

**Shire of Perenjori  
MINUTES  
Ordinary Council Meeting**

held in the Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers, Fowler Street, Perenjori on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006, to commencing at 1.30 pm.

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## **6021 PRELIMINARIES**

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### **6021.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

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The President declared the meeting open at 1.30pm.

### **6021.2 6021.2 OPENING PRAYER**

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Cr Baxter led Council in the opening prayer.

### **6021.3 DISCLAIMER READING**

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### **6021.4 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)**

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President	Cr	BT	Baxter
Deputy President	Cr	CR	King
Councillors	Cr	IF	West
	Cr	JH	Hirsch
	Cr	LC	Butler
	Cr	JA	Bensdorp
CEO		SA	Scott
Minute Taker		D	Pridham
Manager Community Services		G	Agnew
Apologies	Cr	GK	Reid
	Cr	RA	Benton
	Cr	LS	Sutherland

### **6021.5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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Nil

### **6021.6 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

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Moved: Cr West                      Seconded: Cr Butler  
That the standing orders be suspended.

**CARRIED 6/0**

Jodie from KD.1 addressed Council on the movements of the pipeline corridor. Surveying will be completed mid to late March.

*Meeting adjourned at 2.43pm*

*Meeting resumed at 2.47pm*

**Moved: Cr Hirsch                      Seconded: Cr King**  
**That the standing orders be resumed.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

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**6021.7      NOTATIONS OF INTEREST**

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**Financial Interest – Local Government Act s 5.60A**

**Proximity Interest – Local Government Act s 5.60B**

**Interest Affecting Impartiality – Shire of Perenjori Code of Conduct.**

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**6021.8      APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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**Moved: Cr Hirsch                      Seconded: Cr King**  
**That Crs Reid, Sutherland and Benton be granted a leave of absence for the current meeting.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

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**6021.9      CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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**Moved: Cr West                      Seconded: Cr Butler**  
**That the minutes from the December Ordinary meeting of Council held 15<sup>th</sup> December 2005 be accepted as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

**Moved: Cr King                      Seconded: Cr Butler**  
**That the minutes from the Electors meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006 be accepted as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

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**6021.10     ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

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**6021.11     MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY GO BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

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**6022 HEALTH BUILDING & PLANNING****6022.1 LOT 79 RUSSELL ST – JOINT VENTURE APU'S UNITS 1 & 2**

**APPLICANT:** SHIRE OF PERENJORI  
**FILE:** 0  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** 0  
**AUTHOR:** G AGNEW – MCS \_\_\_\_\_  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER** G AGNEW – MCS \_\_\_\_\_  
**REPORT DATE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2006

**ATTACHMENTS****Executive Summary:**

Clarification of management criteria for Joint Venture Housing (Homeswest/Shire).

**Applicants Submission:**

Nil

**Background:**

In 1998 the Shire of Perenjori (“the Organisation”) entered into a Joint Venture Legal Agreement with Homeswest for the management of the Lot 79 Russell Street for low income accommodation.

**Statutory Environment:**

Housing Joint Venture Agreement (Homeswest and Shire of Perenjori).

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Comment:**

That Joint Venture Agreement states, inter-alia –

- The Organisation shall maintain a Wait List of Eligible Persons who are seeking rental accommodation and shall let the Units to persons who are part of the Target Groups and who are Eligible Persons.
- “**Eligible Persons**” means persons who meet the prevailing Homeswest eligibility criteria for public housing.
- All rent shall be the property of and be retained by the Organisation, subject to Clause 8.7 & 8.8.

**Clause 8.7** states: Any surplus income accumulated by the organisation from the management and operation of the Units may be used subject to the approval of Homeswest, as cash contributions towards further low income rental housing projects.

Improvements or upgrades to existing Joint Venture Units or other purposes agreed in writing by Homeswest.

**Clause 8.8** states: Where no agreed purpose can be found for the use of surplus income as referred to in Clause 8.7 or the Guidelines then such surplus is to be divided proportionately equitable Interest in the Joint Venture as identified in Item 3 of the Schedule.

- The organisation shall establish a Tenant Allocation Panel in order to select the initial tenants for the Units and fill vacancies as they arise. Homeswest Regional Managers shall have the right to have on representative on the Tenant Allocation Panel. Homeswest may refer Eligible Persons to the Organisation to be placed on the Wait List of the Organisation.

Homeswest Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for public rental accommodation a person must meet the following criteria:

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Live in Western Australia and receive income here
- Meet current income limits
- Not own property or land
- Not have cash assets in excess of \$35,600 (singles) or \$59,400 (couples), \$80,000 (seniors over 60 years plus singles or couples)
- Be able to prove identity
- Be 18 years of age or above

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

Submitted for Council Information

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Moved Cr Bendsorp, Seconded Cr Benton**

**That Council consider as part of its 06/07 budget deliberations the management of funds generated from Council properties using a similar model to that used for Joint Venture Housing.**

**CARRIED 3/0**

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Cr Bendsorp                      Seconded: Cr Butler**

**That Council consider as part of its 06/07 budget deliberations the management of funds generated from Council properties using a similar model to that used for Joint Venture Housing.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

**6022.2 45 FOWLER ST – VACANT POSSESSION**

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**APPLICANT:** SHIRE OF PERENJORI  
**FILE:** 0  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** 0  
**AUTHOR:** G AGNEW – MCS \_\_\_\_\_  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** G AGNEW – MCS \_\_\_\_\_  
**REPORT DATE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2006  
**ATTACHMENTS**

**Executive Summary:**

Vacant Possession of Shire house, Lot 45 Fowler St, Perenjori.

**Applicants Submission:**

Nil

**Background:**

Nil

**Statutory Environment:**

Residential Tenancies Act 1987

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

The Summary Judgement will provide Council with Court enforcement authority to recover outstanding debt and costs from the Respondent, Northern Shearing Services.

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Comment:**

Following an application for a Court Order for Termination of Residential Tenancy Agreement and vacation of premises on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2005 the CEO has attended Court in Geraldton on two (2) occasions.

The property was returned to the Shire by the Perenjori Bailiff on behalf of the Sheriff of Western Australia on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006.

Locks have been changed.

The CEO is to attend Court for a third time to receive Summary Judgement.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

**Submitted for Council information and direction.**

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Moved Cr Bendsorp, Seconded Cr Benton**

**That the availability of land on the West side of Fowler St for potential commercial development be investigated.**

**CARRIED 3/0**

Manager Community Services advised that at present there is no land available for commercial development.

### **6023 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

#### **6023.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**APPLICANT:** SHIRE OF PERENJORI  
**FILE:** 0  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL  
**AUTHOR:** ACCOUNTANT \_\_\_\_\_  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** ACCOUNTANT \_\_\_\_\_  
**REPORT DATE:** 09<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

##### **Executive Summary:**

Financial Statements and reports as presented at the Finance Committee meeting are attached for perusal.

<b>Applicants Submission:</b>	Nil
<b>Background:</b>	Nil
<b>Statutory Environment:</b>	Nil
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>Financial Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>Strategic Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>Consultation:</b>	Nil
<b>Comment:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple Majority

##### **Officers Recommendation:**

That the following recommendations be received:

1. That the Statement of Financial Activity and associated notes for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 as presented be received.
2. That the Statement of Financial Activity and associated notes for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006 as presented be received.
3. That the Monthly Statements consisting of Operating Statement, Balance Sheet and Statement of Changes in Equity for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005.
4. That the Monthly Statements consisting of Operating Statement, Balance Sheet and Statement of Changes in Equity for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006 as presented be received.
5. That the Financial Report for the month ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 as presented be received.

6. That the Financial Report for the month ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006 as presented be received.
7. That the Assets Report totalling \$218600 for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 as presented be received
8. That the Assets Report totalling \$233937 for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006 as presented be received.
9. That the balances of the Municipal Fund of \$884430.30, the Term Deposit of \$214210.15 and the Trust Fund of \$37229.73 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 as presented be received.
10. That the balances of the Municipal Fund of \$836846.80, the Term Deposit of \$214937.88 and the Trust Fund of \$36748.13 as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006 as presented be received.
11. Accountant investigate Term Deposit rates from different banking institutions for Council Meeting.
12. That the Sundry Creditors Report for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 with a balance of \$59362.87 as presented be received.
13. That the Sundry Creditors Report for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006 with a balance of \$52725.58 as presented be received.
14. That the Sundry Debtors Report for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 with a balance of \$66313.78 as presented be received.
15. That the Sundry Debtors Report for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006 with a balance of \$37389.76 as presented be received.
16. As per delegation 006 that the accounts for payment for the Municipal Fund consisting of cheque numbers 14188 - 14295 for the amount of \$142237.02 and the Trust Fund consisting of cheque numbers 646 - 653 for the amount of \$1101.11 for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 as presented be approved for payment.
17. As per delegation 006 that the accounts for payment for the Municipal Fund consisting of cheque numbers 14294 - 14365 for the amount of \$92027.24 and the Trust Fund consisting of cheque numbers 654 - 661 for the amount of \$1528.00 for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006 as presented be approved for payment.
18. As per delegation 006 that the wages for the amount of \$52582.54 for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 including overtime of \$33212.79 for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 as presented be approved for payment.
19. As per delegation 006 that the wages for the amount of \$51420.57 for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006 including overtime of \$37405.73 for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006 as presented be approved for payment.
20. That the Rates Outstanding Report as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 totalling \$129244 as presented be received.
21. That the Rates Outstanding Report as at the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006 totalling \$73503 as presented be received.

Council Decision:

Moved: Cr West

Seconded: Cr Butler

That Items 1-21 be approved excluding item 11 be approved.

**CARRIED 6/0**

*D Orlando entered the meeting at 3.14pm to explain the Term Deposit Late Item.*



**6023.2 TERM DEPOSIT RATES**

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**APPLICANT:** SHIRE OF PERENJORI  
**FILE:** 0  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL  
**AUTHOR:** DOMENICA ORLANDO - ACCOUNTANT  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** DOMENICA ORLANDO - ACCOUNTANT  
**REPORT DATE:** 15 FEBRUARY 2006  
**ATTACHMENTS:** TERM DEPOSIT RATES/DELEGATION 026

**Executive Summary:**

Council currently has \$214,937.88 invested in a Special Term Deposit with Bankwest on a month by month basis which is currently on a rate of 4.00% per annum.

**Applicants Submission:**

Council can manage investing a further \$150,000 on a month by month basis. It may also look at investing approx \$250,000 total for an increased term. Bank west does offer an “early release” term deposit which is a minimum of \$10000 investment for a 12 month term. No transactions can be performed on the deposit for the first month but after that, funds can be drawn out or deposited. \$10,000 minimum must be invested at all times. This rate is 5.55%.

**Background:**

The Finance Committee, which has the delegation to Invest Surplus Funds (Delegation NO# 026) requested that term deposit rates from several other financial institutions be investigated. The following banks were approached: Westpac, Bankwest, ANZ, NAB, Commonwealth, Amp Bank, Police & Nurses, United Credit, St George Bank. All rates are subject to change.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

A greater interest income can be achieved.

**Strategic Implications:**

**Consultation:**

**Comment:**

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

Council invest \$500,000 in an “Early Release” Term Deposit for 12 months at 5.55% pa (subject to change).

**Council Decision:**

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Hirsch

Council invest \$500,000 in an “Early Release” Term Deposit for 12 months at 5.55% pa (subject to change).

**CARRIED 6/0**

**6024 PLANT & WORKS****6024.1 TENDERNO#6/2006**

<b>APPLICANT:</b>	<b>SHIRE OF PERENJORI</b>
<b>FILE:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>KEN MARKHAM – WORKS FOREMAN_____</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</b>	<b>KEN MARKHAM – WORKS FOREMAN_____</b>
<b>REPORT DATE:</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2006</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>VEHICLE TENDERS RECEIVED SPREADSHEET</b>

**Executive Summary:**

Council called for tenders to replace 3 utes and the 4x4 dual cab as per the plant replacement program. A spreadsheet of the tenders received is attached.

**Applicants Submission:**

Nil

**Background:**

The vehicles tendered are being replaced due to age and kilometres reached. The 4x4 dual cab ute is being traded on a dual cab truck to provide more flexibility for the construction crew, allowing fuel to be carried on the vehicle and to better service their plant on the road.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

As per Council's Plant Replacement Program.

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Comment:**

Nil

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

1. That Council accept the tender received from John Hughes Mitsubishi for the purchase of PJ1572 being 1 x 4x2 Cab Chassis Ute for a purchase price of \$15,368.18 with trade in of \$10,454.55 resulting in a net changeover of \$4,913.63.
2. That Council accept the tender received from John Hughes Mitsubishi for the purchase of PJ1567 being 1 x 4x2 Tipper Ute for a purchase price of \$17,763.64m with trade in of \$11,272.73 resulting in a net changeover of \$6,490.91.

3. That Council accept the tender received from John Hughes Skipper Mitsubishi for the purchase of PJ1569 being 1 x 4x2 Tipper Ute for a purchase price of \$17,763.64 with trade in of \$10,909.09 resulting in a net changeover \$6,854.55.
4. That Council accept the tender received from Waltons for the purchase of PJ1549 being 1 x Dual Cab vehicle for the purchase price of \$47,240 with trade in of \$14,018.19 resulting in a net changeover of \$33,221.81.

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Cr Bensdorp                      Seconded: Cr Butler**

1. That Council accept the tender received from John Hughes Mitsubishi for the purchase of PJ1572 being 1 x 4x2 Cab Chassis Ute for a purchase price of \$15,368.18 with trade in of \$10,454.55 resulting in a net changeover of \$4,913.63.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**Moved: Cr Butler                              Seconded: Cr Bensdorp**

2. That Council accept the tender received from John Hughes Mitsubishi for the purchase of PJ1567 being 1 x 4x2 Tipper Ute for a purchase price of \$17,763.64m with trade in of \$11,272.73 resulting in a net changeover of \$6,490.91.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**Moved: Cr Bensdorp                      Seconded: Cr West**

3. That Council accept the tender received from John Hughes Skipper Mitsubishi for the purchase of PJ1569 being 1 x 4x2 Tipper Ute for a purchase price of \$17,763.64 with trade in of \$10,909.09 resulting in a net changeover \$6,854.55.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**Moved: Cr Butler                              Seconded: Cr Bensdorp**

4. That Council accept the tender received from Waltons for the purchase of PJ1549 being 1 x Dual Cab truck for the purchase price of \$47,240 with trade in of \$14,018.19 resulting in a net changeover of \$33,221.81.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**6024.2 REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS****APPLICANT:** SHIRE OF PERENJORI**FILE:** 0**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** 0**AUTHOR:** C STYLE – MECHANIC \_\_\_\_\_**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER****REPORT DATE:** 1/02/2006**ATTACHMENTS****Executive Summary:**

Request for transfer of funds from the tyre account to purchase a tyre vulcanising equipment.

**Applicants Submission:**

Nil

**Background:**

It is an ongoing problem with graders, backhoe and trucks with tyre damage requiring major repairs.

To send a grader tyre away for repair is \$60 freight and usually between \$200-300 with a 2 month delay period.

Vulcanising repair equipment can be purchased from Rima Tip Top for about \$3000 including the solution and spare pads.

There is more than \$6000 dollars still in the tyre account and most tyres required have been purchased. I also feel this would be a benefit to the community giving the farmers access to repairs for header, tractor and truck tyres.

**Statutory Environment:***Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Sufficient funds are available in the tyre account.

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Comment:**

Nil

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

That consideration be given to the transfer of funds from the tyre account for the purchase of a Vulcanising Machine.

**Committee Recommendation:**

Moved Cr Bendsdorp, Seconded Cr Sutherland

That Council transfer of funds from the tyre account for the purchase of a Vulcanising Machine, including the light vehicle attachment.

**CARRIED 3/0****Council Decision:**

Moved: Cr Bendsdorp Seconded: Cr West

That Council transfer \$3000 funds from the tyre account for the purchase of a Vulcanising Machine, including the light vehicle attachment.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**6024.3 2006 ROADS FORUM**

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**APPLICANT:** MAIN ROADS / WALGA  
**FILE:**  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL  
**AUTHOR:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**REPORT DATE:** 2 FEBRUARY 2006  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Roads Forum Program

**Executive Summary:**

The 2006 Annual Roads Forum run jointly by Main Roads WA and WALGA is being held in Geraldton on Tuesday 4 April 2006.

**Applicants Submission:**

Given the relative proximity of the forum it is a good opportunity for Elected Members to attend.

**Background:**

The forum is conducted each year in a different location. It is likely to be several years before it is held again in Geraldton.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

The forum itself is free, so the only cost is travel and accommodation.

**Strategic Implications:**

The forum will provide useful background for the development of the next strategic plan and budget.

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Comment:**

The CEO and Works Foreman will be seeking to attend for some practical sessions directly related to their duties.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

**That the committee recommend to Council which if any elected members wish to attend.**

**Cr Bendsorp & Cr Butler nominated to attend, Cr West also to attend.**

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Cr King**

**Seconded: Cr Hirsch**

**That Crs Bendsorp, Butler and West attend the Roads Forum on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2006.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

**6024.4 PURCHASE OF NEW THERMAL FOGGER**

**APPLICANT:** SHIRE OF PERENJORI  
**FILE:** 0  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL  
**AUTHOR:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**REPORT DATE:** 2 FEBRUARY 2006  
**ATTACHMENTS:** QUOTATIONS

**Executive Summary:**

The existing misting machine is not really suited to townsite mosquito control and has been subject to numerous breakdowns at inopportune times recently. A new thermal fogger more suited to the task and cheaper to operate can be purchased for approximately \$5,000.

**Applicants Submission:**

A new thermal fogger more suited to the task and cheaper to operate can be purchased for approximately \$5,000.

**Background:**

The existing misting machine is not really suited to townsite mosquito control and has been subject to numerous breakdowns at inopportune times recently. Misting machines are designed to control mosquitos in wetlands and agricultural rather than urban settings.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

A new fogger would cost \$4,100 plus GST. A mounting frame and remote control to allow single person operation would cost in the order of another \$1,000. The new Roller came in \$6,000 under budget.

**Strategic Implications:**

Mosquito control is an important element of maintaining the quality of life of residents.

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Comment:**

A separate item is to be considered by the Health & Building Committee to consider the efficacy issues. The Plant & Works Committee is asked to consider reallocation of \$5,000 within the plant replacement budget for the purchase of the new machine.

**Voting Requirements:**

Absolute Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

**That the Committee recommend reallocation of \$5,000 within the 05/06 Plant Replacement budget for the purchase of a new Superhawk thermal fogger.**

**Committee Recommendation:**

Moved Cr Bendsdorp,                      Seconded Cr Sutherland

**That Council reallocate \$5,000 within the 05/06 Plant Replacement budget for the purchase of a new Superhawk thermal fogger.**

CARRIED 3/0

**That Council sell the mister for the best available price.**

CARRIED 3/0

**Council Decision:**

Moved: Cr King      Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That Council reallocate \$5,000 within the 05/06 Plant Replacement budget for the purchase of a new Superhawk thermal fogger and be recognised as unbudgeted expenditure and the purchase of the fogger is coming out of the savings on the vehicle tenders.

That Council sell the mister for the best available price.

CARRIED 6/0

**6024.5 FLOOD DAMAGE**

<b>APPLICANT:</b>	SHIRE OF PERENJORI
<b>FILE:</b>	0
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	NIL
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</b>	STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
<b>REPORT DATE:</b>	3 FEBRUARY 2005
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	NIL

**Executive Summary:**

The Shire sustained flood damage as a result of Cyclone Clair. We need to decide how to proceed with repairs.

**Applicants Submission:**

Four shire roads sustained flood damage:

- Rabbit Proof Fence Road – one section of about 3km and another of about 4 km.
- Maya East Road – 1 km
- Taylors Road – 300m
- Simpson Road – 1km.

The roads have been opened up to traffic. The repairs will involve removal of material and reconstruction of road and drainage.

Council needs to determine how this reinstatement work is accommodated within the Shire's work program.

**Background:**

Cyclone Clair was a declared natural disaster. As such support is available through Main Roads (with FESA funding) for repairs. This involves less demanding criteria than usual flood damage claims which require demonstration of a one in 20 year event.

The roads in question have been inspected by Main Roads WA and although the formal assessment of the claim will come later, we are confident the claim will be accepted. Claims must be submitted within 3 months of the event, but verification of expenditure will come later.

The following payment arrangements apply to flood claims under natural disaster arrangements:

- Opening up costs are fully funded by FESA
- Reinstatement costs are 75% funded by FESA with the remaining 25% funded by the Shire
- While improvements such as better drainage are encouraged, these must be fully funded by the Shire.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

The Shire must fund 25% of reinstatement and meet the full cost of any improvements.

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

The Works Foremen took a Main Roads WA representative on a tour of the damage. As much of the damage related to exceptional local rainfall local landholders rainfall records are being collected.

**Comment:**

Council effectively has 2 choices for undertaking this work:

- Reconfigure the 2005/2006 road program to allow work to be completed this financial year. This would mean postponing some of the existing road program to allow the work to be completed. Outstanding work that could be delayed includes Jackson Road, Wilder Road, Barrett Road and Sutherland Road. This is complicated further by peculiar weather over the past two months delaying some projects.
- Put the flood damage work to external contract. While this may be quicker, it is also likely to be more expensive.

As the funding is predicated on a degree of urgency we cannot delay repairs until next financial year. Whichever option Council chooses there will still need to be some adjustment to the existing roads program to meet Council's 25 % contribution.

At this stage we do not have final costs for the work, but it is expected to be in the order of \$200,000.

**Voting Requirements:**

Absolute Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

**That the Committee determine its preferred approach for recommendation to Council.**

**That the CEO present a revised road program to the March meeting based on this guidance from Council.**

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Moved Cr Sutherland                      Seconded Cr Bendsorp**

**That the following roads be deleted from the current roads program to allow the work on the flood damage to be undertaken: Jackson Sutherland, Wilder, Barrett**

**That Should capacity become available to do additional work that the roads be given the following priority order:**

**1 Jackson, 2 Sutherland, 3 Wilder, 4 Barrett.**

**That the deleted roads be included as a priority in the 06/07 budget.**

**That Gravel carting contractors may be used so long as the process for selection is above board and transparent.**

**That Council increase its overtime budget for outside staff to allow the best chance of completing as much work as possible.**

**CARRIED 3/0**

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Cr King                      Seconded: Cr West**

**That the following roads be deleted from the current roads program to allow the work on the flood damage to be undertaken: Jackson Sutherland, Wilder, Barrett**



That Should capacity become available to do additional work that the roads be given the following priority order:

1 Jackson, 2 Sutherland, 3 Wilder, 4 Barrett.

That the deleted roads be included as a priority in the 06/07 budget.

That Gravel carting contractors may be used so long as the process for selection is above board and transparent.

That Council increase its overtime budget for outside staff to allow the best chance of completing as much work as possible.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**Moved: Cr King**

**Seconded: Cr West**

**That Council note the additional road works required.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

Cr King – advised that the section between Farris road and Griffith road on Syson road needs an uphill culvert as the water is running downhill and making a mess of the road.

**6024.6 RURAL PROPERTY ADDRESSING**

**APPLICANT:** DEPARTMENT OF LAND INFORMATION  
GEOGRAPHIC NAMES COMMITTEE

**FILE:** 0

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL

**AUTHOR:** STAN SCOTT - CEO \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** WORKS FOREMAN \_\_\_\_\_

**REPORT DATE:** 3 February 2006

**ATTACHMENTS:** FAX FROM DLI

**Executive Summary:**

There are 3 remaining queries to be resolved as part of the rural property addressing project.

**Applicants Submission:**

See fax at attachment ??

**Background:**

Council has agreed to participate in sign posting rural properties and resolving these queries will assist. This matter was referred by Council to the Plant and Works Committee.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Implications:**

Resolving naming issues will assist emergency services.

**Consultation:** Nil

**Comment:**

Iona Road – Liebe Road between Dring Road and Tremlett Lampard Road is marked on maps as Iona Road. This should be Liebe Road.

Farrs West Road should be Old Well Road.

Settlement Road between Back Bowgada Road and Mullewa Wubin Road is not constructed. This interruption to Settlement Road is confusing. The best solution would be to rename the section of Settlement Road east of Back Bowgada Road. The road in question is approx 2km in length and terminates at Payne Road.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers / Committee Recommendation:**

Moved Cr Bendsdorp,                      Seconded Cr Sutherland

1. That Council consent to a Ministerial order to rename Iona Road as Liebe Road.
2. That Council consent to a Ministerial order to rename Farrs West Road as Old Well Road.
3. That Council request that the section of Settlement Road between Back Bowgada and Payne Road be renamed as Settlement East Road

**CARRIED 3/0**

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Cr King**                      **Seconded: Cr West**

1. That Council consent to a Ministerial order to rename part of Iona Road from Chapman Road to Bunjil as Liebe Road.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**Moved: Cr Butler**                      **Seconded: Cr Bendsdorp**

2. That Council consent to a Ministerial order to rename Farris West Road as Old Well Road.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**Moved: Cr Butler**                      **Seconded: Cr Hirsch**

3. That Council request that the section of Settlement Road between Back Bowgada and Payne Road be renamed as Settlement East Road

**CARRIED 6/0**

*MEETING ADJOURNED FOR AFTERNOON TEA AT 4.02PM*

*MEETING RESUMED AT 4.27PM*

**6025      GOVERNANCE**

**6025.1      REVIEW OF WA'S DEFAULT OPEN SPEED LIMIT**

<b>APPLICANT:</b>	WALGA
<b>FILE:</b>	0
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	NIL
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</b>	STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
<b>REPORT DATE:</b>	3 FEBRUARY 2006
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	WALGA INFOPAGE

**Executive Summary:**

The Road Safety Council is again seeking Local Government support for a reduction in the default open speed limit

**Applicants Submission:**

A Road Safety Working group has provided additional information in response to WALGA's previous submission following opposition by Council's to a previous proposal to reduce the open limit.

**Background:**

State Council resolved in June 2005 to oppose the reduction based on input from Councils.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Comment:**

The paper provides some additional analysis of road safety data. For the sake of balance the counter argument is set out below.

#### The State Strategy

Nothing in the discussion demonstrates a clear identifiable road safety outcome. Speeding behaviour would refer to people travelling at above the posted limit, or above a speed that is safe for the conditions on open roads. Reducing the speed limit would if anything increase the former and have no effect on the latter.

#### Road Safety Benefits

The comparison of crash data between 100kmh zones and 110 kph zones does not appear valid for the following reasons:

- It compares 408 crashes in 100kph zones with 10 509 crashes in 110kph zones, in other words a very small sample with a very large sample;
- 100kph zones include the majority of the Kwinana and Mitchell Freeways, and Roe Reid and Tonkin Highways. These roads would contribute a significant portion of the crashes with very few fatalities. A feature of these roads is high quality engineering, very few intersections, early warning signs for amber lights and most importantly high degrees of separation between traffic travelling in opposite directions removing head on collisions from the equation. In these circumstances there would of course be less fatal or serious injury clashes;
- 100kph zones outside of those listed above are those zones that have been assessed by Main Roads WA as a lower standard than those roads zoned 110kph. The roads would only be assessed by Main Roads if they are State Roads, or carry sufficient traffic to justify the assessment.
- 110kph zones include all of the major highways in the north of the state where drivers typically exceed the limit, there is significant interaction with long and oversize vehicles, the very long distances and extended travelling times contribute to fatigue, there is no physical separation between vehicles travelling in opposite directions and there is greater opportunity for interaction with wildlife and livestock on the road. The combination of these factors rather than the speed limit itself would contribute to the severity and frequency of crashes.

#### Enforcement

This is not really an issue as it would be no more difficult to enforce 100kph than 110kph, and in practice there is little if any enforcement activity on roads subject to the default open road limit.

#### Current Travel Speeds

On roads subject to the default open road limit there are many sections where travelling at 110kph or even 100kph would be foolhardy and often dangerous. The travel times exercise demonstrates that in most cases it would be difficult to safely travel at even 100kph, and average speeds over the journey are generally considerably less. This raises the question of what would be achieved by reducing the default open road limit as much of the journey would already be well below that speed? The answer is simply that speeds of law abiding citizens would only be reduced on those sections of the road where it would be safe to travel at over 100kph, in other words the safest sections of the roads.

#### Lack of Consistency

It is worthwhile comparing some of the roads affected by the proposal with those already speed zoned. The Wubin to Mullewa Road is a main road, and the posted limit is 110kph for most of its length. Between Perenjori and Mullewa this road is of a lower standard than most of the roads considered in the travelling time exercise. The Carnamah Perenjori Road between Perenjori and the Shire boundary is safer than the Wubin Mullewa Road. The Coorow Latham Road is also safer along most of its length.

#### **Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority

#### **Officers Recommendation:**

**That Council determine whether to support the proposed reduction in the default open speed limit.**

**Moved: Cr Butler**

**Seconded: Cr Hirsch**



**6025.2 LEASE ON RAILWAY SIDING****APPLICANT:** PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**FILE:****DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL**AUTHOR:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_**REPORT DATE:** 9 FEBRUARY 2006**ATTACHMENTS:** Email and Plan**Executive Summary:**

The PTA has asked through its agents whether the Shire wishes to renew its lease on the Perenjori Station Loading Ramp.

**Applicants Submission:**

Burgess Rawson acting for the Public Transport Authority has offered the Shire a new peppercorn lease on the loading ramp.

**Background:**

The previous peppercorn lease has expired.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:** Nil**Financial Implications:** Nil**Strategic Implications:**

It is useful for Council to have effective control over key assets.

**Consultation:** Nil**Comment:**

An email and a Diagram are attached. If Council expresses interest formal papers will then be presented by the agents.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

**That Council confirm its interest in renewing the peppercorn lease over the Perenjori Station Loading Ramp.**

**Council Decision:****Moved:** Cr King**Seconded:** Cr Hirsch

**That Council confirm its interest in renewing the peppercorn lease over the Perenjori Station Loading ramp.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

**6025.3 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

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**APPLICANT:** DLGRD  
**FILE:**  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL  
**AUTHOR:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**REPORT DATE:** 9 FEBRUARY 2006  
**ATTACHMENTS:** DLGRD CIRCULAR

**Executive Summary:**

The Department is suggesting greater involvement by Councils in International Women's Day.

**Applicants Submission:**

The Rural Remote and Regional Women's Network (RRR) has joined with the Office of Women's Policy to promote women living rural areas under the theme "*Reaching Rights and Recognition.*"

**Background:**

International Women's Day is 8 March 2006.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Implications:** Nil

**Consultation:**

Insufficient time.

**Comment:**

Women make enormous community contributions through all facets of endeavour in the Shire of Perenjori. While the activities suggested by the Department there is insufficient time between now and 8 March to do justice to most of the suggestions.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

That Council determine whether to arrange an International Women's Day event, and if so, what event.

**Council Decision:**

Moved: Cr King      Seconded: Cr Hirsch  
That this event be noted for 2007.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**6025.4 ISSUES UPDATE**

<b>APPLICANT:</b>	<b>SHIRE OF PERENJORI</b>
<b>FILE:</b>	<b>VARIOUS</b>
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>STAN SCOTT – CEO</b> _____
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</b>	<b>STAN SCOTT – CEO</b> _____
<b>REPORT DATE:</b>	<b>9 FEBRUARY 2005</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>SEE COMMENTS</b>

**Executive Summary:**

There have been developments on a range of issues of interest to Council.

**Applicants Submission:**

The CEO has been pursuing a number of matters on behalf of Council and developments on these issues are detailed below.

**Background:** NIL

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:** NIL

**Financial Implications:** NIL

**Strategic Implications:** NIL

**Consultation:** NIL

**Comment:****Caravan Park**

A new duty statement and job advertisement have been prepared and the existing caretaker has been advised of the reclassification of the position and the need to compete for the new position. The position will be advertised later this month.

**Computers / Information Technology**

The new servers have been installed. The new Synergy accounting software was scheduled to go live on Monday 13 February 2006. Over the last month administration staff have undertaken 18 days of training in use of the new system.

**Enterprise Bargaining Agreement**

The new EBA was ratified by the AIRC on 7 February 2006, and the new arrangements (including the 9 day fortnight) took effect from 8 February 2006.

**Reservation of Unallocated Crown Land in Maya Townsite**

Council requested land on both sides of the railway line. DPI is concentrating on land West of the railway line because of Native Title implications on land East of the line. (See Attachment)

**Pricing of Unconditioned Local Loop Services**

The CEO wrote to the ACCC raising concerns about proposed changes. A reassuring response is attached.

**Economic and Social Impact Study / Strategic Plan**

The start up meeting for this study was held on 31 January 2005, and should take approximately 10 to 12 weeks. The follow up work (including the Strategic Plan with Wendy Newman should commence immediately thereafter. A circular from the Department outlining minimum requirements for planning for the future is also relevant.



**Voting Requirements:**

No Vote Required.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That Council notes the above developments.

**Council Decision:**

Moved: Cr King                      Seconded: Cr Butler

That Council notes the above developments.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**6025.5 NORTHERN COUNTRY CONGRESS**

**APPLICANT:** SHIRE OF PERENJORI  
**FILE:** 0  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** 0  
**AUTHOR:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**REPORT DATE:**  
**ATTACHMENTS**

**Executive Summary:**

The Northern Country Congress is scheduled for 2 and 3 March 2006

**Applicants Submission:****The Northern Country Congress**

The Country Northern Zone of WALGA is holding its annual conference, known as the Northern Country Congress in Geraldton all day on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> March, and as many elected members as possible are encouraged to attend. The conference includes a dinner on the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2006.

**Corruption and Crime Commission**

The CCC replaces the ACC and is taking on a greater role in educating agencies and assisting them to meet their responsibilities. At the request of the Shire of Perenjori the CCC is conducting a Local Government specific information session (about 1.5 hours) at 3pm on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006. This would be a useful addition to the conference for anyone attending.

**North Midlands Dinner**

To take advantage of the number of elected members likely to be in Geraldton on the evening of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006 the NMVROC is arranging a dinner and all elected members and delegates are invited. Council will meet the cost of attendance.

**Regional Road Group**

A full regional road group meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2006.

**Background:**

The conference is a great opportunities for elected members to develop their networks within the region. The wide range of infrastructure challenges facing the region perhaps give Councils more issues in common than at most other times.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Conference attendance costs \$220 per head, plus \$70 for the conference dinner. The NMVROC dinner will probably cost around \$50 per head. The CCC forum is free. There will of course be travel and accommodation costs.

**Strategic Implications:**

Much of the program targets strategic long term issues for Local Government.

**Consultation:**

The CCC session was at the specific request of the Shire of Perenjori. The CCC has arranged forums for earlier in the week and was unaware of the Country Congress. The timing of the forum the

afternoon prior to the congress allows the CCC to frame a session specifically targeted to Local Government using examples relevant to the sector.

**Comment:**

This is an important regional event and elected members are encouraged to support it. Cr West is President of the Zone and a member of the conference organising committee.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

That Council determine attendance for these events:

**Council Decision:**

Event	CCC Forum 1 Mar 06	NMVROC Dinner 1 March 06	Country Congress 2-3 March 06	RRG Full Meeting 3 March 06
Cr Baxter				
Cr King				
Cr Sutherland				
Cr Butler		✓	✓	
Cr Hirsch				
Cr Bendsdorp	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cr West	✓		✓	✓
Cr Benton				
Cr Reid				

**Moved: Cr Hirsch**

**Seconded: Cr Bendsdorp**

**That Cr Butler be a voting delegate the Northern Country Congress.**

**6025.6**

CARRIED

6/0

**STUDY INTO SYSTEMIC SUSTAINABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**APPLICANT:** WALGA  
**FILE:**  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL  
**AUTHOR:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**REPORT DATE:** 9 FEBRUARY 2006  
**ATTACHMENTS:** CORRESPONDENCE FROM WALGA

**Executive Summary:**

WALGA has committed \$200,000 from its accumulated reserves for a sophisticated study examining the long-term sustainability of Local Government

**Applicants Submission:**

The correspondence from WALGA sets out in some detail the rationale for embarking on this project.

**Background:**

The study should compliment the information that emerges from the LGAB enquiry, but will answer questions posed by the industry rather than government.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Implications:**

The study is likely to have significant impact on the future strategic direction of the sector.

**Consultation:** Nil

**Comment:**

Each Council will receive a sustainability report on its own operations.

**Voting Requirements:**

No Vote Required

**Officers Recommendation:**

That Council notes the above.

**Council Decision:**

**Moved:** Cr King

**Seconded:** Cr Bendsdorp

**That Council notes the above in relation to the State Infrastructure Strategy.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

**6025.7 STATE INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY**

**APPLICANT:** WALGA  
**FILE:** 0  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL  
**AUTHOR:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**REPORT DATE:** 9 FEBRUARY 2006  
**ATTACHMENTS**

**Executive Summary:**

Submissions to the State Infrastructure Strategy close on 28 February 2006.

**Applicants Submission:**

The State Government is developing a State Infrastructure Strategy, and is taking submissions until 28 February 2006.

**Background:**

We have previously written to the Premier and State Development Minister, but there is a chance our previous input will not have been treated as input to the strategy. WALGA is represented by its President Bill Mitchell on the reference group.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Implications:**

The state of existing infrastructure is the biggest single limiting factor to development in the region.

**Consultation:** Nil

**Comment:** Nil

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the CEO prepare a submission to the State Infrastructure Group based on previous submissions to the Premier.

**Council Decision:**

**Moved:** Cr King                      **Seconded:** Cr Bendsdorp

That the CEO prepare a submission to the State Infrastructure Group based on previous submissions to the Premier.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**6025.8 HOUSING RENTAL INCREASE**

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**APPLICANT:** MRS TANYA BAKER  
**FILE:**  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL  
**AUTHOR:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**REPORT DATE:** 9 FEBRUARY 2006  
**ATTACHMENTS:** CORRESPONDENCE FROM MRS BAKER

**Executive Summary:**

Mrs Baker contends that a \$50 rent increase is excessive.

**Applicants Submission:**

Mrs Baker was attracted to Perenjori by the low rents and feels that a \$50 increase, albeit in two increments 6 months apart is excessive. She is seeking to have the increase staged over 18 months.

**Background:**

Council reviewed rental charges as part of its budget deliberations.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:**

Council's policy is to change rents at a commercial rate so as not to suppress rental values, property values and investment in the town.

**Financial Implications:**

If Council accepted Mrs Bakers suggested the cost to Council would be \$1,430 over 18 months.

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Mrs Baker visited the CEO prior to writing to Council.

**Comment:**

Given the quality of the housing and relative values of housing in Perenjori and neighbouring towns the rent increase applied seems reasonable.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

That Council determine its response to Mrs Baker's request.

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Cr King      Seconded: Cr Hirsch**

**That Council write to Mrs Baker thanking her for letter in regards and advise her that the Council consider the proposed rent increase is reasonable and justified.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

**6026 OTHER BUSINESS**

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**6026.1 INFORMATION BULLETIN – TABLED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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Grange Securities – Australian Data Snapshot, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2006  
Australia's Golden Outback – 2006 Holiday Planner  
Dept of Local Govt & Regional Development – Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998 – Removal of Oath to the Queen  
DPI – Building Networks Newsletter  
Corruption & Crime Commission of WA – Corruption Prevention and Education – Focus on Geraldton and the Midwest  
G Wilks – Regional Health Scheme  
Salinity Engineering  
Senator Kim Carr – Australia's Future Cities  
Alan Carpenter – Premier Unveils new State Cabinet  
WALGA – Information Bulletin – Municipal Waste Advisory Council  
Linking Councils & Communities  
Preventing Violence: The State Community Violence Prevention Strategy 2005  
Senator Judith Troeth – Inquiry into Rural & Regional Women's Representation  
Dept of Local Govt & Regional Development – Swearing in of Council Members – Removal of Oath to the Queen  
Disability Services Commission – Disability Services Commission Strategic Plan 2006 to 2010  
Extract from Golden Outback Holiday Planner  
CALM – Landholder Survey 2003  
Dept of Premier 7 Cabinet – 2005 Premiers Awards for Excellence in Public Sector Management  
WALGA – Inquiry into Future oil supply and alternative transport fuels  
WALGA – Submission on Review of Commonwealth Local Road Grants  
WALGA – Local Govt News – Issue 02.06, 03.06, 04.06

**6026.2 MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAVE BEEN GIVEN**

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**6026.3 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

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**6026.4 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION**

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**6026.4.1 RELOCATION OF LATHAM LIBRARY**

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**APPLICANT:** SHIRE OF PERENJORI  
**FILE:**  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL  
**AUTHOR:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**REPORT DATE:** 15 February 2006  
**ATTACHMENTS**

**Executive Summary:**

The Latham Shop Committee and the Latham community seem quite positive about relocation of the public library to the Latham shop. To pursue this course of action will require a resolution of Council.

**Applicants Submission:**

Late in 2005 the long standing postal agent in Latham decided to relinquish the postal agency. In order to retain this service agreement was reached to relocate the post boxes to the Latham Store. Since then there have been efforts to identify other services that could be collocated with the postal agency to make a viable shop. There seems to be strong support for collocation of the library.

**Background:**

The existing Library at Latham is located in a 3m by 3m room at the back of the Latham Hall. The premises are way too small to accommodate the quantity of books and resources available. Since early in 2004 the Shire has been pursuing options for relocating or collocating the library.

In May 2004 in principle agreement was reached with the Latham Primary School to collocate the library with the school library that is located in a separate building on the school premises.

Latham Library is a fully constituted public library with stock provided by Library and Information Services WA (LISWA). Under the Library Framework Agreement between the Shire and the State Government there are a range of minimum standards listed. While the current library does not meet these standards, any relocation requires permission of the State Library Board, and they will seek to improve compliance with the framework agreement.

The relocation had also been delayed because of the need for an updated management order on the reserve that encompasses the school environs to give the Education Department the capacity to enter into a lease agreement with the Shire. In the meantime both the principal and Library Officer at Latham Primary have changed, as has the Shire CEO, and these staff were not privy to the plans and discussions between the previous incumbents. It does not appear that the school would be too concerned (and would probably be relieved) if we identified an alternative location.

The proposed relocation required improved access to allow patrons to access the library without moving through the main traffic areas at the school. The school has already completed additional paving to facilitate this access, and if the relocation does not proceed we may still need to make some contribution to this work.

Even though the school location is far better than the current location, it is still be very difficult to accommodate the needs of both libraries in the available space without reducing the stock of the public library.



**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district. Under the Library Framework Agreement LISWA is responsible for providing library stock while the Shire provides premises and staff.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Council has allocated \$6,000 for the library relocation. This should be sufficient to meet the costs associated with the move and fit out.

There are however some ongoing costs that we will need to cover, including:

- Telephone and internet access, say \$600 per annum;
- Contribution towards utilities, say \$600 per annum;
- Staff costs would need to be negotiated with the shop committee as they would be supplying a staff member.

We presently send a staff member to Latham one day per week. Under the new arrangements this could be reduced to one day per month. This would represent a saving of around \$6,000 per annum. For the relocation to be cost neutral we could enter into a service agreement with the Shop Committee or Progress association with a fee of \$400 per month (\$4,800 per annum).

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Cr Hirsch has been keeping the Latham community informed of developments in her role as President of the progress association.

**Comment:**

Providing an adequate library service to Latham has been an ongoing problem for some years. Collocation of the library at the shop seems like the most practical solution to resolve this long-standing issue.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

That Council authorises the CEO to negotiate with the Latham Shop Committee, the Latham Progress Association and LISWA for the relocation of the Latham Library to the Latham Shop, subject to Council endorsement of any agreement.

**Council Decision:****Moved: Cr King****Seconded: Cr Butler**

**That Council authorises the CEO to negotiate with the Latham Shop Committee, the Latham Progress Association and LISWA for the relocation of the Latham Library to the Latham Shop, subject to Council endorsement of any agreement.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

**6026.4.2 PERENJORI MASONIC LODGE BUILDING**

**APPLICANT:** SHIRE OF PERENJORI  
**FILE:** 0  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL  
**AUTHOR:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** STAN SCOTT – CEO \_\_\_\_\_  
**REPORT DATE:** 15 FEBRUARY 2006  
**ATTACHMENTS**

**Executive Summary:**

The Morawa Masonic Lodge has agreed to renew the peppercorn lease for the Perenjori Masonic Lodge for 5 years with a 5 year option.

**Applicants Submission:**

The Morawa Masonic Lodge has indicated that it is happy for the Shire to continue to use the Masonic Lodge building in Perenjori for community purposes, and has agreed to a 5 year peppercorn lease with the option of a 5 year extension. The only circumstances that the Lodge can envisage where they would not extend the lease would be if sufficient members became available to re-establish a Perenjori chapter. .

**Background:**

Council has budgeted \$3,000 to complete works on the Perenjori Masonic Lodge, but this work was deferred when it became clear that the previous lease had expired.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995* S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Council has budgeted for \$3,000 to complete electrical work on the building.

**Strategic Implications:**

The building has been used in the past for a PCYC, and is well suited to this or other youth activities.

**Consultation:**

The Shire President and CEO met with the Morawa Masonic Lodge on 8 Feb 06.

**Comment:**

The proposed lease provides sufficient security of tenure to justify some investment.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

1. That Council authorise the CEO to enter into a 5 year peppercorn lease for the Perenjori Masonic with the option of a 5 year extension subject to a termination clause should a Perenjori chapter of the lodge be chartered.
2. That Council authorise the budgeted work to proceed when a lease has been executed.
3. That Council authorise the building to be used for a PCYC or other similar youth focussed activity.

