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The controversial land parcel and inset, the revised concept plan
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Pallarella gets green light

Council agrees to revised 13-lot project

AFTER four years, the Townsville City Council has agreed to approve a controversial residential project at Cape Pallarella. However, the original proposal for 23 lots has been scaled back to 13 lots, and developer Laurence Lancini has agreed

to a raft of environmental conditions. "It's been a long, drawn out saga and I would like to think the resolution is good for all parties," said Mr Lancini. Deputy Mayor David Crisafulli said it was a 'sensible' outcome.

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Lotto

Results of last night's Lotto draw 2950
 Winning numbers: 4, 12, 24, 34, 37, 38
 Supps: 7, 28
 Dividends: Div 1: no winners;
 Div 2: \$10,082.15; Div 3: \$2016.45;
 Div 4: \$38.45; Div 5: \$16.80
 *All Div 1 dividends provisional for two weeks after draw.

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LAW LIST

Thursday, October 29, 2009
 NOTICES: Bailiff Notice: Bailiff B6 is required at 9am.
FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT
 Before Federal Magistrate Coker
 Courtroom 2: 10am Collins R G & J M
DISTRICT COURT
 Criminal sittings
 Before Judge Durward
 Court 4, Level C: Blair, sentence; Wood, mention, appearance and legal representatives required; Crossman, mention; Murray, sentence; Olliffe, breach of suspended sentence, appearance and legal representatives required; Thacker, sentence.
CHILDREN'S COURT
 Before Judge Durward
 Court 4, Level C: 9:30am, Juvenile, sentence.
 Before Judge Pack
 Court 3, Level C: 10am, Van Der Togt v Steven, judgment; Henderson v Henderson, judgment.
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COURT
 Before Judge Durward
 Court 4, Level C: 9:30am, Bohle Developments Pty Ltd v Townsville City Council and Anor, consent order.
SHIPPING
 Arrivals: The *Tasman Challenger*, Swire, is due to arrive in berth 9 at 9am to unload general cargo, and load containers and refined copper. Departures: The *Pacific Logger*, Inchcape, is due to depart 9 at 7am after unloading fertiliser. The *United Stars*, Townsville Shipping, is due to depart 7 at 11pm after loading fertiliser.

Smaller estate gets the nod

By LENDL RYAN

TOWNSVILLE City Council has agreed to a 13-allotment estate at Cape Pallarenda after drawn-out negotiations with developers Magnetic Horizons in the Planning and Environment Court yesterday.

The two parties agreed to a consent order which includes:

- downscaling the density to 13 allotments from 23
- reducing the maximum roofed area to 450sqm from 860sqm, with 100sqm for sheds and boat houses
- a height restriction of 10m from the natural ground
- wildlife corridors and
- a complete ban on keeping cats and dogs.

It ends an eight-month battle after council knocked back the original proposal and a four-year saga after the land was controversially sold by the Federal Government to developer Laurence Lancini.

It was immediately slammed as a 'tragedy' by opponents.

Planning and Economic Development Committee chairman Cr David Crisafulli said it was a 'sensible' outcome.

"To their credit, the residents involved in opposing the original proposal through the courts stuck to their guns and that had a big bearing in getting a good outcome," he said.

"To their credit, the developer was willing to work with them to reduce the density and put in some important environment projections to address their concerns.

"I commend both parties for reaching a sensible outcome."

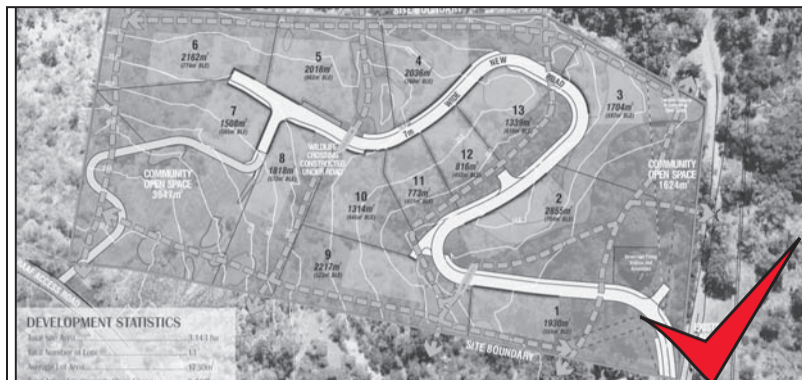
Mr Lancini said the resolution was 'good for all parties'.

"I think they acknowledge the merits of the site and the merits of our application and I think they acknowledged the application was a good outcome of the site," he said.

"We took into consideration the concern of the community in reducing the density.

"I would like to think that the resolution is good for all parties."

Pallarenda Community Group spokesman Rob Thomas said it was a 'tragedy' for the residents who helped fight the development and for the environment it would impact.



YES . . . the new 13-allotment estate at Cape Pallarenda



NO . . . the rejected plan which included 23 sites

"The private co-respondents who are the true heroes here, standing up for the people at huge personal and financial cost, have been ultimately overwhelmed by the costs to remain involved," he said.

"This sensitive site will now be developed for a short term profit, the Cape Pallarenda Environment Park permanently compromised and the people of Townsville lose a unique green space experience so close to our city for no long term civic gain.

"Current and future generations of Townsville will regret the loss of undisturbed public open space to enable a development of no real lasting benefit to Townsville."

There was a stellar cast of legal heavyweights from both sides at the proceedings with a dozen concerned residents in the public gallery but numbers dwindled by the evening as the hearing was adjourned three

times for negotiations between the legal teams.

Barrister Christopher Hughes, SC, proved to the hearing the changes in the consent order were minor despite almost halving the number of allotments, otherwise a new development application would have been needed.

Judge Stuart Durward said he was satisfied that the salient features of the application remained.

Resident Mal Lorimer said he was disappointed.

"They have solved bugger all, it is absolute schemozzle, a waste of time, a waste of money," he said.

"I am absolutely devastated to think that someone with a heap of money can overrule a council city plan.

"It is an absolutely beautiful area that they are going to destroy by putting a whole lot of bloody houses up the ridge."

Readers have their say on teenage babysitters

THE *Townsville Bulletin* asked its web readers "At what age is a teenager responsible enough to babysit children?" on Wednesday.

We asked whether a teenager was responsible enough to look after children at the age of 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, or it

depended on the maturity of the child. More than 140 people responded, prompted by a court story where a mother received a one-year \$500 good behaviour bond after she left her three children home alone for three days. As at 7pm last night, 7 per cent thought a teen

was old enough at 13, 10 per cent thought 14 was a suitable age to babysit, 8 per cent voted for 15, 26 per cent thought a teenager should turn 16 before babysitting, 4 per cent voted for age 17, 6 per cent age 18, and the majority, 39 per cent, said it depended on the maturity of the teenager.

Today we're asking readers: "Has the new plan for a scaled-down 13-allotment estate on a controversial parcel of land at Cape Pallarenda gone far enough to protect the environment?" Have your say online now at www.townsvillebulletin.com.au.



"Has the new plan for Cape Pallarenda gone far enough to protect the environment?"
 Vote online at townsvillebulletin.com.au

Teachers strike

TEACHERS from Ignatius Park College and the Townsville Flexible Learning Centre yesterday downed tools and marched on the Townsville Catholic Education Office in a protest over pay.

A group of about 40 Catholic school teachers protested for better pay and conditions in the rally, organised by the Independent Union - Queensland and Northern Territory Branch.

It represents about 15,000 non-government education sector employees, including teachers, principals, and school support staff.

Union secretary, Terry Burke, said the action would "send a clear, strong message to their employers that inferior rates of pay cannot be institutionalised in Queensland schools".

THE SHAME FILE

- Anthony POPPLE, 41, was well into the high range at .216, and he was also charged with dangerous driving. That attracted a jail term of nine months, wholly suspended for 18 months, and 18 months disqualification.
- Rehmen Rasheed ABBASI, 25, blew .082, \$550 and a month's disqualification.
- Ronald Frank MAXWELL, 21, a

- labourer, was in the mid-range at .128, which cost him \$700 and seven months.
- Jeffrey Brent MILLER, 38, blew .062, \$300 and three months.
- Travis Luke TANNER, 22, had a reading of .109, which set him back \$600 and four months.
- Oliver Edward TATA, 18, was a P plater with a reading of .034, \$200 and three months.
- Colin Frederick COOK, blew .098, \$600 and three months.

Plan ahead to avoid traffic chaos

SHOPPERS eagerly awaiting the grand re-opening of Willows Shoppingtown have been asked to consider public transport, with thousands of people expected to converge on the centre.

The \$83 million project is sure to attract plenty of punters, with opening day specials and giveaways throughout the three-day festivities, starting tomorrow. Possible council resurfacing

works along Sandstone Dr could cause further traffic delays.

Acting Senior Sergeant Brenton Webb of Kirwan Police asked customers to be patient, plan ahead and enjoy the family friendly event.

"There will be traffic controllers stationed during peak times."

Patrons choosing to park illegally could face a fine.

Solar park meeting

MAGNETIC Island residents can have their say into the planned solar park for the island at a community meeting tonight.

Ergon Energy's Magnetic Island solar suburb team wants to hear the public's ideas for the development of the park.

"The park will present an opportunity to showcase renewable energy technology and trial multiple ways to use high-quality photovoltaic cells while adding to Magnetic Island's community facilities," Ergon Energy manager solar city Ian Cruickshank said.

The meeting will be held from 6-7pm at the Smart Lifestyle Centre at 64-88 Horseshoe Bay Rd.

Two hurt in bike crashes

A MAN in his 50s was taken to hospital after he lost control of his motorbike on Dalrymple Rd.

The man crashed at the Bayswater Rd intersection at 8.25am and suffered leg injuries.

He was transported by ambulance in a stable condition.

Later the same afternoon another man in his 50s was involved in a separate motorbike crash on Dalrymple Rd, this time in a collision with a car.

He was taken to hospital with minor injuries shortly after the 2.25pm crash.

Scuffle ends in 2nd charge

A MAN found himself slapped with a second charge after he engaged in a short lived scuffle with police after being pulled over for drink-driving.

The 20-year-old-man was charged with drink-driving and obstructing police after he refused to accompany officers to the station after being caught on Monday night.

He blew 0.109 per cent and will appear in the Townsville Magistrates Court on a later date.

Ingham crash

AN ELDERLY woman was taken to Ingham Hospital after the car in which she was travelling was involved in a single-vehicle crash near Francis Creek yesterday. The woman was taken to hospital by ambulance following the 9.30am incident and was in a stable condition.

Body found

A DEAD man was found in Dan Gleeson Memorial Gardens yesterday morning.

Emergency services attended the scene but there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding his death.

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