





**A Voice for the  
Community**

# *Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc*

**IN: IA37190**

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

**Minutes:**

**Annual Meeting**

**Welcome:** Thelma Spelta welcomed everyone to the Meeting. Thelma asked the executive to vacate their positions and Steve Moncrieff chaired the meeting.

**Apologies:** Margaret Blackhall.

**President's Report:** At a meeting held on 4 May 2009, a group of concerned residents spoke about their fears of more flooding in the area. It was decided that to be a voice for the community, the Regional Ratepayers' of Cairns Inc be formed to enable residents to take issues to the Cairns Regional Council.

The flooding in 2000 was due to the ongoing development and the age of the current drains-creeks. It was stated that the flooding was caused by the very high tides. The 2000 floods occurred on low and medium tides.

Consequences of the flooding were emotional, traumatic, stressful, safety issues and caused property sales to fall as well as raising insurance payments for home and contents insurance. After the Court Case in October 2001, a Retention Basin was built in Ramsey Drive and opening out of Moody Creek from Cochrane to Alfred Street crossings. Since then there has been no new infrastructure to alleviate flooding caused mainly from hillslopes and upstream developments.

This year after councillor and representative visited the meeting in May 2009 to hear people's concerns, there has been plans by the Council to clean and clear the drains to improve water flow. I have been asked to be a member of the Consultative Committee. Just recently the Council put funding in place for the design work for the Moody Creek and Chinaman Creek Drainage Design Plan.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions throughout the year!

**Treasurer's Report:** Leonie Brammall reported that Steve Moncrieff had audited the books and the balance was \$7 884.84 on the 30 June 2010. The report was moved by Joan McIntyre and seconded by Kevin Molleneaux. Carried!

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes of the Initial Meeting on 4 May 2009 were read by Secretary Leila Trenfield. These were moved by Linda Vogel and seconded by Leonie Brammall. Carried!

**Nominations for the Executive:**

President: Thelma Spelta was nominated by Kevin Molleneaux and seconded by Lorna Lavering. Carried!

Secretary: Leila Trenfield was nominated by Kevin Molleneaux and seconded by Carmel Sherman. Carried!

Treasurer: Leonie Brammall was nominated by Daphne Jackson and seconded by Phillip Spelta. Carried!

All nominees accepted their positions.

**Thanks:** Thelma thanked Steve Moncrieff for doing the Audit and nominated Steve to audit next year's books. Carried with acclamation! The Annual Meeting closed.

**General Meeting**

**Minutes:** The minutes in the Newsletter were moved by Kevin Molleneaux and seconded by Leonie Brammall. Carried!

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance \$7 884.84. The report was moved by Sharon Davon and seconded by Bill Jackson. Carried!

**Grant:** There has not been any notification of gaining the grant for the printer as yet.

**Sausage Sizzle:** Saturday 17 July. Please come along to help! Thanks!

**Positive Ageing Fair:** City Place on 19 August from 10.00am -3.00pm

**Closure:** The meeting closed at 8.35pm. Thanks to Pride Leagues Club for their continued support! Next meeting will be on 3 August 2010.

Thelma Spelta.  
President.

Leila Trenfield.  
Secretary.

Leonie Brammall.  
Treasurer.

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