



A Voice for the
Community

Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc

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MEETING: 8.00PM – TUESDAY MARCH 1, 2011. “Tempery Venue”

In the BOARD ROOM of Cairns FM 89.1 Community Radio @ RAINTREES

SHOPPING CENTRE - first Floor, via Koch Street Entrance

I would like to say a very warm welcome to the community, our first meeting after recess. Thank you to the community for your support during 2010. 2011 is going to be a big year for Regional Ratepayers; your support is very much appreciated. New members are welcome. Thank you to Cairns FM 89.1 Radio for your assistance with this month's venue. Pride Leagues Club is temporarily closed; still in negotiations with Council to purchase the sporting facility.

Moody Creek Catchment:

VDM Consultant is preparing a Drainage Management Plan on behalf of the Cairns Regional Council. With the nominated completion of 'have your say' Feedback Forms November 2010. A further feedback was requested for residents from Cairns Regional Council advertised in the Cairns Post on January 10, 2011. As - For public comment closing date **January 26, 2010.** On two occasions the Moody Creek Catchment was publicly debated on air; advised Moody Creek catchment is next on the list. I will be reading a two page feedback letter submitted to VDM Consultants at the meeting. The 800ha catchment is a decade overdue for upgrades that should have gone hand in hand with hillslope, and all developments.

As President of the Ratepayers Association, and an identified stakeholder with all relative authorities I will be advising the community of updates as they come to hand.

Further updates will be brought to the meeting, the Council Ordinary meeting will be held on February 22. Newsletters printed on Saturday 19, for distribution time frame.

Cleaning of Cinaman Creek:

Update: Outcome of reply to Council - Public consultation closed on February 11, 2010. I have organised Cairns Regional Council in conjunction with the Department of Communities (Justice Department) to access Community Service Hours to participate in this project.

Lighting Manoora: Outcome achieved.

Lighting Mooroolooloolo NHW Area: Outcome nominated; Council to clarify on total request.

Unit Development Pease, Hoare and Mayers Streets: 398 Unit Block – Outcome; on hold until the Developer abides to all conditions as upheld by Council, from the public meeting held in November 2010.

Pre - Cyclone Pick up Request: On previous occasions I have debated to reintroduce the pre-cyclone pick up. Only reply; it would cost \$1million.

In the after math of cyclone Yasi and any other cyclones the \$1 million per year would be a much reduced cost then the ratepayers are experiencing at this point and time.

Residents would dispose of all rubbish, trim trees, and clean up in general. Outcome: better control of Dengue, less tree and property damage, and connecting the community with overhanging trees into neighbouring properties. Council shed this responsibility to Ratepayers when it comes to neighbouring trees.



Regional Ratepayers' Association of Cairns Inc Meeting on 7 December 2010 at Pride Leagues Club, Irene Street, Mooroolooloolo. –

Minutes.

Welcome: The meeting opened at 8.00pm. Thelma Spelta welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their support.

Apologies: Lyn Pellett, Steve Moncrief, Rachel Fawkes, Leonie Brammall.

Minutes: The minutes had been read by everyone in the monthly newsletter. The minutes were moved by Carmel Sherman and seconded by Sharon Davon. All in Favour! Carried!

Treasurer's Report: Thelma presented the report in Leonie's absence. The Balance was \$2875.42. The report was moved by Thelma and seconded by Bill Jackson. Carried!

General Business

Grant: 25% of the Low Carbon Diet Grant has not yet been received and Thelma has sent an email to follow up on the payment.

Drainage: Moody Creek and Chinaman Creek Catchment. Thelma asked if anyone had not yet sent in a Consultant's form. Residents were encouraged to fill in the form and post it to the Consultants including any Photos, CDs, and movies.

Kerb and Channelling: Thelma reminded residents to report any damage in their area so that she could make a report to the Council.

Units on cnr of Pease and Hoare Streets: The CRC is requiring the Developers of the 394 units to meet certain conditions to comply with regulations.

These were to ensure the construction did not cause further flooding on the already flood prone area. The height of the buildings is to be reduced from 6 to 4 storeys.

Cleaning of Chinaman Creek: Thelma has approached the Department of Youth Justice to provide workers doing Community Service to help the clean-up effort. Agreements have to be set up to create partnerships with the Community and Council for permits, supervision, tools, etc. A query was raised about the accountability issue. This was not RRPAOC's responsibility.

Lighting Manoora: Maintenance has been requested on a Power Box at the end of Enmore Street, Moody Creek Reserve and Ronto Park. Materials are on order.

Lighting Mooroolooloolo NHW Area: Discussion has been held with CRC to improve lighting on Callum, Swallow and Dunbar Streets. Other streets were added to the list-Koch Street, Foot Bridge and Chataway Street. CRC would examine the budget and lighting would be considered in 2011.

Information from the Office of Senator Jan McLucas: Media Release about \$100 million allotted for infrastructure upgrade throughout Australia is into the third round of submissions.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is on Tuesday, 1 March 2011. Greetings for Christmas and the New Year were exchanged. The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Thelma Spelta/President Leila Trenfield/Secretary Leonie Brammall/ Treasurer