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many on the issue of the construction of the Recreational Path appears to be on the secret list.

The councillors have had at least two workshops on this matter, each of which have excluded the presence of the community and that in itself does not allow any input by the community on the matters apart from the obligation to place all concerns in written submissions with time limitations.

How can this be confidently carried out when the plans are being changed constantly on some major issues even after exhibition?

Where is transparency being applied?

It really is up to the councillors to show leadership and endorse a proper path which has been the expectation of this community for over 20 years, please.

Alan Brown,
Ballina

Reply to me!

WHILE I am truly happy for all employers who are in a secure position of full-time employment, may I ask just one question?

When did you become so desensitised as to what it is like waiting to hear back regarding one's carefully crafted, blood, sweat and tear stained job application?

Multi-faceted selection criteria do not write themselves.

They take a lot of thought, consideration, planning, editing and re-editing.

To not acknowledge their submission, let alone not return an email or telephone enquiry in regards to what amounts to days of work is, quite frankly, soul destroying.

Perhaps you could try and remember what it is like on this side of the fence.

Current local job-seeker
(Name and address withheld)

A good hospital pass

ON September 13, I was out at the Ballina Jockey Club with fellow Rotarians selling hot dogs from our stall when my phone rang.

It was another Rotarian, Trevor Emery, phoning to say there was an opportunity for us to obtain 26 disused beds from Lismore Base Hospital (which would eventually send to less fortunate communities in The Solomon Islands) but we had to move quickly.

Needing suitable transport to move such a load, the only person I knew who could help was an old mate of mine, Dennis Hartley, who happens to be the manager of Morgan's Earthmoving, Ballina.

Dennis said leave it to him and he would arrange it with Paul Morgan, the owner of Morgan's Earthmoving.

Long story short, the task was completed by the next day at 11am.

I was privileged to call Paul's dad (John Morgan) friend, a man who had a strong sense of community.

I'm pleased to say that sense of community did not die with John.

Thank you, Paul.

Wayne Crawford,
President,
Rotary Club of
Ballina-on-Richmond

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