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MEETING: 8pm – Tuesday June 7, 2011

**SHOP, 117A – Food COURT RAIN TREES, SHOPPING CENTRE – FRONT
ENTRANCE, ALFRED STREET – PLENTY OF PARKING.**

It has been a busy time collating the programs, fit-out, and grants for the new **RAIN TREES COMMUNITY CENTRE** auspices by the Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc. The new centre has been the talk of the western suburbs and further afield with the interest, and offers of support from Yorkeys Knob to Edmonton.

Community, businesses, and government departments have expressed interest as soon as the centre is open.

Driving lessons (theory), computer lessons for beginners and advanced classes, CPR, and Seniors morning tea with education and information guest speakers will be first off the list. As soon as the computers, tables, fit out and operational cost can be attended too.

This is only the beginning! Many many more on my list, it will be a win-win situation for the community, businesses and government departments (local, state and federal)

I am anticipating a reply from the minister a yes or no in the next week, in regards to the grant submitted on April 26, 2011. Hope to have good news in time for this meeting. It has only taken a decade to get to this stage.

Come along to the meeting and join in the planning process to date. A close community is a connected community; everyone is welcome.

Thank you: to the members and volunteers who supported the sausage sizzles on May 5 & 21 to raise funds towards incidentals for the Raintrees Community Centre.

Sausage Sizzles: will be held at Raintrees; June 18, July 9, and August 13 your support on the day will be gratefully appreciated, as many hands make light work.

Raffle: Kindly donated by a member of the association - 2 beautiful coffee mugs and a tall elegant pen holder. Thank you for your kind donation.

Graffiti: Contacts are readily available for the removal of graffiti, public signs, crossings, poles and private property facing the road. Please email or phone as above, number and name of street and your issue will be forwarded to the relative departments for action.

Council written replies to issues reported: Raintrees round-a-about entrance, palm fronds and weeds have been removed. Another request will be submitted to remove the fronds again. This is a constant issue and should be checked and removed regularly - CRM NO. 104064.

Graffiti: Issues please report - CRM No.104039.

Swallow & McCoombe: Slippage in Canal - CRM No. 104116.

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Regional Ratepayers' Association of Cairns Inc. Meeting on Tuesday 3 May 2011 at the Community Centre, Raintrees Shopping Centre.

Minutes:

Welcome: Thelma Spelta welcomed everyone to the meeting at the new venue in Shop117A at the Raintrees Shopping Complex. The meeting opened at 8.10pm

Apologies: Leonie Brammall, Kyoko Molleneaux

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were published in the monthly Newsletter. The minutes were moved by Carmel Sherman and seconded by Carol Shaw. Carried!

Treasurer's Report: The Raffle raised \$36 and a donation of \$10 was received. The Balance was \$293. Thelma Spelta moved the Treasurer's Report and it was seconded by Kevin Molleneaux. Carried!

Community Centre: Thelma has received extremely favourable responses from everyone for instigating the Community Centre. The activities to be run in the Centre would be of benefit to the whole community. Some of the proposed activities were Drop in Centre, Driving Theory Lessons, Counselling, CPR Workshops, Support for Literacy Skills, Speakers for Seniors over a Cuppa, and Beginners and Advanced Computer Lessons to name a few. Equipment to furnish the Centre to cater for the activities was going to be expensive so applications for grants and benefits were needed.

Fund Raising: Two Sausage Sizzles were organised for Thursday 5 May and Saturday 21 May at Raintrees. Volunteers were needed to help. Thelma asked everyone who could assist to notify her. Also Bric'-a-Brac Items were for sale. These were donated to the Association.

Thank You: Thelma thanked the businesses for their support for the Centre Project. Special thanks to the management of Raintrees and the businesses there for their support of the Community Project.

Moody Creek: The upgrade to the Moody Creek Catchment is a multi-million dollar design to be done stage by stage.

Raintrees Roundabout: A request was made to clean up the roundabout at the entrance to the Raintrees Shopping Centre.

Issues: 1. A member asked if the names of those attending the meetings could be part of the minutes. After some discussion, it was decided the request would extend the length of the minutes too much for the Newsletter.

2. A member spoke about the violence against residents in the community. Members discussed Youth Curfews, Community Service Hours, more educational opportunities and the necessity to report any undesirable behaviour.

Crimestoppers: Thelma reminded everyone that ringing Crimestoppers was the best way to report incidents of unacceptable behaviour.

Closure: The meeting closed at 9.00 pm. **The next meeting is on Tuesday 7 June 2011 at Shop117A at Raintrees Shopping Centre.**

Thelma Spelta
President

Leila Trenfield
Secretary

Leonie Brammall
Treasurer

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