

**Section: MOTION ON NOTICE** 16 December 2008

**Item: 10.010/08 COWPER BUS CRASH MEMORIAL EMBELLISHMENT BY  
MACLEAN LIONS CLUB**

**SUMMARY**

I propose that the following report and notice of motion be adopted by Council.

**PROPOSED MOTION**

That Clarence Valley Council provide up to \$2000 to enable Maclean Lions Club to enhance the Cowper bus crash memorial site, such work to be under the supervision of and subject to the concurrence of Council staff.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION - item 10.010/08**

**(Crs Tiley/Hughes)**

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**Voting recorded as follows:**

**For: Councillors Williamson, Dinham, Howe, Hughes, McKenna, Simmons,  
Tiley, Toms**

**Against: Nil**

**BACKGROUND**

Since about 2005, at my suggestion, the Maclean Lions Club has accepted responsibility for voluntary maintenance of the Cowper bus crash memorial located on the old Pacific Highway north of Cowper primary school. The Club has embellished and well maintained what was once a neglected memorial to over 20 people who lost their lives in the tragic bus accident.

**ISSUES**

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fatality occurs in 2009. The Lions Club has engaged with Council staff and local residents about upgrading the memorial to commemorate the anniversary. Unfortunately at the time some residents opposed the proposal.

It was intended that some low key additions such as shaded seating, a brief plaque history of the tragedy and possibly some sensitive landscaping and tree planting be effected.

The current Lions Club secretary Mr Brian Grieve has indicated that the Club would be willing to support any council initiative. Lions members would provide labour and continue to effect future maintenance, mowing etc, which represents a considerable saving to Clarence Valley Council over time. I advise Council that I am a member of the Club but very seldom attend club activities.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Up to \$2000 dollars from current budget is requested so that the improvements can be carried out before the anniversary.

Councillor Ian Tiley

6<sup>th</sup> December 2008