



A Voice for the
Community

Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc

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“REGIONAL RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION Inc.” Newsletter July 6, 2010.

AGM - Meeting to be held at Pride Leagues Club, Irene Street, Mooroolooloolo: 8pm-July 6, 2010.

Lobbing for Moody Creek Upgrade: has paid off; a consultant has been assigned to the project; and was due to sign the dotted line the week of June, 28. I have been placed on the list for the consulting committee. The study process will be carried out by the consultant. The project is rolling solid with the consultant also contracted to carry out the modelling system concepts for improvements with site inspections; incorporating retention basins. The consulting process will be completed by the end of 2010.

Up Date: Chinaman Creek: The levee bank along Hutcherson Street will be upgraded, as part of the condition the Retirement Village is required to construct a 300 mm concrete levy wall; I am led to believe a contractor has been appointed. This will assist with the hydraulic flow, and the flood inundations; which has occurred mainly around areas of Hutchings and Wilks Streets in the past; 2006 was the worst. I then lobbied for this area; a pump was installed at the bottom end of the Park at Hutchison Street.

After a meeting with CRC: investigations will be carried out regarding the meeting held on the bank of Chinaman Creek, March 19, where a permit was to be drawn up by DERM (Department Environment Resource Management) and sent to the CEO of Cairns Regional Council in one to two weeks: for the cleaning of debris and build up of rubbish upstream of Chinaman Creek.

Work for the Dole: This program has now been enforced for all long term centre link reacceptances to work for 15 hours per week to be entitled to receive the welfare benefits. As discussed with Local Government if we work these hours correctly, the cost of a project would be significantly less than anticipated. Organisation skills would have to be supervised.

Public Notice: AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be held 8pm – July 6, Pride Leagues Club, Irene Street, Mooroolooloolo. The community are encouraged to attend.

Reminder- Sausage Sizzle: will be held at PICCONS SUPA IGA, Pease Street, Manoora, July 17, set up 8.30am to 2pm. **Request:** from the community to volunteer for the sausage sizzle: please phone or email as listed above to register your time slot.

Elderly Abuse: This never ceases to disgust the community as a whole, the senior citizens have worked hard to assist the formation of the City of Cairns; and rightfully deserve the respect to all senior persons. Seniors week commences on August 17, I put a challenge to the community to look out for seniors as they have truly earned their respect.

Positive Ageing Cairns Incorporated: Positive Ageing Fair – meet Australia’s Ambassador for Ageing “Noelene Brown”- **City Place** Thursday August 19, 10 am to 3.00 pm. for FREE SENIORS seats on SUNBUS on the day. Refer to the flyer enclosed.



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Regional Ratepayers' Association of Cairns Inc Meeting on 1 June 2010 at Pride Leagues Club, Irene Street, Mooroolooloolo.

Minutes

Welcome: Thelma Spelta opened the meeting at 8.10pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: See Attendance Book.

Apologies: Kevin Molleneaux.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting were written by Carmel Sherman in the absence of Secretary, Leila Trenfield. The minutes were moved for adoption by Carmel Sherman and seconded by Margaret Blackhall to be a true and accurate statement of the meeting. Carried!

Treasurer's Report: The current Balance is \$6134.84 plus \$3 000 for Seniors Directory Grant. Leonie Brammall moved her report for adoption and it was seconded by Linda Vogel. Carried!

General Business:

Ratepayers' Newsletter: The Newsletter was produced after new sponsors were found. An application for funds to purchase a printer and computer has been submitted to print the Newsletter.

There was a discussion about how often the Ratepayers' Newsletter would be printed. It was suggested that it be printed every two months and that some emailing could be trialled. The members felt the monthly newsletter kept residents in touch with what was happening so there was no change.

Update on Chinaman Creek: Workers, who work for the Dole, are to help clean Chinaman's Creek. This means that the project will go ahead. There will be more updates at the July meeting.

Cairns West Focus Group: The group have the Community Patrols up and going once more for the benefit of safety for the residents.

Block Coordinators: The Block co-ordinators who give up their time to deliver the Newsletters have never been confronted in 7.5 years but recently one co-ordinator was abused for depositing mail in a letterbox. These incidents need to be reported.

AGM: The Annual General Meeting of the Regional Ratepayers' Association of Cairns Incorporated will be held on 6 July 2010 at the Pride Leagues Club, Irene Street, Mooroolooloolo.

Sausage Sizzle: The next Sausage Sizzle will be held on 17 July 2010. Residents are asked to help at the sausage sizzle. Would all those who are able to give a couple of hours or less at the fundraiser, please notify Thelma Spelta.?

Grants: Most grants have been successful but the grant to take the Low Carbon Diet farther a field to other areas has not been granted as yet. The goal is to continue applications for grants. JCU is researching funding to support the ongoing Awareness Program.

Cycling/ Walkways: Thelma Spelta asked everyone to give their input into their thoughts on cycling and walkways to the Cairns Regional Council.

Closure of Meeting: Thelma thanked everyone for their attendance and their support. Thanks to the Pride Leagues Club for the venue! The meeting closed at 8.25pm. The next meeting will be on 6 July 2010.

Thelma Spelta.
President.

Leila Trenfield.
Secretary.

Leonie Brammall.
Treasurer.

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