



MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 16 January 2020

6pm

Council Chambers, 9 Pelican Street, Tewantin

**Crs Tony Wellington (Chair), Jess Glasgow, Ingrid Jackson, Joe Jurisevic,
Brian Stockwell, Frank Wilkie**

“Noosa Shire – different by nature”

1 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**COUNCILLORS**

Councillor T Wellington, Mayor
Councillor F Wilkie, Deputy Mayor
Councillor J Glasgow
Councillor I Jackson
Councillor J Jurisevic
Councillor B Stockwell (via teleconference)

EXECUTIVE

M Shave, Acting Chief Executive Officer
A Saward, Acting Director Community Services
K Coyle, Acting Director Environment & Sustainable Development
D Iezzi, Director Executive Services
C Billingham, Director Infrastructure Services

APOLOGIES

Nil.

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr Glasgow

In accordance with Section 276 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council provide approval for Cr Stockwell to attend Council's Ordinary meeting of 16 January 2020 by teleconference.

Carried unanimously.

Cr Stockwell did not vote on the above motion.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**Council Resolution**

Moved: Cr Wilkie

Seconded: Cr Glasgow

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19 December 2019 be received and confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

3 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil.

4 PETITIONS

Nil.

5 NOTIFIED MOTIONS

Nil.

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

7 DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

8 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS**

13 JANUARY 2020 - Crs Frank Wilkie (Chair), Jess Glasgow, Ingrid Jackson, Joe Jurisevic and Tony Wellington

Apologies: Cr Brian Stockwell

1 AMENDMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT LEVY POLICY AND PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION POLICY GUIDELINE**Council Resolution**

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr Glasgow

That Council note the report by the Conservation Partnerships Officer to the General Committee Meeting dated 13 January 2020 and

- A. Approve amendments to the Environment Levy Policy as provided at Attachment 1;
- B. Approve amendments to the Policy Guideline - Private Land Conservation Partnerships as provided at Attachment 2, with the following changes:
 1. wording of the fifth dot point under the heading *Support for Land for Wildlife* to read "An incentives program which may consist of other initiatives consistent with the intent of the Land for Wildlife Program such as free native tubestock, training/assistance with environmental weed management, equipment loans such as fauna cameras, nest boxes, resource books, and open property days." and;
 2. reinstating the details of the Binding Covenant Example (in Appendix 2) and the VCA Example (in Appendix 3) and authorise the CEO to make the necessary changes to the Guideline to reflect those details being retained in Appendix 2 and 3; and
- C. Write to the Queensland Government Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Science, and the Arts expressing support for the Nature Refuge program and requesting that the program be adequately resourced.

Carried unanimously.

3 MCU19/0054 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE FOR A MIXED USE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT SITUATED AT 2-18 & 20 HOFMANN DRIVE, NOOSAVILLE**Council Resolution**

Moved: Cr Glasgow

Seconded: Cr Wilkie

That Council note the report by the Development Planner to the General Committee Meeting dated 13 January 2020 regarding Application No. MCU19/0054 for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for undefined uses – Showroom, Office, Health Care Service, Indoor Sport and Recreation, Low Impact Industry and Food and Drink Outlet, situated at 2-18 and 20 Hofmann Drive Noosaville and

- A. Refuse the application for the following reasons:
 1. The proposed development being predominantly retail, does not comply with the SEQ Regional Plan's Elements, Strategies and Outcomes relating to Goal 2 – Prosper as it is contrary to:

- 1.1. Element 1 Strategy 1 as it fosters retail employment rather than employment in the export oriented and high-value sectors;
- 1.2. Element 1 Strategy 7 as it is using land set aside for non-retail employment which inhibits the ability of Noosa Shire to meet employment planning baselines;
2. The proposal does not support the Economic Vision for the Shire to create the strong viable niche economy articulated at 1.4.3 of Division 2 Part 1 of Noosa Plan thereby protecting and enhancing the Noosa brand as the proposal introduces a small second shopping centre into the Noosa Business Centre limiting available land for growth in identified priority focus areas of wellness industries, knowledge-based businesses, education and service industries, heritage and creative arts industries.
3. The proposal, being predominantly retail, is contrary to the Desired Environmental Outcomes 3.1.3 b) i, ii & iii of the Noosa Plan as:
 - 3.1. Further large format retail is not envisaged for the centre with a proportion of Noosa's Shire's higher order needs intended to be fulfilled by the Principal Regional activity Centre of Maroochydoore; and
 - 3.2. It will impact on the long term viability of the Noosa Business Centre, as the principal business, retail and administrative centre.
4. The development application proposes uses which are inconsistent in the Shire Business Centre zone precincts B3 and E5.
5. The proposed development is contrary Overall Outcomes 11.7.2 tt) ii, x, xi B & C of to the Noosaville Locality Code as the proposed extent of retail is not planned and significantly exceeds the retail caps set by the Noosa Plan; and
 - 5.1. will not support the growth of the Noosa Business Centre as being a multi-function employment node which provides for a wide range of business uses;
 - 5.2. will not retain the development capacity within the centre in the longer term to take advantage of potential new employment opportunities.
6. The proposed built form, design and layout does not comply with Overall Outcomes 11.7.2 tt iv, v & viii of the Noosaville Locality Code as:
 - 6.1. the proposal has the characteristics of a standard retail commercial design without the architectural features unique to Noosa;
 - 6.2. overall the built form is more suited to retail uses than to the other uses proposed such as low impact industry;
 - 6.3. the applicant has not demonstrated that some buildings will be sufficiently screened from Council's major road network;
 - 6.4. building 4 exceeds the maximum building height for the area and has a reduced building setback from Hofmann Drive; and
 - 6.5. pedestrian connectivity and access is poor.
7. The proposal does not satisfy Specific Outcome O28 of the Landscaping Code and O17 of the Driveway and Carparking Code as the car parking area is deficient in landscaping with unsatisfactory provision for shade trees.
8. The proposal is significantly deficient in car parking and does not comply with Specific Outcome O7 of the Noosa Plan's Driveways and Car parking Code.
9. The applicant has not satisfactorily demonstrated that the development will not adversely impact on the external traffic network contrary to Overall Outcomes tt) ix of the Noosaville Locality Code and 14.142.2 a) of the Transport, Roads and Drainage Code.

10. The applicant has not demonstrated that stormwater management can be successfully and appropriately integrated into the current development layout consistent with 14.157.2 of the Water Sensitive Design Code and Specific Outcome O8 of the Transport, Roads and Drainage Code.
 11. The proposal includes clearing of significant vegetation as part of the proposed measures for stormwater management contrary to the purpose of current environmental covenants registered over the site and the Noosaville Locality Code requirements for Precinct OS3 Specific Outcomes O218 to O222 and Precinct OS6 Specific Outcomes O224 & O225.
 12. The proposal does not comply with the draft Noosa Plan as:
 - 12.1. the quantum of retail proposed is not envisaged on the site and does not advance nor assist in preparing for a transitioning or changing economy contrary to Strategic Intent 3.2.6 - A diverse and resilient economy and Strategic Outcomes 3.3.5(r) and (s)(i)(B);
 - 12.2. the proposal is not contributing to the key priority sectors identified in Strategic Intent 3.2.6;
 - 12.3. the proposal does not comply with PO1 of the Transport Code and PO6 of the Driveways and Parking Code as carparking is grossly deficient and the applicant has not demonstrated there will not be adverse effects on the surrounding traffic network;
 - 12.4. the development does not comply with Overall Outcomes 6.4.1.2 (3)(c) (iii) & 3(f) of the Major Centre Zone Code as it does not reflect appropriate subtropical design and is not distinctively recognisable as being Noosa Style; and
 - 12.5. the stormwater management of the site does not comply with the Water Quality and Drainage Code Outcomes PO7 and PO11.
 13. There is no significant need for the proposed retail and the proposal fails to advance the priority sectors envisaged by Noosa's Local Economic Plan.
 14. The proposed uses are clearly defined by The Noosa Plan and the applicant's proposed use definitions are unnecessary, inappropriate and have the potential to cause confusion.
 15. There are no discretionary matters which would warrant approval of the development proposal.
 16. For the aforesaid reasons, approval of the development proposal would not advance the purpose of the *Planning Act 2016*.
- B. Note the report is provided in accordance with Section 63(5) of the *Planning Act 2016*.
Carried unanimously.

4 MCU18/0165.01 REQUEST TO CHANGE A DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE OF PREMISES - MULTIPLE HOUSING TYPE 4 CONVENTIONAL (17 UNITS) AT 25 KAURI STRET, COOROY

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Glasgow

Seconded: Cr Wilkie

That Council note the report by the Coordinator Planning to the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting dated 13 January 2020 regarding Application No. MCU18/0165.01 to make a minor change to an existing approval for Material Change of Use of Premises (Multiple Housing Type 4 Conventional) situated at 25 Kauri St Cooroy and:

- A. Approve the minor change application;
- B. Amend conditions 2, 14, 15 and 24 to read as follows:

Approved Plans

2. Development undertaken in accordance with this approval must generally comply with the approved plans of development. The approved plans are listed in the following table unless otherwise amended by these conditions.

Plan No.	Rev.	Plan/Document Name	Date
DA01	18E	Site Calculations & Staging Plan, <i>prepared by All Design and Drafting (as annotated by Council)</i>	06.11.2019
DA02	18E	Site Plan, <i>prepared by All Design and Drafting (as annotated by Council)</i>	06.11.2019
DA03	18E	Site Plan – Landscaping and Fencing, <i>prepared by All Design and Drafting (as annotated by Council)</i>	06.11.2019
DA04	18E	Site Elevations, <i>prepared by All Design and Drafting</i>	06.11.2019
DA05	18E	Site Elevations, <i>prepared by All Design and Drafting</i>	06.11.2019
DA06	18E	Unit Type T1A, <i>prepared by All Design and Drafting</i>	06.11.2019
DA08	18E	Unit Type T1B, <i>prepared by All Design and Drafting</i>	06.11.2019
DA09	18E	Unit Type T2, <i>prepared by All Design and Drafting</i>	06.11.2019
DA10	18E	Unit Type T3, <i>prepared by All Design and Drafting</i>	06.11.2019
DA11	18E	Exterior Materials and Colours, <i>prepared by All Design and Drafting</i>	06.11.2019

ENGINEERING

Site Access and Driveway

14. Vehicular access driveways to serve the development shall be constructed from the Olivine Street frontages of the site generally in accordance with the final approved layout plans and as annotated by Council and amended by the conditions of this permit and in compliance with the applicable engineering standards and drawings.
15. Two sealed access driveways must be provided from Olivine Street frontages of the site to all parking and manoeuvring areas of the development generally in accordance with the final approved layout plans as annotated by Council and amended by the conditions of this permit. The works must be undertaken in accordance with an Operational Works approval and must include in particular:
- 15.1. Driveway crossovers generally in accordance with IPWEAQ standard drawings R-049 and R-050, and to grades that prevent vehicles from scraping and/or bottoming whilst also allowing for compliant grades and levels that match any existing or proposed pathway and grassed verge without posing trip or safety hazards to the public.
- 15.2. For pedestrian safety on the footpath and vehicles exiting the site, the driveway and any associated fencing or vegetation near the driveway must comply with the minimum sight line requirements as defined in AS/NZ 2890.1, section 3.2.4.
- 15.3. The proposed driveway must have a maximum width of 6m at kerb line.
- 15.4. Driveway must have clearance of 1.0m from a power pole and 0.5m from and any service pit or manhole (e.g. telecommunication pit, water meter) unless a written approval obtained from the relevant provider.
24. A new 2.0m wide concrete path must be constructed along the Kauri Street and Olivine Street frontages of the site in accordance with an Operational Works approval and to a desirable and smooth alignment for the comfort of users and

protection of trees identified in this permit for retention. The new path must be in compliance with IPWEAQ standard drawing SEQ R-065 *Concrete Pathway Construction Details*. The works must be provided as part of Stage 1 of development and include:

- 24.1. A sufficient number of pram ramps to be provided near the intersection of Kauri Street and Olivine Street where identified by Council to connect to existing and proposed pathways network.
- 24.2. A pedestrian pathway connection 1.5m wide from Kauri Street's public pathway into the development site to be located north of proposed Unit 9.

The above condition is imposed pursuant to s145 of the Planning Act 2016 being non-trunk infrastructure

- C. Note the report is provided in accordance with Section 63(5) of the *Planning Act 2016*.

Carried unanimously.

The following Recommendations from the General Committee were adopted without discussion or further amendment.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr Wilkie

The General Committee recommendations dated 13 January 2020 be adopted except where dealt with or held over by separate resolution.

Carried unanimously.

2 51987.44.01 OTHER CHANGE APPLICATION FOR A MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE FOR ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING BUSINESS - TYPE 2 SHOP & SALON - 6 THOMAS STREET, NOOSAVILLE

That Council note the report by the Development Planner to the General Committee Meeting dated 13 January 2020 regarding Application No. 51987.44.01 for an Other Change to a Development Approval for Entertainment and Dining Business - Type 1 Food & Beverages and Retail Business - Type 2 Shop & Salon, situated at 6 Thomas Street, Noosaville Qld 4566 and:

- A. Approve the change and add the following conditions:

When Conditions Must Be Complied With

12. Unless otherwise stated, all conditions of this Decision Notice must be complied with prior to the use commencing, and then compliance maintained at all times while the use continues.

Approved Plans

13. Development undertaken in accordance with this approval must generally comply with the approved plans of development. The approved plans are listed in the following table unless otherwise amended by these conditions.

Plan No.	Rev.	Plan/Document Name	Date
15.0319.1.3A	A	New Ground Floor Plan	Aug 2019
15.0319.1.4A	A	New First Floor Plan	Aug 2019
15.0319.1.5A	A	Elevations	Aug 2019

Nature and Extent of Approved Use

14. The total use area (excluding kitchen and food storage areas) of Entertainment and Dining Business - Type 1 Food & Beverages on the site must not exceed 54.4m².
15. The total gross floor area of Retail Business - Type 2 Shop & Salon on the site must not exceed 209.25m².
16. The approved uses must not operate outside the hours of 7am to 10pm, 7 days a week, except Friday and Saturday, where Entertainment and Dining Business Uses may operate until 12 midnight. The requirements of this condition must be included in the Community Management Statement for any Body Corporate for the subject site.
17. The development must be undertaken and operated in a manner that causes no detrimental effect upon the amenity of the neighbourhood by reason of the creation of excessive noise, lighting nuisance or other emissions.
18. Service vehicle movements associated with the approved use (including loading and unloading) must not occur outside the hours of 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and not at all on Sundays or public holidays. The requirements of this condition must be included in the Community Management Statement for any body corporate for the subject site.

Building Height

19. The maximum height of the development must not exceed 5.05 metres above the finished ground level and the natural ground level.

Performance Bond

20. Security in the form of a cash bond or trading bank guarantee to the sum of **\$10,000.00** must be submitted to Council, to secure performance of all conditions of this approval, prior to the issue of a Development Permit for Building Works. The cash bond or trading bank guarantee will be returned on performance of the conditions of approval less any costs incurred by Council in respect of enforcing performance of this permit. Council reserves the right to call upon the bond or guaranteed sum to effect compliance with conditions.

Building Appearance

21. Ground floor shopfront glazing along the western frontages must be fully transparent to a minimum of 50% of the street frontage to allow passive surveillance and encourage social interaction.
22. All mechanical equipment and other service infrastructure located on the site must be:
 - a. located not less than 2 metres from a property boundary
 - b. fully enclosed or screened such that they are not visible from the street frontages nor adjoining properties.
23. No structures, excluding a street awning for weather protection, may be located outside of the property boundary. Proposed planter boxes within the road reserve are not approved.
24. The building must be well articulated, with strong vertical design feature elements. The building must include subtle changes in colours, textures and materials to break up the building facades. The proposed awning located within the road reserve must be a lightweight structure, and the parapet reduced in height to the reasonable satisfaction of the Manager Development Assessment to comply with the Noosaville Locality Code.

Advertising Devices

25. Any advertising devices proposed on the site must comply with the provisions of The Noosa Plan.

Waste Storage

26. The development must provide waste storage and disposal facilities in accordance with Planning Scheme Policy 9, Waste Management.
27. Waste storage areas are situated to the rear of the building and are visually screened by fencing.

Weather Protection

28. Street awnings must be provided along the full length of the western property frontage, as shown on the Approved Plans. The awnings must have a minimum width of 3.3 metres from the building line, and must be designed to provide continuous solar and rain protection and promote all weather activity.

Public Safety

29. All ground floor shopfront glazing must be protected against vandalism by the use of a form of safety glass such as toughened or laminated glass.

Easements

30. All works must be kept clear of any existing or proposed easements on the subject land, unless agreed otherwise in writing by the Grantee.

ENGINEERING**Car Parking**

31. The applicant will comply with the requirements of any Infrastructure Agreement entered into with the Council with respect to the payment of car parking contributions in relation to the proposed development. In the event that the Infrastructure Agreement does not apply a minimum of 11 car parking spaces must be provided and marked on the site and made available and accessible at all times while the use is open for business.
32. A minimum of 9 car parking spaces must be provided on the site in accordance with approved plans; made available and accessible at all times while the use is open for business. The carparking must include in particular:
- a. Sealed and non-slip approved surface.
 - b. 7 customers parking spaces within the total, which are clearly marked for that purpose.
 - a. 2 staff parking spaces within the total, which are clearly marked for that purpose.
 - b. Parking spaces and line marked and sign posted crossfalls and gradients in accordance with Australian Standard *AS/NZS 2890.1. Parking Facilities-Part 1: Off-street car parking*.
 - c. Marked pedestrian routes in accordance with the conditions of this Decision Notice.
 - b. Provision of vandal resistant public lighting with intensities to satisfy the requirements of Australian Standard AS1158: Public Lighting Code.
33. All car parking areas and access driveway must be maintained exclusively for vehicle parking and manoeuvring and kept in a tidy and safe condition at all times.
34. A certification by a suitably qualified person for the upgraded car parking area is required upon the completion of works and prior to issuing the Certificate of Classification to confirm compliance with the conditions of this permit.

- B. Delete existing conditions 1 to 11.
- C. Agree to enter into an Infrastructure Agreement with the applicant that provides for contributions in lieu of 2 on-site car parking spaces.
- D. Find the following matters relevant to the assessment and sufficient reason to approve the application:
 - 1. The proposal complies with the Overall Outcomes of the Noosaville Locality Code as the development will provide for Business Uses that directly service visitors accommodated in the immediate area and foreshore, including entertainment and dining activities, which will contribute to the economy of the Shire through the tourism and hospitality sectors;
 - 2. The development is consistent with the bulk and scale of buildings within proximity to the subject site, maintaining the visual continuity and pattern of buildings along Thomas Street, and presenting a high quality and interesting streetscape; and
 - 3. The proposal will result in an improvement in built form through structural and aesthetic changes to the existing building.
- E. Note the report is provided in accordance with Section 63(5) of the *Planning Act 2016*.

5 DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT FEES & CHARGES VARIATIONS FOR 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 DECEMBER 2019

That Council note the report by the Manager Development Assessment to the General Committee Meeting dated 13 January 2020 regarding the waiver or partial waiver of development application fees for 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2019 as detailed in the Report.

6 NOOSA DISTRICT SPORTS COMPLEX MASTER PLAN - FINAL

That Council note the report by the Community Development Officer (Sport and Recreation) to the General Committee dated 13 January 2020 and:

- A. Approve the Noosa District Sports Complex Master Plan, included as Attachment 1 of this report; and
- B. Request the Chief Executive Officer develop a prioritised implementation plan for consideration in the 2020/21 budget process.

7 COOROY SPORTS COMPLEX MASTER PLAN - FINAL

That Council note the report by the Community Development Officer (Sport and Recreation) to the General Committee dated 13 January 2020 and:

- A. Approve the Cooroy Sports Complex Master Plan, included as Attachment 1 of this report; and
- B. Request the Chief Executive Officer develop a prioritised implementation plan for consideration in the 20/21 budget process.

8 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - DECEMBER 2019

That Council note the report by the Manager Financial Services to the General Committee Meeting dated 13 January 2020 outlining December 2019 year to date financial performance against budget, including key financial sustainability indicators.

9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE REFORMS ELECTORAL & OTHER LEGISLATION (ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRITY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2019

That Council note the report by the Governance Advisor to the General Committee Meeting dated 13 January 2019 and that the Queensland *Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2019* has been introduced into the Legislative Assembly and may result in several key changes for Council and Councillors as outlined in this report.

10 UPDATE ON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP

That Council note the report by the Chief Executive Officer to the General Committee Meeting dated 13 January 2020 regarding the Sustainable Tourism Stakeholder Reference Group and:

- A. Note the *Report on the Sustainable Tourism Stakeholder Reference Group* (provided as attachment 1) which has been written by Cr Wellington and provided as an update on the deliberations of that Group to date, but not endorsed by the Group and on the understanding that this is not a Council endorsement or adoption of the report;
- B. Note the *The Value of Tourism to the Noosa Community* report (provided as attachment 2); and
- C. Note that Noosa Council and Tourism Noosa will continue to engage with and work with the Sustainable Tourism Stakeholder Reference Group on the issue of sustainable tourism.
- D. Recommend that membership of the Sustainable Tourism Stakeholder Reference Group be open to other community groups with an interest in the opportunities, issues, benefits and impacts of tourism.

9 ORDINARY MEETING REPORTS**1 DRAFT SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND KOALA CONSERVATION STRATEGY 2019-2024****Council Resolution****Moved: Cr Wilkie****Seconded: Cr Jurisevic**

That Council note the report by the Principal Environment Officer to the Ordinary Meeting dated 16 January 2020 and note the release of the Draft South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy 2019-2024 provided at Attachment 1, which is open for public consultation until 31 January 2020; and

- A. Approve Council making a submission to the Queensland Government on the Draft South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy 2019-2024 based on the key issues outlined in Attachment 2 to the report;
- B. Authorise the CEO to make minor amendments to the submission following the Department of Environment and Science training sessions scheduled for Council's development assessment officers prior to the submission close; and
- C. Note that a 2020/21 budget submission will be made to undertake a comprehensive review of local koala habitat mapping, as a requirement of the Queensland Government transitional map validation process.

Carried unanimously.**10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

Nil.

11 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**1 BRIAN O'CONNOR****Question 1:**

By withdrawing Noosa Council from the South-East Queensland Council of Mayors that is negotiating with the state and federal governments a 2020 City Deal funding agreement centred around a bid for the 2032 Olympic Games, has not our shire lost out on a share of the reported \$58 billion in infrastructure investment, economic and other benefits that will flow from the signing of the City Deal involving all other local government areas in South-East Queensland, except Noosa?

Response by Mayor Tony Wellington:

Noosa Council has not been a member of the SEQ Council of Mayors since 2015. Noosa Council was not getting sufficient value-for-money from its membership. The policy agenda for the SEQ Council of Mayors focuses on city and population growth based issues and does not align strategically with Noosa Council's future priorities and needs.

Not all South East Queensland Councils are a member of the SEQ Council of Mayors. The Gold Coast City Council, for example, is also not a member.

There is very little that Noosa Council is likely to gain from City Deals, which is primarily focussed on high population growth areas requiring significant public infrastructure to support that growth. It is highly doubtful that Noosa can benefit from City Deals in terms

of direct funding for public infrastructure, even if City Deals does ultimately come to fruition.

As Mayor, I speak with other mayors of the SEQ Region whenever I need to, and I deal with them all at various functions and forums such as the SEQ Regional Planning Committee meetings (of which Noosa is a member) and at LGAQ events including the annual conference. The CEO is also in regular touch with SEQ councils through their respective CEOs, most particularly in his role as Queensland President of the Local Government Managers Association, but also informally through his CEO network.

In the end, the tens of thousands of dollars required annually to participate in the SEQ Council of Mayors is not considered to be money well spent, and can be put to better use on behalf of our residents without any significant loss of engagement opportunities with other councils in SEQ.

Question 2:

By Noosa forgoing interregional cooperation on transport connectivity and other common interests via the SEQ Council of Mayors alignment, instead as the Mayor says, to forge closer ties with the Gympie Regional Council, what tangible outcomes have been achieved through that alliance?

Response by Michael Shave, Acting CEO:

The close relationship between Noosa and our northern neighbour Gympie continues to deliver rewards for both Councils. Some examples of tangible outcomes that can be mentioned are:

- Gympie council have been very supportive during our local disaster events. For example, during the recent fires, Gympie offered immediate access if needed to their heavy plant such as graders and dozers etc. They also offered their evacuation centres as back-up should they have been needed.
- There are many examples of information and resource sharing. For example, Council recently hosted the Gympie bridge crew to compare work practices. This afforded us the opportunity to demonstrate Noosa Council's success in the use of battery-powered small plant and equipment relating to bridge maintenance.
- Gympie and Noosa have provided each other with expert staff to assist with specific employee recruitment. This can mean Noosa staff sitting on Gympie interview panels and vice versa.
- We share information at the operational level regarding governance matters. For example, we have shared internal audit plans, allowing the opportunity for each council to review the other council's forward plans and practices.
- Both Council CEOs periodically attend the respective Audit and Risk Committee meetings. This active participation allows each CEO to contribute positively at the meeting and also to consider improvements to their own Council's governance and risk framework.
- We have established an agreed sharing of procurement information, allowing comparisons of costs and arrangements related to many essential items that both councils need to purchase, in addition to exploring shared arrangements which combines our buying power in the market.
- We are also progressing discussions between the two councils to identify opportunities to maximise the use of plant and fleet through shared arrangements.

This list is not exhaustive, but I believe they do demonstrate the good working relationship between the two councils.

12 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 20 February 2020 at the Council Chambers, 9 Pelican Street, Tewantin commencing at 6pm.

13 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6.38pm.