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**COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING
(LAND USE, HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE)
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COFF AND CASTLE STREETS, COFFS HARBOUR
14 MAY 2009**

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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING (LAND USE, HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE)

14 MAY 2009

Present: Councillors K Rhoades (Mayor), J Arkan, J Bonfield, R Degens, M Graham, K Hines, D Knight, W Palmer and P Templeton.

Staff: General Manager, Director Corporate Business, Director City Services, Director Land Use, Health & Development, Manager Land Use Planning and Executive Assistant.

The meeting commenced at 5.01 pm with the Mayor, Cr K D Rhoades in the chair.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest tabled by Councillors.

PUBLIC FORUM

Time	Speaker	Item
5.00pm (15 mins)	North Coast Academy of Sport – Lismore John Kincade/Acting Exec Dir. David Parkinson/Chairman	Presenting/introduction of Coffs Coast Individual Athletes Update on NCAS activities
5.15pm	Jim Limbert	Personal views regarding flood effects/history - Lessening of water inundation in the City

CONFIRMATION AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 50 **RESOLVED** (Templeton/Arkan) that the minutes of the City Services Committee meeting held on 23 April 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.
- 51 **RESOLVED** (Templeton/Arkan) that the minutes of the Corporate Business Committee meeting held on 23 April 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

NOTICE OF MOTION

LIQUID FUEL USAGE AND FUEL REDUCTION SCHEME

Councillor Rodney Degens has given notice of his intention to move:

- 52 **RESOLVED** (Degens/Arkan) that the CHCC develop and implement a liquid fuels policy that results in the ongoing, yearly reduction of total liquid fuel consumption of 3% per year, every year over a preceding year, beginning from the 2009/10 financial year.

LAND USE HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT

L12 COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL - SOUTH COFFS DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN AND DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN

The purpose of this report is to provide comment on submissions received during the exhibition of the Coffs Harbour City Council - South Coffs Development Control Plan (DCP) and Developer Contributions Plan.

MOTION

- 53 **MOVED** (Palmer/Bonfield) that:
1. Council adopt the Coffs Harbour City Council - South Coffs Development Control Plan.
 2. Council adopt the Coffs Harbour City Council - South Coffs Developer Contributions Plan 2009.
 3. Council give the appropriate notice of the commencement of the Development Control Plan and Developer Contributions Plan in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and Regulations.
 4. Council note the submissions received during the exhibition process.
 5. Council inform all submission writers of Council's decision.

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L12 Coffs Harbour City Council - South Coffs Development Control Plan and Developer Contributions Plan ...(Cont'd)

AMENDMENT

MOVED (Graham/Degens) that Council write to all residents affected by the South Coffs Development Control Plan notifying them that because of concerns over odour, lack of public transport servicing and valuable agricultural lands that the Development Control Plan will not be proceeding

VOTED FOR

Degens
Graham

VOTED AGAINST

Templeton
Hines
Knight
Bonfield
Rhoades
Palmer
Arkan

The **AMENDMENT** on being put to the meeting was **LOST**.

VOTING ON THE MOTION

VOTED FOR

Templeton
Hines
Knight
Bonfield
Rhoades
Palmer
Arkan

VOTED AGAINST

Degens
Graham

The **MOTION** on being put to the meeting was declared **CARRIED**.

CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

S15 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND OPERATORS CONFERENCE

Requesting Council to note that staff member Ross Waugh is attending the Water Industry Operations Group of New Zealand, Operators Conference in Dunedin in May 2009.

54 **RESOLVED** (Arkan/Templeton) that Council note Ross Waugh's attendance at the Water Industry Operations Group of New Zealand Conference to be held in Dunedin, New Zealand from 13-15 May 2009.

CORPORATE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

C26 DEE WALLACE PERPETUAL AWARD

To report to Council in line with the resolution from the Corporate Business Committee meeting held on 23 April 2009 regarding the investigations into establishing a perpetual community and environmental award in honour of Dee Wallace.

55 RESOLVED (Graham/Palmer) that:

1. Council commit to the creation of the "Dee Wallace Perpetual Environment & Community Award" and this be announced on World Environment Day 2009 with the view of the first award being presented on World Environment Day 2010.
2. The above criteria be used as the basis for nominations to the award
3. The terms of reference for the Environmental Levy Committee be expanded to include the administration of the Dee Wallace Perpetual Environment & Community Award including recommending to Council the recipient of the award each year.
4. The award winner each year be supplied with a plaque/trophy and certificate signed by the Mayor.
5. A submission be made to the Draft Moonee Nature Reserve Plan of Management for the upgrading and dedication/naming of a section of Solitary Island Coastal Walk on Dammerels Head in honour of the late Dee Wallace in recognition as the original community catalyst for the concept of a coastal walk.

C27 MONTHLY BUDGET REVIEW FOR JANUARY 2009

To report on the estimated budget position as at 31 January 2009.

56 RESOLVED (Palmer/Templeton) that:

1. The variations in the attached exception report be approved.
2. The revised Budget position as at 31 January 2009 be noted:

	General Account \$	Water Account \$	Sewer Account \$
Original Budget adopted 30th June 2008	93,365 (D)	6,695,376 (D)	6,820,832 (D)
Approved Variations to 31 December 2008	251,086 (D)	158,509 (S)	393,603 (S)
Recommended variations for January	10,000 (D)	NIL	NIL
Estimated result 2008/09 as at 31 January 2009	<u>354,451</u> (D)	<u>6,536,867</u> (D)	<u>6,427,229</u> (D)

C28 DEE WALLACE - DEDICATION OF SECTION OF SOLITARY ISLANDS COASTAL WALK

Further information in relation to dedicating a section of the Solitary Islands Coastal Walk in lieu of naming of a parkland at Emerald Beach.

The recommendation for this report was transferred into C26 Dee Wallace Perpetual Award.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 57 **RESOLVED** (Palmer/Templeton) that Cr Arkan be granted leave of absence from Council from 28 May and 11 June 2009.
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MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE

1. Lighting Program

Cr Arkan advised that the street lighting outside Woolgoolga Public School was inadequate and may be dangerous for people using the crossing to the carpark.

The General Manager took the matter on notice.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. Attendance at Conferences or Events

The Mayor requested if any Councillors had anything to report to Council regarding attendance at conferences or events in the City since the last meeting.

Cr Palmer advised he attended the Australian Professional Ocean Lifeguard Association Conference and was presented a plaque of appreciation to Coffs Harbour City Council for hosting the 2009 conference.

Cr Palmer also advised he attended the Engineers Australia Newcastle Division 2009 Engineering Excellence Awards; the overall winner (Energy Australia Engineering Excellence Award) was the Clarence Valley / Coffs Harbour Regional Water Scheme.

Cr Palmer attended the Vision 2030 Summit which was a great success, the forum was a platform for progressive ideas for the betterment of this city, however was disappointed that a Councillor had used the forum to make a political statement.

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1. Attendance At Conferences Or Events ...(Cont'd)

Cr Graham advised he attended the Premiers Council for Active Living (PCAL), Healthy Planning workshop in Ballina on 29 April. Cr Graham requests that Council in preparation of its upcoming Local Environmental Plan review consider incorporation of the PCAL recommendations for sustainable and healthy community development into that process.

The General Manager took the matter on notice.

Cr Knight attended the Japanese Gardens for the Japanese Children's Festival, numbers were doubled on last year, Cr Knight wanted to thank Council for its financial support and staff and also the Botanical Gardens staff.

Cr Degens advised he also attended the Japanese Children's Festival and would like to thank Cr Knight for being master of ceremonies at the Japanese Children's Festival.

Cr Graham advised on the 1 May the Mayor of the Clarence Valley launched his Lower Clarence Biolink study which was a partnership between Valley Watch, various state government agencies and the regional alliance for sustainable planning which provided a framework for the sustainable management of the biodiversity in the lower Clarence Valley.

2. Bus Drop Off at Woolgoolga Public School

Cr Arkan requested if it was possible to improve the bus drop off at Woolgoolga Public School, Scarborough Street, Woolgoolga.

The General Manager took the matter on notice.

3. Road Works - Waterloo Street, Woolgoolga

Cr Arkan requested an update as to the road works to Waterloo Street, Woolgoolga; he had heard that Aboriginal artifacts had been found which had stopped work.

The General Manager took the matter on notice.

4. Fluoride

Cr Degens requested that Councillors be provided with the details as to the start up costs for the fluoride injection plant as well as the total annual costs associated with the running of the fluoride plant?

The General Manager took the matter on notice.

Cr Degens requested that Councillors be provided with the details relating to costs associated with halting of the fluoride process, both with and without Department of Health consent?

The General Manager advised that further information would be provided to Councillors on the fluoridation process.

Cr Arkan requested if a copy of the results of the survey on fluoridation be provided to Councillors.

The General Manager advised the results would be distributed.

5. History Museum

Cr Degens questioned what are the conditions of the present storage arrangements for the History Museum's artifacts and memorabilia? Is it climate controlled?

The General Manager advised that temporary storage has been arranged for storage of museum items. A report is being prepared for Council's consideration.

Cr Degens asked Is there a need and is it possible for storage to be organised on a regional basis, combining with other Councils?

The General Manager advised this would be covered in the report for Council's consideration.

6. General Manager's Presentation - General Manager's Forum & Conference

Cr Graham raised that General Manager had presented at a General Manager's Forum and Conference regarding transparency and accountability in local government, Cr Graham requested a copy of the presentation.

The General Manager responded that it was a verbal presentation but will forward a summary.

AMENDED PAGE

Refer to City Services Business Paper of 28 May 2009 for amendment explanation.

7. Flood Inundation

Cr Graham asked the Mayor how long he had served on Coffs Harbour City Council and during that time whether Development Applications had been approved for development in the catchment of Coffs Creek that were inundated on 31 March. Cr Graham questioned on what basis the Mayor suggested that the Greens political party was responsible for the recent flood.

The Mayor responded he had served on Council for 18 years, that he wouldn't have a clue how many development applications have been approved. He advised that the comments reported in a letter to a local newspaper had been a private meeting between himself, the General Manager and local residents. The Mayor further advised that he made the following comment at that meeting:

"I have a personal opinion and that is there are radicals in all political parties whether they be Liberal, Labour, National or Greens that do not want to see creek and waterway systems cleared so as to prevent flooding of peoples private premises, that is a personal opinion of mine."

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.08 pm.

Confirmed: 28 May 2009

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Keith Rhoades AFSM
Mayor