COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Introduction

Johnstone Shire Council is committed to the provision of infrastructure and service to meet the needs of the community. Additionally, the Council is dedicated to maintaining the surrounds and liveability of the Shire.

News

The road-resealing program was put on hold for the year, due to financial hardship.

Cooperation between Johnstone and Cardwell Shires occurred to set up JACSJFAC. This cooperative committee is working to set up a Sport and operational plan for mission beach, a community pool at Mission beach, as well as walkway/bike paths and a sewage plant.

Work is continuing on upgrading the Innisfail Sewage Treatment Plant. Monitoring studies were planned for 2003.

The provision of Sewage at Mission Beach was announced, with funding applied for and planning underway.

The Bikeway Walkway Project was launched, with the formation of the bicycle advisory committee. This is part of the Sport and Recreational facility Plan 2002. Plans to link East and West Silkwood, South Mission Beach and Bingil Bay are now being worked upon. Additional bike and walkway recreational opportunities are being planned for Innisfail.

Shadecloth was installed over outdoor activity areas.

Council Employment—189 Employees
- Water and Sewage (18)
- General Mgt (3)
- Corporate (23)
- Community (21)
- Environmental (28)
- Technical services (96)

Council's landfill and transfer operations recorded the following exceedences of licences limits: Stoters Hill (10), Bells Creek (3), and Goondi (10).
In some cases the year's dry weather contributed to the stagnation of water passing through the influence of the sites. Metals deposited in the old landfills continued to release iron and zinc.
Further landfill remediation is planned.

Council Spending

From: Financial Statements - For the Year Ended 30 June 2002

Functions	Revenue		Total revenue	Total expenses	Net result	Assets
	Grants	Other				
General Management	204,369	362,770	567,139	854,728	(287,589)	1,110,714
Corporate Services	1,950,823	8,885,898	10,836,721	1,111,103	9,725,618	25,517,141
Community Services	1,533,992	239,041	1,773,721	2,192,237	(419,204)	4,470,024
Environment Services	107,789	209,536	317,325	1,216,065	(898,740)	54,841
Waste Management	4,386	2,305,138	2,309,524	2,532,904	(223,380)	2,203,623
Technical Services	1,904,372	757,852	2,662,224	7,995,778	(5,333,554)	76,258,655
Water	217,840	2,562,691	2,780,531	3,215,228	(434,697)	44,626,693
Sewerage	-	1,955,810	1,955,810	2,209,105	(253,295)	19,217,779
Total	5,923,571	17,278,736	23,202,307	21,327,148	1,875,159	173,513,470

Further analysis of these figures is available in the JSC 2001/2002 annual report.

Conclusion

Council Activities have continued to move forward. Plans for sewage and water treatment progressed. Non-compliance at the transfer stations and landfill sites worsened, which is partly due to the dry weather. Further efforts towards remediation of the land fill sites is in progress.

Council Depot

Future Direction

Monitoring will continue at the landfill sites until State funding approval allows remediation to occur. Studies being conducted into tertiary treatment for the sewage plant will determine whether environmental benefits can be achieved, by reducing the impact on adjacent waterways.

Criteria	Grade	Recommendation Group	Explanation
Action on Recommendations **12 of 12** Completed	**A+**	-Development -Integrated Environmental Mgt System -Maintenance	- All recommendations acted upon.
State of the Shire	**B+**	-Development - IEMS -Maintenance	-Progress continued towards improving facilities around the Shire. -Some noncompliance occurred but may have been due to dry weather and concentration due to low water levels. -Road resealing program put on hold in 2002.
Goal Achievement	**B-**	-All	- Although work occurred towards all recommendations, some were not passed through to implementation.
Community Awareness	**B**	- Reporting	- State of the Shire Reporting continues as a source for community information. The Council advertises important announcements in the Innisfail Advocate.

OVERALL GRADE   B+