



WUJAL WUJAL ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL Newsletter February 2012

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Infrastructure building community employment opportunities

Infrastructure, on large and smaller scales, has been high on Council's agenda with the completion of a new rising water main for the community in December, piped drinking water for the south side is done and the development of a new sub-division on track for completion in the coming months.

Mayor Desmond Tayley said all these projects were providing employment opportunities for the community in meaningful ways.

"Overall, I think the rising main project went well and never had any major problems," he said.

"I was impressed with the guys who were employed on that, their work ethic really surprised me.



"You know if you give people something meaningful to do they will turn up to work every day, as these guys proved – I believe if we had more projects like that it would encourage people to go to work.

"During that time they picked up a

few skills in regards to laying water pipes, doing earth works, road controls and all that.

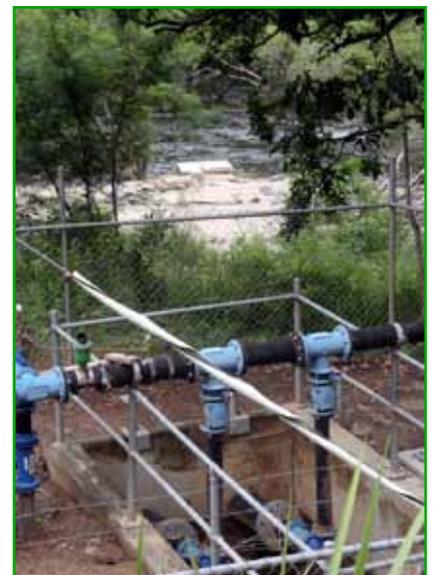
"And I think they would be in the front line for any other projects coming along, given these guys already have skills."

He said the new subdivision on the former-Ken Frost compound, was also progressing well.

"We haven't got a name for it yet, but it will be something the community will have input into, a Bama name or it could provide some recognition

for family names or people who have worked for our community," he said. "So we're looking to have input into that sometime soon, it's nearing completion at this stage, and looking pretty good."

He said the subdivision, which was part of a social housing package, would initially have three new dwellings built on it but could have up to five in future.



A quick word from... **WWASC CEO Kevin Wormald**

The last three months have probably been the busiest in the last three years, writes CEO Kevin Wormald.

We've had some wonderful projects go ahead that will serve the community well into the future. One thing just finished is the duplication of the rising main, which will give us an assured water supply. Another completed project is the extension of drinking water to our south side houses and any future development of the south side. At the moment they have tank water for drinking so that is a great project.

We've completed the renovation of our old clinic building, which is the CDEP training centre, trainers' accommodation and CDEP office building.

This a great addition to our community services. Our social housing package has commenced on Ken Frost subdivision which is three, potentially five lots for the first of our new houses under the package.

So, these are really great things to have and, of course, the people who have been responsible for them have been our employees and our contractors.

We've had a remarkably dry season so far.

This has been great for construction and has enabled either the completion or a really good start on these projects.

Council has also sponsored a community training committee which is facilitated by Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI), and the Department of Communities.

This committee brings together the employers and trainers responsible for our area, with Council to develop strategies for employment opportunities and training opportunities.

Our Employment & Training Plan (referred to in previous newsletters) has formed the basis

of discussions, and so the committee is actually helping the Council to fulfil its targets under the Plan, which is really, really good.

Even though it's moral support at this stage, it will lead to practical support because employers are on it and training organisers are on it, and we have a ready means of communicating our needs to suit our objectives and to make submissions.

Over the past 12 months or so, we have a commitment in writing from the Main Roads Minister that funding of \$5.5 million was available for the new bridge.

We had hoped it would start before this current wet season but that didn't happen because of arrangements made by the Department of Main Roads – they have to go through a design process which is always subject to change if it goes through several tiers of engineer's hands.

That has all been the delay, as described to me by Main Roads.

The latest estimate of commencement is somewhere between April and June.



Carpenter Patrick Nandy and Housing Coordinator Mark Zippel discussing the finishing touches to a walkway between the new training rooms and Council Chambers

Nerida wins study bursary to further skills

Minister for Local Government Paul Lucas has congratulated Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council Corporate Services Manager Nerida Carr, on winning one of two \$4,500 career-boosting bursaries for 2012.

"Without the help of this bursary, a number of the applicants may not have had the opportunity to further their skills," Mr Lucas said.

"These bursaries give women working in local government the chance to pursue professional development opportunities to assist them in furthering their careers.

"I would like to congratulate Ms Carr for her outstanding application and commitment to support her council to accomplish its endeavours.

"The independent panel scored Ms Carr highly across all criteria highlighting that she demonstrated exemplary practice and a clear professional development plan that aligned with the level of the bursary.

"The panel noted that Ms Carr received outstanding feedback from both the CEO and her colleagues.

"In particular, her choice of professional development, the Diploma of Local Government Administration, directly aligns with Council's priorities.

"For these reasons, the panel



Standing L-R: Nerida Carr, Corporate Services Manager; Robyn Bloomfield, Receptionist; Nikita Walker, Bank & Postal Agency Clerk; Berni Moore, Finance Officer Vera Auld, Accounts Clerk; Seated: Marie Creek, Centrelink Officer; Dianne Winkle, Cleaner; (absent on annual leave; Wilma Donahue, Office Manager)

considered Ms Carr an exemplar role model for women in Local Government."

Member for Cook Jason O'Brien joined with the Minister in congratulating Ms Carr on her outstanding achievement.

"I know that she is dedicated, hardworking and passionate employee of Council," Mr

O'Brien said.

Mayor Desmond Tayley congratulated Nerida and the finance team for their work.

"As a community we should be proud of Nerida's achievements," he said. "She and her team are to be congratulated for their commitment and their great work."

Re-generating the generator

A new generator has been installed with sufficient power for the SES and Council building, as well as the shop. The generator pictured has been in operation for 30 years. Funding for a generator for the Community Care Centre are also being sought. Pictured are local contractors Ken Rappolt and Nick Upite in the loader.



Focus on: ***... Corporate Services ...***

It's been a busy time for Corporate Services with the annual audit carried out in September and a number of other challenges along the way, writes Manager Nerida Carr.



We faced significant challenges in financial reporting due to staff turnover, a consolidation from various computerized accounting systems to the sole use of Civica's Practical Plus product, and changes in Local Government Legislation and Accounting Standards.

Our financial statements were completed by the statutory time lines, and for the third year in a row, were unqualified.

The same consultant who worked for us last year helped in translating our accounting system reports into the format required.

Thanks go to dedicated and committed staff for helping to achieve this result.

In October, I attended the Civica national conference. Civica is the software we use for our accounting systems. It was good to meet and mix with other people in similar positions from throughout Australia, and there were even some delegates from New Zealand.

It was also very educational to catch up with technology improvements – many things we can only dream about here, without access to broadband internet.

Our main computer server (which manages all of our information and is linked to our internet and email access) collapsed overnight in mid-December.

We had to process payroll by manual calculations to ensure everyone was paid before the Christmas closure. Our old equipment could not be restored and we have a temporary replacement machine.

Staff are working hard on the backlog of processing and reconciliations.

We are looking forward to new replacement equipment. Other ongoing challenges include developing our Asset Management Plan, in conjunction with other Council departments, the Department of Local Government, and the Local Government Association of Queensland.

We welcomed Dianne Winkle to the team in November. Dianne successfully completed formal training in Asset Maintenance while she was a CDEP participant, and is now our permanent part-time cleaner.

Another staff change this year will be the retirement of our long-serving Accounts Clerk, Vera Auld.

Vera will be hard to replace, and will be missed by all.

...Mayor Desmond reflects...

“I think I’ve come a long way from where I started,” Mayor Desmond Tayley says.

“I have no regrets in becoming a councillor, and I’ve learned a lot from where I started out.

“I think I’ve learned a lot from people around me, and that’s people past and present, people within my community and also people from outside the community as well, who have given me good advice.

“Some good advice, some not so good advice, I should add.

“I’ve learned to listen and, I think, work with people and a lot of the things I see around me now are things we never had when I first started. I’m very grateful to have been in here for so long and just having that community support is very important.

“Without community support and family support and without having your partner’s support, a lot of these things aren’t worth much

“When all of that comes into play, when you get the support from everyone around you, it makes your job a lot easier and you can do a lot for the community.

“For one thing here in the office and administration, we’ve had a very good stable staff with very low turnover. And we’ve managed to maintain that for the last eight to nine years, you know that’s been pretty good.

“I’ve had experience in the past where you had high turnover, and that’s not good for an organisation.

“The most important thing is, regardless of who the leader is on the day, that person must have the best interests of the community at heart. They have to be there for them to achieve the outcomes for all of the community, not as individuals.

“You might get individual reward, but that comes along with working with community and working with people around you and people outside. Just having the right attitude within yourself, you must have a positive attitude towards working with other people as well.

“If you’re very dogmatic or you don’t take good advice when it’s given to you things will go pear shaped. The other thing is if you don’t have Traditional Owner support a lot of projects won’t go ahead. I’m quite fortunate that I am part of that Traditional Owner family group, and also a community member who grew up here in Wujal, and I’ve managed to have that support. That has made my job a lot easier in Council, and that’s been good.

“One of the biggest things we’ve worked through over the years I think, has been the transition from Community Services Act to the Local Government Act.

“We had to change our way of doing, providing Local Government Services in regards to policies and procedures, financial accountability and all that, and, most importantly, community governance in Council as well.

“That was very challenging.

“Trying to bring community on board and explain the whole process to them was very hard because you had a lot of former Councillors out there, community people who were used to the Community Services Act where they got so used to Council doing far more than they should have been.

“To this day we still have to work hard to re-educate community on our role as Local Government.

“I think, over the years and past and present Council has laid the



WWASC's newsletter first published in July 2006

foundation so the building blocks are there for future Councils to continue on the same path. I hope they learn from what has been done and continue on with that good work. “On a personal level, I think being on the Council has been very rewarding and the most enjoyment I’ve had is seeing projects come to completion. It’s good to see the look on people’s face and say: ‘Oh, okay, this is what our Council has done for us, for the benefit of the community.’

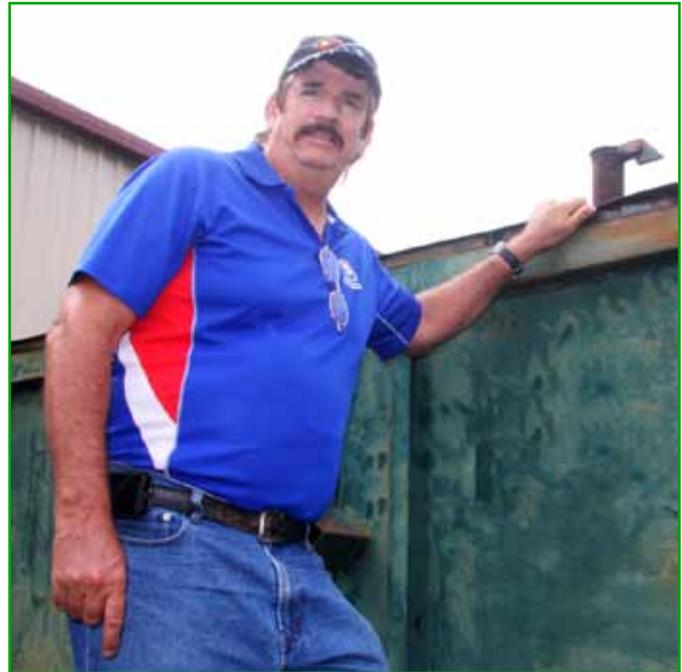
“That for me is, I don’t know how to explain it, but it’s been good, and there has been a number of projects in the past 11 years that we achieved for this community.

“I think the highlight would be I would say the promise of a bridge and the second would be the Arts Centre and third, if you want to put it in line, would be the sports field.

“Last, but not least, it’s been good working with the staff I have, past and present. I think put all those people together for what they’ve done to help to make the Council job a lot easier, and it’s all been good.”

Focus on: **... Community Development ...**

A new funding program called Healthy Communities is about to dramatically expand in the capacity of council-supported activities and programs, Community Development Officer Garry Ashworth writes.



The Healthy Communities program involves working with the local police, school and clinic.

We applied for the funding, which will be shared between Cooktown and Wujal Wujal over two years.

As a result the Men's and Women's group in particular will be able to develop new activities.

Men's Group Coordinator Guy Stephens has been working on programs and said at least 20 men have turned up to each of the last three meetings, which is excellent news.

So we've been talking about how Healthy Communities will help him to put together a lot more activities and programs, so the young men of this community can start to grow as individuals with the support of the older generation working with them.

We're looking at making the different programs a bit more tuned in to family units so we can help individuals and families in the Harm Reduction Alcohol Reform program we already have in place.

In broadening our activities with the extra funding it will be possible to stabilise our sporting programs, which will give more people better opportunities to get more involved.

As well as this with our Justice Group and Life Promotion Support Unit we have demonstrated leaders who do their best to making sure individuals participate in healthy eating, physical activity and healthy lifestyle programs, to divert the people's attention from the negatives that may occur in their lives.

The other project that is working well in the community is the

Bana Yirriji Arts and Cultural Centre.

Some of our artists attended CIAF last year and were inspired by the different artwork displayed.

The good news is the Centre is now supported by Arts Queensland and Office for the Arts.

Funding has been made available to employ an Arts Centre Manager for six months, and that should tide us over until some Commonwealth Government funds come through.

Advertisements for the position was placed in the Cooktown News, Cairns Post and the Local Government Directory.

This will mean we may be able to open seven days a week, rather than three days, and that will have a big impact on the community in general.

Men's Group growing from strength to strength

Men's Group coordinator Guy Stephens says the group is currently travelling strongly, with more than 20 people turning up for their weekly pool and darts comps most weeks.

"Every Wednesday from about 5.30 to about 8.30-9 we run a barbecue up there and a pool comp and pretty much sit around and discuss anything that's on our minds," he said.

"We also like to have guest speakers up there, and they sort of range from police to some medical to

traditional owners and whatever else is going on in the community that we might want to talk to the lads about.

"Lately there's been a few issues around horses so a couple of weeks ago we had to talk to the young fellows about that.

"One of the other things we've been doing on Saturday mornings is running a dog wash next to the supermarket there, so that's been pretty good, positive.

"We'll continue on for the rest of the year with that every Saturday from about 8am to 11am, and all we really want from it is maybe a gold coin donation to the Men's Group.

"We're hoping to have some more fishing and hunting trips.

"We do encourage everyone to come up there and actually in the near future we're planning to have a mixed night where women can come along as well, so they can see what we're up to up there; it's all good, clean fun."



Vincent takes on new position under RFDS traineeship

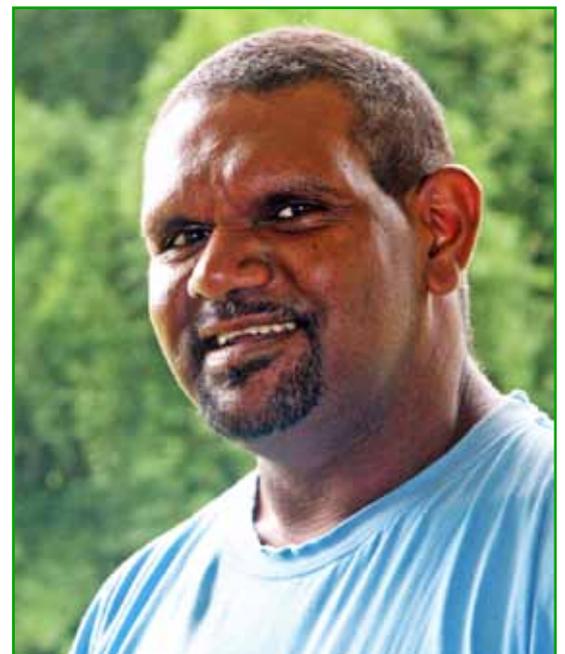
Social & Emotional Wellbeing worker Vincent Tayley has taken up his new position under a traineeship funded by the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

He only started in late January but was already looking forward to working with young people in particular.

"I'm looking forward to working with all the young ones and the whole community with things like getting parents more involved with their kids, taking them fishing and doing their own stuff, for example.

"So, I'm going to be working on that, and just trying to make this community come together.

"I'm looking forward to it, yeah, change life a bit, you know."



**Dawn Harrigan
Life Promotion Officer**

"This year I have a lot more training with mental health planned, they are two-day courses so there'll be more of those throughout this year," Dawn says.

"I will be doing some community consultation as well, for the National Youth Week funding so we'll see what people want; maybe we can put in for that."

High on the Community Justice Group's agenda are issues ranging from parental supervision through to a spike in domestic violence cases over the past six months.



Chair Doreen Ball (pictured below with Alma Ball & Joan Beacroft) said she was particularly concerned about kids swimming in crocodile infested creeks without any supervision.

"The kids know the crocodile's there, but they still go and swim," she said.

"If something happens they'll be swearing at Justice, the Police and Council, so we've been talking about how we can take care of those kids swimming."

CJG coordinator Joan Beacroft said there were warnings on the radio and on notice boards.

"But it's up to the parents to supervise where their children are," she said.

"We have a problem with young people riding horses in the community.

"We have lost a number of horses due to ill treatment and riding horses to death due to a lack of knowledge of how to care for animals."

Both were also concerned about vehicles on the beach, and reported Cook Shire said it was illegal for recreational vehicles; four wheel drives and motorbikes to drive below the high water mark.

Ms Ball said the vehicles were chasing the pipis away.

"We all like to get pipis but there are hardly any; I was down there again on the weekend to look for some but nothing," she said.

"I tried all along the beach and I feel that the vehicles are causing it and drivers are not respecting

Traditional Owners which is very disappointing in these times of reconciliation.

"We'd like to ask anyone who sees these vehicles on the beach to get their registration numbers or take photos on their mobile phones and bring them to the Justice Group so we can send them on to the Cook Shire who will then write to all those people.

"We are all responsible for protecting our beaches and environment."

Ms Beacroft said on the community there had an increase in domestic violence incidents.

"We have six Wujal men in Lotus Glen serving sentences for domestic violence," she said.

"Young men who have never been in trouble before are coming now before the court for losing their tempers.

"Walk away and cool down. Get some help. We can arrange counselling and support services.

"We have Dawnie Harrigan from Life Promotion and counsellors that come into the community every week.

"Men's Group is on Wednesday afternoons and it is a great place to go and have a feed and a yarn and talk with others who are experiencing the same problems.

"You are not alone and you can get some good ideas on things to help you cope."



Drumming up a storm at the PCYC



Clara Nunn with Benjamin Deeral, Winston Deeral, Ronan Bassani, Cleon Doughboy & Jukai Greenwool

Casual employee Clara Nunn has been busy opening the PCYC on a daily basis for after-school activities after a successful holiday season.

“Over the school holiday we had programs with AFL and the Doyle Family Show,” she said.

“Then they had a barbecue and the AFL team took the kids down to the beach so they stayed there the whole afternoon.

“My position on school weeks is that I open at 2pm and close at 5pm.

“It’s just with kids colouring-in activities, crafts and music, also there’s an indoor cricket area and one on one basketball.

“The drums are owned by the Council, and are for young and old people to use .

“At the moment it’s mainly the school children that comes in here in the afternoon, sometimes they come in with their little young brothers and sisters, or even with their granny or auntie and uncles coming as well.”

She said young people were always welcome and they were looking for people to help out as well.

RIBS’ staff moving forward

Four staff at the community radio station in Wujal will be continuing their studies this year.

Manager Noelana Flinders said she was hoping to do her Certificate IV, while Keely and Letisha will be working on their Cert II & IIIs.

“The girls are doing a wonderful job in this radio station, getting everything all together, interviews, recordings,” Ms Flinders said.

“Congratulations to them for doing that, and also to Ethel for last year for completing her Certificate II and III in media.”

Keely, who started in August last year, said she was enjoying the job.

“I work on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays, in the morning or after lunch and I just play music – R&B, reggae, some country, classic,” Keely said.

Meanwhile Ethel Winkle is still on board, although about to present her children Katelyn and Keanan with a new brother or sister.

Community Development Officer Garry Ashworth said the station was doing well.

“We got the internet connected the other day



and we got special new sort of way of downloading songs from the main office in Cairns,” he said.

“That will be an overnight thing so instead of having another radio station on air, we’ll have full download for that day we can actually play while we’re not on air ourselves, which is really, really super,” he said.

“And the girls are doing great, they’ve really come along very good.”

Finally it's out with the old (kitchen) & in with the new at Community Care



Clockwise from Left: Danny Gordon, James Friday, Sharon Anderson, Gladys Friday, Delanie Shipton, Anna Baird & Mabel Yougie

“Quite a bit of progress” has marked the new year period for Wujal Wujal’s community care centre already, coordinator Sharon Anderson says.

“We’re having upgrades this year; they’re finally happening,” she said.

We’ve had Government grants through HACC and the Department of Health and Ageing.

“Our kitchen has been specially designed to meet all the legislative requirements.

“So we’ll end up with a really, really good kitchen as well as a few extensions.

“We also have a whole facility upgrade although we probably will run out of money before that’s completed, but we should get a fair way with it. The whole facility upgrade allows for a drive-through car park and two of the bathrooms to be completely disability-friendly, and we hope to have the money for the outdoor area, laundry and the shed at the back.”

She said they would also be registered as a cyclone shelter.

“It will be a shelter for people to come to after a cyclone because we will have an area where we feed people and help out the community,” she said. Community Development Officer Garry Ashworth said the biggest plus on that front was not to have to move the Elders in the event of a storm. That’s really going to be our big plus, so now we’re looking at funding to help to make that a stronger and more safer place as well looking for a generator,” he said.

“It’s central and it has stability in the sense that it’s a block building. The Government is going to send in an engineer of some sort to inspect it and give us some advice on upgrades to make sure.”

Back to the Centre’s operations, Ms Anderson also said their client base was building with more clients from Ayton and Bloomfield coming on board.

“We are finding more people eligible for our community aged care packages and basically we’re providing a very good service,” she said.

“Nobody has to leave the area unless they choose to do so because they can get looked after here until the very end in most cases.”

And finally, Sharon has just finished her own Diploma in Community Services and is forever encouraging her staff to follow in her footsteps.

“The girls are just about to get back to their study, they only have a few more months to go to complete their second Certificate 3 with Sandy Kelly at QATSIHWEPAC,” she said. “Sandy has delivered the training on community to the girls and it’s been going very well so they will be finished in June.”

Mayor Desmond Tayley said he wanted to congratulate Sharon and her staff for a job well done.

“Sharon works very hard and all of that work is now showing,” he said. “The Centre has been going really well, Sharon has been there for a long time as the co-ordinator, they’ve got stable staff there as well, and I’ve got nothing but praise for all of them. They’ve done it in a way where community can go and visit the old people when they have functions, or they can go one on one and meet their family there as well. Congratulations to all of them, and again, well done!”

One king tide is all it takes to be...



...IMPASSABLE!

Mayor Desmond Tayley already identified it as one of the most important things he has achieved over his time as Mayor and Councillor - but when will the new bridge go ahead? See the next few pages for all the news - including where the bridge is at - from Tech Services, brought to you by the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council!!!

CDEP looking for job ideas

"The main plan for us is to put in projects on the ground that participants are happy to work on," Community Development Officer for Cairns Regional CDEP Ernie Williams (pictured right with Claudia Doughboy) says.

He won't be here for much longer before a permanent replacement arrives, but Mr Williams said he wanted to encourage the community to come in and have a yarn to them.

"My ideal plan is that people around the community will come in and have a talk with us and tell us what they would like to see in the community and what projects that the participants would like to do, like to work on," he said.

"We have about 71 active participants and we're trying to accommodate for all and definitely happy to recruit more."

He said already the new centre was being put to good use.

"We had a couple of groups of people come in and have meetings here," he said.



Focus on: Technical Services...

Essential repairs have been carried out on roads damaged by Cyclone Yasi and finalisation of these works should occur over the coming year, writes Technical Services Manager, Jaime Guedes...



As I write, all roads are trafficable and deemed safe.

On top of these Yasi-related repairs, Council continues with its scheduled daily business within the Shire.

In relation to the Woobadda Creek crossing, which was discussed in our previous newsletter (and which the Council deems critical in terms of safety and access to our Shire), Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) has now provided a Draft Planning Study and Terms of Reference for negotiation and agreement with the Far North Queensland Regional Road Group (FNQRRG). WTMA will not consider a permit for works on the Woobadda Creek crossing project until this planning study is complete.

Cairns, Cook and Wujal Wujal Councils, and Department of Transport & Main Roads

representatives are at present reviewing a draft plan. Cairns Regional Council has indicated it will undertake the planning study in-house and is ready to initiate this once the Terms of Reference are locked down.

We consider this very good progress and it is hoped this process will progress much needed infrastructure.

There have been some great improvements in the area of Animal Management and Environmental Health, particularly in dog management and weed control.

I congratulate Animal Management Worker, Eddie Madsen and Environmental Health Worker, Bobby Kulka, on the control of the sickle pod in our area to the point where we are now only carrying out spot-spraying.

Since the first storms and rains the Parks and



*Pictured: p 12
Jaime Guedes &
Linda Leftwich
p 13 Left: Bobby Kulka,
Jackie Ball, Charlie
Walker & Jeffry Yougie;
Below Left: John Lyall;
and Below: Chris Upite
& Ryan Footer*



Gardens crew have been very busy keeping the grass mowed as well as carrying out scheduled parks and gardens work.

In regard to our Essential Services Unit (Water and Sewerage), it is pleasing to see the keeping of a high standard of service delivery to the community by this unit.

The construction of the new raw water rising main and associated works is complete and we are now into the one-year warranty period for these works. The new South Side Water Reticulation will service the residents of the south side of the Bloomfield River, and these works are expected to be completed by the end of this month.

In regards to social housing and all associated

works, we have had to ramp up the workforce of the Building Unit to be able to complete the various projects Council has been awarded to carry out. That includes winning the contract for construction of a new housing sub-division and earthworks which was commenced in the first week of December 2011.

Despite the imminent onset of the wet season, all parties really wanted this project to progress as quickly as possible – so far we have been lucky and the work is progressing well, which is great news for all of us.

On a personal note I wish a safe wet season to all and hope everyone takes particular care when traversing roads, creeks and rivers in flood.



Top: Nursery workers taking a well-earned break, including the Council's most elderly worker Jimmy Olbar (left); Above: Bruce Harrigan & Chris with Gauai Wallace; Left: PJ Nandy (Jnr)

Warning to pet owners – dogs and horses!

Any dogs in the community which aren't being looked after or are allowed to wander may be put down next time the community's vet pays a visit, Animal Management Officer Eddie Madsen says.

A recent visit by the vet saw nearly 20 unwanted dogs culled.

"We had so many females running around the community and we euthanised 17 unwanted dogs, most of them were quite healthy but they were unwanted dogs," he said.

"We do have a problem here with the dogs wandering out on their own, starting to go bored, hunting whatever they can hunt, whatever they can chase.

"They're not aggressive dogs or anything; it's just that they start to become a danger to people walking on roads – they may accidentally be attacked."

He said a registration process for dogs kicked off in December last year and horses were next.

He has also been working with Cairns Regional Council and Cook Shire Council to identify the horses and attempt to find homes for them, and said he was



Lance Green having a quick look over some of the statistics with Eddie Madsen

one of about a dozen people from Cape York about to get into their Certificate IV in Animal Control and Regulation at Queensland University.

"We're up to the highest level bar a bachelor's degree, so I'm fully trained," he said.



Top Left:
Keisha & Ivy;



Top Right:
Lisa Walker & Reatha Williams;

Right: Les Doughboy, Jordan Diamond, Asharia Diamond & Robyn Bloomfield enjoying the shade of the mango tree.



Councillor Cedric Friday (left) says everything is going well since work started up again in the New Year. 'And hopefully we'll get some more houses up, building this year,' he said, "That'll be good because there's been overcrowding for the last couple of years and people need their own house. "Hopefully we get them up this year. "The Arts Centre's been going good as well. "That's all can say. "Everything is up and running properly again."



With big smiles all around these kids were waiting for their new bus to take them to school

