



A Voice for the
Community

Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc

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Meeting to be held Tuesday, 8pm – September 6, 2011

Venue to be advised in the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

Shop 117A, has been leased, at Raintrees Shopping Centre. In my absence with a severe virus I am yet to confirm another venue. Other options have been suggested within the centre.

Funding has not been made available. Other options are being sourced, all takes time.

399 Proposed Unit Update: In speaking to the Division 7 Councillor at an event recently, I was advised it would be five years before the development commences, and would be done in stages as originally planned.

It would be a disaster waiting to happen if the development had gone ahead. This will enable the Q100 flood level to be completed, with the correct infrastructure in place first.

Park Lights & Power Pole Update: Thank you to Ergon for replacing the burnt pole and temporary lights. With the expense of hardened Perspex light, a design is currently being carried out for cages and yet to be delivered. Council will be contacted on Monday in relation to the foot bridges being burnt, it is a safety issue. These sorts of issues have become a real problem for Police and should be addresses as soon as possible.

Drainage Problems: Are also on the list this week, advised Councillor have been sent emails etc. from residents to no avail.

Resealing to McCoombe Street: Approximately two months ago works were carried out near the Swallow Street Drain area. This is now a real problem to motorists, full of pot holes.

Graffiti Issues: Are continually being addressed, thank you to the community for your support. Keep up the good work, your assistance helps keep the community tidy.

Sausage Sizzle: To be confirmed with Centre and advised in the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.

Raffle Prize: Marble - cheese cutting board, with silver handles. Hand made by Garry and kindly donated by Garry and Thresa Western, thank you for your contribution.

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Regional Ratepayers' Association of Cairns Inc. Meeting on 2 August 2011 at Shop117A at Raintrees Shopping Centre.

Minutes: Annual Meeting:

Welcome: Meeting opened at 7.50pm. Thelma Spelta welcomed everyone to the meeting. A new member was introduced. Thelma invited Steve Moncrieff to Chair the meeting as all positions were now vacant.

Apologies: Lyn Pellett, Carmel Sherman.

President's Report: Thelma spoke about the necessity to find funds to finance the Community Centre; The Flooding Design Plan for Moody and Chinaman Creeks; Low Carbon Diet Program; Cyclone Clean-up; Community reporting Issues and Fund-raising. Thelma thanked everyone for their continued support.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and moved by Leila Trenfield. These were seconded by Joan McIntyre. Carried!

Treasurer's Report: The Financial position of the Association was reported on by Leonie Brammall. The Treasurer's Books had been audited by Steve Moncrieff who presented the assessment to the meeting. The Balance at 30 June 2011 was \$1616.12. Leonie moved her report which was seconded by Linda Vogel. Carried!

Nominations for the executive positions:

President: Thelma Spelta was nominated by Avtar Sodhi and seconded by Linda Vogel. Carried!

Secretary: Leila Trenfield was nominated by Avtar Sodhi and seconded by Joan McIntyre. Carried!

Treasurer: Leonie Brammall was nominated by Leila Trenfield and seconded by Avtar Sodhi. Carried!

All nominees accepted their positions and were voted by the meeting to fill their respective positions.

Auditor: Steve Moncrieff was thanked by everyone for taking on the Auditor's position again. Congratulations on a great effort, Steve! A thank you too for chairing the meeting!

General Meeting:

Minutes: The minutes for the previous month were published in the Newsletter. The minutes were moved by Leila Trenfield and seconded by Joan McIntyre. Carried!

Treasurer's Report: Leonie moved her Financial Report and it was seconded by Linda Vogel. The July Balance was \$2815.17. Bills passed to be paid were Office of Fair Trading-\$43.45: Thelma Spelta for A Frame, Laminating, Office Furniture, Bunnings, Products for Sausage Sizzle and an Ink Cartridge-\$577.26.

General Business: Topics Discussed:

1. Department of Communities donation of Office Chairs.
2. IGA Key Rings.
3. Community Gambling Fund submission.
4. Graffiti Reporting
5. Design for flooding Upgrade to Q100.
6. Lighting Issues.
7. Sausage Sizzle on 13 August.
8. ANU Survey Sessions with the Lions Club of Cairns.
9. Letter from Qld Government indicating that no funds are available for the Community Centre. Other avenues to be explored! There were many people volunteering to help at the Centre.

Closure: The meeting closed at 8.45pm. Thelma thanked everyone for their attendance and for their continuing support of the Association.

President / Thelma Spelta.

Secretary / Leila Trenfield.

Treasurer / Leonie Brammall.