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EUMUNDI COMMUNITY TAKES OVER RUNNING OF CAR PARKS

From 8 December 2008 the community of Eumundi will benefit from market day car parking fees.

Following a unanimous decision by Sunshine Coast Regional Council in August 2008 to transfer the lease from private national contractors to a local consortium representing the interests of Eumundi, ECCO (Eumundi Combined Community Organisation Ltd) was formed as a multi-party agreement between three community associations: Eumundi and District Chamber of Commerce (ECC), Eumundi and District Community Association (EDCA) and Eumundi and District Historical Association (EHA). The new entity is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, Council's preferred model.

This decision by Council paves the way for a successful model for community-Council partnership.

The new arrangements will bring benefits to stakeholders across the local community: residents, market stall holders, businesses and also to the huge numbers of visitors to the town who will now have better access to the car parks.

ECCO has been set up not to just run the operation of the car parks but to support community groups and projects.

Local groups will benefit by being reimbursed for volunteer hours as parking attendants and also through grants from the proceeds. Projects to benefit the whole community are planned in the longer term. Projects nominated include greening the car park, a community bus, beautification and traffic calming of Memorial Drive, and a walking/cycling path to the lookout on Eumundi Range Rd.

The Eumundi visitor experience will be enhanced by service from a local knowledgeable about the markets and the district and from knowing that parking fees will benefit the local community.

ECCO chairman John McCallum says, "We congratulate the new Council on adopting a model for car parking that is a much better fit with the community spirit of Eumundi. The community groups have come together to adopt this project which has the capacity to support economic and social development in the community. We are also very pleased that residents will enjoy additional free two hours' car parking in Napier Road plus three 10-minute parcel pick-up spots. And last but certainly not least we have been able to provide a free parking and shuttle bus service for all our valued stall holders."

More information about ECCO, the car parking, Eumundi and local projects can be found at www.eumundicco.com.au

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