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# Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc

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## **“REGIONAL RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION of CAIRNS INC” Newsletter May 4, 2010.**

Continue to lobby for the Moody Creek upgrade as per tender closed: April 8, 2010.

Regarding the **Moody Creek** catchment upgrades, it should be noted that from the Fisheries Tribunal, Appeal No. F T 454 Court hearing outcome in the Supreme Court in Cairns on November 26/27, 2001, the cost to the rate payers of Cairns was \$30 000.00. The cost would be marginally more now in 2010.

It was the aim of the Association not to put the Ratepayers of Cairns to any added expense of another Court hearing. The Mayor has publically agreed the Moody Creek catchment is the next one on the list; and well and truly over due for the upgrade.

After making several inquiries, I am led to believe the Retention Basin in Ramsay Drive is only completed to the first stage; and the inlet pipe is one metre lower than required. I have also spoken to the Planning and Developing Minister in Brisbane about the flood mitigation system. Councillor and Council representative (advised at a community public meeting) that it would be carried out similar to the Ross River Road Mitigation System in Townsville, and as a result we would not have anymore problems.

I am led to believe certain officers of Council believe the Retention Basin did not overflow the spillway; To my knowledge it did go over the spillway in January 12, 2009, and again on February 6, 2009. Water came overland through thousands of homes.

What the community are requesting from Council is the time frame to do the tender process, and a time frame to be drawn up for the completion of the work. Hopefully this will be before the 2011 wet season. Seeing **ALL** waterways are the responsibility of Council.

Further updates to hand next month, as more discussions take place.

**The CBD** will be receiving upgrades to be completed over the next dry season in 2011, to a 1 in 100 stormwater event. This section will aim to protect properties, Businesses and Council infrastructure against flooding in the southern part of the CBD.

The Subsequent stage of the CBD South Stormwater Drainage Scheme will focus on the stormwater catchment areas located at the southern end of Abbott Street, Wharf Street between Abbott and Spence Streets and Marlin Parade, near the Esplanade and the Spence Streets intersection.



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**REQUEST:** for the community to volunteer at a sausage sizzle to be held on **May 8, 2010.**

**IGA Piccones Pease Street, Manunda; from 8.30am set up to 2pm.** This fund raiser is to assist with the payment for the Public Liability Insurance, due in June.

Many hands make light work: It would be appreciated if some of the community could spare a couple of hours to assist this worthwhile cause. The fellowship is also connecting the community, together we stand! Please call Thelma Spelta on 4053 7271 or 0409 644 501 for a time slot that suites you.

## **Update; on Chinaman Creek, twenty years of overgrowth:**

Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns made appointments with a Council Officer, then with both Council and Environmental Officers. I received letters of support from two Departments and I supplied one from the Neighbourhood Watch Program in support of the clearing of the overgrowth in Chinamans Creek for safety purposes.

Six different organisations were represented on the Creek bank, total of twelve in attendance; debating for one and a quarter hours; This ended in a result with a letter of approval from DERM (Department of Environmental Resource Management) to be drawn up with approval and sent to the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the Cairns Regional Council within one to two weeks from March 19, 2010. There has been a hold up with the application form used, clarification and update to come to hand.

## **GRANTS SUBMITTED;**

1. April 22, 2010; Printing Update of the Seniors Directory to the value of \$3 000.00 to be Launched during Seniors Week display at Tjapukai.
2. April 15, 2010; Computer, fax, scanner and copier to the value of \$4 303.00.

## **Regional Ratepayers' Association of Cairns Inc Meeting on 6 April 2010 at Pride Leagues Club, Irene Street, Mooroolbool.Minutes.**

Welcome: As the Low Carbon Diet Program Launch did not finish until 9.15pm at the Neighbourhood Watch Meeting, Thelma announced that the Ratepayers' Meeting would be a quick meeting. Everyone was welcomed.

Present: See Attendance Book.

Apologies: Steve Moncrief, Brian Dawson, Marg Blackhall.

Minutes: Minutes were published in the April Newsletter. It was moved by Leonie Brammall and seconded by Daphne Jackson that the minutes were a true and accurate statement. Carried!

Treasurer's Report: Balance was \$452.99. Sausage Sizzle on the 3 April raised \$180.60 to be added. Leonie Brammall moved her report and it was seconded by Frank Pagram. Carried!

### General Business:

Thelma spoke about a few issues:

Chinaman's Creek had to be cleared and cleaned;

There was a tender process in place for Moody Creek Improvements and Lyons Park at Earlville was in need of lighting and CCTV cameras.

Thelma thanked the volunteers at the Sausage Sizzle in April and was calling on volunteers for the next Sausage Sizzle on 8 May. More funds were needed to pay for the Yearly Insurance.

Closure of Meeting: Thelma thanked everyone for staying as it was much later than usual. A thank you to Pride Leagues Club for the Venue! The Meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting will be on 4 May 2010.

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President

Leila Trenfield  
Secretary

Leonie Brammall  
Treasurer.

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