



A Voice for the
Community

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MEETING: 8.00PM – Tuesday April 5, 2011 “NEW VENUE “

**AT SHOP/ 117 – FOOD COURT/ RAIN TREES, SHOPPING CENTRE - FRONT ENTRANCE,
ALFRED STREET - PLENTY OF PARKING.**

You are invited to attend the Communities new venue at Raintree's Shopping Centre. I would like to say a big thank you to Centre Management for your contribution to the community, it is very much appreciated. Come along and participate in your community - Tea, Coffee and nibbles supplied. Cairns FM 89.1 Radio every fortnight; Tuesday morning session after the 8.00 am news. Thank you to the Community Radio management for your support to the community. All working together to take the Community forward to leave a legacy behind for the younger generation.

Cyclone Yasi: Had placed some projects on hold, due to the large amount of debris etc. to be clean up. With the clean-up almost finished, work in progress can now be continued.

Issues and Projects can be carried forward. I have offered to consult with the community regarding various projects with any disputes.

Cleaning of Chinaman Creek:

Update: A small number of community residents have objected to cleaning a section of the designated area. Council negotiation with residents were to take place. No reply from Council.

Moody Creek Catchment:

Update: As a member (twice) on the Stakeholder Committee, I find it extremely hard to comprehend that not once have I ever been notified of a meeting in Council with all the other stakeholder committee members. Never once have I ever been shown a power point presentation in relation to the upgrade.

BUT! Provided information through the consulting process, with information from the community, in feedback forms, photos, DVD's, letters and emails. I am a Stakeholder on the committee list for Neighbourhood Watch, and Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc. Never in my working life have I ever been on a committee with no contact to the meetings. It is the communities right to know where a project is currently situated.

Please view my website www.thelmaspelta.com for the two page letter supplied to VDM Consultants on behalf of the community members of Neighbourhood Watch, and Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc. I am still waiting for a reply of requests and conformation of clarification for the upcoming budget from Council.

Lighting: Advised lighting was placed in the budget. Council to clarify all streets, as requested.

Kerb & Channelling: No clarification from Council.

Hayward Street Park: Mentioned at the Public Forum on Thursday 24, needs attention regarding water ponding, a place for Dengue to breed, Cairns has recorded cases of Dengue Fever this year in Mooroolooloolo, and Manunda with cases currently being assessed in Mooroolooloolo. The park is surrounded by residential dwellings.

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Cyclone Debris: Hayward Street Park has been missed in the collection, with the amount growing.
Alfred Street Debris: On footpath across from intersection at Alfred St & Cochrane Street lights.
 Any leftover Cyclone Debris please present addresses to the meeting for reporting to Council.

“Sausage Sizzle” Saturday, April 16. at Piccones, Pease Street, Manunda. To raise funds towards payment for the Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc., Public Liability Insurance.
 Could I please have volunteers to assist on the day from 9am- 11.30am & 11.30am-2pm? Please advise your preference at the meeting.

Regional Ratepayers’ Association of Cairns Inc Meeting on Tuesday 1 March 2011 at the Board Room of Cairns FM 89.1 Community Radio at Raintrees.

Welcome: Thelma Spelta welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year and thanked Billy Lee Long for providing the venue for the Association to meet. It had been difficult to find a suitable meeting venue after the Prides Club was unavailable.

Apologies: Sharon Devon, Bill & Daphne Jackson, Carmel Sherman, Frank Pagram, Steve Moncrief.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting had been published in the monthly Newsletter. The Minutes were moved by Leila Trenfield and seconded by Avtar Sodhi.

Treasurer’s Report: Leonie Brammall presented and moved the Financial Report. It was seconded by Joan McIntyre. The Balance was \$85.92 as the remaining 25% of the Low Carbon Diet Grant had been received and reimbursements to NHW had been made. A Printer had been purchased from a previous grant.

Public Liability Insurance: The insurance is due in October.

Fund Raising: Sausage Sizzles at Bunning’s were available once a year for Non-for profit Organisations. These could be held on Friday as well as the weekend. A discussion about how best to fundraise came to the conclusion that the sausage sizzle was the easiest way.

Chinaman Creek: 15 objections have been received against one section of the area to be cleaned along Chinaman’s Creek. The Council will work through the process.

Moody Creek: The Draft Report has been held up because of the cyclone as resources were needed to organise the damage caused and the removal of vegetation. The consultation input should be finalised by the end of March.

Development: The Developer of the 398 units in Hoare Street has to apply to the Council with all conditions covered.

Lighting: The lighting in Manoora has been completed. Requests have been made for the remaining lighting issues in the NHW area. There was a discussion about the trees under electric lines being removed.

Any tree that is higher than the line should be removed. Planting trees near power lines should be avoided.

Kerb and Channelling: Thelma reminded everyone to report damaged Kerb and Channelling.

Cyclone Clean-up: Residents were pleased with the Council’s clean-up. Most areas in the NHW area were done straight away. There was a discussion about a clean-up before the cyclone but residents felt it would be better to have a Rubbish Free Day at the dump after the cyclone.

Next Meeting: On Tuesday 5 April, the next meeting will be at the front shop near the Food Court at Raintrees.

Thelma Spelta
President

Leila Trenfield
Secretary

Leonie Brammall
Treasurer