

Minutes for this meeting will be confirmed at the Planning, Environment & Development Committee Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers, Council Administration Building, on 16 February 2006 commencing 5pm.



COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING
(CITY BUSINESS UNITS COMMITTEE)
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CITY BUSINESS UNITS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

B1 ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT FOR PROPOSED CYCLEWAY - WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL AND 20 YOUNG STREET, SAFETY BEACH

Purpose:

Report seeking Council approval for the acquisition of an easement for cycleway over a property known as Lot 2 DP 825540, Centenary Drive Woolgoolga and Lot 82 DP 250350, Young Street, Safety Beach. In lieu of compensation for the above Council will lease a section of unused road reserve in Centenary Drive at a nominal amount.

Description of Item:

Council is proposing to construct a new cycleway north of Woolgoolga which will follow a section of Centenary Drive near Woolgoolga High School north to a point where it will cross a part of the school site before then crossing a separate residential block in Young Street at Safety Beach which is also owned by the Department of Education.

The two blocks owned by the Department of Education are described as Lot 2 DP 825540 and Lot 82 DP 250350. Where the cycleway crosses the land owned by the Department of Education it will be constructed in concrete but Council will require a formal easement three metres wide in its favour to protect its interests.

The attached plan noted as 'A' shows the easement required for the cycleway over the school controlled lands. The cycleway will connect with the public road system to the north east at Young Street and will cross Council controlled land to the south before connecting with Centenary Drive.

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B1 Acquisition Of Easement For Proposed Cycleway - Woolgoolga High School And 20 Young Street, Safety Beach ...(Cont'd)

The Department of Education has agreed to grant Council the above easement over the land on the following terms:

1. Compensation be a nominal \$1.
2. Council pay all costs associated with legals, survey and registration in regard to the easement establishment.
3. Council, subject to provisions of the Roads Act 1993, lease an unused section of the road reserve to the Department of Education (Woolgoolga High School) known as Centenary Drive for a proposed carpark as shown on plan 'B' attached to this report. The lease is to be for a five year period with the rental to be a nominal \$1. The land area will be approximately 110 square metres but may vary depending on the final design. General terms and conditions are to be similar to other Council leases of this nature. Each party is to pay its own legal costs in relation to the establishment of the lease.

The Department of Education and Woolgoolga High School have a significant carparking problem at present. A solution is to construct a new sealed carpark at the front of the school however it will need to encroach on the road reserve given the constraints of the school's existing land.

To facilitate the lease of this land the road known as Centenary Drive will need to be transferred from a Crown Road to a Council Road. This is a relatively simple process which requires an application to be submitted by Council. The Department of Lands which controls this process has advised of its preliminary agreement to the transfer proceeding.

Sustainability Assessment:

- **Environment and Social**

The acquisition of the easement will not by itself have an environmental or social impact. The project for the cycleway will be separately assessed having regard to the environmental and social impacts prior to the works commencing.

The lease of the Road Reserve land to the Department of Education again, by itself, will not have an environmental or social impact. These impacts will be separately assessed by Council once a DA is received for the proposed carpark development.

- **Economic**

Broader Economic Implications

There will be minor economic impact from this proposal.

Management Plan Implications

This proposal will be funded 50% by a Department of Planning Cycleway grant with the remaining 50% being provided by Council's Sewer Fund as part of the northern beaches works. The costs of the easement creation will be negligible and combined with the establishment of the lease it is anticipated Council costs will be no more than \$5,000.

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B1 Acquisition Of Easement For Proposed Cycleway - Woolgoolga High School And 20 Young Street, Safety Beach ...(Cont'd)

Consultation:

Council's various Departments see the project as worthwhile and raise no objections.

Issues:

There are no major issues in regard to the matter.

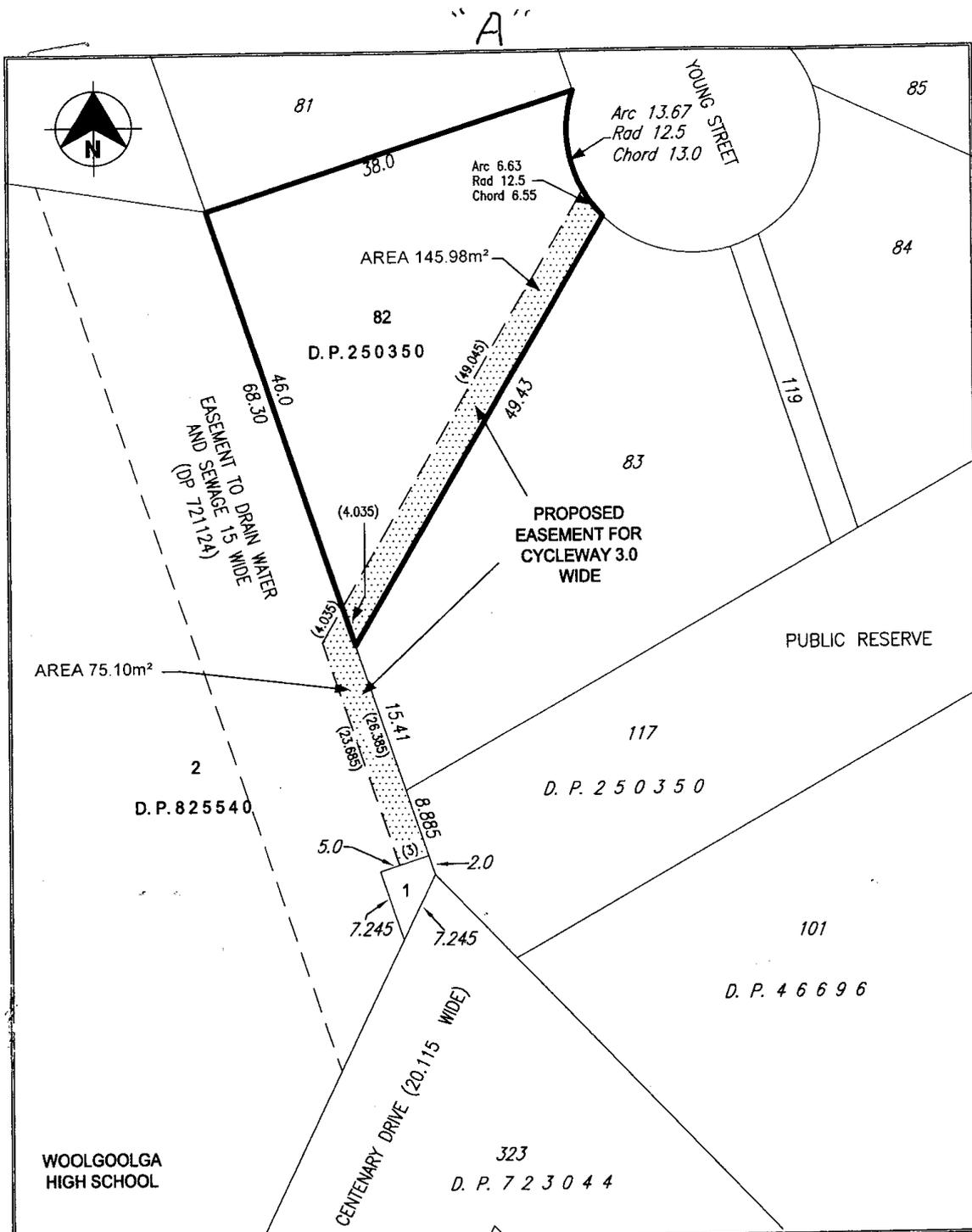
Implementation Date / Priority:

The matter will be actioned immediately in accordance with Council's resolution.

Recommendation:

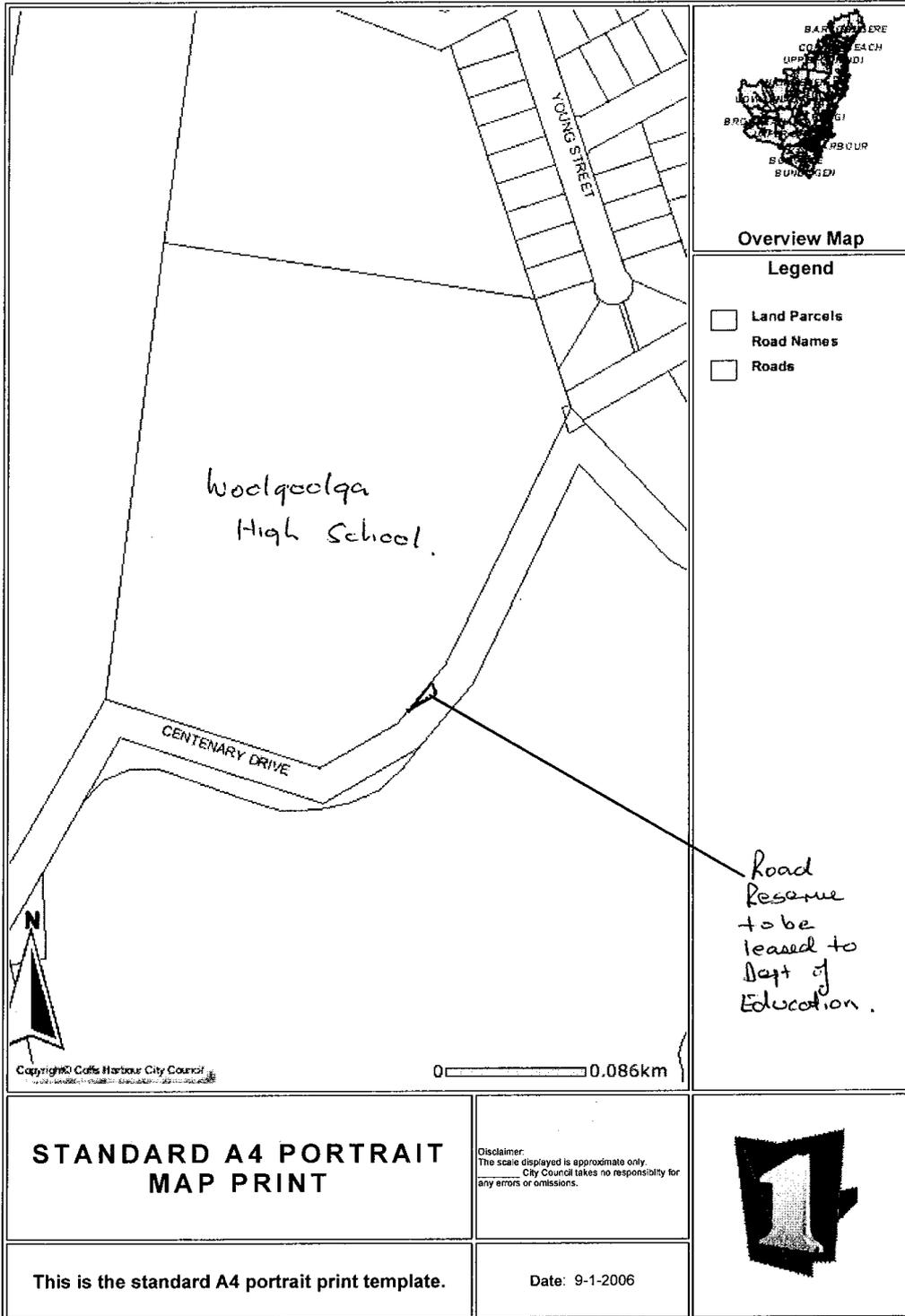
1. That Council proceed to acquire those easements for cycleway shown on attached plan 'A' over Lot 2 DP 825540 and Lot 82 DP 250350 on the terms contained within this report.
2. That Council lease an unused section of Centenary Drive at Woolgoolga to the Department of Education (Woolgoolga High School) shown on plan 'B' on the terms contained within this report..
3. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

Attachments:



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B2 ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES - LOT 339 SECTION 1 DP 821943, 44 POLLACK ESPLANADE, WOOLGOOLGA

Purpose:

Report seeking Council approval for the acquisition of an easement for drainage over property known as Lot 5 Section 1 DP 759113, 44 Pollack Esplanade, Woolgoolga.

Description of Item:

Council is proposing to construct a new drainage pipeline which will take road water from a Council laneway at Woolgoolga located between Pollack Esplanade and Ocean Street. The pipeline which will be 450mm in diameter is proposed to run in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of No. 44 Pollack Street. The pipeline will discharge water into the drainage system at Pollack Street.

Road water which concentrates along the laneway at times of high rainfall causes localized flooding issues and water sheets access a number of lower lying Pollack Street properties. The proposed new pipeline will rectify to a large extent the existing problems.

The owner of No.44 Pollack Esplanade, Mr Gordon Cocks, has agreed to grant Council an easement 2.5 metres wide as shown on the plan attached to this report. The terms upon which Mr Cocks has agreed to grant the easement are as follows:

1. Nil compensation being payable.
2. In lieu of compensation Council will construct, at its cost, a concrete pipeline 450mm in diameter to accommodate water flows which originate from the laneway above the property. The works are to be completed with a shallow swale which will be grassed.
3. All legal, surveying and other related costs of creating the easement are to be the responsibility of Council.
4. A 'stub' is to be provided by Council at its cost to enable a drainage pipe from a spring in the backyard of the property to be connected to the pipeline.
5. A plastic agricultural pipeline that runs east-west across the property and currently empties into an open drain where the pipeline will run is to be connected to the new pipeline at Council's cost.
6. Three stormwater drainpipes on the eastern side of the building on the property are to be connected to the new pipeline at Council's cost.
7. Council provide an estimate of costs to install a pipeline to allow the spring to drain into the new 450 mm pipeline. If the price is acceptable to Mr Cocks, Council will construct the pipeline at Mr Cocks' expense whilst on site.

Sustainability Assessment:

- **Environment**

There will be nil environmental impact as result of this acquisition. Excavation associated with the new pipeline will impact on the surface of the property in the position of the trench. This location is grassed and also comprises an open drainage channel.

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B2 Acquisition Of Easement For Drainage Purposes - Lot 339 Section 1 Dp 821943, 44 Pollack Esplanade, Woolgoolga ...(Cont'd)

- **Social**

The new pipeline will improve infrastructure which will benefit the properties in the vicinity of the works.

- **Economic**

Broader Economic Implications

There will be a positive future impact as construction of the pipeline will allow the development of appropriately zoned land for residential purposes.

Management Plan Implications

The costs associated with the acquisition of this easement are to be funded by the Capital Works Program for drainage improvements/nuisance flooding within the City.

The estimated cost of the easement acquisition will be approximately \$3,000.

Issues:

Council's Valuer has negotiated the acquisition and considers the arrangement to be fair and reasonable to both parties.

Without the construction of the pipeline localised flooding and drainage issues will continue to occur and because the water is concentrated from the road Council has a legal and moral responsibility to be rectifying the existing problems.

Implementation Date / Priority:

This matter will be actioned immediately after Council resolves to proceed.

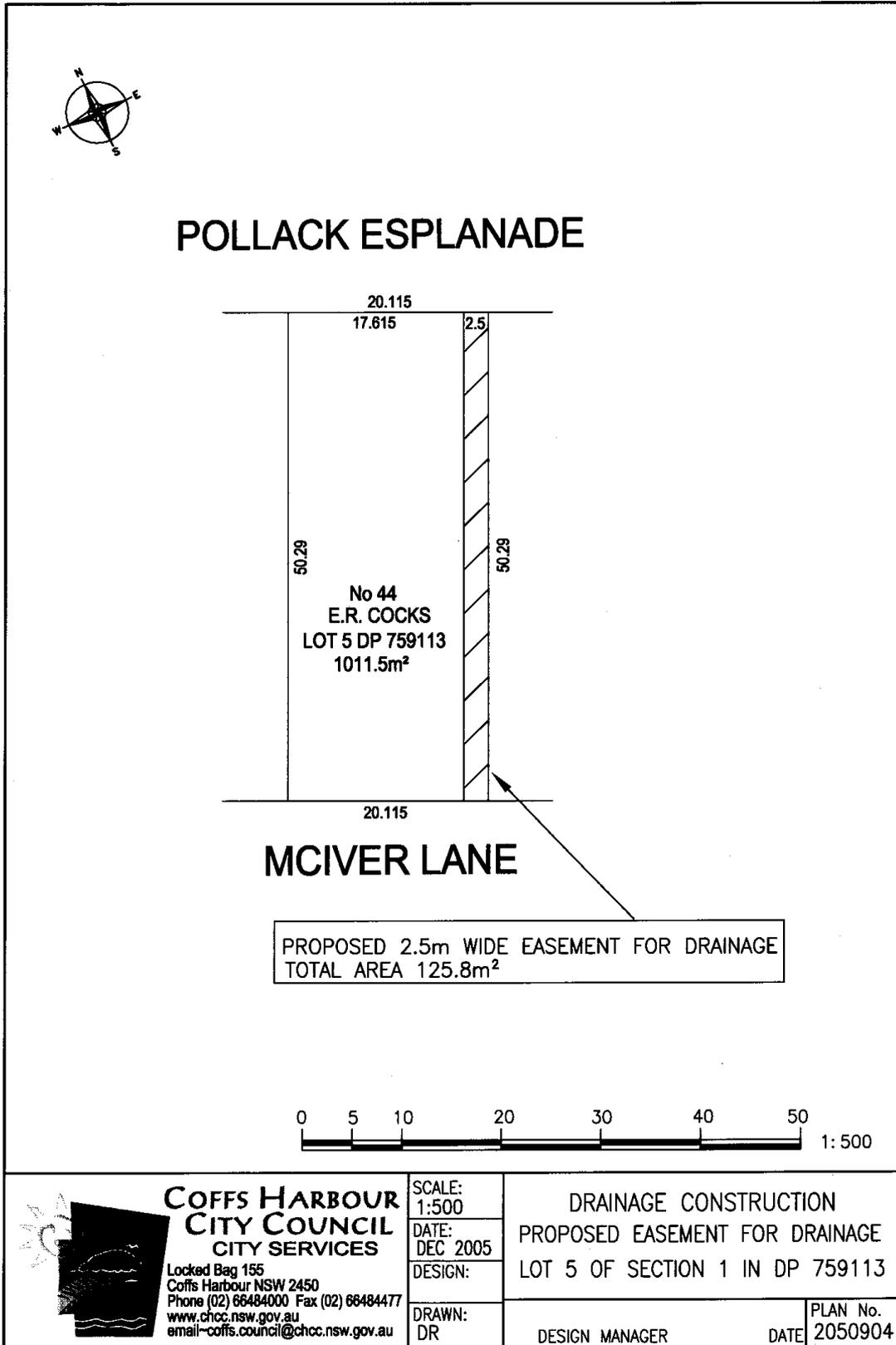
Recommendation:

1. **That Council proceed to acquire an easement 2.5 metres wide and variable for drainage over Lot 5 Section 1 DP 759113 being 44 Pollack Esplanade, Woolgoolga as shown on the plan attached to this report.**
2. **That the easement be acquired by Council on the terms and conditions contained within this report.**
3. **That all necessary documents associated with the acquisition of the easement be executed under the Common Seal of Council.**



Pat Littler Director of City Business Units

Attachments:



Ped1 Development Application 612/06 For A Public Swimming Pool And Amenities At Lot 1 Dp 608289, Orara Way, Nana Glen ...(Cont'd)

Description of Item:

- **Proposal**

The proposed development involves the construction of a 25metre x 12metre public swimming pool allowing for eight swimming lanes. Also proposed is a single storey brick amenities building measuring 21metres x 5metres containing toilet/shower facilities, pump plant room and a kiosk.

Access to the site will be from Grafton Street to an on-site carpark containing 16 spaces along the frontage of the site.

It is proposed the pool will operate from September to April within the following hours:

Monday - Friday	7.00am - 6.00pm
Saturday	8.00am - 3.00pm
Sunday	10.00am - 3.00pm

- **Site and Locality**

The site is located on the corner of Nana and Grafton Streets within the village of Nana Glen. The site is owned by the Department of Education and is currently used as recreation area for the Nana Glen Public School.

The site is L-shaped and has an area of 2 hectares. The pool and amenities are proposed on the front, narrower portion of the site which is a relatively flat, open field with minimal fall towards Grafton Street.

Rural land adjoins the site to the north with the Orara River to the east. The Nana Glen Public School buildings are positioned to the south with Grafton Street and rural land to the west.

Sustainability Assessment:

- **Environment**

The construction of the swimming pool and amenities building will require minimal landform modification and removal of vegetation. There are no significant environmental features on the land. The effluent and wastewater will be treated prior to subsurface disposal on site. Noise will be generated on site by mechanical equipment, patrons and their vehicles. Noise mitigation measures include a proposed acoustic barrier and the enclosure of mechanical equipment.

- **Social**

The proposal will provide many positive social benefits to the community. It will serve as a meeting place for the community and provide learn-to-swim programs and general recreation for all age groups.

Security of the site is to be provided with the use of suitable fencing, lighting and landscaping.

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Ped1 Development Application 612/06 For A Public Swimming Pool And Amenities At Lot 1 Dp 608289, Orara Way, Nana Glen ...(Cont'd)

- **Economic**

The proposal will provide economic benefit to the local swimming community by reducing traveling costs.

The facility will provide employment opportunities during construction and further employment opportunities for operational staff.

Broader Economic Implications

Other commerce within and surrounding the village may benefit from passing trade.

Management Plan Implications

Council will be contributing \$139,000 towards the capital costs of the project funded by a rate variation for the 2006/2007 financial year. The Management Plan will allow for \$80,000 per year for operational costs.

Consultation:

The proposed development has been advertised and notified in accordance with the Notification Development Control Plan (DCP). One submission has been received from an adjoining property owner to the north of the site (see Appendix C). The following issues were raised in the submission:

- The impact of noise from the site.
- The impact of odour from the site.
- The impact of lighting from the site.
- Alternate location for the facility.

One submission was received in support of the proposal stating that the pool will be a great community asset.

Statutory Requirements:

Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (EP&A) Act 1979 specifies the matters which a consent authority must consider when determining a DA. The consideration of matters is limited insofar as they must be of relevance to the particular application being examined. The Section 79C Evaluation is appended to this report (Appendix A) and provides a detailed assessment of the application. The following relevant Statutory Instruments are also covered within the 79C Evaluation:

- North Coast Regional Environmental Plan (REP)
- Coffs Harbour City Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2000
- Nana Glen-Bucca DCP
- Off-Street Car Parking DCP
- Access and Mobility DCP

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Ped1 Development Application 612/06 For A Public Swimming Pool And Amenities At Lot 1 Dp 608289, Orara Way, Nana Glen ...(Cont'd)

Issues:

The concerns contained in the submission are responded to as follows:

- **Noise**

A noise impact report has been prepared by a Noise Control and Acoustic Consultant. The report considers the impact of noise on the nearest residence which is positioned approximately 32metres from the pool enclosure and 44metres to the pool edge.

The report concludes that no adverse noise impact will result from the operation of the proposed development and no justifiable noise complaints will be received relative to the operation of plant and equipment or on-site car activity.

The report predicts that patrons' voices have the potential to exceed the day and evening Project Specific Noise Levels (PSNL) at the nearest residence. The predicted noise levels can be significantly reduced with the provision of a noise barrier, providing the barrier is of sufficient length to prevent flanking transmissions.

It is advised that the proposed hours of operation of the pool is not to exceed 6.00pm.

The report factors in the noise from the road works undertaken on the Orara Way during the monitoring period.

- **Lighting**

All outdoor lighting for night usage and/or security purposes will be required to be designed in accordance with Australian Standard 4282-1997 – Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting.

- **Odour**

The wastewater and effluent disposal system including the subsurface drainage field have been designed by an engineer and will be approximately 40m from the nearest residence. The system will not emit odours detectable from the adjoining property.

- **Alternative site**

The submission nominated Council's sporting fields as an ideal alternative to the proposed site. Council's Park and Recreation Branch have advised that the whole area of the fields is subject to flooding that would pose serious problems for a swimming pool complex. There are no other suitable alternate sites within the area.

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Ped1 Development Application 612/06 For A Public Swimming Pool And Amenities At Lot 1 Dp 608289, Orara Way, Nana Glen ...(Cont'd)

Summary

The site for the proposed swimming pool is suitably located within the village of Nana Glen and contains physical characteristics to allow the development to occur with minimal disturbance to the environment. The adjoining property has been considered and mitigation measures have been proposed to reduce the impact of noise from the site. The facility will provide positive recreational and social benefits to the community.

Recommendation:

- 1. That Development Application 612/06 for a public swimming pool and amenities at Lot 1 DP 608289, Orara Way Nana Glen be approved subject to technical conditions (Appendix B).**
- 2. That those who lodged a submission to this development application be notified of Council's decision.**

79C Evaluation

Development Application 1391/03

1. Matters for consideration general

In determining a development application, a consent authority is to take into consideration such of the following matters as are of relevance to the development the subject of the development application:

a. the provisions of:

i. any environmental planning instrument, and

- **Local Environmental Plan 2000**

The site is zoned 1A Rural Agriculture. The proposed development constitutes a “recreation area” which is permissible in the zoning with development consent.

General Control:

Clause 12. Koala Habitat

Secondary Koala Habitat exists along the eastern boundary of the site. No Koala habitat species listed in Coffs harbour City Koala Plan of Management are to be removed as a result of the proposed development. Proposed landscaping will include Koala food trees adjacent to secondary koala habitat to enhance this corridor.

Clause 14. Services

Reticulated water service is available to the site. An engineer has provided a design for the on-site wastewater and effluent disposal system.

Special Controls:

Clause 23. (9) Flood Prone Land

A portion of the land is within the 1% flood event and is therefore flood affected. The proposed swimming pool, amenities and surrounding grounds will be located outside the flood-affected area.

- **North Coast Regional Environmental Plan**

Clause 15 Development Control- wetlands or fishery habitat

The effluent and wastewater disposal system and the setback from the Orara River will mitigate potential impacts upon the water quality of this waterway.

Clause 81 Development Control - development adjacent to the ocean or a waterway

The proposed development will be screened from Orara River and will therefore not detract from the amenity of this waterway.

Clause 82 Development Control - sporting fields or specialised sporting facilities

The proposed development will be positioned within the village centre and will provide access for persons with a disability.

ii. any draft environmental planning instrument that is or has been placed on public exhibition and details of which have been notified to the consent authority, and

There are no draft environmental planning instruments of relevance to this development.

iii. any development control plan, and

Nana Glen-Bucca DCP

The proposed development will fit within the rural setting of the area and buildings will be setback more than 20metres from Grafton Street. Land use conflicts will be minimised through noise mitigation measures. Water quality will be protected through the positioning and design of wastewater treatment and disposal system.

Off-Street Parking DCP

The proposed land use is not specified in the DCP therefore a study of similar type developments was undertaken. The anticipated demand will be less than other larger urban facilities. Proposed are 16 parking spaces that include two spaces for persons with disabilities.

iv. the regulations (to the extent that they prescribe matters for the purposes of this paragraph), that apply to the land to which the development application relates,

There are no matters prescribed by the regulations that are of relevance to this development.

b. the likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality,

The site for the proposed development is currently a flat, open, grassed field. The construction of the swimming pool and amenities building will not require any tree removal and only minimal landform modification. The site will be enhanced with substantial landscaping.

The waste water and effluent treatment and disposal system has been positioned and designed to ensure there is no impact on the adjacent waterway or the amenity of the area.

An acoustic barrier has been proposed to minimise the noise impact on the adjoining residence.

The amenities building has been designed to be in keeping with the rural character of the area. The building is single storey masonry construction with a metal skillion roof. The pool and fencing is compatible with the structures and activities associated with the school precinct.

The proposed swimming pool will serve as a meeting place for the local community and provide learn to swim classes and a place for general physical activity for all age groups.

It will save the community the cost of travelling to distant facilities and provide employment opportunities during construction and employment for operational staff upon completion.

c. the suitability of the site for the development,

The site is suitable for the proposed development as it is located within the village area and is not burdened by constraints such as flooding, bushfire and significant vegetation. The site is also relatively flat and has sufficient area for future expansion if required.

The site allows for a reasonable setback from the adjoining property to the north. This setback allows sufficient area for screen planting and an acoustic barrier to be provided between the facilities and the dwelling on the adjoining property.

d. any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations,

The application was advertised and notified in accordance with Council's Notification DCP. One submission was received from the owner of an adjoining property. The issues raised have been considered in the assessment of this application and are outlined in the report.

e. the public interest,

The application is considered to be within the public interest. The facility will provide valuable social and recreational benefits to the local and outlying community.

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DRAFT CONDITIONS

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 612/06
INGROUND SWIMMING POOL AND AMENITIES BLOCK
Lot 1, DP 608289, Orara Way, Nana Glen**

Development Application No. 612/06

Schedule of Conditions

Noise Mitigation:

1. The acoustic barrier between the pool and the neighbouring dwelling to the north shall be erected prior to the issue of an **Occupation Certificate** and the use of the swimming pool. The barrier shall be positioned and be of sufficient length to ensure the line of sight from all corners of the pool to the dwelling is obscured in order to minimise the flanking of noise transmissions.
2. Noise attenuation methods required by the acoustical engineer or any additional works required by this consent are to be implemented and the completed works subsequently certified by the acoustical engineer, prior to commencement of use.

One month after the use has commenced a similar report is to be submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority. This report is to assess noise emission from the development, the effectiveness of the noise attenuation methods and compliance or otherwise with the appropriate maximum noise level.

Additional Details or Applications:

3. A separate application is to be submitted for the proposed septic tank. The septic system is to be approved by Council **prior to issue of any Construction Certificate**.
4. A detailed landscaping plan for all unbuilt-on areas of the site being submitted to and approved by Council **prior to issue of the Construction Certificate**.

The plan must be prepared and certified by a qualified architect, landscape architect or professional landscape consultant. The plan is to comply with Council's Landscaping Guidelines, and is to incorporate measures to ensure the maintenance and survival of the landscaping. All landscaping is to be carried out in accordance with the plan and maintained in accordance with the plan at all times.

Prior to the occupation inspection, a works-as-executed plan is to be submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority certifying that all landscaping works have been carried out in accordance with the approved plan.

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5. A total of 16 (being 10 constructed with six overflow) car parking spaces being provided on the development site. All car parking and vehicular manoeuvring areas are to be constructed in accordance with Council's Off-Street Carparking Development Control Plan. Carparking areas are to be maintained in a serviceable condition at all times. Details of car park paving and layout being submitted and approved **prior to issue of the Construction Certificate**. Sixteen (16) car parking spaces being signposted for visitor/customer parking.
6. Access for disabled persons being provided in accordance with the Building Code of Australia provisions. The developer's attention is drawn to the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

Sediment & Erosion Control:

7. Where excavation works or removal of vegetation is to take place on the site, control measures in accordance with Council's Erosion & Sediment Control Policy and Practice for Building & Development Sites to prevent the erosion of soil are to be undertaken at each appropriate construction stage.

Signage:

8. A sign indicating the name, address and telephone number of the Principal Certifying Authority, and the name and telephone number of the principal contractor (if any) must be erected in a prominent position on the site and maintained until the building work has been completed. The sign must also state that unauthorised entry to the site is prohibited. The signage must be erected prior to commencement of work.

Time of Operation:

9. The swimming pool is only to operate from September to April during the following hours:

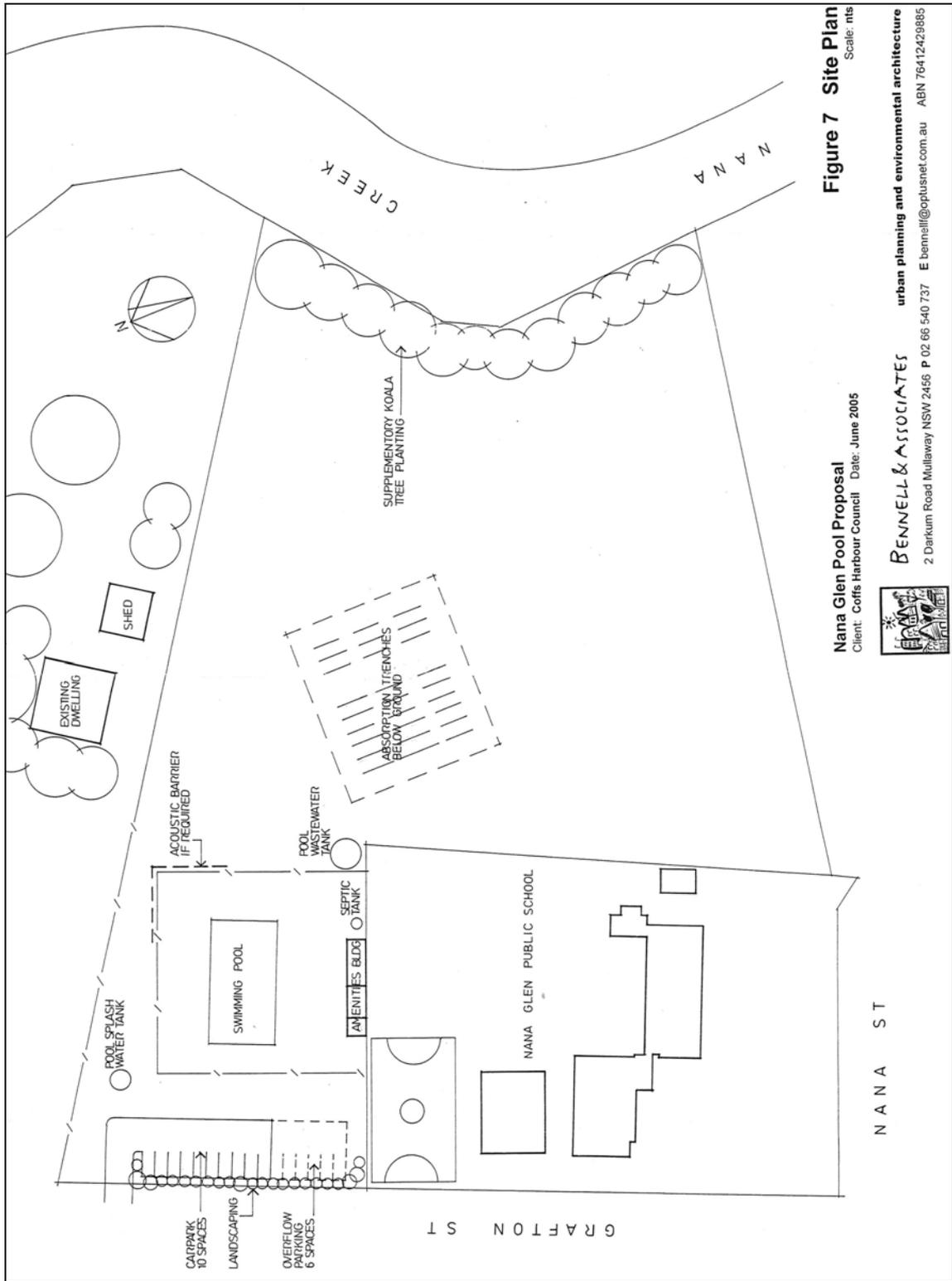
Monday – Friday	7.00am – 6.00pm
Saturday	8.00am – 3.00pm
Sunday	10.00am – 3.00pm

Construction:

10. The swimming pool and surrounds are to be completely enclosed with an approved type fence and gates complying with the Swimming Pools Act 1992. Details of the proposed fencing are to be submitted **prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate**.
11. The pool is not to be filled with water until a safety fencing inspection has been carried out and an approval granted by the Principal Certifying Authority.
12. Fences, gates, walls, etc. enclosing the general swimming pool area are to be maintained in good repair and condition at all times.
13. A resuscitation chart is to be permanently fixed and displayed in a prominent position within the pool surrounds area prior to occupation inspection.

Food Premises (Kiosk):

14. Submission of fit-out details complying with Australian Standard AS 4674-2004 (Design, Construction and Fit-out of Food Premises) **prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate**.



Site Plan

PED2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP

Purpose:

To recommend community members of the Environmental Working Group.

Description of Item:

The Environmental Working Group has operated as a Section 355 Committee to assist Council allocate the Environmental Levy. Membership of the Committee expired in July 2005 and at this time Council resolved to continue the operation of the committee with 4 community representatives. Council also determined its representatives to be Jeff Green, John Shaw, Kyme Lavelle, The Mayor, Councillor McKelvey and Councillor Smithers. In late 2005 Council invited nominations from the community and in early 2006, submissions were reviewed against the relevant selection criteria and four individuals were selected for membership of the group. This report outlines the relevant deliberations and presents the recommended community membership for the Environmental Working Group.

Sustainability Assessment:

- **Environment**

The Environmental Working group will be responsible for ensuring that the Environmental Levy addresses environmental priorities for Coffs Harbour. Recommended members for the Group all have a strong understanding of the environmental issues relevant to Coffs Harbour.

- **Social**

Recommended members of the Environmental Working Group each represent a geographic as well as cultural sector of the community.

- **Economic**

The Working Group will require facilitation and involvement by Council Staff. This is within the scope of their general responsibilities. Therefore, the formation and operation of the group will not have unscheduled economic implications for the Management Plan.

Consultation:

Relevant staff have been engaged in the nomination and selection of members for the Environmental Working Group.

Related Policy and / or Precedents:

Relevant policy governing Section 355 committees will be utilised for the operation of the group.

Statutory Requirements:

Section 355 of the Local Government Act provides for Council to appoint members of Committees.

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Ped2 Membership Of The Environmental Working Group ...(Cont'd)

Issues:

Council received six community nominations for the Environmental Working Group. Applications were assessed against the relevant selection criteria: knowledge of environmental issues facing Coffs Harbour; experience in the operation of committees; ability to represent a specific sector of the community and; provision of two referees.

From this process four representatives were selected to provide a balanced representation of the geographic regions of Coffs Harbour as well as broader cultural sectors:

- **Adrian Maloney- representing Central Coffs**
Adrian would “like to make Coffs the best place it can be for the community and (his) family now and in the future”.
- **John Ross- representing Landcare**
John has previously sat on this committee and always shown himself to be an extremely valuable member. John would like to be on the committee again because “the environmental levy is a visionary and very effective process in the vital work of environmental management. (He) would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue as a member”.
- **Dee Wallace- representing Northern Coffs**
Dee has also previously been a part of the committee as well as many other Council committees. She is “committed to a holistic, commonsense approach to sustainability for Coffs and its Northern Beaches”.
- **Garry Dew- representing Western Coffs**
Garry is an active community member and also a previous member of the Environmental Working Group. He has a strong interest in environmental management and partnerships between Council and the community.

Implementation Date / Priority:

The Environmental Working Group will be required to meet the first week of February to deliberate the 2006/07 Environmental Levy applications. The implementation date is therefore immediate.

Recommendation:

That Council appoints Adrian Maloney, John Ross, Dee Wallace and Gary Dew as the community representatives for the Environmental Working Group.

Mark Salter
Acting Director of Planning Environment & Development