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# Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc

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## **“REGIONAL RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION OF CAIRNS INC” Newsletter** **October 5, 2010 – 8pm, Pride Leagues Club, Irene Street, Mooroolbool.**

Thank you to the community for your support. Working together we can make a difference. A Special thank you to Kevin Molleneaux for your dedication to the Association. The community wishes you all the best in your endeavours in the future.

Issues reported to Cairns Regional Council for feed back to the Community for Safety purposes.

1. Lighting: Callum Street, from McGregor Street to Dunbar Streets.
2. Lighting: at intersection of Swallow and Dunbar Streets.
3. Lighting: Koch Street.
4. Lighting: Koch Street Foot Bridge.
5. Light: Chattaway Street, Light on existing pole - lighting the Park area.
6. Pedestrian Crossing: Koch Street, side entrance to Raintrees Shopping Centre.
7. Bus Stop: Alfred Street, community request near Auto Barn.
8. Guide Posts: A safety barrier-alert for Drain entrance to Pride Leagues Club.
9. Chinaman Creek: cleaning of overgrowth from Gordon Street to McEwen Street concrete lining. Policing safety issue, and dengue.
10. Chinaman Creek: raising levee bank, Hutchinson Street – Parks Retirement Village.
11. Request update on the Moody Creek consultation progress.
12. Kerb and Channel: upgrade in Neighbourhood Watch Area.
13. Lawful point of discharge, Chinaman Creek: development of 64 houses in Irene Street.

Moody Creek Crossing: Information to hand - will continue construction with only two cells, 300mm higher than the original cells, until Moody Street is constructed to a four lane Street.

Curtain Street Westcourt: following to complaints from residents to police and other authorities the situation in Curtain Street has improved dramatically.

Thank you to Cairns Regional Council for the prompt action on a graffiti issue in Manunda.

Sausage Sizzle: “Community Expo”, October 9, 2010. 10am to 2pm.

Sausage Sizzle: Booked for October 16, 2010 – IGA, Pease Street, Manoora.

Due to the long meeting, David Curran has kindly offered to Guest Speak in October meeting.



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

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## Minutes of the Regional Ratepayers' Association of Cairns Inc Meeting on 7 September 2010 at Pride Leagues Club, Irene Street, Mooroolbool. – Minutes:

**Welcome:** Thelma Spelta welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thelma welcomed the visitors and guests, Councillor Alan Blake and David Curran, Customer Relationship Manager from the Bendigo Bank, who would be Guest Speakers at the Meeting.

**Present:** As per Attendance Book.

**Apologies:** Steve Moncrief, Leonie Brammall, Carmel Sherman, Margaret Blackhall, Brian Dawson.

**Minutes:** 3 August Minutes were published in the monthly Newsletter. Leila Trenfield moved the minutes as a true and accurate account of the meeting and Lorna Lavering seconded them. Carried!

**Treasurer's Report:** In Leonie Brammall's absence Thelma Spelta presented the Treasurer's Report. The Balance was \$5 343.04 which included the grant for the computer and printer. The printing of the Seniors Directory had been paid to the Printers. Thelma Spelta moved the report and Daphne Jackson seconded the report. Carried!

### **General Business:**

**Grant:** Kevin Molleneaux moved that the grant for Thelma's Community Computer/ Printer be purchased. This was seconded by Lorna Lavering. Carried!

### **Drainage Queries:**

- Has provision been made for enough drainage for the development of 64 houses on Irene Street to avoid flooding downstream in Chinaman's Creek?
- Thelma is led to believe that part of the levy wall on Chinaman's Creek will be made higher and an extra wall be constructed behind the Retirement Village. This should be completed before the next wet season.
- Clearing and Trimming of the vegetation has commenced downstream of Mulgrave Road in Moody Creek.

**Sausage Sizzle:** At the meeting, Kevin Molleneaux, Daphne Jackson, Bill Jackson and Carol Aglinskis volunteered to help at the Sausage Sizzle on 16 October. If you have a couple of hours, please come along.

**Guest Speaker:** Councillor Alan Blake addressed the meeting of residents firstly explaining about the upgrade of Moody Creek Bridge which was equal to a Q5 (1 in 5 year flooding). Thelma reminded the Councillor that over 2000 homes had been flooded in 2009 and asked if the Councillor was aware that there was still development going on upstream. Cochrane Street Bridge was also discussed. Councillor Blake was questioned about the hillside developments and told the community that the Council were working on this issue. Councillor Blake informed the Community that we were lucky that money was being spent in our area. The residents told Councillor Blake that there were streets in the Mooroolbool area that did not have adequate lighting especially in Callum, McGregor to Dunbar Streets, Koch Street including the footbridge, and the corner of Dunbar and Swallow Streets. Thelma asked the Councillor about whether the footbridge in Given Street would be replaced or not. Thelma had requests from the Community for a Bus Stop around the Auto Barn in Alfred Street as there were many elderly residents in this area. Councillor Blake advised the community that the footbridge would be replaced. Councillor Blake presented his draft impression of the Cultural Centre to be passed around at the meeting and continued at length to explain where, how, and why the Cultural Centre should be combined with the Convention Centre. He also informed the meeting about the 14 storey car park to be built in this vicinity and the second stage of the Esplanade boardwalk. The Councillor concluded by informing the community to notify Thelma of any issues and complaints which could then be passed on to him. Thelma approached the Councillor regarding funding to upgrade to a more economical Printer. It was not possible for him to grant funding. Councillor Blake encouraged the residents to attend the Council meetings. Thelma thanked Councillor Blake for his attendance. Thelma invited all those in attendance to come along to see the drainage and overgrowth impact on Moody Creek. Councillor Blake was also invited to attend on Wednesday 15 September at 5.30pm.

**Closure:** David Curran, our Guest Speaker from the Bendigo Bank offered to come to the next meeting for his Presentation as there was not sufficient time to deliver his prepared session. Thelma closed thanking all who attended and the Pride Leagues Club for their continued support. The meeting closed at 9.20pm. The next meeting will be on 5 October 2010.

Thelma Spelta  
President

Leila Trenfield  
Secretary

Leonie Brammall  
Treasurer

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