



A Voice for the
Community

Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc

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Meeting to be held Tuesday, 8pm – October 4, 2011

**Venue: Board Room of Cairns FM 89.1 Community Radio – Raintrees
Shopping Centre, first floor, via Koch Street entrance.**

First and foremost an offer of an open door is now available; Piccones have offered a shop at the Pease Street, Shopping Complex. A leasing discussion in regards to the proposal is due to take place next week. This is a golden opportunity for the community, service providers, and all three tiers of government to work together for the best outcome for the community.

Operational funding is required for the centre; contact with the Local MP for support will be arranged. Flauntier organisations are welcome to support this very worthwhile cause; any assistance would be gratefully appreciated.

I would like to thank Cairns FM 89.1 Community Radio for their continued support for Tuesday morning segments at 8.15am, community awareness, issues and information. Also for the use of the Board Room for community meetings; Cairns 18 - Neighbourhood Watch and Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc. all the community are welcome to attend.

Q100 flood level update: It is my understanding two qualified engineers have been employed to Council.

Guest Speaker: Yvonne Jex MBA; JP (Qual); AFAIM – Ambassador Register4 – An Initiative of the National Breast Cancer Foundation - Everyone is invited!

Drainage problems update: Drainage from the House on the Hill units. This is a long outstanding complex issue. An onsite inspection requested by residents of Lisa Close, Capitanio Close, and Callum Street, was held with discussion and information from long term residences. It is inevitable this issue will not go away, and needs to be seriously rectified before this upcoming wet season.

On discussion with Council; advised this issue has been placed in the special investigation section of council, with updates as they come to hand to be supplied to myself, to advise the community. No feedback has been received to date.

This issue is a development problem, and has occurred for many years. Over topping of a small crater at the base of the hill, and inadequate drainage has caused major problem for many residents for many years, for the duration of the wet season. Some back yards are a slushy mess, fences flattened to the ground with the strong flow of water, fill washed from yards to neighbouring property and close. This is also a major health issue with outbreaks of dengue fever being reported earlier this year. The residents are requesting urgent action before this upcoming wet season for health and safety reasons.

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Resealing of McCoombe Street: Thank you, to Council for resealing from Koch to Cochrane Streets. The section in question is from Cochrane Street to the Swallow Street Drain?

Raffle Prize: Junior Nino - swimming goggles, and an easy healthy recipes book. Kindly donated by a member of the community.

Moody Creek Reserve: Burnt Foot Bridge - has been replaced with ratepayer's money, and now in use. I would like to thank Council for the prompt action taken from Tuesday, 20.

**Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns Inc, Meeting: Held at the Board
Room of Cairns FM 89.1 Community Radio - 6th September, 2011**

Meeting opened: 8.25pm

Meeting closed: 8.50pm

Apologies: Lyn Pellet, Frank Pagram, Steve Moncrieff, Leila Trenfield, Leonie Brammall.

1. Previous minutes read by Thelma. Moved by Avtar, Seconded by Joan, Minutes Carried
2. Treasurer Report advised of a balance of \$2877.56. Report moved by Linda, Seconded by Sarina, Carried
3. Change of venue for meetings is being sourced. Current furnishings for a community centre are being stored in a safe location costing \$200 in removalist fees
4. The large unit development of 399 units running from Hoare/Pease/ Mayer Sts, advice from councillor, will not be developed for 5 years and done in stages as originally planned.
5. Raffle – won by Thelma. \$20 raised in the raffle
6. New member joined. New memberships cost \$2
7. IGA Cornetts Key rings – available from Thelma. These keyrings help with fundraising for the Regional Ratepayers Association of Cairns.
8. There was concern of some unkept properties in the area, graffiti, rubbish, and abandon trollies. This is being reported, in the hope of the properties being kept in a tidy condition, graffiti, rubbish and trollies reported.
9. Graffiti, out of hand again, please report with number and name of street.
10. Lengthy discussion on water problems, Lisa Close, Capitiano Close, Callum Street.

President / Thelma Spelta A/ Secretary Carmel Sherman Treasurer / Leonie Brammell

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