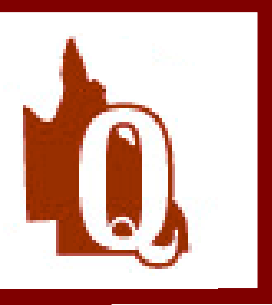


The WON UP!



A Word From The President

Welcome to the 2005 Winter Edition of the Works Officers Association of Queensland Inc. Newsletter.



This year we have reached two new goals with the IPWEAQ (SEQ Branch) and WOAQ Inc. conference at Logan plus the WOAQ Inc. has now its own website.

www.woaq.org



Fred Spinks, Lester Stanley & Steve Robertson

The combined conference at Logan Entertainment on 18 March 2005 was a great success providing useful information from presentation and providing exposure for our corporate members with their displays for the two days. (trade show)

Other corporate members at the conference were Conplant, and C-M Concrete Products.



Graham Martin & Renee Iedema from Pioneer Road Services

The conference was opened by the Mayor of Logan, Councillor John Freeman.

Committee Members

- President: Fred Spinks, Noosa Council
- Secretary: Dermot Bruen, Gold Coast Council
- Treasurer: Carl Hager, Gold Coast Council
- Committee: Colin Rush, Gold Coast Council
- Phil Lakey, Caloundra Shire
- Ian Richardson, Maroochy Shire
- Ian Saunders, Logan Shire
- Paul Newton, Beaudesert Shire
- Michael Joel, Pine Rivers Shire
- Public Relations Officer: Ian Price, Gold Coast Council

AGM is once again with us and this gives a special time for members and corporate members to have contact and also the opportunity for Councils to put forward their work mates for a position on the committee so they can voice their wants for the future of the WOAQ Inc.

Colin Rush Study Award

Just a reminder, with the generosity of James Hardie this \$1,500 award will only continue with members to nominate for the award to gain experience within their sector either intra or interstate.

To nominate for this award contact your committee member for details.

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Technical Tour - **coates** hire

The Technical Tour held in April at Coates Hire's new depot at Meakin Road, Meadowbrook. A special thanks to Ian Birch (General Manager), Nigel Delve (State Manager), Stan New (Maintenance Manager), Scott Bray and John Yannakopoulos for the information with their tour of the depot. A special thanks to Nigel in organising the tour for the WOAQ Inc.



Technical Tour –



A well supported and presented tour by David Shaw (Street & Garden Furniture). The tour was held at Rocklea Pressed Metal at 29 Colebard Street East, Acacia Ridge. Presentations were given by David Shaw and Miranda Lockhart plus input by Troy Olive (Rocklea Pressed Metal) before a tour of the factory which included laser cutting of metals and the pressing to finished products.



The 2005 Golf Day

The 2005 WOAQ Inc. Golf Day at Virginia Golf Course was another success with more prizes from corporate members. The winners for the day were:-

- First Place : R.Watson (Redland Shire)
D.Kerr (National Hire)
- Closest to Pin : O.Mason (James Hardie)
: M.Laurendet (James Hardie)
: D.Gray (Pioneer)
- Bradman / Last Place : A.Leech (James Hardie)
- Longest Drive : M.McDonald (Rocla)



D.Kerr, D.Bruen & R.Watson

WAOQ Corporate Members For 2004 / 2005

- * Allens Asphalt Pty Ltd
- * Allstate Linemarking
- * Barry Bros Specialised Services
- * Booths Hire Pty Ltd
- * Boral Resources (Old) Pty Ltd
- * C-M Concrete Products
- * Coastal Concrete Cutting Pty Ltd
- * ConPlant Hire
- * Donpra Hire
- * Dura-Post
- * FRH Group Pty Ltd
- * Funnell Earthmoving Pty Ltd
- * Guardrite Security & Traffic Management Pty Ltd
- * HVS Old Pty Ltd
- * James Hardie Australia Pty Ltd
- * Laser Services Pty Ltd
- * Linemarking Australia Pty Ltd
- * Patent Products
- * Pioneer Road Services Pty Ltd
- * Old Road Surfaces Pty Ltd
- * Reinforced Concrete Pipes
- * Rocla Pipeline Products
- * Rossthorpe Investments Pty Ltd
- * SAT Civil Constructions Pty Ltd
- * Stabilised Pavements of Australia
- * Trades & Labour Hire
- * Traffic Control Supplies
- * Wormall

Your Comments

REDLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Redland's works are gearing up to take back all works previously contracted out which includes water, stormwater and road construction. The bay islands are being targeted with \$2.7 million makeover being spent this financial year.

Construction has the job of placing in the water mains on Russell Island 35km at a cost of \$5 million and roadworks to the value of \$1.8 million. Russell Island has finally made it to the 21 century.

GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL

GCCC has a total expenditure for construction of \$50 million. \$14 million of this is for road rehabilitation, \$9.5 million for flood mitigation & drainage capital improvements and the remainder towards roadwork improvements and divisional roadworks.

LOGAN CITY

Logan residents would have no doubt been further impressed at the standard of general maintenance and of the quality outcomes and completion times of the many major projects undertaken throughout the City during 04/05. The Construction guys had their heads down with the likes of Logan Reserve Road Stage 2, Olympia Street Master Drainage works and both Webb Road and Bayliss Roads drainage/reconstruction projects, while the Infrastructure blokes nailed the rehab/resurfacing programme which included major works on Loganlea Road, Springwood Road and Browns Plains Road.

This wonderful sense of achievement can once again be embraced as all work supervisors accept the challenge of an increased Works Programme for the coming year.

Major construction works will include Park Ridge Road full reconstruction, master drainage works to Paperbark and Melinda Streets and bridgeworks on German Church Road.

Some could say same shift - different place.

PINE RIVERS SHIRE COUNCIL

A lot of road construction continues in Pine Rivers with DMR continuing the Linkfield Road connection which will provide an easier access point to the Highway from Strathpine/Brendale. In addition, Council construction crews are busy on a range of projects including Greg Ryder's Old North Road arterial job and Norm Jenkins' Strathpine Streetscape. The Roads section also undertakes projects for other Departments within Council which range from Carparks, Netball courts, emergency sewerage storage facilities.

In the maintenance area, Ron Holpen and Ross Pountney have commenced the annual maintenance programs and Divisional projects throughout the Shire.

Your Comments Continued...

NOOSA COUNCIL

Beach algae battle plan

NOOSA Council is planning to use a raft of measures to tackle the algae should northerly winds blow the non-toxic *Hinksia Sordida* onto the town's north-facing Main Beach next summer.

The council has assessed private industry tenders involving the use of a dragnet, artificial pumping, a diversion net and net barriers as short term, beach protection measures.

The report presented rejected the overall effectiveness of the proposed solutions but recommended they be trailed to help find a short-term solution to the problem that has affected the main beach for the past three seasons.

The report recommended that if the algae returned this year the council should:

1. Engage a commercial fisherman or contractor to trial a drag net to clear the swimming area of algae for an outlay of \$15,000;
2. Continue to clear the washed up algae from the beach using heavy machinery. The operation cost \$70,000 last season;
3. Investigate modification of the Slurry Systems sand pump to repel algae from the beach;
4. Investigate Griffith University's modelling and trial of a diversion Net for \$75,000.

The report said the Healthy Waterways group of scientists had yet to identify a source or cause of the algae.

The report recognised the algae had financially hurt the tourism industry. *Hinksia* accumulations cost Noosa Council \$70,000 in beach clean up costs in 2004/2005. Other costs included Phase 1 of the Healthy Waterways Scientific Study (\$20,000) and the employment of a casual staff member to develop mitigation strategies (\$20,000). Acting Noosa mayor Frank Pardon said the council had gained the green light from the relevant state government departments to trial the measures.

"We are aiming to make a pre-emptive strike to stop the algae from coming back," he said. But he admits the likelihood of any man-made method completely stopping nature at work and keeping the algae off the beach, is unlikely.

"I don't believe it can be stopped," Mr Pardon said. "The chances of keeping thousands of tonnes of algae off Main Beach are slim."

Council had already received responses from the advertisements that would use a "drag net" to clear the algae, a diversion net and artificial pumping to disperse the algae.

But Mr Pardon believes if those methods are not successful, Mother Nature might come to the rescue. "I don't believe this summer will be as bad as last year due to weather patterns," he said. "There won't be a major outbreak."

Despite his beliefs, Mr Pardon said it was essential the council pushed on with the search for a final solution.

The council has allocated \$60,000 in its budget to address the algae issue.

He said the best strategy so far is to remove the algae as soon as it arrives on the beach.

"This problem poses a great risk to Noosa. It is not acceptable for us to do nothing," he said.

Council officers were due to meet with Professor Rodger Tomlinson of the Griffith University Coastal Management Centre to discuss some of the proposals. "There may be no easy solution to this problem, but we have a determined team of experts from Healthy Waterways, Griffith University Centre for Coastal Management, EPA, DPI Fisheries and Council's Environmental Services and Works Operations staff working tirelessly on the issue," Mr Pardon said.

Tourism Noosa CEO Phil Harman said Noosa was most fortunate to have "such an eminent scientific body assisting us with research on the algae".

BEAUDESERT SHIRE COUNCIL

Beautesert Shire Council is currently installing a trunk water main from Stockleigh to Logan Village. A 1 kilometre section of this main is along Waterford Tamborine Road where Council took out an easement so the new main could be laid 2 meters inside the property frontage to comply with the Department of Main Roads environmental requirements to retain a line of remnant canopy trees.



Have Your Say

If you have any materials, articles etc which you feel may be appropriate for the next WON UP, please post to:-



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