

TULLY AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2010 – 4854 REPORT



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TULLY AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2010 REPORT CARD

POST CODE REGION 4854

This report was compiled by Ross La Fauci, on behalf of the Tully and District Chamber of Commerce.

The report is the first report of this type instigated by the Tully and District Chamber of Commerce. The area covered in this report includes Tully and extends to suburbs and villages of Bulgun, West Feluga, East Feluga, Merryburn, Tully Heads, Hull Heads, Silky Oak, Euramo, Murray Upper, Bilyana and Jarra Creek.

Aim

The aim of the Report is:

- (a) To provide CCRC (Cassowary Coast Regional Council) with a document that can be used to assist council when planning maintenance work for this region.
- (b) To enable CCRC to refer to the document when planning new or replacement infrastructure for this region.
- (c) To assist CCRC with a list of items in the 4854 Post Code area that requires attention.
- (d) For the Tully and District Chamber of Commerce to communicate to CCRC items of infrastructure necessary for this region to progress.
- (e) To have a document that can be easily reviewed on a regular basis. The review would allow completed items to be removed from the report while enabling new items to be added to the report.
- (f) To provide the Tully and District Chamber of Commerce with a vehicle for liaison with community organizations such as progress associations in order to maintain and update the report.

- (g) To give CCRC the opportunity to budget for high cost items. Items in the report such as single lane bridge replacement will need to be planned and budgeted for years in advance.
- (h) Give CCRC the opportunity to communicate with Tully and District Chamber of Commerce any progress on items contained in the report.

This report will be reviewed annually by the Tully and District Chamber of Commerce. Completed items contained in the report will be removed and stored on a separate list for referral at a later date. Items that have not been addressed or have been started but not completed will remain on the list.

The reporting date for all items in this report that are not highlighted in blue is 1st May 2009, even though items such as the Welcome to Tully Sign / Feature have been in progress for about 9 years.

Risk Management

This report makes reference to safety risks. The Chamber recommends that official documented risk assessments undertaken by either CCRC, the Tully and District Chamber of Commerce or a third party is carried out by a competent person who has been trained in a recognised risk management course. The five step risk management process should be applied to all items contained in the report. The five step risk management process is:

- Step.1 Identify the hazard,
- Step.2 Assess the level of risk and liability,
- Step.3 Decide on risk control measures (This can be achieved by working through the Hierarchy of Risk Control).
- Step.4 Implement the risk control measures,
- Step.5 Monitor and review that risk control measures are successful.

COMPLETER ITEMS LIST

Security Cameras - Tully CBD

There are a number of security cameras that are non-operational in Tully CBD. The Chamber understands that there is money (\$20,000) set aside in CCRC accounts specifically for security cameras in Tully and given recent high profile criminal activities in the area, the installation of new effective security cameras should be fast-tracked.

New Cameras have been installed at the intersection of Butler Street and Still Street. Further security cameras are required at the top and bottom ends of Butler Street.

Rubbish Dump Sign

Improved signage stating the opening hours is required at the Tully Transfer Station.

Opening hours has been painted on the bottom of the existing sign. This is adequate in the short term until a new sign is made.

Parking Inspector

Tully CBD is a designated 2 hour parking area. The CBD includes a number of loading and no parking zones. Vehicles are being parked for up to 8 hours at a time in Butler Street. Loading zones and no parking zones are being abused. Tully requires a parking inspector to police the area.



Parking Inspector needed

Completed

A Parking Inspector has been policing Tully CBD

Roadside Housekeeping

On Lower Tully Road just a short distant from Lentini Road are several heaps of old concrete slabs. The irresponsible person responsible for dumping this rubbish there should be made to collect it. This is the worst piece of housekeeping possible from a carrying contractor. CCRC should clean up the rubbish and bill those responsible.



Roadside Lower Tully Road

Completed

The rubbish has been removed.

Untidy Entrance to Tully

Queensland Rail has repaired the fence at the old railway station. Work is progressing on re-roofing the old saw-mill building and old stored vehicles have been removed from another property. More work is still required to have the owners of the old BP service station keep the vacant allotment clean.



**Dilapidated building with
with asbestos roof
Building Demolished**



Rubbish dumped in vacant block

**Rubbish Removed
grass requires cutting**

Mosquito infestation

There is a mosquito infestation at Murray Upper State School especially during the wet season and periods of prolonged wet weather.

Completed - CCRC reported this issue to the relevant State Government Department.

Tully Aerodrome Road

Suitable for the short term

East Feluga Road

Some work has been completed to widen a large section of this road (refer to P13).

Aerodrome and Business Shopping Sign

Aerodrome sign and Business and Shopping Centre signs are also faded.

Completed - Signs have been replaced



Signs Faded need replacing

SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS

Shortage of residential allotments

The Cassowary Coast Regional Council is committed to release residential land it owns in Pease and Campbell Streets as follows:

Stage 1 Pease Street, 3 allotments – in progress

Stage 2 Campbell Street, 17 allotments – work to commence in July 2010

Stage 3 Campbell Street, 19 allotments – develop as demand requires

Clifford residential development - in progress

Rigato residential development - no further progress

Old building and spare allotments

A new State Emergency Service building was constructed some years ago adjacent to the Tully fire station. The purpose of the old State Emergency Service building is now questionable. The Chamber is proposing that the old building and the adjoining two blocks of vacant land be sold to developers on the condition that buildings for commercial use are constructed. There is a shortage of good commercial business and office space in Tully.

Alternatively the old State Emergency Service building could be repaired to meet the appropriate building Codes and be the site for a regional museum / art gallery.

CCRC have made an application to the State Government to purchase the building. If the application is successful CCRC should inform the Chamber of the proposed plans for the site.

Cardstone Village

The area of land that was once the village of Cardstone should be sold to developers. Rafting companies may be interested in developing this area.

CCRC are now the owners of the old Cardstone Village site. CCRC should now formulate a development plan for the site and advise the Chamber.

Funding for items in the report

The money to fund items in this report would come from a number of sources namely CCRC, State and Federal Governments. The Chamber is proposing that the Pease Street land, the old building near the Leagues Club and the two adjacent allotments and the former Cardstone Village be sold and the money raised be used to fund some items in this report. The money should be put back into this area.

WALKWAYS & BIKEWAYS

Murray Street Walkway / Bikeway

The current walkway along Murray Street is part of the roadway. Walkers and joggers are separated from traffic movement only by a white line painted on the bitumen road. Vehicles parked on the side of the road are actually parked in the walking zone. Walkers are required to walk onto the roadway when walking around the parked vehicle. This exposes them to road traffic. Road traffic along Murray Street is expected to increase dramatically in coming years with the subdivisions of Rigarto and Colombini coming on line. A risk assessment of this walkway would reveal that this is a high risk walkway.

The Murray Street walkway begins at Cook Street and extends to Kier Road intersection. There is no walkway along Keir Road. Walkers are able to walk on the grassed roadside when the grass has been cut but during the wet season when the grass cannot be cut on a regular basis walkers walk on the road because the grass is too long.

Suggested Action

Construct a dedicated walkway / bikeway along the footpath of Murray Street. The walkway /bikeway should extend along Murray St. around the intersection of Keir Rd. along Keir Rd joining up with Bamber St. The walkway / bikeway should be a minimum of 1.5 m wide to allow joint use by both walkers and bicycle riders. The surface should be constructed of a non slip non mildew substance like asphalt.



Murray Street walkway



Between Keir Rd and Bamber St

New King St. Walkway / Bikeway

The Chamber is proposing a new walkway / bikeway be constructed to link existing walkways / bikeways. The new walkway / bikeway should begin at the Banyan Bridge and pass behind the Gem Club along the western bank of the Banyan Creek behind the show grounds along to King St. At King St. the walkway / bikeway would include a right angle bend then along the footpath of King St. and Webb St. on its way to Bryant St. walkway in front of the hospital, crossing Murray St. walkway / bikeway along the way.

New Alligator's Nest Walkway / Bikeway

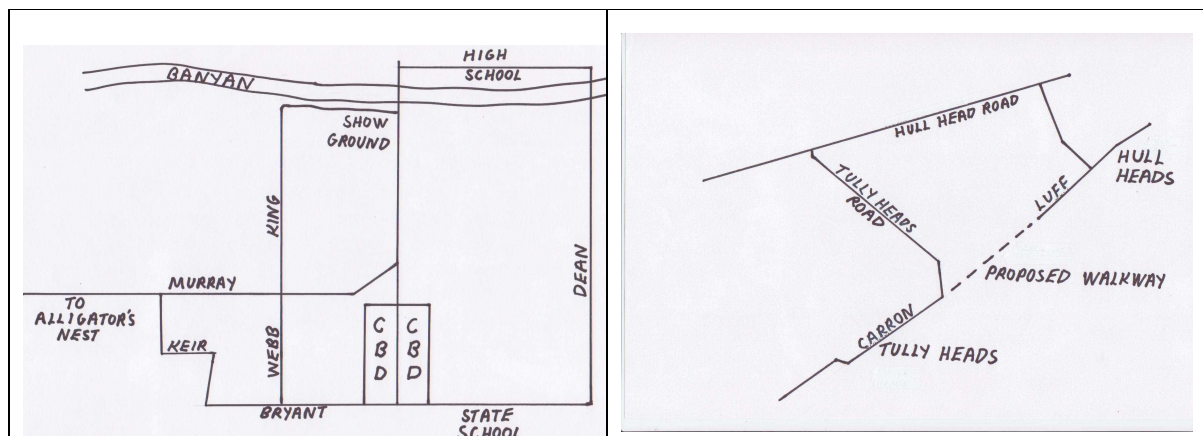
The Chamber is also proposing a new walkway / bikeway be constructed from Kier Road intersection to Alligator's Nest. Alligator's Nest is a popular recreational area with locals and backpackers. Currently backpackers walk on the road to get to Alligator's Nest. This is a high risk activity and should be discouraged. The new walkway / bikeway should be wide enough for both walkers and bicycle riders. The surface should be sealed with asphalt.

The new walkways / bikeways will form part of the Northern Walkway / bikeway linking the High School, King Street, Murray Street, Keir Road, Alligator's Nest, Bamber Street and Bryant Street walkways / bikeways.

High School Walkway / Bikeway

The high school walkway / bikeway start at the base of Butler Street, crossing the Banyan Creek and stops about 100 metres from the Tully State High School.

The chamber is proposing that this walkway / bikeway be extended past the high school all the way to the south Banyan Bridge (Tip Byrne Bridge). From there the walkway / bikeway would go west towards the cemetery and then turn along Bryant Street until it connects onto the existing walkway / bikeway in front of the State School. This walkway / bikeway would be known as the Southern Walkway / Bikeway.



Tully walkway / bikeway when completed

Tully Heads / Hull Heads Walkway / bikeway when completed

The above sketch on left shows the Tully walkway / bikeway route when the northern and southern walkways / bikeways are linked together. The right sketch shows the proposed Tully Heads / Hull Heads walkway / bikeway.

Tully Heads / Hull Heads Walkway / Bikeway

The Chamber is proposing the construction of a walkway / bikeway linking Tully Heads and Hull Heads. Infrastructure such as this is necessary for locals and tourists. The favored route is from the site of the previous Bedarra View Van Park along Carron Esplanade, along Tully Heads Road to Coogarra Beach Van Park, along Tully Hull Road down Niblett Street back along Luff Street and then back to Carron Esplanade via the beach front. The walkway / bikeway should be wide enough for both walkers and bicycle riders and sealed with asphalt. Refer to above diagram.

Mt. Tyson Walking Track

CCRC to liaise with appropriate State Government Departments to construct a walking track up Mt. Tyson to Scout's Rock. The walking track should be constructed in a manner that would give the average person a reasonable opportunity to climb to Scout's Rock and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Misty Mountains Walking Tracks

CCRC to work with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Society and Environmental Protection Authority and others government departments to clear and rehabilitate walking tracks through the Misty Mountains. Walking tracks damaged by Cyclone Larry still not been fixed more than three years later.

ROADS

Some issues identified under Roads & Bridges are the responsibility of State and Federal Governments. Large amounts of money are required to fund these projects. The Tully and District Chamber of Commerce expect CCRC to work with the appropriate authorities to have the roads and bridges brought up to 21st Century standard.

If State and Federal Governments shy away from these projects, the CCRC must apply pressure by whatever means they see fit to keep these projects on a priority list of important infrastructure necessary for this region.

Entrance to Tully

Butler Street from the Queensland Rail crossing to Tully CBD is constantly being patched with bitumen. Potholes appear as soon as it rains which is on a regular basis. Heavy traffic using this road during the cane crushing season also contributes to the deteriorating road conditions. The intersection of Butler Street, Murray Street and Tully Sugar Mill is a high risk intersection with the potential for a serious incident. There are no turn off or merging lanes at the intersection. Vehicles are required to stop in the centre of the road while waiting for vehicles to turn off into Murray Street or Tully Sugar Mill,

Note: This section of road has further deteriorated in the past 12 months. It is unacceptable to have the pot holes match every second weekend. The north lane between the Banyan Bridge and the Queensland Railway line is almost impassible during periods of rain. A permanent solution is required.

Suggested Action

The road from the rail crossing to the CBD should be ripped out and replaced with a new all weather asphalt road. A passing lane and a merging lane should be incorporated into the new road for Murray Street and Tully Sugar Mill (entrance No.2) road traffic. This will allow vehicles to turn off into Murray Street and Tully Sugar Mill while still allowing traffic to flow.

Bruce Highway - High School to Vaughan Street Intersection

This section of highway is well below highway standard. Numerous potholes appear each time it rains. The size of the potholes is increasing each time they appear. The Rudd Federal Labor Government has stated that more money is being allocated to the section of the Bruce Highway between Sarina and Cairns.

Note: This section of road has further deteriorated in the past 12 months.

Suggested Action

The CCRC should ensure they do whatever is necessary to have this section of the Bruce Highway placed on a priority list with Main Roads Department. This section of road should be completely ripped out and replaced. The new road should incorporate

a turn off lane and a merging lane. This would enable traffic to turn off or merge from Aerodrome Road, Andersen Street, and business houses east of the highway.

Bruce Highway – Old Tully Road Intersection

Southern Intersection (near Flegler's farm) was the scene of a three car accident on 16/5/08. The accident could have been avoided had there been a passing lane for southbound traffic. The intersection already has a turn off lane for northbound vehicles.

Suggested Action

Liaise with Main Roads Department to have this intersection upgraded. The upgrade should include a passing lane for southbound traffic. This will allow Old Tully Road traffic to turn off safely while southbound traffic continues to flow.

Bruce Highway – Old Tully Road Northern Intersection

The northern intersection of Bruce Highway and Old Tully Road (near O'Kane's farm) lacks a reasonable length turn off lane. The current turn off lane used for northbound traffic turning into Old Tully Road is too short and barely holds one vehicle. A number of near miss incidents have occurred here.

It is disappointing to see that that this section of road was resealed before Christmas without any attempt to extend the current turn off lane. A great opportunity was lost.

Suggested Action

Liaise with Main Roads Department to have the existing turn off lane increased in length.

Bruce Highway - Vaughan Street Intersection

The intersection of Bruce Highway and Vaughan Street has no turn off lane for vehicles traveling either north or south. Vehicles are required to be stationary in the centre of the driving lane bringing all other vehicles to a stand still until oncoming traffic is clear and the vehicle can turn into Vaughan Street. Turning vehicles are put into a very dangerous situation with the potential of being hit from behind.

Suggested Action

Liaise with Main Roads Department to have turn-off lanes installed.

Bruce Highway - Mission Beach Intersection

The intersection of Bruce Highway and Mission Beach (near Tully) requires a merging lane. Near misses occur frequently many times per day. It is common practice for vehicles travelling onto the Bruce Highway to not give right-of-way to Highway traffic. This is a high risk intersection with the potential for serious accidents.

The condition of the bitumen surface at this intersection has further deteriorated in the past 12 months.

Suggested Action

Liaise with Main Roads Department to have a merging lane installed.

East Feluga Road

A section of the East Feluga Road resembles a goat track. The road is narrow with pothole edges. The road also contains a number of sharp bends and single lane bridges. This road becomes the main road to East Feluga and the Mission Beach areas during times of floods when Whiting's Bridge is impassable to all vehicles.

Some work to widen the road has been completed but the single lane bridges were left as they were. Single lane bridges / culverts that require replacement are:

- (a) Between block numbers 463 and 465.**
- (b) Near block number 225.**
- (c) At Little Banyan Creek – Frank Davis Bridge.**

Tully Heads Road

The widened section of Tully Heads Road invites vehicles to drive all the way from the middle of the road to the edge of the bitumen. This is where pedestrians walk. There is a high likelihood of an accident between a vehicle and a pedestrian on this strip of road.



Tully Heads Road showing pedestrian sharing roadway with vehicles

Jarra Creek Road

The Jarra Creek Road requires upgrade. This road is the main access road to major farms, the army base, hydro electricity station, Tully Gorge (white water rafting) etc.

North Davidson Road.

North Davidson Road requires sealing and bridgework. This road is primarily used by farm owners and workers, but it could form part of a “tourist loop” onto Cardstone (Tully Gorge) Road.

South Davidson Road

The South Davidson Road requires sealing and bridgework.

Lentini Road and Old Bruce Highway Intersection

The south western side of this intersection is overgrown with grass and it is almost impossible to see vehicles approaching the intersection from the new Bruce Highway

Suggested Action

CCRC to cut the grass at intersection

Tully Aerodrome Road

Suitable for the short term

SUMMARY OF ROAD CONDITIONS

Very little work on roads was carried out in the 4854 reporting district during the past 12 months. A substandard reseal to a small section of the north end of the Feluga strait was carried out and a small section of highway between the Tully – Mission Beach intersection and the north Banyan Bridge was completed. The three most hazardous areas along this stretch of road were ignored. They are:

1. The Tully – Mission Beach intersection,
2. The south Old Tully Road – Bruce Highway intersection, and
3. The north Old Tully Road – Bruce Highway intersection.

BRIDGES

Bulgun Creek – Farraday Bridge

This is a single lane wooden bridge prone to flooding. The bridge is located on the edge of Bulgun suburb. It has a high traffic usage. The bridge has no guide rails and is a high risk bridge during times of heavy rain. The current is very strong washing up logs and debris each time the water flows over the bridge, which is several times a year. The southern entrance to the bridge is via a sharp, blind, right angle bend.

Suggested Action

Replace the bridge with a modern concrete flood free bridge. The bridge should be located upstream allowing for a realignment of the road. The right angle bend should be eliminated.



The picture shows Farraday’s wooden single lane bridge and the right angle corner. The grassy sides of the southern approach corner completely obscuring vision. The lack of safety rails on the bridge increases the risk of a vehicle falling over the edge.

Mars Creek – Coe Bridge

This bridge is situated on Old Tully Road. This road is very busy with passing traffic including cars, trucks, tractors and school buses. Extra vehicles will use this road as Clifford’s subdivision comes on line.

Suggested Action

Replace the bridge with a two lane concrete culvert.



View traveling north



View traveling south

Coe Bridge



**Bookal Bookal Creek
Livingstone Bridge**

Bookal Bookal Creek – Livingstone Bridge

This bridge is another single lane bridge on a busy road leading to Tully. It is very narrow and difficult to traverse during heavy rain.

Suggested Action

Replace the bridge with a two lane concrete structure / culvert.

Other Bridges

There are numerous single lane bridges in the 4854 Post Code Region that require attention. However Farraday's Bridge, Coe's Bridge and Livingstone's Bridge have been singled out because of their high traffic usage and their close proximity to the township.

GENERAL ITEMS

1. Industrial Estate

Tully desperately needs a designated industrial estate. The industrial building being constructed at Hewitt Siding is proof that Tully has enormous potential for industries supporting the area's main rural industries.

2. Security Cameras – Tully CBD

New Cameras have been installed at the intersection of Butler Street and Still Street. Further security cameras are required at the top and bottom ends of Butler Street.

3. Pedestrian Crossings Paint

The majority of pedestrians crossing in the Tully CBD require re-painting.

4. Sewerage Station Overflow

The sewerage station overflow in King Street requires work to prevent raw sewerage flowing onto neighboring properties during the wet season.

5. Covered Walkway

A covered walkway similar to the existing one located at the northern end of Butler Street should be constructed at the bottom end of Butler Street. A suggested location is above the pedestrian crossing from Mitre 10 to Tully Sea Foods.

6. **Still Street Covered Walkway Roof**

The roof of the walkway requires cleaning. The roof iron particularly on the west side is beginning to turn black from mildew.

7. **Playground Shade Cloth**

Shade cloth should be erected above playground equipment in Thomas Johnston Memorial Park, Margaret Street, Bulgun.

8. **Butler St. Garden Beds**

The garden beds to the entrance of Butler St. and the one on the northern side of the pedestrian crossing near Fav's Meats are too high. They restrict vision for vehicle drivers which makes it difficult to see pedestrians crossing the street. CCRC should have the Safety Co-ordinator undertake a risk assessment of these flower beds. Although there has not yet been a serious incident here the potential for one is very high. Near misses occur frequently.

Suggested Action

Have a competent person undertake a risk assessment of all flower beds in Butler Street with regards to pedestrian safety in mind.



Flowerbeds obscure pedestrian



Entrance to Butler Street

9. **Loading Zones in CBD**

The Chamber would like CCRC to carry out a review of the loading zoned in CBD. Two loading zones located at the bottom of Butler Street (north side of street) have been questioned.

10. **Cricket Grounds Toilet Block**

An upgrade to the toilet block at the Tully cricket ground (aerofield) is required.

11. **Cemetery**

There are a number of graves at the Tully Cemetery that require Council attention.

12. Tully Footpaths

The condition of the footpath in Watkins St. and around the corner into Bryant St. is dreadful. The uneven surface extends all the way to Tigers League Club. Uneven surface, tar, ruts etc have the potential to cause trip and fall injuries. It is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured. The footpath should be paved similar to the footpath in Butler Street.

An attempt was made by CCRC to patch the worst areas with a concrete base filler. However the rain has washed away most of the filler and the footpath in question remains hazardous to the general public.

Suggested action

A full audit of footpaths in Tully should be undertaken and immediate action taken.



Uneven patchy bitumen surface

13. Untidy Entrance to Tully

One of the buildings has been demolished and rubbish from a vacant block of land has been removed. Work is progressing well on another building. However the allotment where old scrap vehicles are kept has not been cleaned up. CCRC now has to ensure that owners of the vacant allotments keep the area neat and tidy. Refer to page 5.



**Old sawmill building
Work in Progress**



**Old vehicles dumped
No Change**

A number of dilapidated buildings and vacant blocks of land are a major eyesore along the highway between the North Banyan Bridge and the Holden dealers. The buildings are a health and safety hazard both from the point of view of building collapse. The fence has not been repaired since it was damaged by the floods.

Suggested Action

CCRC should lease with the business owner to have the scrap vehicles removed.

14. Pathway from Caravan Park

The pathway from the caravan park to Murray Street crosses Tully Sugar rail line. The pathway also crosses on top of a culvert. There are neither warning signs nor handrail on the culvert. This pathway is used constantly mainly by the Korean backpackers. Backpackers are significant contributors to our local economy and every effort should be made to encourage them to stay longer. The safety risk to backpackers using this path can be significantly reduced with only a small outlay.



Pathway crossing rail line and culvert

Suggested Action

Construct a proper concrete walkway in this area that allows backpackers to cross the rail line and the culvert safely. Handrails should also be installed on the culvert. This should be carried out in conjunction with Tully Sugar Limited.

15. Aerodrome upgrade

There is a need to upgrade either the Tully aerodrome or Dallachy Creek aerodrome.

16. Bitumen Streets

The bitumen surface of Thurles Street and Webb Street need to be completed. These streets are in the centre of Tully and look very untidy because of the amount of grass growing in the street. The bitumen surface should extend from gutter to gutter.

17. Recreational Vehicle Rest Area

Tully requires a recreational vehicle rest area. One suggestion is to allocate an area at the north east end of the show grounds. This area is very convenient. The area is close to the CBD and beside the proposed King Street walkway. This is an important piece of infrastructure for the area in that it will encourage tourists to travel into Tully and stay for at least one night.

18. Igloo East Entrance / Exit Lighting

The eastern stairs to the Igloo requires illuminating. Recently a 55year old woman fell down the steps sustaining abrasion and bruising to her hands and knees. It was felt that the darkness of the area contributed to the incident.

19. Bus Shelter Water Bubbler

A water bubbler is required at the bus shelter.

Suggested Action

Install a water bubbler or something similar at the bus shelter.

It is unacceptable not to have fresh water available at the bus shelter in the wettest regions in Australia.



Existing water tap

The tap does not have a handle and therefore cannot be used by the general public. I witnessed a family with two small children wanting a drink of water and all that could be accessed was the tap in the toilets.

20. SES Coordinator

There is a need for the appointment of a State Emergency Service Coordinator to preside over Tully Heads and Hull Heads region. The beach area is generally isolated from Tully during periods of Cyclones and large floods.

21. Tully Heads Kerbside Drains

Kerbside drain in Paradise Palms Drive, Tully Heads needs improvement. During periods of heavy rain significant levels of water fail to drain away from the Kerbside for extended period (several days after flooding has subsided elsewhere).

Suggested Action

A study of the level of the drain be undertaken by CCRC with a view to improving the draining of rain water from roadside.

22. Murray Upper Road

The Murray Upper Road is in need of repair.

23. Corduroy Creek

There is a build up of sand and debris at Corduroy Creek Bridge on Bilyana Road.

24. Recycling provisions

Recycling provisions are required at outlying rubbish dumps.

TULLY HEADS COMMUNITY HALL

1. **Gutters of the Community Hall require cleaning as they are blocked with leaves.**
2. **North east down pipe leaking badly causing down pipe to covered in moss.**
3. A driveway is required from the roadway into the area adjacent to the hall. This area becomes muddy during rain periods.
4. Restrict access to the hall via the vacant land off Melaleuca Drive.
5. Exterior flood light on the corner of the hall requires replacing and area in front of the main door needs illumination.
6. Time switch to be installed to activate outdoor lighting.
7. Garden needs CCRC attention.
8. **Basketball Court**
The basketball court has many low spots where water lies. The court has mildew, is slippery and is in need of a clean. The backboard for the basket ring also requires maintenance. It is impossible to encourage people to use the court while it is in an unsafe condition. Ongoing regular maintenance schedule should be developed and implemented.



Basketball Court water areas



Court mildew and slippery



Driveway entrance



Basketball backboard

9. Designated signed parking area with marked bays needs to be constructed adjacent to the hall.
10. Parking area needs to be illuminated.

SIGNS

1. Welcome to Tully Feature.

The Chamber of Commerce has been promised by the former Cardwell Shire Council that a Welcome to Tully Feature would be constructed and erected south of Tully. The hold up for the feature has been the realignment of the Bruce Highway. This work is now completed and there are good locations for such a sign on the western side of the highway near Lentini Road intersection. The following are examples of shapes and wording of what form a Welcome to Tully Feature might take.



Cardwell Feature



Mission Beach Feature



Tully Heads & Hull Heads Feature



Suggested Action

CCRC allocate funds to construct two Welcome to Tully Features. One feature should be located in the northern region possibly near the Mission Beach intersection and the other to be located west side of the highway near Lentini Road.

Note: Tully is one of the very few towns in Queensland without a welcome feature.

CCRC could consider renting one of the existing billboards south of Tully for use as a Welcome to Tully sign.

2. Tully CBD Sign

The Tully sign at the intersection of Dean Road and Bryant Street should be replaced with a Tully Business and Shopping centre sign with an arrow pointing north. In recent years Tully has expanded out along Jarra Creek and Tully Gorge Road to Maple Terrace. Therefore the Tully sign with an arrow pointing north is no longer relevant.

3. Tully Heads Community Hall Sign

The Community Hall sign at the intersection of Tully Heads Road and Melaleuca Drive requires renewing. It is very difficult to read this sign as the wording has faded

4. Caravan Park Sign

The caravan park sign located near the Murray Street turn off (between the Tully Bowles Club and Sugar Road) is faded and difficult to identify. This is an important sign that directs caravans and backpackers to the park.



Faded Sign



Faded Sign

Suggested Action

CCRC have an obligation to ensure local road side signs are legible and in good condition. Council should contact the caravan park owners to determine who is responsible for the replacement of the signs. There are also similar signs along the Bruce Highway near Shell Service Station and the Information Centre that should also be considered for replacement.

4. Bilyana Rest Stop

The Bilyana Rest Stop sign impaired vision to the north of Old Cardwell Road from Bilyana Rest Stop sign on the Bruce Highway near Dallachy Creek.



Tree obscuring sign



Bilyana Rest Stop

5. Tully Heads / Hull Heads Beach Signs

More signs required at Tully Heads and Hull Heads to inform members of the public not to drive on the beach.

2010 TOP 20 PRIORITY LIST

1. Road entrance to Tully (from Bruce Highway to Pacific Fasteners).
2. **Council to sell its Pease Street Allotments (in progress).**
3. Upgrade the footpaths in Watkins and Bryant Streets
4. Construction of a walkway/bikeway from Tully to Alligator's Nest
5. Construction of a walkway/bikeway from Hull Heads to Tully Heads
6. Recreational vehicle rest area
7. A proper footpath to the Tully Caravan Park
8. A water bubbler at the Tully Transit Centre
9. Construction of Tully Entrance Feature
10. Upgrade caravan park signs
11. Repaint Tully CBD pedestrian crossing
12. Upgrade Tully Heads / Hull Heads beach signs
13. Tully Heads Community Hall basket ball courts
14. Take action on unsightly buildings and features on the main approaches to Tully, including vacant allotments.
15. A dedicated Tully Industrial Estate
16. Roadside maintenance (in particular regular mowing)
17. Old Cardstone Village site.
18. Tully CBD sign (Intersection of Dean Road and Bryant Street).
19. Upgrade Bilyana Rest Stop signs.
20. Replace Mars Creek – Coe Bridge with a two lane culvert.

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Distribute a copy of the report to:
 - i. Cassowary Coast Regional Councils Councillors.
 - ii. Cassowary Coast Regional Council Chief Executive Officer.
2. Representatives of the Cassowary Coast Regional Council and Tully and District Chamber of Commerce to meet approximately six weeks after having received the Report to discuss the Report.

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Mr. Ross La Fauci
Treasurer
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Mr. John Hughes
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