



A Voice for the
Community

Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc

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**REGIONAL RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION OF CAIRNS INC. NEWSLETTER – MEETING : WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2010 – 8PM, PRIDE LEAGUES CLUB, IRENE STREET, MOOROOBOOL.**

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. A special thanks for the assistance at the Sausage Sizzles to Lloyd, Leonie, Linda, Daphne, Bill, Isabella, Phillip, Tiffany, and Thelma. The support from the community is making a difference. I urge all the community to attend the meetings.

- CNR - Hoare & Pease Streets, Manunda** - 398 Unit Block proposed, City Villa and Leisure Park previously Coles Caravan Park, 28 Pease Street. The Lawful point of discharge (water) is to McCormack Street Drain, down Lennon Street Drain into Moody Creek. This will be a very undesirable structure for the entire community. After discussion with the Councillor of Division 7, I was invited to a public meeting to be held on November 1, from 5.30pm to 7pm. Venue to be confirmed by Councillor, please feel free to call as above. **This is a very important meeting to attend for all the community** and requires very strong and firm infrastructure conditions. I am led to believe in heavy tropical rain the increase of the Hydraulic flow could increase by up to 20% to 25%. This is for the engineers to work out. **Develop at all cost does not apply anymore!** We, the community, have to stand strong together. Highest tide 3.7m. All drainage is the responsibility of the Cairns Regional Council.
- Moody Creek Catchment - "Have Your Say"** VDM Consulting have been engaged to prepare a Drainage Management Plan for the Moody Creek Catchment on behalf of Cairns Regional Council. Council has engaged a Consultant to quantify flooding events and examine options to relieve flooding. Your input of your area can be noted on the prepaid postage feedback sheet provided with this newsletter. Please read the information at the top of map supplied.
- Kerb & Channel:** Could everyone who has an issue with the Kerb & Channel in your area please have it noted at the meeting. The locations will be passed on for investigation by Council.
- Trimming of Trees:** Murray Street Park – This issue has been requested on a number of occasions. Overgrown Trees are covering the lighting and causing a safety issue.
- Chinaman Creek- No 9 issue October:** Cleaning of Chinaman Creek – permits required.
- Reported:** Tap removed from a private residence back yard, water flowed all night, to 8am.

Thank you to Council for the feedback on October's issues, although some issues need more clarification. The feedback will be read to the community at the meeting.



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Cairns Regional Ratepayers Association Meeting: Held at Pride Leagues Club 8pm, October 5, 2010;

Minutes Meeting opened: 8.00pm. Apologies: Linda Vogel, Mick Tilse, Leila Trenfield, Sharon Davon

Previous minutes read by Thelma: Convention centre discussed

- Moody bridge larger than a Q5 and should be a Q10 – consult with council
- Cochrane St bridge is unacceptable ; Moody St will be widened to 4 lanes traffic in future
- Ramsey Drive retention basin can be upgraded/increased: Lighting, curbing and channelling being sorted: Koch St bridge lighting being assessed: Pedestrian crossing across Koch St being considered
- Recommendations for a bus stop near Autobarn: New contact at the council is proving to be very helpful as queries are being acknowledged and answered. Minutes passed by Avtar & seconded by Bill

1. Council order of responsibility - Recycling; Water; Footpaths; Cycle Paths
2. Irene St development discharge to Chinaman's Creek is being improved at the levee bank of Hutchinson Street and should handle the flow better
3. Insurance \$832.92 less a \$50 rebate from the insurance broker
4. New stock, Solar light numbering is to be increased from \$35 to \$40
5. Lions cakes available for \$13 – 1.5kgs
6. Printer to be collected next week
7. Council and Mayor approached for funds for printer but denied
8. Face painting \$150 for 2hrs. Passed by Avtar and seconded by Leonie.
9. Hire chairs to be invoiced and paid after the event
10. Treasurer's Report – Balance \$3083.04.

\$1039.24 will be the balance after payment of the purchase of Printer passed by Leonie and seconded by Avtar

11. 16/10/10- IGA's Sausage Sizzle 9am-2pm. Volunteers to be confirmed
12. Guest speaker – David Curran, Customer Relationship Manager from Westcourt Bendigo Bank branch
 - History of the bank – they had one credit union outlet 150 years ago until the 1970's
 - 7th largest bank in Australia - Growth due to regional needs
 - There are two types of branches – (i) Community Run and (ii) Bank Owned
 - X6 branches in the Cairns region that are bank owned
 - Community branches allow 50% of profits to be returned to the community. Community branches are in Dimbulah, Mareeba and Mission Beach
 - Bendigo Bank contributed \$70, 000 per annum to the community
 - Bendigo Bank offers an incentive for non-for profit organisations. Individuals who have their home loan or a term deposit with Bendigo can nominate a non-for profit organisation to benefit from their custom with Bendigo. The bank will contribute 0.12% of the term deposit/home loan value and pay to the organisations on a quarterly basis. As long as the deposit remains, the contributions will continue.
 - 60 organisations are currently benefiting from this programme. An example is Cairns Art Gallery recently received a \$5000 contribution

Meeting closed: 8.45pm: -Thelma Spelta: President/ Carmel Sheman: A- Secretary/ Leonie Brammall: Treasurer

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