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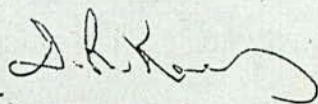
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A copy of your letter and this response have been made available to the Acting Town Planning Manager, Mr Bede Cooney and to Council's Works and Services Director, Mr. Keith Disher.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours faithfully



Max Eastcott
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Action Officer: Mr. David Kanaley

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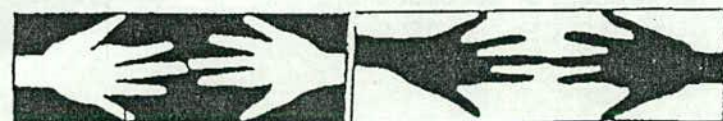
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- ways to bring communities together for work and play
- dealing creatively with conflict
- having good meetings
- growing up in community - a workshop for young people
- dealing with tendencies towards hierarchy
- community glue



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COMMENTS: Herewith Pan Com Newsletter. If you can supply me

with a list of mo contact people in the Byron Shire
I can arrange for a copy of the enclosed to be sent
to same. Also enclosed is info on the Ruseva Conference
& Comanag road Celebration and invitation to our Birthday
Celebration.

Peter