Shire of Perenjori

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in the Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers, Fowler Street, Perenjori on 20th May 2010, commencing at 1.30pm

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PRELIMINARIES

DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS
Cr Chris King officially opened the meeting at 1.30pm

OPENING PRAYER

DISCLAIMER READING

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present:
Cr CR King
Cr GK Reid
Cr JA Bensdorp
Cr JR Cunningham
Cr RA Benton
Cr RP Desmond
Cr JH Hirsch

Stan Scott  CEO
Leah Leopold  Acting DCEO
Garry Agnew  DDS
Ken Markham  Works Supervisor
Kimberley Wheeler  Executive Assistant

Leave of Absence
Cr CM Johnston

Apologies
Cr LC Butler

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS
10051.7 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.

Cr Chris King noted interest in item 10056.12 due to possibly being the ABN holder for the Agriculture Society
Cr Robyn Benton noted interest in item 10056.8 due to having relations at the school

10051.8 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

10051.9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting held 15th April 2010 are attached.

Moved: Cr RA Benton
Seconded: Cr RP Desmond
That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15th April 2010 are a true and accurate record.
Carried: 7/0

Moved: Cr JH Hirsch
Seconded: Cr JA Bensdorp
That the minutes of Special Council Meeting held on the 6th May 2010 are a true and accurate record
Carried: 7/0

10051.10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

10051.11 MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY GO BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

10052 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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 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 April 2010 including report on variances be accepted as presented.

2. Finance Report
That the Finance Report for the period ended 30th April 2010 be accepted as presented.

3. Acquisition of Assets
That the Acquisition of Assets Report for the period ended 30th April 2010 with a balance of $3,578,425.00 as presented be received.
4. Reserves Report
That the Reserves Report for the period ended 30th April 2010 with a balance of $1,270,073.00 as presented be received.

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

6. Bank Reconciliation's
That the balances of the Municipal Fund of $243,534.94 and the Trust Fund of $40,212.97 as at 30th April 2010 as presented be received.

7. Sundry Creditors Report
That the Sundry Creditors Report for the period ended 30th April 2010 with a balance of $135,609.98 as presented be received.

8. Sundry Debtors Report
That the Sundry Debtors Report for the period ended 30th April 2010 with a balance of $182,481.02 as presented be received.

9. Accounts for Payment
That the Accounts for payment for the Municipal Account consisting of Cheque Numbers 17461 to 17503 and EFT Numbers 1522 to 1616 for $613,997.08 and the Trust Account consisting of Cheque Number 780 to 785 and EFT Numbers 1525 to 1617 for $1,080.00 for the period ended 30th April 2010 as presented be accepted.

10. Rates Outstanding
That the Rates Outstanding Report for the period ended 30th April 2010 with an outstanding balance of $46,582.00.

Moved: Cr JA Bensdorp    Seconded: Cr RP Desmond
That items 1-10 relating to the Financial Activity Reports ended 30th April 2010 be accepted.

Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:
Adoption of modified Shire of Perenjori Local Planning Scheme No.2, Local Planning Strategy and Planning Policies.

Comment:
Council will recall commencing a review of its Town Planning Scheme No.1 in March 2008 with formal adoption of a proposed TPS No.2 and Local Strategy in October 2008.

In accordance with statutory procedure Town Planning Scheme No.2 and the Local Planning Strategy was then referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for assessment in terms of any potential environmental impact. The EPA advised in March 2009 that the proposed scheme need not be assessed under Part IV Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

In April 2009 and in accordance with Section 81 Planning Development Act 2005 the WAPC was advised of the EPA's determination and provided with the proposed TPS No.2 and Strategy documents seeking its approval to advertise for public comment.

Council is now in receipt of correspondence from the WAPC advising that the Minister for Planning has given consent for the scheme and strategy to be advertised for public inspection subject to modifications being affected prior to advertising – see Attachment 10054.1a.

Council is required to return the modified scheme and strategy documents to the Commission following which the scheme can be advertised for a period of 90 days and agencies, as listed by the WAPC, being notified of the proposed scheme in writing inviting them each to make a submission.

Council is informed that the Scheme and Strategy documents have been amended to incorporate the modifications required by the WAPC. The modified documents are Tabled.

Note: The modifications required by the WAPC relate generally to revised text for consistency with the Model Scheme Text (MST), improved expression and clarity together with removal of some statement duplications.

The WAPC also advised:
1. Draft Local Planning Scheme No. 2 proposes to rezone 2ha lots on Taylor, Kathleen, Hunter and Fox Streets, Latham from “Township” (under Town Planning Scheme No.1) to “Rural”. These lots are all privately owned and there is potential that the proposed rezoning could expose the Shire to claims for compensation under section 178 of the Planning and Development Act 2005. It is recommended that the Shire consult directly with affected landholders during public advertisement of the Scheme to determine the acceptability of the proposed zone to the landowners.

2. There is no background information provided to support rezoning of Lot 3 Carnamah Perenjori Road from “Special Use – Light Industry” to “Special Use – Chalet Development”. It is recommended that the Shire consult directly with the landowner during advertising of the Scheme with regards to this proposal. The “Special Use – Chalet” development classification potentially limits development on the site compared to the existing “Special Use – Light Industry” designation, although it is noted that a proposal for the development of chalets would be consistent with the light industry designation. If a chalet development is the intention of the landowner then the proposed rezoning would be appropriate.

3. Background information should be reviewed to ensure it provides relevant analysis of information for the rationale of the strategy. This is consistent with the approved Local Planning Manual – March 2010.

4. It is recommended the Shire consult with the Department of Regional Development and Lands regarding the proposed reclassification of portion of Lot 153 (Crown Reserve 17056) along Crossing Road from “Parks and Recreation” Reserve to “Residential” R10/30 zone.

It is recommended that council formally adopt the Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No.2, Local Planning Strategy and Planning Policies as modified.

Statutory Environment:

Planning and Development Act 2005
Town Planning Regulations 1967
Environmental Protection Act 1986

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:

Planning Review advertisement costs are accommodated for in the 2009/10 Budget.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority
Officers Recommendation:

The Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No.2, Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Policies, as modified, are adopted and authorisation is granted to the President and CEO for endorsement of the documentation and placement of the Common Seal.

Further, WAPC advice in respect to a proposed rezoning issue in Latham, rezoning of Lot 3 Carnamah-Perenjori Road, the review of background information generally and rezoning of Lot 153 Crossing Street is acknowledged with a commitment to consult.

The DDS Garry Agnew tabled at the meeting three copies of the Town Planning Scheme No. 2 as additional information in relation to item 10054.1. The document was too bulky to be included as an attachment.

Council resolution

Moved: Cr JH Hirsch                Seconded: Cr JR Cunningham

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Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:
Advice on the Perenjori Caravan Park ablution and laundry facilities in respect to the number of allowable/approved Caravan bays/camp sites.

Comment:
Council is referred to Item 10032.3 of its March 2010 Minutes.

Moved: Cr J A Bensdorp   Seconded: J H Hirsch

That the option of additional laundry facilities at the caravan park be investigated by the Director of Development Services, Garry Agnew.

Carried: 8/0

Pursuant to the Caravan Park and Camping Grounds Regulations the number of caravan bays/camp sites/chalets permitted is dependent of the number of facilities provided e.g. -

Perenjori Caravan Park

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<th>Existing Facilities</th>
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<td>2 x washing machines</td>
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<td>Bench space for ironing</td>
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997 the maximum number of caravans plus camps that are legally permitted within the Perenjori Caravan Park at any one time is **20**.

Though the number of caravans and camps being occupied at the Perenjori Caravan Park is usually much lower than the 20 maximum permitted number there are several occasions throughout the year when that number is exceeded.

**Statutory Environment:**

Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995
Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil.

**Financial Implications:**

Nil.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the information be noted.

**1.50pm Garry Agnew left the meeting**
Executive Summary:
Listed are the roads graded for the month of APRIL

Applicants Submission:
Rabbit Proof Fence rd
Old Well rd
Forte rd
Watson rd
Maya Coorow rd
Burgess rd
Maya East rd

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:
As per Council’s Road Maintenance Budget

Strategic Implications:
To maintain roads to a standard

Consultation:
Nil

Comment:
Nil

Voting Requirements:
Nil

Officers Recommendation:
Nil
Executive Summary:
The sealing program for the 2009/10 works program has been completed.

Applicants Submission:
The works crew have completed the programmed sealing program for the financial year. RnR contracting where hired to supply bitumen and spread the aggregate. The program required the works crew to work their rostered day off and most of Saturday. A good effort was put in by all. We also hired a jetpatcher which was used to patch some of Council’s sealed roads and to also seal the laneway behind the Shire office.

The sealing program included:
Seal widening on Perenjori Rothsay rd from Wanarra rd heading East for 4 km. This was through Regional Road Group funding.
Sealing the new intersections on Bunjil Carnamah/Liebe/Iona rds and Bunjil Carnamah/Waddi Forrest/ Dring rds. This was under the Blackspot funding.
Seal widening and reseal on Latham Coorow rd. This was through Council funds and Regional Road Group Funding.
We are just waiting on the extra signage to arrive to complete all projects.

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:
As per Road works program 2009/10

Strategic Implications:
Consultation: Nil
Comment: Nil
Voting Requirements: NIL
Officers Recommendation: NIL
Executive Summary:
Several staff have left the employment of the Shire in the last 2 months and applications were received and interviews undertaken to replace them.

Applicants Submission:
Both the Shire’s gardeners, Graham Conely and George Kelly have left the Shire and two new gardeners have been employed, Bev Gellatly and Bill Waghorn.
General hand John Wright has left the Shire and Ian Hinks and Micheal Sredojevic have been appointed.

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:

Strategic Implications:

Consultation:

Comment:
Nil

Voting Requirements:

Officers Recommendation:
Nil
Executive Summary:
A proposed road works program has been put together to be discussed by the Committee for recommendation to Council for the budget for 2010-11.

Applicants Submission:
Several of the roads put up for consideration and costed have been highlighted throughout the year as requiring work.

All the gravel projects have been costed with stabilisation as part of the works.

The programme will have to be trimmed to around the 1.6 million dollar budget that we usually have. This may mean that some of the projects are either taken out, reduced or have the stabilisation removed.

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:

Strategic Implications:

Consultation:
Comment: Nil

Voting Requirements:

Officers Recommendation:
For Committee discussion and recommendation to Council.

Council Recommendation:
Moved: Cr L C Butler Seconded: Cr J R Cunningham
That the stabilisation component be removed from Bunjil Nth East, Spencer and Taylors Roads and the proposed works program for Bunjil Nth East and Taylors Roads be reduced to bring budget within limits.
Carried: 4/0
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Funds will be drawn from:
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10055.5 PROPOSED PLANT REPLACEMENT BUDGET 2010-11

APPLICANT: KEN MARKHAM – WORKS SUPERVISOR
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: KEN MARKHAM – WORKS SUPERVISOR
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: KEN MARKHAM – WORKS SUPERVISOR
REPORT DATE: 5TH MAY 2010
ATTACHMENTS: Spreadsheet Attachment 10055.5

Executive Summary:
Attached is the proposed plant replacement budget for 2010-11.

Applicants Submission:
The proposed plant replacement budget has been changed to reflect the need for a new steel drum vibrating roller to replace Council’s existing roller. The replacement of the Ford New Holland tractor and the dual cab construction truck have been deferred to help allow for this.
The list of vehicles for replacement are:
- Case Steel drum roller
- Mitsubishi Fk417 Road maintenance vehicle
- Mitsubishi triton fuel ute
- Mitsubishi triton tipper ute (which may not be traded and given to the C/Park)
- Hitachi loader
- CEO’s vehicle

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:

Strategic Implications:
To maintain Council’s fleet to a safe and current standard
Consultation:

Comment: Nil
Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
For Committee discussion and recommendation to Council.

Officers Recommendation:
For Committee discussion and recommendation to Council.

Committee Recommendation:

Moved: Cr J A Bensdorp  Seconded: Cr J R Cunningham

The committee has reviewed the proposed plant replacement budget for 2010/2011 and endorse it as presented

Carried: 4/0

MOTION

Moved: Cr JA Bensdorp  Seconded: Cr GK Reid

The council authorise the CEO to buy a Roller out of 2009/10 funds budgeted for transfer to the plant reserve, and this be recognised as unbudgeted expenditure.

Carried: 7/0

Reason:
The Shire is presently hiring a roller and brining forward this purchase will save the Shire many thousands of dollars in hire fees.
Executive Summary:
Listed are some of the other works being considered and costed for the 2010-11 financial year. These include works to improve Parks and gardens, rebuild the oval, hockey ground and surrounding reticulation system. Construction of a new entrance including wall signage and ticket box to the sporting ground. Shelters and seating and drink fountains.

Applicants Submission:
The following list of proposed works include some that we are waiting on costings for.

- Rebuild oval, Hockey & surrounding reticulation system
- New entrance to sports ground including wall, ticket box, sealing and signage.
- Shelters for existing BBQ's @ Village green and Skate park
- Drink fountains at Skate park and Oval
- Construction of a covered area, BBQ or outdoor kitchen, seating, tables and wall to the side of the pavilion out from the kitchen. (garden bed )
- Soft fall and new play equipment for the skate park
- Reconstruction of Anzac park (synthetic grass, paving, furniture, concreting.)

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:

Strategic Implications:

Consultation:
Comment: Nil

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
For Committee discussion and recommendation to Council.

Committee Recommendation:
Moved: Cr J A Bensdorp
Seconded: Cr L C Butler

That the works presented and discussed be costed and presented to council for budget consideration.

Carried: 4/0
Executive Summary:
The Shire President has been invited to attend the third Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) plenary meeting will be held at Parliament House on 18 June 2010.

Applicants Submission:
The third Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) plenary meeting will be held at Parliament House on 18 June 2010, with a welcome dinner on the evening of 17 June.

This meeting will give federal and local governments the opportunity to discuss issues of national and local importance relating to Sustainable Communities.

Key themes are:

- Strengthening economic security
- Infrastructure investment
- Adapting to environmental pressures and
- Addressing the impact of population change.

Background:
On 18 September 2008, the Prime Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd, and Minister Albanese announced the establishment of the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) to forge a new cooperative engagement between the Australian and local governments giving a voice to local government on matters of national significance.

The ACLG held its Inaugural Meeting on 18 November 2008 where over 400 mayors and shire presidents from councils and shires across Australia and representatives from state and territory governments met at Parliament House, Canberra.

The purpose of the ACLG is to engage with local government directly with the Australian Government to:
• provide a forum for the Australian Government and local government, including the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), to consider policies and initiatives in areas of mutual interest;
• provide advice to the Australian Government on matters relevant to local government and local communities;
• contribute to dialogue on issues of national significance that affect local government and local communities;
• promote collaboration between the Australian Government and local government, as well as between local governments themselves to address emerging economic, social and environmental challenges;
• encourage innovation and best practice in local government; and
• improve the provision of information and data to support the long term development of local government.

Statutory Environment:

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

Policy Implications: Nil

Financial Implications:

Each Local Government meets its own costs. Administrative operating expenditure is below ytd budget and there would be adequate capacity to fund these costs.

Strategic Implications:

The meeting provides an opportunity to confer with Federal politicians and local government counterparts from across Australia.

Consultation: Nil

Comment:

The timing of the event is not ideal, but if the President is available to attend it would be appropriate. The deputy President could attend if the president id not available.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

The Council authorise the President or Deputy President to attend the annual ACLG plenary meeting in Canberra.

Council Resolution

Moved: CR GK Reid Seconded: Cr JH Hirsch

The Council authorise the President to attend the annual ACLG plenary meeting and the Sustainability Conference in Canberra

Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:

Presently Karara Mining is developing two mining camps in the Shire of Perenjori. Council has the option of seeking Ministerial approval to charge Gross Rental Value Rates for Mining Accommodation Camps.

Applicants Submission:

Karara Mining Limited is developing two camps for the development of its Karara Iron Ore Project; These are:

- Lochada Construction camp – 300 rooms
- Karara Village – 1350 rooms
- There is a pre-existing exploration village which accommodates 120 people.

These facilities are presently rated as Unimproved Value – Rural for the Lochada Camp, and Unimproved Value - Mining for other two camps.

Discussions with Landgate suggest the following values are likely. Based on Council’s present GRV rate the likely charges are also set out below.

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Changing the Method of Valuation of Land – Local Government Operational Guidelines suggest:

Each local government has a role in ensuring that the rating principles of the Act are correctly applied to rateable land within their district such that rural land is rated on its UV and non-rural land is rated on its GRV.

To this end, local governments should have systems and procedures in place to –

- identify and record any changes in land use;
• review the predominant use of land affected by significant land use changes; and

• ensure timely applications for the Minister’s approval.

It is proposed to advise landowners with advice of the proposed change with a view to implementing the new method of valuation from 1 July 2010.

Background:

It is common practice to change the method of valuation of mining accommodation from UV to GRV. Council may wish to consider other significant changes of use as they proceed. This could include for example:

• The Karara processing facility. This process is used to beneficiate the ore prior to shipping to port. Council would need to determine whether this activity is mining (UV) or processing (GRV). If it was GRV the Rates would approximate $300,000. Council would need to seek expert advice on this aspect as this facility will potentially treble in size over the next few years.

• The Perenjori Rail Siding.

• Private infrastructure such as the proposed new railway line.

Statutory Environment:

*Local Government Act 1995* S 6.28 sets out the basis for rates, and S 6.29 provides for specific exclusions for mining activities.

Policy Implications: Nil

Financial Implications:

Obtaining technical land descriptions for the sites in question will cost in the order of $4,500.

Changing the method of valuation will increase Council’s income by about $450,000 per year. This will eventually have an impact by reducing Council’s FAGS grant income. FAGS grants are determined on a 5 year rolling average, and the Grants Commission assessment assumes Council will collect appropriate rates. If the amalgamation proceeds grant income will be fixed at present levels for 5 years.

Strategic Implications:

Council has an obligation to collect reasonable rates for all landowners.

Consultation:

It is proposed to inform the landowners of the proposed change following Council’s decision. Advice has been sought from Land Gate valuation services.

Comment:

Present arrangements allow and indeed encourage Local Governments to ensure that when land use changes that the method of valuation reflects the predominant use. In this case the decision by mining companies to operate using a fly in fly out model creates a situation where substantial residential complexes are created and as a consequence a rates obligation is also created.

Council will need to ensure that:

• When Lochada Camp closes that the method of value returns to a rural use; and

• When the Karara Village reduces in size that it is revalue accordingly.
Voting Requirements:
Absolute Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Landgate Property & Valuations be requested to produce technical land descriptions for the four parcels of land being the 3 camps and processing plant at an estimated cost of $4,500;

and;

That Council make a submission to the minister for Local Government using the technical land descriptions to change the basis of rates for:

1. Lochada Village
2. Karara Village
3. Karara Exploration Camp

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr RP Desmond      Seconded: Cr JH Hirsch
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2. Karara Village
3. Karara Exploration Camp

Carried: 7/0

2.40pm Ken Markham left the meeting
Moved: JH Hirsch          Seconded: RP Desmond

That Council be closed to the public to discuss item 10056.3 Sale of Residential Land

Carried: 7/0

Motion moved in accordance with Local Government Act 1995 S5.23(3) Information has a commercial value as the reserve prices set by Council can affect the return obtained on residential land.

10056.3 SALE OF RESIDENTIAL LAND

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI

FILE: 0

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0

AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER STAN SCOTT – CEO

REPORT DATE: 13 MAY 2010

ATTACHMENTS Confidential Attachment

Executive Summary:

CRT Realty will be conducting an auction for residential blocks in Perenjori on Saturday 26 June 2010. Council needs to determine a reserve price for the block of land and which block will be retained for Shire use.

Applicants Submission:

The land in the John Street sub-division is presently being marketed at the prices determined by an independent valuer. This land may be marketed at a different price as it forms part of a business plan prepared by the local government. The reserve prices should take account of the following:

- The investment by the Shire of Perenjori in the development of the land. This includes the actual development costs plus surrounding road infrastructure;
- The independent valuations
- The outstanding balance of the debenture.

A separate confidential attachment details these costs.

Background:

The residential land was developed over the two financial years 2007/08 and 2008/09.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 S5.23 (3) allows the meeting to be closed to the public in a limited range of circumstances including where information has a commercial value. In this case the reserve prices set by Council can affect the return obtained on residential land.
Land sold by a Local Government by public auction is not limited by the valuation of the land.

Policy Implications:
Nil

Financial Implications:
The annual cost of servicing the debenture for the development of the land is $37,000. All funds received from selling the land will be applied in the first instance to reducing the debt associated with the subdivision.

Strategic Implications:
Land in the subdivision comes with special conditions to discourage speculation. This includes a requirement to build on the land within 30 months, and a provision for the Shire to repurchase the land at the same price if it is not developed within the prescribed period.

Consultation:
The DCEO invited quotes from all real estate agents servicing Perenjori. CRT offered the, most affordable package of marketing. They are keen to try an auction. There is no separate auction fee, and this is included in the selling commission.

Comment:
The land auction has the capacity to generate real interest in housing development in Perenjori and encourage people who have been thinking about it to make a commitment.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
1. That Council meet behind closed doors to consider reserve prices
2. That Council note the proposed land auction on 26 June 2010
3. That Council determine which blocks are to be retained by Council
4. That Council set reserve prices for the remaining blocks.

Moved: Cr RP Desmond      Seconded: Cr JR Cunningham
That the meeting again be opened to members of the public
Carried: 7/0

Council Resolution:
Moved: Cr JH Hirsch        Seconded: Cr RP Desmond
1. That council resolves to sell some blocks by auction,
2. That council opts to retain 5 blocks scattered through the subdivision,
3. That the reserve prices be determined at the July Ordinary Council meeting,
4. That the auction be delayed until August, and
5. That a marketing plan and media coverage be looked into.

Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:
MWRC met on 7 April and 5 May 2010

Applicants Submission:
There are two main issues to be resolves and these largely relate to membership and future of the MWRC.

Withdrawal of Coorow and Carnamah
The notice period for Coorow and Carnamah expires on 30 June 2010 at which time they will cease to be members of the MWRC. The Establishment Agreement requires that the accounts of the MWRC be reviewed to determine the value of its assets and liabilities so that the departing members may be paid their share or invoiced for their obligations as the case may be. As this is a matter between the members the MWRC requires specific authorisation from each member for it to prepare that assessment.

Withdrawal of Mullewa
Mullewa has given notice of its intention to withdraw from the MWRC with effect 30 June 2011. Mullewa has requested that it be given permission to withdraw earlier. This is a matter for the members of the regional council rather than the MWRC. Any decision needs to be unanimous.

The resolution passed by the MWRC which provides the form of words for member Councils to consider is set out below. This would allow Mullewa to withdraw without the remaining Councils being required to carry additional costs.

The Shire of Mullewa be permitted to withdraw (effective 30th June 2010) from the Mid West Regional Council providing all financial obligations for membership, as though they were a participating Council are paid up to 30th June 2011.

Background:
The Shire of Perenjori has previously resolved not to support winding up of the MWRC before the point of no return of the amalgamation process – that is after the poll period has passed.

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 share of assets for Coorow and Carnamah may impact on contributions by other members. If Mullewa was permitted to withdraw early it could increase the cost to other Councils.

Strategic Implications:
The Midwest Regional Council is still involved in significant regional projects including:

- Training for Council staff under the WELL program - $3 from the commonwealth for each dollar provided by Councils;
- 20 Enterprise Based Productivity Places across 4 Shires – this gives key staff access to funded training to achieve relevant qualifications. Councils contributions approximates 10% of the cost;
- Main Roads road maintenance – the ongoing negotiations with main roads have the capacity to generate income for Shires in the North Midlands of anything from $1.5 Million to several million dollars each year;
- The MWRC is managing the tender process under Connecting Local Government Funding for data hosting and telecommunications solutions for Councils in the region.
- The Local Adaptation Pathways Project (LAPP) for managing climate change impacts in Local Government. The adaptation plans should provide compelling evidence for future funding;
- The regional Zero Waste Management Plan.

Consultation:
Transition arrangements between present structures and future structures are likely to remain a subject of extensive discussion.

Comment:
While the MWRC has not really emerged as a vehicle for the delivery of joint services it has been quite successful in attracting funding and managing joint strategic regional projects.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

1. That Council provide Mid West Regional Council with the express written authority to facilitate the “notional winding up” / valuation of assets and liabilities of Mid West Regional Council as at the 30th June 2010 by Haines Norton UHY and disburse or recoup any funds payable to or by the withdrawing Councils being the Shires of Carnamah and Coorow. And

2. That Council endorse the view that the Shire of Mullewa be permitted to withdraw (effective 30th June 2010) from the Mid West Regional Council
Council Resolution

Moved: Cr JH Hirsch          Seconded: Cr JA Bensdorp

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2. That Council endorse the view that the Shire of Mullewa be permitted to withdraw (effective 30th June 2010) from the Mid West Regional Council providing all financial obligations for membership, as though they were a participating Council are paid up to 30th June 2011.

Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:

Council is required by the Act and the CEO’s Employment Contract to review the CEO’s performance annually. The CEO’s current contract of Employment expires on 29th May 2013.

Applicants Submission:

Performance Review

The default process for the performance review is set out in Section 4 of the Contract (see Extract attached). The CEO and Council can agree to an alternative process, but in the absence of such an agreement the default process is used.

Features of the process are:

- Appointment of a reviewing person to act on behalf of Council. This may be a Councillor, a consultant such as Mike Fitz Gerald, or another person.
- The CEO conducts a self assessment.
- The CEO and the Reviewing Person meet to discuss the review and provide feedback
- The CEO and Reviewing Person prepare a report for Council

Salary Review

Section 6 of the Agreement makes provision for an annual salary review. At the review in 2008 Council set salary adjustments for 2009 and 2010, so review of salary is not a consideration.

Background:

The CEO and Council negotiated a new contract in June 2008, and an extension to that contract from 3 to 5 years in 2009.

Statutory Environment:


Policy Implications: Nil

Financial Implications:
Council has budgeted $2,000 for a performance review should Council decide to engage a consultant.

**Strategic Implications:** Nil

**Consultation:**

The nominated Reviewing Person will need to be in a position to gain feedback from Council on their views on the CEO’s performance. This may be accomplished through:

- Written feedback to the reviewing person
- Council going behind closed doors in the absence of the CEO to provide oral feedback
- If Council elects to appoint a consultant, a special meeting may be needed.

Attached to this month’s agenda is a Councillor Assessment Form. This form has been used successfully for the last 2 reviews.

**Comment:**

The process set out in the contract is the default process if no alternative process is agreed between the parties.

The process agreed in 2007 and 2008 worked fairly well with the review conducted behind closed doors by Council, followed by a discussion with the CEO.

In light of the commitments of Elected Members at this time of year it is recommended that Council review the CEO’s performance at the June 2010 Ordinary Meeting based on the CEO’s self assessment and the assessments by elected members.

**Voting Requirements:**

Absolute Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

That Council review the CEO’s performance at the June 2010 Ordinary Meeting based on the CEO’s self assessment and the assessments by elected members

**Council Resolution**

Moved: Cr RA Benton  
Seconded: Cr JR Cunningham

That Council review the CEO’s performance at the June 2010 Ordinary Meeting based on the CEO’s self assessment and the assessments by elected members

Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:
The Dept for Regional development and Lands is seeking Council’s views on a request to freehold part of the present reserve that accommodates the Police Station and former OIC residence.

Applicants Submission:
The Department Wrote to the Shire in the following terms:

The Department of housing as approached this office to proceed with the freeholding of portion of Reserve 18832. The portion of land has the old OIC quarters located on it as shown highlighted green on the enclosed map.

The area is zoned Public Purposes Police, Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme no1.

Could you please provide comments in relation to this proposal.

While the proposal was not specific on the reason for the request, it is fair to assume that the residence no longer meets the standards for a GROH property but cannot presently be sold because of the tenure of the land. The proposed area is set out below:
Background: Nil

Statutory Environment:

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

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Nil

Comment:

The Perenjori Arts and Crafts Centre is on the same reserve. There may be a case for requesting that that lot also be considered for freehold, though there is no intention to sell or otherwise deal with that facility at present.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council advise the Dept for Regional Development and Lands that it has no objection to the proposed freeholding.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr JH Hirsch           Seconded: Cr GK Reid

That Council advise the Dept for Regional Development and Lands that it has no objection to the proposed freeholding.

Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:
The Heritage Council has advised that it has been approached by DEC to seek its views on plans to demolish the Warriedar Homestead this winter.

Applicants Submission:
The Heritage Council wrote in the following terms:

P18828 WARRIEDAR HOMESTEAD GROUP, off Perenjori-Rothsay Rd, Perenjori

Further to our previous correspondence and discussions, this is to advise you that, after careful consideration of the evidence available, the Register Committee of the Heritage Council of Western Australia decided at its meeting on 28 February 2010, that Warriedar Homestead Group does not have sufficient cultural heritage significance at the State level for inclusion in the State Register of Heritage Places.

The Heritage Council would like to stress that its decision has no bearing on the status of the place in relation to your Local Government Inventory of Heritage Places.

Background:
The Shire of Perenjori Municipal Register of Heritage Places mentions grave sites at Warriedar and the site of the original homestead but does not refer to the current homestead.

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.

The Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990 s45 – describes the preparation and maintenance of the Shires Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places.

Policy Implications:
The absence of the Warriedar Homestead from the Municipal Inventory is suggestive that the inventory should be reviewed. The Heritage Manual suggests reviews coinciding with changes to Town Planning Schemes.

Financial Implications:
Strategic Implications:
The Warriedar homestead is a potentially valuable piece of built heritage that could be used for eco-tourism or scientific purposes. In any event it should not be demolished in the absence of a management plan for the station or indeed the sub-regional conservation estate.

Consultation:
DEC did not consult with the Shire prior to deciding to demolish the homestead. The Shire President broached the issue with the DEC regional manager during the recent visit to Karara by the Minister for Environment.

The CEO has discussed this issue with the Heritage Council’s Regional heritage Advisor.

Comment:
The CEO has written to DEC in the following terms.

I am formally requesting that any action to demolish the homestead be deferred until a management plan for former pastoral lands in this area has been developed. I have met previously with DEC officers and advised of a very strong interest by the Shire of Perenjori and indeed the wider Perenjori community to provide input into management plans. I have also attached for your information a copy of the Shires input when the Warriedar Station was first acquired by DEC.

The former pastoral stations in this region have some areas of very high conservation value that your department would clearly like to protect. There are however significant areas of land of lower conservation value that are of great value to other stakeholders including but not limited to indigenous groups and traditional owners, tourists and tourism operators, universities and the scientific community, local governments and miners and prospectors. While DEC is the land manager it is important that the views and interests of other stakeholders are taken into account.

I would appreciate confirmation from you that action to demolish the Warriedar homestead be deferred until management plans have been developed. It may well be that other interest groups may be interested in preserving or refurbishing the homestead for other purposes.

Council has the option of now seeking to include the Warriedar Homestead on the Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places. The CEO can engage the support of the Heritage Council’s Regional Heritage Advisor to assist. A review of the Municipal Inventory in 2010-11 is also overdue.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
1. That Council endorse the CEO’s action in relation to the Warriedar Homestead
2. That the CEO prepare an estimate for a review of the Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places for inclusion in 2010/11 budget considerations.
Council Resolution

Moved: Cr GK Reid               Seconded: Cr RP Desmond

1. That Council endorse the CEO’s action in relation to the Warriedar Homestead

2. That the CEO prepare an estimate for a review of the Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places for inclusion in 2010/11 budget considerations

Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:

Buntine Primary School has written to the Shire requesting support for a Science Camp involving children from 6 small schools in the Midwest and Wheatbelt. One of the schools involved in the cluster is Latham Primary School.

Applicants Submission:

Justin Curry, principal of Buntine Primary wrote in the following terms:

I am writing on behalf of six small schools in the Mid West and Wheatbelt Districts of Western Australia. The schools are; Buntine, Latham, Corrow, Watheroo, Badgingarra and Miling Primary Schools. The enrolments at our schools range from 14 to over 50.

Our schools all have similar obstacles to overcome to provide the quality education that we wish for our students. One is the lack of expertise in each school, especially for subjects such as science and mathematics. Another is the lack of peer interaction between the students caused by the distance between the schools.

Recently the six schools came together to discuss ways of overcoming these problems. Our solution was to create a science project amongst ourselves which includes 72 students and teachers from our schools from coming together to share the ability to teach science, with a focus on the language of science and mathematics, through the making of moving toys.

He went on to explain some of the anticipated costs and benefits of the program.

The Shire contacted the principal of Latham Primary School for more information. She advised that 9 Latham students will be participating at a cost of around $162 for food and $364 for materials.

Background:

Council makes an annul donation to the two local primary schools. Latham Primary School will be receiving a $400 donation from the name the Shire competition.

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:
Each year Council makes a donation to each primary School, usually at the end of year wind up. This year this amount was $600 per school. There is unexpended money available in Council’s general donation allocation.

Strategic Implications: Nil

Consultation:
Kim Wheeler discussed the project with Latham Primary School

Comment:
Very small schools find it difficult to create sufficient interaction by their children with a wider group. It is not clear what level of support other small schools receive from local government, but anecdotal evidence would suggest that the Shire of Perenjori has been one of the more generous Councils.

Council could:

1. Make a donation directly to Latham Primary School towards the cost of the camp. Council could meet the material costs of $364 (a shade over $40 per child).
2. Make a donation directly to Buntine towards the camp running costs; or
3. Alternatively Council could decline to support the project on this occasion given the annual donation, and the further $400 from the working group.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council determine what if any donation to make to the small schools science camp.

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr RA Benton Seconded: Cr JH Hirsch
That council not make a donation to the small schools science camp.
Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:
The lease on the former barracks site has expired and a new 10 year peppercorn lease has been offered.

Applicants Submission:
Burgess Rawson wrote to the Shire in the following terms

Re PTAWA L6782 Shire of Perenjori – Former Barracks Site

Since the above lease has expired and PTAWA is mindful of allowing Shires to secure long term tenancy of current leases, PTAWA as per the attached Licence to Occupy offers Shire of Perenjori a new 10 year licence of the site.

We assume Shire of Perenjori will wish to renew its peppercorn rental occupancy agreement and request that it this is the case, please check the attached Licence to Occupy documents.

If happy with the contents (which are standard to the other agreements signed by the Shire) please execute all three copies and return them to this office for PTAWA’s attention.

A fully executed copy will then be returned for Shire of Perenjori’s records

The former barracks site is part of the railway reserve directly opposite the shire offices and is one of several parcels of land leased by the shire in Perenjori and Latham.

Background:
The lease arrangements allow the Shire to develop and maintain parklands and infrastructure.

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.

The Shire of Perenjori Standing Orders Local Law 2000 requires a resolution of Council to apply the common seal to any document.

Policy Implications:
Nil
Financial Implications:
The fee payable is $1 per annum.

Strategic Implications:
The railway reserves are an important part of the town streetscape.

Consultation: Nil

Comment:
At some point Council may wish to investigate changing the land tenure of the reserve, particularly for commercial development, but for the time being the current tenure is appropriate.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council authorise the application of the common seal of the Shire of Perenjori to a new 10 year peppercorn lease for the former railway barracks site.

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr RP Desmond    Seconded: Cr GK Reid
That Council authorise the application of the common seal of the Shire of Perenjori to a new 10 year peppercorn lease for the former railway barracks site.

Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:
The Annual Local Government Convention and Exhibition will be held again at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre from 5 to 7 August 2010.

Applicants Submission:
The convention consists of two and a half full days of presentations and concurrent sessions on Thurs 5 August through to Midday on Saturday 7 August. On Saturday afternoon is the WALGA AGM where member motions are debated. Additional events include:

- Breakfast with David Wirrapunda on Friday
- Gala Dinner Saturday night
- Partners program – series of individual events over 3 days.

Council also needs to appoint two voting delegates for the AGM. In the past this has generally been the President and Deputy President if attending. This year Council can also appoint proxy delegates in case either delegate is unavailable unexpectedly.

Background:
Each year elected members are given the option of attending.

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

Policy Implications: Nil

Financial Implications:
Council spends around $10 -12,000 per year on participation in this event.

Strategic Implications:
The networking and professional development opportunities are important.

Consultation: Nil
Comment: Nil

Voting Requirements:
Simple majority

Officers Recommendation:
That elected members advise if they wish to attend this year’s convention.
That Council appoint two delegates, and up to two proxy delegates to represent Council at the AGM.

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr JA Bensdorp Seconded: Cr JH Hirsch
That elected members advise if they wish to attend this year’s convention by the 4th of June.
That Council appoint two delegates at the next council meeting.

Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary:
The WAPC has published its response to submissions in relation to Development Assessment Panels.

Applicants Submission:
The State Government has decided to proceed with implementing development assessment panels but has made some significant changes in response to submissions. The main issues raised are summarised below:

Financial thresholds and class categories to determine which applications will be determined by a development assessment panel.

The financial threshold prescribing which applications must be determined by a development assessment panel have been modified to ≥$15 million for the City of Perth and ≥$7 million for all other local governments across the state.

Panel composition and balance between local government elected members and technical specialist members.

It is not proposed to amend the panel composition from that detailed in the discussion paper, as the emphasis on technical expertise is considered to be a key element of the model.

Appointment of proxies for panel members.

The refined model will require one local government proxy from each local government to be appointed to each development assessment panel in addition to the two permanent LG members on the panel.

Sitting fees.

As local government elected members will be undertaking the same responsibilities as the specialist members it was considered appropriate to amend this element of the model and provide local government members the same sitting fee of $400/session. In addition, all panel members will receive travel expenses.

Development assessment panel application fee.

the Department of Planning engaged consultants to undertake a financial modelling exercise to develop an appropriate development assessment panel application fee. The additional fee will be paid by the applicant to the local
government to cover the sitting fee and travel expenses of the panel members determining the application, and as such the fee will vary between metropolitan and non-metropolitan development assessment panels to allow for greater travel costs incurred in regional areas. This additional fee will be established through an amendment to the Planning and Development Regulations 2009. The final fee structure modelling work and analysis is still being progressed.

Appeals process for decisions made by a development assessment panel.

The new model requires the relevant development assessment panel to defend their decision at the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT). Therefore, the development assessment panel will be the respondent in SAT proceedings regarding their determinations.

Background:

Council submitted input to the discussion paper published by the Department for Planning late in 2009.

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 new fee structure will reflect the additional costs so changes should be cost neutral to Council.

Strategic Implications:

Most major mining projects would still exceed the DAP threshold and would therefore be referred to the DAP. Infrastructure on mining leases is exempt from planning approval processes.

Consultation:

The Department conducted a number of forums around WA.

Comment:

While Council argued that the panels were not needed, and the mining applications should be excluded and was unsuccessful with this input, most of the other issues raised by Council were addressed positively.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council notes the outcome of the consultation process.
Executive Summary:
Perenjori Agricultural Society has requested support from the Shire for entertainment at the Show and for the purchase of a marquee.

Applicants Submission:
In recent years the Shire has sponsored the evening entertainment at the annual show to the tune of $5,000. The Agricultural Society has requested that this continue for the 2010 Show.

The Perenjori Agricultural Society plans to purchase a new marquee for family interest exhibits. The marquee will cost almost $34,000. The Ag Society has allocated $4,500 to the project and has approached Lotteries west for support. It appears that a contribution from the Shire to match the Ag Society contribution would significantly improve the chances of having Lottery West fund the difference.

Background:
2010 is the 70th Annual Show, and the committee is keen to make it a special event.

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 Ag Society is seeking $4,500 in addition to the Shire’s usual annual contribution of $5,000.

Strategic Implications:
The Annual Show is one of the key events that Council has identified as important to maintaining Perenjori’s community identity.

Consultation:
The committee has discussed the proposal with the CEO. They are also confident that the marquee will be hired out for other events.
Comment:
Over time the flavour of the Perenjori Show has changed and each year there are new exhibitors. A temporary pavilion for family interest exhibits would be worthwhile. Since the Show has been moved to early August it is more susceptible to inclement weather.

Ag Society investigations suggest the marquee could be hired out for around $4,000 per use. Council could request one free use of the marquee in exchange for its contribution?
Cr Chris King
President
Shire of Perenjori
PO Box 22
Perenjori WA 6620

Thursday, 6 May 2010

Dear Mr King and Councillors

As you are aware, the Perenjori Agricultural Society has begun planning for the upcoming 70th Annual Perenjori & Districts Agricultural Show.

As part of plans we hope to include a new ‘family interest’ marquee housing a range of exhibits and attractions that will be of interest to the wider community. We feel we have outgrown the undercover space currently available at the show and as such plan to purchase a large 12m x 24m structure for this purpose.

The total cost of purchasing this marquee is $33,847.00. We have allocated $4,500.00 towards this investment and hope to raise a significant amount of the necessary funds through a Lotterywest grant.

I write to you today to ask for the Shire of Perenjori’s support towards this initiative. We would like to request that you consider matching our allocation of funds.

Once purchased, this marquee will become a significant community asset and will be made available for all local community, business and school groups for their use. We believe this is a necessary investment if we are to consider growing our show.

Thank you for giving our request due consideration and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Kind regards

Mr Rodney Butler
President
Perenjori Agricultural Society

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AGENDA

Perenjori & Districts Agricultural Society
A.B.N: 31 163 849 680
Show Date: 14th August 2010

Stan Scott
CEO
Shire of Perenjori
Box 22
Perenjori 6620

26th March 2010

Dear Stan,

The Perenjori & Districts Agricultural Society would like to be considered for the community funding money if available to assist in obtaining a Band for the 2010 Perenjori Show.
Cost of the band is approx. $5000

As this will be Perenjori’s 70th Show we are endeavoring to make it a special day.

The Society thanks the Shire for the support given to this community event each year.

P King
Secretary
Voting Requirements:
Absolute Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council allocate $5,000 towards the cost of the band for the 2010 Perenjori Show
That Council allocate an additional $4,500 in 2010/11 towards the purchase of a Marquee

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr GK Reid    Seconded: JR Cunningham
That Council allocate $5,000 towards the cost of the band for the 2010 Perenjori Show
That Council allocate an additional $4,500 in 2010/11 towards the purchase of a Marquee
Should the Perenjori and Districts Agricultural Society be unsuccessful in the Lotterywest grant application that Council will revisit the request to consider further assistance.

Carried: 7/0
10057 OTHER BUSINESS

10057.1 INFORMATION BULLETIN – TABLED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- LETTER TO STAN SCOTT FROM MLC KEN TRAVERS, SHADOW MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, SPORT AND RECREATION AND ELECTORAL AFFAIRS – 31/03/10
- LETTER TO CR CHRIS KING FROM MEL CONGERTON AT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BOARD – 16/04/10
- LETTER TO STAN SCOTT FROM MLA TERRY REDMAN MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD – 08/04/10
- LETTER TO STAN SCOTT FROM MAX HUDSON FROM WHEATBELT CATCHMENT ALLIANCE – 21/04/10
- LETTER TO STAN SCOTT FROM IAN BUCHANAN AT WESTERN POWER – 19/04/10
- PERENJORI POOL ATTENDANCE 2009/2010
- LETTER TO STAN SCOTT FROM TOURISM WA RE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPING AN ABORIGINAL TOURISM STRATEGY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA 2011-2015
- VOLUNTEERING WA RE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 30TH MARCH 2010
- MEDIA STATEMENT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS FOCUS DURING NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK SALLY TALBOT MLC 15 APRIL 2010
- NEWS RELEASE RANN’S CABINET HITS THE GROUND RUNNING, PREMIES MIKE RANN 29TH MARCH 2010
- WALGA MEDIA RELEASE DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL REVISIONS WELCOMED 20TH APRIL 2010
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECETED MEMBERS RECORD, JAMES MCGOVERN 20 APRIL 2010
- WALGA MEDIA RELEASE COOPERATIVE APPROACH FOR BETTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT 5 MAY 2010
- WALGA MEDIA RELEASE GRAIN RAIL CONVERNS SUPPORTED 5 MAY 2010
- MEDIA RELEASE THE PASSING OF A TOWN STATESMAN, TOWN OF VICTORIA PARK 4 MAY 2010
- WALGA MEMO ETENSION STATE ROAD FUND TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT 2005/06 TO 2009/10, 27TH APRIL 2010
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS ISSUES 17.10 AND 18.10
- REGIONAL REPORT E-NEWSLETTER EDITION 44 7 MAY 2010
- HON GRANT WOODHAMS MLA, MOORE WITH WOODIE EDITION 143 MAY 2010
Shire of Perenjori

Ordinary Meeting

AGENDA 20th May 2010

- NACC LANDCARE FACILITATOR BIMONTHLY NEWS MAY 2010
- WEST AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS NEWS MAY 6-12 AND 13-19 2010
- MINING CHRONICLE VOLUME 15 NUMBER 4
- HEAD 2 HEAD VOLUME 3 NUMBER 1 2010
- PROPERTY AUSTRALIA VOLUME 24 NO 8 MAY 2010
- THE PUBLIC DOMAIN 2010
- WALGA ECONOMIC BRIEFING MAY 2010

10057.2 MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

10057.3 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
AGENDA

10057.4  URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

Moved: Cr RA Benton    Seconded: Cr RP Desmond
That item 10057.5 “Leaving a Legacy” Workshop be accepted as a late item
Carried: 7/0

10057.5  “LEAVING A LEGACY” WORKSHOP

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER STAN SCOTT – CEO
REPORT DATE: 18 May 2010
ATTACHMENTS Nil

Executive Summary:
The Shire of Perenjori hosted a workshop involving state, federal and local government agencies and mining industry representatives to consider the challenges of achieving a legacy from mining industry in this region.

Applicants Submission:
The function was organised by the Shire in conjunction with the MWDC and other local governments. The workshop including catering and travel and accommodation for guest speakers from the Pilbara and Queensland was budgeted to cost $12,545. The forum was attended by the Minister for Regional Development and Lands, Hon Brendon Grylls.
The workshop resulted in an agreement to develop a strategic plan for the North Midlands coordinated by the development commission, and local housing plan involving several local governments and the Department of Housing and Works.

Background:
This meeting was a follow up to a successful forum in Perth on 30 November 2009. Perenjori was chosen as a venue because it is ground zero for mining development and we are able to leverage on the North Midlands Economic Development Summit in the same location 10 years ago.
The Midwest Housing Working Group consists of the Midwest Development Commission, the Shires of Perenjori, Morawa, Mingenew and Three Springs and the office of the Hon Mia Davies MLC.
The aim of the November forum was to develop strategies to plan and provide housing for mid west hinterland communities in line with major project development.
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 full cost of the workshop was $12,545. Cash contributions to the cost include, $1,365 from the Shire of Perenjori, $1,000 from each of Morawa, Mingenew and Three Springs, $2,000 from the MWDC and $5,000 from the Midwest Regional Grants Scheme.

Strategic Implications:

There is significant opportunity to advance Council’s goals to increase housing stock and population.

Consultation:

The Midwest Housing Working Group consists of the Midwest Development Commission, the Shires of Perenjori, Morawa, Mingenew and Three Springs and the office of the Hon Mia Davies MLC.

Comment:

The workshop attracted and excellent turnout and most people remained throughout the day. The CEO agreed for the Shire of Perenjori to apply for the Grant to run the workshop. The grant agreement now requires the application of the common seal.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That the CEO and Shire President be authorised to affix the common seal to the agreement for a $5,000 grant from the Mid West Regional Grants Scheme.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr JH Hirsch        Seconded: Cr RP Desmond

That the CEO and Shire President be authorised to affix the common seal to the agreement for a $5,000 grant from the Mid West Regional Grants Scheme.

Carried: 7/0
With no further business the Ordinary Council meeting was officially closed at 3.50pm