



**BURDEKIN SHIRE COUNCIL**



# **AGENDA**

## **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD AT COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,  
145 YOUNG STREET, AYR**

**on 23 November 2010**

**COMMENCING AT 9:00AM**



**TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2010**

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**ITEM-1            Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes - 9 November 2010**

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**Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 November, 2010 be received as a true and correct record.





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# **MINUTES**

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## **ATTENDANCE**

Councillors L.A. McLaughlin (Mayor), L. Loizou (Deputy Mayor), T.P. List, E. Gazziola, P.M. Dalle Cort, M.J. Haynes and R. H. Lewis

Mr. K. Holt - Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. D.P. Mulcahy - Director Corporate and Community Services  
Mr. T. G. Williams - Director Environment and Operations  
Mr. S. Great - Manager Planning and Development  
Mr. T. Vaccaro - Economic and Community Development Manager  
Mr. G. Pappalardo - Manager Operations  
Mr. K. Byers - Manager Technical Services  
Miss L. Govan – Co-ordinator Environment and Health

Minutes Clerk – Miss S. Cronin

### **• PRAYER**

The meeting prayer was delivered by Reverend Paul Clark of the Uniting Church.

### **• DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Mayor called for declarations of interest.

- The Mayor, Councillor McLaughlin declared a conflict of interest in respect of item 6 on the Environment and Operations Agenda as she is a friend of the applicant.
- The Mayor, Councillor McLaughlin declared a conflict of interest in respect of item 11 on the Environment and Operations Agenda as the applicant is her nephew.

### **• IN COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS**

#### **Council meets In Committee under Section 72 of Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010**

##### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Loizou, seconded Councillor Gazziola that the Council meets in committee under the following sections of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010:

Section 72(1) (c) – the local government's budget;

Section 72(1) (g) – any action to be taken by the local government under the Planning Act, including deciding applications made to it under the Act;

Section 72(1) (h) – other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interest of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

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For the purpose of discussing:

- Budget matters including road works and proposed application for feasibility study on Plantation Park;
- Application for a building line variation.

CARRIED

## **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL RESUMED**

### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Loizou that the ordinary meeting of Council be resumed.

CARRIED

### **• MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING**

#### **ITEM-1            Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes - 26 October 2010**

### **Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 October, 2010 be received as a true and correct record.

### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Haynes, seconded Councillor Gazziola that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

#### **ITEM-2            Burdekin Local Government Counter Disaster Committee Meeting Minutes - 22 October 2010**

### **Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Burdekin Local Government Counter Disaster Committee Meeting held on 22 October, 2010 be received and adopted.

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## **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Loizou, seconded Councillor Gazziola that the minutes of the Burdekin Local Government Counter Disaster Committee Meeting held on 22 October, 2010 be received.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Dalle Cort, seconded Councillor List that the minutes of the Burdekin Local Government Counter Disaster Committee Meeting held on 22 October, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED

## **ITEM-3            Burdekin Be Active Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 1 September 2010**

### **Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Burdekin Be Active Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 September 2010 be received and adopted.

### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Gazziola, seconded Councillor Dalle Cort that the minutes of the Burdekin Be Active Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 September, 2010 be received.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Loizou, seconded Councillor Haynes that the minutes of the Burdekin Be Active Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 September, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED

## **• REPORTS**

Nil

## **• ENVIRONMENT & OPERATIONS**

## **ITEM-4            Council approves permanent road closure of part of road adjoining lot 1 RP721548, Brandon**

### **Executive Summary**

Request from State Land Asset Management Unit of DERM for Council's views or requirements on permanent road closure.

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## **Recommendation**

Council agrees to the permanent closure of part of the road adjoining lot 1 RP721548.

## **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Haynes that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

## **ITEM-5          Development application for reconfiguring a lot at 1-3 Trace street, Ayr**

### **Executive Summary**

An application has been received from S and J Curko seeking approval for Reconfiguring a Lot (Subdivision) at 1-3 Trace Street, Ayr (Lot 1 on SP207733, Parish of Antill, County of Gladstone). A Development Application (Code Assessable) has been triggered in accordance with the Burdekin Shire IPA Planning Scheme.

## **Recommendation**

That Council approves the Development Application for Reconfiguring a Lot (Subdivision) at 1-3 Trace Street, Ayr (Lot 1 on SP207733, Parish of Antill, County of Gladstone), subject to the following conditions:

### **GENERAL**

- 1.1 The Council will not release the formal Plan of Reconfiguration until all rates and charges in arrears in respect of the land, the subject of the application, are paid in full.
- 1.2 Pay the sum of \$95.60 calculated on the basis of a charge of \$23-90 per lot to be levied on the Council by the Department of Environment and Resource Management for each new valuation.
- 1.3 The proposed lots must be filled and compacted with approved material to a minimum level equal to the level of a 50 year ARI flood and must be evenly graded to the road frontage or an approved inter-lot drainage system at not less than 0.25% to ensure that the land is free draining.

### **PROPOSAL PLAN**

2. The reconfiguration of the land must be carried out generally in accordance with:-
  - (a) (i) the proposed Nicoll Beattie Pty. Ltd. plan numbered 1040-1 A;
  - (ii) the plans, specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application submitted to Council; and
  - (b) any approval issued under this approval; and
  - (c) any development permit for operational works relating to the reconfiguring



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#### **SOIL EROSION SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN**

3. A detailed Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan must be provided as part of Operational Works for the development. An appropriately qualified professional must design and certify the plan which must comply with the Environment Protection Act 1994 and all its subordinate legislation.

#### **PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES**

4. The developer must at its own cost undertake all necessary alterations to public utility mains and services as are rendered necessary by the carrying out of any required external works or other works associated with the approved development.

#### **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

5. The developer must prior to release of formal Plan of Survey submit a letter from Ergon Energy (or other suitable entity) stating that satisfactory arrangements have been made with it for the provision of an electricity supply to the subdivision.

#### **STORMWATER**

- 6.1 The stormwater shall be conveyed to and discharged at a point of lawful discharge approved by the Chief executive Officer
- 6.2 The proposed drainage shall ensure that there is no detrimental effect to upstream and downstream catchments;
- 6.3 All stormwater calculations and design details shall be certified by a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ) and included in the operational works application.

#### **ROADWORKS**

7. The construction of any crossovers to give access to the land is to be the owner's responsibility and to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **ACCESS**

8. The accessway to proposed lots 3 and 4 shall be constructed with a driveway for its full length to the following standards:
  - a) A three (3) metre wide compacted gravel pavement not less than 150mm thick (type 2.2) and sealed with either:
    - 25mm of DG7 asphaltic concrete, or
    - hot sprayed bitumen consisting of a prime and 2 seal coats (10mm & 16mm); Or
  - b) A three (3) metre wide reinforced concrete driveway (not car tracks) not less than 100mm thick.

#### **AMENITY – SCREEN FENCING**

9. Provide evidence of or construct a suitable screen fence along the outside boundary of the proposed access driveway to proposed lots 3 & 4 to ensure that the future residential amenity on both the subject and adjoining properties is protected. The fence design plan is to be submitted to gain the consent of Council to ensure that the construction method and building material is to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

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## **OPERATIONAL WORKS**

- 10.1 Where operational works are required to be carried out for the reconfiguration, the developer must, lodge with Council an application for a development permit for Operational works. As part of such application, the developer must submit:-
- (a) detailed and complete engineering drawings and specifications of the proposed works prepared by a civil engineer, who is both registered under the Professional Engineer's Act 2002 and is current Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland; and
  - (b) certificate from the engineer who prepared the drawings stating that the design and specifications have been prepared in accordance with these conditions, relevant Council Codes and Planning Scheme Policies and the relevant Australian Standard Codes of Practice;
  - (c) a letter from the Electricity Service Provider stating that electricity can be readily supplied to the development;
- 10.2 No work must be commenced prior to issue of a development permit for Operational Works.

## **SEWERAGE SUPPLY WORKS**

11. Proposed Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be connected to Council's sewerage scheme. The sewerage connection must be provided at a location approved by the Chief Executive Officer and at the full cost of the developer.

## **WATER SUPPLY WORKS**

- 12.1 Proposed Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be connected to Council's reticulated water supply. The water connections must be provided at a location approved by the Chief Executive Officer and at the full cost of the developer.
- 12.2 The applicant must provide a certified statement from a licensed plumber that no existing interconnecting water supply plumbing crosses the boundaries between the proposed new lots.

## **WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE HEADWORKS**

13. A contribution in terms of Council's Planning Scheme Policy for "Developer Contribution for Provision of Water Supply and Sewerage Services" is payable for 3 lots. The amount will be calculated at the time of payment based on the charge applicable at the time.

## **COMPACTION STANDARDS**

14. Where fill is incorporated on allotments, details of compaction standards obtained are to be provided to Council. Such standards are to comply with the minimum standard for building construction;

## **AS-CONSTRUCTED PLANS**

15. Prior to the release of the plan, the developer shall provide Council with a complete set of as-constructed plans and an electronic copy which is to be compatible to Council's system at the relevant time, for all works. Such plans are to be certified by an R.P.E.Q;

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## **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor List that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

### **ITEM-7            Development application for a Material Change of Use for a Shop (Agricultural Supplies) at 122A, 122 and 124 Young Street, Ayr**

#### **Executive Summary**

An application has been received from Adams Sparks Town Planning & Development on behalf of their client E.E Muir & Sons Pty Ltd seeking approval for a Shop (Agricultural Supplies) at 122A, 122 and 124 Young Street, Ayr (Lots 4 & 5 on RP700026 and Lot 2 on RP716253, Parish of Antill, County of Gladstone). A Development Application (Code Assessable) has been triggered in accordance with the Burdekin Shire IPA Planning Scheme

#### **Recommendation**

That Council approves the Development Application for a Material Change of Use for a Shop (Agricultural Supplies) at 122A, 122 and 124 Young Street, Ayr (Lots 4 & 5 on RP700026 and Lot 2 on RP716253, Parish of Antill, County of Gladstone) subject to the following conditions:

#### **GENERAL**

- 1.1 The conditions of the development permit must be effected prior to the commencement of the use, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval;
- 1.2 The development and conduct of the approved use of the premises, the carrying out and maintenance of any works on the premises and construction and maintenance of any building on the premises must be generally in accordance with the approved plans submitted from Tony Ferraris building design, Job No TFBD-10043, DWG No SK01-04, Issue No P2.

#### **BUILDING WORK**

2. A development permit for Building Works is to be obtained before any building works are carried out on the premise.

#### **ROADWORKS**

- 3.1 Construct industrial crossovers (minimum width 6m, 150mm thick, 32 mPa concrete, F72 mesh) from the invert of the existing kerbing and channeling to the property boundary in both Young Street and Graham Street. Re-profile the footpath each side of the proposed driveways to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act.
- 3.2 Provide to Council prior to the commencement of works cross sections 1:50 natural scale from the centre of Young and Graham Streets to the property boundaries showing existing and design levels for the crossovers in condition 3.1.

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#### **ACCESS AND CAR PARKING**

- 4.1 Parking shall be provided generally in accordance with the approved plan from Tony Ferraris building design, Job No TFBF-10043, DWG No SK01-04, Issue No P2.
- 4.2 Parking space and layout must be designed in accordance with the provisions contained in Schedule 2 – Vehicle Parking Rates & Standards of the Planning Scheme.
- 4.3 Access to the premises, car parking and manoeuvring areas must be constructed in an all weather low glare paving, exposed aggregate concrete or similar material to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.
- 4.4. If any existing on street parallel car parking fronting the proposed development needs to be realigned, the applicant is to be responsible for any works to be carried out. All design and works are to be in accordance with Council's guidelines and at the applicant's full cost.

#### **DRAINAGE**

- 5.1 Stormwater drainage from paved/sealed and roofed areas must be discharged under the footpath to kerb and channelling within the adjoining road reserve in accordance with AS3500.2.2003 or as otherwise required or agreed to in writing by the Chief Executive Officer.
- 5.2 The approved development and use(s) must not interfere with the natural flow of stormwater in the locality in such a manner as to cause ponding or concentration of stormwater on adjoining land or roads.
- 5.3 Any external catchments discharging to the premises must be accepted and accommodated within the development's storm water drainage system.

#### **PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES**

6. The developer must at its own cost undertake all necessary alterations to public utility mains and services as are rendered necessary by the carrying out of any required external works or other works associated with the approved development.

#### **AMENITY – SCREEN FENCING**

- 10.A 1.8m high screen fence must be provided along the boundary that adjoins the property at 118-120 Young Street. The fence must be designed to achieve appropriate buffering between the proposed commercial and existing residential land uses. The fence design must be submitted and approved by the Chief Executive Officer before construction.

#### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Haynes that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

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**ITEM-8            Development application for a Material Change of Use at 24-28 Bowling Green Street, Brandon for a Caretaker's Residence**

**Executive Summary**

An application has been received from W A Vincent seeking approval for a caretaker's residence at 24-28 Bowling Green Street, Brandon. (Lot 1 on SP120591 Parish of Jarvisfield, County of Gladstone). A Development Application (Code Assessable) has been triggered in accordance with the Burdekin Shire IPA Planning Scheme.

**Recommendation**

That Council approves the Development Application for a Caretaker's Residence at 24-28 Bowling Green Street, Brandon (Lot 1 on SP120591, Parish of Jarvisfield, County of Gladstone) subject to the following conditions:

**GENERAL**

- 1.1 The conditions of the development permit must be effected prior to the commencement of the use, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.
- 1.2 The development and conduct of the approved use of the premises, the carrying out and maintenance of any works on the premises and construction and maintenance of any building on the premises must be generally in accordance with the approved plans submitted.

**BUILDING WORK**

2. A development permit for Building Works is to be obtained before any building works are carried out on the premise.

**ROADWORKS**

3. The construction of any crossovers to give access to the land is to be the owner's responsibility and to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer;

**EXTERNAL WORKS**

4. The developer must at its own cost undertake all necessary alterations to public utility mains and services as are rendered necessary by the carrying out of any required external works or other works associated with the approved development;

**DRAINAGE**

- 5.1 Stormwater drainage from paved/sealed and roofed areas must be discharged under the footpath to kerb and channelling within the adjoining road reserves in accordance with AS3500.2.2003 or as otherwise required or agreed to in writing by the Chief Executive Officer.
- 5.2 The approved development and use(s) must not interfere with the natural flow of stormwater in the locality in such a manner as to cause ponding or concentration of stormwater on adjoining land or roads;

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- 5.3 Any external catchments discharging to the premises must be accepted and accommodated within the development's stormwater drainage system.

### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Loizou, seconded Councillor Gazziola that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

### **ITEM-9            Development application for Material Change of Use for Multi Unit Development at 28-30 Rossiter Street, Ayr**

#### **Executive Summary**

An application has been received from Donna Patane Family Trust seeking approval for a Multi-Unit Development at 28-30 Rossiter Street, Ayr (Lot 35 on RP709781, Parish of Antill, County of Gladstone). A Development Application (Code Assessable) has been triggered in accordance with the Burdekin Shire IPA Planning Scheme:

#### **Recommendation**

That Council approves the Development Application for a Material Change of Use for a Multi-Unit Development at 28-30 Rossiter Street, Ayr (Lot 35 on RP709781, Parish of Antill, County of Gladstone) subject to the following conditions:

#### **GENERAL**

- 1.1 The conditions of the development permit must be effected prior to the commencement of the use, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.
- 1.2 The development and conduct of the approved use of the premises, the carrying out and maintenance of any works on the premises and construction and maintenance of any building on the premises must be generally in accordance with the approved plans submitted as part of the application from Ultimate Design Solutions (Job No.UDS-10021 sheet No 1 Issue No. P5).

#### **BUILDING WORK**

2. A development permit for Building Works is to be obtained before any building works are carried out on the premise.

#### **ROADWORKS**

- 3.1 Construct industrial crossovers (150mm thick, 32 mPa concrete, F72 mesh) from the invert of the existing kerbing and channeling to the property boundary, in the positions shown on the plan accompanying the application, and re-profile the footpath each side of the proposed driveway to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act.
- 3.2. Provide to Council prior to the commencement of works a cross section 1:50 natural scale from the side of Rossiter Street to the property boundary showing existing and design levels for the crossover in condition 3.1.

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#### **ACCESS AND CAR PARKING**

- 4.1 Parking shall be provided generally in accordance with the approved plan from Ultimate Design Solutions (Job No.UDS-10021 sheet No 1 Issue No. P5).
- 4.2 Parking space and layout must be designed in accordance with the provisions contained in Schedule 2 – Vehicle Parking Rates & Standards of the Planning Scheme.
- 4.3 Access to the premises, car parking and manoeuvring areas must be constructed in an all weather low glare paving, exposed aggregate concrete or similar material to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **DRAINAGE**

- 5.1 Stormwater drainage from paved/sealed and roofed areas must be discharged under the footpath to kerb and channelling within the adjoining road reserve in accordance with AS3500.2.2003 or as otherwise required or agreed to in writing by the Chief Executive Officer.
- 5.2 The approved development and use(s) must not interfere with the natural flow of stormwater in the locality in such a manner as to cause ponding or concentration of stormwater on adjoining land or roads.
- 5.3 Any external catchments discharging to the premises must be accepted and accommodated within the development's storm water drainage system.

#### **WATER SUPPLY**

6. The development must be connected to Council's reticulated water supply. The water connection must be provided at a location approved by the Chief Executive Officer and at the full cost of the developer.

#### **SEWERAGE SUPPLY**

- 7.1 The development must be connected to Council's sewerage scheme. The sewerage connection must be provided at a location approved by the Chief Executive Officer and at the full cost of the developer.

#### **WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE HEADWORKS**

8. A contribution in terms of Council's Planning Scheme Policy for "Developer Contribution for Provision of Water Supply and Sewerage Services" is payable for the equivalent amount of 1.25 of one lot. The amount will be calculated at the time of payment based on the charge applicable at the time.

#### **EXTERNAL WORKS**

9. The developer must at its own cost undertake all necessary alterations to public utility mains and services as are rendered necessary by the carrying out of any required external works or other works associated with the approved development.

#### **AMENITY – SCREEN FENCING**

10. A 1.8m high screen fence must be provided along the adjoining property boundaries and must be designed to assist in breeze flow. The type and design must be submitted and approved by the Chief Executive Officer as part of the Landscaping Plan.

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## **LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING**

11. A landscaping plan shall be submitted and approved by the Chief Executive Officer. This plan must be prepared by a landscape architect or other suitably qualified and experienced person detailing the following;

- \*the location of existing and proposed plantings;
- \*landscaping of the designated areas generally in accordance with the approved plans;
- \*proposed fencing and screens, including rubbish bin enclosures;
- \*location of public infrastructure;

## **DOMESTIC WASTE**

12. The developer shall provide appropriate domestic waste receptacles (wheelie bins) for each dwelling unit. Such receptacles shall be stored adjacent to each unit.

## **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Dalle Cort, seconded Councillor Lewis that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

## **ITEM-10            Development application for Material Change of Use for a Telecommunications Facility at 142 Brock Road, Clare**

### **Executive Summary**

An application has been received from Aurecon Australia Pty Ltd on behalf of their client Optus Pty Ltd. seeking approval for a Material Change of Use for a Telecommunications Facility at 142 Brock Road, Clare (Lot 220 on GS790, Parish of Mulgrave, County of Gladstone). A Development Application (Impact Assessable) has been triggered in accordance with the Burdekin Shire IPA Planning Scheme.

### **Recommendation**

That Council approves the Development Application for a Material Change of Use for a Telecommunications Facility at 142 Brock Road, Clare (Lot 220 on GS790, Parish of Mulgrave, County of Gladstone) subject to the following conditions:

### **GENERAL**

- 1.1 The conditions of the development permit must be effected prior to the commencement of the use, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.
- 1.2 The development and conduct of the approved use of the premises, the carrying out and maintenance of any works on the premises and construction and maintenance of any building on the premises must be generally in accordance with the approved plans submitted as part of the application.

### **BUILDING WORK**

2. A development permit for Building Works is to be obtained before any building works are carried out on the premise.



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## **ROADWORKS**

3. The construction of any crossovers to give access to the land is to be the owner's responsibility and to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

## **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Loizou, seconded Councillor Dalle Cort that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

## **ITEM-6            Development application for a Material Change of Use for a Bed and Breakfast at 8 McIntyre Place, Ayr**

The Mayor, Councillor McLaughlin declared a conflict of interest in respect of this item as she is a friend of the applicant and left the meeting.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Loizou assumed the Chair.

## **Executive Summary**

An application has been received from Ian and Shirley Mann seeking approval for a Bed and Breakfast at 8 McIntyre Place, Ayr (Lot 14 on RP908030, Parish of Antill, County of Gladstone). A Development Application (Code Assessable) has been triggered in accordance with the Burdekin Shire IPA Planning Scheme

## **Recommendation**

That Council approves the Development Application for a Material Change of Use for a Bed and Breakfast at 8 McIntyre Place, Ayr (Lot 14 on RP908030, Parish of Antill, County of Gladstone) subject to the following conditions:

## **GENERAL**

- 1.1 The conditions of the development permit must be effected prior to the commencement of the use, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval;
- 1.2 The development and conduct of the approved use of the premises, the carrying out and maintenance of any works on the premises must be generally in accordance with the supporting material and approved plans submitted with the application.
- 1.3 Provide four on-site carparks.
- 1.4 The operation of the 'Bed and Breakfast' must be in accordance with the Specific Outcomes and Acceptable Solutions contained within Table 10 of the Bed and Breakfast Code.
- 1.5 The construction of any additional crossovers to give access to the land is to be the owner's responsibility and to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

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## **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Gazzola, seconded Councillor Haynes that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

### **ITEM-11          Development application for reconfiguring a lot at 151 and 163 Baker Road, Home Hill**

The Mayor, Councillor McLaughlin previously declared a conflict of interest in respect of this item as the applicant is her nephew and remained out of the meeting.

#### **Executive Summary**

An application has been received from Cleve McGuane Surveys Pty Ltd on behalf of their client Chris Vass seeking approval for reconfiguring a lot (boundary realignment) at 151 and 163 Baker Road, Home Hill (Lot 12 on SP149506 and Lot 1 on RP708269 Parish of Inkerman, County of Salisbury). A development application (Code Assessable) has been triggered in accordance with the Burdekin Shire IPA Planning Scheme.

#### **Recommendation**

That Council approves the Development Application for reconfiguring a lot (boundary realignment) at 151 and 163 Baker Road, Home Hill (Lot 12 on SP149506 and Lot 1 on RP708269 Parish of Inkerman, County of Salisbury) subject to the following conditions:

##### **GENERAL**

- 1.1 The Council will not release the formal Plan of Reconfiguration until all rates and charges in arrears in respect of the land, the subject of the application, are paid in full.
- 1.2 Pay the sum of \$47-80 calculated on the basis of a charge of \$23-90 per lot to be levied on the Council by the Department of Environment & Resource Management for each new valuation.

##### **ROADWORKS**

2. The construction of any crossovers to give access to the land is to be the owner's responsibility and to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

##### **PROPOSAL PLAN**

3. The reconfiguration of the land must be carried out generally in accordance with:-
  - (a) (i) the proposed Cleve McGuane Surveys Pty Ltd plan numbered 28539-1 sheet 1&2;
  - (ii) the plans, specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application submitted to Council; and
  - (b) any approval issued under this approval; and
  - (c) any development permit for operational works relating to the reconfiguring of a lot.

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#### **PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES**

4. If any existing public utility service including telephone, electricity, water, sewerage or gas needs to be altered or relocated to complete the reconfiguration the developer must bear the cost of alteration or relocation.

#### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Gazzola, seconded Councillor Loizou that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Councillor McLaughlin returned to the meeting at this stage and resumed the Chair.

#### **• CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### **ITEM-12      Report on Interest Free Loan - Burdekin Singers and Theatre Company Inc.**

##### **Executive Summary**

The Burdekin Singers and Theatre Company Inc. has requested an interest free loan of \$40,000 for the purpose of erecting a 3 bay storage shed at the rear of their premises in Young Street, Ayr.

##### **Recommendation**

(a) That Council approves an interest free loan of up to \$40,000 (no GST applicable) to the Burdekin Singers and Theatre Company Inc, towards the purchase and erection of a 3 bay shed at the rear of their premises in Young Street, Ayr, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- Repayments to be made at the annual amount of \$5,000 per year for 8 years; and
- A mortgage or equivalent security is taken out over the property to cover the value of Council's loan with the cost being borne by the applicant.

(b) That Council Policy A001 – Provision of Revenue Financial Assistance (Interest Free Loans) be amended to read that the funds available for circulation in the community at any one time be increased from \$300,000 to \$400,000.

##### **Resolutions**

- a) Moved Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Dalle Cort that Council approves an interest free loan of up to \$40,000 (no GST applicable) to the Burdekin Singers and Theatre Company Inc, towards the purchase and erection of a 3 bay shed at the rear of their premises in Young Street, Ayr, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

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- Repayments to be made at the annual amount of \$5,000 per year for 8 years; and
  - A mortgage or equivalent security is taken out over the property to cover the value of Council's loan with the cost being borne by the applicant.

CARRIED

- b) Moved Councillor Loizou, seconded Councillor Gazzola that Council Policy A001 – Provision of Revenue Financial Assistance (Interest Free Loans) be amended to read that the funds available for circulation in the community at any one time be increased from \$300,000 to \$400,000.

CARRIED

- **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**GB-1 Council accepts tender of AllCiv Pty Ltd to construct landfill cell and delays commencement of construction to April 2011**

**Resolution**

Moved Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Haynes that Council:

1. Accepts the tender of AllCiv Pty Ltd to construct the landfill cell and associated works as required in the specifications of Tender TBSC/10/13;
2. Delays the commencement of construction works to April 2011, following the current wet season.

CARRIED

**GB-2 Council to review policy of financial assistance supporting community based organisation**

**Resolution**

Moved Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Haynes that Council reviews its policy in relation to the provision of revenue financial assistance to sporting/community organisations.

CARRIED

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**GB-3 Council to proceed with funding for Bartlett Road bus shelter**

**Resolution**

Moved Councillor Gazzola, seconded Councillor Dalle Cort that Council proceeds with the bus shelter on Bartlett Road, Giru based on receiving 50/50 funding with the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

CARRIED

**GB-4 Council adopts layout plan for restructure of car parking at St Colmans School, Home Hill**

The Mayor, Councillor McLaughlin declared a conflict of interest in respect of this item as she is a member of St Colmans School Board and left the meeting.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Loizou assumed the Chair.

Director Environment and Operations, Mr. Trevor Williams declared a conflict of interest in respect of this item as he is the Chairman of St Colmans School Board and remained in the meeting.

**Resolution**

Moved Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Dalle Cort that Council adopts the layout plan SP-075 for the restructure of the car parking at St Colmans School, Home Hill.

CARRIED

Councillor McLaughlin returned to the meeting at this stage and resumed the Chair.

**GB-5 Council supports Townsville Enterprise Limited's application for funding to prepare feasibility study for Plantation Park, Ayr**

**Resolution**

Moved Councillor Gazzola, seconded Councillor Lewis that Council supports Townsville Enterprise Limited in its application for funding, under the Queensland Government Tourism Projects pre-feasibility grants program, to prepare a feasibility study for Plantation Park, Ayr noting that a 50 percent contribution from Council is required to the value of \$22,500.00 if the funding application is successful and the contribution will be funded from the Economic Development section budget allocation.

FOR: Councillors McLaughlin, Loizou, Gazzola, List, Dalle Cort and Lewis  
AGAINST: Councillor Haynes

CARRIED 6/1

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- **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

**CI-1                      Council refers LGAQ Circular - 2010-312 - New Healthy Waterways State Planning Policy to come into effect March 2010 to Council Officers for further investigation**

994614 \* 12-01-02 & 05-03-01 – LGAQ Circular – 2010-312 – New Healthy Waterways State Planning Policy to Come into Effect March 2010.

**Resolution**

It was resolved to refer LGAQ Circular – 2010-312 – New Healthy Waterways State Planning Policy to come into effect March 2010 to Council Officers for further investigation.

CARRIED

**CI-2                      Council refers advice regarding promoting 'Healthy Queensland Awards' throughout the community to Burdekin Be-Active Advisory Group**

995951 \* 01-10-26 – Advice regarding promoting 'Healthy Queensland Awards' throughout the community.

**Resolution**

It was resolved to refer letter number 995951 regarding the promotion of 'Healthy Queensland Awards' throughout the community to the Burdekin Be Active Advisory Group.

CARRIED

- **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

- **URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

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- **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**GB-6                    Motion to approve request to allow an enclosed garage to be sited  
300mm from front road boundary - 5 Rae Street, Ayr - Lost**

**Resolution**

Moved Councillor Dalle Cort, seconded Councillor Haynes that Council approves the request received from GS Olsen and KL Bojack to allow an enclosed garage to be sited 300mm from the front road boundary at 5 Rae Street, Ayr.

FOR: Councillors Dalle Cort, Gazziola and Haynes  
AGAINST: Councillors McLaughlin, Loizou, List and Lewis

LOST 4/3

**GB-7                    Council approves leave of absence for Councillor Dalle Cort on  
Tuesday 23 November, 2010**

**Resolution**

Moved Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor List that Council approves leave of absence for Councillor Dalle Cort on Tuesday 23 November, 2010.

CARRIED

**GB-8                    Council congratulates and thanks employees for quick response to  
drainage problems and requests further investigation into future  
management of the drain accessed from the end of Trudy Road in  
Horseshoe Lagoon area**

**Resolution**

Moved Councillor Gazziola, seconded Councillor List that:

1. Council congratulates and thanks employees for their quick response to the drainage problems which occurred on Sunday 7 November, 2010 at the end of Trudy Road in the Horseshoe Lagoon area; and
2. Officers investigate options for future management of the drain accessed from the end of Trudy Road in the Horseshoe Lagoon area.

CARRIED

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**GB-9                    2010/2011 expenditure works to be undertaken in conjunction with works under Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements**

**Resolution**

Moved Councillor Loizou, seconded Councillor Dalle Cort that the 2010/2011 expenditure for:

- Burdekin Cascades Caravan Park (\$28,148.00);
- Plantation Park Public Conveniences (\$3,619.00); and
- Part of the Anzac Park Toilet Block (\$99,000.00); and
- The contribution for Council's works to be undertaken in conjunction with NDRRA works (\$290,000.00)

be funded from the 2010/2011 NDRRA overhead and the 09/10 NDRRA income with the balance (\$199,833) to be held in the Recurrent Reserve subject to an estimated amount available of NDRRA overhead and income of \$620,000.

CARRIED

**GB-10                    2010/2011 expenditure to be funded from 2010/2011 Road Works Capital by deferment of Capital Works projects**

**Resolution**

Moved Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Gazziola that the 2010/2011 expenditure as listed below for projects (\$496,000) and the increased estimated cost of Sutcliffe Estate Drainage (\$180,000) be funded from the 2010/2011 Roadworks Capital by deferment of Capital Works projects on Parker Road (\$350,000), Airdmillan Road (\$145,000), Clayton Street (\$80,000), and Ivory Road (\$240,000), total \$815,000, until the 2011/2012 financial year with the balance (\$139,000) to fund unallocated works.

Drysdale Street - Intersection with Woods Street	\$41,271
Kilrie Road - Intersection with Loram Road	\$34,902
Rita Island Road - Reconstruction	\$19,324
Groper Creek Road - reconstruction	\$162,161
Highway Footpath - Concrete Construction	\$39,577
Roundabout - Young and Burke Street	\$9,130
Roundabout - Macmillan and Little Drysdale Street	\$65,618
Little Drysdale Street - K & C	\$55,000
LRRS increase for Barratta Road	\$29,000
Giru Extra works	\$40,000
	<u>\$495,983.00</u>

CARRIED



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- **DELEGATIONS**

Nil

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.45pm.

**These minutes were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 November, 2010.**

**MAYOR**

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**ITEM-2            Burdekin Building Safer Communities Action Team Minutes - 15  
September 2010**

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**Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Burdekin Building Safer Communities Action Team Meeting held on 15 September, 2010 be received and adopted.

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**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Burdekin Building Safer Communities Action Team (BSCAT)**  
**Meeting held on 15 September 2010**

Held in the Ernie Ford Board Room at the Burdekin Shire Council  
The meeting commenced at 11.10 am

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**ATTENDANCE**

Brad Taylor	Crime Prevention Officer, QPS, Townsville
Cr Pierina Dalle Cort	Ayr Chamber of Commerce
Cheryl Lawrence	BCA, Mental Health Youth Support
Robert Tomarchio	Business District Representative
Steve Barton	Officer in Charge, QPS, Ayr
Tony Vaccaro	Burdekin Shire Council
Damian Coe	Youth Patrol, Ayr
Fiona Christie	Burdekin Shire Council

**APOLOGIES**

Cr Lyn McLaughlin	Mayor, Burdekin Shire Council
Jeannie Zonta	BCA, Rural Health
Jodi Pringle	Qld Youth Services
Jason & Lynda Robins	Burdekin Night Alert
Sue Collier	Burdekin Centre for Rural Health
Leon McKenzie	Officer in Charge, QPS, Home Hill

**Acronyms:**

Burdekin Shire Council	BSC
Queensland Police Service	QPS
Councillor	Cr
Burdekin Community Association	BCA
BSCAT	Building Safer Communities Action Team
LGAQ	Local Government Association of Qld

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**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Moved Cr Dalle Cort, seconded Steve Barton that the minutes of the BSCAT Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 be received as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

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**MATTERS CONTINUING FROM MINUTES (Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010)**

**1. Alcometer**

Moved Cr Dalle Cort, seconded Robert Tomarchio, that the alcometer be loaned to the Qld Police Service, Ayr Station.

CARRIED

**2. Magnets**

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Brad Taylor provided a revised quote of \$2915 (an increase of \$1243) which included a backing card for the magnets. Brad is to submit a final draft of the magnet designs for the committee to decide upon next meeting.

**3. 'Lock It or Lose It' Campaign**

Fiona Christie advised installation of the Lock it Lose it signage has been scheduled by the Burdekin Shire Council to commence on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Council will arrange for a media release on the signage.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Inward Correspondence**

**Bernie Strow, Qld Police Service** – Child Protection Week Morning Tea Invitation  
**Burdekin Night Alert** – Congratulations on Burdekin Crime Prevention Conference  
**Sheridan Laffer, Qld Youth Justice Conference Centre** – Thank you for Burdekin Crime Prevention Conference

**Outward Correspondence**

**Brad Taylor, Qld Police Service** – Lock it or Lose it signage

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**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**1. Burdekin Crime Prevention and Community Safety Conference**

Fiona Christie presented the feedback received from conference attendees and the budget. BSCAT made a profit of approximately \$6500 from the conference and feedback received indicated the conference was very successful. Suggestions were also noted on how to improve the next conference.

Discussions on when to hold the next conference followed with the Crime Prevention month of October deemed not suitable due to crime prevention personnel already heavily committed during the month. It was decided that August is the best time of year to hold the conference.

The committee decided to present Sam Row, the pianist during the networking session on Thursday evening, with a \$20 gift voucher at Delta Music as a thank you gesture.

**2. BSCAT Action Plan Review**

Tony Vaccaro asked the committee to review the current plan as the next meeting will be spent updating the plan. Cr Dalle Cort asked the committee to think about what the BSCAT purpose is?

Cr Dalle Cort congratulated Steve Barton and Leon McKenzie for their weekly articles in the newspapers.

A discussion on what types of crime and the criminal demographic statistics are available to enable the committee to decide where to direct immediate efforts. Steve Barton will supply general figures on demographics and natures of crime for the next meeting eg age groups, types of crime etc.

**3. CCTV**

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Robert Tomarchio suggested following up on Member for Dawson, George Christensen's promise to install CCTV in the Burdekin.

Moved Robert Tomarchio, seconded Cheryl Lawrence that BSCAT write to George reminding him of his election promise and request information on timing with regards when the funding will be available for the project to occur.

CARRIED

#### **4. Backpacker Safety**

Discussions were held on recent incidents involving local backpackers. Robert Tomarchio asked if the owners/managers of the local backpacker establishments had ever been approached by BSCAT. Tony Vaccaro advised there will be a meeting between Council and the backpacker establishments in mid October. Tony also mentioned a manager of one of the local backpacker hostels advised backpackers are telling each other to stay away from Ayr due to the violence and crime issue.

Robert Tomarchio suggested distributing safety tips to the backpacker hostels with basic safety messages, similar to the brochure Burdekin Centre for Rural Health distribute with information on mango sap burns etc. Cheryl Lawrence suggested printing the brochure in other languages. Fiona Christie is to draft a safety flyer.

Steve Barton advised the lighting at the Greyhound Bus Stop in Graham Street is insufficient, and the area from the bus stop up to the back of the Delta Backpackers is very dark. BSCAT will enquire if Ergon Energy would be willing to install another street light in the area, or perhaps a spotlight could be installed on the shelter facing towards the back of the Delta Backpackers.

#### **4. Youth Patrol**

Damien advised that although numbers were currently low, they are hoping Youth Patrol members will increase in the near future. Pastor Les put a plea for more volunteers through church on Sunday and additional volunteers were found.

Alf Vasta will attend BSCAT meetings when Damien is unable to.

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.20pm

**NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 11am.**

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**Action Items from Meeting**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Person(s) responsible</b>	<b>Status</b>
Magnets – Brad to include QPS checker on magnet draft and submit 2 drafts for committee to decide upon	Brad	
Lock it or Lose it – media release	Fiona	
Voucher for Sam Row – pianist at conference	Fiona	
Review Action Plan before October meeting	All committee members	
General figures & info on crime demographics	Steve	
CCTV – letter to George Christensen re election promise	Fiona	
Draft safety brochure for backpacker hostels	Fiona	
Contact Ergon Energy re installing street light at Greyhound Bus Stop shelter	Fiona	

- REPORTS

### ITEM-3 Operating Statement for Period Ending 31 October 2010

#### Recommendation

That the Operating Statement for Period Ending 31 October 2010 be received.



#### BURDEKIN SHIRE COUNCIL OPERATING STATEMENT Period Ending 31 October 2010

	Note	Actual YTD	YTD Original Budget	\$ Variance Actual to Original	% Variance Actual to Original
<b>Operating Revenue</b>					
Rates and Utility Charges	1	31,356,041.30	32,422,550	-1,066,509	-3%
Discounts and pensioner remissions		-3,365,793.00	-3,520,100	154,307	-4%
User fees and charges	2	924,361.81	805,433	118,928	15%
Interest Received		440,027.00	360,000	80,027	22%
Operational contributions and donations	3	89,260.54	52,467	36,794	70%
Operational grants and subsidies	4	1,122,085.81	1,592,590	-470,504	-30%
Contract and recoverable works	5	341,889.66	505,000	-163,110	-32%
Other operating revenue	6	141,359.33	42,050	99,309	236%
<b>Total operating revenue</b>		<b>31,049,232.45</b>	<b>32,259,990.00</b>	<b>-1,210,758</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Employee benefits	7	4,461,765.02	5,072,937	-611,172	-12%
Materials and services		4,785,758.56	5,024,843	-239,084	-5%
Depreciation and amortisation		2,543,546.96	2,543,547	0	0%
Finance Costs		134,045.01	134,953	-907	-1%
Other expenses		-1,823.06	0	-1,823	-
<b>Total operating costs</b>		<b>11,923,292.49</b>	<b>12,776,278.83</b>	<b>-852,986</b>	<b>-7%</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from operating activities</b>		<b>19,125,939.96</b>	<b>19,483,711</b>	<b>-357,771</b>	<b>-2%</b>
Capital contributions		13,437.68	0	13,438	-
Capital grants and subsidies	8	977,716.49	513,964	463,752	90%
Other capital income (expense)	9	150,927.28	0	150,927	-
<b>Net result for period</b>		<b>20,268,021.41</b>	<b>19,997,676</b>	<b>270,346</b>	<b>1%</b>

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**BURDEKIN SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**OPERATING STATEMENT**  
**NOTES FOR VARIANCES TO BUDGET**  
Period Ending 31 October 2010

**Note**

- 1 **Rates and Utility Charges**  
**Admin** - Rates in advance to be journalled as income at end of financial year - approx \$380,000.  
**Wat** - Timing Difference - Second water meter reading still to be accrued.
- 2 **User Fees & Charges**  
**Dev - Ahead of Budget** - \$17,641 Subdivision fees ahead of budget by \$28,507  
**Env - Ahead of Budget** - \$55,459 Due to dog registrations, annual licences and BCCP.  
**Wat - Ahead of Budget** - \$38,851 Increase in property connections
- 3 **Operational contributions and donations**  
**C&C - Ahead of Budget** - \$12,509 Unbudgeted monies for Crime Prevention Conference Sponsorship \$1,100; Giru SES Contribution \$8,327 & Silver Link Shuttle Sponsorship \$3,082  
**Water - Ahead of Budget** - \$30,348 Due to headwork charges received for Sub 08/02 \$44,600
- 4 **Operational grants and subsidies**  
**Admin - Under Budget \$215,637** - Grants not yet received. Early payment of FAGS grant in June  
**Eng - Under Budget \$251,551** - Grants not yet received. Early payment of FAGS grant received in June.
- 5 **Contract and recoverable works**  
**Eng - Under Budget \$163,110** - Contract & Recoverable works income not uniform during year. Both revenue and expenditure down.
- 6 **Other Operating Revenue**  
**Admin - Ahead of Budget \$51,056** - Due to end of rates season majority of surcharge income received. Workcare income ahead of budget \$35,752.  
**C&C - Ahead of Budget \$11,812** - Unbudgeted monies include registrations for Crime Prevention Conference \$8,954 & NQ Sports Star Awards Ticket Sales & Bar Takings \$4,905.  
**Env - Ahead of Budget \$10,451** - Unbudgeted monies received for plaques \$2,845 & insurance recovery \$5,333.  
**Eng - Ahead of Budget \$6,573** - Street Lighting ahead of budget and unbudgeted monies received for insurance recovery on vehicles \$1,045.  
**Sew - Ahead of Budget \$3,816** - Income received for connections to sewer  
**Wat - Ahead of Budget \$16,441** - Unbudgeted monies include Insurance Recoveries \$9,545 and Water connections \$6,330
- 7 **Employee Benefits**  
**Admin - Under Budget \$372,311** - Employee related costs area under budget due to timing differences associated with unfilled positions, LSL & Statutory Holidays.  
**Eng - Under Budget \$127,533** - mainly Eng Technical Serv \$20,995; Works Section \$68,566; Rec Wks Other \$89,145; Rec Wks Main Rds \$27,282. Over budget in the area of Roads Maintenance \$53,648 & Drainage Maintenance \$26,463.  
  
**Env - Under Budget \$31,034** - mainly Health Admin \$18,163 & Parks Operations \$20,829 & Vector Admin \$7,564. Over budget in the area of Beach Protection \$22,622 - misallocation of animal control wages.  
**Wat - Under Budget \$34,209** - mainly Water Admin \$13,104; Water Operational \$23,488 & Meters \$8,672. Over budget Water Reticulation \$14,538.
- 8 **Capital Grants and subsidies**  
**Admin - Ahead of Budget \$25,300** - Unbudgeted grant received for Guardian Software.  
**C&C - Ahead of Budget \$228,266** - Grant received for Rita Island SES Shed \$39,896, 1st qtr library grant \$21,702 & 3rd Instalment on Multi Tenant Centre \$210,000 (unbudgeted).  
**Eng - Ahead of Budget \$62,635** - Projects are not completed evenly over 12 months. Percentage of grants received in advance of works undertaken.  
**Env - Ahead of Budget \$147,552** - Unbudgeted grant received for All Abilities Playground - \$227,885.
- 9 **Other Capital Income** - Proceeds from sale of equipment



## ITEM-4 Capital Projects Monthly Report for Period Ending 31 October 2010

### Recommendation

That the Capital Projects Monthly Report for the Period Ending 31 October 2010 be received.

#### MONTHLY REPORT - CAPITAL PROJECTS

Budget	Income Actual to Period End	Variance	Description	Budget	Expenditure Actual to Period End	Variance	Comments
<b>DAS-Director of Administrative Services</b>							
0	0.00	-	11001 - IT Hardware Purchases	13,000	0.00	-100%	Budget - Server Replacement
0	-25,300.00	-	11007 - IT Software Purchases	281,000	65,177.52	-77%	Budget - Asset Management \$210,000 Actual \$902; Budget - ECM upgrade \$20,000; Budget - People One upgrade \$45,000; Budget - server software \$6,000. Income - grant received from EMQ for Guardian. Minute Manager Actual \$25,295 (funded by carryover); Lidar Actual \$38,980 (funded by carryover)
0	0.00	-	11103 - Burd Mem Hall Off Equip,F&F Capital Pur	5,000	0.00	-100%	Budget - Upgrade of sound system with new console.
0	-210,000.00	-	12007 - Burd Rural Multi-Tenant Service Centre	0	454,902.99	-	To be funded from Carry over funds
0	0.00	-	12008 - Burd Rural Multi-Tenant Service Centre- Carpark	0	16,889.38	-	To be funded from Carry over funds
0	0.00	-	12009 - Ayr Town Clock	0	21,890.00	-	To be funded from Carry over funds
0	0.00	-	12012 - Ayr Showgrounds Grounds	44,000	0.00	-100%	Budget - Improvements to buildings
-50,000	0.00	-100%	12027 - Giru SES	82,500	1,384.64	-98%	Budget - New Shed
0	-39,896.00	-	12028 - Rita Island SES	0	0.00	-	Grant funds received - expenditure last financial year
0	0.00	-	12041 - Burdekin Library	11,100	0.00	-100%	Budget - Security System
0	0.00	-	12042 - Burdekin Memorial Hall	120,000	83,952.04	-30%	Budget - Bar Replacement; Actual - \$83,952 relates to airconditioning project (to be funded from Carry over funds)

0	0.00	-	12043 - Burdekin Theatre	210,500	154,545.81	-27%	Budget - Lighting Dimmer System \$27,000; Budget - Air conditioning \$183,500 Actual \$154,546
-80,000	-21,702.99	-73%	12044 - Burdekin Library Other Assets	82,400	38,975.20	-53%	Budget - Library Books
<b>130,000</b>	<b>-296,898.99</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>849,500</b>	<b>837,717.58</b>		

**DDES-Director of Development and Environmental Services**

0	0.00	-	16201 - Ayr Transfer Station	100,000	0.00	-100%	Budget - Road Access internal and external
0	0.00	-	16206 - Home Hill Transfer Station	30,000	0.00	-100%	Budget - Fencing - waiting to see if funding available from waste levy Qgovt
0	0.00	-	16220 - Kirknie Landfill Cell Liner	1,173,000	15,910.00	-99%	Actual - Design. Contract for construction awarded - works to commence April 2011.
0	0.00	-	16251 - Burdekin Cascades Caravan Park	100,000	0.00	-100%	Budget - Cabins
0	0.00	-	16252 - Home Hill Caravan Park	55,000	0.00	-100%	Budget - Amenities Block
0	0.00	-	16253 - Burdekin Cascades Caravan Pk Other Asset	0	28,148.29	-	Extra costs in bitumen and drainage works at Cascades Caravan Park. Funding to be provided in Rbud 1.
0	0.00	-	16301 - Ayr Pool	160,000	0.00	-100%	Budget - Pool Planning and design reports
-99,000	0.00	-100%	16351 - Public Conveniences Anzac Park	165,000	40.41	-100%	Budget - All Abilities
0	0.00	-	16355 - Public Conveniences Brolga Park	9,000	5,623.64	-38%	Budget - Replace Roof Sheeting - Works complete
0	0.00	-	16356 - Public Conveniences Groper Creek	9,000	0.00	-100%	Budget - Replace Roof Sheeting
-48,000	0.00	-100%	16357 - Public Conveniences - Alva Park	48,000	7,390.92	-85%	Budget - Upgrade Waste Management Infrastructure. Refurbishment commenced
0	0.00	-	16359 - Public Conveniences Plantation Park	0	3,619.64	-	Extra costs in providing a macerator pump to the Plantation Park toilet block. Funding to be provided in Rbud 1.
0	-6,750.00	-	16400 - Shire Parks	0	0.00	-	Contribution received from developer
0	0.00	-	16411 - Off Lead Dog Park Fence	10,000	0.00	-100%	
-16,250	0.00	-100%	16412 - Coutts Park Playground Fence	16,250	0.00	-100%	Order placed and works almost complete
-21,750	0.00	-100%	16413 - Alva Park Playground Fence	21,750	0.00	-100%	Order placed and works almost complete
-36,000	0.00	-100%	16414 - Spiller St Park Playground Fence	36,000	0.00	-100%	Order placed
-20,000	-227,885.00	1039%	16511 - All Abilities Playground	60,000	162,807.79	171%	Started construction and grant received
0	0.00	-	16512 - Miscellaneous Parks Irrigation	50,000	1,507.36	-97%	Preliminary design commenced
0	0.00	-	16551 - Alva Beach Tourism Facilities	0	5,840.12	-	Watering System - work in progress (funded by carryover)
<b>-241,000</b>	<b>-234,635.00</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,043,000</b>	<b>230,888.17</b>		

**DES-Director of Engineering Services**

-120,000	-79,666.00	-34%	Engineering Sundry Assets	245,000	38,250.67	-84%	Budget - Flood Studies \$180,000; Equipment Shed Depot - \$35,000; Gates Jones St \$15,000; Eng Office Equip \$15,000; Actual Total Station \$8,203; Alert Stations Actual \$30,048 (to be funded from carry over). First payment of Flood Studies received \$60,000.
-837,560	-273,287.68	-67%	Roadworks	5,115,396	1,708,389.81	-67%	Expenditure on track.
-213,333	-106,666.50	-50%	Drainage	790,000	74,596.36	-91%	Budget - General \$450,000 Actual \$883 Sutcliffe Est; Ayr Flood Study Dam Upgrade - K2 \$310,000 Actual \$1,800 Kalamia Gate; Ayr Transfer St Drainage \$30,000; Ayr Flood Study Mitigation Works Edwards St \$71,913
-432,000	-150,927.28	-65%	Plant & Equipment	1,457,000	321,659.34	-78%	Budget - Sedans \$170,000; Utilities \$639,500 Actual \$233,520; Trucks \$137,500; Actual \$9,000; Machines \$460,000; Plant & Equipment \$50,000 Actual \$79,139
0	0.00	-	Sewerage	1,280,000	0.00	-100%	Budget - Replacement \$150,000; Refurb Sludge Disposal \$200,000; Refurb Inlet Screens \$250,000; Sutcliffe Est Design \$180,000; Reline \$500,000
0	0.00	-	Water	250,000	67,926.48	-73%	Budget - Refurb \$150,000 Actual \$30,936; Refurb Aerator HH \$100,000; Actual Low Level Storage Brandon \$36,990 to be funded by carry over
<b>1,602,893</b>	<b>-610,547.46</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>9,137,396</b>	<b>2,210,822.66</b>		
<b>1,973,893</b>	<b>1,142,081.45</b>		<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>12,029,896</b>	<b>3,279,428.41</b>		

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- **ENVIRONMENT & OPERATIONS**

**ITEM-5            Request for Road Opening - Jerona**

**Document Information**

**Referring Letter No:** 994767

**File No:** 01-10-51

**Name of Applicant:** Jerona Citizens Association

**Location:** Jerona

**Author and Title:** Matthew Ingle , Design Office Manager

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**Executive Summary**

Jerona Citizens Association has requested council assist with gazettal of a new road reserve to cover the existing formation of Jerona Road at the entrance to the village

**Recommendation**

Council advises the Jerona Citizens Association that gazettal of a public road is not required.

**Background Information**

Sections of Jerona Road are not within land designated as road. The section of road referred to by the Jerona Citizens Association is at the entrance to the village. This section is constructed on Reserves R277 (Reserve for Local Government ,Refuse Disposal, Purposes) and R276 (Reserve for Camping and Recreation). Both reserves are under the control of council. The shire has similar situations in other parts of the shire where roads are constructed on both reserves and freehold land under its control and not on land designated as road.

**Link to Corporate/Operational Plan**

N/A

**Consultation**

N/A

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## Legal Authority or Implications

Council is trustee for the land on which the road is constructed.

## Policy Implications

N/A

## Financial and Resource Implications

N/A

### Report prepared by:

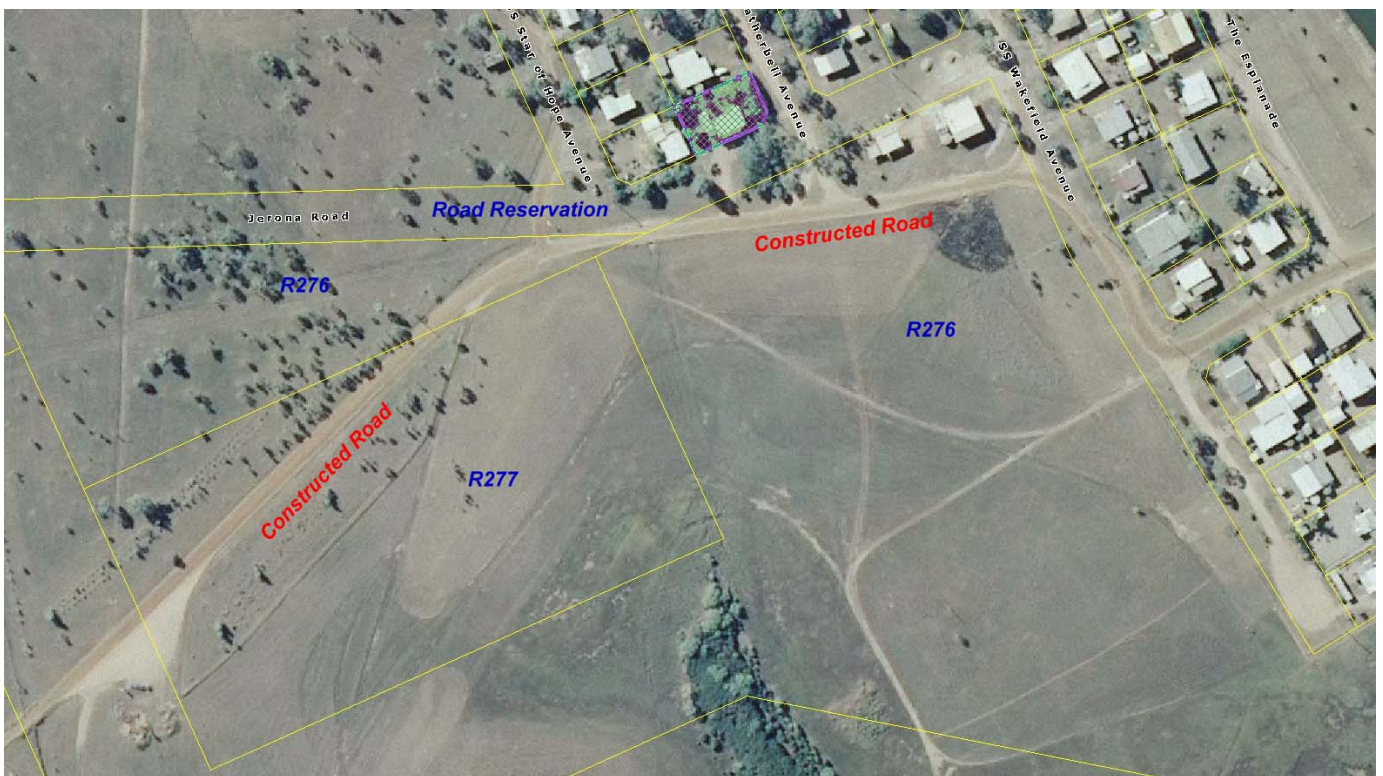
Matthew Ingle, Manager Design Office

### Report authorised by:

Trevor Williams

## Attachments

1. Map



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## **ITEM-6            Operation of Clare Transfer Station**

### **Document Information**

**Referring Letter No:**    N/A

**File No:**                        01-05-011

**Name of Applicant:**    N/A

**Location:**                    N/A

**Author and Title:**        Linda Govan, Coordinator Environmental Health

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### **Executive Summary**

Clare Transfer Station has been operating at reduced hours of one afternoon a week since July 2010. The transfer station has been open Saturday afternoons from 2.00 – 5.00 pm and usage of the station has been low with numbers decreasing.

### **Recommendation**

That Council resolves to:

1.    Close the Clare Transfer Station from the 1 December 2010; and
2.    Extend the green waste service area to include Clare township; and
3.    Provides a bulk waste service to Clare, initially on a quarterly basis. Frequency of service may change depending on the usage of the service; and
4.    Amend the revised budget to reflect option chosen.

### **Background Information**

The Clare Transfer Station has been operating at reduced hours since 1 July 2010. Initial discussions have been held with the Clare P & C Association to determine interest and approximate cost of keeping the transfer station open one day a week. The price indicated was substantially higher than the current contractor's rate. The number of vehicles visiting the site has dwindled considerably since 1 July with the site now averaging 2-3 vehicles, as seen in Table below.

Date	Visitors/Users	Income	Date	Visitors/Users	Income
July 2010			September 2010		
3	4		4	0	
10	4		11	4	\$20
17	4		18	1	
24	3		25	0	
31	4				
August 2010			October 2010		
7	3		2	1	
14	4		9	2	
21	3		16	2	\$10
28	4	\$5	23	2	
			30	2	
			November 2010		
			6	3	\$15

Changes to the transfer station will not have an impact on the Drum Muster program currently running from the site. This service will continue to be operated by the Clare P & C Association.

It is proposed that the transfer station be closed and that the green waste service is extended to Clare Township. This will reduce the amount of green waste going to landfill as currently there is no separation of green waste at the Clare Transfer Station. The number of properties in the township affected by the extension of the green waste area is less than 40.

To assist in the removal of larger items, excluding regulated waste such as tyres and batteries, it is proposed that a bulk bin be provided for the community initially on a quarterly basis on predetermined dates which will be notified to the relevant communities. The frequency of the service may change depending on usage of the service. A person will be required to operate the site to ensure regulated items are not disposed of in the bulk bin.

An alternative would be to operate the Clare Transfer Station one Saturday each month from 2.00pm – 5.00pm until 30 June 2011 and provide appropriate funding for the service.

### **Link to Corporate/Operational Plan**

N/A

### **Consultation**

Initial discussions were held with representative from the Clare P & C Association.

No further community consultation has been undertaken since advice was sent, to owners of property in the area, of the trial hours for the Clare Transfer Station.

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## Legal Authority or Implications

N/A

## Policy Implications

N/A

## Financial and Resource Implications

The approximate costs for the continued operation of a weekly service at Clare Transfer Station until 30 June 2011 are as follows:

Service Level	Labour	Bin collection	Operational Costs	TOTAL
<b>Weekly</b> (3 hours/week)	\$4 083.75	\$10 916.40	\$3 500.00	\$18 500.15

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The approximate costs for providing a quarterly bulk bin service until 30 June 2011 are:

<b>Bulk Bin service</b> (staffed for 4 hours)	\$330.00	\$ 2 000.00	\$3 500.00	\$5 830.00
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The extension of the green waste area would increase the charge on the waste levy on the properties. The current charge for the three bin residential service is \$392 per year, an increase of \$49 from the two bin rural residential service (\$343) currently provided to Clare Township residents.

## Report prepared by:

Linda Govan

## Report authorised by:

Trevor Williams

## Attachments

1. N/A



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## **ITEM-7            Burdekin Shire Council Pest Management Plan Draft**

### **Document Information**

**Referring Letter No:**    N/A

**File No:**                    01-04-02

**Name of Applicant:**    N/A

**Location:**                N/A

**Author and Title:**        Jody Clouten, Environmental Health Project Officer

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### **Executive Summary**

Under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*, local government is required to develop, adopt and implement a pest management plan which is designed to support an integrated planning framework form managing pest plants and animals.

The Burdekin Shire Council Pest Management Plan Draft sets out the strategic direction for Council's management of pest plants and animals within Burdekin Shire and is aligned with national, state and regional pest strategies, plans and best practice guidelines.

Council's support and endorsement of this document will allow the plan to be submitted to the Minister within the specified 60 day timeframe as required under the Act once the public submission period has ceased.

The public submission period closed on the 28 October 2010 and no submissions were received.

Once the plan has been endorsed by the Minister and Council has been advised, the plan must be adopted by Council resolution within 30 days.

### **Recommendation**

That Council accepts the Burdekin Shire Council Pest Management Plan Draft before forwarding to the Minister.

### **Background Information**

Under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*, local government is required to develop, adopt and implement a pest management plan which is designed to support an integrated planning framework form managing pest plants and animals.

The Burdekin Shire Council Pest Management Plan Draft sets out the strategic direction for Council's management of pest plants and animals within Burdekin Shire. This plan is effective for four years from 2010 to 2014 inclusive and aligns with national, state and

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regional pest strategies, plans and best practice guidelines. This document also uses the principles of pest management as the framework which underpins the plan. The Burdekin Shire Council Pest Management Plan Draft will provide the community and environment with the following benefits:

- Identifying resources and achieving the stakeholder commitment necessary for the implementation of effective pest management; and
- Community ownership and input to ensure a cooperative and coordinated approach at all stages; and
- Ensure that Burdekin Shire Council meets their responsibilities relating to pest management as outlined in the Act; and
- Provide Council and other stakeholders including government agencies with a working guide to pest management priorities within Burdekin Shire; and
- Increase effectiveness in meeting the community's needs; and
- Provide links to the following strategic documents –
  - Burdekin Shire Council Corporate Plan
  - Burdekin Shire Council Operational Plan

In addition, the plan has been developed to align with the NQ Dry Tropics NRM Region Pest Management Strategy 2009 which is divided into three broad strategies:

1. Knowledge and planning
2. Implementation and coordination
3. Training and capacity building

### **Link to Corporate/Operational Plan**

This document links with Council's Operational Plan within the environmental objective by providing a framework, in which the natural environment can be preserved, protected and restored for current and future generations and encouraging environmental responsibility within the community.

This document also directly links to Council's Operational Plan within the Environmental Services Program through the active review of Council's existing Pest Management Plan and the development and implementation of Council's new draft plan.

### **Consultation**

Lengthy consultation has been an integral part of the development process with a working group formed in April 2010 and regular meetings were held until the draft document was completed in late October. Members of the working group included Council officers and an elected representative, local graziers, officers from Burdekin Productivity Services, Sucrogen, NQ Dry Tropics, Biosecurity Queensland, Ergon Energy, Sunwater and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services.

As part of Council's obligations under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002* the draft plan was also released for public comment with the submission period ceasing on 28 October 2010 with no comments received from the community. Under the Act the plan must be submitted to the Minister within 60 days after the submission period ends.

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Once the plan has been endorsed by the Minister and Council has been advised, the plan must be adopted by Council resolution within 30 days.

### **Legal Authority or Implications**

Under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*, local government is required to develop, adopt and implement a pest management plan which is designed to support an integrated planning framework for managing pest plants and animals.

### **Policy Implications**

N/A

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

Operational Budget allocated for 2010/11 financial year.

### **Report prepared by:**

Ms Jody Clouten

### **Report authorised by:**

Ms Tracy Jensen

### **Attachments**

1. Burdekin Shire Council Pest Management Plan Draft



## **Burdekin Shire Council PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**2010 - 2014**



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## **Executive summary**

The Burdekin Shire Council Pest Management Plan (BSC PMP) sets down objectives and strategies required to implement a planned approach to the role of pest management in the Shire. Through community involvement in its development, there is greater acceptance and understanding of the issue of pest management. Local Government itself will have a planned approach to the management of pests in the Shire rather than reacting to isolated pressures and demands from within the community. The Plan identifies resources needed for the effective management of pests and outlines priorities so that resources are managed in the most effective and efficient way. In addition, strategies are outlined which will allow data to be captured and interrogated more effectively also adding to efficiencies. The Plan also shows the resources used by Local Government to manage pest infestations and will result in the Local Government being open and accountable to the community it is representing.

This Plan is the result of protracted and wide-ranging consultation with members of the Shire community. Council acknowledges the contribution made by the following individuals and organisations:

- \* Ergon Energy
- \* NQ Dry Tropics
- \* Queensland Rail
- \* Growcom
- \* Graziers
- \* Burdekin Productivity Services
- \* Sucrogen
- \* Department of Transport and Main Roads
- \* Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
- \* Sunwater
- \* Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
- \* Other stakeholders

The Plan has identified a range of desired outcomes being: -

1. The Community is informed, knowledgeable and has ownership of pest plant and pest animal management.
2. All stakeholders are committed to, and undertake, coordinated management of pest plants and pest animals.
3. Reliable information is available as a basis for decision-making.
4. Strategic directions are established, maintained and responsibility accepted by all stakeholders.

5. Prevention of the introduction, spread and establishment of pest plants and pest animals.
6. Integrated systems for managing the impacts of established pest plants and pest animals are developed and widely implemented.

The role of Council within the Plan is to promote, encourage and fund initiatives that are consistent with the Corporate Goal –

"To conserve and enhance the natural and man-made environment within Burdekin Shire".

Stakeholders' role within the Plan is to, but not limited to, encourage community ownership of pest management throughout the shire by contributing towards prevention and early intervention, community awareness, and knowledge of pest plants and animals.

The BSC PMP is an informative reference for land managers and provides information to the wider community on Council's commitment to protecting the natural environment.



### **Acronyms**

BSC	Burdekin Shire Council
BSC PMP	Burdekin Shire Council Pest Management Plan
BSC PMP WG	Burdekin Shire Council Pest Management Plan Working Group
CTRC	Charters Towers Regional Council
DEEDI	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
DERM	Department of Environment and Resource Management
NQDT	NQ Dry Tropics
PMP	Pest Management Plan
PPMP	Property Pest Management Plan
QPWS	Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
RPMIC	Regional Pest Management Implementation Committee
TCC	Townsville City Council
TMR	Department of Transport and Main Roads
WoNS	Weed of National Significance
WRC	Whitsunday Regional Council



## **Burdekin Shire Council**

### **PART A: STRATEGIC PLAN**

## **Introduction**

The Burdekin Shire Council (BSC) covers an area of approximately 5,053 square kilometres within the dry tropics region and encompasses a diverse range of agricultural land, wetlands, rivers and estuaries and national park areas.

As one of the main sugarcane and small crop agricultural areas in the state, pest management is a primary concern with the potential for pest plants and pest animals to impact heavily on primary industries. Weeds can cause significant environmental harm through the reduction of suitable grazing and agricultural land as well as adding substantial costs to production and reducing native habitat. Feral animals can also cause significant environmental harm through destruction of crops as well as predating on both native animals and domestic livestock and pets. In addition feral animals such as pigs can cause considerable damage to riparian zones increasing sediment and erosion issues, which reduces water quality and can impact on marine areas such as the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

Burdekin's Local Government Area Pest Management Plan sets out the strategic direction for management of declared plants and animals within the Burdekin Shire. This plan is effective for four years from 2010 to 2014 inclusive and is set in alignment with national, state and regional strategies, plans and best practice guidelines. This document also uses the principles of pest management as the framework which underpins the plan.

The BSCPMP will provide the community and environment with the following benefits:

- Identify the resources and achieve the stakeholder commitment necessary for the implementation of effective pest management
- Community ownership and input will ensure a co-operative and coordinated approach at all stages in the Burdekin Shire
- Ensure that BSC meets their responsibilities relating to pest management
- Provide Council and other Government agencies at all levels with a working guide to pest management within the Shire
- Increase effectiveness in meeting the community's needs
- Provide links to the following strategic documents –
  - Burdekin Shire Council Corporate Plan
  - Burdekin Shire Council Operational Plan

In addition, the BSC PMP will be closely aligned to the NQ Dry Tropics NRM Region Pest Management Strategy 2009 which is divided into three broad strategies –

1. Knowledge and planning
2. Implementation and co-ordination
3. Training and capacity building

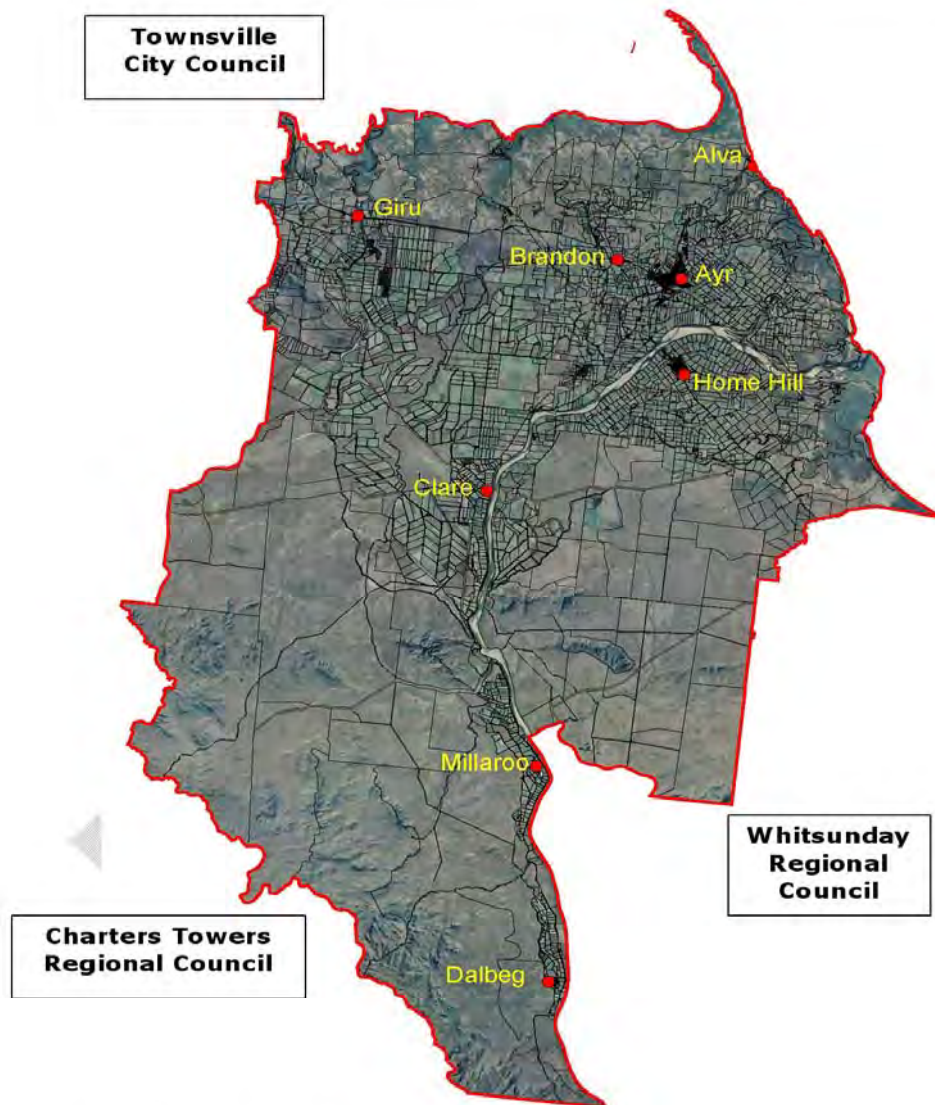


Figure 1. Burdekin Shire Council Area Map

## **Background**

### **Key Objectives**

The overarching objective is to provide the community with a Pest Management Plan which sets out strategic guidelines for landholders and stakeholders to ensure that the impacts of pest plants and pest animals are reduced. In addition this plan will set out clear achievable objectives, actions and targets

### **Legislation**

The purpose of the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002* is to provide for pest management on the land and stock route network throughout Queensland. The Act sets out requirements for Local Government to develop Pest Management Plans which are mandatory under Section 25. Under the Act, it states that the PMP may include provision for the following –

- (a) achievable objectives under the plan;
- (b) strategies, activities and responsibilities for achieving the objectives;
- (c) strategies to inform the local community about the content of the plan and achievement of its objectives;
- (d) monitoring the implementation of the plan and evaluating its effectiveness;
- (e) other matters the local government considers appropriate for management of declared pests in its area.

In addition, the PMP must be consistent with the following –

- (a) the principles of pest management;
  - (b) the State pest management strategies;
  - (c) the guidelines for pest management;
- as outlined in the *Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*.

### Declared Pests

Declaration of pests under the Act imposes legal responsibilities for the control of pest plants and pest animals. Under Section 77 of the Act, all landholders, Local Government and State Government agencies are required to take reasonable steps to keep their land free of Class 1 and Class 2 pests, unless the owner holds a declared pest permit allowing pests to be kept on the land.

Declared pests are defined as pest plants or pest animals which can cause or have the potential to cause adverse economic, environmental or social impacts to the community and the environment.

Declared pests are classified according to the severity of their impact or potential impact and are described by Biosecurity Queensland as follows –

Category	Description
Class 1	<p>A Class 1 pest is one that has the potential to become a very serious pest in Queensland in the future. We need to prevent the import, possession and sale of these species so they can't escape to become pests. All landholders are required by law to keep their land free of Class 1 pests. It is a serious offence to introduce, keep or sell Class 1 pests without a permit.</p> <p>Not generally well established in Queensland and has the potential to cause adverse economic, environmental or social impacts.</p>
Class 2	<p>A Class 2 pest is one that already has spread over substantial areas of Queensland, but its impact is so serious that we need to try and control it and avoid further spread onto properties that are still free of the pest. By law, all landholders must try to keep their land free of Class 2 pests and it is an offence to keep or sell these pests without a permit.</p> <p>Established in Queensland and can cause significant adverse economic, environmental or social impacts (including in another State)</p>
Class 3	<p>A Class 3 pest is one that is commonly established in parts of Queensland but its control by landowners is not deemed to be warranted unless the plant is impacting, or has the potential to impact on a nearby 'environmental significant area' (e.g. a national park). It is an offence to sell, introduce or release a Class 3 pest.</p> <p>Established in Queensland and has or could have an adverse economic, environmental or social impacts (including in another State).</p>
Weeds of National Significance (WoNS)	<p>WoNS are a group of 20 identified pest plants which have been highlighted under the National Weed Strategy as being a threat to biodiversity across Australia. The list of 20 WoNS was developed based on the following criteria: invasive tendencies, impacts, potential for spread and socioeconomic and environmental values.</p> <p>National management strategies have been published for all of these species, 17 of which are known to occur in Queensland.</p>

### Stakeholders and Responsibilities

A number of groups, government agencies and individuals manage land within the Burdekin and, as such have responsibilities with regard to controlling pest animals and plants on their land. The following stakeholders all have an interest in pest management with the Burdekin –

- NQ Dry Tropics
- Burdekin Shire Council
- Burdekin Productivity Services
- Growcom
- Ergon Energy
- Department of Transport and Main Roads
- Department of Environment and Resource Management
- Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
- Queensland Rail
- Sunwater
- Local landholders
- The community

#### Community responsibilities –

- Ensuring ownership of pest management throughout the Shire by contributing towards the awareness, knowledge, prevention and early intervention of pest animals and plants.

#### Landholder responsibilities –

- All landholders are responsible for taking reasonable steps towards controlling declared plants and animals on land under their control.

#### Burdekin Shire Council's responsibilities –

- To facilitate the BSC PMP Working Group
- Through this working group facilitate the review and development of the Shire's new PMP in accordance with Chapter 2, Part 4 of the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*.
- Undertake a regular annual review of the plan at least three months prior to the end of each financial year to ensure its effectiveness in accordance with the Act.
- Ensuring that declared plants and animals are controlled within its local Government area and on lands under its control.
- Preventing the introduction into and spread within its area of declared plants and animals and enforcing relevant provisions of the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*.

## Declared Plants and Pest Animals

Table 1. Known declared pest plants in the Burdekin Shire Council area

Pest Plant	Class
Thunbergia ( <i>Thunbergia laurifolia</i> and <i>grandiflora</i> )	1
Water Lettuce ( <i>Pistia stratiotes</i> )	2
Water Hyacinth ( <i>Eichhornia crassipes</i> )	2
Hymenachne ( <i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis</i> )	2
Prickly Acacia ( <i>Acacia nilotica</i> )	2
Giant Rats Tail Grass ( <i>Sporobolous pyramidalis</i> and <i>S.natalensis</i> )	2
American Rat's Tail Grass ( <i>Sporobolous jacquemontii</i> )	2
Parthenium Weed ( <i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i> )	2
Parkinsonia ( <i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i> )	2
Harrisia Cactus ( <i>Ericerus martinii</i> )	2
Chinee Apple ( <i>Ziziphus mauritiana</i> )	2
Rubbervine ( <i>Cryptostegia grandiflora</i> )	2
Bellyache Bush ( <i>Jatropha gossipifolia</i> )	2
Salvinia ( <i>Salvinia molesta</i> )	2
Cabomba ( <i>Cabomba</i> spp.)	2
Sicklepod ( <i>Senna obtusifolia</i> and <i>Senna tora</i> )	2
Prickly Pear ( <i>Opuntia</i> spp.)	2
Mother-of-millions ( <i>Bryophyllum</i> spp)	2
Lantana ( <i>Lantana</i> spp.)	3
Singapore Daisy ( <i>Sphagneticola trilobata</i> )	3
Captain Cook Tree/Yellow Oleander ( <i>Thevetia peruviana</i> )	3
African Tulip Tree ( <i>Spathodea campanulata</i> )	3
Asparagus Fern ( <i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i> 'Sprengerii', <i>A.africanus</i> and <i>A.plumosus</i> )	3
Yellow Bells ( <i>Tecoma stans</i> )	3

Table 2. Known pest animals in the Burdekin Shire Council area.

Pest Animal	Class
Feral Pig ( <i>Sus scrofa</i> )	2
Dingo/Wild Dog ( <i>Canis familiaris</i> )	2
Feral Cat ( <i>Felis catus</i> )	2
Rabbit ( <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> )	2
Chital Deer ( <i>Axis axis</i> )	2
Foxes ( <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> )	2
Locusts ( <i>Austracris guttolosa</i> and <i>Locusta migratoria</i> )	2



**Table 3.** Known non-declared pest plants in the Burdekin Shire Council area.

<b>Pest Plant</b>
Grader Grass ( <i>Themeda quadrivalvis</i> )
Itch Grass ( <i>Rottboellia cochinchinensis</i> )
Abandoned Sugar Cane ( <i>Saccharum</i> spp.)
Wild Sorghum ( <i>Sorghum</i> spp.)
Milkweed ( <i>Euphorbia heterophylla</i> )
Calotrope ( <i>Calotropis procera</i> )
Cumbungi ( <i>Typha</i> spp.)
Castor Oil ( <i>Ricinus communis</i> )
Guinea Grass ( <i>Panicum maximum</i> )
Para grass ( <i>Urochloa mutica</i> )
Aleman Grass ( <i>Echinochloa polystachya</i> )
Leucaena ( <i>Leuceaena leucocphala</i> )
Snakevine ( <i>Merremia</i> spp.)
Snakeweed ( <i>Stachytarpheta</i> spp.)
Neem Tree ( <i>Azadirachta indica</i> )

### **Desired Outcomes**

There are six desired outcomes that will be targeted in the PMP over the four-year period. These are:

1. Stakeholders are informed, knowledgeable, and have ownership of pest plant and pest animal management.
2. All stakeholders are committed to undertaking coordinated management of pest plants and pest animals.
3. Reliable information is available as a basis for decision-making.
4. Strategic directions are established, maintained and owned by all stakeholders.
5. Prevention of the introduction, spread and establishment of pest plants and pest animals.
6. Integrated systems for managing the impacts of established pest plants and pest animals are developed and widely implemented.

**DESIRED OUTCOME 1****The Community is informed, knowledgeable and has ownership of pest plant and pest animal management**

Principles: Public Awareness - Public Awareness and knowledge of pests must be raised to increase the capacity and willingness of individuals to manage pests.

Issue: Awareness (A)  
Availability of Information (AI)  
Education and Training (ET)

Issue	Strategic Action	Responsible	Success Indicator	Time-Frame
A	Progress public signage for pest risk areas	BSC, NQ Dry Tropics	Signs erected in high risk areas	Ongoing
A	Participate in Weedbuster activities	BSC, NQ Dry Tropics	Co-ordinate at least one organised Weedbuster activity annually	Annually
A AI	Conduct Community awareness raising activities for potential, new and established pests including: (a) developing and distributing user friendly information about pests. (b) media and newsletter articles publicising case studies of successful pest management. (c) information and education sessions (i.e. schools, landcare groups etc.) (d) organising/assisting with field days i.e. BSES field day, Weedbuster week, World Environment day) (e) developing and distributing a list of web addresses/references.	BSC, NQ Dry Tropics, Stakeholders	Minimum of four media promotions on the Shire's priority pests annually	Annually
A AI	Promote the Shire Pest Management Plan	BSC, RPMIC, NQ Dry Tropics, Stakeholders	Media coverage of Shire Plan and revised Plan opened for public consultation. Draft Shire Plan endorsed by Council, Link to new plan developed on Council website and NQDT website.	By November 2010
A AI	Attend and participate in stakeholder meetings to discuss Pest Management	BSC, NQ Dry Tropics	All major land owner groups approached	Ongoing
A AI	Survey the Community for levels of pest management knowledge	Stakeholders	Community awareness levels are identified and measured via number of surveys returned and value of information provided	June 2011

Issue	Strategic Action	Responsible	Success Indicator	Time-Frame
A AI	Educate urban communities about their contribution to the pest problem through school visits, media mail outs and meetings	BSC, NQDT	Conduct quarterly inspections on all plant nurseries and pet shops within the Shire	Ongoing
A AI	Lobby for state-wide and regional media advertising programs	BSC PMP WG,	Media advertising campaigns designed and implemented Communication strategy	Ongoing
A AI	Ensure the retention of adequate and responsible Stakeholder representation on the BSC PMP WG	BSC, Stakeholders	Burdekin Region well represented on the BSC PMP WG	Ongoing
AI	Make available for public viewing the BSPMP Maintain access points for the Community to obtain pest information (eg access points at BSC, libraries, Canegrowers associations, tourist centres, DEEDI website, etc)	BSC, NQ Dry Tropics, Stakeholders	BSCPMP available for viewing at the Council Chambers, Council website and links from the stakeholder websites Access points are maintained	2010 and Ongoing
ET	Maintain a full time Land Protection Officer to provide information on pests to landholders, agencies and relevant stakeholders and inspectorial and enforcement action as required	BSC	Full time permanent Land Protection Officer maintained and adequately resourced	Ongoing
ET	Stakeholders/External staff to report pest infestations and/or pest activity	BSC, Stakeholders	Council staff and stakeholders reporting pest infestations using the report forms – number of reports received annually	Ongoing
ET	Appropriate Council staff attend relevant state, regional and local workshops, National Competency based training and forums	BSC	Priority workshops, training and forums attended by relevant staff	Ongoing

**DESIRED OUTCOME 2****All stakeholders are committed to undertaking coordinated management of weeds and pest animals**

Principles: Commitment - Effective pest management requires a long-term commitment to pest management by the community, industry groups, and government entities.

Consultation and Partnership - Consultation and partnership arrangements between local communities, industry groups, state government agencies, and local governments must be established to achieve a collaborative approach to pest management.

Issue: Long Term Commitment (C)  
Compliance and enforcement (CE)

Issue	Strategic Action	Responsible	Success Indicators	Time-Frame
C CE	Ensure Council apportions sufficient resource commitments towards Shire Pest Management Plan	BSC	Budget and resources provided	Ongoing
C CE	Initiate follow up inspections to monitor compliance with actions listed under PPMPs	BSC	Number of properties with PPMP's inspected annually	Ongoing
C	Ensure the BSPMP is integrated into relevant sections of the Council's Corporate Plan	BSC	Commitment to PMP is incorporated and pest management issues remain part of Council core business	Ongoing
C	Ensure a regional commitment to pest management through the combined Regional Pest Management Working Group	BSC, NQDT, Stakeholders	Number of meetings attended. Number of regional projects/promotions completed or achieved	Ongoing
C	Ensure neighbouring local governments are aware of the impacts pest species have on their neighbours	BSC, DEEDI, NQDT	Number of cross border priority species identified. Number of meetings attended. Number of regional projects/promotions completed or achieved	Ongoing
C	Ensure adequate and responsible stakeholder representation on the BSC PMP WG to develop, implement and review the BSC PMP	BSC, Stakeholders	Working group established and meeting every six months  Stakeholder attendance rate at meetings	Ongoing
C CE	Educate Council staff and elected Councillors regarding Council legal responsibilities in relation to pests and pest management practices	BSC	Number of training sessions held for staff. Yearly reports to Council from BSC PMP WG	Ongoing
C CE	Ensure stakeholders are aware of their responsibilities for pest management	BSC, NQDT, Stakeholders	Stakeholder awareness of their responsibilities is increased – number of shed meetings held, information provided to landholders. Half yearly reporting to BSC PMP WG from each stakeholder	6 monthly

Issue	Strategic Action	Responsible	Success Indicator	Time-Frame
C CE	Landholders to enter into Property Pest Management Plans. Liase with BSC Rates Department to identify recent sales	BSC, NQDT	Number of landholders with PPMP  Number of landholders entering into new PPMP's	Ongoing
C CE	Maintain ongoing partnerships with stakeholders and community groups for local pest management	BSC, Stakeholders	Number of stakeholders attending meetings and reporting to the BSC PMP WG	Ongoing
C CE	Ensure that BSC PMP is aligned with State PMP's to ensure regional commitment to pest management for State-owned and Crown land	BSC, NQDT, DERM, DEEDI, TMR	Liaison with State agencies to align BSC PMP with State PMP's	ongoing
CE	Assess non-declared pest plants for local declaration under Council's new Local Laws	BSC	Pest species assessed for declaration under Local Laws	October 2010
C CE	Maintain partnerships and collaborative strategies with neighbouring councils to identify and target emerging infestations of pest plants and pest animals.	BSC, TCC, WRC, CTRC	Number of partnerships and collaborative strategies developed and maintained  Invitation extended to surrounding Councils to attend BSC PMP WG meetings	6 monthly
C CE	Incentives to encourage landholders to assist in Council pest management issues	BSC	(a) Utilisation of the BSC 50% Herbicide Subsidy Scheme (b) Utilisation of BSC Quick spray Unit (c) Utilisation of BSC 1080 pest animal baiting programme	Ongoing

**DESIRED OUTCOME 3****Reliable information is available as a basis for decision making**

Principle: Improvement – Research about pests, and regular monitoring and evaluation of pest control activities, are necessary to improve pest management practices.

Issues: Data Collection and Assessment (DCA)  
Pest Biology and Pest Impacts (PB)  
Community Attitudes (CA)

Issue	Strategic Action	Responsible	Success Indicators	Time-Frame
DCA	Set up a system for reporting new pest plants and pest animals: (a) Produce and circulate a standard form on which staff and landholders can report information on pests (eg. species, area, density, numbers etc.)	NQDT, RPIMC, Stakeholders	Issue raised at RPIMC meeting	April 2011
	(b) Encourage Council staff, contractors, stakeholders and others to use the pest reporting form.		Reporting form developed	
	(c) Align to centralised web mapping portal for pest reporting and information.		Form available on NQDT/Stakeholders' websites	April 2011
	(d) Encourage community groups, landcare, birdwatchers etc to report pests using the reporting forms		Form aligned with centralised database	April 2011 April 2011
DCA	Maintain a database of all Shire Property Pest Management Plans and their review timeframes	BSC	Database of Property Pest Management Plans and their review timetables established and upgraded	Ongoing
DCA	Encourage data sharing between adjoining Local Governments and state agencies to encourage proactive and collaborative approaches to pest management	RPMWG, BSC, DEEDI	Data sharing and cooperative proactive approaches established	Ongoing
DCA	Geographical Information System of all priority pest species within the Burdekin Shire and produce maps	BSC, DEEDI, NQDT	GPS co-ordinates imported into the GIS program and maps developed 25% of all high priority weeds mapped using the GPS unit per year	Ongoing
DCA	Develop appropriate pre and post treatment monitoring and evaluation techniques – assess effectiveness of current management programs and strategies	BSC	Survey/monitoring system developed that provides relevant information about the success of treatments conducted. Feedback sought from landholders at annual review of PMP (what, when, where, how much, what has worked, what hasn't)	Ongoing

Issue	Strategic Action	Responsible	Success Indicator	Time Frame
DCA PB	Contribute local pest data to the DEEDI Annual Pest Assessment and associated data bases	BSC	Burdekin Shire Pest Data incorporated into DEEDI Annual Pest Assessment and associated data bases	Annually
PB CA	Estimate the costs of pest impacts to the Burdekin Shire and ratepayers (environmental, economic and social)	DEEDI, NQDT	Costing of pest damage Costing of pest treatment Costing of incentive effectiveness prepared and reported to Council annually	Ongoing
CA	Gather information on community awareness and attitudes	BSC, DEEDI, Stakeholders	Local surveys (online/hard copy) conducted and information gathered, website hits. Results reported annually to BSC PMP WG and Council	Ongoing
DCA	Collation of quarterly reports to produce a yearly report/update (with attached mapping) on pest incursions, management and reductions	BSC, Stakeholders	Report written and presented at annual review meeting	Ongoing



**DESIRED OUTCOME 4**

**Strategic directions are established, maintained and responsibility accepted by all stakeholders**

Principles: Planning – Pest management planning must be consistent at local, regional, state, and national levels to ensure resources target priorities for pest management identified at each level.

Integration – Pest management is an integral part of managing natural resources and agricultural systems.

Issue: Planning (P)  
Strategy Management and Coordination (SMC)  
Resources (R)  
Holistic Management (HM)

Issue	Strategic Action	Responsible	Success Indicator	Time-Frame
P	Liaise with adjoining Local Governments to align priority pests contained within Local government Area Pest Management Plans along common boundaries	BSC, RPMIC, NQDT	Meetings with other Local Governments  Negotiation of 1-5 kilometre buffers along the Burdekin Shire boundaries  Attendance at RPMIC Meetings	Ongoing
P	Develop specific management plans for identified high priority community pest problems	BSC, DEEDI	Number of management plans developed	As required
P SMC	Co-operate with the implementation of the NQ Dry Tropics Natural Resource Management Plan	BSC, Stakeholders	Number of meetings attended and priorities addressed in the Management Plan	Ongoing
P SMC	Attend NRM meetings in the Shire and promote best practice control methods	BSC, DEEDI, Stakeholders, NQDT	Number of NRM meetings attended and number of attendees present	Ongoing
P SMC	Liaise with all Government Departments to address Pest Management Plans on their respective land parcels	BSC, DEEDI	Acceptable Pest Management Plans adopted for all Government land in the Shire	Ongoing
P SMC HM	Ensure consistency between the BSC PMP and related State, Regional and Local Pest Management Strategies and Plans	BSC, Stakeholders	Increasing number of related pest management plans featuring local pest management issues	Ongoing
SMC HM	Employment of sufficient on ground staff to maintain the plan and achieve compliance with the legislation	BSC	Adequate resources and staff levels are maintained to review the plan and achieve compliance	Ongoing
SMC R HM	Identify the scope of any perceived resource shortfalls	BSC	Resource shortfalls identified and actions to target extra funding established	Ongoing

Issue	Strategic Action	Responsible	Success Indicator	Time-Frame
SMC	Implement the PMP actions for priority listed pest plant and pest animal management	BSC	Number of actions completed half yearly and annually	Ongoing
P HM	Burdekin Shire Council Pest Management Plan reviewed on an annual basis	BSC, BSC PMP WG	Plan reviewed and amended as required.	Annually
R	Hire of (non-profit maintenance only) pest control equipment to landholders to initiate control programmes	BSC	Number of landholders utilising the pest control equipment to achieve the action items set down in individual PMP's	Ongoing
R	Seek in-kind and financial sponsorship from industry, government and the community for community awareness and employment programs	BSC, Stakeholders, DEEDI, NQDT	Number of government, industry and community groups approached	Ongoing
R HM	Encourage landholders to take advantage of the 50% Herbicide Subsidy Scheme provided by BSC	BSC, BSC PMP WG	Utilisation of the BSC 50% Herbicide Subsidy Scheme	Ongoing
R HM	Allocate sufficient qualified staff to undertake Property Pest Management Planning with landholders	BSC	Sufficient Council staff available to implement the Property Pest Management Planning concept within allocated budget	Ongoing
R HM	Adequate funding made available to implement all strategies and action items addressed throughout the Pest Management Plan – particularly for high priority pest species	BSC, Stakeholders	Sufficient budget funding to implement priority strategies and actions.	Ongoing
R HM	Investigate all potential funding sources to fund pest management	BSC, DEEDI, Stakeholders	Funding sources investigated and applications drafted	Ongoing

**DESIRED OUTCOME 5****Prevention of the introduction, spread and establishment of pest plants and pest animals**

Principles: Prevention – Preventative pest management is achieved by:

- a. preventing the spread of pests, and viable parts of pests, especially by human activity; and
- b. early detection and intervention to control pests.

Issue: Prevention (P)  
Early Detection and Eradication (EDE)  
Containment (C)

Issue	Strategic Action	Responsible	Success Indicator	Time-Frame
P	Educate stakeholders in best practice of purchase and feed out of fodder (especially fodder from external areas)	BSC, DEEDI, Stakeholders	Number of landholders utilising Weed Seed Spread Declaration Provision of Declaration documents to local importers	Ongoing
P	Encourage the establishment of public machinery wash down facility in the shire.	BSC, DEEDI, Stakeholders	Proposal developed	2012
P	Promote machinery hygiene standards including: (a) encourage use of weed hygiene declarations as a quality assurance measure; (b) set hygiene standards to be maintained by contractors, landholders, recreational water users etc; (c) provide list of commercial wash down facilities to the community; (d) encourage all contractors (including earthmoving, heavy machinery, slashers, etc) throughout the Burdekin to be diligent with wash down of machinery and vehicles; (e) include weed seed spread induction requirement in Tender / Council Tender process.	BSC, DEEDI, Stakeholders	Measures taken to promote machinery hygiene standards, annual public awareness campaign, clause in all Council tender documents to prevent weed seed spread, Council to provide annual education session to Council Works Foreman. Number of training sessions provided to Council staff	Ongoing
P	Lobby for a state-wide generic advertising campaign for pest prevention targeting the travelling public eg road signs, ads on RACQ maps etc	BSC, DEEDI, RPMIC	Letter to DEEDI from RPMIC, with regard to addressing issue at a regional level. Travelling public aware of pest spread issues and take appropriate precautions	Ongoing

Issue	Strategic Action	Responsible	Success Indicator	TimeFrame
P	Identify spread of pest plants in stock feed and other locally produced materials	BSC, DEEDI	Number of properties inspected and producers approached. Identify where stock feed is baled within the Shire and identify possible declared infestations within those areas. Educate and cease operations if pest plants are identified.	Ongoing
P	Identify and monitor areas where soil/sand extraction and quarrying enterprise are undertaken to ensure limited weed seed spread	BSC, DERM, DEEDI	High priority areas are identified and monitored. Burdekin river sand, quarries, gravel pits, vacuum trucks	Ongoing
P EDE C	Ensure inspections and controls of pests on all Council controlled land are undertaken on a timely basis.	BSC	All complaints and enquiries reported to be actioned within BSC timeframes.	Ongoing
P EDE C	Implement an inspection and control program for all State controlled land.	DEEDI, Government Departments, BSC	Management plans endorsed for all State owned land parcels and associated control practices undertaken. BSC to monitor progress.	Ongoing
P EDE C	Provide technical advice to landholders including verbal advice and provision of Pest Fact Sheets	BSC, DEEDI, Stakeholders	Number of landholders Pest Fact sheets provided to.	Ongoing
P EDE	Develop and implement action plans for the eradication of pest plants in "Prevention and Introduction" and "Early Detection and Eradication" (Class 1) categories if found within the Burdekin Shire	BSC, DEEDI	Action plans developed and implemented as necessary	Ongoing
P EDE	Initiate a regular monitoring and inspection program of nurseries, markets and pet shops for sale of pest fish, plants and animals	BSC	Conduct 6-monthly inspections on all plant nurseries and pet shops within the Shire and consult with neighbouring Councils to ensure a regional approach	Ongoing
P EDE C	Liaise closely with neighbouring authorities for a coordinated approach to pest management on cross-border infestations	BSC, DEEDI, RPMIC	Relationships with neighbouring authorities developed and achieves coordinated containment of new pest plants across borders	Ongoing
ED	Create a response strategy to: (a) document and inform of risks; (b) eradicate infestations of new priority pest plants	BSC	Response strategy created to assess risks and to eradicate new priority pest plants	Ongoing
C ED	Target priority Class 2 pests for containment or eradication	BSC	Containment lines developed and control undertaken on identified properties as per annual action plans	Ongoing

**DESIRED OUTCOME 6****Integrated systems for managing the impacts of established pest plants and pest animals are developed and widely implemented**

**Principles:** Best practice – Pest management must be based on ecologically and socially responsible pest management practices that protect the environment and the productive capacity of natural resources.

**Improvement –** Research about pests, and regular monitoring and evaluation of pest control activities, are necessary to improve pest management practices.

**Commitment –** Effective pest management requires a long-term commitment to pest management by the community, industry groups, and government entities.

**Issue:** Adoption of Management Techniques (AMT)  
Population and Impact Management (PIM)  
Environmentally Significant Management (ESM)  
Development of Management Practices (DMP)  
Incentives (I)

Issue	Strategic Action	Responsible	Success Indicator	TimeFrame
AMT	Distribute best practice publications to stakeholders	BSC	All new PPMP are supplied with best practice publications	Ongoing
AMT	Assist landholders with PPMP development and compliance	BSC	Provision of technical advice, subsidised herbicide to landholders with PPMP's, provision of quick spray unit, advice regarding statutory obligations	Ongoing
PIM	Encourage use of best practice principles to effectively manage pest populations on private land, Council owned and other government land	BSC, DEEDI, DERM	Number of PPMP's approved and using best practice principles. Number of promotions conducted relating to best practice principles	Annual/Ongoing
ESM	Identify and prioritise Environmentally Significant Areas for pest management	BSC, DERM	ESA's identified and management strategies developed on a case by case basis as required	Ongoing
ESM	Establish strategic pest management plans on prioritised ESA	BSC, DEEDI	Pest Management Plans developed for ESA's where impacts are identified/reported	Ongoing
DMP	Investigate new monitoring and control techniques and incorporate best practice management as appropriate	BSC, NQDT, RPMIC, DEEDI	Request RPMIC to place standing item regarding new techniques and control measures on agenda	August 2010
I	Continue to promote Pest Management Incentives	BSC, DEEDI	Amount of herbicide subsidy expended within financial year, number of occasions quick spray unit is utilised by landholders	Ongoing
I	Evaluate success of Incentives	BSC, DEEDI	Number of people accessing Herbicide Subsidy Scheme. Amount of herbicide supplied per annum. Number of times equipment hired per annum.	Feb 2011



## **Burdekin Shire Council**

### **Operational Guide**

## Introduction

This operational guide is designed to be used by Stakeholders and the community alike as a separate document when out in the field, undertaking control strategies or surveying for any priority pest plants or animals. Photographs accompany each priority species to help landholders identify pest plants or animals they may not be familiar with.

## Prioritisation Tool

The BSC PMP WG strategy towards prioritising known pests in the Burdekin Shire initially involved the establishment of a rating system that simplified the process yet ensured a detailed understanding for all stakeholders. The BSC PMP WG identified three (3) major areas that covered the scope of pest management in the Burdekin Shire being:

- Environmental
- Grazing
- Agricultural

A detailed assessment of each pest species within each management area was then carried out; given consideration towards Declaration Status, WONS, control achievability, economic impact, environmental impact and dispersal potential within the Shire.

### SCHEDULE NUMBER 1 – STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

Table of Strategic Importance, based upon pest biology, ecology and distribution for declared plants and pests in the Burdekin Shire.

Strategic Importance	Description
1	Very Critical
2	Critical
3	Moderate Threat
4	Low Threat

### SCHEDULE NUMBER 2 – ACHIEVABILITY

Table of achievability (outcome) ratings, based upon operational, technical, administrative, financial, legislative and social factors, for declared plants and pests in the Burdekin Shire.

Achievability (Outcome) Rating	Description
A	Can be ERADICATED from the Shire completely
B	Can be REDUCED in distribution and density
C	Can be CONTAINED to specified areas
D	Can be MANAGED with biological control
E	Can be MONITORED

**SCHEDULE NUMBER 3 – PRIORITY RATING**

Priority Rating Matrix based upon achievability and strategic importance for each pest plant and animal in the Burdekin Shire.

Achievability	Strategic Importance			
	1	2	3	4
A	High	High	High	Medium
B	High	High	Low	Low
C	High	High	Low	Low
D	High	High	Medium	Low
E	High	Medium	Low	Low

**Table 1. High Priority Pest Plants and Animals**

Pest Plant/Animal	Class	WoNS
Prickly Acacia ( <i>Acacia nilotica</i> )	2	Y
Hymenachne ( <i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis</i> )	2	Y
Parthenium ( <i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i> )	2	Y
GRT ( <i>pyramidalis</i> )	2	
Harrisia Cactus ( <i>Ericerus martinii</i> )	2	
Belly Ache Bush ( <i>Jatropha gossipifolia</i> )	2	
Sicklepod ( <i>Senna obtusifolia</i> and <i>Senna tora</i> )	2	
Chital Deer ( <i>Axis axis</i> )	2	
Feral Pigs ( <i>Sus scrofa</i> )	2	
Captain Cook Tree ( <i>Thevetia peruviana</i> )	3	
Grader Grass ( <i>Themeda quadrivalvis</i> )	ND	
Itch Grass ( <i>Rottboellia cochinchinensis</i> )	ND	
Calotrope ( <i>Calotropis procera</i> )	ND	

**Table 2. Medium-high Priority Pest Plants and Animals**

Pest Plant/Animal	Class	WoNS
Parkinsonia ( <i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i> )	2	Y
Cabomba ( <i>Cabomba spp.</i> )	2	Y
Rubber Vine ( <i>Cryptostegia grandiflora</i> )	2	Y
Salvinia ( <i>Salvinia molesta</i> )	2	
Water Lettuce ( <i>Pistia stratiotes</i> )	2	
Water Hyacinth ( <i>Eichhornia crassipes</i> )	2	
GRT ( <i>spp.</i> )	2	
Chinee Apple ( <i>Ziziphus mauritiana</i> )	2	
Dingo/Wild Dogs ( <i>Canis familiaris dingo</i> )	2	
Aleman Grass ( <i>Echinochloa polystachya</i> )	ND	
Leuceaena ( <i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> )	ND	



## High Priority Pest Animals and Plants

Feral Pig ( <i>Sus scrofa</i> )			
Class 2			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	B	High
Grazing	2	B	High
Agriculture	2	B	High

### Background:

- Feral pigs arrived in Australia with the early settlers and soon became established in the wild through accidental and deliberate releases. Pigs are (nocturnal and omnivorous), eating both plant and animal material and feeding mainly at night although if undisturbed can be found searching for food through the day as well.
- Feral pigs are difficult to control for a number of reasons.
- Pigs are intelligent, adaptable and secretive.
- Their reproductive potential is such that repeated control programs are needed to reduce populations.
- Home ranges vary between two and fifty kilometres so control programs need to cover large areas to be effective.
- Feral pigs carry a number of diseases including Q Fever and Leptospirosis both of which are dangerous to humans. Should Australia ever be subjected to an outbreak of foot and mouth disease containment of the virus would be virtually impossible given the massive feral pig population and the diverse landscapes they inhabit Australia wide. Our country's multi million dollar grazing industry could be decimated as pig movement across their home range is impossible to control.

### Local Impacts:



- Feral pigs damage crops, pasture, property and native habitat. Pigs dig and root up the ground in mangroves and around swamps, preying on crabs, invertebrates, small mammals and turtles as well as the eggs and young of ground nesting birds and reptiles. They cause severe economic losses to the sugar and horticultural industries and dig up large areas of pastoral lands causing erosion and degradation by weed invasion.

Control Information:

- Baiting/Trapping/Shooting/Dogging.
- Coordinated control on a local and regional basis.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.

Operational objective:

- To control and reduce numbers. To assist landholders by supplying traps when available, a free of charge 1080 baiting service, technical advice regarding a range of options including mesh and electric fencing, shed meetings and individual grower support in areas of high impact. Burdekin Shire Council is also engaged in discussions with adjoining local authorities to continue undertaking a coordinated regional approach to feral pig management in the future.

Chital Deer ( <i>Axis axis</i> )			
Class 2			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	B	High
Grazing	2	B	High
Agriculture	2	B	High

**Background:**

- Native to the Indian sub-continent and Sri-Lanka. Chital deer were originally introduced north of Charters Towers in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Populations are now also present around Townsville, Texas and Barcaldine with significant numbers being recorded on the Bowen River near Strathmore Station.

**Local Impacts:**



- Locally Chital deer occur on Rita Island and at Mt Elliott near Giru. The deer population on Rita Island impact on cane crops in the early growth stages and cause friction between farmers and graziers as they sometimes harbour in the grazing areas during the day. These animals cause major damage to environmental areas and in particular native trees as they habitually rub their antlers on the bark and trunks of saplings and trees. The attractiveness of these animals can cause emotive arguments from some sectors of the community make control strategies more difficult at times.

**Control Information:**

- Trapping and shooting are the most common forms of control. Some landholders have installed mesh fencing up to 1.8 metres high in an effort to exclude the animals from their land and protect their crops. In recent times the Queensland Government has released its feral deer management strategy 2010-2015 Consultation draft which outlines a framework to assist stakeholders in coordinating control measures and thereby reducing impacts.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.

**Operational Objective:**

- As Chital deer have only been recently declared under state legislation, Council is developing a strategy for dealing with these pest animals.

Prickly Acacia ( <i>Acacia nilotica</i> )			
Class 2		WoNS	
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	C	High
Grazing	2	C	High
Agriculture	2	B	High

**Background:**

- Prickly Acacia (*Acacia nilotica*) is a native of Pakistan. Prickly Acacia are prolific seeders. Several million hectares of the Mitchell grass plains in Queensland are infested with this introduced pest plant. One medium sized tree can produce 175,000 variable seeds in one year. Seed can remain viable for seven years.

**Local Impacts:**

- A large outbreak of Prickly Acacia occurs in the Inkerian area with many smaller infestations occurring at various locations throughout the Shire. Prickly Acacia also odours along the Bowen River in Whitsunday Shire and at various locations in the Townsville City area. This pest has adapted well to the fertile coastal plain and has the capacity to out compete pasture and displace native species.



**Control Information:**

- Biological/Chemical/Mechanical.
- Refer to DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.

**Operational Objective:**

- To eradicate smaller outlying infestations and contain large infestations to prevent further spread. To introduce and enforce buffer zones between Prickly Acacia infested properties and clean properties.



<b>Hymenachne</b> <i>(Hymenachne amplexicaulis)</i>			
Class 2		WoNS	
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	C	High
Grazing	2	C	High
Agriculture	2	C	High

**Background:**

- Hymenachne is native to the tropical areas of Southern and Central America. It invades waterways, including drains, lagoons, and creeks to tidal margins. Hymenachne can completely choke waterways, displacing native vegetation, increasing flooding, allowing water to stagnate by reducing dissolved oxygen levels and allow prolific breeding of the mosquito *Mansonia uniformis*.

**Local Impacts:**



- Hymenachne has the ability to grow in depths of up to 1.8 metres. The majority of wetlands in Burdekin, including the world heritage listed Ramsar wetlands are marginally shallower than this, including the Cromarty Wetlands, Horseshoe and Pink Lily Lagoons and many other water bodies. Given time, Hymenachne has the capacity to displace native plant species, choke wetlands and impact heavily on recreational and commercial fish stocks.

**Control Information:**

- Chemical/Mechanical/Fire.
- Refer to DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council
- Hymenachne Control Manual

**Operational objective:**

- To target high priority streams and wetlands throughout Burdekin Shire and prevent new incursions. Continue to provide technical support and subsidised herbicide where appropriate.

<b>Parthenium</b> <i>(Parthenium hysterophorus)</i>			
Class 2		WoNS	
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	B	High
Grazing	2	C	High
Agriculture	2	C	High

**Background:**

- Parthenium is an annual herb which can seed prolifically with each plant having the capacity to provide 15 000 seeds. Most seeds germinate at the one time and produce a mat of seedlings. Seeds will usually remain viable for up to two years.
- Known to reduce beef production and impact heavily on crop areas.
- Pollen contains potent allergens which can cause dermatitis and hay fever.

**Local Impacts:**



- Parthenium infestations occur along the Burdekin and Bowen river riparian zones in Charters Towers, Whitsunday and Burdekin shire. Burdekin Shire has long adhered to the policy of containing Parthenium weed within the bed and banks of the Burdekin River. Where outbreaks occur through floods, contaminated seed or other vectors, Council makes every effort to contain, monitor and eradicate these infestations.

**Control Information:**

- Biological/Chemical/Pasture Management.
- Refer to DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council

**Operational objective:**

- Eradicate all infestations found or reported outside the bed and banks of the Burdekin River. Continue to provide technical support and subsidised herbicide to affected landholders.

<b>Giant Rats Tail Grass</b> <i>(Sporobolus pyramidalis / Sporobolus natalensis)</i>			
Class 2		WoNS	
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	B	High
Grazing	2	B	High
Agriculture	2	A	High

**Background:**

- Giant Rats Tail Grass was introduced as a contaminant in pasture seed imported from South Africa during the 1960's. It is an aggressive grass that can reduce pasture productivity and cause significant degradation of natural areas.

**Local Impacts:**

- Giant Rats Tail Grass has been identified at three main sites within Burdekin Shire. The first infestation has been eradicated and is now under a monitoring regime. The second more recently discovered site has been treated and is now under surveillance. The third and largest site at the previously known Clare Agricultural College has had a property pest management plan for several years but to date, has been contained at best.



**Control Information:**

- Chemical e.g. Wick Wiper/Handgun.
- Prevention e.g. Property Hygiene/Wash down/Pasture management.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.
- Sporobolus Management Guide

**Operational objective:**

- To detect and eradicate all new outbreaks within the Shire. To work with identified landholders to contain and reduce current infestations.



Harrisia Cactus ( <i>Eriocercus martinii</i> )			
Class 2			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	B	High
Grazing	2	B	High
Agriculture	3	A	High

**Background:**

- The cactus is a native of South America introduced into Queensland in the 1890's as a pot plant. The plant produces large number of highly viable seeds within fleshy fruit and has been known to carry in excess of a hundred fruit per plant. Seeds are spread by birds/animals and the plant can also reproduce from stem sections taking root.

**Local Impacts:**

- Since the introduction of the mealy bug there is very little Harrisia Cactus in the Burdekin Shire, although plants are found and treated from time to time by landholders particularly on the southern side of the Burdekin River.



**Control Information:**

- Biological/Mechanical/Chemical
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council

**Operational objective:**

- To continue surveillance and eradication of Harrisia Cactus throughout the Shire. To continue to provide technical advice, subsidised herbicide and access to supplies of Mealy Bug to affected landholders as required.



<b>Bellyache Bush</b> <i>(Jatropha gossypifolia)</i>			
Class 2			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	C	High
Grazing	2	C	High
Agriculture	2	B	High

**Background:**

- A native of South America and often used as a garden plant by early settlers, Bellyache Bush colonises natural areas, replacing native vegetation with dense infestations usually occurring along river and stream banks. Bellyache Bush is poisonous both to humans and livestock.

**Local Impacts:**



- Dense infestations occur along most sections of the Burdekin River from the Charters Towers Regional Council boundary through to the coast. Outbreaks also occur from time to time in other areas in the Shire such as abandoned quarries.

**Control Information:**

- Mechanical/Fire/Chemical.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.
- Biological control currently under trial.

**Operational objective:**

- To contain the plant within the bed and the banks of the Burdekin River whilst targeting all other outbreaks within the Shire for eradication. Supporting landholders with technical information and subsidised herbicide where appropriate.

<b>Sicklepod</b> <i>(Senna obtusifolia and Senna tora )</i>			
Class 2			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	B	High
Grazing	2	B	High
Agriculture	2	B	High

**Background:**

- Sicklepod can invade and completely dominate pastures and crops within two to three growing seasons. The plant is not palatable to livestock but the seed can be eaten and spread by horses and cattle. Seed can remain viable for up to ten years.

**Local Impacts:**



- Two separate outbreaks on Rita Island have been eradicated and are currently under surveillance for signs of re-emergence. Properties along the Mt Elliott frontage have been impacted by this plant, with most landholders making significant control efforts.

**Control Information:**

- Mechanical/Chemical/Pasture Management/Property Hygiene.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.

**Operational objective:**

- Maintain surveillance throughout the Shire and in particular past control sites. Continue to support landholders with technical advice and subsidised herbicide where appropriate.
- To introduce and enforce buffer zones between infested properties and clean properties.

<b>Captain Cook Tree</b> <i>(Thevetia peruviana )</i>			
Class 3			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	B	High
Grazing	2	B	High
Agriculture	3	A	High

**Background:**

- Captain Cook Tree or Yellow Oleander is a native of South America and the West Indies. This plant has long been a popular garden shrub because of its lush foliage, attractive bell-shaped flowers and hardy nature.

**Local Impacts:**

- Competes with native species and forms thickets if not controlled. A dense outbreak occurs at the junction of Major's Creek and the Haughton River with a second infestation on a property on Hodel Road, Giru which is currently under a monitoring program.



**Control Information:**

- Cut stump method or mechanical control deliver best results.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council

**Operational objective:**

- To advise and educate landholders of the invasive nature of this plant and also their responsibilities under the current legislation. To assist landholders with eradication of this pest on their land. To provide technical advice to landholders and subsidised herbicide where appropriate. To eradicate this pest plant on all Council controlled land.



Grader Grass ( <i>Themeda quadrivalvis</i> )			
Locally Declared			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	B	High
Grazing	2	B	High
Agriculture	3	A	High

**Background:**

- Originally reported in the Mackay district but now well established along the coast Grader Grass out competes pasture and reduces livestock production values.
- Grader grass is often confused with Kangaroo grass and is a declared pest in the Northern Territory.

**Local Impacts:**



- Infestations occur on the Bruce Highway between Brandon and Cromarty, along the Elliott Highway, Ravenswood Road and on Smith Road, Giru. Local graziers are extremely concerned due to the invasive nature of this plant and the potential impacts on grazing capacity. It is also an extremely difficult plant to eradicate once established.

**Control Information:**

- Chemical/pasture renovation
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.
- Grader Grass Management Guide

**Operational objective:**

- To include Grader Grass in Council's annual spray program on State and Shire roads. To maintain Council controlled land free of this pest plant. To assist landholders with up to date technical advice and subsidised herbicide where appropriate. To have Grader Grass locally declared under Council's Local Laws.

<b>Itch Grass</b> <i>(Rottboellia cochinchinensis )</i>			
Locally Declared			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	A	High
Grazing	2	A	High
Agriculture	2	A	High

**Background:**

- Itch Grass is a major agricultural weed in many areas of the tropics and sub-tropics, infesting both perennial and annual crops. An erect, coarse cane-like annual, it grows up to three metres in height with leaves covered in stiff hairs which cause irritation if allowed to penetrate the skin. Flower heads branch out from the upper nodes and are approximately 10cm long. As the heads mature, the cylindrical seeds progressively break free from the end and fall to the ground.

**Local Impacts:**



- Itch grass invades cane fields where, because of its size and vigorous growth, it competes with sugar cane and can cause severe crop loss. Through determination and vigilance, the local sugar industry has eradicated outbreaks on the south side of the Burdekin River. On the northern side of the river, despite ongoing surveillance and large scale control programs, several infestations continue to persist.

**Control Information:**

- Roughing out small outbreaks and individual plants by hand pulling and burning.
- Chemical treatment/mechanical removal.
- Refer to Burdekin Productivity Services (BPS) and BSES publications.

**Operational objective:**

- To eradicate Itch Grass from the Shire. To have Itch Grass locally declared under Council's Local Laws. To assist cane growers and BPS in their endeavours to eradicate this pest by providing technical advice, subsidised herbicides where appropriate and regulatory support as required.

<b>Calotrope</b> <i>(Calotropis procera )</i>			
Locally Declared			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	A	High
Grazing	2	A	High
Agriculture	3	A	Medium

**Background:**

- Calotrope, also called King's Crown or Rubber Tree is a spreading shrub which grows up to four metres in height. Calotrope is a native of Africa and Asia and was introduced as a garden ornamental. In Queensland, Calotrope has become established in the Gulf of Carpentaria. Calotrope is a weed of water courses and road sides where it spreads rapidly from the base of mature plants. Calotrope readily invades agricultural land, disturbed road sides and over grazed pasture.

**Local Impacts:**

- All known or reported outbreaks in Burdekin Shire have been eradicated on notification and, although this pest plant may still be present in the Shire, all care has been taken to eradicate and monitor as information comes to hand.

**Control Information:**

- Root tubers beneath the ground make the use of machinery or fire somewhat effective. Basal or foliar spraying delivers the best outcome.
- Refer to DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.

**Operational objective:**

- To eradicate from the Shire and to continue to alert the community to the invasive nature of this pest plant.



### Medium-High Priority Animals and Plants

<b>Dingo/Wild Dog</b> <i>(Canis familiaris dingo)</i>			
<b>Class 2</b>			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	3	B	Low
Grazing	2	B	High
Agriculture	2	B	High

#### Background:

- The dingo/wild dog is a primitive canine relative related to wolves and coyotes. It is thought that its ancestors arrived in Australia around 3500 to 4000 years ago. Hybrid or crossbred animals are quite common in populated areas as domestic dogs continue to mix with the wild dog population. The dingo only has one breeding cycle a year while domestic dogs cycle twice a year. It is considered unlikely that a hybrid would raise more than one litter per year, when drought and seasonal conditions are taken into consideration.

#### Local Impacts:

- Young calves are often killed and those that survive, often have severe muscle damage which leads to lower returns for producers and serious trauma to the animal. Poultry and domestic pets are occasionally the target of wild dog/dingo attacks in peri-urban areas. Sugar cane fluming and trickle tape in orchards are often destroyed by young dogs or adults searching for small prey or water with a huge cost to farmers.

#### Control Information:



- A planned strategy that uses a combination of trapping, shooting, fencing and 1080 baiting (free to local landholders) as well as considering the behavioural instincts of the animals will assist with effective management.
- Refer to DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.

Operational objective:

- To run two coordinated 1080 baiting campaigns each year in conjunction with Charters Towers Regional Council, Townsville City Council and Whitsunday Regional Council. To provide factory or meat baits as necessary for planned pulse baiting programs or in situations where a pack or individual dog is destroying property or livestock. To provide cage or soft jaw foot-hold traps in peri-urban areas where public safety and domestic animals are deemed to be at risk. To provide educational workshops to landholders on control methodologies.

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<b>Parkinsonia</b> <i>(Parkinsonia aculeata)</i>			
Class 2		WoNS	
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	C	High
Grazing	2	C	High
Agriculture	4	B	Low

**Background:**

- Parkinsonia is a native of the Americas and was introduced into northern Australia before the turn of the century as an ornamental or shade tree growing to a height of ten metres.
- Parkinsonia can form dense thickets along water courses and bore drains. It is not uncommon to find thickets in the gulf region several kilometres wide
- Parkinsonia is fast growing and may seed in two or three seasons following germination.

**Local Impacts:**



- Parkinsonia forms dense thickets that compete with pasture species and displace native plants. Parkinsonia is predominantly located on the black soils and coastal plains in the grazing sector. There are also isolated infestations along the banks of the Burdekin River and throughout the Shire.

**Control Information:**

- Biological/Chemical/Mechanical.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.

**Operational objective**

- To eradicate all small to medium infestations and marginally reduce large infestations across the Shire. To introduce and enforce buffer zones between infested properties and clean properties.

Cabomba ( <i>Cabomba spp.</i> )			
Class 2		WoNS	
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	C	High
Grazing	4	C	Low
Agriculture	2	C	High

**Background:**

- Cabomba is a native of the Americas and was originally introduced as an aquarium species and has since become well established in Australia.
- It out competes native freshwater plants and impacts on native fish and other aquatic species. Cabomba can regenerate from segments as small as one centimetre and is normally spread via flood events, water craft and fishing equipment.

**Local Impacts:**



- Cabomba occurs locally in Ironbark Creek, Healy's and Horseshoe lagoons.
- Cabomba chokes up irrigation equipment, slows water flows into creeks and irrigation channels as well as displacing native flora and fauna in wetland areas.

**Control Information:**

- Mechanical removal. / Planned drawdown of water body to expose plant to dehydration.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.

**Operational objective:**

- Contain and reduce infestations within known locations. Ensure plant nurseries and pet shops are aware of the implications of keeping or selling declared pest plants.

<b>Rubber Vine</b> <i>(Cryptostegia grandiflora )</i>			
Class 2		WoNS	
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	B	High
Grazing	2	C	High
Agriculture	4	B	Low

**Background:**

- Rubber vine was introduced to Australia from Madagascar as an ornamental in 1875. Rubber vine is a vigorous climber that can grow over and smother large trees or grow unsupported as an untidy many stemmed shrub. Its hardy nature, glossy green leaves and attractive funnel shaped white or pink flowers appealed to the early settlers.

**Local Impacts:**

- Forms dense thickets several hectares in size allowing cattle to hide to avoid being mustered. Shades out pasture and denies access to recreational and camping areas. Rubber vine initially infests creek and river banks where it smothers trees and other vegetation whilst scrambling to the tops of trees where wind blown seeds are spread across the landscape. Carries wildfire to the tops of native trees destroying riparian zones and habitat. Widespread, dense and isolated infestations occur throughout the Shire.



**Control:**

- Fire/mechanical/chemical/ biological. The introduced Rubber vine Rust has had a marked effect on the pest over the past decade slowing growth rates, reducing seeding capacity and destroying a large percentage of seedlings.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.DEEDI.qld.gov.au](http://www.DEEDI.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.

**Operational objective:**

- To reduce the area and impacts of isolated outbreaks of Rubber vine throughout the shire especially within Environmentally Sensitive Areas. To provide up to date technical advice and subsidised herbicide where appropriate.



<b>Salvinia</b> <i>(Salvinia molesta)</i>			
Class 2			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	B	High
Grazing	3	B	Low
Agriculture	2	B	High

**Background:**

- Salvinia molesta a native of Central and South America is well established in Queensland where it impacts heavily on water quality forming free floating perennial aquatic mats with slender, branching rhizomes just below the water surface. Salvinia spreads by fragmentation of plant pieces, and with its rapid growth rate (doubling its mass every 3 to 4 days) it quickly covers water bodies. Light penetration and oxygen levels are adversely affected which in turn impacts on aquatic species.

**Local Impacts:**

- Affects water quality, water flow, clogs irrigation pump intakes, destroys habitat for a range of native species and denies access for fishing and recreational activities. Appears seasonally in most waterways in Burdekin Shire.



**Control:**

- Biological/Mechanical/Chemical.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.
- The Salvinia weevil *Cyrtobagous salviniae*, exists in the majority of streams and wetlands throughout the Shire where it annually destroys large outbreaks of Salvinia. The downside of this imported biological control agent is its inability to control Salvinia until most of the water body is totally covered. At this time the weevil destroys the plant mass thus sinking tonnes of decaying vegetative matter which has a significant effect on the stream or water body over time.

Operational objective:

- Adjoining landholders engaged with Council in control programs on priority streams and wetlands within the Shire. To reduce the impacts, distribution and density of *Salvinia* infestations on priority wetlands in Burdekin Shire.

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Water Lettuce ( <i>Pistia stratiotes</i> )			
Class 2			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	A	High
Grazing	4	A	Medium
Agriculture	2	A	High

**Background:**

- Originally from South America, Water Lettuce was introduced as an Aquarium plant where it was introduced into streams and waterways to be spread by floods and humans, accidentally or for future harvesting for the aquarium trade. Water Lettuce is a free floating perennial aquatic plant with dangling stoloniferous roots from which new plants arise. Propagation occurs from seed or stolons.

**Local Impacts:**



- Affects water quality, water flow, clogs irrigation pump intakes, destroys habitat for a range of native species and denies access for fishing and recreational activities.

**Control Information:**

- Biological/Chemical/Mechanical /collect by hand.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.DEEDI.qld.gov.au](http://www.DEEDI.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.

**Operational objective:**

- Adjoining landholders engaged with Council in control programs on priority streams and wetlands within the Shire. To eradicate from all priority waterways within the Shire.

Water Hyacinth ( <i>Eichhornia crassipes</i> )			
Class 2			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	C	High
Grazing	4	C	Low
Agriculture	2	C	High

## Background information:

- Water Hyacinth with its dark green foliage and attractive purple flowers was introduced from Brazil as an ornamental plant for urban ponds. Hyacinth reproduces from seed dispersal or daughter plants. Vegetative reproduction is rapid with dense floating rafts of the weed doubling in size every 12 to 14 days in optimum growing conditions.

## Local Impacts:

- Rampant growth of water hyacinth can destroy native habitat and waterways, impacting on native fish and other species, as well as restricting recreational activities (swimming, skiing, and fishing). Large infestations restrict water flows, damage infrastructure and cause flooding and erosion through a damming effect during seasonal flood events. Most waterways have infestations of Water Hyacinth in Burdekin Shire.

## Control Information:



- Biological/Chemical/Mechanical.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.DEEDI.qld.gov.au](http://www.DEEDI.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.
- Four insect species have been introduced as bio control agents by CSIRO since 1975. The two weevil species have been most effective but although plentiful and very active in Burdekin Shire they have proved no match for Water Hyacinth's amazing growth rates.
- Of the two moth species released *N.albiguttalis* is well established and has some impact on young plants with luxuriant growth, but is still not a real treatment to large infestations of Water Hyacinth.

Operational objective:

- Adjoining landholders engaged in control programs on priority streams and wetlands. Infestations targeted on priority streams and wetlands within the Shire.

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<b>American Rats Tail Grass</b> <i>(Sporobolus jacquemontii)</i>			
Class 2			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	D	High
Grazing	3	C	Low
Agriculture	3	B	Low

**Background:**

- American Rats Tail Grass like other *Sporobolus* species is an invasive clumping grass that competes with pasture crops and degrades environmental areas. American Rats Tail Grass increases quickly in density when regular burning or over stocking reduces competition from desirable grasses and plants.

**Local Impacts:**

- Infestations mostly isolated north of the Haughton River
- Difficult to eradicate when outbreaks occur within desirable pastures.

**Control Information:**

- Chemical: Wik Wiper/Handgun.
- Prevention e.g. Property Hygiene/Wash Down/Pasture Management.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.DEEDI.qld.gov.au](http://www.DEEDI.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.
- Sporobolus* Management Guide

**Operational objective:**

- To reduce the area and impacts of American Rat's Tail Grass throughout the Shire. To provide up to date technical advice and subsidised herbicide where appropriate.

<b>Chinee Apple</b> <i>(Ziziphus mauritiana)</i>			
Class 2			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	C	High
Grazing	2	C	High
Agriculture	4	C	Low

**Background:**

- Chinee Apple is an introduced native of Mauritius, India and South East China. The plants are densely branched with hook like thorns and glossy green leaves growing to a height of eight metres. The edible fruit are cherry like but pale yellow or orange when ripe. The fruit is readily spread by birds, livestock and humans.

**Local Impacts:**



- Dense infestations produce impenetrable thickets that seriously hamper stock management, reduce pasture productivity and compete with native flora. Mature infestations of Chinee Apple are both difficult and expensive to control. Dense isolated infestations are present throughout the Shire.

**Control Information:**

- Chemical/Mechanical.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.DEEDI.qld.gov.au](http://www.DEEDI.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.

**Operational objective:**

- To eradicate all isolated outbreaks and individual plants while reducing the total area infested throughout the Shire.

<b>Aleman Grass</b> <i>(Echinochloa polystachya)</i>			
Locally Declared			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	D	High
Grazing	4	D	Low
Agriculture	2	C	High

**Background:**

- Aleman Grass is an introduced native of Tropical America and the Caribbean area. Aleman Grass can reach a height of two metres in a single growing season, out competing native grasses and forming pure stands along swamp margins in depths up to one metre. Leaf blades, light blue green in colour, are 20 to 60cm long and 20 to 25mm wide.

**Local Impacts:**

- Aleman grass spreads quickly and thrives in much the same environments as Paragrass and Hymenachne increasing the organic load, depleting oxygen levels and excluding Native plants and Aquatic life. Aleman grass chokes watercourses causing damage to infrastructure, changing the direction and velocity of stream flows and possible erosion. Aleman grass is extremely competitive and is increasingly being identified in wetlands that were previously clear of this invasive pest. Aleman grass, like Hymenachne, although widespread through out the Shire has only infested a fraction of the wetlands that will support its growth requirements and once it reaches it's full potential, aquatic life, birds and the environment in general will be threatened.



**Control Information:**

- Chemical/Mechanical or hand pulling.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts at [www.DEEDI.qld.gov.au](http://www.DEEDI.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.

**Operational objective:**

- Eradicate from environmentally sensitive areas and priority streams and wetlands.



<b>Leucaena</b> <i>(Leucaena leucocephala)</i>			
Locally Declared			
			
Management Area	Strategic Importance	Control Achievable	Priority
Environmental	2	B	High
Grazing	2	B	High
Agriculture	4	B	Low

**Background:**

- A native of Central and South America at least three cultivars of this plant have been introduced into Australia as a stock fodder. Leucaena is a perennial woody shrub or small tree to nine metres tall with alternate feathery leaves and white flowers in rounded heads. The pods shatter to disperse seed which is also moved to new locations by flowing water, humans and possibly livestock.

**Local Impacts:**

- Leucaena forms dense stands along creek and rivers shading out protective grasses and exposing the banks to erosion. It is an unsightly weed of roadsides and disturbed areas and a serious environmental weed. Highly valued by the grazing industry but, when poorly managed or abandoned this pest spreads quickly and is expensive to control.
- Currently Leucaena is only present in isolated infestations within the Shire.

**Control Information:**

- Chemical/Mechanical.
- Refer DEEDI Pestfacts [www.DEEDI.qld.gov.au](http://www.DEEDI.qld.gov.au) or Burdekin Shire Council.

**Operational objective:**

- Eradicate all Leucaena from roadsides and reserves. Survey and eradicate infestations adjacent to or in the vicinity of environmentally sensitive areas. Target Leucaena in urban situations once declared under Council's Local Laws. Encourage graziers to comply with the Leucaena Growers Code of Conduct.

To achieve the operational objectives for each of the priority pest plants and animals listed the following actions, as identified in the action plan, will be undertaken by both BSC and other stakeholders in the BSC PMP WG

## **ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

**2010/2011**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>BY WHOM</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>SUCCESS INDICATOR</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<b>Promote Shire Pest Management Plan</b>	<b>BSC, RPIMC, NQ Dry Tropics, Stakeholders</b>	<b>January 2011</b>	<b>Number of media releases produced, articles produced for Council newsletter, articles and media releases developed by stakeholders</b>	
<b>Participate in Weedbuster Week</b>	<b>BSC, NQDT</b>	<b>September 2010</b>	<b>Register for Weedbuster Week and organise activity</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Educate Council staff and elected Councillors regarding Council legal responsibilities in relation to pests and pest management practices</b>	<b>BSC</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Information provided to Council staff and Councillors</b>	
<b>Collation of appropriate pre and post treatment monitoring and evaluation techniques to assess effectiveness of current management programs and strategies</b>	<b>BSC</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Information collected and incorporated into annual report</b>	
<b>Provide advice on the development of a reporting system for new pest plants and pest animals: (a) Produce and circulate a standard form on which staff and community members can report information on pests (eg. Species, area, density,</b>	<b>BSC, NQDT, Stakeholders</b>	<b>December 2010</b>	<b>Advice provided and form developed by April 2011 and promoted both within the region and the local community</b>	

numbers, etc)				
(b) Encourage Council staff, contractors, stakeholders and others to use the pest reporting form	BSC, NQDT and Stakeholders	Ongoing	Reporting form made available on NQDT and stakeholders' websites	
(c) Align to centralised web mapping portal for pest reporting and information	BSC, NQDT and Stakeholders	April 2011	Form aligned with centralised database	
(d) Encourage community groups, Landcare, birdwatchers, etc to report pests using the reporting forms	BSC, NQDT and Stakeholders	April 2011	Forms supplied to all relevant community groups	
Assess non-declared pest plants for local declaration under Council's Local Laws	BSC	Feb 2011	Procedures documented, implemented and followed	
Evaluate success of incentives to landholders	BSC, DEEDI	Feb 2011	No. of landholders with PPMP's participating in Herbicide Subsidy Scheme	
Annual report to Council from BSC PMP WG	BSC	Annually	Annual report developed from BSC PMP WG meetings and presented to Council	
Survey the community for levels of pest management knowledge	Stakeholders	June 2011	Survey developed and mailed out to all landholders, surveys returned and results reported to BSC PMP WG	
Ensure Stakeholders are aware of their responsibilities for pest management	Stakeholders, BSC, NQDT	Ongoing - Biannually	Biannual meetings attended by all stakeholders	
Maintain partnerships and collaborative strategies with neighbouring Councils to identify and	BSC, TCC, WRC, CTCRC	Ongoing – 6 monthly	Twice yearly meetings	

target emerging infestations of pest plants and animals				
Attend and be actively involved in RPIMC meetings	BSC, Stakeholders	Ongoing	Number of meetings attended Number of regional projects/promotions undertaken	
Develop proposal for the establishment of public machinery wash down facility in Burdekin Shire	BSC, DEEDI and Stakeholders	2011	Proposal developed and funding sources investigated	
Inspect local markets and all plant nurseries for declared plants and to educate and raise awareness about pest management	BSC	Ongoing - biannually	Inspections completed biannually	Plantation markets inspected August 2010
Locally declare Grader Grass, Itch Grass, Aleman Grass, Calotrope and Leucaena under Council's new Local Laws	BSC	January 2011	Grader Grass, Aleman Grass, Calotrope, Leucaena and Itch Grass declared under Local Law	Information currently being prepared for DEEDI
Conduct coordinated community awareness activities including promotion of subsidy scheme, equipment hire, 1080 baiting programs and best practice principles	BSC, NQDT, Stakeholders	ongoing	Minimum of 4 media promotions per annum, promotion of activities on BSC website	New website currently under development
Follow-up inspections to monitor compliance with actions listed under PPMP's	BSC	Ongoing	Number of properties with PPMP's inspected annually	
BSC PMP reviewed annually	BSC PMP WG	Mar 2011	Plan reviewed	
Annually update database of PPMP's	BSC	Ongoing - annually	Database reviewed annually	
All outcomes of the BSC PMP WG to be presented to Council/Industry stakeholders for response	BSC, Stakeholders	Ongoing - annually	All actions and milestones within the plan are met within identified	

or actioning prior to the next working group meeting			timeframes	
			Feedback from Council/Industry stakeholders to BSC PMP WG	
Attend various producer group meetings to promote a coordinated approach to pest management within the Shire (Agforce, etc)	BSC, Stakeholders	Ongoing	Number of meetings attended	
Participation in and support of coordinated pest management activities	BSC, DEEDI	Ongoing	Coordinated Pest Animal Control Program operational	



**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN****2011/2012**

ACTION	BY WHOM	WHEN	SUCCESS INDICATOR	STATUS
Target all Water Lettuce on private properties	All landholders	June 2012	Control undertaken on identified properties	
Target all Itch Grass on private properties	All landholders	June 2012	Control undertaken on identified properties	
Target all Grader Grass on agricultural land	All Landholders	June 2012	Control undertaken on identified properties	
Deer Strategy for Rita Island developed and implemented	BSC, DEEDI	December 2011	Deer Strategy agreed to by Working Group and adopted by Council	
Adequate resources and staffing levels to be maintained to ensure BSC obligations are met and compliance with the legislation is achieved	BSC	Ongoing	Annual review conducted and presented to management	
Conduct coordinated community awareness activities	BSC, NQDT, Stakeholders	Ongoing	Minimum of 4 media promotions per annum	
Follow-up inspections to monitor compliance with actions listed under PPMP's	BSC	Ongoing	80% properties with PPMP's inspected annually	
Inspect local markets and all plant nurseries for declared plants and to educate and raise awareness about pest management	BSC	Ongoing - biannually	Inspections completed biannually	
Maintain partnerships and collaborative strategies with neighbouring Councils to identify and	BSC, TCC, WRC, CTC	Ongoing – 6 monthly	Twice yearly meetings	

target emerging infestations of pest plants and animals				
Annual report collated by BSC PMP WG and presented to Council	BSC	Ongoing - annually	Annual report presented to Council	
Incorporate pest management into BSC Corporate Plan	BSC	June 2011	Pest management identified in BSC Corporate Plan	
Ensure Stakeholders are aware of their responsibilities for pest management	Stakeholders, BSC, NQDT	Ongoing - biannually	Biannual meetings attended by all stakeholders	
BSC PMP reviewed annually	BSC PMP WG	Mar 2012	Plan reviewed	
GIS mapping – 25% of high priority pests mapped	BSC, Stakeholders	Ongoing - annually	25% of high priority pests mapped	
Participation in and support of coordinated pest management activities	BSC, DEEDI, TCC, CTC	Ongoing	Coordinated Pest Animal Control Program operational	
Attend and be actively involved in RPIMC meetings	BSC, Stakeholders	Ongoing	Number of meetings attended Number of regional projects/promotions undertaken	

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN****2012/2013**

ACTION	BY WHOM	WHEN	SUCCESS INDICATOR	STATUS
Adequate resources and staffing levels to ensure BSC obligations are met and compliance with the legislation is achieved	BSC	Ongoing	Annual review conducted and presented to management	
Conduct coordinated community awareness activities	BSC, NQDT, Stakeholders	ongoing	Minimum of 4 media promotions per annum	
Follow-up inspections to monitor compliance with actions listed under PPMP's	BSC	Ongoing	80% properties with PPMP's inspected annually	
Inspect local markets and all plant nurseries for declared plants and to educate and raise awareness about pest management	BSC	Ongoing - biannually	Inspections completed biannually	
Maintain partnerships and collaborative strategies with neighbouring Councils to identify and target emerging infestations of pest plants and animals	BSC, TCC, WRC, CTRC	Ongoing – 6 monthly	Twice yearly meetings	
Annual report to Council from BSC PMP WG	BSC	Ongoing - annually	Annual report developed from BSC PMP WG meetings and presented to Council	
Ensure Stakeholders are aware of their responsibilities for pest management	Stakeholders, BSC, NQDT	Ongoing - biannually	Biannual meetings attended by all stakeholders	
BSC PMP reviewed	BSC PMP WG	Mar 2013	Plan reviewed	

annually				
Eradicate Grader Grass from all Council and State controlled land	BSC, DEEDI, TMR, QPWS	June 2013	All Council and State controlled land clear of Grader Grass	
Eradicate Water lettuce from all Council and State Controlled land	BSC, DEEDI, TMR, QPWS	June 2013	All Council and State controlled land clear of Water Lettuce	
Eradicate Itch Grass from all Council and State controlled land	BSC, DEEDI, TMR, QPWS	June 2013	All Council and State controlled land clear of Itch Grass	
Target all Calotrope within Burdekin Shire	All landholders	June 2013	Control undertaken on identified properties	
Target all Captain Cook Tree on agricultural land	All landholders	June 2013	Control undertaken on identified properties	
Participation in and support of coordinated pest management activities	BSC, DEEDI, TCC, CTRC	Ongoing	Coordinated Pest Animal Control Program operational	
Attend and be actively involved in RPIMC meetings	BSC, Stakeholders	Ongoing	Number of meetings attended Number of regional projects/promotions undertaken	

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN****2013/2014**

ACTION	BY WHOM	WHEN	SUCCESS INDICATOR	STATUS
Review staffing levels to ensure BSC obligations are maintained and compliance with the legislation is achieved	BSC	Ongoing	Annual review conducted and presented to management	
Conduct coordinated community awareness activities	BSC, NQDT, Stakeholders	Ongoing	Minimum of 4 media promotions per annum	
Follow-up inspections to monitor compliance with actions listed under PPMP's	BSC	Ongoing	80% properties with PPMP's inspected annually	
Inspect local markets and all plant nurseries for declared plants and to educate and raise awareness about pest management	BSC	Ongoing - biannually	Inspections completed biannually	
Maintain partnerships and collaborative strategies with neighbouring Councils to identify and target emerging infestations of pest plants and animals	BSC, TCC, WRC, CTCRC	Ongoing – 6 monthly	Twice yearly meetings	
Annual report to Council from BSC PMP WG	BSC	Ongoing - annually	Annual report developed from BSC PMP WG meetings and presented to Council	
Ensure Stakeholders are aware of their responsibilities for pest management	Stakeholders, BSC, NQDT	Ongoing - biannually	Biannual meetings attended by all stakeholders	
BSC PMP reviewed annually	BSC PMP WG	Mar 2011	Plan reviewed	

<b>Participation in and support of coordinated pest management activities</b>	<b>BSC, DEEDI, TCC, CTC</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Coordinated Pest Animal Control Program operational</b>	
<b>Attend and be actively involved in RPIMC meetings</b>	<b>BSC, Stakeholders</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended Number of regional projects/promotions undertaken</b>	

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## APPENDIX I – Class 1, 2 & 3 Pest Species in Queensland

### Class 1 pest plants

- acacias non-indigenous to Australia ((*Acaciella* spp., *Mariosousa* spp., *Senegalia* spp. (other than *Senegalia albizoides*) and *Acacia* spp. (syn. *Vachellia* spp.) other than *Acacia nilotica* and *Acacia farnesiana*))
- alligator weed (*Alternanthera philoxeroides*)
- anchored water hyacinth (*Eichhornia azurea*)
- badhara bush (*Gmelina elliptica*)
- bitou bush (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* subsp. *rotundata*)
- bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*)
- candleberry myrth (*Myrica faya*)
- Chilean needle grass (*Nassella neesiana*)
- cholla cactus (*Cylindropuntia* spp. and their hybrids, other than *C. spinosior*, *C. fulgida* and *C. imbricata*)
- Christ's thorn (*Ziziphus spina-christi*)
- Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)
- fanwort (*Cabomba* spp. other than *C. caroliniana*)
- floating water chestnuts (*Trapa* spp.)
- gorse (*Ulex europaeus*)
- harrisia cactus (*Harrisia* spp. syn. *Eriocereus* spp. other than *H. martinii*, *H. tortuosa* and *H. pomanensis* syn. *Cereus pomanensis*)
- honey locust (*Gleditsia* spp. including cultivars and varieties)
- horsetails (*Equisetum* spp.)
- hygrophila (*Hygrophila costata*)
- kochia (*Bassia scoparia* syn. *Kochia scoparia*)
- Koster's curse (*Clidemia hirta*)
- lagarosiphon (*Lagarosiphon major*)
- limnocharis or yellow burrhead (*Limnocharis flava*)
- Madras thorn (*Pithecellobium dulce*)
- mesquites (all *Prosopis* spp. and hybrids other than *Prosopis glandulosa*, *Prosopis pallida* and *Prosopis velutina*)
- Mexican bean tree (all *Cecropia* spp.)
- Mexican feather grass (*Nassella tenuissima*)
- miconia (*Miconia* spp.)
- mikania vine (*Mikania* spp.)
- mimosa pigra (*Mimosa pigra*)
- Peruvian primrose bush (*Ludwigia peruviana*)
- prickly pear (*Opuntia* spp. other than *O. ficus-indica*, *O. stricta*, *O. aurantiaca*, *O. monacantha*, *O. tomentosa* and *O. streptacantha*)
- red sesbania (*Sesbania punicea*)
- salvinia (*Salvinia* spp. other than *S. molesta*)



- Senegal tea (*Gymnocoronis spilanthoides*)
- serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*)
- Siam weed (*Chromolaena* spp.)
- spiked pepper (*Piper aduncum*)
- thunbergia
  - annual thunbergia (*Thunbergia annua*)
  - fragrant thunbergia (*T. fragrans*)
  - laurel clockvine (*T. laurifolia*)
- water mimosa (*Neptunia oleracea* and *N. plena*)
- water soldiers (*Stratiotes aloides*)
- willow (*Salix* spp. other than *S. babylonica*, *S. humboldtiana* (syn. *S. chilensis*), *S. matsudana*, *S. × calodendron* and *S. × reichardtii*)
- witch weeds (*Striga* spp. other than native species).

#### Class 2 pest plants

- African boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*)
- annual ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*)
- bellyache bush (*Jatropha gossypifolia* and hybrids)
- cabomba (*Cabomba caroliniana*)
- chinee apple (*Ziziphus mauritiana*)
- cholla cactus
- coral cactus (*Cylindropuntia fulgida*)
- devil's rope pear (*C. imbricata*)
- snake cactus (*C. spinosior*)
- fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*)
- gamba grass (*Andropogon gayanus*)
- giant sensitive plant (*Mimosa diplotricha* var. *diplotricha*)
- groundsel bush (*Baccharis halimifolia*)
- harrisia cactus (*Harrisia martinii* syn. *Eriocereus martinii*, *H. tortuosa* and *H. pomanensis* syn. *Cereus pomanensis*)
- hymenachne or Olive hymenachne (*Hymenachne amplexicaulis*)
- kudzu (*Pueraria montana* var. *lobata*, syn. *P. lobata*, *P. triloba*) other than in the Torres Strait Islands
- mesquites (*Prosopis glandulosa*, *P. pallida* and *P. velutina*)
- mother of millions (*Bryophyllum delagoense* syn. *B. tubiflorum*, *Kalanchoe delagoensis*)
- mother of millions hybrid (*Bryophyllum × houghtonii* (syn. *B. daigremontianum × B. delagoense*, *Kalanchoe × houghtonii*)
- parkinsonia (*Parkinsonia aculeata*)
- parthenium (*Parthenium hysterophorus*)
- pond apple (*Annona glabra*)
- prickly acacia (*Acacia nilotica*)

- prickly pear
- common pest pear, spiny pest pear (*O. stricta*; syn. *O. inermis*)
- tiger pear (*O. aurantiaca*)
- Westwood pear (*O. streptacantha*)

tree pears:

- drooping tree pear (*O. monacantha* syn. *O. vulgaris*)
- velvety tree pear (*O. tomentosa*)

rat's tail grasses

- American rat's tail grass (*Sporobolus jacquemontii*)
- giant Parramatta grass (*Sporobolus fertilis*)
- giant rat's tail grass (*Sporobolus pyramidalis* and *S. natalensis*)
- Parramatta grass (*Sporobolus africanus*)

- rubber vine (*Cryptostegia grandiflora*)

- salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*)

- sicklepod

sicklepod (*Senna obtusifolia*)

foetid cassia (*Senna tora*)

hairy cassia (*Senna hirsuta*)

- telegraph weed (*Heterotheca grandiflora*)

- thunbergia or blue thunbergia (*Thunbergia grandiflora*)

- tobacco weed (*Elephantopus mollis*)

- water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*)

- water lettuce (*Pistia stratiotes*)

### Class 3 pest plants

- African fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*)

- African tulip tree (*Spathodea campanulata*)

- aristolochia or Dutchman's pipe (*Aristolochia* spp. other than native species)

- asparagus fern (*Asparagus aethiopicus* 'Sprengeri', *A. africanus* and *A. plumosus*)

- athel pine (*Tamarix aphylla*)

- balloon vine (*Cardiospermum grandiflorum*)

- blackberry (*Rubus anglocandicans*, *Rubus fruticosus* agg.)

- broad-leaved pepper tree (*Schinus terebinthifolius*)

camphor laurel (*Cinnamomum camphora*)

- Captain Cook tree or yellow oleander (*Cassipouira thevetia* syn. *Thevetia peruviana*)

- cat's claw creeper (*Macfadyena unguis-cati*)

- Chinese celtis (*Celtis sinensis*)

- harungana (*Harungana madagascariensis*)

lantana or common lantana (*Lantana camara*)

creeping lantana (*L. montevidensis*)

- Madeira vine (*Anredera cordifolia*)
- ornamental rubber vine (*Cryptostegia madagascariensis*)
- broad-leaf privet or tree privet (*Ligustrum lucidum*)
- small-leaf privet or Chinese privet (*L. sinense*)
- Singapore daisy (*Sphagneticola trilobata*; syn. *Wedelia trilobata*)
- willows
- pencil willow (*Salix humboldtiana* syn. *S. chilensis*)
- tortured willow (*Salix matsudana*)
- yellow bells (*Tecoma stans*)

This list is current at March 2010, but new declarations of plants and/or changes in plant declaration can occur at any time

**Class 1 animals:**

- Crazy ants (*Anoplolepis gracilipes*)
- All mammals, reptiles and amphibians **except:**
  - Class 2 declared pest animals
  - Class 3 declared pest animals
  - mammals, reptiles and amphibians indigenous to Australia, including marine mammals
  - 28 non-declared animals.

**Class 2 animals:**

- Australian plague locust (*Chortoicetus terminifera*)
- cat, other than a domestic cat (*Felis catus*)
- dingo (*Canis familiaris dingo*)
- dog, other than a domestic dog (*Canis familiaris*)
- European fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)
- European rabbit - domestic and wild breeds (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)
- feral pig (*Sus scrofa*)
- feral chital deer (*Axis axis*)
- feral rusa deer (*Cervus timorensis*)
- goat, other than a domestic goat (*Capra hircus*)
- migratory locust (*Locusta migratoria*)
- spur-throated locust (*Austracris guttulosa*)

**Class 3 animals:**

- feral fallow deer (*Dama dama*)
- feral red deer (*Cervus elaphus*)

## **APPENDIX 2 – Environmentally Significant Areas**

Environmentally Significant Areas in the Burdekin Shire Council area include the following areas:

- National Parks
- Nature reserves
- Wetland areas mapped by DERM
- Coastal dune systems with remnant vegetation
- Remnant vegetation – Endangered
- Remnant vegetation – Of Concern
- Remnant vegetation – Not of Concern

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**ITEM-8            Development Application for Reconfiguring a lot at 5-11 Fourteenth Street, Home Hill (Lot 1 on RP735136, Parish of Inkerman, County of Salisbury)**

**Document Information**

**Referring Letter No:** 996094

**File No:** Sub 10-47

**Name of Applicant:** Paul Quagliata

**Location:** 5-11 Fourteenth Street, Home Hill (Lot 1 on RP735136, Parish of Inkerman, County of Salisbury)

**Author and Title:** S Great, Manager – Planning and Development

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**Executive Summary**

An application has been received from Brazier Motti on behalf of Paul Quagliata seeking approval for Reconfiguring a Lot (Subdivision) at 5-11 Fourteenth Street, Home Hill (Lot 1 on RP735136, Parish of Inkerman, County of Salisbury). A Development Application (Code Assessable) has been triggered in accordance with the Burdekin Shire IPA Planning Scheme.

**Recommendation**

That Council approves the Development Application for Reconfiguring a Lot (Subdivision) at 5-11 Fourteenth Street, Home Hill (Lot 1 on RP735136, Parish of Inkerman, County of Salisbury) subject to the following conditions:

**GENERAL**

- 1.1 The Council will not release the formal Plan of Reconfiguration until all rates and charges in arrears in respect of the land, the subject of the application, are paid in full.
- 1.2 Pay the sum of \$47-80 calculated on the basis of a charge of \$23-90 per lot to be levied on the Council by the Department of Environment and Resource Management for each new valuation.

**PROPOSAL PLAN**

2. The reconfiguration of the land must be carried out generally in accordance with:-
  - (a) (i) the proposed Brazier Motti plan numbered 55786/001A
  - (ii) the plans, specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application submitted to Council; and
  - (b) any approval issued under this approval; and
  - (c) any development permit for operational works relating to the reconfiguring

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## **ROADWORKS**

3. The construction of any crossovers to give access to the land is to be the owner's responsibility and to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

## **PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES**

4. The developer must at its own cost undertake all necessary alterations to public utility mains and services as are rendered necessary by the carrying out of any required external works or other works associated with the approved development.

## **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

5. The developer must prior to release of formal Plan of Survey submit a letter from Ergon Energy (or other suitable entity) stating that satisfactory arrangements have been made with it for the provision of an electricity supply to the subdivision.

## **OPERATIONAL WORKS**

6. Where operational works are required to be carried out for the reconfiguration, the developer must, within a period of two years from the date of this permit and prior to the commencement of any work, lodge with Council an application for a development permit for operational works. As part of such application, the developer must submit:-
  - (a) detailed and complete engineering drawings and specifications of the proposed works prepared by a civil engineer, who is both registered under the Professional Engineer's Act 2002 and is a current Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland; and
  - (b) a certificate from the engineer who prepared the drawings stating that the design and specifications have been prepared in accordance with these conditions, relevant Council Codes and Planning Scheme Policies and the relevant Australian Standard Codes of Practice;

## **SEWERAGE SUPPLY WORKS INTERNAL**

7. The applicant must connect proposed lot 3 to Council's reticulated sewerage scheme. The full cost of such connection shall be the responsibility of the developer.

## **WATER SUPPLY WORKS INTERNAL**

- 8.1 The applicant must connect proposed lot 3 to Council's reticulated water supply. The water connection must be provided at a location approved by Council and at the full cost of the developer.
- 8.2 The applicant must provide a certified statement from a licensed plumber that no existing interconnecting water supply plumbing crosses the boundaries between the proposed new lots.

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## **WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE HEADWORKS**

9. A contribution in terms of Council's Planning Scheme Policy for "Developer Contribution for Provision of Water Supply and Sewerage Services" is payable for one lot for sewerage and water.. The amount will be calculated at the time of payment based on the charge applicable at the time.

### **ADVICE (Note: These are not conditions)**

*Unless otherwise specified by these conditions, the conditions must be complied with prior to approval of the Plan of Survey;*

### **Background Information**

***The following comments are from the Manager of Planning & Development, Mr Shane Great:***

The land is zoned 'Residential' with a 'low density sub area' designation. The proposal triggers a 'code assessable' development application for reconfiguring a lot (Subdivision). The application has been assessed against the Reconfiguration of a Lot Code under the provisions of the Burdekin Shire Council's IPA Planning Scheme.

### ***The Application:***

The proposal seeks to subdivide an existing allotment to make an additional vacant lot. Each of the proposed lots achieves compliance with the required minimum areas and frontages in accordance with the provisions of the Burdekin Shire Council's IPA Planning Scheme. The minimum lot size is 500m<sup>2</sup> with the minimum frontage requirement being 15m. The existing detached house and associated shed will be wholly contained within proposed Lot 2. The proposed vacant allotment (Lot 3) has an appropriate site area and dimensions to accommodate a suitable building envelope and other structures, as well as vehicle access and parking.

The proposed lots will be appropriately conditioned to ensure that all necessary infrastructure is provided.

### ***Site Description/Surrounding Land Uses:***

The subject site comprises a total area of approximately 4031m<sup>2</sup> with frontages to Fourteenth Street, Second Avenue and Third Avenue. This site is currently improved by a single dwelling house and shed, located approximately 7.5m from Fourteenth Street and 6.75m from Second Avenue. The surrounding area is primarily residential with industrial zoned land to the north/west and agricultural land further west.

### ***Conclusion:***

Council's Development Assessment Team members have assessed the application and have included reasonable and relevant conditions as part of the recommended approval. Given that the proposal complies with the provisions contained in Council's IPA Planning Scheme and in particular, the acceptable solutions of the 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' zone code, it is recommended that Council approves the application subject to the abovementioned conditions.

## Link to Corporate/Operational Plan

N/A

## Consultation

All relative Council departments have been consulted, there was no external consultation required for this application.

## Legal Authority or Implications

N/A

## Policy Implications

N/A

## Financial and Resource Implications

N/A

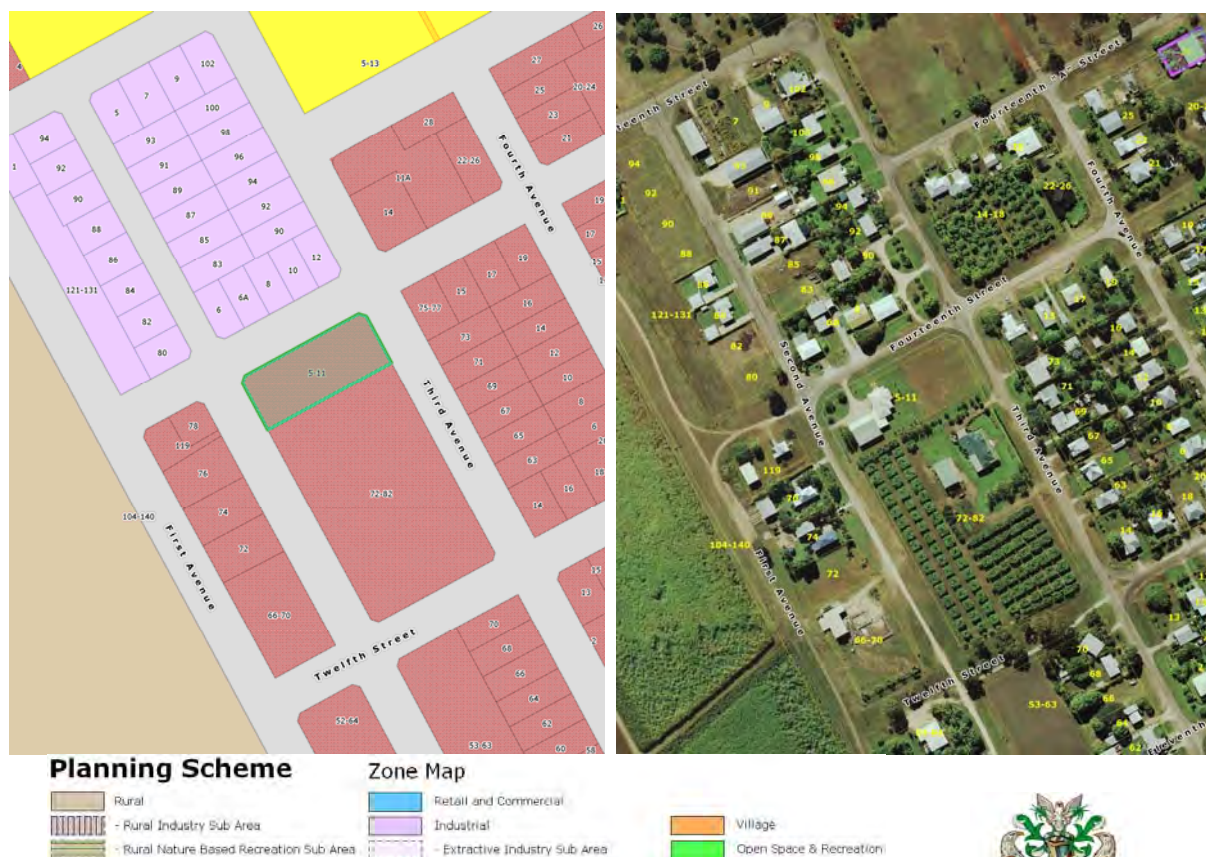
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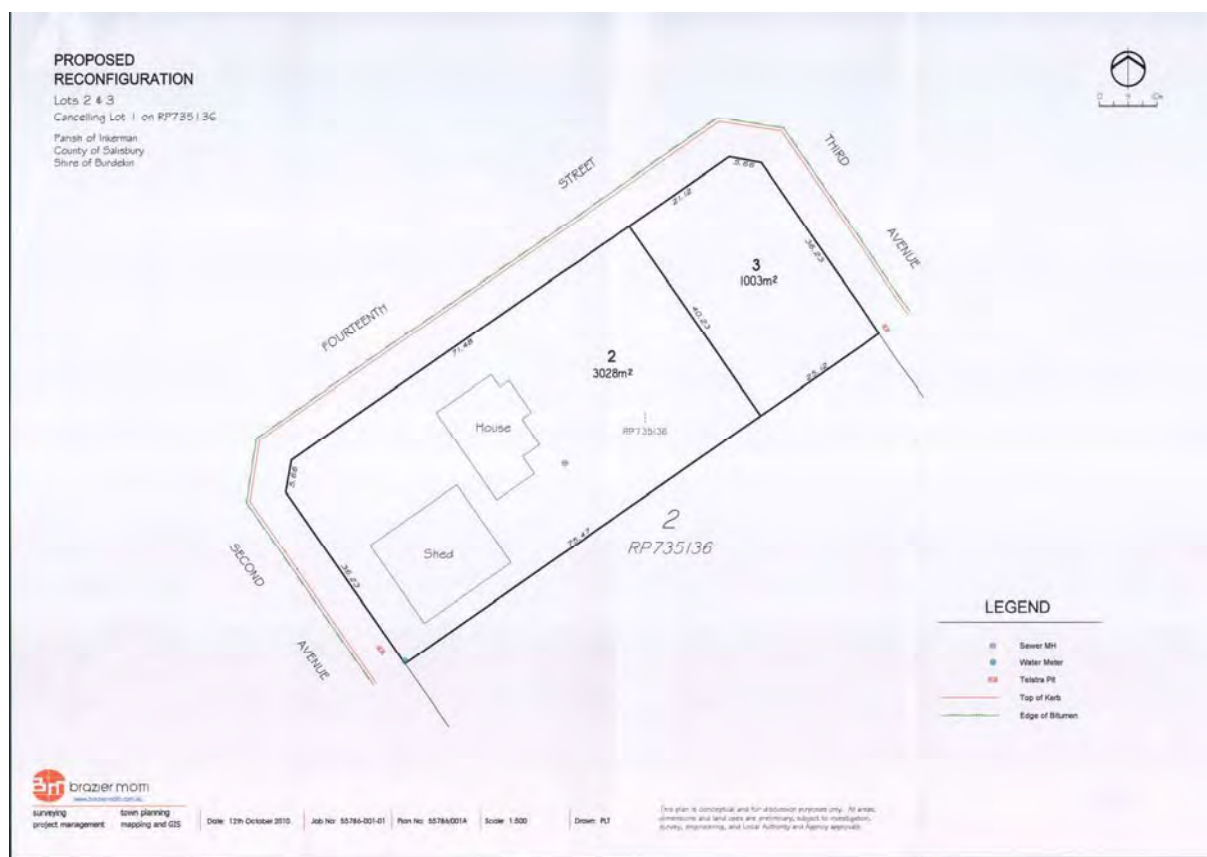
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## Attachments







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**ITEM-9            Development Application for Reconfiguring a lot at Ravenswood Road, Upper Haughton (Lot 3 on GS603, Parish of Blackheath, County of Gladstone)**

**Document Information**

**Referring Letter No:** 996102

**File No:** Sub 10-44

**Name of Applicant:** Copperstring Pty Ltd

**Location:** Ravenswood Road, Upper Haughton (Lot 3 on GS603, Parish of Blackheath, County of Gladstone)

**Author and Title:** S Great, Manager – Planning & Development

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**Executive Summary**

An application has been received from Copperstring Pty Ltd seeking approval for Reconfiguring a Lot (Subdivision) at Ravenswood Road, Upper Haughton (Lot 3 on GS603, Parish of Blackheath, County of Gladstone). A Development Application (Code Assessable) has been triggered in accordance with the Burdekin Shire IPA Planning Scheme.

**Recommendation**

That Council approves the Development Application for Reconfiguring a Lot (Subdivision) at Ravenswood Road, Upper Haughton (Lot 3 on GS603, Parish of Blackheath, County of Gladstone), subject to the following conditions:

**GENERAL**

- 1.1 The Council will not release the formal Plan of Reconfiguration until all rates and charges in arrears in respect of the land, the subject of the application, are paid in full.
- 1.2 Pay the sum of \$71.70 calculated on the basis of a charge of \$23-90 per lot to be levied on the Council by the Department of Environment and Resource Management for each new valuation.

**PROPOSAL PLAN**

2. The reconfiguration of the land must be carried out generally in accordance with:-
  - (a) (i) the proposed Copperstring plan;
  - (ii) the plans, specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application submitted to Council; and
  - (b) any approval issued under this approval; and
  - (c) any development permit for operational works relating to the reconfiguring

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## ROADWORKS

3. The construction of any crossovers to give access to the land is to be the owner's responsibility and to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

## PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES

4. If any existing public utility service including telephone, electricity, water, sewerage or gas needs to be altered or relocated to complete the reconfiguration the developer must bear the cost of alteration or relocation.

## ADVICE (Note: These are not conditions)

- *Formed road access may not be available to the lots within this subdivision. The legal road access to this property commences in Charters Towers Council area.*
- *Unless otherwise specified by these conditions, the conditions must be complied with prior to approval of the Plan of Survey;*

## Background Information

***The following comments are from the Manager of Planning & Development, Mr Shane Great:***

The land is zoned 'Rural' with the proposal triggering a 'code assessable' development application for reconfiguring a lot (Subdivision). The application has been assessed against the Reconfiguration of a Lot Code under the provisions of the Burdekin Shire Council's IPA Planning Scheme.

### ***The Application:***

***"The CopperString project is a proposal to construct a powerline from Townsville to Mount Isa to give the North West Mineral Province access to the National Electricity Grid"***

It is the applicants' intent to reconfigure the lot to create 3 new lots. The proposed subdivision will have minimal impacts on existing land uses with the proposed lots positioned in an already fragmented area of the original lot due to an existing high voltage transmission line. The purpose of this subdivision is to provide a substation for connecting the proposed CopperString Electricity Transmission network to the new Powerlink operated Ross-Strathmore Transmission Line at Woodstock. A second site is required as a Switching Station for Powerlink. All proposed lots will have access to Ravenswood Road. Although the proposal does not conform to the ROL code in that it creates additional lots in the Rural zone, it is considered appropriate in this particular instance given the following: An overall outcome for the Reconfiguring of a Lot code states: 'in the rural areas provide for the efficient use of land and infrastructure as well as safe neighbourhoods. The overall intent of this project is to provide two new lots with appropriate tenure to allow state significant infrastructure to be established to service the proposed electricity transmission corridor. The fear of creating undesirable precedence is extinguished given the abovementioned reasons for supporting this particular proposal.

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**Conclusion:**

Council's Development Assessment Team members have assessed the application and have included reasonable and relevant conditions as part of the recommended approval. Given the overall objective of the project and its status as being of 'State Significance', it is recommended that Council approves the application subject to the abovementioned conditions.

**Link to Corporate/Operational Plan**

N/A

**Consultation**

All relative Council departments have been consulted, there was no external consultation required for this application.

**Legal Authority or Implications**

N/A

**Policy Implications**

N/A

**Financial and Resource Implications**

N/A

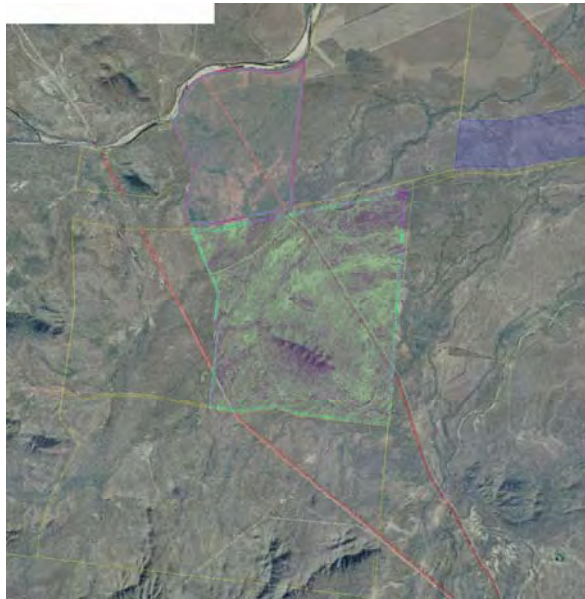
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**ITEM-10            Development Application for a Material Change of Use for a Dual Occupancy at 67-69 Ninth Avenue, Home Hill**

**Document Information**

**Referring Letter No:** 995700

**File No:** Cons 10-25

**Name of Applicant:** Ultimate Design Solutions

**Location:** 67-69 Ninth Avenue, Home Hill (Lot 101 on H6166 Parish of Inkerman, County of Salisbury)

**Author and Title:** S. Great – Manager Planning and Development

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**Executive Summary**

An application has been received from Ultimate Design Solutions on behalf of their client Mooscorp Pty. Ltd. seeking approval for a Material Change of Use for a Dual Occupancy at 67-69 Ninth Avenue, Home Hill (Lot 101 on H6166 Parish of Inkerman, County of Salisbury). A development application (Code Assessable) has been triggered in accordance with the Burdekin Shire IPA Planning Scheme.

**Recommendation**

That Council approves the development application for a Material Change of Use for a Dual Occupancy at 67-69 Ninth Avenue, Home Hill (Lot 101 on H6166 Parish of Inkerman, County of Salisbury) subject to the following conditions:

**GENERAL**

- 1.1 The conditions of the development permit must be effected prior to the commencement of the use, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.
- 1.2 The development and conduct of the approved use of the premises, the carrying out and maintenance of any works on the premises and construction and maintenance of any building on the premises must be generally in accordance with the approved plans submitted from Ultimate Design Solutions Job No UDS-10043 Issue P1 Sheet No 1-5.

**BUILDING WORK**

2. A development permit for Building Works is to be obtained before any building works are carried out on the premise.

**DRAINAGE**

- 3.1 Stormwater drainage from paved/sealed and roofed areas must be discharged under the footpath to kerb and channelling within the adjoining road reserves in accordance

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with AS3500.2.2003 or as otherwise required or agreed to in writing by the Chief Executive Officer.

- 3.2 The approved development and use(s) must not interfere with the natural flow of stormwater in the locality in such a manner as to cause ponding or concentration of stormwater on adjoining land or roads.
- 3.3 Any external catchments discharging to the premises must be accepted and accommodated within the development's stormwater drainage system.

#### **PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES**

4. The developer must at its own cost undertake all necessary alterations to public utility mains and services as are rendered necessary by the carrying out of any required external works or other works associated with the approved development.

#### **ROADWORKS**

- 5.1 Construct a minimum 6m wide industrial crossover (150mm thick, 32 mPa concrete, F72 mesh) from the invert of the existing kerbing and channelling to the property boundary and re-profile the footpath each side of the proposed driveway to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act.
- 5.2 Provide to Council prior to the commencement of works a cross section 1:50 natural scale from the centre of Ninth Avenue to the property boundary showing existing and design levels for the crossover in condition 5.
- 5.3 Remove the existing driveway accesses and reinstate the kerb and channel.
- 5.4 Construct kerb and channel in Ninth Avenue for the segment where no kerb and channel fronts the allotment.

#### **ACCESS AND CAR PARKING**

- 6.1 Parking shall be provided generally in accordance with the approved plan from Ultimate Design Solutions Job No UDS-10043 Issue P1 Sheet No 1-5.
- 6.2 Parking space and layout must be designed in accordance with the provisions contained in Schedule 2 – Vehicle Parking Rates & Standards of the Planning Scheme.
- 6.3 Access to the premises, car parking and manoeuvring areas must be constructed in an all weather low glare paving, exposed aggregate concrete or similar material to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **WATER SUPPLY**

7. The development must be connected to Council's reticulated water supply. The water connection must be provided at a location approved by Council and at the full cost of the developer.

#### **SEWERAGE SUPPLY**

8. The development must be connected to Council's sewerage scheme. The sewerage connection must be provided at a location approved by council and at the full cost of the developer.

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## **AMENITY – SCREEN FENCING**

9. A 1.8m high screen fence must be provided along the adjoining property boundaries and must be designed to assist in breeze flow. The type and design must be submitted and approved by the Chief Executive Officer as part of the Landscaping Plan.

## **LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING**

10. A landscaping plan shall be submitted and approved by the Chief Executive Officer. This plan must be prepared by a landscape architect or other suitably qualified and experienced person detailing the following;

- \*the location of existing and proposed plantings;
- \*landscaping of the designated areas generally in accordance with the approved plans;
- \*proposed fencing and screens, including rubbish bin enclosures;
- \*location of public infrastructure;

## **DOMESTIC WASTE**

11. The developer shall provide appropriate domestic waste receptacles (wheelie bins) for each dwelling unit. Such receptacles shall be stored adjacent to each unit.

## **ADVICE ONLY**

- *Provide a suitably sized master meter at the water service and individual sub-meters to each of the proposed units in accordance with Part 4 of the Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code. The location of such meters shall be as approved by the Chief Executive Officer, and at the applicant's full cost.*

## **Background Information**

***The following comments are from the Manager of Planning & Development, Mr Shane Great:***

The land situated at 67-69 Ninth Avenue, Home Hill is zoned 'Residential'. The subject land sits in the centre of the Home Hill one block from the Highway and CBD. Residential land uses dominate the surrounding area. A residential dual occupancy will maintain and enhance the visual amenity of the surrounding residential area. The proposal triggers a 'code assessable' development application that will be assessed against the Dual Occupancy Zone Code under the provisions of the Burdekin Shire Council's IPA Planning Scheme.

### ***The Application:***

The applicant's intent is to construct a dual occupancy consisting of 2 bedrooms and single lock up garage in each unit on the subject site. Providing the proposal meets all of the recommended development standards, the amenity of the area should not be detrimentally impacted upon. The proposed dual occupancy will conform to the requirements of the Dual Occupancy Zone Code.

### ***Conclusion:***

Council's Development Assessment Team members have assessed the application and have included reasonable and relevant conditions as part of the recommended approval. Given that the proposal complies with the provisions contained in Council's IPA Planning Scheme and in particular the acceptable solutions of the 'Dual Occupancy' zone code, it is recommended that Council approves the application subject to the abovementioned conditions.



### Link to Corporate/Operational Plan

N/A

## Consultation

All relative Council departments have been consulted. There were no external referral agencies for this application.

## Legal Authority or Implications

N/A

## Policy Implications

N/A

## Financial and Resource Implications

N/A

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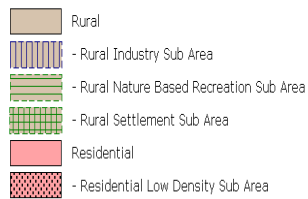
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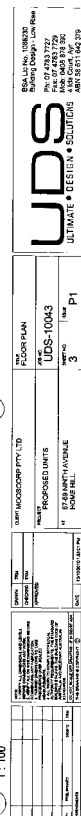
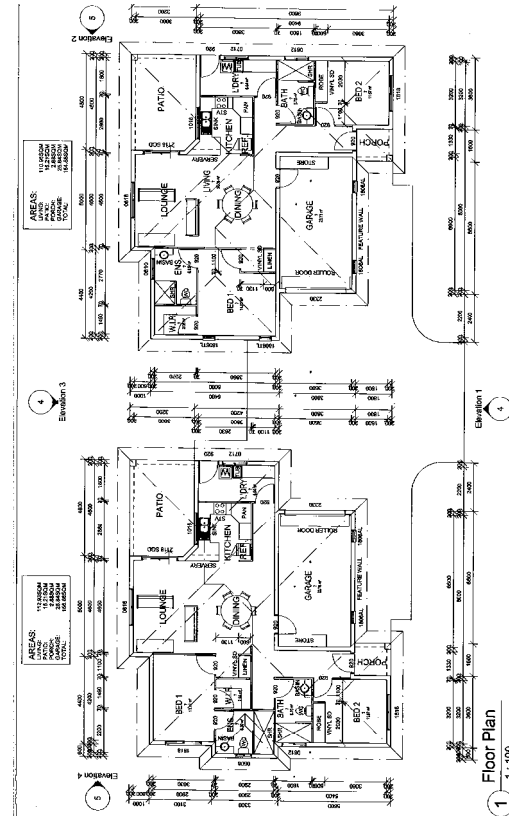
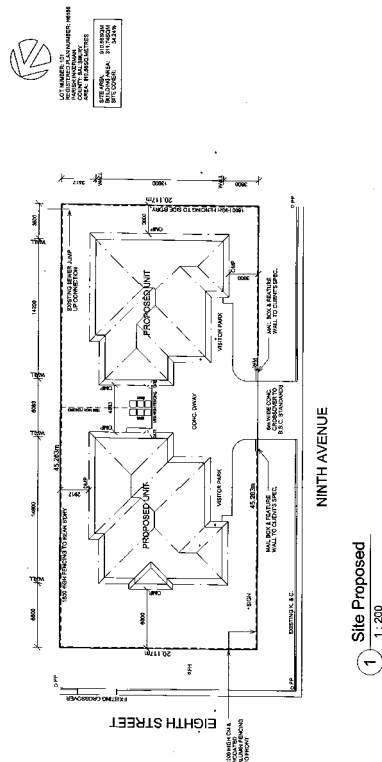
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**ITEM-11          Development Application for Reconfiguration of a Lot at 35 and 95 Ramsden Road, Carstairs for Stockdale**

**Document Information**

**Referring Letter No:** 996096

**File No:** Sub 10-48

**Name of Applicant:** R and B Stockdale

**Location:** 35 and 95 Ramsden Road, Carstairs (Lot 31 on SP126378 & Lot 123 on SB111 Parish of Inkerman, County of Salisbury)

**Author and Title:** S. Great – Manager Planning and Development

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**Executive Summary**

An application has been received from Cleve McGuane Surveys Pty Ltd on behalf of their client R and B Stockdale seeking approval for reconfiguring a lot (boundary realignment) at 35 and 95 Ramsden Road, Carstairs (Lot 31 on SP126378 & Lot 123 on SB111 Parish of Inkerman, County of Salisbury). A development application (Code Assessable) has been triggered in accordance with the Burdekin Shire IPA Planning Scheme.

**Recommendation**

That Council approves the Development Application for reconfiguring a lot (boundary realignment) at 35 and 95 Ramsden Road, Carstairs (Lot 31 on SP126378 & Lot 123 on SB111 Parish of Inkerman, County of Salisbury) subject to the following conditions:

**GENERAL**

- 1.1 The Council will not release the formal Plan of Reconfiguration until all rates and charges in arrears in respect of the land, the subject of the application, are paid in full.
- 1.2 Pay the sum of \$47-80 calculated on the basis of a charge of \$23-90 per lot to be levied on the Council by the Department of Environment & Resource Management for each new valuation.

**ROADWORKS**

2. The construction of any crossovers to give access to the land is to be the owner's responsibility and to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

**PROPOSAL PLAN**

3. The reconfiguration of the land must be carried out generally in accordance with:-
  - (a) (i) the proposed Cleve McGuane Surveys Pty Ltd plan numbered 28504-1d;

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- (ii) the plans, specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application submitted to Council; and
  - (b) any approval issued under this approval; and
  - (c) any development permit for operational works relating to the reconfiguring of a lot;

#### **PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES**

4. If any existing public utility service including telephone, electricity, water, sewerage or gas needs to be altered or relocated to complete the reconfiguration the developer must bear the cost of alteration or relocation.

#### **ADVICE (Note: These are not conditions)**

- *Unless otherwise specified by these conditions, the conditions must be complied with prior to approval of the Plan of Survey;*

#### **Background Information**

##### ***The following comments are from the Manager of Planning & Development, Mr Shane Great:***

The land is zoned 'Rural' with the proposal triggering a 'code assessable' development application for reconfiguring a lot (Boundary Realignment). The application has been assessed against the Reconfiguration of a Lot Code under the provisions of the Burdekin Shire Council's IPA Planning Scheme.

##### ***The Application:***

It is the applicants' intent to reconfigure the two existing lots. The proposed realignment will have minimal impacts on existing land uses. The objective of this re-alignment is to create proposed lot 31 which has been identified as a future house site, this lot will get access to Ramsden Road through easement A and B. Proposed lot 123 will be the balance area which is used for agricultural purposes, mainly sugar cane. Proposed lot 31 does not include any existing agricultural lands and therefore does not diminish any land classified as Good Quality Agricultural Land.

##### ***Site Description/Surrounding Land Uses:***

The subject site comprises a total area of approximately 112ha and with frontage to Ramsden Road. This site is currently improved by a sugar cane farm, dwelling house and farm sheds. The surrounding area is primarily agricultural land, with some rural residential housing and sheds on the neighbouring farms.

##### ***Effluent Disposal:***

A site assessment report from Nicoll Beattie Pty. Ltd. states that the proposed boundary re-configuration does not cause any impediment to adequate on-site effluent, and the subject soils are generally suited to the on-site treatment of domestic wastewater. The report also states that there are no known environmental or public health constraints to the on-site treatment of domestic waste.

##### ***Conclusion:***

Council's Development Assessment Team members have assessed the application and have included reasonable and relevant conditions as part of the recommended approval. Given that the proposal complies with the provisions contained in Council's IPA Planning Scheme

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and in particular the acceptable solutions of the 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' zone code, it is recommended that Council approves the application subject to the abovementioned conditions.

**Link to Corporate/Operational Plan**

N/A

**Consultation**

All relative Council departments have been consulted. There were no external referral agencies for this application.

**Legal Authority or Implications**

N/A

**Policy Implications**

N/A

**Financial and Resource Implications**

N/A

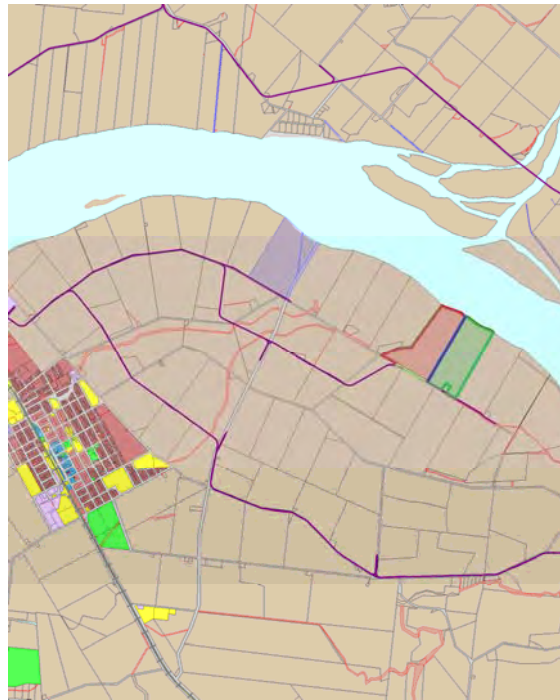
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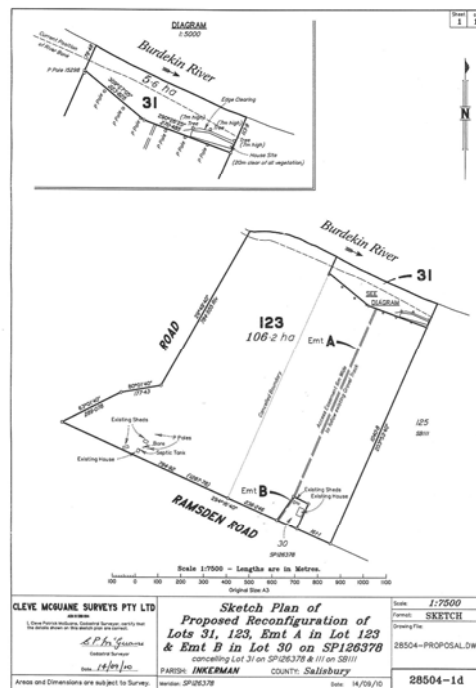
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### Zone Map

- Retail and Commercial
- Industrial
- Village
- Open Space & Recreation
- Extractive Industry Sub Area
- Industry Investigation Sub Area
- Public Purpose
- Community Infrastructure Designation



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- **CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

## **ITEM-12            Expressions of Interest - former Table Tennis Hall**

### **Document Information**

**Referring Letter No:**    992844 992500

**File No:**                    1/4/5F

**Name of Applicant:**    Burdekin Woodcrafts Association Inc and Burdekin Australian South Sea Islander Organisation Inc

**Location:**                Little Drysdale Street, Ayr

**Author and Title:**        Mrs Janice Horan, Grants and Property Officer

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### **Executive Summary**

Following public advertisement, expressions of interest were received from the Burdekin Woodcrafts Association Inc and the Burdekin Australian South Sea Islander Organisation Inc to lease the former land and being occupied by the Burdekin Table Tennis Association.

### **Recommendation**

That Council agrees to enter into a lease arrangement with Burdekin South Sea Islander Organisation Inc for lease, in an “as is” condition, of the land and building located on part of Lot 91 on GS980 (formerly leased to Burdekin Table Tennis Association), subject to lease terms and conditions including but not limited to the following:

1. Term of the lease shall be five (5) years with options for two additional terms of ten (10) years {total 25 years};
2. The lessee shall be responsible for maintenance and upgrade of facilities;
3. The lessee will be responsible for all costs associated with the preparation, completion, stamping and registration of the lease documents;
4. The annual rental payable during the lease term will be ten (10) cents per annum if and when demanded;
5. An insurance policy against loss or damage by fire, storm and/or tempest on the building must be kept current for the term of the lease by the lessee;
6. A public risk policy of not less than twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) must also be kept current or the term of the lease by the lessee. The policy must indemnify the Council against actions, suits, claims or demands of any kind.

This approval is based on the following grounds:

- The application is an established organisation within the Burdekin community
- The use/activity proposed by the applicant has a greater deemed community benefit through recognition and promotion of the Australian South Sea Islander heritage and culture; and

- The alternate applicant has an existing lease and premises.

## Background Information

By letter dated 22 July 2010, the Lower Burdekin Table Tennis Association advised that they were unable to renew their lease and the club was would up.

At its meeting held on 14 September 2010, Council resolved to invite expressions of interest for this lease. Council also agreed to write off a portion of the 2010-11 rates levy as the former lessee, the Lower Burdekin Table Tennis Association, was no longer operational and not using the property.

Two expressions of interest were received from:

1. Burdekin Woodcrafts Association Inc; and
2. Burdekin Australian South Sea Islander Organisation Inc.

The Burdekin Woodcrafts Association Inc currently lease land and a building from the Council at 61 Eleventh Avenue, Home Hill. They advised that the building is becoming too small for them and the building would be cost prohibitive to extend and upgrade.

The Burdekin Australian South Sea Islander Organisation currently does not have any premises.

The South Sea Islanders are considered “multicultural” in accordance with government guidelines and distinct from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. The latter group appear to be well catered for in the community with the Gudjuda Reference Group in Plantation Park (Council lease); Burdekin Area Youth Watch Incorporated (Council lease at Ayr Racecourse); and Bur-del Advancement Co-operative Limited (Graham Street freehold).

<b>Applicant</b>	Burdekin Australian South Sea Islander Organisation Inc	Burdekin Woodcrafts Association Inc
<b>Requested lease term</b>	10 years	10 years
<b>Proposed use / activities</b>	Men's and women's meeting place. Workshops including health, self esteem, dietary advice, Educational sessions incl. information technology, computer skills with arrangements with TAFE. Practical skills incl. quilting, jewellery making, sewing excursions, fund raising Educational sessions on history of South Sea Islanders. Networking with other organisations.	Woodcrafts including woodturning, scroll saw work, pyrography, furniture manufacture and intasia.
<b>Intentions re clubhouse</b>	Keep within the guidelines of lessor	House club machinery and timber. Conduct workshops and build community projects. Hold meetings and generally promote the art of working with timber. Undertake repairs caused by blocked box drains. Modify building for use as a workshop area and install electrical and dust extraction equipment



<b>Community benefit</b>	They feel the organisation will have a great benefit within the community by educating the community and gain recognition as South Sea Islanders played an important role in the Burdekin district.	The association has been in existence since 1993 and in its present location at 61 – 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Home Hill for 12 years. Community projects have been undertaken on a regular basis. The association has also supported community events by providing demonstrations of woodcrafts.
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### **Link to Corporate/Operational Plan**

Key Strategic Element No. 6 – Enhancing community lifestyle and strengthening our community.

### **Consultation**

Calling of expressions of interest.

### **Legal Authority or Implications**

Need to follow Land Act for trustee leasing

### **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

Resources – Requirement for lease document to be produced

### **Report prepared by:**

Mrs Janice Horan, Grants and Property Officer

### **Report authorised by:**

Mr Dan Mulcahy, Director of Corporate and Community Services

### **Attachments**

Nil

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- **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

Tabled Separately

- **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**ITEM-13        Fees for Purchase of Aerial Imagery**

**Recommendation**

That Council adopts the following fees for the purchase of aerial imagery:

1. TIFF Image - \$250 per tile (15cm or 50cm resolution);
2. TIFF Image and associated MapInfo Professional files - \$350 per tile (15cm or 50cm resolution).

- **URGENT BUSINESS**

- **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- **IN COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS**

- **DELEGATIONS**

