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Council's efforts are directed towards promoting and encouraging job-generating projects.

I have said it before and it bears repeating that it is those weekly pay packets that make a significant contribution towards under-pinning the economy.

Mareeba Industrial Park

We are now in a position to start signing up interested purchasers and lessees.

3 Lots have been signed up and others are being negotiated.

At a price of \$30 per square metre compared to \$120 in the new subdivision in Cairns and up to \$200 in established areas sets this price at competitive rates.

Lease with an option to buy or purchase on cash or terms. Terms are being offered for 5 years with interest at 7.25%.

Development conditions include landscaping and require not less than \$20 per SQ M in the first 12 months.

New Business in our district

Emerald Springs Water project is considering expansion along with other projects as a possibility.

The feedlot is going well with the feedmill progressing towards substantially exceeding their production estimates.

Hedley investments are showing promise also.

10 Years from Now.....The Vision

I have been asked to make predictions so here goes. These are mine so you need to evaluate them for yourself.

The 4 lane Kuranda range road will be completed by 2012. I expect it will start in 18months and be completed within 5 years, largely because of development pressures that will result from it becoming a reality and no longer something that is talked about.

Kuranda to Mareeba will be developing like the Brisbane to Gold Coast strip. More and more will realize the benefits of the climate and lifestyle and want to live here.

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Mareeba Industrial Park will be a hive of activity. The rural areas to the south, north and west of Mareeba will continue to produce food and as well when governments mandate ethanol mix, will produce sugar cane and other crops for ethanol.

WHEN – NOT IF Cairns airport has to move from it's current location. There are two sites, unless a lack of foresight allows them to urbanized.

One is the Yarrabah area and the other is between Davies Creek and Clohesy River. There may be others of which I am not aware of.

Tourism will play an integral role in our development.

What can we do as individuals?

Display optimism and encourage others to do likewise. Negativity adversely effects your business, your investment, be it your home or other property and adversely affects job opportunities.

We must –ALL OF US- talk up our district, shout it from the roof tops and chastise anyone who preaches gloom and doom.