this provision.

The total Project cost is anticipated to be $713,443.00.

Council Costs to Date $ 111,500.00

Submitted Tender	$ 601,943.00
Total	**$ 713,443.00**

Conclusion

Awarding the contract to RMS Engineering and Construction 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.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the fixed price tender submitted by RMS Engineering and Construction Pty Ltd of $601,943.00 (excluding GST) be accepted for the provision of MRC 2010-023 Gorge Road Reconstruction.

Council Resolution

THAT the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Moved Cr Casey **Seconded Cr Comerford**

CARRIED

12.2 RIVER STREET TRUNK WATER MAIN

File No **MRC 2010-033 River Street Trunk Water Mains (Mangrove Rd – Wood St)**
Author **Water Services – Manager Infrastructure Services**

Purpose

To recommend to Council for approval a preferred tenderer for contract MRC 2010-033 River Street Trunk Water Mains (Mangrove Rd – Wood St).

Background/Discussion

Mackay Regional Council (MRC) is upgrading the water mains in River Street between Mangrove Road and Wood Street reinforcing the trunk network and upgrading the water mains in conjunction with the Forgan bridge works, as road upgrades on River Street will occur prior to the completion of the second bridge. In addition the works allow the continual development of high density residential buildings in this area. This project involves the installation of approximately 600m of Ø300 DICL water main, 400m of Ø200 mPVC water main, 72m of Ø150 - Ø100 mPVC water main for connections to existing mains and small service installations. The tender for the procurement of pipes and fittings has been let.

Tenders were invited on the 19th December 2009, via Council's website and advertised locally in the Daily Mercury, requesting submissions for companies suitably experienced and resourced for the upgrade of River Street Trunk Water Mains.

The following submissions were received by 2.30pm 27 January 2010.

Vassallo Constructions Pty Ltd
Roebuck Civil Pty Ltd
NQ Civil Contractors Pty Ltd
J Andrews Grader Hire
Camco Contractors Pty Ltd

The evaluation panel conducted an initial compliance check on 4 February 2010 to identify submissions that were non-conforming with the immediate requirements of the Request for Tender (RFT). This included compliance with the contractual requirements and provision of requested information.

Four submissions were progressed through to the qualitative criteria assessment on the basis that all terms and conditions and mandatory requirements of the RFT had been met. Camco Contractors Pty Ltd submission did not progress to the qualitative criteria assessment process on the basis that they did not address all the criteria of the RFT.

The tendered Lump Sum Fixed Prices for the four submissions assessed against the qualitative assessment criteria are listed below:

J Andrews Grader Hire	$526,244.00
Roebuck Civil Pty Ltd	$568,468.00
NQ Civil Contractors Pty Ltd	$582,891.00
Vassallo Constructions Pty Ltd	$617,446.00

During the evaluation the tenderers were assessed against the nominated qualitative criteria.

The weighting attributed to each qualitative criteria was:

- Relevant Experience 22.5%
- Key Personnel Skills and Experience 22.5%
- Tenderers Resources 22.5%
- Demonstrated Understanding 22.5%
- Local Content 10%

The outcome of the assessment process resulted in the following ranking of tenderers:

1. Roebuck Civil Pty Ltd
2. NQ Civil Contractors Pty Ltd
3. Vassallo Constructions Pty Ltd
4. J Andrews Grader Hire

Based on the outcomes of the assessment process, the assessment team ranked Roebuck Civil Pty Ltd as the preferred tenderer followed by NQ Civil Contractors Pty Ltd.

Consultation and Communication

The evaluation of the tenders was conducted by:
- Capital Works Engineer – Water Services
- Senior Engineer – Water Services
- Contracts Co-ordinator – Procurement and Plant

Resource Implications

This procurement package will be funded from the Water & Waste Services capital project 60226 River Street (Mangrove – Wood) as part of the 2009/2010 budget. The recommended tender price exceeds the budget estimate of $412,466 for this component of the project. These works have been competitively tendered and evaluated.

The additional funds required will be covered through transfers from a number of projects that were not requiring their full budget allocation in 2009/10.

Conclusion

That awarding the contract to Roebuck Civil Pty Ltd represents the most advantageous outcome to Mackay Region Council based on the ability to perform the works requested and demonstrated value for money to Mackay Regional Council

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the fixed price tender submitted by Roebuck Civil Pty Ltd of $568,468.00 (excluding GST) be accepted for the provision of MRC 2010-033 River Street Trunk Water Mains (Mangrove Rd – Wood St).

Council Resolution

THAT the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Moved Cr Comerford **Seconded Cr Thomsen**

CARRIED

13. CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFIED MOTIONS

13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR GREG THOMSEN - LANDFILL SITES

Council Resolution

THAT a report be prepared provided and tabled by the end of April 2010 providing the indicative costs of not closing the existing landfill sites (or alternatively converting these to transfer stations). The report should also provide the individual impact costs for all ratepayers and the costs if there were to be differential charges at each site.

Moved Cr Thomsen **Seconded Cr Casey**

Amendment to the Motion

THAT a report be prepared for Council to provide the indicative triple bottom line (ie. Financial, environmental and social) considerations of:-

1. The operations of each waste transfer station within the Mackay Regional Council area;

2. The proposed closure of Gargett, Colston Park and Kuttabul waste transfer stations, the proposed future closure of the Walkerston Green Waste Station and the Bucasia Green Waste Station and possible future closure of the Eungella Waste Transfer Station;

3. The establishment of a waste transfer station to service Walkerston and more importantly, Eton which is not within Council's goal of having every community within a 20 minute travelling distance of a waste transfer station; and

4. The establishment of a waste transfer station to service North Mackay and the Northern Beaches.

AND THAT within the indicative triple bottom line considerations that there be:-

1. For the financial aspect, estimates made of the overall operating cost of each site, the cost per tonne to manage waste at each site and the cost impact to individual ratepayers of the operation of each site;

2. For the environmental aspect, advice sought from the Department of Environment and Resource Management about the environmental impacts of each site;

3. For the social aspect, appropriate community feedback sought in accordance with Council's community engagement policy, particularly community consultation for the communities that face waste transfer station closures either now or potentially in the future.

FURTHER THAT the report come back to Council before 31 December 2010.

Moved Cr Christensen **Seconded Cr Comerford**

CARRIED

The Amendment therefore became the Motion and the Motion was put and CARRIED.

14. LATE BUSINESS:

Nil.

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Christine Carlisle expressed her concerns with regard to the relocation of the flying foxes at North Eton. She suggested that Council provide an alternative habitat nearby using the natural environment levy for funding.

The Mayor advised that he would take Ms Carlisle's comments on notice.

16. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS:

16.1 FUTURE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS PROPOSAL - GLENELLA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Council Resolution

THAT Council advise Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) that it would consent to the issuing of realignment notices over land as requested by DTMR and subject to DTMR bearing all costs for survey and legal costs in issuing of the notice and future compensation for acquisition costs.

Moved Cr Comerford **Seconded Cr Perkins**

CARRIED

16.2 MRC 2010 PAGET DEPOT PROJECT - SUPERINTENDENCY SERVICES

Council Resolution

THAT Council, being satisfied that Bucasia Project Management Pty Ltd and Australian Civil Construction Services are the only suppliers reasonably available to undertake superintendent and superintendent's representative/inspection services for the Paget Depot Project, resolve to:-

1. Engage Bucasia Project Management Pty Ltd at a weekly rate of $3,750.00 (excl. GST) for the position of Superintendent.

2. Engage Australian Civil Construction Services at a weekly rate of $3,750.00 (excl. GST) for the provision of Superintendent's representative/inspector.

Moved Cr Comerford **Seconded Cr Perkins**

CARRIED

16.3 BLUEWATER TRAIL EXTENSION - ENVIRONMENTAL PARK - MRC 2010-024

Council Resolution

THAT the fixed price tender submitted by Abergeldie Constructions Pty Ltd of $2,862,818.00 (Excluding GST) be accepted for the provision of MRC 2010-024 Bluewater Trail Extension – Environmental Park.

Moved Cr Comerford **Seconded Cr Perkins**

CARRIED

16.4 TENDER MRC2009-037 - SALE OF PIONEER SHIRE COUNCIL BUILDING (FORMER) 1, 3 & 5 WOOD STREET

Council Resolution

THAT Council enters into a conditional sale agreement with DeMartini Fletcher Property Development & Investment regarding the sale of the Pioneer Shire Council Building (Former) property at 1, 3 & 5 Wood Street.

Moved Cr Comerford **Seconded Cr Perkins**

CARRIED

17. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11:34am.

18. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

18.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION INFORMATION - 07.02.10 TO 13.02.10

For Council Information Only - No Decision Required.

Development Applications Received

App no	Address	Applicant	Description	Officer
CON-2010-10	48 Poulsen Drive MARIAN QLD 4753	Malco Constructions	Residential Storage Shed	Darryl Bibay
OW-2010-10	L920 Whitehaven Drive, BLACKS BEACH	TATE Professional Engineers	Operational Works - Road Works, Stormwater, Earthworks, Water Infrastructure, Sewerage Infrastructure	Colin Kelleher

App no	Address	Applicant	Description	Officer
DA-2010-41	23 Captain Blackwood Drive, SARINA BEACH	Trevor Bird	Front Boundary Setback for Carport	
DA-2010-29	5 Smith Street, WEST MACKAY	Craig E Dammerel	Residential Storage Shed not complying with acceptable solution	Darryl Bibay
CON-2010-16	14 Shanks Street, BUCASIA	Gemini Homes (QLD) Pty Ltd	Dwelling House - Front Boundary Variation Setback	Josephine McCann
OW-2010-9	L4 Farleigh-Haban Road, HABANA	Paragon Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd	Operational Works - Roadworks, Drainageworks, Earthworks and Clearing Vegetation under the Planning Scheme	Trina Saunders
OW-2010-8	382 Bridge Road, WEST MACKAY	Magnanimity Enterprises Pty Ltd	Operational Works - Road Works, Drainage Works, Landscaping, Stormwater, Earthworks, Water Infrastructure and Sewerage Infrastructure	Colin Kelleher
SIGN-2010-2	30-42 Gregory Street, MACKAY	Daryl Farrington	Illuminated Fascia and Tavern Sign	Trina Saunders
DA-2010-30	59-65 Central Park Drive, PAGET	Parrotta Engineering Pty Ltd	Warehouse	Julie Brook
OW-2010-7	42 Juliet Street, SOUTH MACKAY	John Foster Projects	Operational Works - Roadworks and Stormwater	Renan Solatan
DA-2010-31	25 Lester Hansen Street, SLADE POINT	Rolle Industries Investments Pty Ltd	General Industry (Steel Fabrication and Storage)	Darryl Bibay
OW-2009-64	52 Wheeler Drive, GLENELLA	Brett L Murray	Request to Change the Development Approval - Retaining Wall	
DA-2005-30	L 901 Kunapipi Road, LAGUNA QUAYS	Laguna Land Developments Pty Ltd	Request for Extension of Currency Period - Combined application for Material Change of Use and Reconfiguration of a Lot to create 137 Community Title Tourist Residential lots in 3 Stages of Whitsunday Ranges Estate	John Caldwell

Development Applications Finalised

App No	Location	Applicant	Description	Officer
Approved Subject to Conditions				-
CON-ASPA-2010/10	48 Poulsen Drive MARIAN QLD 4753	Malco Constructions	Residential Storage Shed	Darryl Bibay
MCUIMP-IDAS-2009/348	L 51 Bruce Highway SARINA QLD 4737	Focus Pty Ltd	Material Change of Use - Extension to Service Station (Car Wash) and Motel (24 Units)	Dennis O'Riely

App No	Location	Applicant	Description	Officer
ROLC-ASPA-2010/24	323-345 Mackay-Bucasia Road RICHMOND QLD 4740	Landel Pty Ltd	Reconfiguration (Boundary Realignment) of 6 lots into 4 lots	John Caldwell
CON-ASPA-2010/16	14 Shanks Street BUCASIA QLD 4750	Gemini Homes (QLD) Pty Ltd	Dwelling House - Front Boundary Variation Setback for Garage	Josephine McCann
MCUCD-IDAS-2009/491	415 Sorensens Road KUTTABUL QLD 4741	Beverley Hollands	Caretaker's Residence	Josephine McCann
MCUCD-IDAS-2008/666A	30-32 Tidemann Street WALKERSTON QLD 4751	Justin J Mifsud	Amendment to Plan of Development - Material Change of Use - Boundary Relaxation for Dwelling House within Flood and Inundation Overlay	Kathryn Goodman
MCUCD-IDAS-2009/422	31 Milton Street MACKAY QLD 4740	Mackay Computer Services	Material Change of Use - Telecommunications Facility	Kathryn Goodman
OW-IDAS-2009/65	20 Woodlands Drive EIMEO QLD 4740	Development Planning & Approvals	Operational Works - 7 Lot subdivision	Renan Solatan
MCUCD-IDAS-2006/438A	2 Nelson Street MACKAY QLD 4740	Eko-Ink Pty Ltd	Amendment to Plan of Development and Condition of Approval - Multi Dwelling Units (29 units)	Shane Kleve
MCUCD-IDAS-2009/434	L 609 Mount Bassett Cemetery Road MACKAY HARBOUR QLD 4740	Fiveways Mackay Pty Ltd	Material Change of Use - General Industry (Warehouse & Storage Yard)	Shane Kleve
CON-ASPA-2010/15	18 Pauline Street WALKERSTON QLD 4751	Roger A Bacon	Residential storage shed in excess of 9m in length and boundary relaxation	Sonia Cannell
Refused				-
MCUIMP-IDAS-2008/469	143 Kochs Road THE LEAP QLD 4740	AJK Contracting Pty Ltd	Extractive Industry (annual extraction of 20,000 tonnes) and Bulk Organic Waste Recycling and Supply	Dennis O'Riely
Application Refused				-
MCUC-ASPA-2010/16	12 Kippen Street EAST MACKAY QLD 4740	Vision Patios Pty Ltd	Residential Storage shed not complying with the acceptable solutions.	Julie Brook
Application Withdrawn				-
MCUC-ASPA-2010/36	7 Mountney Road SARINA QLD 4737	Totalspan Mackay	Residential Storage Shed	Melissa Savage

Confirmed on Wednesday 10 March 2010.

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MAYOR

ENGINEERING SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES REPORT – MONTH ENDING JANUARY 2010

Author: **DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Purpose

To review Engineering Services Department highlights and significant issues for the month ending January 2010.

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:

- Meeting with Department Transport and Main Roads regarding the Demolition of Forgan bridge.
- Attendance QTCCC meeting in Brisbane.
- Completion of the Federal Government Community Infrastructure Program – Shade Sails at Apex Park, Sarina.
- Official Commissioning of the southern approach to the city (Bruce Hwy and Farrellys Road Project).

On-going involvement in the following areas:

- Mackay Water Recycling Project (i.e: PCG and PAB), Mackay Development Advisory Board, Management Leadership Forum and Sustainable Futures Committee Meetings.
- LGEG, Transport Working Group and Paget Depot Project Steering Committee.
- Safe Plan, Design and Construct Review Meetings and SES matters.
- CBD Economic Development Advisory Committee, Mackay Community & Public Transport Advisory Committee and Open Space Sports & Recreation Steering Committee.
- Local Disaster Management Group

CONSTRUCTION

Works have been completed on the following projects:

- Wallin Road
- Black Street - footpath

Works have been substantially completed on the following projects:

- Alfred Street between Wellington and Macalister – waiting on Ergon undergrounding of power
- Kennys Road – railway crossing footpath
- Staytes Road – roadworks
- Margaret Street
- Courtney Gap Road
- Kennedy Street - road upgrade
- Barbara Street, Mirani
- Schmidtkes Road - drain upgrade
- Gregory Street - bus shelters
- Iluka Park – all amenities playground
- Flood damage package 1
- Flood damage package 2 – Mackay Urban
- Flood damage package 3 – Mackay Rural
- Rae Street Drain – Stage 2
- Pioneer Street – school lights
- Shakespeare Street – school lights
- Pacific Drive
- Bus shelter/stops upgrade 25%

MECC Carpark

The following projects are in progress:

- Flood damage package 4 – Sarina saturation
- Flood damage package 6 – Mackay outer urban
- Shoal Point Road – reconstruction
- Bridge Road – carpark at Hospital Bridge
- Casey Avenue – culverts
- Blue River Trail footpath
- Gregory Street – resurfacing
- Pittman Street – traffic calming
- MECC car park
- Leisure Court – connection road
- Crightons Road – depot access
- Devereux Creek Road
- Railway Square upgrade
- Rifle Range Road
- Roberts Avenue – reconstruction
- Grasstree Road
- Field Street –
  Upgrade between Bridge Road and Webberley Street

Crightons Road

CONSTRUCTION

The following projects have been awarded but not yet started

- Farrellys Road, Connors Road to Milton Street

The following projects have been tendered:

- Lining of City Heart drains

Tenders are being assessed for:

- Brisbane Street reconstruction
- Gorge Road
- Bluewater Trail Caneland Park
- Bluewater Trail Environment Park

Paget Depot Project:

- Design approaching 50% complete
- Scope decided for sustainability initiatives

MAINTENANCE

Since commencing back for the new year all Maintenance crews have been busy with associated heavy rain creating road and infrastructure damage in all areas.

Maintenance Grading in the following areas:

Submergence Repairs - 2008 Rain Event	Abbotts Road, Grimas Road.
Temporary Gravel Road Repairs	Munbura Road, Boyds Road, Barrie Lane

Special Works :

Footpath repairs – Bridge Road, Saunders Street, Wayne Street, Shakespeare Street, Alfred Street, Horse & Jockey Road.
Median Strip repairs – Macalister Street.
Guard Rail Maintenance and bridge repairs - Connors Road and Chelmans Road.
Guardfence Maintenance – Caseys Road.
Maintenance of Delineators – McEwans Beach, Eton.

Pothole Patching:

Paget – Mackay City – South Mackay – West Mackay – East Mackay – Ooralea – Bakers Creek – Glenella – Beaconsfield – Slade Point – Rural View – North Mackay – Andergrove – Shoal Point – Blacks Beach – Erakala – Pleystowe – Farleigh – Eimeo – Wollingford – Munbura – Marwood – Eton.

Drainage Maintenance

Culvert Pipe repairs – Simpson Street.

Mowing

Pleystowe Marian – Eton – Balberra – Marwood – Munbura.

Bridge Maintenance:

Bridge Name	Road Name / Location	Description of works	Cost
Bustard Creek	Pinevale Road	Removal of problem tree that continually causes maintenance/safety issues.	$15,000

Main Roads RMPC:

Culvert / Drainage Works	Mt Ossa-Seaforth Road, Bruce Highway – North.
Tractor Slashing Rural / Urban / Boom Mowing / Clearing Works / Herbicide Spraying / Declared Plant Spraying	Bruce Highway – South, Bruce Highway – North, Mackay-Bucasia Road, Mackay-Slade Point Road, Mackay-Eungella Road, Gargett-Mia Mia Road, Eungella Dam Road, Mirani-Eton Road, Mia Mia Connection Road, Marian-Hampden Road, Mirani-Mt Ossa Road, Yakapari-Seaforth Road, Mackay-Bypass Road, North Eton Road, Rockleigh-North Mackay Road, Mackay-Habana Road, Mt Ossa-Seaforth Road, Yakapari-Habana Road, Eimeo Road.
Rest Area Servicing	Bruce Highway - North
Emergency Call Outs	Rockleigh-North Mackay Road.
Signs / Guide Post Works	Eungella Dam Road.

Flood Damages:

Saturation Works: Progress to date

Package 1 Package 1 is approximately 95% complete with only minor remedial works required to complete.

Package 2 & 3 Packages 2 & 3 are approximately 95% completed with only minor remedial works required to complete.

Package 4 Work has started on package 4 Southern Saturation works in the Sarina Area and is approximately 25% complete.

Package 5 Only one tender was received for this package. The tender price was significantly more the engineers estimate. This tender was declined and the package has been tendered with additional sites as package 8.

Package 6 Work has started on package 4 Mackay outer urban Saturation works approximately 30% complete.

Package 7 Tender has been accepted for package 7 and work is expected to will start within 4 weeks.

Submergence Works: Progress to date

Progress as at mid December 2009

	% Completed
* Mirani	65%
* Sarina	66%
* Mackay	72%

Major Submergence Works:

Rea Street drain stages one and two are 100% completed.
Percy Court retaining wall is 100% completed.
Rock protection work on the corner of Bridge Rd & Elamang Streets is 100% completed.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

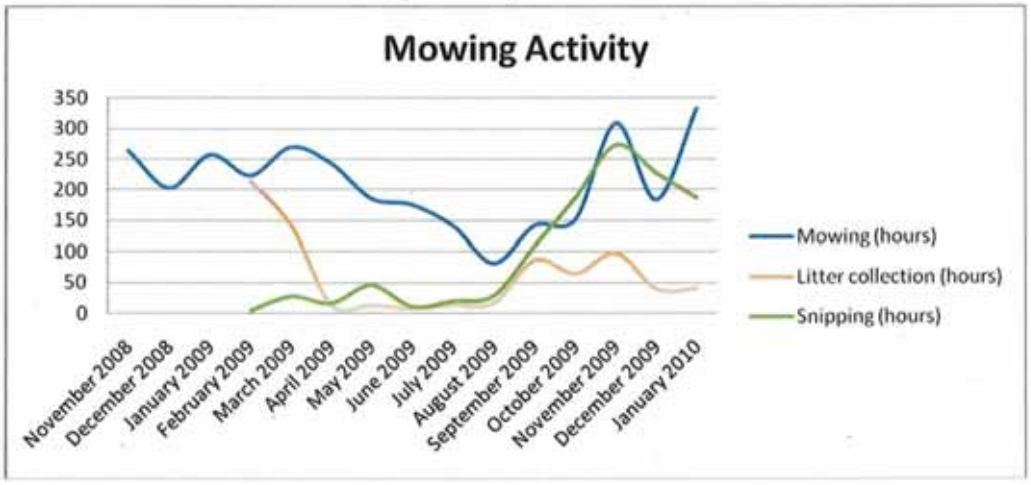
- Development and design of projects for saturation damage projects throughout the Council area.
- Development and design of projects within Capital Works Programme.
- Development and ongoing modification of draft 20yr Capital Works Programme making provision for all current projects and proposed development projects for long term Financial Plan purposes.
- Discussions with GHD & utility providers regarding proposed road construction Connors Road (Archibald to Farrelly's). Land acquisitions in progress and Ergon Telstra cost estimates received and orders placed. Construction sequencing plan and discussions proposed.
- Detail design commenced for intersection upgrading on Malcomson Street at Charles Hodge and Greenfields intersections.
- Design completion Canelands Park and Environmental Walkway projects including receipt of Environmental permits. Tender specifications complete
- Detail design of culvert crossing Casey Avenue, concept development and detail design for stadium access, car park and Bluewater Trail extension ongoing. DA lodged and awaiting approval
- Concept and detail design for future Milton/Bridge and Bridge/Paradise intersections commenced as part of Paget intersection and traffic study.
- Detail design of Caledonian Drive Stormwater Quality Improvement Device complete. Waiting final plan delivery.
- Ongoing discussions with DMR, Developer and Council staff with regard to detail design and division of costs for Bruce Hwy/Boundary Rd intersection and section of Boundary Road from Hwy to Rainlover Street.
- Completion of negotiation with developers regarding Farrelly's East construction (Connors to Milton) and hand over to construction process
- Submission of Whitsunday RRG Works and LRRS Safety program for adoption by Regional Roads Group
- Attendance Meetings with DMR on Dutton Street upgrade, Strategic Planning Stakeholders meeting, Transport Working Group, Carbon Pollution Reduction Committee, Climate Change Adaption group and Management Forum

PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT

The Parks & Environment report for the month of January contains information on activities undertaken throughout the month by the staff within the program.

Wet weather during the month has promoted grass growth and caused minor disruption to schedules, however there have been no significant disruptions to maintenance activities throughout the month.

- **Administration** – There were 4 positions vacant in January, 129 full time staff and 7 temporary staff in the program. 11 Park Bookings were received and 16 key enquiries for the month.
- **Customer Requests** – 295 received, 240 attended
- **Horticulture Activities** – 93,758m2 gardens serviced, 13.5 hours herbicide spraying, 3.5 hours vandalism repairs
- **Grass Maintenance Activities** – 3,114,200m^2 of parks mowed; 160,160m^2 of drains mowed; 1,085,878 m2 of easements mowed and 347,050m^2 of medians mowed in January. 187.82hours of whipper snipping and 40.5hour of litter pickup (Australia Day at Harbour was majority of this time). Wet weather continues to promote dense grass growth, some weekend overtime is required due to vehicles parked in industrial areas during the week, and attending to requests in CBD area which are difficult to service during normal operational hours.



- **Natural Environment Activities** – Councillors Bus inspection conducted, Green Army graduation for 8 temporary employees attended, attended 17 meetings with various community based groups and other authorities in January. There were 11 hours of volunteers time given at the Swayne Street Natural Environment Centre nursery.
- **Arboriculture Activities** – 348 tree pruned, 141 trees remove, 200 tree fertilized, 185 branch pick ups requests attended, 59 major prunes and 17 minor pruning job completed, 33 street trees planted, 12 hours emergency after hours response.
- **Marine Beach Activities** – 40 hours repairs to 4 swimming enclosures due to heavy weather, Seaforth enclosure closed due to jellyfish in enclosure, 400m of beach fencing was repaired, 1,500m2 weed spraying conducted at Shoal Point, inspection of access tracks conducted in vicinity of swimming enclosures.
- **Parks Building Services Activities** – Capital projects at Illawong Beach Toilet block repairs and upgrade was the major project this month, with works continuing at Grasstree Beach Toilet upgrade. Armstrong Beach Toilet block ceiling replacement was required due to termite infestation, materials were ordered for projects scheduled in next three months.

- **Electrical Operations** – 16 traffic signals received lamp replacements, 11 traffic control system faults were attended, some from wet weather causing water to penetrate fittings. A wide load caused signal damage at Connors/Farreley's Road intersection. Christmas trees around the region were disconnected and dismantled, 16 Park lighting requests attended to repair and replace bulbs blown, fittings vandalised, and minor maintenance repairs. 8 electrical services were conducted for Property Services program, 8 depot and site office requests were attended in January.
- **Cemetery Operations** – 23 days mowing over all 9 cemetery locations, 20 days whipper snipping, 6 days garden maintenance, 8 burials at Mt Bassett, 6 burials at Walkerston, 1 burial at Mackay and 4 burials at Sarina for the month.

- **Capital Projects** – The following capital projects were in progress during January:-

  Grasstree Beach Shelter replacement program – 20%

  Nebo Road Centre Median – 75%

  Camilleri Street Park Upgrade – 70%

  Boulder Creek Picnic Facility – 90%

  Allan Cameron Park Barbeque – 35%

  Apex and Grasstree Beach Toilet upgrades – 65%

  Midge Point Shelter & BBQ – 60%

  Railway Corridor – 5%

  St Helens Beach Esplanade – 35%

  Queens Park Rotunda – 50%

  Mirani Railway Park – 40%

The following projects are completed-

Pioneer Pool Garden Shed	Annie Wood Park Footbridges
Jaycees Park Picnic Facilities	Apex Park Sarina
Peak Downs Highway Beautification	Habana Park Tree Planting
Seaforth Fencing	Iluka Beach Playground Installation
Illawong Beach Seat replacement	Tamarind Toilet Botanic Gardens
Shelter Roof Replacement Program	Caneland Soundshell Demolition
RLCIP Shade to Playground	Gargett Entry Feature Landscaping

MACKAY REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS

***Throughout January*:**

Horticultural and Site Works
The wet weather of January has kept the horticultural crew focussing on weed control (89 hours) and maintaining lawns to a standard (76 hours mowing, 145 hours snipping). Planting has continued with staff planting 225 plants in the Sarina - Proserpine Garden and volunteers included Gardens Friends and Scouts planting 140 plants in the Malta, Geology, Tropical Shade and Heritage Gardens.

Master Plan Review & HRG
The Masterplan Review had its final meeting in early February, but a significant amount of hours were undertaken by committee members in January. Close to 200 hours was committed by staff and volunteers on the masterplan review, especially in section 4 on the Regional Ecosystems – the core design element of the future /Meadowlands' Section of the Gardens,

The Masterplan is planned to be completed in February after the final review meeting and presented to Council in March for public comment and adoption

Visitor Services Program
School Holiday programs were well attended and in most cases completely booked, even with the hot weather. Maya Harrison focussed on three themes for the three weeks of the workshops, that took school aged children and their parents and carers on tours through the Gardens, discovering wildlife and flora. These sessions are now so popular that many parents booked multiple sessions for their children on announcement and pre-book Easter 'no matter what the theme', a testament to Maya's success in engaging families with Gardens. General visitation as the Gardens was low, but steady due to the extreme heat (one day recorded 37.8ºC at the Gardens) and the café has been slow but steady. Numbers in February are expected to fall until Easter after the school holidays have finished, but should see an increase in school visits and weddings from March onwards.

Maya Harrison at the wildlife workshop

Consultation

There has been consultation with Engineering Services Program Managers.

Resource Implications

Nil.

Conclusion

The onset of the wet season has had an obvious impact on the activities for the period with works in the Parks and Environment program focused on grass control and maintenance and monitoring of our foreshores due to extreme king tides. Similarly, road maintenance has concentrated on ensuring that the road network is kept trafficable. Delays have been experienced across Council's capital works program due to the impact of wet weather.

The Master Plan development for the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens is in its final stages and will provide the 'blueprint' for the future of the gardens.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT this report be received.

APPENDIX / ATTACHMENTS