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X Factor on Monday.
Adrien Nookaduk was sent home after earlier joining Sydnee Carter

with the proud mother experiencing the gamut of emotions.
"It's not getting easier," she said.
The Gympie singer's Muster appearance

"short and sharp" appearance at the Muster tomorrow morning - without Ronan.

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Shooting claims 'not credible'

GYMPIE Regional Council's claims on the long awaited Cooloola Range shooting sports facility were not credible, shooter representative Ron Owen said yesterday.

Mr Owen said Mayor Ron Dyne seemed to be accusing state forestry officials of defying ministerial authority on the proposal.

Cr Dyne said the council was making progress, but still negotiating the site location with forestry officials.

He also said the council was about to start a government-required feasibility study.

"They don't want us in the southern section because that's where the best timber



Ron Owen

is," the mayor also said.

But Forestry Minister John McVeigh has told the Gympie Times his department is only concerned about access to timber, which Mr Owen says will not be a problem, with a harvest-time shutdown able



Mayor Ron Dyne

to be built into the lease.

And he says Recreation Minister Steve Dickson has told him clearly that no feasibility study is required, because he has approved it already.

"All the council has to do is write to the government asking

for a lease," Mr Owen said.

Mr Owen says the mayor's claims reflect badly on the departments.

"Is the council accusing the departments of directly defying ministerial authority?" Mr Owen asked yesterday.

Cr Dyne said another problem was new housing development, approved during Mr Owen's time as a councillor, had now compromised the southern site, because of noise effects on residents.

But Mr Owen says he attended a meeting with the mayor and Crs Rae Gate and Larry Friske in February agreeing to the southern location.

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Dingo debate

IN REGARD to Mr George Wakelin's letter, Dingo advocates need a dose of reality (GT Saturday, August 30).

Not just "rabid greenies" but many people need a dose of reality regarding dingos.

The picture shown is of a wild dog, not a dingo.

Dingos are most closely related to the nepalese wolf and were most likely brought to Australia or followed homo sapiens whose descendants are the Australian aborigine.

All canids are opportunistic scavengers including the North American diverse families of wolves.

However where Jack or Jill Sapiens will happily breed with any other homo sapiens, wolves don't breed with other canine species.

If they did there would be hybrid wolves throughout the Americas.

In fact the dingo hates domestic dogs with a fury.

There has obviously been some hybridisation, most likely brought about by human interference.

Bringing up a dingo pup within a family group including dogs could lead to interbreeding.

The bottom line is that your domestic dog left in an area where dingos hunt will meet a fairly messy end rather than be taken in, taught the "ways of the wild" and eventually set up house with a nice dingo.

Ironically, a healthy dingo population may be one of the best ways of controlling wild dog populations.

Maurice McCahey,
Gympie.

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Gun range delay

Facility has to be on target first time



FROM THE
MAYOR'S DESK
RON DYNE

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I HAVE seen enough of the letters critical of council and the establishment of a weapons range complex in the Corella State Forest near Curra.

People are entitled to be frustrated at the timeframe. It has been a long-standing issue of about 15 years but if it was a quick-fix project I am sure that ex-councillor (Ron) Owen would have been able to achieve an outcome in the four years that he served on Cooloolo Shire Council.

Council's position on the issue is that a new multi-range complex is required for the area and this is identified in the Gympie Regional Plan and the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Plan in the supporting sporting section, as well as in the sport and recreation section of council's economic development strategy.

reckon they'll go down as the "greenest government" in Queensland's history.

Just some of what they have done:

■ Bulldozed tree-clearing laws threatening at least two million hectares of native vegetation.

■ Sacked hundreds of public servants responsible for environmental policy, monitoring and assessment.

■ Recommended uranium mining in Queensland after a

Of concern to myself is the establishment of a range complex in the vicinity of a new housing estate.

Council has identified that the Corella State Forest is an area suitable for the establishment of such a range complex.

The State Government has been very supportive of providing the area for establishment of a range complex with active discussion on the specific location ongoing.

Of concern to myself is the establishment of a range complex in the vicinity of a new housing estate.

The investment in the

complex will be substantial and has not been budgeted for by council at this stage.

It is recognised that the sporting shooters will also be a source of funds.

The investment is such that it is essential that a range complex not be compromised by urban development and vice versa.

In the meantime, council has funds in the budget for a feasibility study relating to the specific technical requirements of the facility and whether they can be met at the Corella State Forest location.

I remain concerned, as stated, that such a substantial investment must be well planned and positioned correctly in the first instance to save it becoming a burden in the future, due to noise issues.

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23-year ban.

These three are actually broken promises.

But there is more, axed future conservation areas from the Land Act to exclude high conservation areas being included in the National Park Estate.

Cancelled every renewable energy project in Queensland, including the Climate Smart Home Service and the solar feed-in tariff. Opened up Queensland to oil shale

extraction and production.

Partnered with the mining industry to downplay the damage that dredging and dumping will have on the Great Barrier Reef.

Extended sand-mining on North Stradbroke Island until 2035. Shut down energy-efficient Swanbank Power Station and fired up dormant coal-fired power stations.

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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 28 August 2014 enclosing a copy of Petition No. 2279-14 (the Petition) tabled in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petition requests that the House immediately excise Corella SF 700 from the Curra State Forest and issue a lease to the local council for the land to be used for a sporting shooters range complex. If the Gympie Regional Council (GRC) is not willing to expedite such a lease for these purposes, the petitioners request the House offer the lease to the Cooloola Range Complex Association (CRCA).

In a letter dated 12 February 2014 to the GRC, I provided approval-in-principle for the provision of land from Curra State Forest for the purpose of a shooting range complex.

This approval-in-principle was subject to the GRC meeting the necessary conditions associated with the final preferred authority or tenure, and also subject to the GRC satisfactorily resolving all issues associated with the provision of such a facility, including Native Title, existing use and forest production issues and development approvals. I understand that there are differing views within the broader community on where the proposed complex should be located.

The GRC is the proponent for this proposal and I understand they are conducting a feasibility study on the provision of a shooting complex.

Staff from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing have met with GRC councillors and staff on a number of occasions. They have also inspected the potential sites with them and representatives from the CRCA.

Once I am satisfied that the necessary conditions of the approval-in-principle have been fulfilled, the department will work with the GRC and the community towards a suitable outcome.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Johanna de Winter, Chief of Staff in my office, on telephone (07) 3719 7110.

Yours sincerely



Steve Dickson MP
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