Shire of Perenjori
Ordinary Meeting
MINUTES
15th July 2010

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Shire of Perenjori

Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES 15th July 2010

10071 PRELIMINARIES

10071.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS
The July Ordinary Council Meeting was opened at 1.40pm by President Cr Chris King

10071.2 OPENING PRAYER
Cr Chris King led the council in the opening prayer

10071.3 DISCLAIMER READING
Nil

10071.4 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Present:
- Cr Chris King – President
- Cr Laurie Butler – Deputy President
- Cr Graeme Reid
- Cr John Bensdorp
- Cr Rodney Desmond
- Cr Cathy Johnston
- Cr Robyn Benton
- Stan Scott – Chief Executive Officer
- Doug Stead – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Garry Agnew – Director of Developmental Services
- Kimberley Wheeler – Executive Assistant

Apologies:
- Cr Jenny Hirsh
- Cr John Cunningham
- Ken Markham – Works Supervisor

10071.5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
Nil

10071.6 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS
Nil

10071.7 NOTATIONS OF INTEREST
Nil

10071.8 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Nil
Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting held 17th June 2010 are attached.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr JA Bensdorp    Seconded: Cr CM Johnston
That the Minutes from Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 17th June 2010 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried: 7/0

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY GO BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Item 110077.5.1 CEO performance review.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
10073.1 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

APPLICANT: DEPUTY CEO
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: LEAH LEOPOLD – SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER DOUG STEAD - DCEO
REPORT DATE: 8 JULY 2010
ATTACHMENTS JUNE 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 Council's adopted 10% variance or $5000 figure which was adopted by Council at its July meeting. A report detailing the variances is also included.

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

Statutory Environment: N/A
Policy Implications: N/A
Financial Implications: N/A
Strategic Implications: N/A
Consultation: N/A

UHF Haines Norton

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

1. Statement of Financial Activity

That the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 30th June 2010 including report on variances be accepted as presented.

2. Finance Report

That the Finance Report for the period ended 30th June 2010 be accepted as presented.
3. Acquisition of Assets
That the Acquisition of Assets Report for the period ended 30th June 2010 with a balance of $2,352,544.00 as presented be received.

4. Reserves Report
That the Reserves Report for the period ended 30th June 2010 with a balance of $916,668.81 as presented be received.

5. Net Current Assets
That the Net Current Assets report for the period ended 30th June 2010 as presented be received.

6. Bank Reconciliation's
That the balances of the Municipal Fund of $837,041.02 and the Trust Fund of $40,140.47 as at 30th June 2010 as presented be received.

7. Sundry Creditors Report
That the Sundry Creditors Report for the period ended 30th June 2010 with a balance of $377,028.76 as presented be received.

8. Sundry Debtors Report
That the Sundry Debtors Report for the period ended 30th June 2010 with a balance of $312,915.58 as presented be received.

9. Accounts for Payment
That the Accounts for payment for the Municipal Account consisting of Cheque Numbers 17533 to 17579 and EFT Numbers 1711 to 1802 for $729,513.24 and the Trust Account consisting of Cheque Number 786 to 792 and EFT Numbers 1709 to 1792 for $2245.40 for the period ended 30th June 2010 as presented be accepted.

10. Rates Outstanding
That the Rates Outstanding Report for the period ended 30th June 2010 with an outstanding balance of $41,318.58

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr RP Desmond    Seconded: Cr RA Benton
That Items 1-9 relating to the Financial Activity Reports ended 30th June 2010 be accepted.
Carried: 7/0

Note: Item 10 removed due to Rates Outstanding report not being available
**HEALTH AND BUILDING**

10074.1 MOUNT GIBSON LIMITED PLANNING CONSENT – PERENJORI RAIL SIDING

**APPLICANT:** MOUNT GIBSON MINING LIMITED  
**FILE:** ADM0132  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL  
**AUTHOR:** GARRY AGNEW DDS  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** GARRY AGNEW DDS  
**REPORT DATE:** 7 JULY 2010  
**ATTACHMENTS** 10074.1a, 10074.1b

**Executive Summary:**

Council is asked to consider a request by Mount Gibson Mining Limited for an extension of time for commencement of works on development of the Extension Hill Hematite Project Rothay Road rail siding.

**Comment:**

Council is referred to Item 8053.2 of its May 2008 Minutes.

 Moved: Cr West  
 Seconded: Cr Bensdorp

*Final Planning Approval is granted to Mount Gibson Iron to develop Rail Siding, Offices, Workshops and car park at Part Vic Loc 4769 and Part Vic Loc 6318 Rothsay Road Perenjori.*

Carried: 8/0

Mount Gibson Iron Limited was notified of Council’s granting of Planning Consent on the 16 May 2008 – see Attachment 10074.1a.

Council is informed that there is a time constraint of 2 years for the commencement of development relating to Planning Approval, non-compliance results in that Planning Approval lapsing.

Notations on the “Determination on Application for Planning Consent” issued by a local government states inter-alia –

1. If a development the subject of this approval is not substantially commenced within a period of 2 years, or such other period as specified in the approval after the date of that determination, the approval shall lapse and be of no further effect.
2. Where an approval has so lapsed, no development shall be carried out without the further approval of the local government having first been sought and obtained.
Correspondence has now been received from Mount Gibson Iron seeking an extension of time for the commencement of works at the rail siding – see Attachment 10074.1b.

As the circumstances for Council granting the 16 May 2008 Planning Consent have not changed and the reason for the project being put on hold being valid (2008/9 global economic downturn) it is recommended that an extension of time be granted – a further 2 years.

**Statutory Environment:**

Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No.1
Planning and Development Act 2005

**Policy Implications:**

Nil.

**Financial Implications:**

Nil.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

It is agreed that further approval is granted to Mount Gibson Mining Limited for the lapsed Planning Approval issued on the 16 May 2008.

*Planning Approval is granted to Mount Gibson Iron to develop Rail Siding, Offices, Workshops and car park at Part Vic Loc 4769 and Part Vic Loc 6318 Rothsay Road Perenjori.*

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr CM Johnston    Seconded: Cr JA Bensdorp

It is agreed that further approval is granted to Mount Gibson Mining Limited for the lapsed Planning Approval issued on the 16 May 2008.

*Planning Approval is granted to Mount Gibson Iron to develop Rail Siding, Offices, Workshops and car park at Part Vic Loc 4769 and Part Vic Loc 6318 Rothsay Road Perenjori.*

Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:

Council is asked to endorse the issue of Planning Approval to Helen Scott of 89 Chittering Road Muchea for the development of Algae Raceway Ponds at Lot 163 England Crescent Perenjori.

Comment:
Council is referred to its December 2009 Minutes.

Moved: Cr J R Cunningham  Seconded: Cr R P Desmond

1. Conceptual planning consent for the establishment of an aquaculture facility at Lot 159 England Crescent Perenjori is granted;

2. Delegated authority is given to the Manager Community Services for the issuing of Final Planning Consent following the assessment of detailed site plans and a summary of the proposed use/activity to be submitted by the proponent; and

3. Following the issue of Final Planning Consent a building application that embraces the entire development is to be submitted and a Building Licence issued prior to any site preparation or building work being commenced.

Carried: 6/0

Council is referred to its March 2010 Minutes.

Moved: Cr C M Johnston  Seconded: Cr J R Cunningham

That planning consent be granted to Helen Scott (CO2 Algae) of 89 Chittering Street Muchea WA 6501 for the development of an Algae Raceway Ponds activity at “Industrial Zoned” Lot 163 England Crescent Perenjori; conditional upon:

1. the submission of an approved site development plan; and

2. the endorsement of a suitable agreement covering the lease of Lot 163 England Crescent

Carried: 8/0
Council is informed that I have this week received a copy of a Commercial Lease Agreement between the Shire of Perenjori and Mrs. Helen Scott as well as a sketch of the proposed development at Lot 163 England Crescent Perenjori – see Attachments 10074.2a and 10074.2b.

In terms of the development sketch the following issues apply –

1. As the digester ponds have a depth of 1.5m and 450mm respectively a safety/security fence is to be provided around the boundary of Lot 163 England Crescent and that fence, together with its gates, shall be minimum 1.8m high link-mesh with three strands of barbed wire on top.

2. The Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No.1 Clause 5.5.1 a) requires that the front building setback in “Industrial” zoned areas shall be a minimum of 7.5m.

Taking account of the above, Planning Approval is therefore recommended conditional upon Council endorsing the signing of the Lease Agreement and that:

- The entire algae farm development be security/safety enclosed by a 1.8m high link-mesh fence and gates with three strands of barbed wire on top;
- That the 20ft sea-container and toilet be located behind the 7.5m front boundary setback as required under Clause 5.5.1 a) of the Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No.1;
- That the algae farm not commence operations until an approved toilet facility has been provided; and
- That no work on the toilet facility is to commence or delivery of the sea-container to occur until an application for building licence has been submitted to the local government and a Building Licence issued.

Statutory Environment:

Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No.1
Planning and Development Act 2005
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) ACT 1960

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority
Officers Recommendation:

1. Signing of the Lease Agreement between the Shire of Perenjori and Mrs. Helen Scott in respect to an Algae Raceway Ponds development at 163 England Crescent Perenjori is endorsed, and

2. Planning Approval is hereby granted to Mrs. Helen Scott for the development of Algae Raceway Ponds (Algae Farm) at Lot 163 England Crescent Perenjori, as proposed by the attached sketch to this report; conditional upon:
   (a) The boundaries of Lot 163 England Crescent Perenjori being enclosed by a 1.8m high link mesh fence and gates with three strands of barbed wire on top;
   (b) the sea container and toilet being repositioned on the Lot so that both are behind the 7.5m front boundary building set back in accordance with Clause 5.5.1a) of the Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No.1;
   (c) No work commencing on construction of the toilet facility or delivery of the sea-container until an application for a building licence has been submitted to the local government and a Building Licence issued; and
   (d) The algae farm not commencing operation until the property is fully fenced and an approved toilet facility has been constructed and suitable for use.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr GK Reid Seconded: Cr RP Desmond

1. Signing of the Lease Agreement between the Shire of Perenjori and Mrs. Helen Scott in respect to an Algae Raceway Ponds development at 163 England Crescent Perenjori is endorsed, and

2. Planning Approval is hereby granted to Mrs. Helen Scott for the development of Algae Raceway Ponds (Algae Farm) at Lot 163 England Crescent Perenjori, as proposed by the attached sketch to this report; conditional upon:
   (a) The boundaries of Lot 163 England Crescent Perenjori being enclosed by a 1.8m high link mesh fence and gates with three strands of barbed wire on top;
   (b) the sea container and toilet being repositioned on the Lot so that both are behind the 7.5m front boundary building set back in accordance with Clause 5.5.1a) of the Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No.1;
   (c) No work commencing on construction of the toilet facility or delivery of the sea-container until an application for a building licence has been submitted to the local government and a Building Licence issued; and
   (d) The algae farm not commencing operation until the property is fully fenced and an approved toilet facility has been constructed and suitable for use.

Carried: 7/0
1. BUILDING LICENCES

The following Building Licences have been processed since March 2010.

Building Licence No. 05/10

Owner: Sharon & Brad Phillips
Location: Lot 96 Farrell Street Perenjori
Description: Below Ground Pool
Builder: Leisure Pools Geraldton
Construction Cost: $29,000.00
Fees: Building Licence Fee $93.00
Gov’t BCITF Levy $59.00
BRB Levy $40.00
$192.00

Building Licence No. 06/10

Owner: Shire of Perenjori
Location: Lot 341 Russell Street Perenjori
Description: Extension to Fire Shed
Builder: West Steel Sheds
Construction Cost: $25,000.00
Fees: Building Licence Fee $85.00
Gov’t BCITF Levy $50.00
BRB Levy $40.00
$175.00

Building Licence No. 07/10

Owner: Shaun Douglas
Location: Lot 101 Livingstone Street Perenjori
Description: External Shed
Builder: Owner-Builder
Construction Cost: $11,500.00
Fees: Building Licence Fee $85.00
BRB Levy $40.00
$125.00
Building Licence No. 08/10
Owner: Shire of Perenjori
Location: Lot 341 Russell Street Perenjori
Description: Communication Pole and Shed
Builder: Independent Tower Services
Construction Cost: $6,000.00
Fees:
- Building Licence Fee $85.00
- BRB Levy $40.50
Total Fees: $125.50

Building Licence No. 09/10
Owner: Shire of Perenjori
Location: Lot 137 Crossing Street Perenjori
Description: Grouped Accommodation
Builder: Boutique Building Company Pty Ltd
Construction Cost: $500,000.00
Fees:
- Building Licence Fee $1,591.00
- BCITF Levy $1,000.00
- BRB Levy $40.50
Total Fees: $2,631.50

Building Licence No. 10/10
Owner: Karara Iron Ore (Lochada Camp)
Location: Lot 8582 Lochada Road Perenjori
Description: Covered areas and Pergolas
Builder: Highline Sheds
Construction Cost: $85,510.00
Fees:
- Building Licence Fee $272.00
- BCITF Levy $171.00
- BRB Levy $40.50
Total Fees: $483.50

1.55pm – Director of Developmental Services Garry Agnew left the Chambers
10075   PLANT & WORKS
Executive Summary:
The Federal and State Governments have developed drought reform measures designed to replace Exceptional Circumstances Drought Assistance.

Applicants Submission:
The pilot arrangements are designed to replace former drought relief measures and are predicated on farmers being able to make informed decisions about the future of their farm business without the pressure of a drought. The arrangements are available now and farmers do not have to wait two years for an exceptional circumstances declaration to access support.

Background:
The growing season for Perenjori has not had a good start and is reminiscent of 2006. It has been exacerbated to some degree by record cold temperatures.

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:
Financial stress for agricultural ratepayers impacts on Shire rating capacity and cash flow. Funding is available for delivery of some services under the program.

Strategic Implications:
Agriculture remains the foundation of the local economy.

Consultation:
The Department for Agriculture and Food has been invited to meet with Council to discuss the pilot program.
Comment:
The evolving season may inform decisions on the 2010/11 budget

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council consider a presentation from the Department of Agriculture and Food on the Pilot Drought Reform Measures in WA.

Noted by council
Pilot of drought reform measures in Western Australia

The Australian Government, in partnership with the Western Australian Government, is conducting a pilot of drought reform measures in part of Western Australia.

The pilot will test a package of new measures developed in response to the national review of drought policy. The measures are designed to move from a crisis management approach to risk management. The aim is to better support farmers, their families and rural communities in preparing for future challenges, rather than waiting until they are in crisis to offer assistance.

The pilot will be in place from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. Payments made under one measure—Building Farm Businesses—will continue until 30 June 2014.

Drought pilot region

The measures will be trialled in a region of Western Australia that covers a broad range of farming businesses and climatic conditions.


For more information
Email: droughtpilot@daff.gov.au
Drought Assistance Hotline: 13 23 16
Drought reform measures

Farm Planning
Up to $7,500 for farmers to undertake training to develop or update a strategic plan for their farm business. The plan will identify priority activities to help improve the management and preparedness of the farm business to respond to future challenges.

Building Farm Businesses
Grants of up to $60,000 in two components:

- **Business Adaptation Grants**—up to $40,000 for eligible activities identified in the strategic plan that help farm businesses prepare for the impacts of drought, reduced water availability and a changing climate.

- **Landcare Adaptation Grants**—up to $20,000 for eligible activities identified in the strategic plan with a natural resource management focus and having a broader public benefit.

Stronger Rural Communities
Grants are available to local government authorities and community organisations to fund projects that build the resilience of rural communities and help them manage hardship resulting from an agricultural downturn.

Farm Social Support
Support for a better coordinated social support network to meet the mental health, counselling and other social needs of farming families and rural communities.

Farm Family Support
Income support for farmers facing financial hardship, allowing them to meet basic household expenses.

Farm Exit Support
Grants of up to $170,000 to support farmers who decide to sell their farm, including for retraining and relocation expenses.

Beyond Farming
Beyond Farming puts current farmers in touch with former farmers to talk about opportunities outside of farming and to talk to someone who has been in the same position about the options for themselves and their families if selling the farm business or retiring.

For more information
Email: droughtpilot@daff.gov.au
Drought Assistance Hotline: 13 23 16
Executive Summary:
Council is required to adopt its annual budget by 30 August 2010

Applicants Submission:
The Annual Budget for 2010/11 is not ready for presentation at this month’s Ordinary Meeting. This is for a number of reasons including:

Timing of the meeting. July’s meeting falls on the 15th of the month which is too early for all of the end of year work to have been completed for 2009/20

Staff Changes – This year’s budget has been prepared variously by Rose Jones, Leah Curtin, Doug Stead and Domenica Curtin. Some work is still required to consolidate the various contributions.

Funding uncertainty – while the broad quantum of funding has been known for some time, there has been uncertainty on some items including:

- We have not been successful in gaining grants for the Airport or footpaths;
- Our FAGS Grant has been paid 25% in advance in 2009/10, with the remainder by 4 equal instalments in 2010/11
- We have been allocated $30,000 under the Regional Community Local Investment Program and need to decide what we spend it on;
- Our allocation under the Royalties of Regions Country Local Government Fund has been finalised, but we still need to complete a forward capital works plan before it can be allocated to projects.
- The start to the growing season has been less than positive and Council may wish to reconsider its advertised intention to increase rates by 5.5%.

Background:
Council is required to adopt its annual budget by 30 August 2010

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 annual budget guides the majority of the Shires activity during the year.

Strategic Implications: Nil

Consultation:
There have been a number of proposals from community groups for this year’s budget.

Comment:
The proposed approach for dealing with this year’s budget is:

- That Council convene a Special Council Meeting to consider a draft budget;
- That the administration incorporate any changes requested by Council;
- That the final budget be presented for adoption at the August Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Voting Requirements:
Simple majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council convene a Special Budget Meeting of Council on Monday 2nd August 2010.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr LC Butler Seconded: Cr RA Benton
That Council convene a Special Budget Meeting of Council on Friday the 30th July 2010 at 2pm.

Carried: 7/0

Amendment due to a time needing to be agreed to and the Business After Hours for Perenjori being held on the 2nd August 2010.
Executive Summary:
THE Department for Local Government has published a discussion paper for the development of a Cat Act along similar lines to the Dog Act.

Applicants Submission:
The proposal if enacted would require:
- The compulsory identification of cats with a microchip;
- The compulsory registration of cats; and
- The compulsory sterilization of cats.

Local Governments would need to:
- Handle complaints about cats;
- Seize and impound cats
- Register cats;
- Purchase equipment (microchip readers, new pounds; and
- Train staff.

Laws would not apply to existing cats, so the impact would increase over several years.

Background:
Several metropolitan Councils have enacted Cat Local Laws.

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 legislation will impose a new function on Local Government, with additional cost and no funding.

Strategic Implications: Nil
Consultation: Nil

Comment:

Feral cats are a menace. Cats are efficient predators of birds and small mammals. Cat control is a real environmental issue. Creating a new function for local governments without funding is one of the impacts identified in the various cost shifting inquiries. The development of Cat Local Laws by some metropolitan Councils sends the message that it is a function that Local Government wishes to take on.

Dog Control presently costs Council around $8,000 per year and this could be expected to double if we were also required to control cats.

The proposed approach relates primarily to domestic cats. The largest problem in rural areas are feral cats. While sterilising domestic cats will help, there will be little impact on cats that are presently breeding in the wild.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council responds in the following terms:

1. That it is broadly supportive of Cat Control;
2. That domestic cat control needs to be complimented by a strategy to control feral cats in rural areas;
3. That if the State wants Local Government to be responsible for Cat control that the state provide funding for this new function.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr RP Desmond    Seconded: Cr CM Johnston

That Council responds in the following terms:

1. That it is broadly supportive of Cat Control;
2. That domestic cat control needs to be complimented by a strategy to control feral cats in rural areas;
3. That if the State wants Local Government to be responsible for Cat control that the state provide funding for this new function.

Carried: 7/0
10076.4 CONSIDERATION OF MATERIALITY

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: LEAH LEOPOLD – SENIOR FINCNE OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER LEAH LEOPOLD – SENIOR FINCNE OFFICER
REPORT DATE: 8th July 2010
ATTACHMENTS Haines Norton Notes

Executive Summary:

Each financial year, a local government is to adopt a percentage or value, calculated in accordance with AAS 5, to be used in statements of financial activity for reporting material variances.

Council’s Auditors UHF Haines Norton have recommended that 10% would be a reasonable guide for highlighting variances.

Background

After amendments to the reporting requirements to council with the presentation of a monthly financial activity report there is also a requirement to adopt a percentage or value to be used in the statement of financial activity for reporting material variances.

While a 10% variance measurement would be suitable, it would be relevant to incorporate a minimum reportable value ie amounts of under say $5000 are to be considered in-material and therefore not reported. This format would save officers reporting on minor variances. This approach is deemed acceptable by Councils Auditors.

Statutory Environment:


Policy Implications: N/A
Financial Implications: N/A
Strategic Implications: N/A
Consultation: N/A

Haines Norton Chartered Accountants
Shire of Perenjori

Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

15th July 2010

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council consider the requirements of reporting on a monthly basis under the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations and adopt a 10% materiality variance with a minimum reportable value amount of $5000.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr RA Benton Seconded: Cr CM Johnston

That Council consider the requirements of reporting on a monthly basis under the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations and adopt a 10% materiality variance with a minimum reportable value amount of $5000.

Carried: 7/0
Cr King asked for council permission to defer item 10076.5 to the budget meeting on the 30th July due to reserves needing to be set.

Carried: 7/0

10076.5 MINING HOUSING BUSINESS PLAN

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: STAN SCOTT – CEO
REPORT DATE: 6 JULY 2010
ATTACHMENTS: Draft Business Plan – Karara Housing Project

Executive Summary:
The CEO has prepared a business plan for the development of housing for lease to Karara Mining Limited.

Applicants Submission:
Karara Mining has indicated that it will lease 4 executive houses from the shire on a long term basis (notionally 15 years but possibly longer.)

The CEO has prepared a business plan based on the following:

- Houses to be built on shire owned land in the John Street Subdivision
- The second UWA house (part funded by MWDC) will be one of the 4 houses;
- The remaining houses will be built by public tender;
- Council will need to borrow $1,180,000 to fund the project;
- Based on a weekly rental of $650 per week the project will be cash flow neutral for the Shire;
- At the conclusion of the 15 year lease period the houses will be owned unencumbered by the Shire.

Background:
Council asked the CEO to look at both funding the houses from borrowings and consideration of private investment.

Statutory Environment:
Section 3.59 of the Local Government 1995 requires that, if a Local Government undertakes a major trading undertaking that exceeds a prescribed amount then it must prepare and advertise a business plan. The Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 9, states as follows:
(1) For a trading undertaking to be a major trading undertaking the expenditure by the local government that —

(a) the undertaking involved in the last completed financial year; or
(b) the undertaking is likely to involve in the current financial year or the financial year after the current financial year,

has to be more than either $500 000 or 10% of the lowest operating expenditure described in subregulation (2).

(2) The lowest operating expenditure referred to in subregulation (1) is the lowest of —

(a) the operating expenditure incurred by the local government from its municipal fund in the last completed financial year;
(b) the operating expenditure likely to be incurred by the local government from its municipal fund in the current financial year; and
(c) the operating expenditure likely to be incurred by the local government from its municipal fund in the financial year after the current financial year.

For the purposes of the regulation the prescribed amount for the Shire of Perenjori is $486,000. The expected project cost will exceed this amount.

Policy Implications: Nil

Financial Implications:
The total cost of the project is almost $1.6 Million which is a substantial project for Council. This includes borrowings of almost $1.2 Million.

Providing the lease agreement is sufficiently robust as to ensure that Karara mining will meet the full cost for the 15 Year lease period the risk to Council is low.

Notwithstanding that the loan is self-supporting this loan together with the recent loans to complete the swimming pool will limit Council’s borrowing capacity over the next few years.

This will be offset so some degree by:

- Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund will allow Council to fund infrastructure without borrowing;
- Contributions from the Mount Gibson Mining Community Benefit fund will start flowing to Council in 2011/12. This fund can be applied to debt reduction if Council chooses; and
- The development of major residential camps should increase the rates returns from mining projects.

Strategic Implications:
This project is in line with Council’s strategic approach and in particular its goals of maximising benefits of mining projects (this will attract resident workers) and reducing leakage (local residents spend money locally). Further this project completes Council’s commitment to the development of flat packed housing.

Consultation: Nil
Comment:
It is not certain that the proposed loan would be approved, but would be reliant on a robust agreement with Karara. The business plan can serve the dual purpose of meeting Council’s statutory obligations and providing a proposal for Karara to consider.

Voting Requirements:
Simple majority

Officers Recommendation:
1. That Council proceed with advertising the business plan for the provision of mining housing;
2. That the CEO provide a copy of the plan to Karara Mining for endorsement
10076.6 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI

FILE: 0

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0

AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: STAN SCOTT – CEO

REPORT DATE: 6 JULY 2010

ATTACHMENTS Invitations to Climate Change forum and Business After Hours

Executive Summary:
There are a range of events and functions that may be of interest to elected members.

Applicants Submission:
The following events are coming up in the near future:

**Climate Change Workshop**
Monday, 2 August 2010, 12.30 – 4.30 pm
Mingenew Recreation Centre
Presents the results of the Climate Change Adaptation Plan developed by North Midlands Councils and the MWRC
ALL ELECTED MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

**Business After Hours, Perenjori**
Monday, 2 August 2010, 5.30 to 7.30 pm
Perenjori Sports Club
Presented by MWCCI and sponsored by Gindalbie.
ALL ELECTED MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

**Bush Fires Forum 2010**
Monday, 9 August 2010, all day
Burswood convention centre
This event is targeted at Chief Bush Fire Control Officers and is held immediately following Local Government Week. Cr Bensdorp has been booked to attend.

**Midwest Economic & Resources Summit**
August 31st – September 1st 2010
Queens Park Theatre, Geraldton
Annual event, the CEO and Shire President usually attend. Other Elected members may be interested in attending.
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:

All events are free except for the Midwest Economic & Resources Summit which costs around $300 per head plus accommodation. The Bush Fires Forum will involve accommodation costs.

Strategic Implications: Nil

Consultation: Nil

Comment:

If additional Elected members wish to attend paid events a Council resolution would be preferred.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Elected Members indicate:

1. Availability for the climate change and business after hours functions;
2. If they wish to attend the Bush Fires Forum or Economic Summit.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr JA Bensdorp     Seconded: Cr LC Bulter

That Councillors note the dates for the Climate Change and Business After Hours Functions and;

That Cr JA Bensdorp and Cr GK Reid attend the Bush Fires Forum and Cr CR King and Cr LC Butler attend the Economic Summit.

Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:
The old swimming pool has been decommissioned and there will be budget provision for site rehabilitation. Council must determine the long term use for the site.

Applicants Submission:
The old swimming pool has been decommissioned and there will be budget provision for site rehabilitation. This will include demolition and removal of the concrete shell and, demolition and removal of the plant room, pumps and pipe work. The excavation would be filled and compacted so that it would be suitable for redevelopment. The Shire of Morawa has requested that Council consider giving them the disused diving board.

The kiosk and ablution block would initially be retained pending decisions on the final use of the site.

Council must determine the long term use for the site. Options for the site include:

Netball and basketball courts. The present courts are in need of refurbishment and their present location is separated from other sporting infrastructure. These courts could also be sited on the existing hardstand adjacent to the tennis courts and this would be a less expensive option and provide better access to sports club facilities.

New sporting facility. The site could be redeveloped for another sport not presently catered for. Possibilities are mini golf, beach volleyball and indoor cricket. It could equally be argued that we struggle to maintain our existing facilities and a new facility would simply create another maintenance cost.

Environment Centre. Council has identified the development of an environment centre as a priority. The old pool site is on the main road surrounded by mature trees, is adjacent to sporting and recreation facilities which would allow access to these facilities to maximise their use for functions and events.

Park / Playground. The site could be redeveloped for passive recreation such as lawn, bbq and picnic area. The proximity of the site to the main road may not be ideal for a playground, and it is too far from the sports club for easy supervision of children.

It is important that the community be allowed input on the use of the site.
Background:
The old pool remained in use while the new aquatic centre was constructed. Most of the infrastructure is no longer serviceable. Even the kiosk and ablutions would require substantial refurbishment if retained for reuse.

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:
Site rehabilitation will be required regardless of future use.

Strategic Implications:
The central location of the site means this will be an important decision.

Consultation:
No formal consultation has yet been conducted.

Comment:
Ultimately Council must decide on the use of the site. This decision should probably be in the context of decisions on other sporting infrastructure. For example in the next 2 years it is likely that the bowling green will be replaced with a synthetic surface and the playing surface on the tennis courts will be upgraded. If we can obtain agreement for the disused hardstand adjacent to the tennis courts to be used for netball and basketball the best use for the old pool site is probably the environment centre.

Council has two options:
1. Seek community input on a range of options; or
2. Select an option and advertise for community comment.

The CEO recommends that the site be earmarked for future use as an environment centre. This will allow us to commence the process of canvassing for support from stakeholders and develop plans for both building and funding the new complex. In light of proposed local government reform time is of the essence in getting planning in place.

Voting Requirements:
Simple majority
Officers Recommendation:

1. That Council:
   
   A. Proceed with the rehabilitation of the old pool site so that it is suitable for redevelopment;
   
   B. Retain the existing ablution block and kiosk until the site is redeveloped;
   
   C. Donate the disused diving board to the Shire of Morawa;
   
   D. Seek support for the relocation of the netball and basketball courts to the hardstand adjacent to the tennis courts;
   
   E. Earmark the old pool site for the establishment of the Perenjori Environment Centre and advertise the proposal for community comment.

2. That the CEO develop the Perenjori Environment Centre concept plan for adoption by Council.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr JA Bensdorp  
Seconded: Cr LC Butler

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2. That the CEO develop the Perenjori Environment Centre concept plan for adoption by Council.

Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:
Local Governments are required to advertise their schedule of meetings at least once per year.

Applicants Submission:
The proposed meeting dates and times for the next 12 months are set out below.

Background: Nil

Statutory Environment:
Local Government (Administration) Regulations – Reg 12 sets out the need for Local Public Notice of the date time and venue of Ordinary Councils meetings.

Policy Implications: Nil

Financial Implications: Nil

Strategic Implications: Nil

Consultation: Nil

Comment:
Council meetings have been held in the past on the third Thursday of the months, and the proposed schedule reflects this practice. The gazetted public holidays for 2010/11 are as follows:

- Queen’s Birthday: Monday 27th September
- Christmas Day: Monday 27th December
- Boxing Day: Tuesday 28th December
- New Year’s Day: Monday 3rd January
- Australia Day: Wednesday 26th January
- Labour Day: Monday 7th March
- Good Friday: Friday 22nd April
- Easter Monday: Monday 25th April
- Anzac Day: Monday 25th April
- Foundation Day: Monday 6th June
Possible variations to the Third Thursday of each month at 1.00pm are as follows:

- Council does not generally meet in January.

**Voting Requirements:**
Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

The Council agree to and advertise through Local Public Notice the following schedule of meetings for 2010/2011 to be held in the Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers.

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**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr GK Reid    Seconded: Cr LC Butler

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Amendments:

The 18th November meeting was changed to 7pm due to it being Harvest Time and the 21st April was moved to the 14th April due to it being too close to the Easter Break.
Executive Summary:
The Minister for Regional Development has sought a review of the role and functions of the Regional Development Commissions. Submissions closed 9 July 2010.

Applicants Submission:
The two fundamental questions framed in the review are:

1. How should Government be organised to improve services and support for regional development?
2. How are Regional Development Commissions performing?

Background:
The Shire has been actively engaging with the Midwest Regional Development Commission.

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 Mid West Development Commission distributes funding under the Regional grants portion of the Royalties for Regions program and will be playing a role in priority setting for the regional component of the Country Local Government Fund.

Strategic Implications:
Delivery of regional policy is of strategic importance to the Shire.

Consultation:
Nil

Comment:
The CEO’s input to the review will be tabled at the Council meeting.
Voting Requirements:
Simple majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council notes the contents of the submission to the review.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr RP Desmond                Seconded: Cr CM Johnston
That Council notes the contents of the submission to the review.
               Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:
Each year the WALGA Annual General Meeting considers motions from member Council on issues of concern to the sector.

Applicants Submission:
Council may wish to provide guidance to its representatives on individual matters. The motions are set out below with the CEO’s recommendations.

3.1 Local Government Initiative on Climate Change (05-028-04-0001 MB)

Shire of Chittering of Delegate to move:

MOTION
That the meeting endorse the WALGA initiative on climate change, and request that the latest information on cost effective mitigation measures be communicated to all councils for their consideration.

Officers Recommendation: Support
3.2 Climate Change Risk Management (05-028-04-0001 MB)

Town of Mosman Park Delegate to move:

IN BRIEF
- Climate change represents threats to Local Government which cannot be ignored
- As a Risk Management issue these threats should be assessed and responded to.

MOTION
1. That WALGA, with the support of appropriate policy forums and reference groups, lobby the State Government to improve its performance in the policy, funding and operational management of climate change in Western Australia.

2. That WALGA endorse the Climate Change Councillor’s Group as a formalised Policy Forum to consider and advocate on climate change in Western Australia and communicate findings to Local Governments, State Government and the Commonwealth Government.

3. That WALGA continue to lobby for direct involvement from the Commonwealth Government on climate change in Local Government through a regional delivery process and appropriate funding and support.

Comment:
Any policy forum should be properly constituted rather than an informal grouping of volunteers that may or may not be representative of the sector.

Officers Recommendation:
Support 1 and 3
Not Support 2

3.3 Loss of Rateable Income Arising from State Government Policy Decision to Transfer Ownership to Not-For-Profit Sector (05-034-01-0007 TB)

Shire of Denmark Delegate to move:

MOTION
That WALGA lobby the State Government to recognise and permanently compensate Local Governments in Western Australia for the loss of rate income where rateable assessments become non-rateable as a result of any State Government policy or decision that transfers responsibility for public housing from the Department of Housing (Homeswest) to a not-for-profit, charitable organisation.

IN BRIEF
- State Government Housing 2020 document outlines increased public housing partnerships with the not for profit sector.
- Concern of loss of rating income which will arise from the implementation of these partnerships.

Officers Recommendation:
Support
Comment:
The CEO referred the latest SRO guideline to WALGA which resulted in WALGA representations to the SRO.

Officers Recommendation: Support

3.5 General Practitioner Services to Rural and Remote Local Governments
(05-030-03-0006 TB)

The Shire of Kondinin Delegate to move:

MOTION
That the Western Australian Local Government Association instigate, as a matter of urgency, discussions with key stakeholders on the development of a local government platform or framework that can be used to address the general practitioner shortage in regional Western Australia.

Comment:
We have had recent experience of the difficulty finding a GP and were very lucky to find one so quickly, and to find one who is such a good fit with our communities. WALGA has arranged a Rural GPs Services Forum on the morning of 4 August 2010.

Officers Recommendation: Support
Shire of Perenjori

MINUTES

15th July 2010

3.6 Increased State Government Road Funding (05-001-03-001 MM)

Shire of Dalwallinu Delegate to move:

MOTION

That WALGA escalate its campaign for increased road funding from the State Government

IN BRIEF

- Funding has not kept up with the rising costs of maintaining road networks
- Further erosion of funding has occurred due to cost shifting

Comment:

Any motion for more road funds for local government is always in order.

Officer's Recommendation: Support

3.7 Bush Fire Management by Local Government (05-024-01-003 AH)

Shire of Boyup Brook Delegate to move:

MOTION

That WALGA in its deliberations do not agree to any amendments to the Emergency Management Act 2005 or the Emergency Management Regulations 2006 that would transfer the authority invested in Local Government relating to Hazard Management from Local Government to FESA.

Further, that WALGA engages elected Local Government representatives from Country Fire Advisory Committees and / or Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) to be voting members on any decision making body between WALGA and FESA on the issue.

IN BRIEF

- A review of the Emergency Management Act is to be undertaken.
- The Act/Regulations currently don't prescribe the Hazard Management Agency for bushfire.
- State Solicitors Office has advised this should be addressed.

Comment:

There are arguments both for and against Local Governments remaining the hazard management agency for bush fires.

Officer's Recommendation: Conscience Vote
MOTION

That WALGA raise with the State Government that unless there is sufficient residential land released to meet the objectives of the Industrial Land Strategy, the State Government will be facing a critical housing and land supply shortage that is not capable of meeting the future population needs of the Perth Metropolitan and Peel region.

IN BRIEF

- The Shire of Murray concerned with the issue of land release in Perth and the Peel
- Draft Industrial Land Strategy indicated a marked shortfall of industrial land both in Perth and Peel
- in its submission on Directions 2031 and the South Metropolitan and Peel Subregional Structure Plan, Murray Shire Council raised major concerns that these planning documents have seriously underestimated future urban land requirements, dwelling requirements and population growth forecasts
- over the years, local governments have undertaken their own population forecasts which have frequently exceeded Department of Planning forecasts
- the Shire of Murray is seeking support from State Council, for the Western Australian Planning Commission to adopt a more flexible approach to urban and industrial land supply which is responsive to variations in future population, housing demand, infill yields and gross density yields in new developments.

Comment:

This issue is not limited to Peel or the Metropolitan Area and this is a huge issue for regional centres particularly in the Pilbara. A broader resolution encompassing pressure points in the entire state would be referred. The concentration of development in and around Perth is one of the things that puts pressure on land availability.

Officers Recommendation: Conscience Vote
City of South Perth Delegate to move:

MOTION
The ALGA call on the Federal and State governments to develop a plan to deal with the 35-45 million people predicted to be residing in Australia by 2050 in recognising the role of local government in funding the provision of Services and Infrastructure.

IN BRIEF
- In future cost of providing infrastructure will be greater than it is today.
- Cost of maintaining/replacing existing infrastructure will place burden on Local Government.

Comment:
Rural Local Governments by and large would welcome additional people and planning should include strategies for repopulating the regions.

Officers Recommendation: Conscience Vote

Council endorsed the CEO’s recommendations for the AGM
10077 OTHER BUSINESS

10077.1 INFORMATION BULLETIN – TABLED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- INFO PAGE – Early Years Forum July 2nd 2010 – 20/05/10
- INFO PAGE – Rates Increase – 01/06/10
- INFO PAGE – Tobacco Products Control Amendment Act 2009, New Smoking Bans commencing 22nd September 2010 – 04/06/10
- INFO PAGE – Local Government Enterprises Draft Discussion Paper – 16/06/10
- INFO PAGE – Review of Regional Development Commissions – 16/06/10
- INFO PAGE – New State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement – 01/07/10
- CIRCULAR No 06-2010 – Regulatory impact assessment process, Deferral of Commencement date for Local Laws – 24/06/10
- MWAC Information Bulletin – Issue 138 June 2010
- 2010 National General Assembly of Local Government – 22/06/10
- Correspondence – To CEO from Brendan Peyton regarding Approval of differential rates and minimum payments – 21/06/10
- WALGA Current Vacancies on Boards and Committees – June/July 2010
- WALGA Training and Development 2010 – July/August/September
- Connect Newsletter – June 2010
- National Local roads and Transport Congress 2010
- Corruption Prevention – Issue 7 May 2010
- Government News – Volume 30, Issue 3, June/July 2010
- Disability update – June 2010, Issue 45
- Fairbridge News – 2010 Winter Issue
- MB Magazine – June 2010
- LGIS Risk Matters – Edition 14
- The National Local Roads and transport Policy Agenda 2010-20
- A 10-Point Plan, National Resilience, Local Communities – June 2010
- Prospect Magazine – June to August 2010
10077.2 MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

10077.3 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

10077.4 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

Moved: Cr RA Benton    Seconded: Cr JA Bensdorp
That council accept Late Items 10077.4.1, 10077.4.2, 10077.4.3 and 10077.4.4.
Carried: 7/0

10077.4.1 NEW COUNTRY SHIRE COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

APPLICANT: FITZGERALD STRATEGIES
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER STAN SCOTT – CEO
REPORT DATE: 14 JULY 2010
ATTACHMENTS LETTER FROM FITZGERALD STRATEGIES

Executive Summary:
A number of Country Local Governments have expressed interest in forming a new Country Shire Councils Association.

Applicants Submission:
A Forum is being arranged for the evening of 4 August 2010 at a cost of $150 per head.

Background:
See attached letter

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:
Initially only the cost of attendance at the forum.
Strategic Implications:

WALGA was formed in 2001 to unite a disparate range of representative local government organisations including the WA Municipal Association (WAMA) Country Shire Councils Association (CSCA) and Country Urban Councils Association.

Consultation:

Initial interest has been shown by 20 Councils.

Comment:

The CEO is an occasional critic of WALGA and can understand why some country Councils would like to return to a separate association. It is however the CEO’s view that despite WALGA’s limitations a single representative association is still the best strategy for Local Government. Supporting the formation of a separate association would simply be a distraction.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council SEND / NOT SEND a representatives to the proposed forum.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr LC Butler  Seconded: Cr GK Reid

That Council not send a representative to the proposed forum

Carried: 7/0
Mr Stan Scott  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Perenjori  
PO Box 22  
PERENJORI WA 6620

Dear Stan,

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY SHIRE COUNCILS REPRESENTATION

Further to our letter dated 8 March 2010 in the above matter, we are pleased to advise that we received a healthy response to that letter and have since visited 20 Local Governments throughout the state to discuss their views on the proposed formation of a new Association to advocate and lobby on behalf of Country Shire Councils in Western Australia.

In our meetings with representatives from these Councils we established that there is some very strong support for the formation of a new association. It was suggested that we convene a meeting of Interested Councils to coincide with the Western Australian Local Government Convention & Exhibition in August 2010 so as to save Councils the expense of a separate trip to Perth to meet and discuss this proposal.

Accordingly, we will convene a meeting of interested Councils at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 4 August 2010 at a venue to be decided once the number of acceptances has been established. The cost of attendance at this meeting is $150.00 per head which shall go towards the cost of the venue and refreshments for delegates.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and consider the following items:

- the establishment of a new association of country Shire Councils in Western Australia
- the form of a constitution and rules for the new association
- the fee structure and budget that might be adopted for the new association
- the election of a committee of management or a steering committee for the new association

Councils are invited to register their interest in this meeting by filling in the attached registration form and forwarding it to us by fax, email or snail mail no later than Friday 16 July 2010.

Please direct any questions that you may have in respect to this matter to the writer on 08 9455 3887 or direct on 0419 907 443.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Fitzgerald

**PRINCIPAL**  
Friday, 18 June 2010
Executive Summary:
FESA has allocated funding for a Community Emergency Services Manager across the Shires of Perenjori, Morawa, Three Springs and Mingenew.

Applicants Submission:
FESA has recently been jointly funding Community Emergency Services Positions for larger local governments. Features of the arrangement are as follows:

- The CESM would be funded 50% by FESA and the remaining 50% funded by the four shires. This would approximate $120,000 in total, with each Shire contributing $15,000;
- The position will manage the emergency services function across the 4 shires including the role of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer. Existing CBFCO would be retained as deputies;
- The person would liaise with and coordinate joint Responses with mining companies and DEC;
- The role would help manage fire control assets and ESL grants (More active management is likely to increase ESL grants)
- The position will probably be based in Three Springs because of the availability of housing in that centre.

The business plan will include actions under the following objectives:

PREVENTION
To provide a range of prevention services to increase community awareness of hazards and their involvement in minimising impact.

**PREVENTION**

To provide a range of prevention services to increase community awareness of hazards and their involvement in minimising impact.

**PREPAREDNESS**

To provide and maintain appropriate and adequate infrastructure, equipment, skilled personnel, plans and programs in preparation for emergencies. To provide support to the community in its preparation for emergencies and mitigation of risks.

**RESPONSE**

To ensure rapid and comprehensive response to emergencies, to contain and minimise the impact of emergencies. To support the community in its own response to emergencies.

**RECOVERY**

To assist the community, employees and volunteers affected by major emergencies to recover effectively and efficiently.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

To assist local government and FESA with special projects that mitigates the impact of incidents on the community

**SUCCESSION PLANNING**

Develop future leaders for ALL SHIRES/FESA to fulfiil the role of CESM during leave periods, acting opportunities and vacancy periods.

**Background:**

The Shire of Perenjori applied on behalf of the 4 shires for a joint position as none of the Shires could justify a position in their own right.

**Statutory Environment:**

Local Government is the designated Hazard management Agency for Bush Fires.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Each Shire will need to contribute $15,000 to the arrangement for each of the next 3 years.

**Strategic Implications:**

The position provides the capacity for more active management of the Shires emergency management capability.

**Consultation:**

The arrangement has been discussed with the CBFCO and between FESA and neighbouring shires.

**Comment:**

For a relatively modest contribution will be able to far better manage this responsibility. As various mining projects are established their emergency management operatives are keen to engage with neighbouring shires brigades. This position will help us manage this goring workload.
Voting Requirements:
Absolute Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council allocate $15,000 towards the cost of a shared Community Emergency Services Manager position;
That Council authorise the CEO to negotiate an MOU and Business Plan with FESA and neighbouring Shires

1.43pm Cr CR King left the Chambers
1.44pm Cr Chris King returned to the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr JA Bensdorp  Seconded: Cr RP Desmond
That Council allocate $15,000 towards the cost of a shared Community Emergency Services Manager position;
That Council authorise the CEO to negotiate an MOU and Business Plan with FESA and neighbouring Shires
Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:
Market Creations has provided 6 Concepts, each with 4 font variations for consideration.

Applicants Submission:
Market Creations has provided 6 Concepts, each with 4 font variations for consideration; that is a total of 24 different versions of logos for consideration. In each case they have used the same positioning statement – “embrace opportunity”.

Background:
At the June 2010 forum Market Creations representatives met with Council to get Elected Members input on what is unique about Perenjori that should be reflected in a community brand.

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 community branding will help maintain community identity regardless of the outcome of amalgamation.

Consultation:
The logos were developed based on Council input, but the selection of the preferred brand should be informed by community input.

Comment:
The positioning statement “embrace opportunity” is in the CEO’s view a good reflection of Perenjori’s culture. Council now has the option of canvassing community views on all options or on a limited selection.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority
Officers Recommendation:

1. That Council adopt the positioning statement “embrace opportunity”
2. That Council conduct a community survey to select the final brand.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr CM Johnston  Carried: Cr RA Benton

1. That Council adopt the positioning statement “embrace opportunity”
2. That Council endorse concept one as its new community branding logo.

Carried: 7/0

Amendment to point two due to the necessity for a logo to be chosen.
10077.4.4 REVIEW OF SPEED LIMITS IN SCHOOL ZONES

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI

FILE: 0

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0

AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER STAN SCOTT –CEO

REPORT DATE: 13 JULY 2010

ATTACHMENTS INFOPAGE ATTACHED

Executive Summary:
A Working party established by the national Safety Council has recommended that the 40kph speed limit in school zones be expanded to cover the whole of the school day.

Applicants Submission:
Presently school zone times are 7.30 am to 9.00 am, and 2.30 pm to 4 pm. The proposed new times are 7.30 am to 5 pm on school days.

Background:
The study was conducted as a result of concerns raised by the Department of Education regarding increased student mobility around school campuses outside the assigned school zone 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: Nil

Strategic Implications: Nil

Consultation:
WALGA is seeking local government input ahead of a meeting of the national Safety Council on 22 July 2010.

Comment:
It would appear that the concern raised by the Department of Education would relate more to secondary than primary campuses. The busy period for primary schools is definitely around the peak drop off and pick up times.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority
Officers Recommendation:
That Council SUPPORTS / DOES NOT SUPPORT the proposed change to school zone times.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr LC Butler    Seconded: Cr RA Benton
That Council supports the proposed change to school zone times.
Carried: 6/1
**IN BRIEF**

**Operational Area:** Road Safety; Engineering; Works; Transport  

**Key Issues:**  
- Proposal to amend all School Zones to Fixed whole-of-school day School Zones (7.30am-5pm)  
- WALGA is seeking comment from Local Governments on the proposal.  

**Action Required:** Please complete attached Fax-Back and return to WALGA by Monday 19th July 2010

A fax back is attached to facilitate your comment. The closing date for feedback is Monday 19th July 2010. Please complete the attached Fax-Back and return to Warren Pearce, Policy Manager, Transport and Roads on fax (08) 92132311 or email wpearce@walga.asn.au

**Background**

The Department of Education raised concerns regarding students increased mobility around school campus’s outside of the current assigned School Zone times. The Road Safety Council endorsed the establishment of a Working Party to form recommendations that consider the appropriateness of the designated times described on School Zone signage. Currently in the Perth metro area, the School Zone allocated times are, 7.30am-9am & 2.30pm-4pm on school days. The Working party has representation from Department of Education, Main Roads WA, Office of Road Safety, WA Police, WALGA, Catholic Education and the Association of Independent Schools WA.

WALGA is seeking the view of Local Governments on this proposal before supporting any change, through the attached Fax Back. The discussion paper will be presented to the Road Safety Council on the 22nd July, WALGA apologises for the short time frame allocated to respond however comments are needed quickly to enable a position to be taken to the Road Safety Council.

**Proposed Changes**

The highest rated option, to be recommended to the Road Safety Council, is to amend all School Zones in WA to Fixed Whole-Of-School Day School Zone Times (7.30am – 5pm).

The other options that were considered by the Working Group included:

a. Maintain Current School Zone Times  
b. Maintain Current School Zone Morning Times and Extend Afternoon Times  
c. Individual School Zone Times (based on individual school requirements)  
d. Fixed Whole-Of-School Day School Zone Times (7.30am-5pm)  
e. Permanent 24-Hour School Zone Times.

f. Permanent 24-Hour School Zones for schools on 50km/h roads combined with Whole-Of-School Day School Zone times for all other School Zones.

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The working party used the following guiding principals in order to rate proposed changes;

**WP guiding principals**
1. The solution should optimize student safety;
2. The solution should be simple and consistent;
3. The solution should meet changing operational needs of schools;
4. The solution should be practically sustainable;
5. The solution should be cost effective;
6. Signage should be readily understood by road users; and
7. The solution should be capable of receiving public acceptance and support

**Benefits identified by the Working Party**

- According to the WA road safety strategy 'Towards Zero' speed is at the core of the road safety problem. It affects both the risk of being involved in a crash and subsequent outcomes should a crash occur. As such reducing the speed limit around targeted high pedestrian areas such as school can result in reducing crashes and the severity of crashes involving school children.
- Research undertaken by Department of Education indicated that there was a higher risk of being seriously injured in a School Zone, outside of the current School Zone times.
- Research provided 2 examples in Australia that have altered School Zone times, results indicated:
  - ACT saw a drop in average speed from 60km hour to 40km per hour
  - VIC had similar reductions (%) across the board, as 100 or 80km speed limits were reduced to 60km during school hours.

**Other Considerations**

- There has not been much consideration regarding implementation.
- As there a number of distributor/feeder roads that have more then one School Zone (such as Beaufort St, in Bayswater/Stirling) an all day 40kmph speed limit may lead to traffic diverting onto minor (back) roads.
- Road infrastructure treatments may be required at a cost to Local Government.
- WA Police have noted that current School Zone compliance by road users is not high, and was noted that a change may only increase non-compliance in these areas.
- Community support may be a concern for Local Government.
- Traffic Wardens: majority of the proposed options would encourage schools to have their individual wardens working at various (non specific) times which could create logistical difficulties.
- There is no standard for School Zone around Australia; each state has a different system.

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Meeting Adjourned at 2.55pm.
DCEO Doug Stead and Executive Assistant Kimberley Wheeler not to return to the meeting.
Meeting resumed at 3.00pm

10077.5  MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Moved: Cr LC Butler          Seconded: Cr JA Bensdorp
That council go behind closed doors to discuss item 10077.5.1 CEO Performance Review.
Carried: 7/0

Moved: Cr JA Bensdorp        Seconded: Cr LC Butler
That council reopen the meeting to the public.
Carried: 7/0
10077.6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING / MEETINGS
A Special Council Meeting will be held on the 30th July 2010
The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on the 19th August 2010

10077.7 CLOSURE

With no further business the Ordinary Council meeting was officially closed at 3.35pm

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held 15th July 2010.

Signed: ______________________
Presiding Elected Member
Date: ______________________