
Shire of Perenjori
MINUTES
Ordinary Council Meeting

To be held in the Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers, Fowler Street, Perenjori on **Thursday**
21st JUNE 2007, to commence at 11.00am.

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7061 PRELIMINARIES

Nil

7061.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1.30pm.

7061.2 OPENING PRAYER

The President led Council in the opening prayer.

7061.3 DISCLAIMER READING

Nil

7061.4 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

President	Cr Brian Baxter
Councillors	Cr Graeme Reid
	Cr Laurie Butler
	Cr Jennifer Hirsch
	Cr John Bendsorp
	Cr Ian West
	Cr Robyn Benton
	Cr Christopher King
	Mr John Cunningham
CEO	Mr Stan Scott
DCEO	Ms Domenica Orlando
Manager Community Services	Mr Garry Agnew
Economic Development Officer	Mr Phil Cleaver
Works Supervisor	Mr Ken Markham

7061.5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

7061.6 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Mr Charlie Brown was invited to address Council.

Mr Charlie Brown left the chambers at 1.50pm.

7061.7 NOTATIONS OF INTEREST

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.

7061.8 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr West

Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That Cr Chris King be granted a leave of absence from 09th July 2007 to 12th October 2007.

Carried 9/0

7061.9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held 17th May 2007.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Benton

Seconded: Cr King

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 17th April 2007 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Carried 9/0

Minutes of Special meeting held 13th June 2007.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Butler

That the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on 13th June 2007 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Carried 9/0

7061.10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

7061.11 MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY GO BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

7062 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

7062.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

APPLICANT:	SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE:	0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	0
AUTHOR:	PHIL CLEAVER - EDO _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PHIL CLEAVER - EDO _____
REPORT DATE:	15 June 2007
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

Executive Summary:

A Report on Economic Development Projects.

Applicants Submission:

Detailed below are progress reports on current and prospective projects:

Grant Applications

Application pending for the aquaculture project through the Regional Development Scheme. Work is in progress for community water grants.

Co-operative and foundation formations

In progress. Meeting with Midwest Development Commission in relation to Midwest Community Foundation 18 June 2007.

Small Business

Business expo is now being incorporated into Show Schedule.

LotteryWest

The EDO has been pressing Perenjori's case for a CSO Lottery Agency, and while to date the response has not changes, LotteryWest is conducting an internal review of its policy on this issue.

Shire Website

The web site developer will be delivering training in Perenjori on 28 June 2007. Following this training the new website can be populated and then go live. The web site has been developed using open source software with a fairly simple user interface. This means that software updates will continue to be free, and the website can be maintained in house.

UWA Architecture

Costings have now been received for housing prototypes. It appears each dwelling unit will cost in the order of \$100,000, well within Council's budgeted amounts. Building will be able to commence early in 2007/2008 subject to necessary approvals.

Discussion started in relation to the 2007 Perenjori studio. Focus this year is likely to be on redevelopment plans for public buildings such as the town hall and pavilion.

Latex trees

The plants should have arrived in Perenjori by the time of the Council meeting.

Stock Feed Crisis

Since the Special Meeting of 13 June 2007 the EDO has been seeking potential solutions to the critical shortage of stock feed that was identified by several Elected Members.

Councillors will have noted the controversy surrounding the Ord River sugar cane industry. The EDO has spoken to key people in the industry and the Department of agriculture about:

- The availability of sugar cane for stock feed
- The suitability of sugar cane as a stock food including what would need to be added;
- The transport logistics between Kununurra and the wheatbelt
- Likely costs.
- Potential for State Government support

At the time of writing this is a work in progress, but the EDO hopes to be able to provide a more complete oral; report at the Council meeting.

Energy

The EDO continues to work closely with UWA and Curtin on matters relating to alternative fuels, solar power and water.

Background:

The EDO commenced a full time two year contract on 30 August 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:

The fundamental premise of the EDO activity is diversification of the economic base of Perenjori through complementary activity that will reduce our reliance on agriculture and mining. In light of the start to the present growing season this continues to be a critical strategy.

Consultation:

The EDO maintains contact with a wide range of potential stakeholders, investors or funding organisations.

Comment:

The approach to economic development is focussed on developing opportunities that will:

- Diversify the local economy through attracting new industries or emerging technologies;
- Add value to existing agricultural industry through diversification or downstream processing
- Take advantage of existing intellectual capital within the district
- Encourage partnerships with external bodies and agencies
- Overcome barriers to growth such as lack of available land or housing;

Within the scope of these activities we will also:

- Seek funding opportunities to offset the costs and/or widen the scope of economic development activities
- Keep Council and the community informed of economic development activities;
- Seek Council endorsement of any activity that requires a long term commitment from the shire, or involves commitment of funds outside the existing budget.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council notes the Economic Development Report.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Butler

Seconded: Cr Cunningham

That Council notes the Economic Development Report.

Carried 9/0

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MR PHIL CLEAVER LEFT THE CHAMBERS AT 2.03PM

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Reid

Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That an explanation of the EDO role and information of projects and outcomes be distributed to the Community via a letter drop.

Carried 9/0

7063 FINANCE

7063.1 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

APPLICANT:	Deputy Ceo
FILE:	0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	0
AUTHOR:	Domenica Orlando – Deputy CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Domenica Orlando – Deputy CEO
REPORT DATE:	15th June 2007
ATTACHMENTS	Monthly Statement of Financial Activity Reports

Executive Summary:

As required by the Local Government Act and Financial Management Regulations a Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is required to be presented to each monthly meeting. This statement is used with Councils adopted 10% variance or \$5000 figure which was adopted by Council at its March meeting of Council. A report detailing the variances is also included.

Other Financial statements are also attached as per the Finance Committee preferences.

Financial Implications:	N/A
Consultation:	UHF Haines Norton
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Officers Recommendation:	

1. Statement of Financial Activity

That the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 31st May 2007 including report on variances be accepted as presented.

2. Finance Report

That the Finance Report for the period ended 31st May 2007 be accepted as presented.

3. Acquisition of Assets

That the Acquisition of Assets Report for the period ended 31st May 2007 with a balance of \$1260914 as presented be received.

4. Reserves Report

That the Reserves Report for the period ended 31st May 2007 with a balance of \$1058412 as presented be received.

5. Net Current Assets

That the Net Current Assets report for the period ended 31st May 2007 as presented be received.

6. Bank Reconciliation's

That the balances of the Municipal Fund of \$295541.61, the Term Deposit of \$112601.56 and the Trust Fund of \$35912.78 as at 31st May 2007 as presented be received.

7. Sundry Creditors Report

That the Sundry Creditors Report for the period ended 31st May 2007 with a balance of \$28022.76 as presented be received.

8. Sundry Debtors Report

That the Sundry Debtors Report for the period ended 31st May 2007 with a balance of \$85470.70 as presented be received.

9. Accounts for Payment

That the Accounts for payment for the Municipal Account consisting of Cheque Numbers 15684 to 15760 and EFT Numbers 66 to 96 for \$287957.61 and the Trust Account consisting of EFT numbers 65 to 97 and Cheque Numbers 711 to 712 for \$877.21 for the period ended 31st May 2007 as presented be accepted.

10. Rates Outstanding

That the Rates Outstanding Report for the period ended 15th June 2007 with an outstanding balance of \$52625 as presented be received.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr West

Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That items 1 – 10 relating to the Statement of Financial Activity for period ended 31st May 2007 be accepted as presented.

Carried 9/0

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr West

That Council transfer and extra \$130,000 - \$170,000 to the Road Reserve in the 2006/07 financial year.

Carried 9/0

7064.1 TOWN PLANNING SCHEME NO 1 AMENDMENT NO 2 – DELETING
PLANNING CONSENT EXEMPTIONS

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 508.02
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL
AUTHOR: GARRY AGNEW – MCS _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: GARRY AGNEW - MCS _____
REPORT DATE: 5 JUNE 2007
ATTACHMENTS: 7062.1a and 7062.1b

Executive Summary:

Council is asked to consider Final Approval of its Town Planning Scheme No. 1 Amendment No. 2 – Deleting Planning Consent Exemptions.

Background:

Council is referred to Item No. 7014.2 of its February 2007 Minutes.

Moved: Cr. King

Seconded: Cr. West

In pursuance of Section 75 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 the Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No.1 is amended by:

- *removing the sub-clause 5.1.2 c) that provides an exemption for the need for a planning approval for single dwelling houses.*

The CEO is authorised to endorse documental and placement of the Common Seal.

Carried: 8-0

Comment:

Consequent to Council's above determination the proposed TPS No. 1 Amendment No. 2 was forwarded to the Environmental Protection Authority for clearance prior to advertising. The Environmental Protection Authority advised that the proposed scheme amendment did not require assessment therefore there was no necessity to provide advice or recommendation – see copy of the EPA correspondence as **Attachment 7062.1a**.

Pursuant to the *Planning and Development Act 2005* the following advertisement was placed in the West Australian on the 18 April 2007 and the Perenjori Bush Telegraph on the 24 April 2007.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHIRE OF PERENJORI TOWN PLANNING SCHEME NO. 1 AMENDMENT NO. 2

Purpose of Amendment: To remove the exemption for the need for Planning Approval for single houses in the Shire of Perenjori.

Inspection of plans and Documents: Shire of Perenjori Administration Centre, Fowler Street Perenjori during the hours between 8:00am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday up to and including 31 May 2007.

Submission Closing Date: 1 June 2007

Stan Scott

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Additionally, correspondence was sent to the following Agencies inviting their comment, if appropriate, on the proposed TPS No. 1 Amendment No. 2.

Western Power
GPO Box L921
PERTH WA 6842

Manager
Waste Water Management
Department of Health
PO Box 8172

Water Corporation
PO Box 100
LEEDERVILLE WA 6902

Perth Business District
PERTH WA 6849

Jerom Hurley
Department for Planning and Infrastructure
PO Box 68
GERALDTON WA 6531

Department of Environment
PO Box 73
GERALDTON WA 6531

Telstra
PO Box 9901
PERTH WA 6000

FESA
18 Kingsbury Road
JOONDALUP WA 6027

Council is informed that as of the 15 June 2007 only one submission had been received – see **Attachment No. 7022.1b**. That submission was from the Water Corporation and which stated that it had no objection to the proposal.

Statutory Environment:

Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No. 1

Planning and Development Act 2005

Local Government Act 1995 -

“The Common Seal of the Local Government may only be used on the authority of the Council given either generally or specifically and every document to which the Seal is affixed must be signed by the President and the CEO or a senior employee authorised by him or her.”

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Amendment to the Town Planning Scheme necessitates general consultation advertising to the community with the final approval via the government Gazette - \$5,000.00 is available in the 2006/7 Budget for Town Planning.

Strategic Implications:

To improve Council's formal participation in the approval for new residential development in light of changing statutes and building construction methods.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers / Committee Recommendation:

Moved Cr Bendsdorp

Seconded Cr Benton

Town Planning Scheme No. 1 Amendment No. 2 as attached to this report is adopted for FINAL APPROVAL and submitted to the WAPC with the attachments to this report (Attachments 7022.1a and 7022.1b). The Shire President and CEO are to endorse the documentation and placement of the Common Seal is authorised.

CARRIED 3/0

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Bendsdorp

Seconded: Cr Benton

Town Planning Scheme No. 1 Amendment No. 2 as attached to this report is adopted for FINAL APPROVAL and submitted to the WAPC with the attachments to this report (Attachments 7022.1a and 7022.1b). The Shire President and CEO are to endorse the documentation and placement of the Common Seal is authorised.

CARRIED 9/0

APPLICANT: MCS
FILE:
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL
AUTHOR: GARRY AGNEW - MCS _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER GARRY AGNEW - MCS _____
REPORT DATE: 13 JUNE 2007
ATTACHMENTS 7022.1a

Executive Summary:

Council is asked to consider the draft Building Management Budget for 2007/08.

Comment:

Attached as **Attachment 7022.1a** is the draft budget for 2007/08 consequent to inspection of all Shire Buildings by Council's Building Management Committee and the MCS.

To allow for a definitive Building Management budget for presentation to full Council the Health Building Committee is asked to peruse **Attachment 7022.1a** and indicate its determination on the following.

The committee considered the matters one by one and consensus recommendations are noted under each item

1. **Lot 130 Russell Street** – The Building Management Committee agreed that because of the need for extensive repair work to this house, that upgrade work should not be carried out and the house is to be identified for public sale during 2007/08, following finalising of the subdivision process.

Committee Recommendation: That house should be sold when subdivision is completed and alternative accommodation is arranged for Mr Cleaver. Removed maintenance from draft budget.

2. **Lot 159 John Street** – The Building Committee suggested that the surrounds of this current vacant contemporary house should be landscaped and that the house seriously be considered for allocation as the CEO's residence.

Committee Recommendation: This matter be considered by full Council. CEO to check terms of funding agreement to ensure that the house may be used for the proposed purpose.

3. **Lot 73 Russell Street, Medical Centre** – In accordance with the wish of Council and after discussion with the visiting Doctor and Medical Centre Staff the budget for the Medical Centre has included building modifications for the ease of stretcher ingress/egress, together with a list of medical equipment that would allow better medical service to the Perenjori community.

Does the Health/Building Committee support the inclusion of the requested medical equipment as well as the Medical Centre upgrade in the 2007/08 budget?

The CEO suggests that he may be successful in applying for external funding towards the medical equipment and the Medical Centre upgrade work.

Committee Recommendation: The proposed works be included in the Budget. The CEO is to seek funding support under the Regional Medical Infrastructure Fund.

4. **Masonic Lodge** – Repair work needed on the Masonic Lodge has been included in this 2007/08 draft budget for information as negotiations are still to be finalised over the future ownership of this building.

Does the Health/Building Committee wish this work to be included in the 2007/08 budget?

Committee Recommendation: That work on the Masonic Lodge be removed from the building budget. To be reconsidered for 08/09 when tenure is clearer.

5. **Council Works Depot Loading Street** – Council has requested advice on cost estimations for replacement of the existing transportable units with a purpose designed in-situ construction.

The Health/Building Committee will note that the draft budget has a figure of \$33,000 set aside for the construction of a cover over the existing Depot General Office and Staff transportable buildings.

The MCS received a sketched plan of a proposed layout for new replacement in-situ constructed office, lunchroom, toilets and verandah at the Loading Street Shire Depot from the Manager Works and Services – the sketch had been agreed to by the Works Section Staff.

Assessment of this sketch using Rawlinsons Building Construction Guide gives the following minimum anticipated costs for replacement of the transportable buildings with on-site constructed alternatives.

(1) Metal framed, metal clad and roof = \$103,500.00

(2) Brick construction and metal roof = \$131,000.00

Committee Recommendation: This matter be referred to Plant and Works Committee for consideration.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Preparation of the 2007/08 Annual Budget.

Strategic Implications:

Nil.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

Submitted for Council determination and direction.

Committee Recommendations:

The Committee made the following recommendations by consensus:

Lot 130 Russell Street

That the house should be sold when subdivision is completed and alternative accommodation is arranged for Mr Cleaver. Removed maintenance from draft budget.

Lot 159 John Street

This matter be considered by full Council. CEO to check terms of funding agreement to ensure that the house may be used for the proposed purpose.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Hirsch

Seconded: Cr Bensdorp

That the CEO prepare an options paper for future office accommodation in Perenjori and include funding options.

Carried 9/0

THE MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES LEFT THE CHAMBERS AT 2.45PM.

7065.1 DRAFT ROAD WORKS PROGRAM 2007/08

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: KEN MARKHAM – WORKS SUPERVISOR
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: KEN MARKHAM – WORKS SUPERVISOR
REPORT DATE: 6TH JUNE 2007
ATTACHMENTS: TO FOLLOW WHEN FINALISED

Executive Summary:

A draft proposal of the Road works program for the 2007/08 financial year has been forwarded for consideration and recommendation/s.

Applicants Submission:

The draft proposal will be forwarded out before Plant & Works Committee meeting on the 13th June.

Road Works Program

Anticipated Funding	2007/2008	2008/2009
Council Funds	\$698,391	\$706,303
RRG	\$68,702	\$68,702
MR Maintenance	\$93,717	\$93,717
R2R2	\$313,353	\$313,353
Regional headworks	\$9,200	
Country Pathways	\$8,000	\$20,000
Total New Funds	\$1,191,363	\$1,202,075

Anticipated Works	2007/2008	2008/2009
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Construction

Bunjil Carnamah	\$98,408	
Boundary rd reseal	\$39,200	
Boundary Seal Widen		\$157,260
Latham carpark seal	\$4,012	

To be allocated to specific projects

\$0

\$0

Statutory Environment:

N/A

Policy Implications:

N/A

Financial Implications:

N/A

Strategic Implications:

Consultation:

N/A

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That the 2007/08 draft proposal for the road works program be considered and/or any recommendations/changes be made for presentation to the June Council meeting.

Committee Recommendation:

N/A

Moved Cr Reid, Seconded Cr Bensdorp

That the 2007/08 draft proposal for the road works program be adopted by Council.

CARRIED 4/0

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr West

Seconded: Cr Butler

That the 2007/08 draft proposal for the road works program be adopted by Council.

Carried 7/2

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Butler

Seconded: Cr West

That Council include a budget allocation of \$53,310 for Syson Road Floodway and liaise with the owner and investigate other options for the retainment of water.

Carried 6/3

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: KEN MARKHAM – WORKS SUPERVISOR
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: KEN MARKHAM – WORKS SUPERVISOR
REPORT DATE: 6TH JUNE 07
ATTACHMENTS: TO FOLLOW WHEN FINALISED

Executive Summary:

A draft proposal of the 10 year plant replacement program, including the 2007/08 financial year has been forwarded for consideration and recommendation/s.

Background

The draft proposal will be forwarded out before the Plant & Works Committee meeting on the 13th June.

Statutory Environment:	Nil
Policy Implications:	Nil
Financial Implications:	Nil
Strategic Implications:	Nil
Consultation:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Officers Recommendation:	N/A

That the draft proposal of the 10 year Plant replacement program, including the 2007/08 financial year be considered and/or any recommendations/changes be made for presentation to the June Council meeting. (attached)

Committee Recommendation:	N/A
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Moved Cr Reid, Seconded Cr Bendsorp

That the 2007/08 draft proposal for the 10 Year Plant Replacement Program be adopted by Council. CARRIED 4/0

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Reid **Seconded: Cr Butler**

That the 2007/08 draft proposal for the 10 Year Plant Replacement Program be adopted by Council. **CARRIED 9/0**

URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

The committee considered the following matter referred from the Health, Building and Planning Committee meeting held earlier in the day.

Council Works Depot Loading Street – Council has requested advice on cost estimations for replacement of the existing transportable units with a purpose designed in-situ construction.

The Health/Building Committee will note that the draft budget has a figure of \$33,000 set aside for the construction of a cover over the existing Depot General Office and Staff transportable buildings.

The MCS received a sketched plan of a proposed layout for new replacement in-situ constructed office, lunchroom, toilets and verandah at the Loading Street Shire Depot from the Manager Works and Services – the sketch had been agreed to by the Works Section Staff.

Assessment of this sketch using Rawlinsons Building Construction Guide gives the following minimum anticipated costs for replacement of the transportable buildings with on-site constructed alternatives.

(3) Metal framed, metal clad and roof = \$103,500.00

(4) Brick construction and metal roof = \$131,000.00

Committee Recommendation

Moved Cr Bendsdorp, Seconded Cr Reid

That Council allocate \$33,000 in the 07/08 budget for the construction of a roof over the transportable buildings at the depot.

CARRIED 4/0

Committee Recommendation

Moved Cr Butler, Seconded Cr Bendsdorp

That Council acknowledge the efforts of staff to complete the works program for 2006/07.

CARRIED 4/0

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Butler

That Council acknowledge the efforts of staff to complete the works program for 2006/07.

Carried 9/0

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Bendsdorp

Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That the 2007/08 budget include provision for an organisational development review on the outside crew.

Carried 9/0

7066.1 DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION POLICY

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
REPORT DATE: 14 JUNE 2007
ATTACHMENTS NIL

Executive Summary:

The proposed policy underpins the revision of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

Applicants Submission:

Council is requested to adopt the following policy statement:

DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION POLICY STATEMENT

The Shire of Perenjori is committed to ensuring that the community is an accessible and inclusive community for people with disabilities, their families and carers.

The Shire of Perenjori interprets an accessible and inclusive community as one in which all council functions, facilities and services are open, available and accessible to people with disabilities, providing them with the same opportunities, rights and responsibilities enjoyed by all other people in the community.

The Shire of Perenjori:

- recognises that people with disabilities are valued members of the community who make a variety of contributions to local social, economic and cultural life. The Shire believes that a community that recognises its diversity and supports the participation and inclusion of all of its members makes for a richer community life.
- believes that people with disabilities, their families and carers who live in country areas should be supported to remain in the community of their choice.
- is committed to consulting with people with disabilities, their families and carers and where required, disability organisations to ensure that barriers to access and inclusion are addressed appropriately.
- is committed to ensuring that its agents and contractors work towards the desired outcomes in the DAIP.
- is committed to working in partnership with local community groups and businesses to facilitate the inclusion of people with disabilities through improved access to facilities and services in the community.
- is committed to achieving the six desired outcomes of its DAIP.

These are:

1. People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to access the services of, and any events organised by the relevant public authority.
2. People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to access the buildings and other facilities of the relevant public authority.
3. People with disabilities receive information from the relevant public authority in a format that will enable them to access the information as readily as other people are able to access it.
4. People with disabilities receive the same level and quality of service from the staff of the relevant public authority.
5. People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to make complaints to the relevant authority.
6. People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to participate in any public consultation by the relevant public authority.

Background:

The 6 outcomes are mandated in the Disability Services Act.

Statutory Environment:

It is a requirement of the Disability Services Act that all local government authorities develop and implement a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) that outlines the ways in which the authority will ensure that people with disabilities have equal access to its facilities and services.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

When Council builds or refurbishes public buildings there may be a marginal cost in ensuring access requirements are met.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

The Shire has advertised for submissions in relation to the revision of the DAIP. The Final version of the plan will come to Council at its July Ordinary Meeting.

Comment:

Most of the strategies in the plan relate to awareness and consideration rather than additional cost.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council adopts the Disability Access and Inclusion Policy Statement

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr West

Seconded: Cr Benton

That Council adopts the Disability Access and Inclusion Policy Statement

Carried 9/0

7066.2 WILDFLOWER COUNTRY REGIONAL COUNCIL

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
REPORT DATE: 4 MAY 2007
ATTACHMENTS: MINUTES JUNE 07 ORDINARY MEETING

Executive Summary:

The Wildflower Country Regional Council met on 6 May 2007.

Applicants Submission:

The Minutes of the WCRC are enclosed under separate cover.

Specific developments of interest to Council include:

- The WCRC has determined its meeting dates and times for the next year.
- The WCRC has adopted a draft strategic plan, which will be supported by a presentation by the WCRC CEO to member Councils.
- The WCRC has adopted a Health and Building Services Unit. This is the subject of a separate Agenda Item
- The WCRC has decided not to proceed with a Finance Services Unit for the time being so that more research can be undertaken by the CEO.
- The WCRC considered a draft budget worksheet.
- The WCRC decided NOT to consider the employment of a regional tourism officer. (We may pursue this as a separate exercise with Morawa and Mullewa)
- The WCRC will lobby Western Power for the provision of back up generation capacity in the region.
- LGIS has completed a skills audit for the region.

Background:

Perenjori is one of the seven members Council that comprise the WCRC. The WCRC also dealt with other matters of an operational compliance nature.

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 Draft Budget worksheet included strategies previously agreed by the Shire of Perenjori, as well as some speculative items that are still dependent on member Council decisions or external funding.

Strategic Implications:

Establishing regional service delivery arrangements is one of the key expectations of the WCRC, and these proposals are the first steps in ongoing efforts to seek improvements in efficiency or effectiveness.

Consultation:

Nil

Comment:

The service plans presented highlight the significant challenges in combining services.

Since the Meeting I have been advised that there is likely to be another workshop open to elected members and senior staff from all member Councils to further develop the Strategic Plan.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

1. That Council note the contents of the Minutes of the WCRC June Ordinary Meeting.
2. That Council commits to participating in a further workshop to finalise the Strategic Plan.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Butler

1. **That Council note the contents of the Minutes of the WCRC June Ordinary Meeting.**
2. **That Council commits to participating in a further workshop to finalise the Strategic Plan.**

Carried 9/0

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
REPORT DATE:
ATTACHMENTS SERVICE PLAN

Executive Summary:

At its June Ordinary Meeting the WCRC endorsed a Service Delivery Plan for the formation of a regional Health and Building Service Delivery Unit.

Applicants Submission:

A copy of the service delivery plan is attached.

Background:

The WCRC Establishment Agreement makes provision for each member Council to opt in or opt out of a proposed service.

Health and Building was a high priority target because of the difficulties that have been experienced attracting qualified staff to the region. Council would be aware of Andrea Njoku's recent resignation.

Statutory Environment:

The Manager Community Services performs a number of statutory functions on behalf of Council.

Policy Implications: Nil

Financial Implications:

The service delivery plan is based on the same level of contribution as Council is making to the current North Midlands Health Service. Council would not need to make any additional provision in the budget as the model is based on the existing allocation.

Strategic Implications:

Developing regional service units is a key plank of our regional approach.

Consultation:

There has been limited consultation with existing professional staff.

Comment:

There are a number of issues still to be addressed in the implementation of the proposed unit including:

- We need to ensure that existing professional staff in the region, including Mr Agnew are both consulted and involved in the development of the proposed unit. Given the difficulty attracting staff it would be foolish to alienate those professionals who have already committed to the region.

- A grandfather clause in the changes to building regulations allows people without specific building qualifications to continue assessing building license applications. This exemption ceases when these staff change employment. The model may require existing employment arrangements to remain in place.
- The model does not at this stage take account of the wide range of duties performed by Mr Agnew, most of which are not strictly environmental health or building regulation. The model needs to accommodate this range of duties, and any gap in the service needs to be accompanied by an appropriate adjustment of contributions.

Notwithstanding the above concerns there is no prospect in the foreseeable future of it being easier to attract qualified professionals. In the longer term the capacity to share resources in the region will be essential. Mr Agnew has indicated that within the next 2 to 3 years he will be looking to move to Geraldton, live in his own house and spend more time with his family. The proposed model would allow Garry to do this without his experience and expertise being lost to the region.

It is likely to take several months to resolve potential barriers to implementation, and it is unlikely to commence before the second half of 2007/2008.

In summary, I would be recommending that Council provide in principle support for the proposal subject to satisfactory resolution of the issues identified.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council provides in principle support for the formation of the proposed Health and Building Unit, subject to satisfactory resolution of the issues identified.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Hirsch

Seconded: Cr West

That Council provides in principle support for the formation of the proposed Health and Building Unit, subject to satisfactory resolution of the issues identified.

Carried 9/0

7066.4 WCRC DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
REPORT DATE: 15 JUNE 2007
ATTACHMENTS DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN (bound separately with the WCRC Minutes)

Executive Summary:

The WCRC has adopted a draft Strategic Plan.

Applicants Submission:

A copy of the plan is attached.

Background:

The plan has been developed based on input from CEO's and Elected Members.

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:

Implementation of the plan has significant financial implications for members Councils, and may fundamentally change the way in which member Councils deliver services.

Strategic Implications:

The WCRC is being closely observed by the sector and government as a possible model for Local Government in the future.

Consultation:

A further seminar open to all elected members from member Councils will be arranged shortly. It is important that as many Perenjori elected members as possible attend.

Comment:

Important features of the plan are proposed joint service delivery models and future structures. Pages 13 and 14 are of particular importance. The WCRC CEO will present the final Strategic Plan to individual Councils.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council notes the Draft Strategic Plan and the importance of participation in further consultations.

Noted by Council

7066.5 YARRA YARRA CATCHMENT REGIONAL COUNCIL

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
REPORT DATE: 15 JUNE 2007
ATTACHMENTS: MINUTES OF INAUGURAL MEETING

Executive Summary:

The Yarra Yarra Catchment Regional Council met for the first time on 5 June 2007.

Applicants Submission:

The Yarra Yarra Catchment Council met for the first time on 5 June 2007 for the following outcomes:

- Cr Chris King from Perenjori was elected chairman of the Regional Council;
- Cr Robert Nixon from Dalwallinu was elected Deputy Chairperson
- Stan Scott was appointed as Interim CEO for a period of 3 months
- Council will meet every two months on the second Tuesday of the month
- Connecting Local Governments funding will be used to clarify roles and responsibilities between the Regional Council and the Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group.

In development since the meeting:

- The CEO met with State and Federal representatives on the NRM Joint Steering Committee, and they have requested that the Regional Council manage the contract, and from 1 July the funding will be directed through NACC. This means that the contract will be between NACC and the Regional Council with the on-ground work done by the YYCMG.
- The CEO met with the District Manager of DEC to discuss Perenjori matters, but also discussed the best way to get DEC on board as a stakeholder rather than waiting until there are specific Notices of Intention to drain.

Background:

The Regional Council consists of members from Perenjori, Dalwallinu, Morawa, Three Springs, Wongan Ballidu and Koorda. The Shire of Carnamah makes a financial contribution but is not a member of the Council.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 S3.61 – 3.64 – sets out the requirements for regional local governments.

Policy Implications: Nil

Financial Implications:

Costs incurred by the Shire of Perenjori (including the CEO's time, will be recovered from the Regional Council.

Strategic Implications:

Participation in regional governance arrangements is identified as a priority in the Strategic Plan.

Consultation:

Nil

Comment:

Cr King is to be congratulated as the formation of the Regional Council is in large part due to his efforts, and for his election as chairman of the new body.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council notes the outcomes of the Inaugural meeting of the Yarra Yarra Catchment Regional Council.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Benton

Seconded:Cr West

That Council notes the outcomes of the Inaugural meeting of the Yarra Yarra Catchment Regional Council.

Carried 9/0

7066.6 MIDWEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – BOARD VACANCY

APPLICANT: MIDWEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
REPORT DATE: 14 JUNE 2007
ATTACHMENTS: Vacancy Notice

Executive Summary:

The Midwest Development Commission is seeking nominations for a Local Government Representative.

Applicants Submission:

Nominees must apply in writing with a curriculum vitae and address specific criteria.

The Vacancy Notice says in part:

The Midwest Development Commission requires one elected member experienced in economic and social development of the region. Other qualities should include decision making abilities, an ability to work cooperatively within a team environment and interests relevant to the Midwest Community.

The vacancy has arisen because of the expiry of the term of Cr Pauline Forrester.

Background:

Applications close on 6 July 2007 with Minister Kim Chance.

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 position will allow the nominee to have strategic input into the development of the region.

Consultation: Nil

Comment:

If any Elected Member wishes to apply the CEO can assist with the nomination process.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council determine whether to nominate an elected member for the vacancy.

No interest received

7066.7 EVENTS & SEMINARS

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
REPORT DATE: 14 JUNE 2007
ATTACHMENTS: Business Seminar Perenjori
Midwest Resources Forum
LGMA Symposium on the Future

Executive Summary:

Three events of interest and relevance to Council are coming up. Some Elected Members may be interested in attending.

Applicants Submission:

Notices are attached for 3 events that may be of interest to Council.

Business Opportunities Seminar – The Shire of Perenjori has joined with the Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance to bring representatives of the four mining companies operating in this region to give local businesses a heads up on potential opportunities. This seminar was developed at the request of the Shire, and is between 2 and 4 pm on Wednesday 27th June at the Perenjori Town Hall. This event is free and as many Elected Members as possible are encouraged to attend.

Midwest Resources Forum – Hosted by the Midwest Chamber of Commerce and Industry this event is in Geraldton on Wednesday 27th July 2007. Attendance will cost \$135 per delegate plus travel and accommodation.

LGMA Symposium on the Future – Held between 11th and 13th September 2007 at Observation City at a cost of \$680 Plus GST per delegate. The program has a wide ranging agenda across several issues relevant to the future of Local Government.

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:

Costs of the individual events are set out above.

Strategic Implications:

Council has embraced a regional focus in its strategic plan.

Consultation: Nil

Comment:

While participation in some of these events can be expensive, it is important that Council is looking forward and keeping abreast of developments in the Region and the Local Government sector.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council note the Business Seminar in Perenjori.

That Council determine whether to send delegates to the other two events.

Noted by Council

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED FOR AFTERNOON TEA AT 4.00PM

THE MEETING RESUMED AT 4.18PM

THE CEO, DCEO, WORKS SUPERVISOR LEFT THE CHAMBERS AT 4.43PM

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Benton

Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That Council move into Committee.

Carried 9/0

THE CEO, DCEO, WORKS SUPERVISOR RE-ENTERED THE CHAMBERS AT 4.45PM

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Butler

Seconded: Cr Bendsdorp

That Council move out of Committee.

Carried 9/0

APPLICANT: OFFICE OF SENIORS INTERESTS AND VOLUNTEERING
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
REPORT DATE: 15 JUNE 2007
ATTACHMENTS: EXTRACT FROM NOMINATION BOOKLET

Executive Summary:

Nominations for the WA Seniors Awards close on 27 July 2007.

Applicants Submission:

Perenjori has an active and involved population of seniors, and nomination for this award would be an appropriate way to recognise some of their contributions.

Background:

The Seniors Awards attract cash prizes of \$550 for regional winners, \$1000 for category winners and \$2000 for the WA Senior of the Year.

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:

At the Special Meeting some elected members emphasised the importance of doing positive things and recognising the achievements of a local senior would be appropriate.

Consultation: Nil

Comment: Nil

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Elected Members note the availability of the WA Seniors Award.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Cunningham **Seconded:** Cr West

That Elected Members note the availability of the WA Seniors Award.

Carried 9/0

7066.8 IMPLICATIONS OF POOR START TO SEASON

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
REPORT DATE: 12 JUNE 2007
ATTACHMENTS: NIL

Executive Summary:

For the second consecutive year the start to the growing season has been extremely dry and there is the prospect of another disastrous year. This may have significant implications for the Shire.

Applicants Submission:

Council needs to consider the likely consequences of another poor growing season, including its impact on budget considerations. Some of the possible implications are:

- Some farmers facing severe financial hardship, with flow on effects to local businesses
- A higher rate of default on Council rates
- Downward pressure on rural property values
- More incidence of depression and other mental health problems
- Greater demand on the Shire to take up the slack
- Further incidence of people leaving the agriculture industry.

This is likely to create a difficult year for the Shire in the following ways:

- While rates are a charge against a property, and therefore will eventually be collected, we are likely to experience cash flow difficulties as ratepayers may be in short term default
- We may need to consider our collection strategies to make them more sensitive to the circumstances faced by constituents.
- There are significant cash flow implications for the Shire and we may need to consider overdraft arrangements for 2007/2008. It is easier to put these in place as part of budget deliberation than implement them later.
- IN 2006/2007 Council opted for no increase in Agricultural rates. We may need to do likewise in 2007/2008.
- Constituents are likely to be more demanding of the Shire, and more sensitive to any perceived failings of the Shire.
- We will need to continue to implement strategies to build and maintain community spirit

Background:

Previous Lobbying

In 2006 council, through the WCRC lobbied for a range of initiatives from government including:

1. all agricultural areas suffering from extreme dry conditions declared as "Disaster Areas";
2. Shire Rates paid for the 2007/08 financial year by Government at the 2006/07 rate for those within the Shires declared a "Disaster Area" who qualify with the conditions for assistance;
3. low interest loans at subsidised interest rates, similar to exceptional circumstances areas, available to those small businesses and farmers who qualify with the conditions for assistance;
4. the exceptional circumstances policy reviewed to identify a series of bad years and not necessarily consecutive years;
5. assistance to those who qualify towards their children's education costs;
6. State and federal government grant programs focus on declared areas for community projects;
7. matching funding with Local Government for community projects to provide work opportunities for local people; and
8. temporary exemption for compliance with Tender regulation and "green card" OSH requirements for farmers hired by Local Government for community projects.

A number of these initiatives were taken up to a limited extent including:

- Assistance for businesses dependent on agriculture (with a 70% rule)
- Extension of exceptional circumstances boundaries and period (and this could be further extended if the current season does not improve)
- Community grants programs
- Other funding programs targeted to exceptional circumstances

Council Rates Subsidies

The State Government rejected the option of subsidising Council rates. This has been taken up as an initiative in two other states:

- In Queensland: A 50% rebate (uncapped) on local government rates levied during 2006-07 and 2007-08 will be provided to eligible primary producers with properties in Exceptional Circumstances areas who are receiving Centrelink Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payments.
- In Victoria: - An extension of the 50 per cent local council rate subsidy for farmers eligible for income support payments under Prima Facie EC

In both cases the rate subsidy was tied to eligibility for income support payments through Centrelink under EC arrangements.

Other Initiatives

Victoria also identified a range of other initiatives including:

- \$36m drought employment scheme to provide a much needed economic boost to regional communities currently feeling the flow on effects of drought

- 11m for grants to the 37 councils currently in EC declared areas for local infrastructure works who will each receive \$300,000.
- \$10m towards a range of projects including fencing works, pest management, stock containment and environmental works to be managed through the Catchment Management Authorities
- Local councils will share in \$1.4m to host a series of events and programs in 14 of the worst drought affected communities to help boost community morale. These events will be determined by local councils.

While Councils in Victoria are larger and not directly comparable to WA, the Victorian State Government has clearly identified a role for local government in drought relief.

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 may need to revise its debt collection policies.

Financial Implications:

Another very poor season would likely mean:

- Another year with no agricultural rate increase
- Higher levels of default or late payment
- Cash flow issues.

Strategic Implications:

Council's strategy of diversifying the economic base of the Shire is proving valid.

Consultation:

Nil

Comment:

Council needs to determine its own response to the current season and determine its lobbying strategy.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council take the following action:

- Not impose an increase in agricultural rates in 2007/2008
- Review its debt collection policies
- Make provision for an overdraft facility in its 2007/2008 budget
- Consider opportunities for farmers to participate in road projects, and in particular the Mount Gibson to Perenjori road.

That Council lobby State Government for:

- Assistance with Council rates on the same basis as is applied in Queensland and Victoria (or alternatively directly fund shires for a 25% rate subsidy across the board)
- Funding for infrastructure projects targeted at drought affected Shires
- Continue its Community event program into 2007/2008
- Fund environmental projects in drought affected areas on a similar basis to that in Victoria

- Waive or reduce requirements for matching funding under its range of grant programs.

That Council lobby the Federal Government to:

- Waive or reduce requirements for matching funding under its range of grant programs, especially Regional Partnerships.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Reid

Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That Council take the following action:

- **Not impose an increase in agricultural rates in 2007/2008**
- **Review its debt collection policies**
- **Make provision for an overdraft facility in its 2007/2008 budget**
- **Consider opportunities for farmers to participate in road projects, and in particular the Mount Gibson to Perenjori road.**

That Council lobby State Government for:

- **Assistance with Council rates on the same basis as is applied in Queensland and Victoria (or alternatively directly fund shires for a 25% rate subsidy across the board)**
- **Funding for infrastructure projects targeted at drought affected Shires**
- **Continue its Community event program into 2007/2008**
- **Fund environmental projects in drought affected areas on a similar basis to that in Victoria**
- **Waive or reduce requirements for matching funding under its range of grant programs.**

That Council lobby the Federal Government to:

- **Waive or reduce requirements for matching funding under its range of grant programs, especially Regional Partnerships.**

Carried 9/0

7066.9 CEO SALARY REVIEW

CEO REMUNERATION ITEM

CEO Proposal

The CEO is seeking the following changes to salary and conditions:

Salary Increase \$11,000 pa

The CPI increase for the 12 months ending March 2007 was 3.5%, which when applied to the current salary would give a rise of \$3,115. This would be appropriate if performance was assessed as adequate or satisfactory, and there were no significant new demands expected of the position. Given however that the CEO has demonstrated superior performance, and the significant new demands on the position, a far more substantial rise is justified.

Executive time off Minimal cost

It is proposed that the CEO have access to a rostered day off once per month. The CEO's contract provides that the CEO apply whatever hours are necessary to perform the duties of the position, and that this may involve working outside normal working hours. The CEO frequently works extended days and weekends, and often travels on business in his own time. This would not change.

One of the criticisms levelled at the CEO in the Joondalup inquiry was that he took time off without claiming annual leave. The current contract would allow the CEO to take the occasional day off without claiming leave, but such arrangements would not be transparent. The addition of an executive time off clause would provide protection for both the CEO and Council because the arrangement would be totally transparent.

This arrangement is important for preventing burnout, and allowing the occasional day off without eating into annual leave.

Study Provisions \$3,000 pa

The CEO is one unit shy of completing his MBA. There are also other offerings available in fields like Regional Developments and Social Policy. As part of continual professional development the CEO is seeking to undertake one tertiary unit per semester (two per year) at a cost of \$1500 per unit. This would benefit both the CEO and the Shire.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Benton

The CEO Proposal package as requested be accepted.

Carried 9/0

7067 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

7067.1 INFORMATION BULLETIN – TABLED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Dept of Environment & Conservation – Notification of Fee Increases – Licensing Registration and Works Approvals for Prescribed Premises Under the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

Paul Llewellyn MLC – Open Letter Concerning Changes to Local Government Voting Arrangements

WALGA – Info Page – Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport

WALGA – Municipal Waste Advisory Council – Information Bulletin

WALGA – LG News – Issue 20.07

Morawa District High School Newsletter

WALGA News Issue 23.07

WALGA – Get on Board

Midwest Regional Road Safety – Road Safety Around Schools

WALGA Info Page – State & Federal Transport & Road Funding

WA Football Commission – Football Facilities Strategic Plan

Midwest Development Commission – Midwest Community Foundation

Education Workforce Initiatives

Partyline – Newsletter of the National Rural Health Alliance
Making Decisions for the Future: Climate Change
Statewide

7067.2 MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

7067.3 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

7037.4 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

7067.4.1 MULTIPURPOSE SHED AT SHOW GROUNDS

APPLICANT:	PERENJORI & DISTRICTS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
FILE:	0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	0
AUTHOR:	STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
REPORT DATE:	20 June 2007
ATTACHMENTS	Letter from Perenjori & Districts Agricultural Society

Executive Summary:

The Agricultural Society has obtained quotes for the Multipurpose shed at the show grounds, and is seeking Council support to proceed in time for the 2007 Show.

Applicants Submission:

Correspondence attached.

The cheapest of the 3 quotes is \$21,478 Ex GST. With concrete and machinery hire, the total cost of the project will be \$22,878 Plus GST. The Agricultural Society has been successful in gaining financial contributions from "Seeds of Renewal" for \$7,000 and Mt Gibson Iron Ore for \$5,000.

This means Council's contribution to the project would be \$10,878.

The Agricultural society has also requested that it be allowed to build a loading ramp at the show grounds. This will allow it to load and unload vintage agricultural machinery close to the exhibition area. The ramp will be constructed as a community project and no financial contribution will be required.

Background:

At its April 2007 Ordinary Meeting Council resolved as follows:

Council construct a Multi Purpose shed as per the Perenjori & Districts Agricultural Society's proposal specifications. This be included in the 2007/08 budget. Council

also accept offer of contribution of funds through "Seeds of Renewal Program" Grants from the Ag Society.

Council advise the Perenjori & Districts Agricultural Society that it is not supportive of the sale of the ram sale shed.

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. Any structure erected at the Sports Ground becomes the property of the Shire.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Council has resolved to undertake the project. For it to be completed before the 2007 Show, Council will need to authorise the project ahead of adopting its 2007/2008 budget.

Strategic Implications:

The structure is such that it can be relocated if necessary

Consultation:

Nil

Comment:

The Perenjori and Districts Agricultural Society is to be congratulated for its initiative in raising the funds and the quality of the submission to the Shire.

Voting Requirements:

Absolute Majority

Officers Recommendation:

1. That Council proceed with the purchase of the shed from the preferred supplier, Muchea Rural Sheds for \$21,478 Plus GST including erection.
2. That Council allocate \$22,878 in expenditure and \$12,000 in revenue in its 2007/2008 budget for the shed project.
3. That Council grant permission to the Agricultural Society for the construction of a loading ramp at the location, with the CEO delegated authority to approve the design and specific location of the facility.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Hirsch

Seconded: Cr Cunningham

1. **That Council proceed with the purchase of the shed from the preferred supplier, Muchea Rural Sheds for \$21,478 Plus GST including erection.**
2. **That Council allocate \$22,878 in expenditure and \$12,000 in revenue in its 2007/2008 budget for the shed project.**
3. **That Council grant permission to the Agricultural Society for the construction of a loading ramp at the location, with the CEO delegated authority to approve the design and specific location of the facility.**

Carried 9/0

7067.6 LOBBYING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

APPLICANT:	CR CHRIS KING
FILE:	0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	0
AUTHOR:	STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	STAN SCOTT – CEO _____
REPORT DATE:	20 JUNE 2007
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

Executive Summary:

There is every prospect that we are facing a second disastrous growing season in 2007. If that prospect eventuates the present exceptional circumstances package will not prevent a crisis in the agricultural industry in this region. We need to start mobilising our lobbying efforts so that timely assistance can be developed.

Applicants Submission:

In 2006 we were all talking about a disastrous season. To date 2007 has been even worse. Many farmers are facing the prospect of two consecutive loss making years. There is the possibility that many farmers may be forced by necessity to leave the industry. Farm sales under financial distress are likely to severely damage land prices, with flow on effects to the equity position of remaining farmers that will affect their capacity to continue, simply through lack of access to funding.

For farmers to trade out of the present difficulties will require them to be able to put in a crop in 2008 (or perhaps even 2009). Secure access to affordable finance will help prevent the worst of the possible consequences. It will provide farmers and their lenders with a degree of certainty about the future which will mitigate the element of financial distress which may be driving decision making.

The only entity with sufficient funds to put together a rescue package is the Federal Government. By providing reasonably guaranteed access to low interest finance for 2008 inputs a crisis could be averted.

It is proposed that the CEO Shire of Perenjori be authorised, with his counterpart at the Shire of Morawa to directly approach Minister McGauran and Minister Vale to invite them to visit the region to gain an appreciation for the extent of the problem. Further, the CEO's should be authorised to prepare a submission based around a broadly based low interest finance scheme.

Background:

The Agenda Item – Implications of Poor Start to the Season provides background.

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 cash flow implications for the shire of the poor season have already been documented.

Strategic Implications:

The local economy is almost entirely based on agriculture.

Consultation:

Cr King, the CEO and the EDO attended a briefing with Dexter Davies and Bruce Thorpe in Morawa on 20 June 2007. Indications are that whatever strategies are developed will mirror those of recent years. While most of these strategies have some value, the scale of the problem is such that new solutions may be needed.

Comment:

Ironically on the day of the meeting in Morawa the West Australian ran an article on page 49 under the headline "*Better harvest tipped despite dry start*". This was based on ABARE's latest crop report. Clearly this bears no relation whatsoever with what is being observed on the ground. This highlights the importance of getting Federal decision makers to see conditions first hand, and meet directly with the people affected.

It is premature to write off the present season. However, by the time we know for sure it may be too late.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

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2. Directly approach Minister McGauran and Minister Vale to invite them to visit the region to gain an appreciation for the extent of the problems.
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Council Resolution

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Hirsch

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Carried 9/0

7067.4 MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

7067.5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING / MEETINGS

A Special Draft Budget meeting is to be held on Monday 9th July 2007 at 9am.

7067.6 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 5.45pm

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held on 21st June 2007.

Signed: _____

Presiding Elected Member

Date: _____