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Briefs from Fraser Coast Regional Council meeting 01 October 2008

Presentations

Fraser Coast Wildlife Preservation Society President Audrey Sorenson addressed the Council on cat management. She tabled a suggested policy which included confining cats to properties, desexing, registration, microchipping and educating owners.

Maryborough and District Animal Refuge volunteer Carolyn Malley also spoke about cat management. She said about 13,000 cats in Queensland and 200,000 cats and dogs throughout Australia were euthanised each year. She stressed the need to control feral cats strongly supported mandatory microchipping, registration and desexing of all cats and dogs before sale along with education programs. The initial cost might be high but the results would reduce the number of unwanted animals and help save wildlife, she said.

Investigation into locating shooting club

The Council is planning to consult with existing shooting clubs in the region to determine if any that are concerned about tenure of their land could be accommodated or relocated to the Fraser Coast Shooting Complex in Churchill Mines Road, Dundathu. Consideration could be given to upgrading the Churchill Mines Road facility. The Council will apply for funding through the Local Sport and Recreation Program 2009 to help with the investigation.

Council supports dredging application

The Council will provide a letter to Byrne Bros in support of its request to EPA to renew its existing quarry allocation in the Mary River. The Council was satisfied that the EPA had ensured that the dredging operation was sustainable and would ensure that it remained that way.

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Final annual report approved

The final combined annual report for Maryborough City Council, Hervey Bay City Council, Woocoo Shire Council and Tiaro Shire Council which includes financial statements for the period 1 July 2007 to 14 March 2008 was approved by the Council.

Nominations for National Sea Change Taskforce Executive

The Council nominated Mayor Mick Kruger for re-election as the Queensland Representative on the National Sea Change Taskforce Executive. Cr Sue Brooks was nominated as Cr Kruger's proxy should he not be able to attend.

Cr Dalglish to jump from plane to raise money

Cr David Dalglish will soon carry out his promise to skydive from a plane if \$5000 was donated to the Prostate Cancer Support Group. The target has almost been reached so Cr Dalglish said he would skydive as soon as the weather was suitable. He hopes to receive more donations before the flight.

Hospital equipment bought from Pub Crawl profits

Cr Anne Nioa said St Stephens Hospital has now received a \$2000 lymphatic mapping device that was bought with money raised at the 2006 World's Greatest Pub Crawl.

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