

MBCA report on CCRC meeting April 22nd 2010

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All councillors in attendance.

- The Mayor commented that the CCRC now has flags with the logo on it and one is framed and displayed in the Tully boardroom.
- Interviews for the position of Economic Development Officer will be held early May.
- Year of Women in local Government: a special function will be organised at the 12th of August CCRC meeting in Innisfail and Minister Desley Boyle will be in attendance.
- Cassowary Coast new Planning Scheme: The Statement of Proposals for new Planning scheme is now ready for publication and public comment. All stakeholders will get a copy and copies will be available at the libraries and council offices. Drop in sessions will be organised in the 4 major townships in June at the libraries to give feedback to Council planning staff.
- Wet Tropics Water Resource Planning Process. Submissions have to be in by 30th April. Council will arrange for representatives from water boards, cane growers and banana growers to be on the community reference panel.
- Planning approvals: Development permit for reconfiguration of a lot (two) lots in to 44 stage 3 & 3A was approved, Campbell Street and Rick Road. (Blennerhassett)
- A lengthy discussion was held on the report by Paul Devine with regards to the costs and benefits of assuming control of those parts of the Cassowary Coast Region's foreshores not under council control. The Council resolved to:
 1. Make and application to the Minister for the Governor in Council to, by gazette notice, place defined areas of foreshore under the control of Council pursuant to Section 936 of the Local Government Act 1993.
 2. Develop, through appropriate consultation "strategy defining vehicle use on beaches throughout the Cassowary Coast Region" that can be used to inform future CCRC policy and Local Laws. (The Council seek to control of all remaining mainland foreshore areas within the region (excluding the area south of Pig Creek and running to the boundary with Hinchinbrook Island). Moved Jennifer Downs. Seconded: Carmel Silvestro. Against Ian Rule and Mark Nolan. **Note:** At the moment there are different rules for different beaches (the area between below high and low tide, for example at Wongaling you can use the beach as a high way and drive up 100 kph)