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**COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING**  
**(CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE)**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
**COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR**  
**4 MARCH 2004**

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**COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING**  
**(CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE)**  
**4 MARCH 2004**

- Present:** Councillors J C Bonfield (Mayor), P J Howe, C M McKimm, I J Ovens, W R Palmer, K D Rhoades, J Strom (Deputy Mayor), A D Williams and W A Wood.
- Staff:** General Manager, Director of City Business Units, Acting Director of Planning, Environment & Development, Director of Corporate Services, Director of City Services, City Treasurer and Executive Assistant.

The meeting commenced at 6.11pm with the Mayor in the chair.

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**PUBLIC FORUM**

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The following persons addressed the meeting:

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|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Denise Wood   | Moonee Draft Development Control Plan                         |
| Graham Cooper | Moonee Draft Development Control Plan                         |
| Kerry Cooper  | Vegetation Strategy and Moonee Draft Development Control Plan |
| Jan Simpson   | Moonee Draft Development Control Plan                         |

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## **CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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- 43** **RESOLVED** (Strom/McKimm) that the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned and Council now resolve into the Corporate Services Committee meeting, the time being 6.50pm.

The Mayor invited Cr Ovens to chair the Corporate Services Committee.

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## **CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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### **F10 RURAL FIRE SERVICE FUNDING FOR 2003/2004**

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To advise Council of the 2003/2004 allocation of funds, from the NSW Rural Fire Fighting Fund, to assist Council in providing fire protection to the community within the Coffs Harbour Rural Fire District.

- F1** **RECOMMENDED** (Howe/McKimm):

1. That the 2003/2004 allocation of \$1,607,339 from the Rural Fire Fighting Fund to assist the Coffs Harbour City Council in the running of the Rural Fire Brigades be adopted.
2. That Council's contribution of \$213,776 being 13.3% of the total allocation be noted.
3. That Council note the changes to the State-wide Expenditure programme and its ability to seek reimbursement for the 13.3% costs of its contributions to other programs in the following year.
4. That Council noted the deletion of the \$200,000 for the new Rural Fire Management Centre.
5. The \$25,624 surplus resulting from the decreased Council contribution be transferred to the Rural Fire Service Reserve to provide funding for Council's contribution to the proposed new Rural Fire Service Control Centre.

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**F11 DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS PLANS FOR ROADS AND SURF RESCUE EQUIPMENT**

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To report to Council on the Draft Developer Contributions Plans for Coffs Harbour's Road Network and the purchase of Surf Rescue Equipment, and to seek Council's adoption of these plans.

**F2 RECOMMENDED** (McKimm/Williams) that the Draft Road Network Contributions Plan and the Draft Surf Rescue Equipment Contributions Plan be adopted.

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**F12 GRANT APPLICATIONS AND APPROVALS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2003 TO 31 DECEMBER 2003**

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To provide Council with the current status of grant applications and approvals.

**F3 RECOMMENDED** (McKimm/Howe) that the report on the status of grant applications be received and noted.

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**F13 MONTHLY BUDGET REVIEW FOR DECEMBER 2003 AND JANUARY 2004**

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To report on the estimated budget position as at 31 January 2004.

**F4 RECOMMENDED** (Strom/Williams) that the estimated budget position as at 31 January 2004 as follows, be noted:

	General Account \$	Water Account \$	Sewer Account \$
Original Budget	530,118 (D)	495,527 (S)	172,695 (S)
Approved variations to 30 November 2003	149,657 (S)	70,000 (S)	149,347 (S)
Recommended variations for December 2003 and January 2004	<u>184,640</u> (D)	<u>Nil</u>	<u>4,900</u> (S)
Estimated result 2003/04 as at January 2004	<u>565,101</u> (D)	<u>565,527</u> (S)	<u>326,942</u> (S)

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**F14      OUTSTANDING      REPORTS      AND      RESOLUTIONS      AWAITING  
IMPLEMENTATION**

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To provide Council with an update of requests for reports and previous resolutions to Council awaiting implementation.

**F5      RECOMMENDED** (Wood/Williams) that the reported be noted.

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**F15      BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 JANUARY 2004**

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To list Council's Bank Balances and Investments as at 31 January 2004.

**F6      RECOMMENDED** (Williams/McKimm) that the Bank Balances and Investments totalling one hundred and thirteen million, three hundred and forty eight thousand, five hundred and twenty seven dollars (\$113,348,527) as at 31 January 2004 be noted.

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**CITY BUSINESS UNITS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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**B10      SUBDIVISION OF LAND AND SALE OF SURPLUS COUNCIL LAND -  
WEST HIGH STREET COFFS HARBOUR**

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Report on the proposed subdivision of land at Lots 10, 11, 12 & 13 Section 1 DP 5235, West High Street, Coffs Harbour and the subsequent sale of Council surplus land.

**F7      RECOMMENDED** (Howe/Palmer):

1.      That Council in conjunction with the adjoining owners re-subdivide Lots 10, 11, 12 & 13 Section 1 DP 5235 on the terms contained within this report.
2.      That, subject to DA approval and finalization of the subdivision, Council dispose of proposed Lot 3 for the amount shown in the confidential supplement to this report.
3.      That all necessary documents associated with the subdivision and disposal of the land be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

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## CONCLUSION OF CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

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The Chairman advised that the business of the Finance and Administration Committee was concluded and invited the Mayor to resume the chair.

The Mayor resumed chairmanship of the meeting at 6.52pm.

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## OPEN COUNCIL

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The Mayor requested a motion to close the Committee meeting and move into Open Council.

- F8** **RECOMMENDED** (Williams/Howe) that the Committee now move into Open Council.

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## ADOPTION OF CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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- 44** **RESOLVED** (Strom/Howe) that the recommendations of the Corporate Services Committee meeting be received and adopted.

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## MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE

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### 1. Completion of the Hogbin Drive Extension

- 45** **MOVED** (Wood/Bonfield) that Council write to the Federal Member for Cowper, Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP requesting a meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport, Mr John Anderson MP, to discuss Federal Government assistance with the Hogbin Drive extension.

**The motion on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.**

## Matters of an Urgent Nature (cont'd)

### 2. Support for the Banana Industry Committee in their efforts to keep Banana Diseases out of Australia

- 46 **MOVED** (Howe/Wood) that Council write to the Banana Industry Committee, the Federal Member for Cowper, Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP, the Federal Minister for Agriculture, Mr Mark Vaile MP, the State Member for Agriculture, Mr Ian Macdonald MP and Biosecurity Australia expressing concern at the possible importation of bananas from the Philippines and offering support for the banana industry in their insistence in keeping banana diseases out of Australia.

**The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.**

### 3. Notice of motion - Paintball Facility, Herdegen Close, Bonville

Cr Williams gave notice of his intention to lodge a notice of motion regarding the Paintball facility.

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## QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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### 1. Council's Financial Position for the Last Four Years

Cr Strom enquired if there was a deficit in the last four financial years as there was a suggestion in the newspaper that Council had been appalling financial managers.

*The Director of Corporate Services advised Council of the precise financial results for the last three financial years and that through good financial management Council had gained \$2.957m in additional revenue and cost savings during the period or an equivalent 17.5% of rate income.*

### 2. Section 94 Contributions in West Coffs area

Cr Strom enquired if all subdivisions in the West Coffs area had incurred Section 94 contributions.

*The Acting Director of Planning Environment and Development advised that any subdivision approvals in last 10 years would have attracted Section 94 contributions.*



## Questions without Notice (cont'd)

### 3. **Vandalism at Boambee Creek Reserve**

Cr Palmer read to the meeting a newspaper clipping of recent vandalism at Boambee Creek Reserve, Sawtell where two men were issued with infringement notices by Police after an incident of picnic tables being thrown in the water, beer bottles smashed, a street light damaged and a barbeque wrecked. Cr Palmer requested Council contact the Police to enquire why the men weren't charged.

*The General Manager will contact the Police.*

### 4. **Survey of Local Government Election Candidates by COFFSAC**

Cr McKimm expressed concern and enquired if it was appropriate for the Coffs Harbour Sports Advisory Committee (COFFSAC) to send a survey to candidates for the forthcoming election requesting their response to a variety of questions

*The General Manager will follow the matter up with the President of COFFSAC.*

### 5. **Request for Federal Government to hold an inquiry into the Transport Industry**

Cr Williams enquired if a response had been received to a letter sent to the Federal Government request they hold an inquiry into the transport industry.

*The General Manager will advise Cr Williams of the outcome.*

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

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### **State Government Handling of the Amalgamation of Councils in Clarence Valley**

Cr Howe expressed her concern at the lack of respect and consideration given by the State Government to the people of Corindi and Red Rock in the recent amalgamation.

- 47** **MOVED** (Williams/Strom) that Council write to the Minister for Local Government, Mr Tony Kelly MP, expressing concern at the failure of the State Government to provide Red Rock and Corindi residents with adequate opportunity for proper representation at the forthcoming local government elections.

**The motion on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously**

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 7.26pm

Confirmed: 18 March 2004

Cr J C Bonfield  
Mayor