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# Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc

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## **“REGIONAL RATEPAYERS’ ASSOCIATION OF CAIRNS INC” Newsletter** **September 7, 2010 - 8 pm, Pride Leagues Club, Irene Street, Mooroolbool.**

Thank you to the community for your support! It is very much appreciated. Working together, we *can* make a difference. A special thanks to Leila Trenfield for your time and assistance!

**Moody Creek updates:** The Moody Creek crossing is being upgraded under maintenance. This is a golden opportunity to reduce cost to the ratepayers of Cairns. (in 2 years time, the estimated cost saving would be an extra 15% to 20%) As I am led to believe the crossing was to be upgraded to a three concrete culvert crossing. Clarification through the Mayor from the engineers is currently taking place, and is to be advised.

It is my understanding the existing two culvert structure is only equal to a Q5 (one in five year flooding). With the Australian standard being Q10 for crossings, this will be clarified by the engineers, as it seems a waste of ratepayers’ money not to include the third cell when the hole is already there. The cell could be blocked off as originally advised until the downstream upgrade has taken place.

The extra water flow at the Moody Creek crossing upstream of ***Cochrane Street Bridge (already a health and safety issue) spells disaster for the community*** in the wet season unless the Cochrane Street Bridge is also upgraded before the wet season as per court hearing process in October 2001.

Reassured the Moody Creek catchment is next to be upgraded. In saying this, the community is aware of the consulting process due to be completed by December, but ***where does it leave the community this wet season?*** Why isn’t the community advised on what and where the process is up to; after all it is the ratepayers who suffer the cost of rates, risk of being electrocuted, drowned, loss of property, vehicles damaged and downgrading of properties (some insurances have advised that the company will not pay any more claims after the January and February 2009 events.) ***All drainage is the responsibility of the Council.***

**Chinaman Creek Down Stream update:** After 2006 flooding in Hutchinson and Wilks Streets areas, a pump was installed. On inquiring about flooding, the Association has been advised that the height of the levee bank is to be increased on the downstream second half for safety purposes.

**Chinaman Creek Cleaning update:** From Gordon Street downstream of McEwen Street. Regional Ratepayers Assoc of Cairns Inc have commenced negotiations with an organisation and employment agency to acquire “Work for the Dole” participants to submit to Council. The experience and knowledge gained in the working process will assist with employment.



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**Guest Speaker:** David Curran, Customer Relationship Manager will inform the Community on benefits to the Non-for-Profit organisations.



**Sausage Sizzle:** Booked for October 16, 2010; could I please have a show of hands at the meeting and confirm at October meeting? Thank you to everyone for your continued assistance. It's a great time for fellowship and networking.

**Regional Ratepayers' Association of Cairns Inc Meeting on 3 August 2010 at Pride Leagues Club, Irene Street, Mooroolbool.**

**Minutes**

**Welcome:** Thelma Spelta thanked residents for staying for the meeting.

**Present:** As per Attendance Book

**Apologies:** Bill Jackson, Sharon Davon, Joanne Nutter.

**Minutes:** The 6 July 2010 Minutes were published in the Monthly Newsletter. It was moved by Tiffany Brammall and seconded by Leonie Brammall that the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting. Carried!

**Treasurer's Report:** Leonie Brammall reported that Thelma Spelta had produced a Spreadsheet to show Revenue and Expenditure for each month. The Annual Return including Audited Financial Statements was submitted to the Office of Fair Trading and an amount of \$42.20 for the Registration of the Association was paid. Leonie Brammall moved her report and it was seconded by Daphne Jackson. Carried!

**General Business:**

**Sausage Sizzle:** Thelma thanked Linda Vogel, Kevin Molleneaux, Margaret Blackall, Bill Jackson, Daphne Jackson, Jill King, Phillip Spelta and Leila Trenfield who had helped with the Sausage Sizzle on 17 July 2010.

**Drainage Issues:** Work has begun on the Moody Creek Bridge as the cement needed renewing. Extra pipes are to be added. The Moody and Chinaman Creeks Drainage Design Plan is being done by a specialist team. As part of the Consulting group, Thelma will again walk the drains to show how and why there are problems with flooding. The cost of the drainage work will be substantial. Trimming back of vegetation on Chinaman Creek has not yet begun. A levee bank is to be placed on the Chinaman Creek Drain.

**Councillor Blake:** Councillor Blake is happy to attend any meeting of the Ratepayers. It was suggested that Councillor Blake be invited to the September Meeting (This will be subject to availability.) as he could provide updates on the Moody Creek Bridge and the Cultural Centre.

**Closure:** Thelma reminded residents to bring in their Electricity Accounts to the next meeting. The next meeting will be on 7 September 2010. Thanks to the Pride Leagues Club for their continued support! The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Thelma Spelta  
President

Leila Trenfield  
Secretary

Leonie Brammall  
Treasurer.

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