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Council's Director of Technology & Corporate Services Troy Green and needed an upgrade to its hard and software to fulfil its role as a detection and deterrent system.

The recently installed upgrades bring the system's capability closer to its optimum capacity.

However, there were still limitations, according to Tweed council's Economic and Corporate Planner Mark Tickle. Some areas were not covered

The system received a new server which can record images generated by the cameras and store them for more than 30 days.

New software allowed for surveillance and retrieval through wireless equipment. An optic fibre connection had been established between the council chambers and Murwillumbah car park.

A new PC and monitor installed at Murwillumbah Police Station also improved

Chamber and mirrors a similar successful system installed in Kingscliff.

Mark said although police had recently identified certain youth crime 'hotspots', including Banora Point, Cabarita and Pottsville, the installation of new cameras was not planned.

However, if more funding was made available, an increase in the number of cameras at these high crime locations could be considered.

COUNCIL DECIDES AGAINST TWEED BROTHEL

AFTER LONG discussions exposing councillors' moral views, Tweed Shire Council has decided not to give permission for a brothel to open its doors in Enterprise Drive, Tweed Heads.

The decision contravened council officials' recommendation to allow the business to operate as a 24 hour 'super-brothel'.

Cr Dot Holdom said it was difficult to consider the issue without considering morals but didn't want to make a moral judgment herself.

Cr Holdom said there was nothing wrong with certain members of the community, such as emotionally and physically

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disadvantaged people, visiting such establishments and before supporting the proposal, she had ensured she was completely aware of all the facts.

The applicant had complied with the conditions imposed by council and although she understood people and their perceptions she didn't accept the industry was full of deviants.

Cr Kevin Skinner said to refuse on moral grounds would be a waste of council's resources because council would "end up in court" and the business would go ahead anyway.

wholesome upbringing of children should not be destroyed.

Cr Barry Longland focused on council's policy regarding brothels and said the policy should be strengthened.

The development application contravened council policy which council couldn't ignore.

Considering the location, the aim was to ensure these businesses were placed where they were the least likely to offend, and this business didn't comply with this aim, Cr Longland said.

However, Cr Skinner said he wanted stringent conditions put on the brothel and wanted the business to keep records of every single person working there, for security guards to be licensed and for the business to provide proof of probity checks done on all parties with a financial interest in the brothel.

Cr Skinner said he wanted to send 'Sydney' a message that because of the decision made there, to allow brothels in industrial areas, these types of businesses would come across the border with Queensland and soon there would be hundreds.

Cr Van Linschout said the Tweed was a family area and the

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Following the vote against the proposal, Mayor Warren Polglase put forward a resolution stating the proposal was judged to be inconsistent with the provisions of the Tweed Land and Environmental Plan 2000 and inconsistent with the desired character of the Tweed in general.

Cr Polglase said the proposal would potentially create adverse community impacts and would create unacceptable cumulative impacts with respect to the character of the area.

You've got a \$20,000 friend

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"The work is daunting ... I couldn't do it," she said, at the same time handing out snag sandwiches.

Rosalba, who was accompanied by her husband Peter, retired to the Gold Coast late last year and, as the foundation's secretary, said she hoped other needy areas could be helped in SE Queensland and northern NSW.

She said her parents were Italian migrants and spent their lives helping people in need.

John Lee said although he was ecstatic and delirious

about the grant, he was very disappointed at the lack of response You Have A Friend - and the Tweed region in general - receives by way financial aid.

They have put in many requests through local MPs and to date, have only received around \$5,000 to defray some of the volunteers' transport costs.

Mr Lee emphasised that, despite Tweed having some of the highest homeless figures in NSW, only one per cent of \$67.3 million spent on them during 2008/10 came here.

"Work that out!" he said.