



TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 22 January 2008

Chairman: Mr Garry Payne AM

**Administrators: Mr Garry Payne AM
Mr Max Boyd AM**



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REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

01 [GM-OC] Delegations Environmental Planning and Assessment Act

ORIGIN:

General Manager

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Delegations to the General Manager are proposed to be broadened to enable efficient assessment and determination of development applications.

Currently the delegation to the Planning and Regulation Division for approval of development applications and complying development certificates has been limited to \$1,000,000 or less. In conjunction with this whilst not in the delegations an agreement was reached that where more than three objections to a proposal are submitted the application would be reported to Council.

Currently the Division has three streams for assessment and determination of development applications-

1. Council Report
2. Development Assessment Panel Report consisting of three senior staff meeting twice a week.
3. Delegated report determined by senior staff

RECOMMENDATION:

That the General Manager's delegations be amended to enable determination of all development applications and certificates under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 as amended except for proposals with a capital investment value of more than \$10,000,000 and subdivisions consisting of more than 50 lots.

REPORT:

BACKGROUND:

The current threshold for delegated authority determinations has significant resourcing implications for the Planning and Regulation Division. The time to prepare one Council report is at least a week including administration staff processes, reviewing by the Manager, Director and Executive Management Team. In the same amount of time two to three Development Assessment Panel reports can be prepared and three to four delegated reports. Adjusting the delegations will enable a more efficient process and have the appropriate level of assessment applied to the various applications.

Reviewing delegations is timely given the difficulties with retention and recruitment of staff involved in development application assessment. Multiple staff resignations in the last twelve months has reduced efficiency and added to processing times. In addition to this the recently released proposed reforms to the planning system by the Minister for Planning focuses on improving assessment times with the introduction of statutory assessment times, significant increases to complying development categories, new assessment and determination procedures such as Independent Hearing and Assessment Panels and Joint Regional Planning Panels and streamlining of State Government referral procedures.

Proposal

It is proposed to increase the delegations to enable the General Manager to determine all applications submitted under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. An Administrator or Councillor may continue to call up any application for determination by Council and the General Manager or Director of Planning and Regulation may use their discretion to report any application to Council. It is noted that Council Administrators are provided with a list of current applications on a weekly basis.

It is proposed to increase the thresholds for reporting development applications to Council to a Capital investment value of more than \$10,000,000 (10M) and to more than 50 lots for subdivision proposals.

It is neither efficient nor effective to put a threshold on the number of objections given that the volume of objections doesn't necessarily reflect the impact, merit or suitability of a proposal. The vast majority of objections are resolved via negotiations with the applicant, conditions of consent or amended plans.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

It is anticipated that the amended delegations should improve processing times and individual workloads. Expanding development application delegations is also likely to put Council in a better position to adapt to the proposed State Government planning system changes.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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O2 [TCS-OC] Investment Report for Period ending 31 December 2007

ORIGIN:

Financial Services

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report is provided to Council to advise details of monies Council has invested in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993.

RECOMMENDATION:

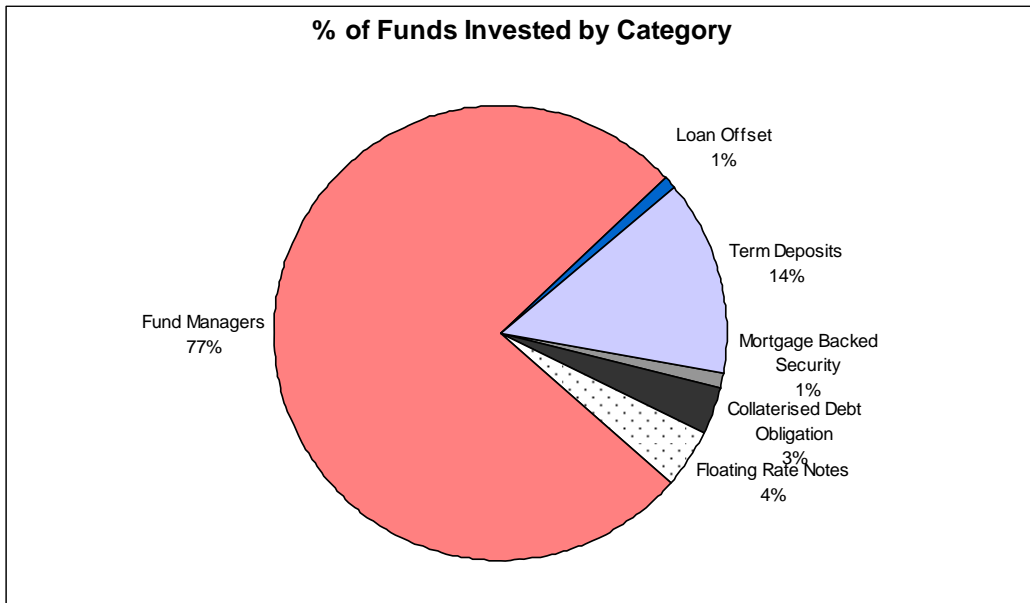
That in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 the monthly investment report as at 31 December 2007 totalling \$118,716,936.87 be received and noted.

REPORT:

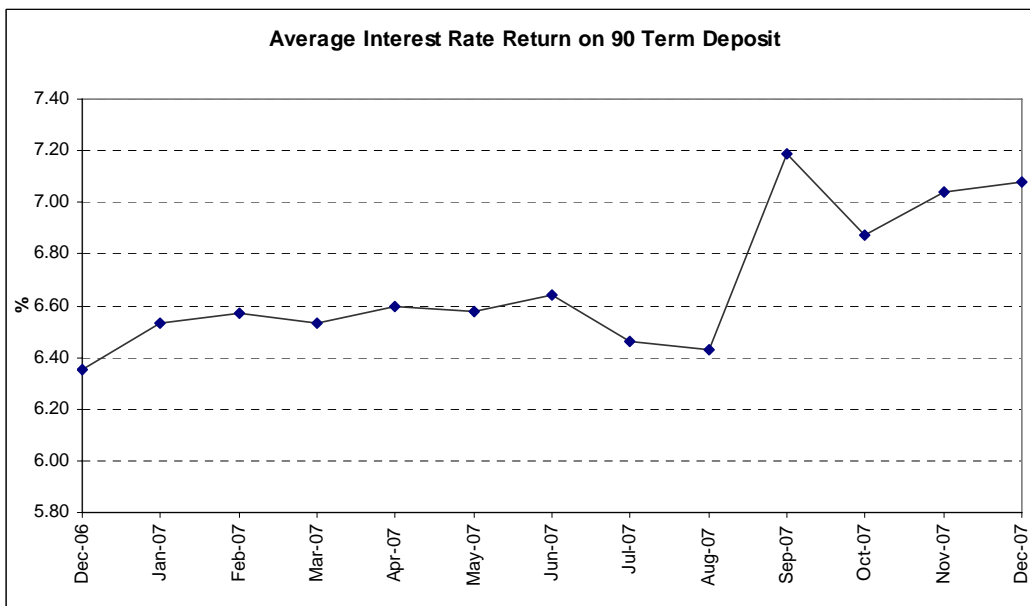
Report for Period Ending 31 December 2007

The "Responsible Accounting Officer" must report monthly to Council, setting out details of all the funds Council has invested and certification has been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act (1993), Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulations and Council policies.

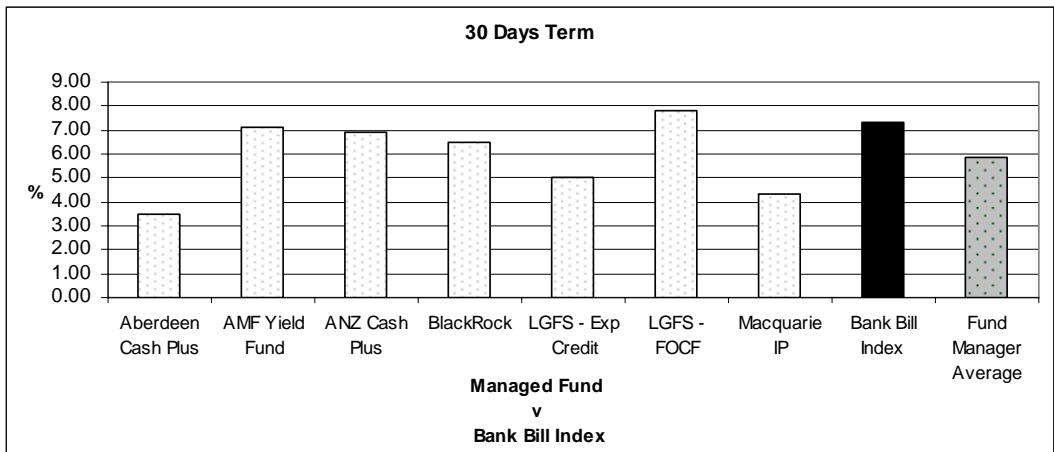
1. CURRENT INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO BY CATEGORY



2. INVESTMENT RATES - 90 DAY BANK BILL RATE (%)



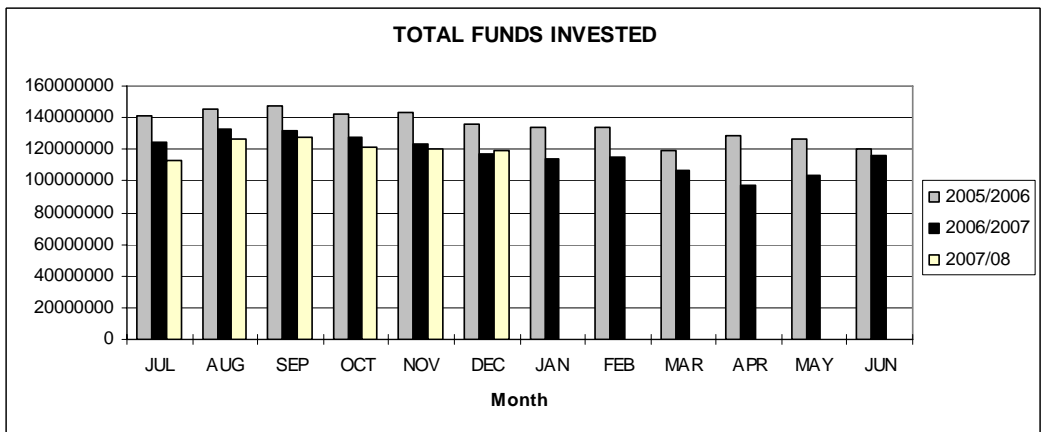
3. ANNUALISED RATE OF RETURN FOR FUNDS MANAGERS - NET OF FEES



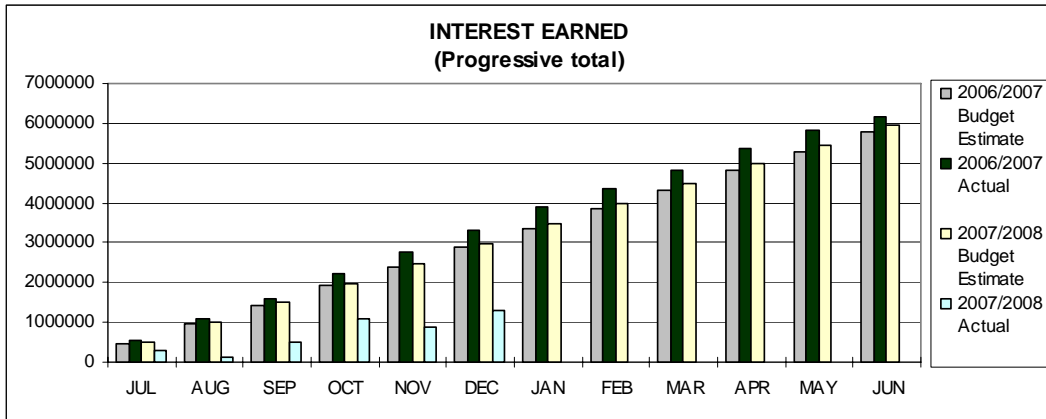
4. FUND MANAGERS END OF MONTH BALANCE

Aberdeen Cash Plus	\$12,731,888
AMF Yield Fund	\$14,548,412
ANZ Cash Plus	\$2,378,351
BlackRock	\$13,495,342
LGFS - Exp Credit	\$8,065,233
LGFS - FOCF	\$17,321,950
Macquarie IP	\$22,259,362
Total	\$90,800,538

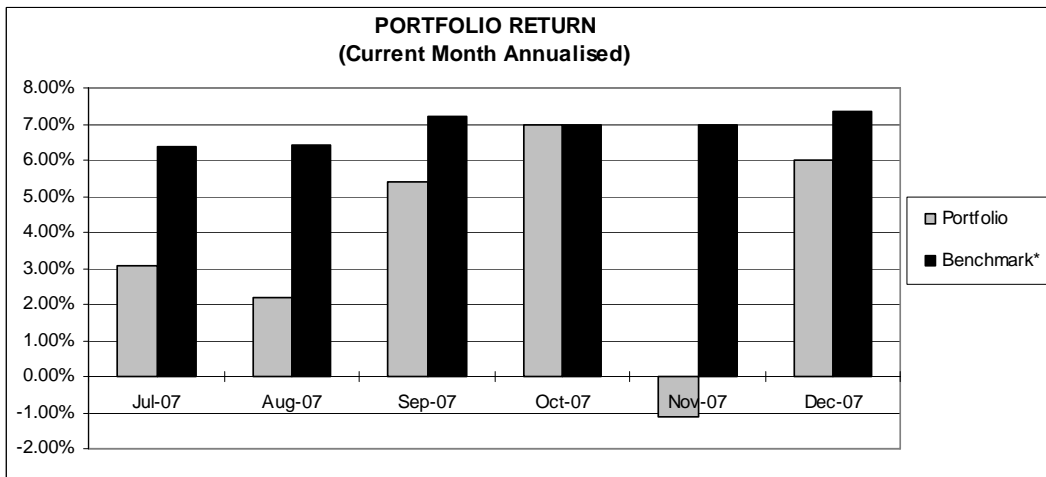
5. MONTHLY COMPARISON OF TOTAL FUNDS INVESTED



6. ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE TOTAL OF INTEREST ON TOTAL FUNDS INVESTED



7. PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE



8. MARKET COMMENTARY

Domestic Economy

Australian consumers continued to load up on debt with total private sector credit increasing 1.7% in November, taking annual growth to 16.2%.

The NAB and ANZ have both increased their standard variable mortgage rate independent of the Reserve Bank of Australia by 0.12% and 0.20% respectively in response to higher funding costs.

The release of the December quarter consumer price index later this month will be a key to the Reserve Bank of Australia's interest rate deliberations.

Global Economy

The unemployment rate in the United States increased from 4.7% to 5% - the biggest monthly increase since October 2001. Coupled with six year lows in a key US manufacturing index indicate slowing economic growth.

The United States Federal Reserve Bank eased the cash rate 0.25% to 4.25% in December in an effort to hold off increasingly recessionary pressures.

Council's Investment Portfolio Performance

Credit conditions tightened again during December. Council's fund managers performed below the 90 day BBSW benchmark but returns were significantly better than November's poor result.

Term deposit rates maintained decade highs as risk aversion amongst investors led to a substantial flow of funds out of equities into cash investments.

Oakvale Capital, Council's investment advisors, expect the difficult investment environment to continue throughout 2008 with no sign of credit market conditions improving in the near term.

Source: Oakvale Capital Limited

9. INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

9	Investment Summary as at	31-Dec-07		
	GENERAL FUND			
	COLLATERISED DEBT OBLIGATION	5,420,160.00		
	FLOATING RATE NOTE	4,961,863.74		
	FUND MANAGERS	39,167,218.60		
	LOAN OFFSET	1,034,375.00		
	TERM DEPOSITS	16,500,000.00		
	CALL	0.00	67,083,617.34	
	WATER FUND			
	TERM DEPOSITS	0.00		
	FUND MANAGERS	34,053,135.74	34,053,135.74	
	SEWERAGE FUND			
	TERM DEPOSITS	0.00		
	FUND MANAGERS	17,580,183.79	17,580,183.79	
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS		118,716,936.87	

It should be noted that the General Funds investments of \$67 million are not available to be used for general purpose expenditure. It is virtually all restricted by legislation and council resolution for such purposes as unexpended loans, developer contributions, unexpended grants and various specific purpose reserves such as domestic waste, land development and employee leave entitlements.

Statutory Statement - Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 Clause 212

I certify that Council's investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulations and Council's investment policies.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Clarke".

Chief Financial Officer (Responsible Accounting Officer)

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

03 [EO-OC] Road Closure Application - Parish of Mooball (Wooyung)**ORIGIN:****Design****FILE NO: GR3/12/9****SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Council has received a notice of application to close a section of Crown Road reserve north and west of Lot 3 in DP 801224 at Wooyung, from Department of Lands. Council has been requested to provide its consent or objection to the closure of these sections of Crown Public Road.

An investigation of the Crown Road reserves has been conducted. It is noted that the section of road reserve proposed to be closed forms a part of an intricate network of Crown Road reserves enabling access to further private properties. Closing this section of road reserve would sever this current network. Whilst the adjacent properties currently benefit from alternate road access there is potential for future subdivision of these properties which may require the use of the road reserve proposed to be closed.

There does not appear to be any formed road within the road reserve except where access to Lot 3 crosses at the northern boundary. The Road reserve is heavily treed in sections and may include native vegetation and provide fauna Habitat and corridors.

There also appears to be an irrigation drain running east west along the northern section of the road proposed to be closed. Should closure be approved the benefiting landowners may be required to gain the approval of the applicant for a drainage easement to be registered along this section of road. The applicant could, if closure was approved, gain a significant financial benefit from the granting of the easement or refuse to allow the benefiting parties from utilising the drain.

This application conflicts with Council's Road Closure Policy which provides at the following points that roads not eligible for closure are:-

- "2. Roads capable of providing physical access to other roads, public and private properties.
3. Road reserves containing wildlife corridors, significant flora, marketable timber...
5. Roads whose future highest and best use for Council is judged to be of more economic worth than the current land value.
6. Roads that could potentially be developed for vehicle, cycle, pedestrian or equestrian use as the Shire grows."



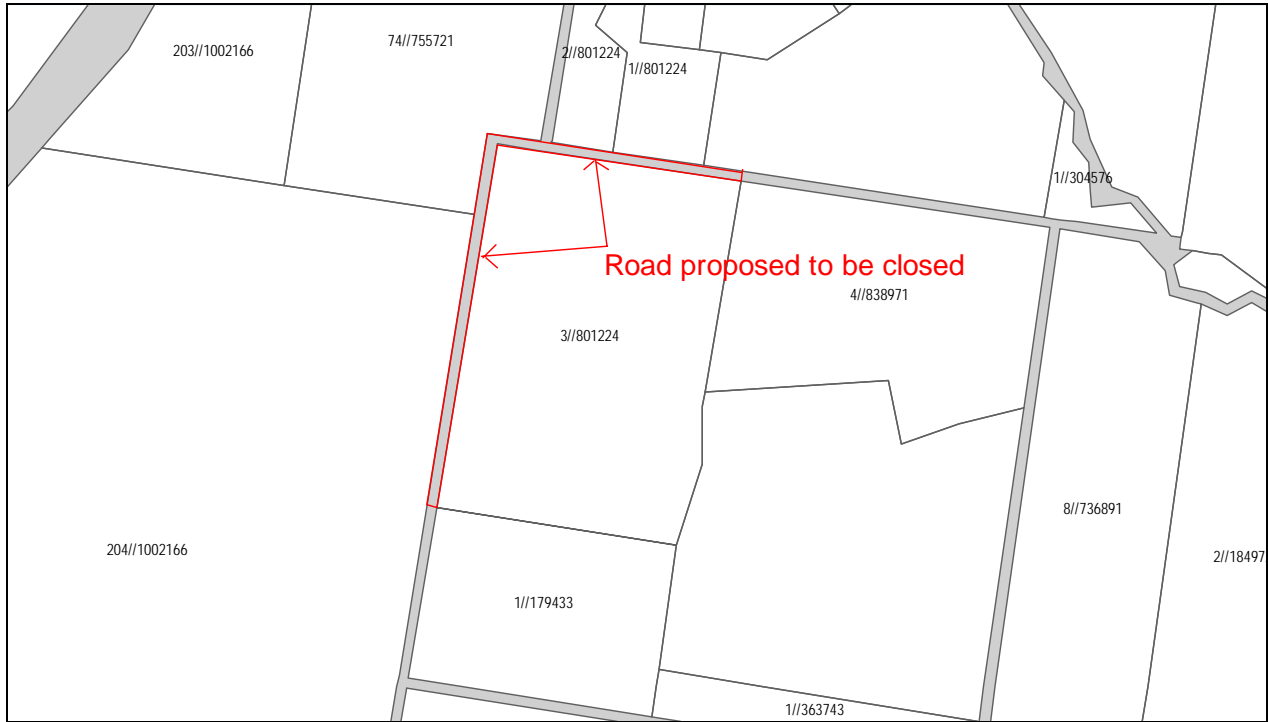
Based on the abovementioned provisions within Councils Road Closure Policy it is therefore recommended that Council objects to the closure of the section of road which runs north and west of Lot 3 in DP 801224.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council objects to the closure of the Crown Road reserve which runs North and East of Lot 3 in DP 801224.

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report. Below is a plan showing the proposed Road Closures.



Aerial view showing treed areas



LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.



POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

O4 [EO-OC] Road Closure Application - Parish of Kunghur**ORIGIN:**

Design

FILE NO: GR3/12/10**SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Council has received a notice of application to close a section of Crown Road reserve from Department of Lands within the parish of Kunghur as per the plan within this report. Council has been requested to provide its consent or objection to the closure of these sections of Crown Public Road.

This application conflicts with Council's Road Closure Policy which provides at the following points that roads not eligible for closure are:-

- "1. Roads providing or capable of providing, physical access to rivers, creeks, lakes, beaches and their foreshores.
2. Roads capable of providing physical access to other roads, public and private properties
3. Road reserves containing wildlife corridors, or potentially useful for public utilities
5. Roads whose future highest and best use for Council is judged to be of more economic worth than the current land value.
6. Roads that could potentially be developed for vehicle, cycle, pedestrian or equestrian use as the Shire grows."

Based on the above noted provisions within Councils Road Closure Policy it is therefore recommended that Council objects to the closure of the Crown public roads within Lots 1, 2, and 3 in DP 737440, within and west of Lot 4 DP 737440, within Lot 121 DP 134446, within and south of Lot 34 DP 755714, within and west of Lot 2 DP 755714 at Kunghur.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council objects to the closure of the Crown public roads within Lots 1, 2, and 3 in DP 737440, within and west of Lot 4 DP 737440, within Lot 121 DP 134446, within and south of Lot 34 DP 755714, within and west of Lot 2 DP 755714 at Kunghur.

REPORT:

Council has received a notice of application to close a section of Crown Road reserve from Department of Lands within the parish of Kunghur as per the plan below. Council has been requested to provide its consent or objection to the closure of these sections of Crown Public Road.

A section of the road reserve proposed to be closed runs between Lot 4 in DP 737440 and Lot C in DP 381297. Lot C is owned in fee simple by Tweed Shire Council. It is a requirement when completing a road closure application to provide the details and consent of adjoining landowners who may be affected by the road closure. Such consent has not been obtained from Council by the applicants in this instance nor have Council prior to the advertising of the proposed road closure been notified of such a proposal. Lot 4 in DP 737440 is owned in fee simple by a private entity who does not appear to be a party to the application and no indication has been provided to Council supporting their concurrence to the closure. In such an instance it is unclear who would benefit from the closure of this section of road other than Council as owners of Lot C or the private entity as owners of Lot 4.

The remaining section of this part of the road reserve, running from the eastern boundary of Lot 34 in DP 755714, through Lot 121 in DP 134446 to its south western boundary, forms part of an intricate network of Crown Road reserves enabling access to further private properties. The closure of this section of road reserve would sever this current network as well as removing the only public road access to Lot 3 in DP 755714 and Lot 34 in DP 755714 leaving them land locked. It would therefore not be recommended to remove the only legal public access to these properties by way of road closure.

The next section of road reserve proposed to be closed runs from the south eastern boundary of Lot 121 in DP 134446 and provides the only public road access available to Lots 1, 2 and 3 in DP 737440 and Lot 2 in DP 755714. Whilst Lots 1 - 3 currently benefit from a right of carriageway from Lot 4 in DP 737440 it would be unwise to remove the only legal public access to these properties. There is currently no recorded right of carriageway from which Lot 2 in DP 755714 benefits which would leave this parcel land locked. It would therefore not be recommended to remove the only legal public access to this property by way of road closure.

The road reserve which runs along the western boundary of Lot 2 in DP 755714 provides access from Lot B DP 381296 directly to the Tweed River. The road reserve which runs from the eastern boundary of Lot 2 also provides direct access to the Tweed River from Lot 14 in DP 755714.

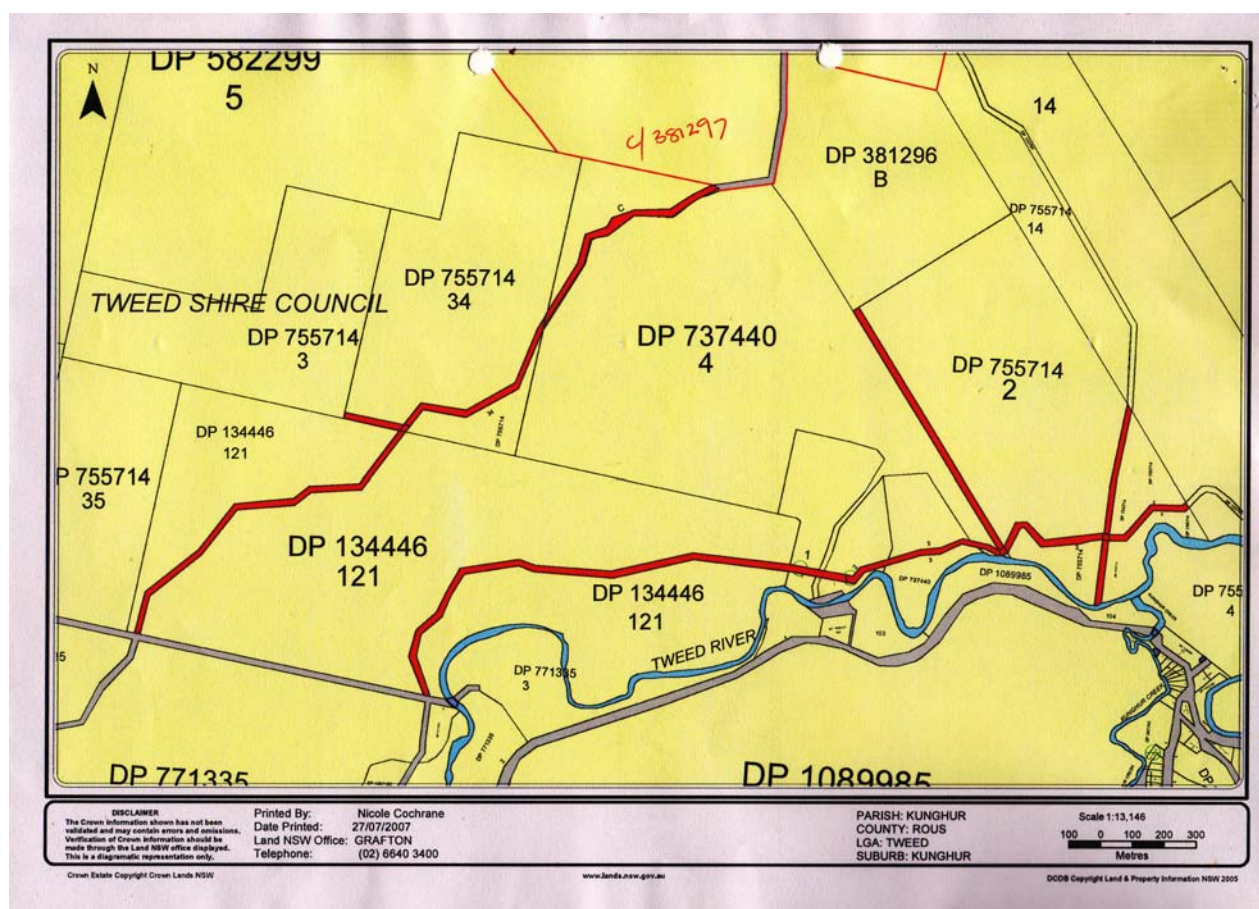
This application conflicts with Council's Road Closure Policy which provides at the following points that roads not eligible for closure are:-

- "1. Roads providing or capable of providing, physical access to rivers, creeks, lakes, beaches and their foreshores.
2. Roads capable of providing physical access to other roads, public and private properties

3. Road reserves containing wildlife corridors,...or potentially useful for...public utilities
5. Roads whose future highest and best use for Council is judged to be of more economic worth than the current land value.
6. Roads that could potentially be developed for vehicle, cycle, pedestrian or equestrian use as the Shire grows."

Based on the above noted provisions within Councils Road Closure Policy it is therefore recommended that Council objects to the closure of the Crown public roads within Lots 1, 2, and 3 in DP 737440, within and west of Lot 4 DP 737440, within Lot 121 DP 134446, within and south of Lot 34 DP 755714, within and west of Lot 2 DP 755714 at Kunghur.

Below is a plan showing the proposed Road Closures:-



LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.



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Nil.

O5 [EO-OC] Road Closure Application - Parish of Condong**ORIGIN:****Design****FILE NO: GR3/12/1****SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Council has received a notice of application to close a section of Crown Road reserve west of Lot 1 in DP 597175 at Condong, from Department of Lands. Council has been requested to provide its consent or objection to the closure of these sections of Crown Public Road.

An investigation of the Crown Road reserves has been conducted. The road proposed to be closed is part of a continuous length of road which runs from the southern boundary of Lot 1 in DP 597175, through Lot 3 in DP 834433 and ending at the north eastern boundary of Lot 5 in DP 377684. Should only the section of road running along the western boundary of Lot 1 DP 597175 be closed it would isolate the remaining section of the road reserve rendering it inaccessible.

Under Council's Road Closure Policy, points 5 and 6 provide that roads not eligible for closure are those whose highest and best use to Council are worth more to Council and roads which could potentially be developed as the shire grows. Based on these provisions and the fact that the remaining road reserve will be isolated if this section of road is closed it would be recommended that Council objects to the closure of the road which runs west of Lot 1 in DP 597175.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council objects to the closure of the road reserve which runs west of Lot 1 in DP 597175.

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report. Below is a plan showing the proposed Road Closures:-



LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

O6 [EO-OC] Road Closure Application - Parish of Kynnumboon**ORIGIN:****Design****FILE NO: GR3/12/5****SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Council has received a notice of application to close a section of Crown Road reserve west of Lot 15 in DP 755715 at Nobbys Creek, from Department of Lands. Council has been requested to provide its consent or objection to the closure of this section of Crown Public Road.

An investigation of the Crown Road reserves has been conducted. It is noted that the section of road reserve proposed to be closed forms a part of an intricate network of Crown Road reserves enabling access to further private properties. This road reserve also provides the potential for future property access from and connection with Nobbys Creek Road. Closing this section of road reserve would sever this current network.

Council's road closure policy provides under roads not eligible for closure :-

- "2. *Roads capable of providing physical access to other roads, public and private properties*
5. *Roads whose future highest and best use for Council is judged to be of more economic worth than the current land value.*
6. *Roads that could potentially be developed for vehicle, cycle, pedestrian or equestrian use as the Shire grows."*

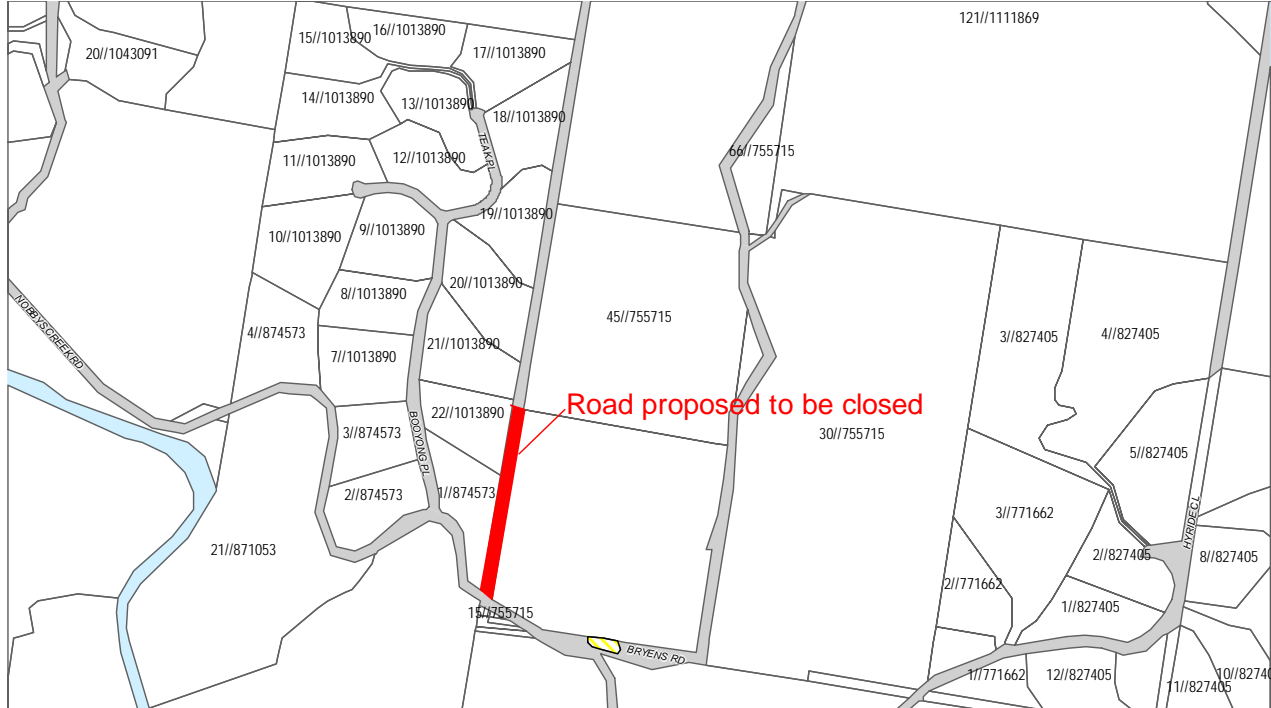
It is therefore recommended pursuant to the provisions within Councils Road Closure Policy that Council objects to the closure of the section of road which runs west of Lot 15 in DP 755715.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council objects to the closure of the section of road which runs west of Lot 15 in DP 755715.

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report. Below is a plan showing the proposed Road Closures.



LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

07 [EO-OC] Road Closure Application - Parish of Mooball (Sleepy Hollow)**ORIGIN:****Design****FILE NO: GR3/12/9****SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Council has received a notice of application to close a section of Crown Road reserve being 10.075m wide east of Lot 4 in DP 845662 at Sleepy Hollow, from Department of Lands. Council has been requested to provide its consent or objection to the closure of this section of Crown Public Road.

An investigation of the Crown Road reserves has been conducted and it has been noted that no Council or other infrastructure currently exists within it. There is no current formation although it would appear that the internal driveway of Lot 4, as well as some vegetation including trees, encroaches onto the road reserve. Only ½ the width of the road reserve is proposed to be closed. There is potential for future development of this road reserve and problems may arise if the area is limited to a 10m width only.

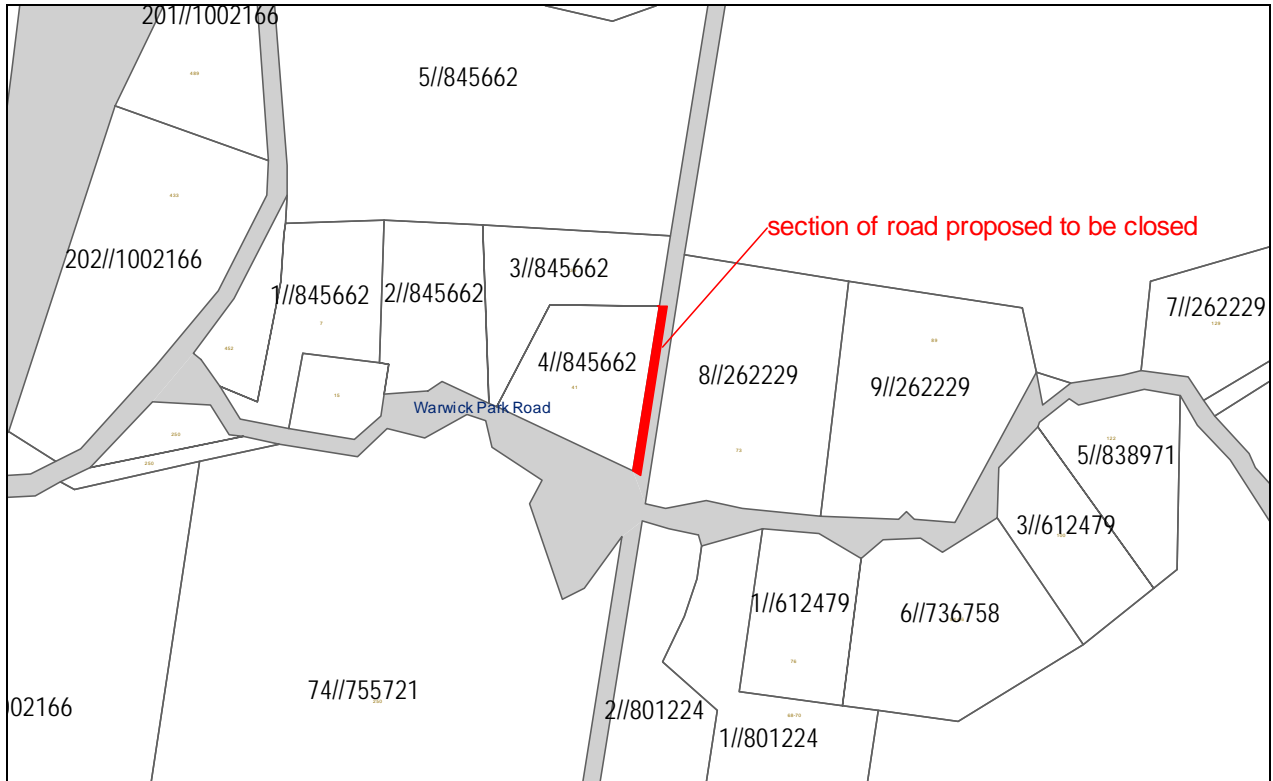
Council's Road Closure Policy at points 5 and 6 provides that roads not eligible for closure are those whose highest and best use for Council are of more worth to Council and roads which could potentially be developed as the Shire grows. Based on these provisions it would be recommended that Council objects to the closure of Crown Road 10.075m wide east of Lot 4 in DP 845662 at Sleepy Hollow.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council objects to the closure of the section of Crown Road reserve being 10.075m wide east of Lot 4 in DP 845662 at Sleepy Hollow.

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report. Below is a plan showing the proposed Road Closures:-



LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

08 [EO-OC] Road Closure Application - Parish of Murwillumbah**ORIGIN:****Design****FILE NO: GR3/12/3****SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Council has received a notice of application to close a section of Crown Road reserve within and north of Lot 1 in DP 1078949 at Eungella, from Department of Lands. Council has been requested to provide its consent or objection to the closure of this section of Crown Public Road.

An investigation of the Crown Road reserves has been conducted. It is noted that both sections of road reserve proposed to be closed form part of intricate Crown Road reserves networks enabling access to further private properties. Closing these sections of road reserve would sever the current networks.

Both road reserves are in densely treed areas potentially containing wildlife corridors and significant flora. There is also potential for future fire trails to be established within the road reserves.

This application conflicts with Council's Road Closure Policy which provides at the following points that roads not eligible for closure are:-

- "2. Roads capable of providing physical access to other roads, public and private properties
3. Road reserves containing wildlife corridors, significant flora...
5. Roads whose future highest and best use for Council is judged to be of more economic worth than the current land value.
6. Roads that could potentially be developed for vehicle, cycle, pedestrian or equestrian use as the Shire grows
10. Roads that could potentially be developed for the purpose of fire buffers or fire trails as the Shire grows."

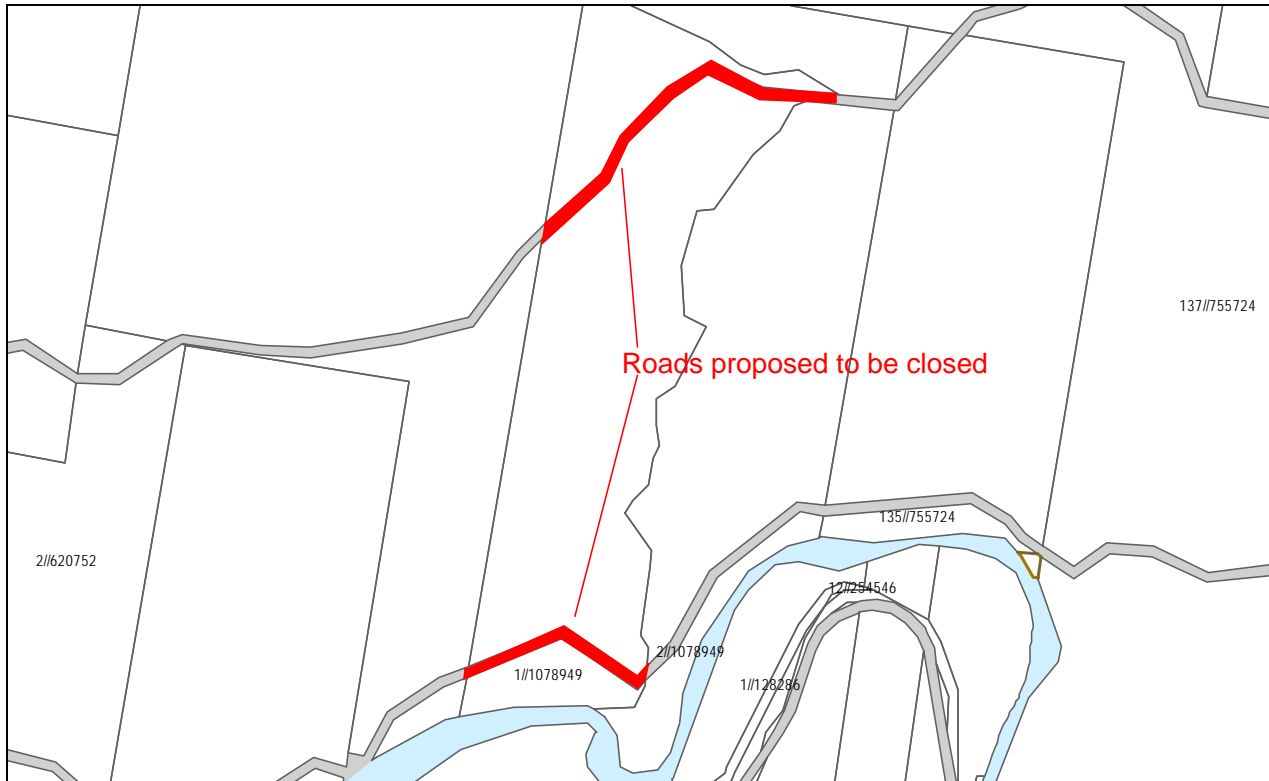
Based on the abovementioned provisions within Councils Road Closure Policy it is therefore recommended that Council objects to the closure of the section of road within and north of Lot 1 in DP 1078949.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council objects to the closure of the section of road within and north of Lot 1 in DP 1078949.

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report. Below is a plan showing the proposed Road Closures:-



LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

09 [EO-OC] Road Naming - Thomson Street, Tweed Heads**ORIGIN:****Design****FILE NO: GS5/1 Pt5****SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Thomson Street is a Council public road which runs from the intersection of Charles and Florence Street to Bay Street, Tweed Heads.

Recently there has been some confusion over the correct spelling of the name – either Thompson or Thomson, neither of these names have ever been officially gazetted. Early plans indicate that the correct spelling included the “p”, however there is already a Thompson Street within the Tweed Shire which dates back to a time earlier than those plans for the Tweed Heads version.

Councils road naming policy which is derived from the guidelines set down by the Geographic Names Board notes that duplication of names should be avoided where possible. It would therefore be recommended that Council adopts the alternative name of “Thomson Street”, Tweed Heads, which whilst being similar to the existing “Thompson Street” Murwillumbah, should prove to be sufficiently adequate to satisfy this rule.

The only other alternative would be to change the name of “Thomson Street” Tweed Heads, however it is believed that this would attract a significant amount of objections from residents as the street has been so named since as early as 1952.

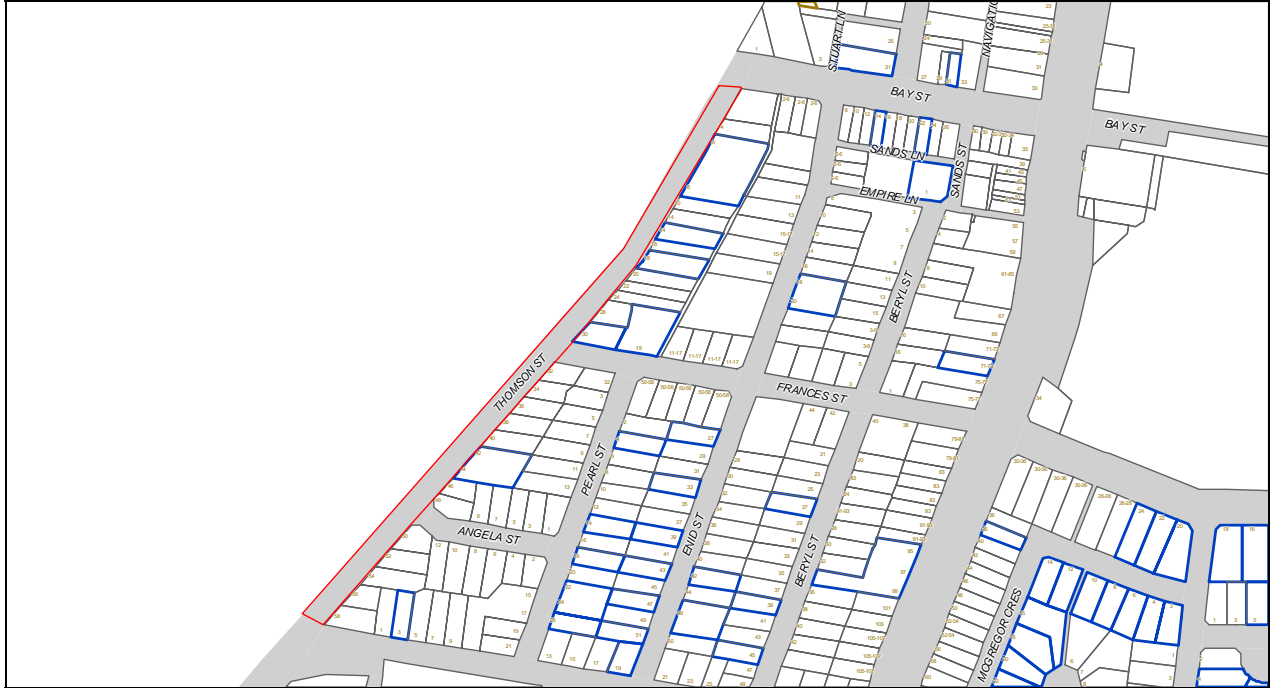
RECOMMENDATION:**That:-**

- 1. Council publicises its intention to formally name the road which runs from the intersection of Charles and Florence Street to Bay Street, Tweed Heads, as “Thomson Street”, allowing one month for submissions and objections to the name; and**
- 2. Council notifies the relevant authorities under the provisions of the Roads (General) Regulation 1994.**

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report.

Plan showing Thomson Street, Tweed Heads.



LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

O10 [EO-OC] Classification of Land as Operational, Pottsville

ORIGIN:

Design

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Proposed Lot 299 in Subdivision of Lot 286 in DP 1120559 at Pottsville is to be transferred to Council as a Drainage Reserve following registration of the plan of subdivision.

It is necessary to resolve to classify this parcel as "Operational" pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993.

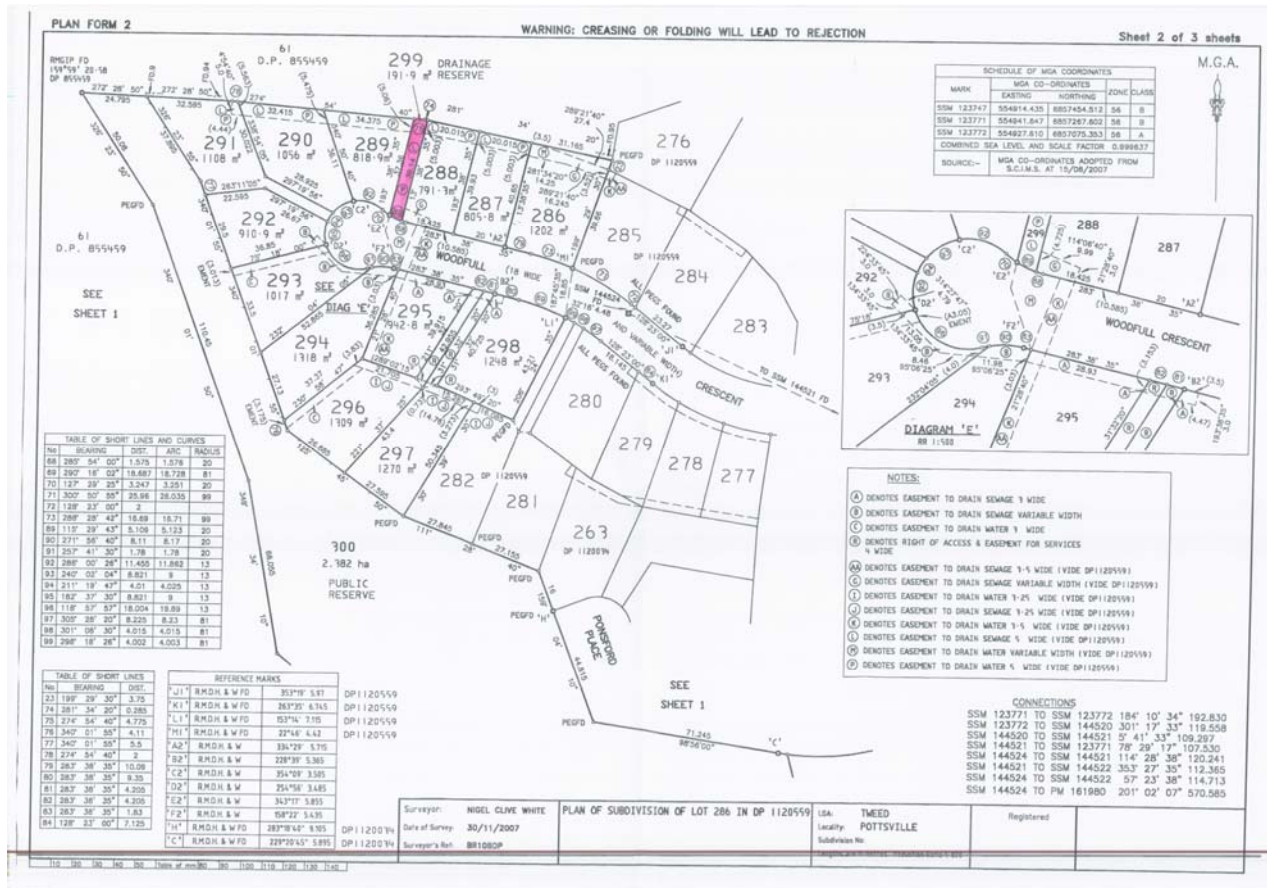
RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. Council approves the transfer of proposed Lot 299 in Subdivision of Lot 286 in DP 1120559 at Pottsville as Drainage Reserve.**
- 2. Proposed Lot 299 be classified as "Operational" pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government Act, 1993; and**
- 3. All necessary documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council.**

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report. A copy of the plan of subdivision of Lot 286 in DP 1120559 identifying proposed Lot 299 is shown below:-



LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

O11 [EO-OC] Renaming of Part of Public Road, Stott Street, Tweed Heads West

ORIGIN:

Design

FILE NO: GS5/1 Pt 5

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council at its meeting of 23 October 2007, resolved to publicise its intention to rename that part of Stott Street, Tweed Heads West, running west from the intersection of Skyline Drive and Stott Street, as "*Skyline Drive*" and allowed one month for objections to the proposal.

No objections were received to this proposal.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. Council adopts the name of "*Skyline Drive*", being the road reserve which west from the intersection of Skyline Drive and Stott Street; and**
- 2. The naming of the public road be gazetted under the provisions of the Roads (General) Regulation, 1994 and the Roads Act, 1993.**

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report. The location plan is shown below for ease of referral:-



LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

012 [EO-OC] Land Acquisition for Road - Carool Road, Carool**ORIGIN:****Design****SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Council allocated funds to proceed with road surface improvements adjacent to the Carool Public School at Carool Road, Carool. In the course of surveying the existing road boundaries it was discovered that there was an historical anomaly whereby part of the existing road was actually on the school property.

To correct this anomaly Council proposed to the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs that the area in question being 325.8m², be acquired by Council and dedicated as road reserve. The plan of land proposed to be acquired for Road under the *Roads Act* 1993 has been registered as DP 1120947 showing Lot 1 (Land in 272/755685) as the land to be acquired as public road.

In lieu of monetary compensation the Department of Education requested that Council conduct works in kind by way of the provision of a culvert across Cougal Road, west of the School driveway, and the gravel and sealing of road fronting Lot 272 in DP 755685, now registered as Lot 2 in DP 1120947. The compensation payable in this instance falls within Section 64 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act*, 1991.

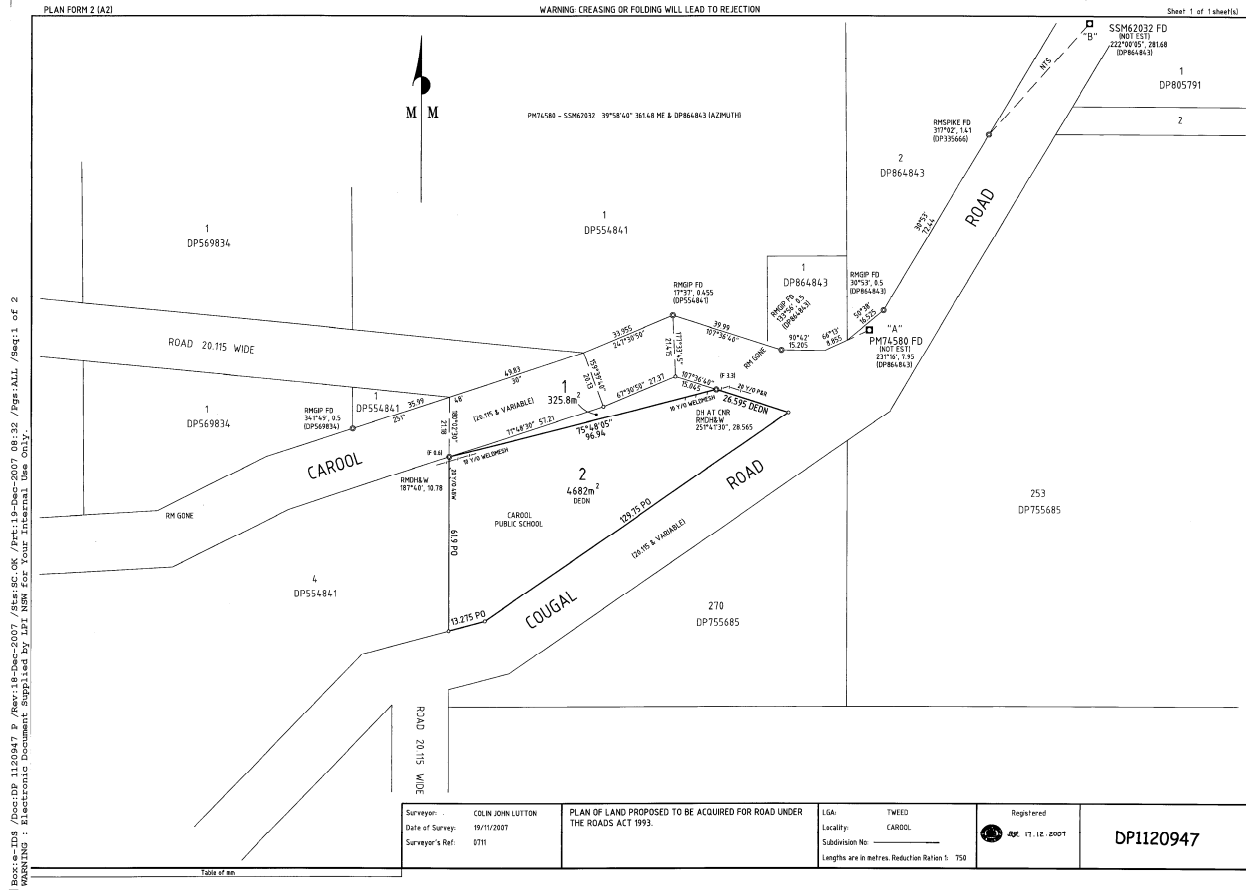
The acquisition is to proceed under the provisions of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act*, 1991 whereby an application is to be made to the Department of Local Government for approval to the acquisition.

RECOMMENDATION:**That:-**

- 1. Council approves the acquisition of Lot 1 in DP 1120947 for public road and the compensation payable as works in kind under the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 for the purposes of the Roads Act, 1993 and the making of the necessary application to the Minister and/or Governor;**
- 2. Lot 1 in DP 1120947 be dedicated as road following gazettal of the acquisition; and**
- 3. All necessary documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council.**

REPORT:

As per Summary of Report. A copy of DP 1120947 is shown below for reference purposes:-



LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

O13 [EO-OC] Lease of Council Premises - Lot 1 DP 1082080, Recreation Street, Tweed Heads

ORIGIN:

Design

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council at its meeting of 21 August 2007 resolved to give public notice, as per clause 47 of the Local Government Act 1993, of the proposal to enter into two (2) separate licence agreements for twenty five (25) years each with Twin Towns Playgroup and Tweed Heads Bridge Club for the occupation of the premises on Lot 1 in DP 1082080, Recreation Street, Tweed Heads inviting submissions within 28 days.

The notice period has now expired with no submissions or objections to the proposal have been received. The Licence agreements have been drawn up and duly signed by both parties.

It is now necessary for Council to sign both licence agreements under Common Seal to finalise the matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the licence agreement between Tweed Shire Council and Twin Towns Playgroup and Tweed Heads Bridge Club be executed under the Common Seal of Council.



REPORT:

As per Summary of Report.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.

O14 [EO-OC] EC2007-046 Quarterly Variation Report on Contract - Construction of the Murwillumbah Regional Memorial Pool Complex and Car Park

ORIGIN:

Design

FILE NO: GC12/5-2007046

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

At the Council Meeting of 31 July 2007, a contract was awarded to Multispan Australia Pty Ltd for the construction of the Murwillumbah Regional Memorial Pool Complex and Car Park.

Construction commenced on 27 September 2007 and is scheduled to be finished by November 2008.

The Council decision required reporting, on a quarterly basis, on variations approved under delegation by the Director of Engineering and Operations. The total approved variations to the end of December 2007 is -\$251,801.00 (GST Excl.). This is within the current limit of delegated authority of 5% of the original contract sum (i.e. \$723,325.00 - GST exclusive).

In addition to the variations detailed in this report for the quarter to 30 December 2007, there are a number of other variations (and potential variations) under consideration resulting from additional works. This will result in further variations to the contract sum, potentially of the order of \$120,000.00. These potential variations are still within the current limit of delegated authority.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the December 2007 Quarterly Variations of -\$251,801.00 (exclusive of GST) for Contract EC2007- Construction of the Murwillumbah Regional Memorial Pool Complex and Car Park, be received and noted:-

- 1. Variation No.1 - Revised calculation of Contract amount based on final submission by preferred Contractor (-\$266,862.00 GST Excl).**
- 2. Variation No.2 - Grubbing & removal of tree stumps (\$3,724.00 GST Excl).**
- 3. Variation No.3 - Additional Asbestos Removal (\$3,675.00 GST Excl).**
- 4. Variation No.4 - CCTV conduiting to Car Park (\$6,682.00 GST Excl).**



5. **Variation No.5 - Kiosk Unisex Disabled WC Plumbing (\$245.00 GST Excl).**
6. **Variation No.6 - Stormwater line alteration to CWA (\$735.00 GST Excl).**

REPORT:

Following the awarding of Contract EC2007-046 to Multispan Australia Pty Ltd for the Construction of the Murwillumbah Regional Memorial Pool Complex and Car Park, construction commenced 27 September 2007.

1. Quarterly Variation Report

In accordance with the Council decision requiring a quarterly report on variations, the subject variations, during the December quarter 2007, are listed for Councils information, as follows:

Variation No.	Description	Amount (Exc GST)	Status
1.	Revised calculation of Contract amount based on final submission by preferred Contractor.	-\$266,862.00	Approved
2.	Grubbing & removal of tree stumps. Trees removed by Council Staff had to have their stumps removed prior to earthworks commencing.	\$3,724.00	Approved
3.	Additional Asbestos Removal. As demolition commenced more asbestos than detailed in the tender documents was discovered and had to be removed.	\$3,675.00	Approved
4.	CCTV conduiting to Car Park. Conduiting to enable future CCTV surveillance of the car park was not included in the contract.	\$6,682.00	Approved
5.	Kiosk Unisex Disabled WC Plumbing. A disabled toilet for the kiosk was not included in the contract.	\$245.00	Approved
6.	Stormwater line alteration to CWA. As Earthworks were undertaken a stormwater line from the CWA building was found to clash with the car park footings, which necessitated its relocation.	\$735.00	Approved

The net result of the approved variations during the December Quarter is a decreased cost of \$251,801.00 (GST Excl.) This is within the current limit (\$723,325.00 GST Excl.) of delegated authority given to the Director of Engineering and Operations.

The approved variations have been or will be incorporated into the works.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The subject variations are within the total project budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.



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O15 [EO-OC] Floodplain Management Program Grant Funding

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council has received an offer for grant funding for flood mitigations works on the Mooball-Crabbes Creek Floodplain in the 2007-2008 financial year.

This grant specifically applies to works to enlarge the waterway area through the Kallaroo Circuit Bund. Tweed Shire Council is responsible for the administration of this grant, with Byron Shire Council (BSC) responsible for planning and undertaking approved works. BSC is also responsible for the matching Council funding for the grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. Council formally accepts the grant offer of \$60,000 for Mooball-Crabbes Creek Flood Mitigation Works from the Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water under the State Floodplain Management Program 2007/08.**
- 2. All necessary documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council.**

REPORT:

Council is in receipt of a letter of offer for a floodplain management program grant for 2007-2008. The offer is detailed as follows:

Grant Program	Project	Funding Ratio	Total Grant Funding	Required Council Funding *
NSW Floodplain Management Program (State Only)	Mooball-Crabbes Creek Flood Mitigation Works	2:1	\$60,000	\$30,000

* Byron Shire Council is responsible for providing all matching funds.

Project DetailsMooball-Crabbes Creek Flood Mitigation Works

This is a joint application with Byron Shire Council to resolve issues involving the enlargement of waterway area at Kallaroo Circuit Bund. Historically TSC has been responsible for the management of the grant applications, with BSC responsible for planning and undertaking approved works. Tweed Shire Council is not required to allocate funds to match the Government Grants, as BSC provides the required Council funding.

It is recommended that Council formally accepts the grant offer.

Project Update

In October 2007, an amendment to the Byron LEP was gazetted, which allowed a development application to be lodged for the culvert enlargement works. This DA was publically exhibited in November 2007, with TSC providing a submission in support of the proposed works, in accordance with previous agreements between the Councils and relevant State authorities. This DA is currently being assessed by an independent body, for future recommendation to BSC.

Subject to Byron Shire Council approving the development application, Kallaroo Circuit Bund remediation works could be completed in May 2008.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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016 [EO-OC] Contract EC2007-119 Revetment Works at Tweed Valley Way and Bartletts Road, Dulguigan Road, Rayles Lane, Tumbulgum Road at Tygalgah, River Street and Causeway Removal on Duroby Creek at Beltana Drive

ORIGIN:

Contracts

FILE NO: GC12/6-2007119

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report outlines the tender for revetment works at various locations within the Tweed Shire catchment.

The following six separable portions make up the project:-

- a) Tweed Valley Way and Bartletts Road
Construction of revetment wall along edge of Tweed River
- b) Dulguigan Road at Tumbulgum
Construction of revetment wall along edge of Rous River
- c) Rayes Lane at North Tumbulgum
Construction of revetment wall along edge of Tweed River
- d) Tumbulgum Rd at Tygalgah
Construction of revetment wall along edge of Tweed River
- e) River Street at South Murwillumbah
Construction of revetment wall along edge of Tweed River
- f) Duroby Creek at Beltana Drive
Removal of causeway in Duroby Creek

A tender was called for this project in accordance with the NSW Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 and Council's Procurement Policy.

Attachment A is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1993, because it contains commercial information in relation to the tenders, the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the tenderers if it was provided. The information identifies the tenderers in relation to the tender price and the evaluation of the products offered by each tenderer. If disclosed, the information would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the tenderers in terms of market competitiveness, by giving their competitors an advantage. Accordingly, disclosure of the information is not in the public interest.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. Council awards Contract EC2007-119 – Revetment Works at Tweed Valley Way & Bartletts Road, Dulguigan Road, Rayes Lane, Tumbulgum Road at Tygalgah, River Street & Causeway Removal on Duroby Creek at Beltana Drive for the lump sum (separable portions (a) to (f)) amount of \$350,972.73 (Excl. GST) to MJ & SL Seery Excavations Pty Ltd.**
- 2. The General Manager be given authority to approve additional works of \$160,000 for additions to the separable portions (d) and (e) if national disaster relief funding is made available.**
- 3. The General Manager be given delegated authority to approve variations up to 20% of the total revised contract sum.**
- 4. The ATTACHMENT be treated as CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, because it contains commercial information in relation to the tenders, the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the tenderers if it was provided. The information identifies the tenderers in relation to the tender price and the evaluation of the products offered by each tenderer. If disclosed, the information would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the tenderer in terms of market competitiveness, by giving their competitors an advantage. Accordingly, disclosure of the information is not in the public interest.**

REPORT:

A number of locations within the Tweed Shire catchment area have been identified as requiring revetment works to remediate erosion problems. They are as follows:-

- a) Tweed Valley Way and Bartletts Road
Construction of revetment wall along edge of Tweed River
- b) Dulguigan Road at Tumbulgum
Construction of revetment wall along edge of Rous River
- c) Rayes Lane at North Tumbulgum
Construction of revetment wall along edge of Tweed River
- d) Tumbulgum Rd at Tygalgah
Construction of revetment wall along edge of Tweed River
- e) River Street at South Murwillumbah
Construction of revetment wall along edge of Tweed River
- f) Duroby Creek at Beltana Drive
Removal of causeway in Duroby Creek

A tender was called for this project in accordance with the NSW Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 and Council's Procurement Policy.

The tender closed on 19 December 2007, submissions were received from the following:-

ADDROCK
CM & SM Fraser
Development Dynamics Pty Ltd
JD & LF Reeve
MJ & SL Seery Excavations Pty Ltd

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Project funding is provided from Works Unit, Water Unit and the Natural Resources Section.

A flood occurred on 5 January 2008 which has caused additional damage to the river bank in selected locations. A site meeting was conducted on 10 January 2008 and the observations and comments were as follows:-

- Portion D (Tumbulgum Road, Tygalgah) – require an additional 90m of revetment to be constructed (original schedule 90m) due to additional scouring upstream caused by a natural disaster event on 5 January 2008.

- Portion E (River Street, South Murwillumbah) – require an additional 20m of revetment to be constructed at site 2 due to additional scouring downstream caused by a natural disaster event on 5 January 2008.

It is anticipated that the total tendered price will vary by approximately \$160,000 if the above additions are made to separable portions (d) and (e).

The additional work at the two sites is subject to approval of funding from natural disaster relief funding.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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1. Confidential Attachment A – EC2007-119 Supplementary Confidential Information to Agenda Item EC2007-119 Revetment Works at Tweed Valley Way & Bartletts Road, Dulguigan Road, Rayes Lane, Tumbulgum Road at Tygalgah, River Street & Causeway Removal on Duroby Creek at Beltana Drive (DW 1739515).
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017 [EO-OC] Consolidation of Land Pottsville Reservoir, Pottsville Road, Pottsville

ORIGIN:

Design

FILE NO: R4420

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council resolved at its meeting held on 4 May 2005 to acquire land for public purposes at Pottsville to address the encroachment of reservoirs onto the adjacent road reserve and provide a potential site for an engineering works depot.

The acquisitions were completed on 3 March 2006, and pursuant to the report of 4 May 2005, Council intends to consolidate the acquired parcels with the adjacent land.

It is now necessary to resolve to consolidate the acquired parcels with the adjacent parcels.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

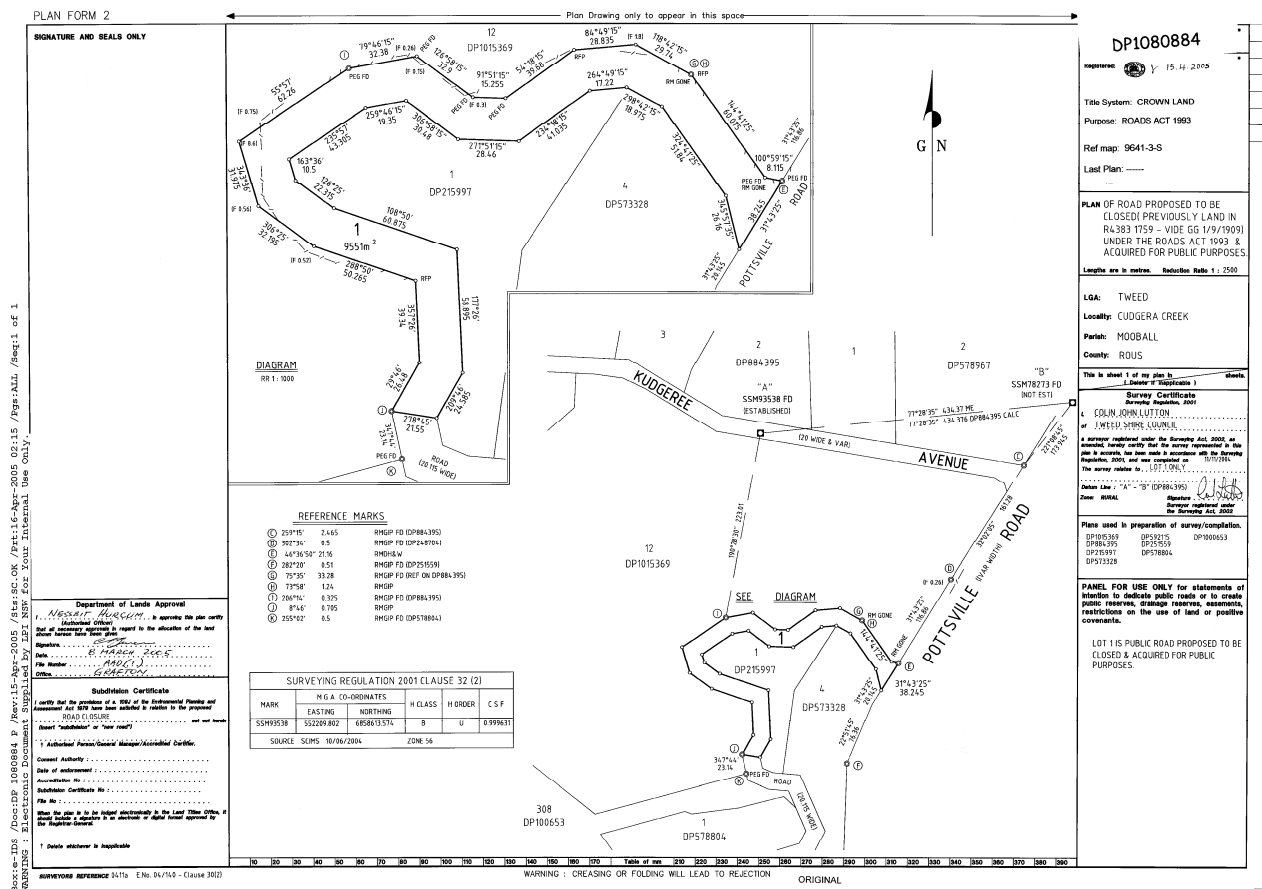
- 1. Council approves the consolidation of Lot 1 in DP 1080884, Lot 1 in DP 1080885 with Lot 1 in DP 215997 and Lot 4 in DP 573328; and**
- 2. Executes all documentation under the Common Seal of Council.**

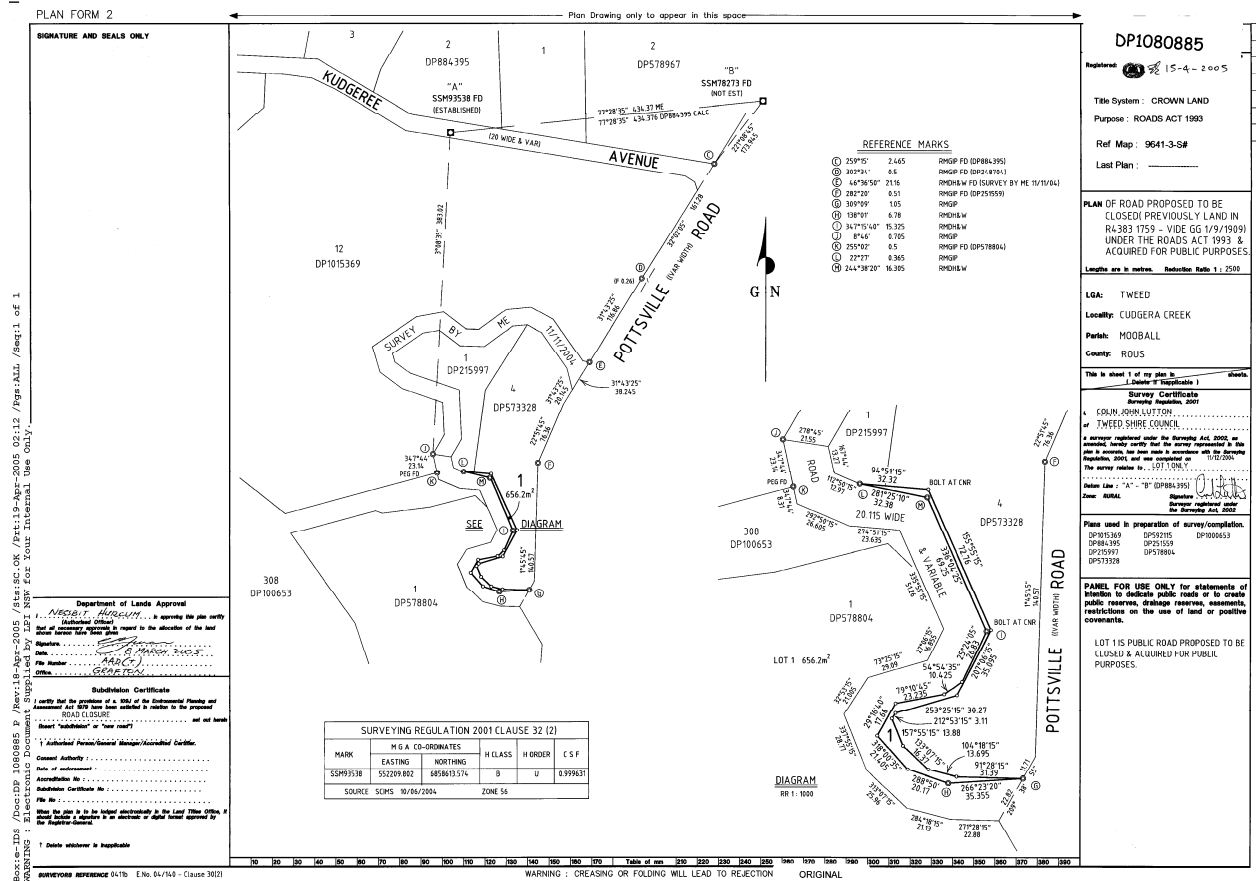
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The acquisitions were completed on 3 March 2006, and pursuant to the report of 4 May 2005, Council intends to consolidate the acquired parcels with the adjacent land.

The parcels acquired were Lot 1 in DP 1080884 and Lot 1 in DP 1080885, these are to be consolidated with Lot 1 in DP 215997 and Lot 4 in DP 573328 respectively. Copies of these deposited plans are shown below:





It is now necessary to resolve to consolidate these parcels.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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1. Report dated 4 May 2005: (DW 1194048).
2. Resolution dated 4 May 2005: (DW 1197871).

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O18 [EO-OC] Public Transport Working Group Membership**ORIGIN:****Planning & Infrastructure****SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

The Public Transport Working Group has been an advisory group to Council since its inception in 1995. The group's membership has varied somewhat since 1995 and a clarification and update of membership is considered warranted.

This report recommends an update of the membership of the group.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoints the following persons as members of the Public Transport Working Group:-

Formal (members):

- **Tweed Heads / Coast Bus Operators - Surfside Buslines - David Bishara;**
- **Murwillumbah Valley Bus Operators - Parsons Bus Company - John Parsons**
- **Taxi industry - Don Stubbs – Tweed Taxis**
- **Community Transport – Phil Barron - Tweed Byron Ballina Community Transport**
- **Tweed Shire Council – John Zawadzki (Traffic Engineer); Robin Spragg (Social Planner)**
- **Community representatives - Len Greer (Coastal Village Alliances) – Acting Chairman; Linda Lomman (Northern Rivers Social Development Council); Rosemary Beard (Veterans Affairs); Terry O'Toole (Pottsville Community Association); Doug Weatherley (Murwillumbah Ratepayers Association)**
- **State government representative - Ben Riley (Ministry of Transport)**
- **Transport sustainability groups (interest groups) - Bill McKenniarey (Blind Citizens Australia)**

Informal (observers):

- **Gold Coast City Council – facilitating public transport needs within Gold Coast City Council**

REPORT:

The Public Transport Working Group (PTWG) has been an advisory group to Council since its inception in 1995. The group's membership has varied somewhat since 1995 and a clarification regarding membership of the group is required.

Terms of Reference:

The terms of reference for the group were recently amended and were endorsed by Council at its meeting of 18 December 2007. The terms of reference are as follows:

1. *To promote the development of public transport and related infrastructure to include any publicly accessible facility or service for transport purposes, with particular emphasis on modes and practices with the least negative impacts upon the social and natural environment promoting accessibility.*
2. *To establish priorities for work based on the outputs from public transport workshops and/or transport orientated activities.*
3. *To develop mechanisms for ongoing community consultation and needs assessment for public transport development in Tweed.*
4. *To occupy a linking role in Council and the community as a reference for public transport issues and public transport development issues.*
5. *To research and advise Council on public transport issues and strategies for improvements, implementation and review of practical policies and practises. To advise in Council planning processes and assist to develop a public transport improvement plan for Council which includes integration with land use planning and development.*
6. *To liaise:-*
 - *with government at all levels (federal, state, regional and local) to provide improvements to public transport and ensure adequate funding is being provided.*
 - *with industry to advance public transport improvement.*
7. *To promote:-*
 - *an awareness of the importance of public transport.*
 - *public transport improvement and development.*

Current Membership of the Public Transport Working Group

The number and identity of the members of the PTWG were established by Council resolution on 21 June 1995. Council resolved that PTWG membership is set at ten members representing various interests regarding public transport within the community including one representative from each of:

- Tweed Heads/Coast bus operators;
- Murwillumbah/Valley bus operators;
- Taxi industry or hire car industry;
- Community Transport;
- Tweed Shire Councillors (2);
- Community Associations;
- Transport-disadvantaged groups (such as schools, young people, older people, people with a disability, aboriginal people, families) (2);
- Transport sustainability or user groups.

At least one of the community or Councillor representatives must represent each of the Council's districts (Tweed Heads, Tweed Coast, Murwillumbah, and Tweed Country Areas). Permanent observer status is granted to a representative of:

- Council staff;
- The Public Transport Development Project of the Northern Rivers Social Development Council;
- NSW Department of Transport; and
- NSW Department of Planning.

Current membership of the PTWG (which best conforms to Council's original resolution) is as follows:-

Formal (members):

- Tweed Heads / Coast Bus Operators - Surfside Buslines - David Bishara
- Murwillumbah Valley Bus Operators - Parsons Bus Company - John Parsons
- Taxi industry - Don Stubbs
- Community Transport – representative of the Tweed Byron Ballina Community Transport (Phil Barron)
- Tweed Shire Council – nil
- Community Associations - Len Greer (Coastal Village Alliances)
- Transport sustainability groups (interest groups) - Bill McKenniarey (Blind Citizens Australia)

Informal (observers):

- Tweed Shire Council – John Zawadzki, Robin Spragg
- Community Associations - Terry O'Toole (Pottsville Community Association), Doug Weatherley (Murwillumbah Ratepayers Association)
- Transport sustainability groups (interest groups) – Linda Lomman (Northern Rivers Social Development Council); Rosemary Beard (Veterans Affairs); Ben Riley (Ministry of Transport)

Mr. Len Greer is currently acting chairman of the group and the group meets once every two months.

The Director Engineering Operations is also Council's executive officer for the PTWG. The executive officer has recently been changed from the Director of Community Services since many of the issues now being raised by the PTWG are development (transport) or operationally orientated. The Director Engineering and Operations also controls much of the Council budget associated with the provision of public transport infrastructure (e.g. roads and bus shelters).

The abovementioned membership, frequency of meetings and reporting Council executive officer differs to the current corporate record. It is recommended that the corporate record be amended to reflect the contents of this report.

Proposed Membership of the Public Transport Working Group

At a meeting of the PTWG held on 21 December 2007, the PTWG suggested that the following membership for the group be accepted by Council:

Formal (members):

- Tweed Heads / Coast Bus Operators - Surfside Buslines - David Bishara; Murwillumbah Valley Bus Operators - Parsons Bus Company - John Parsons
- Taxi industry - Don Stubbs – Tweed Taxis
- Community Transport – Phil Barron - Tweed Byron Ballina Community Transport
- Tweed Shire Council – John Zawadzki (Traffic Engineer); Robin Spragg (Social Planner)
- Community Associations - Len Greer (Coastal Village Alliances) – Acting Chairman; Linda Lomman (Northern Rivers Social Development Council); Rosemary Beard (Veterans Affairs); Terry O'Toole (Pottsville Community Association); Doug Weatherley (Murwillumbah Ratepayers Association)
- State government representative - Ben Riley (Ministry of Transport)
- Transport sustainability groups (interest groups) - Bill McKenniarey (Blind Citizens Australia)

Informal (observers):

- Gold Coast City Council – staff member facilitating public transport needs within Gold Coast City Council

The number of members of the PTWG therefore, if endorsed, would be 13. This is above the originally endorsed membership of 10 members, however all persons nominated above are very willing and keen to provide Council with advice on transport issues within the Shire. The proposed membership still provides an adequate mix of community representatives and transport providers.

Council's staff representatives of Robin Spragg (Social Planner) and John Zawadzki (Traffic Engineer) can provide social, transport planning, operational and procedural advice to the group as well as assisting the group in providing advice to Council. As stated in the suggested membership of the group above, it is recommended that these Council officers be accepted as formal members of the group. The group also suggested that Mr Len Greer would appropriately fill the Acting Chairman role until, or following, the Council election in 2008 where a Councillor may wish to fill this role.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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019 [EO-OC] Tweed Road Contribution Plan - Additions to Works Program at Fraser Drive

ORIGIN:

Director Engineering & Operations

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

It is proposed to fund the completion of road widening and associated works on the eastern side of Fraser Drive, between Leisure Drive and Botanical Circuit by including and extra item into the 2007/08 Works Program of the Tweed Road Contribution Plan. The TRCP funded works will complement works constructed and funded by the developer of an adjacent shopping centre.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. The 5 Year Rolling Works Program, funded from the Tweed Roads Contribution Plan be amended by adding the following item to 2007/2008.

(50) Fraser Drive - Leisure Dr to Broadwater Parkway - Area E (Widen to 4 lane), part item only being western side between Leisure Drive and Botanical Circuit. Estimated Cost \$550,000.**
- 2. The funding of \$550,000 be voted in the current 2007/08 budget from the S94 Tweed Roads Contribution Plan Number 4.**

REPORT:

On 23 October 2007 Council adopted the following 2007/08 Works Program for the Section 94, Developer funded, Tweed Road Contribution Plan (TRCP).

TRCP Project	Estimate	TRCP Fund Balance
(47a) Kennedy Drive/Crystal Waters Dr Right Turn Lane	\$136,144	\$12,424,048
(61e) Minjungbal Dr/Dry Dock Rd Right Turn Lane extension	\$100,500	\$12,12,423,548
(1) Boyd Street Overpass (remaining \$3M due October 2007)	\$3,000,000	\$9,423,548
Estimated Income 07/08	\$1,819,876	\$11,243,424

Fraser Drive and Leisure Drive are major arterial roads in the Banora Point/Tweed Heads South area.

Upgrading of both roads, including the signalisation of the intersection has been the carried out over past years as part of the TRCP works program.

There is a further item in the TRCP works schedule (Item 50) to upgrade Fraser Drive south of Leisure Drive to connect the future Area E urban release area to the Kirkwood Road overpass/interchange. This item is not in the current 5 year program.

Development Application No DA05/1291 approved a shopping centre at the corner of Fraser Drive and Leisure Drive.

Condition 16 required extensive road, drainage and kerb & gutter works on the adjacent public roads.

"16. Application shall be made to Tweed Shire Council under Section 138 of the Roads Act 1993 for works pursuant to this consent located within the road reserve. Application shall include engineering plans and specifications for the following required works: -

- i. Construction along the full length of the proposed development in Fraser Drive, vertical face kerb and gutter on an approved alignment along with associated sub-surface and over-land storm water drainage systems. Provision shall be made for two through lanes (each 3.5m wide) in Fraser Drive south from the intersection of Leisure Drive to the deceleration lane entry taper of the proposed southern entry / exit point.*
- ii. Construction of a bus set down / pickup bay in accordance with Austroads Pt 11 - Parking. The bus bay shall be located on the Fraser Drive frontage with the run in taper commencing immediately adjacent to the southern entry / exit point. The bus bay shall also incorporate a bus shelter and seating in accordance with Tweed Shire Council standards.*

- iii. *Extension of the centre medial island in Fraser Drive (minimum width 1.2 metres) to a point 30m south of the customer parking access point.*
- iv. *Construction of a minimum 2.5m wide concrete paved footpath along the full frontage of the site in Fraser Drive.*
- v. *Construction of an entry access point adjacent to the southern boundary in Fraser Drive providing a minimum pavement width of 7 meters at the boundary and incorporating a minimum 15 metre radius to the road pavement.*
- vi. *Construction of a left turn deceleration lane including vertical faced kerb and gutter, 74 metres in length including taper to Austroads standards prior to the entry off Fraser Drive.*
- vii. *Construction along the full length of the proposed development in Leisure Drive, vertical face kerb and gutter on an approved alignment along with associated sub-surface and over-land storm water drainage systems and a minimum 6 meter wide road pavement measured from the face of the kerb and gutter to the face of the median island kerb and required pavement line marking to provide two through traffic movement lanes.*
- viii. *Reconstruction of vehicular access points removing kerb lines from within the nature strip area of Leisure Drive.*
- ix. *Construction of an extension of the existing medial island in Leisure Drive to provide a half seagull island to direct vehicles making a right turn movement into the customer parking area and prohibit the right turn movement of vehicles into Leisure Drive from the customer parking area.*
- x. *Provision of all pavement line marking, and regulatory signage associated with the development to the satisfaction of the General manager or his delegate.*
- xi. *Both vehicular access points to Leisure Drive are to be constructed as concrete driveways with layback crossovers in accordance with Council's Access to Property Design and Construction Specifications.*
- xii. *Council shall provide a credit for road contributions upon the lodgment of detailed design plans and construction estimates. The credit shall be applicable only to works associated with the extension of a second through lane along the frontage of the site in Fraser Drive.*

The above mentioned engineering plan submission must include copies of compliance certificates relied upon and details relevant to but not limited to the following: -

- *Road works/furnishings*
- *Stormwater drainage*
- *Water and sewerage works*
- *Sediment and erosion control plans*
- *Location of all services/conduits*
- *Traffic control plan"*

The above condition requires the developer to widen the western side of Fraser Drive for the frontage of the shopping centre which is about half the length of the street block between Leisure Drive and Botanical Circuit to the south. Construction of this section of widening only, would leave the balance of widening to Botanical incomplete and leave a missing link in the adjacent drainage and footpath works. It was desirable to also complete this section of works to complete all of the widening, street lighting, drainage and footpath works between Leisure Drive and Botanical Circuit.

As the widening of this section of Fraser Drive is included in TRCP Item 50, it is considered desirable to modify the 2007/08 TRCP works program to include the completion of widening and associated works on the east side of Fraser Drive between Leisure Drive and Botanical Circuit.

The estimated cost to complete these works is \$550,000.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are sufficient funds in the TRCP fund to finance these works.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Modification to TRCP works program.

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O20 [EO-CM] Chinderah Bay Drive, Chinderah**ORIGIN:****Design****SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

At its meeting held on 4 December 2007, Council resolved as follows:-

"That Council:

1. *Enters into negotiations with Hutchinson Builders for a separate agreement over Lots 3, 5 and 7 in DP 1080842 whereby Council buy back these foreshore parcels should development not occur within a negotiated period;*
2. *Should negotiations fail to reach agreement between Council and Hutchinson Builders prior to the option exercise date of 15 January 2008 , then the General Manager is authorised to exercise the option after 15 January 2008 and before 14 February 2008;*
3. *Agrees to the transfer of the lease over Lots 2, 4, 6 and 8 in DP 1080842 between Council and Riverpoint Pty Ltd to Hutchinson Builders; and*
4. *All documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council."*

Following the above meeting Council corresponded with the solicitors for Hutchinson Builders and was advised that Sonhar Pty Ltd, an entity related to Hutchinson Builders had entered into an option to purchase the shares in Riverpoint Pty Ltd. Deacons, the solicitors for Hutchinson Builders advise that the completion of the share transfer is anticipated to occur in March 2008.

As Riverpoint Pty Ltd will remain the registered proprietor and lessee of the subject parcels, there is no necessity for separate agreements to reflect the arrangement with the current directors of Riverpoint Pty Ltd.

A request has been received from representatives of Riverpoint Pty Ltd to extend this option period to after 15 January 2008 and before 14 February 2009.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

- 1. Council agrees to the extension of the option exercise date to commence on 15 January 2009 and expire on 14 February 2009;**
- 2. Should the agreement formalising the extension of the option period not be executed and finalised prior to 14 February 2008 then the General Manager is authorised to exercise the option prior to that date; and**
- 3. All documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council.**
- 4. The ATTACHMENT be treated as CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, because it contains commercial information which would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the organisations providing the information.**

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As Riverpoint Pty Ltd will remain the registered proprietor and lessee of the subject parcels, there is no necessity for separate agreements to reflect the arrangement with the current directors of Riverpoint Pty Ltd.

At the current time, the directors behind Riverpoint are those with whom Council negotiated the current option periods. The proposed purchaser of the company shares are seeking an extension of the option period.

Council is now in receipt of written requests from both Deacons and Paul Bolster, acting for Ian Swarts, to extend the option period for a twelve months so that the option period commences on **15 January 2009** and expires on **14 February 2009**. Copies of these requests are confidential attachments to this report.

As the resolution of 4 December 2007 provides for the negotiation of a further agreement, it is recommended that Council agree to the twelve (12) month extension as requested. Should a further agreement not be executed and finalised prior to **14 February 2007**, then Council should confirm its authorisation for the General Manager to exercise the option before that date.

Should Council exercise the option, then Council will be required to complete the purchase and provide payment of the purchase price paid by Riverpoint Pty Ltd, **\$169,400**. The funding for this purchase, should it arise, has not been budgeted for in 2007/2008 budget.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:

1. **Confidential Attachment** - Email from Deacons dated 14 January 2008 (DW1738735).
 2. **Confidential Attachment** Facsimile letter from Paul Bolster & Company dated 14 January 2008 (DW 1739522)
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O21 [CNR-OC] Palliative Care Issues for Tweed Shire**ORIGIN:****Community & Cultural Services****SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Palliative Care is end of life care for people who have a serious or life-limiting disease, for example cancer or motor neurone disease. Although Palliative Care is a Health Dept issue, the increase aged cohort for Tweed in the 2006 census, and the Government identified higher aged Palliative Care needs and End of Life Care (Reports of Death) in Tweed indicate Council be advised of relevant issues. In addition, palliative care and the need for a local Hospice was a contentious issue in Tweed prior to the 2004 Council elections. Since 2004, Council staff have forged strong links with relevant hospital and community stakeholders. The report outlines current status of the following issues:

- Urgent need for Personal Care for Tweed residents dying at home
- The Sunshine Days
- The Tweed & Gold Coast Quality Awards 2007
- Establishment of a Hospice in Tweed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and notes the report on Palliative Care Issues for Tweed Shire.

REPORT:

Urgent Need for Personal Care for Tweed Residents Dying at Home

In Tweed, personal care (bathing, feeding etc) for people dying at home is provided by trained volunteers from Tweed Palliative Support Inc ("TPS"), a community-based organisation which receives no government funding. However, TPS is unable to meet the considerable identified need in Tweed. Council has supported TPS for 8 years by providing rent-free office accommodation at 1 Nullum Street, Murwillumbah and occasional funding via the Donations Policy. In recent months TPS has vacated Nullum Street and established 2 op shops which provide income to support market rental at a larger venue.

Neither Department of Health Community Nurses nor the Department of Ageing and Disability (DADHC) Home Care provide personal care to palliative patients at home. DADHC can provide limited personal care if the patient is also frail aged or has a disability, though palliative needs are immediate and incompatible with the lengthy assessment process for Home Care.

In 2007, following discussions with Tweed Hospital Palliative Care Team and other stakeholders, Council identified a possible state-wide misinterpretation of DADHC guidelines, and notified Department of Health Policy Officers. Subsequently, Council received advice from the Department acknowledging the identified issue, and that they have commenced discussions with DADHC Officers to address the matter. Council staff are monitoring this situation.

The Sunshine Days

This is an innovative community initiative facilitated by the Sunshine Team, a partnership of staff and volunteers from Murwillumbah Tweed Cancer Support Group, Tweed Palliative Support Group, Tweed Shire Council, Tweed Brunswick Breast Cancer Support Group and The Bright Side of Life. Each Sunshine Day, funded by bequests, Council via Community Options or Community Workers budget, community donations and fund-raising, provides a special day in a luxurious environment of pampering, gourmet food, and much-needed emotional support, group work, trials of complimentary cancer treatments and information on available services for people diagnosed with cancer. Three successful and life-changing Sunshine Days have been held. To date, funding has been unavailable from Health Services. In 2007, Council successfully applied for funding via CDSE to facilitate a further 4 Sunshine Days in 2008. Council continues to support this project and is working with the Sunshine Team to encourage the Health Department to embrace Sunshine Days as a national model for cancer care.

The Tweed and Gold Coast Quality Awards 2007

In 2007, The Sunshine Team was nominated for this award. The Awards are to recognise excellence in patient outcomes and service delivery for public/private hospitals and allied health departments on the Gold Coast and Northern NSW. There were approximately 60 nominations. The teams project, "The Sunshine Days" for people with a diagnosis of cancer was one of 7 finalists. A presentation was made to about 200 medical personnel at Twin Towns on Thursday, 18 October 2007. Many senior hospital staff, in speeches, referred to how impressed they were that the community was working together with Council to initiate health programs, and how innovative this project is. It is pleasing to note that the Sunshine Team came joint second.

Establishment of a Hospice in Tweed

There is an urgent need to establish a Hospice in the Tweed. Currently, from the Queensland border to Newcastle in NSW there are no accredited stand-alone Hospice facilities. In 2006, Council commenced working with staff from The Bright Side of Life and Tweed Palliative Support Inc to establish a network of representatives to address this matter. Following considerable research and a visit to the Queensland Hospice 'Hopewell', it became apparent that The Bright Side of Life in Murwillumbah, which is a purpose-built quality of life retreat for people diagnosed with cancer, already fulfilled infrastructure requirements of a Hospice, and much of the professional care, support groups and equipment, were already established. Council is now working with The Bright Side of Life and Tweed Palliative Support to restructure the facility into an accredited hospice. A Proposal has been prepared to assist in securing government funding of \$1.2 million per annum. This will be supported by bequests/grants/public and private fundraising as is the norm for all hospices. A Steering Committee of Community Leaders is being established to oversee the restructure.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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O22 [CNR-OC] Request for "In Kind" Support/Waive Fee**ORIGIN:****Community & Cultural Services****SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Council has received requests from various organisations asking that Council provides in-kind support/waives the fees for room hire. Details of the requests are reproduced in the body of this report.

In accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 - Donations, Council resolved on 6 October 2004 that:-

".... in future, all donations made by Council, whether in cash or in kind, be made by way of a resolution of Council."

RECOMMENDATION:**That Council:-**

- 1. With reference to the request from the Twin Towns & District Garden Club Inc, Council provides the Tweed Heads Civic Centre Auditorium for a reduced fee of \$97.50 per meeting being 50% of the full fee of \$195 for the meetings held on the second Monday of each month from January to November 2008, and that Council's support is recognised with the following acknowledgement "This program has been supported by Tweed Shire Council".**
- 2. With reference to the request from the Twin Towns & District Garden Club Inc, Council provides the Tweed Heads Civic Centre Auditorium for a reduced fee of \$110.20 with the Friday set-up free of charge for the Annual Flower Show on 22 and 23 September 2008, and that Council's support is recognised with the following acknowledgement "This program has been supported by Tweed Shire Council".**
- 3. With reference to the request from the Far North Coast Disability Interagency, NSW Department of Education & Training, Council approves the request for a waiver of the fee for use of the South Tweed Community Hall on 27 May 2008 for the expo for school leavers with a disability, and that Council's support is recognised with the following acknowledgement "This program has been supported by Tweed Shire Council".**

4. With reference to the request from the Penne Millar, The Cancer Foundation NSW, Relay for Life, subject to availability Council provides the Murwillumbah Civic Centre Auditorium for a reduced fee of \$103 being 50% of the full fee of \$206 for the professional fundraising concert in March 2006, and that Council's support is recognised with the following acknowledgement "This program has been supported by Tweed Shire Council".
5. With reference to the request from Vic Basten, Australian Academy of Tai Chi, Council provides the Kingscliff Amenities Hall for a reduced fee of \$18 per hour being a discount of \$10 for the first hour and \$3 for each subsequent hour, and that Council's support is recognised with the following acknowledgement "This program has been supported by Tweed Shire Council".
6. With reference to the request from Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra, Council provides the Tweed Heads Civic Centre for rehearsals every Wednesday for \$10 per rehearsal and provides the Tweed Heads Civic Centre free of charge for three concert performances in 2008, and that Council's support is recognised with the following acknowledgement "This program has been supported by Tweed Shire Council".
7. With reference to the request from the Tweed Australian South Sea Islander Community Inc, Council provides the South Sea Islander Room at no charge for 2008 monthly meetings and that Council's support is recognised with the following acknowledgement "This programme has been supported by Tweed Shire Council".

REPORT:

Council has received requests from various organisations asking that Council provides in-kind support/waives the fees for room hire. Details of the requests are reproduced as follows:-

Organisation Name	Request	Est \$ Amount of Waiver	Recommendation	Meet Guidelines?
Twin Towns & District Garden Club Inc	Request that fee be reduced to \$92.50 for hire of the Tweed Heads Civic Centre for the monthly meetings held on the second Monday of each month from January to November 2008.	\$1,017.50	That the fee be reduced to \$97.50 per meeting being 50% of the scheduled fee of \$195.	Yes
Twin Towns & District Garden Club Inc	Request that fee be reduced to \$110.20 for hire of the Tweed Heads Civic Centre Auditorium for the Annual Flower Show to be held on 23 September 2008 and that no fee be charged for the half day set-up on 22 September 2008.	\$94.80	That the fee be reduced to \$110.20 for the Annual Flower Show and that no fee be charged for the set-up on 22 September 2008	Yes
Far North Coast Disability Interagency - NSW Department of Education & Training	Request that fee be waived for hire of South Tweed Community Centre on 27 May 2008 for an expo for school leavers with a disability	\$42.00	That the fee of \$42 be waived for the expo for school leavers with a disability.	Yes
Penne Millar, The Cancer Council NSW, Relay for Life	Request that fee be waived for hire of Murwillumbah Civic Centre in March 2008 for Relay for Life fundraising concert.	\$206.00	That the fee be reduced to \$103.00 per meeting being 50% of the scheduled fee of \$206.	Yes
Vic Basten, Australian Academy of Tai Chi	Request that the fee be reduced to \$18 per hour for the hire of the Kingscliff Amenities Hall for Tai Chi classes.	\$10 for the first hour and \$3 for each hour thereafter	That the fee be reduced to \$18 per hour being a reduction of \$10 for the first hour and \$3 for each subsequent hour.	Yes. Community orientated activity that supports healthy lifestyle.

Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra	Request that the fee be waived for hire of the Tweed Heads Civic Centre for weekly rehearsals and 3 concert performances in 2008.	\$3,998	That the fee be reduced to \$10 per rehearsal every Wednesday and that the fee be waived for 3 concert performances in 2008.	Yes
Tweed Australian South Sea Islander Community Inc	Request waiver of fees for the use of the South Sea Islander Room for regular meetings	\$780	That the fee be waived.	Yes

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Should requests be approved for the waiving of fees for room hire, the income for the meeting room will be impacted by the amount of the fee reduction.

Should requests for "in kind" support be approved, this will impact on the costing of Council's involvement in the activity.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In considering this request, reference should be made to:-

Festivals Policy.

Donations Policy.

Guidelines for Fee Reduction, Auditoriums, Meeting Rooms and Halls.

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1. Twin Towns & District Garden Club Inc (DW1718631)
2. Far North Coast Disability Interagency, NSW Department of Education & Training (DW1726641)
3. Penne Millar, The Cancer Council NSW, Relay for Life (DW1721657)
4. Vic Basten, Australian Academy of Tai Chi (DW1728784)
5. Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra (DW1733020)
6. Tweed Australian South Sea Islander Community Inc (DW1735374)

O23 [CNR-OC] Entomological Control Report for period October to December 2007

ORIGIN:

Community & Natural Resources

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

The following report summarises local Arbovirus, biting insect and vermin monitoring/control carried out during October to December 2007.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Entomological Control Report for the period October to December 2007 be received and noted.

REPORT:

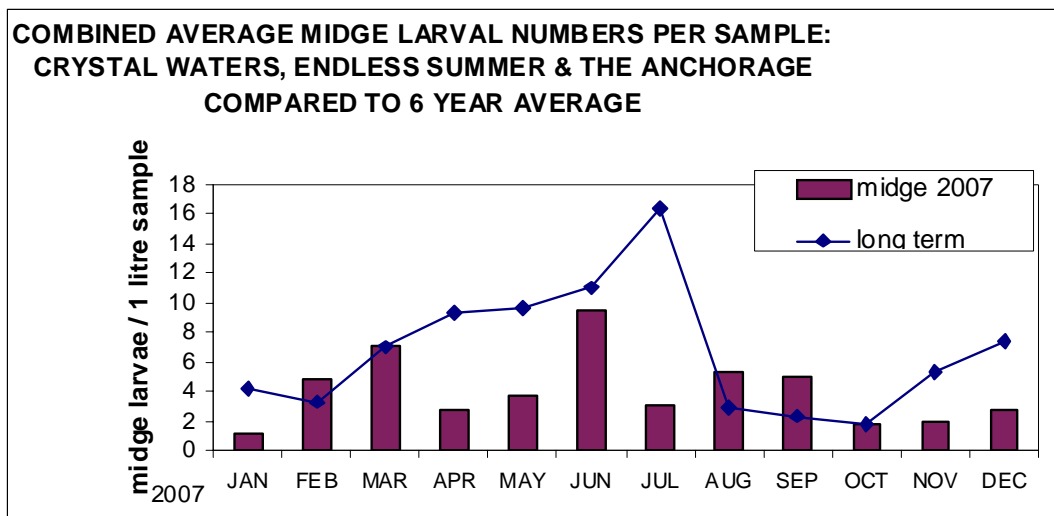
BITING MIDGE

Seasonal activity

Biting midge activity was below average over the report period. However, moderate activity was reported at times from areas of Tweed Heads South, Tweed Heads West, Banora Point and parts of Bilambil Heights and Terranora. There were 11 enquiries related to biting midges over the report period.

Monitoring of biting midge larval numbers in canal estates indicated below average midge numbers in these canals during the report period.

The following graph depicts biting midge larval numbers averaged in 3 major canal estates over the year.



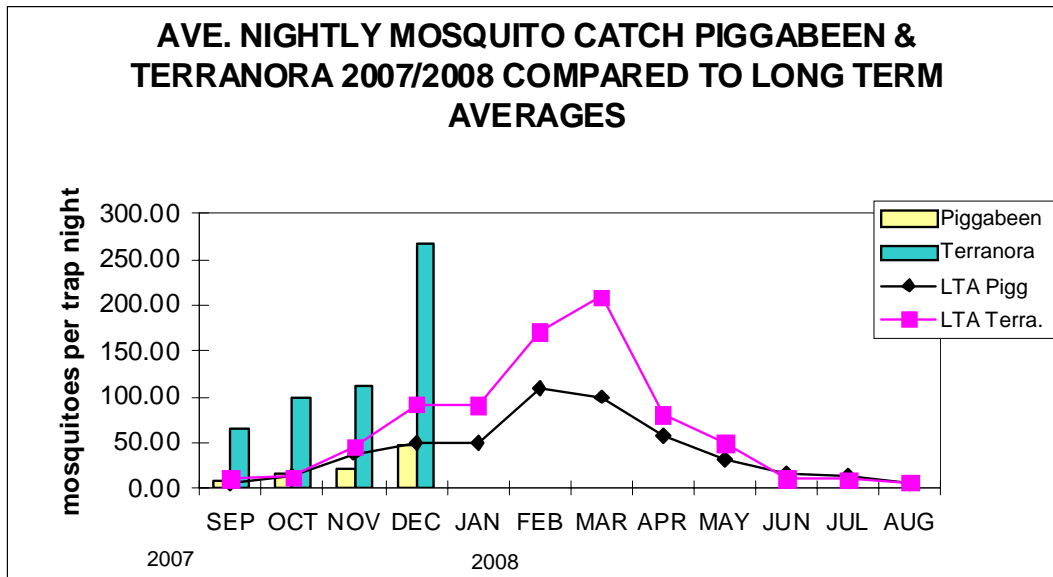
MOSQUITOES

Seasonal activity

The last quarter of the year saw one of the busiest early mosquito seasons we have had in the last decade. Mosquito breeding was extensive over the report period with frequent rain triggering large hatches of salt marsh mosquitoes in coastal areas of the Shire. The developing La Nina conditions following a long period of El Nino conditions were the right recipe for intensive mosquito breeding in lowlands that had been dry for long periods. These lowlands had lost their mosquito predator complexes over the dry times; however, dormant mosquito eggs remained viable in these areas and quickly hatched following rain events.

There were 15 mosquito related enquiries over the report period with areas surrounding Terranora Broadwater the principal areas suffering mosquito nuisance.

The most frequently collected mosquito larvae and trapped mosquitoes were the salt marsh and brackish water breeding species *Culex Sitiens*, *Aedes vigilax* and *Verrallina funerea*. *Cx. Sitiens* was by far the dominant mosquito species caught in Carbon dioxide baited monitoring traps; however, this species does not cause major nuisance in this area and is not a common vector for disease and was hence not targeted for control.



Control

Due to the extensive mosquito breeding, aerial mosquito larval control was necessary on three occasions over the report period. The following table outlines these treatments, which were carried out with the bacterial larvicide Bti. Favourable weather during spraying helped with the extremely good larval reductions.

AERIAL MOSQUITO SPRAYING - TAPPS AVIATION

2007/08

Date	Site	Time	Chemical & rate	Hectares & amt. used	Weather	Target species	Pre spray dip ave.	Post spray dip ave
15-Nov-07	Charles Bay	0630	Vectobac	20ha	Fine	Ae.vigilax	10	0
			1.2L/ha	27L	3k W; 18C	V.funerea	5	0
15-Nov-07	N. Tumbulgum	0610	Vectobac	5ha	Fine	Ae.vigilax	20	0
				8L	3k W; 18C	V.funerea	9	0
8-Dec-07	Terranora	0730	Vectobac	12ha	Fine	Ae.vigilax	2	0
			1.2L/ha	15L	5k N; 23C	V.funerea	2	0
						Cx. Sitiens	32	0
8-Dec-07	Charles Bay	0745	Vectobac	8ha	Fine	Ae.vigilax	4	0
			1.2L/ha	10L	5k N; 23C	V.funerea	4	0
8-Dec-07	Pigg Rd Cobaki	0810	Vectobac	13ha	Fine	Ae.vigilax	4	1
			1.2L/ha	15L	5k N; 23C			
14-Dec-07	Charles Bay	0700	Vectobac	20ha	Fine	Ae.vigilax	11	0
			1.2L/ha	27L	8k S; 21	V.funerea	8	0
14-Dec-07	N. Tumbulgum	0640	Vectobac	5ha	Fine	Ae.vigilax	15	0
				8L	8k S; 21	V.funerea	10	0
14-Dec-07	Terranora	0740	Vectobac	12ha	Fine	Ae.vigilax	2	0
			1.2L/ha	15L	8k S; 21	V.funerea	2	0
14-Dec-07	Bilambil	0800	Vectobac	7ha	Fine	Ae.vigilax	10	0
			1.2L/ha	8L	8k S; 21			

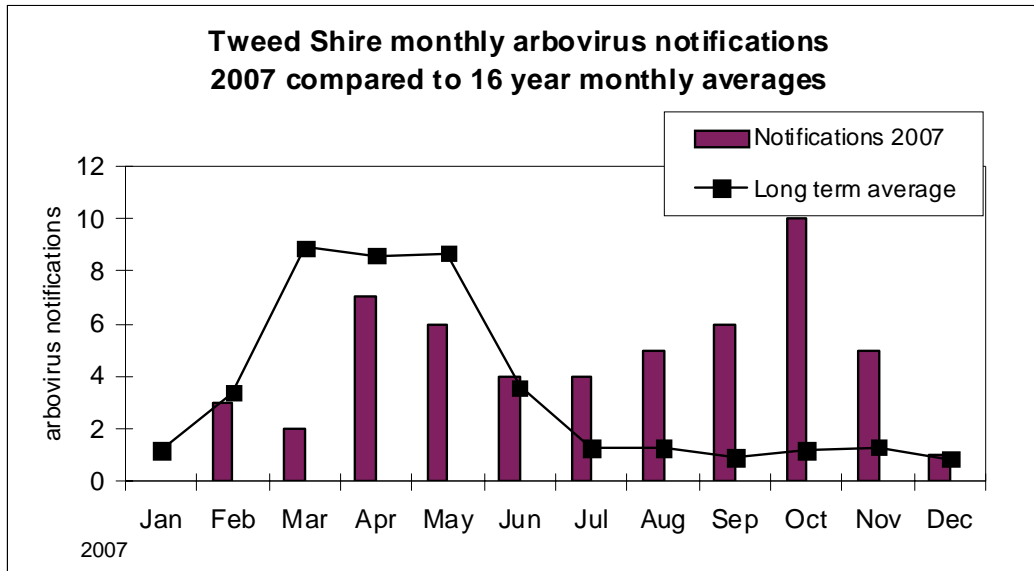
Ground based treatments focussed on the application of sustained release Methoprene pellets to inhibit adult mosquito emergence. Treatment areas included Pottsville, Chinderah, Fingal Head, Tweed Heads West, Tweed Heads South, Cobaki, Piggabeen, Bilambil and Terranora.

Arbovirus

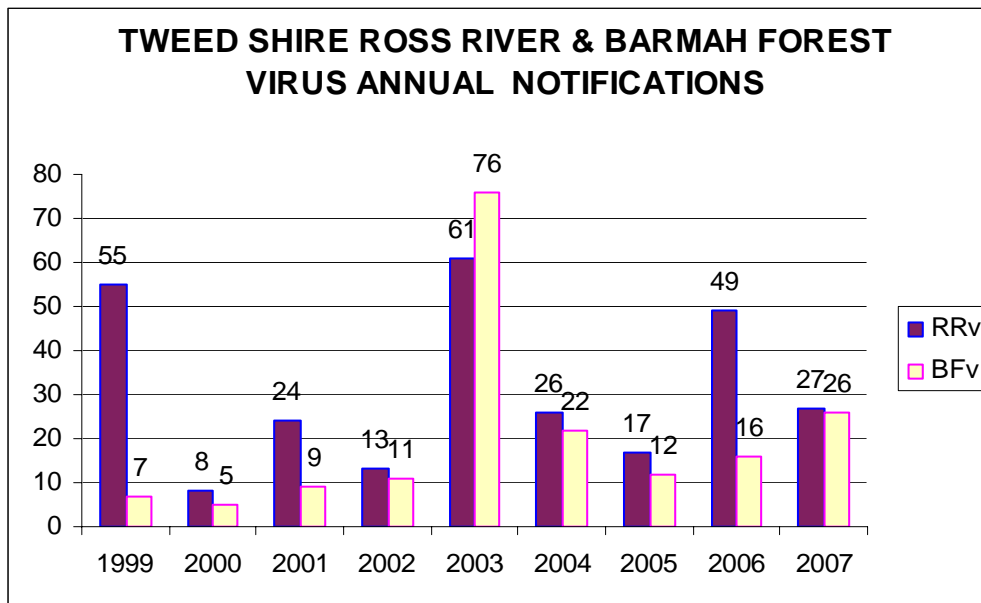
There were 16 arboviral notifications over the report period October to December 30, comprising 9 cases of Ross River virus and 7 cases of Barmah Forest virus.

The October and November notifications were well above average for the time of year, partly due to the very early start to the mosquito season.

The following graph shows combined monthly RRv and BFv notifications 2007 compared to long-term averages.



The following graph depicts local arbovirus notifications over the last 9 years.



OTHER PESTS

Rodents

Rodent baiting was carried out over the report period around coastal holiday parks and gardens, sewer treatment plants, adjacent to several drainage reserves and infested sections of Tweed River rock walls.

Rabbits

Rabbit baiting with Pindone oat bait has continued to be the focus for rabbit control at Casuarina Beach and in some rabbit infested parts of Murwillumbah. Evening observations along set transects has shown a steady decline in rabbit numbers at Casuarina Beach over the last 3 months. Trials with rabbit pen traps are continuing at Casuarina Beach in an attempt to further decrease rabbit numbers. Increased mosquito activity following the recent heavy coastal rain may help spread rabbit viral diseases amongst the local rabbit population.

Miscellaneous

There were 99 enquiries over the report period requesting miscellaneous pest information and identifications. The most common enquiries related to fly swarms, ants, spiders and termites.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:

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