Shire of Perenjori

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in the Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers, Fowler Street, Perenjori on 17th February 2011, commencing at 1.30pm

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10021 PRELIMINARIES

10021.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS
Cr Chris King opened the meeting at 1.45pm.

10021.2 OPENING PRAYER
Cr Rodney Desmond led council in the opening prayer.

10021.3 DISCLAIMER READING

10021.4 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present:
Cr Chris King
Cr Laurie Butler
Cr Graeme Reid
Cr John Bensdorp
Cr Jenny Hirsch
Cr Cathy Johnston
Cr Rodney Desmond
Cr Robyn Benton
Cr John Cunningham
Stan Scott Chief Executive Officer
Doug Stead Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Ken Markham Works Supervisor
Kimberley Wheeler Executive Assistant

10021.5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

10021.6 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

1.30pm Presentation by Mr Mark Gell and Lee Farrell from Karara Mining

10021.7 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 Hirsch declared a proximity interest in item 11026.4 No School No Pool due to being the principal at the Primary School.

Cr Laurie Butler declared an interest affecting impartiality as president of the Perenjori Progress Association in item 11023.1 Aquaculture Project.

Cr John Bensdorp declared an interest affecting impartiality in item 11023.2 Staff Housing Project.
10021.8 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved: Cr Desmond  Seconded: Cr Benton

That Cr King be granted Leave of absence from the next Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on the 17th March 2011.

Carried: 8/0

10021.9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting held 16th December 2010 are attached.

Moved: Cr Benton  Seconded: Cr Cunningham

That the minutes from Ordinary Council meeting held on the 16th December 2010 be seen as a true and accurate record subject to the below amendment.

- Page 53 Spelling correction in Council Resolution, ‘Jons’ to be changed to ‘Johns’.

Carried: 9/0

10021.10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

10021.11 MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY GO BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

11026.5.1 – Offer to Purchase Residential Block
10022 FINANCE

10022.1 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY - DECEMBER

APPLICANT: DEPUTY CEO
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: GYPSIE DOUGLAS – SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER DOUG STEAD - DCEO
REPORT DATE: 10th FEBRUARY 2011
ATTACHMENTS DECEMBER FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORTS

Executive Summary:

As required by the Local Government Act and Financial Management Regulations a Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is required to be presented to each monthly meeting. This statement is used with Councils adopted 10% variance or $5000 figure which was adopted by Council at its 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 31st December 2010 including report on variances be accepted as presented.

2. Finance Report
That the Finance Report for the period ended 31st December 2010 be accepted as presented.
3. Acquisition of Assets
That the Acquisition of Assets Report for the period ended 31st December 2010 with a balance of $757,745.00 as presented be received.

4. Reserves Report
That the Reserves Report for the period ended 31st December 2010 with a balance of $875,811.00 as presented be received.

5. Net Current Assets
That the Net Current Assets report for the period ended 31st December 2010 with a balance of $1,983,400.00 as presented be received.

6. Bank Reconciliation’s
That the balances of the Municipal Fund of $773,811.31 and the Trust Fund of $42040.87 as at 31st December 2010 as presented be received.

7. Sundry Creditors Report
That the Sundry Creditors Report for the period ended 31st December 2010 with a balance of $101,787.33 as presented be received.

8. Sundry Debtors Report
That the Sundry Debtors Report for the period ended 31st December 2010 with a balance of 457,642.09 as presented be received.

9. Accounts for Payment
That the Accounts for payment for the Municipal Account consisting of Cheque Numbers 17730 to 17770 and EFT Numbers 2149 to 2238 for $530449.50 and the Trust Account consisting of EFT Numbers 2208 for $200.00 for the period ended 31st December 2010 as presented be accepted.

10. Rates Outstanding
That the Rates Outstanding Report for the period ended 31st December 2010 as presented be received.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr Bensdorp  Seconded: Cr Desmond
That items 1-10 of the financial Activity Report ending December 2010 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Carried: 9/0
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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 31st January 2011 including report on variances be accepted as presented.

2. Finance Report
   That the Finance Report for the period ended 31st January 2011 be accepted as presented.

3. Acquisition of Assets
   That the Acquisition of Assets Report for the period ended 31st January 2011 with a balance of $846,657 as presented be received.
4. Reserves Report
That the Reserves Report for the period ended 31st January 2011 with a balance of $877,290 as presented be received.

5. Net Current Assets
That the Net Current Assets report for the period ended 31st January 2011 with a balance of $1,464,262 as presented be received.

6. Bank Reconciliation’s
That the balances of the Municipal Fund of $1,049,359.81 and the Trust Fund of $42,140.37 as at 31st January 2011 as presented be received.

7. Sundry Creditors Report
That the Sundry Creditors Report for the period ended 31st January 2011 with a balance of $189,740.76 as presented be received.

8. Sundry Debtors Report
That the Sundry Debtors Report for the period ended 31st January 2011 with a balance of $271,477.21 as presented be received.

9. Accounts for Payment
That the Accounts for payment for the Municipal Account consisting of Cheque Numbers 17773 to 17791 and EFT Numbers 2240 to 2392 for $290,089.17 and the Trust Account consisting of Cheque Number 804 and EFT Numbers 2364 to 2394 for $500.50 for the period ended 31st January 2011 as presented be accepted.

10. Rates Outstanding
That the Rates Outstanding Report for the period ended 31st January 2011 as presented be received.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr Butler                Seconded: Cr Desmond
That Items 1-10 of the Financial Activity Report ending on the 31st January 2011 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Carried: 9/0
Cr Laurie Butler declared an interest affecting impartiality as president of the Perenjori Progress Association in item 11023.1 Aquaculture Project.

Moved: Cr Hirsch  
Seconded: Cr Bensdorp

That Cr Laurie Butler stay and be able to vote on item 11023.1 Aquaculture Project.

Carried: 8/0

10023.1 AQUACULTURE PROJECT

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER STAN SCOTT – CEO
REPORT DATE: 10 FEBRUARY 2011
ATTACHMENTS

Executive Summary:
It is proposed that the aquaculture facility be housed at the old depot.

Applicants Submission:
There is presently an MOU in place between the Shire of Perenjori and the Perenjori Progress Association for the establishment of the aquaculture facility at Lot 159 England Crescent. Under the MOU the PPA would provide $50,000 and the title for the lost would be transferred to the PPA.

It is proposed that the aquaculture project be located in one of the work spaces is the old depot redevelopment. This would free up lost 159 for use for other light industrial purposes. It would also free up the progress association’s working capital for other business development activities.

Background:
The aquaculture project has been under development for over two years.

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 project is budgeted for completion this year.

Strategic Implications:
Notwithstanding the impact of mining the intent of looking for opportunities for diversification remains valid.

Consultation:
Greg Eastman has been requested to prepare concept plans for the depot redevelopment.

Comment:
The opportunity to make another industrial lot available and free up the Progress Association capital will both reap additional benefits. Location of the aquaculture project close to the administration and residences will also have benefits.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council
  1. Endorse accommodating the aquaculture project in the old depot; and
  2. Agree to terminating, with the agreement of the progress association, the MOU.

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr Johnston  Seconded: Cr Hirsch
That Council
  1. Endorse accommodating the aquaculture project in the old depot; and
  2. Agree to terminating, with the agreement of the progress association, the MOU.

Carried: 9/0
2.02pm Cr John Bensdorp declared an interest affecting impartiality in item 11023.2 Staff Housing Project and left the chambers

10023.2 STAFF HOUSING PROJECT

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT - CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER STAN SCOTT – CEO

REPORT DATE: 08 DECEMBER 2010
ATTACHMENTS NIL

Executive Summary:
Following direction from Council at the December Ordinary Meeting Fortress Homes has been selected to build two new houses. Contracts cannot be signed until Financial Assistance Agreements are in place for the CLGF.

Applicants Submission:
The details of the preferred tenderer are listed below:

FORTRESS HOMES BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

1. Contract price $ 521 124 exclusive of GST
2. The contract conforms to our minimum requirements in all respects and has included the following additional items in the contract price:
   2.1 an additional bathroom has been included as an en suite
   2.2 a double carport
3. No landscaping plan has been submitted although the contract price includes native
   Shrubs and ground covering landscaping to front gardens and drought tolerant grass cover with native shrubs to the rear gardens.
4. Includes an outdoor store attached to the house measuring 4.6 sq m.
5. Total living area (including alfresco) is 122.5 sq m.

Councillors Butler and Hirsch each visited the building site in Moora for the other shortlisted builder and the Fortress Homes office and factory in Canning Vale as part of the input to the final selection.

Background:
These two houses are urgently needed for staff accommodation. Apart from the need to replace housing stock that we have sold over the last 5 years, we need to recruit additional people for the Main Roads work.

The Tender specification included the following requirements:
Specification

The tender is for the provision of two residences on land supplied by the principal. The specification is for the entire project from design to occupancy.

Design

The design for the two residences should:

- Demonstrate the location of the residences on the block
- Provide details of the layout of the proposed residences including plans and elevations
- Set out the location of septic tanks and leach drains
- Set out a landscaping plan for the block;
- Set out details of fencing
- Project home designs are acceptable.

Building

The residence should include the following minimum requirements:

- Minimum 120 square metres excluding any verandas or carports
- Three Bedrooms
- One bathroom
- Laundry
- Toilet
- Kitchen / living / dining
- Built in robes in all bedrooms
- Linen cupboard
- Single Carport*
- Undercover outdoor living area*
- Split system air conditioning to main living area and bedrooms (specify)
- Kleehheat Gas storage hot water system and hot plate. Gas fan forced oven.

Areas marked with an * do not have to be under the main roof.

Infrastructure

The project will include:

- Construction of hardstands and concrete driveways for each residence
- Concrete or paving to undercover outdoor living areas
- Colourbond 6 metre x 3 metre powered shed in rear yard
- Clothes line to suit (Hills hoist or alternative –please specify)
- Septic tank and leach drain or aerobic treatment unit (ATU) - please specify. If ATU to be supplied please indicate irrigation area.
- Landscaping – plan should include any required pathways, low maintenance native gardens and limited reticulated lawn areas.
• Colourbond fencing to block and to enclose rear yard. Vehicle access to rear shed is preferred.
• All site works and fill if required

Fixtures and fittings
The finished building should include:
• Appropriate floor coverings throughout
• Window treatments

Form of Building
The residences may be manufactured, transportable or built in situ.

Materials and equipment supplied by the principal
The Shire of Perenjori has access to materials such as clean fill and building sand. The Shire also operates a concrete batching plant and can supply concrete if required. The Shire also has access to equipment such as a skid steer loader which is available for wet hire. If the proponent intends to hire of purchase equipment or material from the Shire this should be costed as a cost to the project.

If the proponent intends to source such materials and services from another supplier this WILL NOT be a consideration in determining the successful proponent.

Substitutions
The proponent will consider substitutions within the tender specification provided that the substitutions are clearly identified and the justification for the substitution is provided.

Restrictions
The John street subdivision is subject to a Local Planning Policy to control the quality of building development.

The specification was very comprehensive and should provide two residences ready to occupy.

Statutory Environment:

Policy Implications:
N/A

Financial Implications:
We have budgeted to spend $550 000 on the two houses.

Strategic Implications:
We will be in a position to offer prospective employees suitable housing alternatives.

Consultation:
Nil
Comment:
Fortress Homes is scheduled to meet with Council staff before the Council meeting. Staff will provide any further information that arises from that meeting.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council:
1. Endorses the final selection of Fortress Homes as the successful tenderer.
2. Notes that contracts cannot be signed and construction cannot commence until Financial Assistance Agreements have been signed for the Country Local Government Fund.

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr Reid
Seconded: Cr Cunningham
1. Endorses the final selection of Fortress Homes as the successful tenderer.
2. Notes that contracts cannot be signed and construction cannot commence until Financial Assistance Agreements have been signed for the Country Local Government Fund.

Carried: 8/0

2.10pm Cr Bensdorp returned to the chambers
10024.1 ROAD MAINTENANCE DECEMBER 10/ JANUARY 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: 8th February 2011
ATTACHMENTS MAP

Executive Summary:
Listed are the roads graded for the months of December & January

Applicants Submission:
Solomon rd Metcalfe rd
Bestry rd Billeroo rd
Norrish rd Liebe rd
Keogh rd Hirsch rd
Young rd Chapman rd
Hill rd Taylors rd
Malcolm rd I Just rd
Koolanooka rd Rowe rd
Odea rd Benton rd
Grant rd Forte rd
Chappel rd Warriedar Coppermine 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 Perenjori Shire budgeted to replace and upgrade the reticulation systems for the Sports oval, hockey ground, playground and grassed area in front of the pavilion. Three quotes have been sought. One from Thinkwater, Geraldton Turf farm and Great Northern Rural Services.

Contact has been made with the North Midlands football league and indications are that the first game for Perenjori won’t be until April with room to move if we have issues with getting the playing surface up to standard.

Applicants Submission:
All parties where given a specification sheet outlining the requirements for the quote. All parties had a sight visit and have provided their quotes.

Thinkwater have given the most detail of the proposed system with an irrigation plan, Specifications on sprinklers, PVC pipes and fittings, valves, control system, pump and even coverage over pipes.

Great Northern Rural supplied a break up of the irrigation installations, sprinkler types and operating specs, with estimated water requirements, pipes, solonoid valves & controller.

Geraldton Turf Farm have supplied only a price for the reticulation system.

Thinkwater put a similar system in at Morawa about 3 years ago and this has been working well to date.

Background:
The current reticulation system was put in 16 years ago, and really has not given optimum performance and for the last 4 – 5 years we have had major issues with it. There have been times when the system has been down for 2 – 3 weeks at a time. This has effected and hampered the turf and has led to issues with sporting groups not wanting to play here.

A new system set up properly to run at its optimum with easier maintenance access (solonoids and main line on outside of playing areas) would greatly improve the quality of the turfed areas.

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:
Budget of $95,900
Strategic Implications:
To provide a higher standard of playing and recreational areas and cut down on maintenance costs and time spent repairing the current system.

Consultation: Nil
Comment: Nil

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That the quote from Thinkwater for the supply and installation of the new irrigation system for $90,775 + GST be accepted.

Moved: Cr Butler Seconded: Cr Reid

Motion: ‘That the picnic area be left in abeyance for future attention’ be included at the end of the resolution due to not knowing what will be done with the area in the future.

Council Resolution
That the quote from Thinkwater for the supply and installation of the new irrigation system for $90,775 + GST be accepted and that the picnic area be left in abeyance for future attention.

Carried: 9/0
Executive Summary:
The Department of Regional Development and Lands has provided informal feedback on the Forward Capital Works Plan (FCWP) adopted by Council at its December meeting. The plan has been modified to reflect the concerns and is presented for endorsement by Council.

Applicants Submission:
In order to access the local component of the Country Local Government Fund for 2010 / 11 Council is required to have adopted a Forward Capital Works Plan (FCWP). The CLGF for this year will be applied to the project below, but work cannot start until Financial Assistance Agreements have been signed:

1. Construction of new houses;
2. Work on the former depot; and

Morrison Low, the consultant appointed to develop the strategic and asset management components of the amalgamated business plan was appointed to prepare a FCWP for Perenjori. This work has also been used as input to an asset management plan which is still in train.

The FCWP sets out the proposed capital investments in local infrastructure over the next 4 years, and includes those projects for which we will seek other external funding or access to the regional component of the CLGF.

The changes to the plan include:

- The rounding has been removed from the body of the document, so the proposed expenditure from CLGF exactly matches the allocation;
- The commitment to an annual review has been strengthened;
- Council ownership of assets has been clarified; and
- The exclusion of expenditure on plant & equipment has been made explicit;
Background:
The FCWP is now a requirement for access to the local component of the CLGF. The Department for Regional Development and Lands provided a grant for $35,000 to assist with the development of the plan. Part of this funding was used to develop an asset management plan using the NAMS Plus methodology developed by the Institute of Public Works Engineers.

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:
This year’s local allocation under the Country Local Government Fund is $429,749.

Strategic Implications:
The Forward Capital Works Plan is but one component of more stringent planning requirements that will be mandatory for Local Governments in WA.

Consultation:
The preparatory work for this project arose from aspirational planning for the amalgamation and community consultation, such as that for the recreation master plan.

Comment:
The Forward Capital Works Plan identifies a range of projects many of which will be dependent on external funding. The FCWP will need to be reviewed and extended each year so that Council continues to have an understanding of proposed capital investments and priorities.

The FCWP must be lodged with the Department by 31 December 2011.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council adopts the Revised Forward Capital Works Plan from 2010 to 2014.

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr Hirsch
Seconded: Cr Johnston
That Council adopts the Revised Forward Capital Works Plan from 2010 to 2014.
Carried: 9/0
Executive Summary:
Main Roads WA has now executed the Mid West Local Governments Services Agreement, and the Governance Team has met for the first time.

Applicants Submission:
Following the execution of the agreement there are a range of actions required to give effect to the agreement. These requirements and actions are set out in the Transition Plan.

Affected Local Governments will need to make decisions on how plant is acquired for the delivery of agreed services. The required acquisitions are set out below:

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The intent in setting up the services is to mirror to the extent possible the service delivery by Downer Mouchel (DM), the ISP. DM has examined the configuration of Road Maintenance vehicles used for the South West and Metropolitan ISA and is preparing a specification for new trucks that it will use. It is proposed that the Mid West Local Government teams would use identical vehicles. The individual affected Shires must determine the approach that best suits their situation.

The options for procuring the trucks and light vehicles required are:

- Direct purchase using Shire capital;
- Finance lease – The vehicle becomes the property of the Shire at the end of the lease but the lease cost appears as a debt on the Shire’s balance sheet;
• Operating Lease – The vehicle becomes the property of the lease company at
the end of the lease period. It is possible to extend the lease or purchase the
vehicle at market value at the end of the lease period. Maintenance may or
may not be included in the leasing cost.

• Supplied by principal. Main Roads may consider the option of supplying the
vehicles. This approach would allow an easy exit for all parties if the
arrangement failed, but could be viewed as planning for failure.

Of these three options the most attractive is the operating lease. As there is full cost
recovery under the Contract this arrangement is simpler and cleaner than the
alternatives.

There are a number of alternatives for operating leases:

• There are 3 WALGA preferred suppliers. Leasing equipment through these
suppliers allows Shires to enter into the lease without calling for tenders. The
WALGA preferred suppliers are Capital Finance, Isis LG Finance and
SGFleet;

• Downer Mouchel leases its equipment through Toyota Fleet and is confident
that the finance cost is below that offered by the WALGA preferred suppliers.
Downer Mouchel has indicated preparedness to on-lease equipment to
Shires. As the supply would be an adjunct to the Agreement, tendering would
not be necessary.

• Councils could tender for the best lease deal notwithstanding the WALGA
preferred suppliers.

It is recommended that Councils negotiate to lease trucks from Downer Mouchel and
lease light vehicles directly through the lease provider preferred by the respective
Councils. Leases for light vehicles would probably fall below the tender threshold
allowing Councils to approach Toyota Fleet as an alternative.

The Governance Team met in Mullewa on 2 February 2011, and the Governance
Plan will be circulated for consideration at the March round of Ordinary Meetings.

Background:
Action to date can be summarised as follows:

**Shires to nominate Governance Team Representatives [Clause 3.3] and
Alternatives [Clause 3.6]**
The Governance Team representatives have been appointed by the Shires as
follows:

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MRWA to appoint Chairperson [Clause 3.4],

Mr John Marmion, Project Director of Operational Asset Management has been appointed by MRWA as the Chair of the Governance Team. Mr Marmion is a very experienced Main Roads executive and has also been designated as the Chair of some other ISA Governance Teams. Mr Rob Barnsley will Chair the Governance Team for the Midwest Gascoyne ISA.

Governance Plan to be completed within 3 months of first Governance Team Meeting [Clause 3.6],

The first meeting of the Governance Team was held on 2 February 2011. This means that the deadline for completion of the Governance Plan is 3 May 2011. A discussion draft was presented at the first meeting for consideration by the Governance Team, and will be circulated by MRWA when agreed revisions have been included.

Joint Process Management Team [Clause 4.1 and Schedule 3] nominated and approved by the Governance Team comprising best for network personnel,

The Roles and Responsibilities of the Joint Process Management Team (JPMT) are set out in Schedule 3 of the Agreement. The composition of the JPMT was approved by the February Meeting of the Governance Team.

Two Local government personnel [Clause 6] to be identified to coordinate the transition developed within the Management Plan [ref Clause 11.6],

The Local Government Personnel nominated for the purposes of this requirement are Mr Stan Scott, CEO Shire of Perenjori and Mr Mark Hook, CEO Shire of Coorow.

Annual Works Program produced promptly after commencement date and thereafter by 31st March each year [Clause 7.2],

This is the responsibility of the JPMT and is required to be completed by 31st March for each subsequent year, and promptly for the first year. Initially the AWP will only include the two full time inspectors and the two road maintenance teams.

Main Roads to approve sub-contractors and plant [Clause 11],

The main items of plant to be used exclusively on the delivery of the services under the agreement will be the dedicated routine maintenance trucks based in Perenjori and Leeman. Downer Mouchel is developing a specification for this type of vehicle for this network and the intent is to adopt that specification. A decision will be required from the Perenjori and Coorow Shires as to the best procurement model.

Other Shire plant will be available as required for use on the Network. Shires will be able to seek pre-approval of local contractors for sub-contract work that may arise from time to time.

Monthly report by Joint Process Management Team [Clause 13].

The MWRC has a Technical Advisory Group consisting primarily of CEO’s but also including other senior officers when required. This group meets on the third Friday of each month. Given the similarity of the roles of the two groups and the need to provide information to and seek direction from the Governance Team a third Friday (in the month) Meeting schedule would make sense.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Functions and General Regulations 1996 – Supply by Downer Mouchel would be exempt under Reg 11 (2) (e) or (f).

Policy Implications:

Nil
Financial Implications:
The basic services covered by the agreement will generate $7.5 Million in the first five years. Additional maintenance works such as shoulder grading and reconditioning, vegetation clearing, emergency response and minor improvement works are all additional to the $1.5 million per year.

Strategic Implications:
This project has the capacity to increase the capability of local governments, increase our staffing and incrementally increase the amount of main roads work that is completed by member Councils.

Consultation:
Consultation for the development of this agreement has included officer, elected members, senior main roads personnel and even the former Minister for Transport.

Comment:
Participation in these arrangements had its beginnings in December 2008 when Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) published an outline of its vision for the Scope, Structure and Procurement of Integrated Service Arrangements. This vision was built on lessons learnt by MRWA in 10 years of purchasing services through Term Network Contracts.

In March 2009 the Mid West Regional Council (MWRC) on behalf of its then 7 member Councils expressed interest in the delivery of services through an ISA arrangement. Despite a very fluid environment the key players have continued to recognise the potential benefits of the proposed alliance.

Finally after many many hours of meetings, seminars, consultations and negotiations an agreement was struck late in 2010 which will allow the now 6 Local Governments, with the help and coordination of the MWRC, to maintain the Main Roads Network in the North Midlands sub-region. The participating Local Governments are Coorow, Mingenew, Morawa, Mullewa, Perenjori and Three Springs.

The other key player in these arrangements will be Downer Mouchel (DM) the private consortium that has been selected as the Integrated Service Provider for the Midwest Gascoyne.

At its first meeting the Governance Team agreed to 1 July 2011 as the service commencement date. Resources applied to developing the arrangements, with the exception of time applied by the Governance Team, are direct costs that may be claimed against the agreement.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
All Shires
That Council note the development of the Transition Plan; and

Perenjori and Coorow only
That Council negotiate to lease a new maintenance truck from Downer Mouchel

Morawa and Mingenew only
That Council obtain quotes from Toyota Fleet and two of the WALGA preferred suppliers for lease of the Road Inspection vehicle similar to those used by DM
Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Benton  
Seconded: Cr Cunningham  

All Shires  
That Council note the development of the Transition Plan; and  

Perenjori and Coorow only  
That Council negotiate to lease a new maintenance truck from Downer Mouchel  

Carried: 9/0
Executive Summary:
The Local Government Advisory Board has recommended that the amalgamation proceed and has advertised its findings. Requests for a poll must be lodged with the Minister for Local Government by 4.00 pm on 24 February 2011.

Applicants Submission:
The Local Government Advisory Board has made the following recommendation in relation to the amalgamation proposal for the Shires of Mingenew, Morawa, Perenjori and Three Springs:

The Board has recommended to the Minister for Local Government that the amalgamation of the four Shires should proceed.

The recommendation for amalgamation includes:

1. Abolishing the Shires of Mingenew, Morawa, Perenjori and Three Springs on 30 June 2011 and establishing a new local government by amalgamating the former Shires from 1 July 2011;

2. Naming the new local government the Shire of Billeranga;

3. Implementing a four ward structure based on the current district boundaries of the four local governments; and

4. Specifying that each ward will have two councillors, eight (8) in total with the Shire President to be elected by the council.

The form of the advertisement is attached, and advises that requests for a poll must be lodged with Minister Castrilli by 4pm on 24 February 2011.

Background:
The Structural Reform Working Group consists of the CEO’s and two representatives of each participating Council, notionally the President and Deputy President. It has been working on the reform proposal since it lodged the proposal in September 2009.
Statutory Environment:
In the event that electors of the Shire of Perenjori request a poll, council will need to resolve to appoint the WA Electoral Commission (WAEC) or a person approved by the WAEC to be responsible for the conduct of the poll. This requires an absolute majority.

The relevant provisions are contained within clause 9(1) (b) (ii) of Schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Before this can occur you will need to obtain the written agreement of the Electoral Commissioner.

The relevant provisions are contained within clause 9(2) of Schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications:
Nil

Financial Implications:
The WA Electoral Commission will charge the Local Government for running a poll in its behalf.

Strategic Implications:
A postal rather than voting in person election is likely to attract higher voter participation.

Consultation:
There has been extensive consultation with the community, and the Perenjori community has had the highest participation level in public forums and events of any of the affected communities, and this is reflected in the LGAB report.

Comment:
The LGAB recommends that the amalgamation proceeds on 1 July 2011. It is likely that if a poll is required that this will happen towards the end of April. This has been a long and involved process and has taken up a considerable amount of time for the CEO and elected members. Regardless of the outcome, it will be good to have some certainty.

Voting Requirements:
Absolute Majority

Officers Recommendation:
In the event that electors of the Shire of Perenjori request a poll on the proposal to amalgamate the Shires of Mingenew, Morawa, Three Springs and Perenjori, Council hereby declares the Electoral Commissioner, or a person approved by the Electoral Commissioner, to be responsible for the conduct of the poll under Part 4 of the Local Government Act 1995. This resolution will only be acted on if the Minister for Local Government receives a valid request for a poll from electors of the Shire of Perenjori and directs the Shire of Perenjori to conduct a poll.
Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Johnston  Seconded: Cr Reid

In the event that electors of the Shire of Perenjori request a poll on the proposal to amalgamate the Shires of Mingenew, Morawa, Three Springs and Perenjori, Council hereby declares the Electoral Commissioner, or a person approved by the Electoral Commissioner, to be responsible for the conduct of the poll under Part 4 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. This resolution will only to be acted on if the Minister for Local Government receives a valid request for a poll from electors of the Shire of Perenjori and directs the Shire of Perenjori to conduct a poll.

That a postal election be allowed.

Carried: 9/0

Amendment: ‘That a postal election be allowed’ was added at the end of the resolution due to needing to decided if a postal or in person vote be allowed.
Government of Western Australia
Department of Local Government
Local Government Advisory Board

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AMALGAMATION OF THE
SHIRES OF MINGENEW, MORAWA, PERENJORI AND THREE SPRINGS

The Local Government Advisory Board (the Board) has completed its inquiry into the proposal to amalgamate the Shires of Mingenew, Morawa, Perenjori and Three Springs.

In accordance with clause 6 of the Local Government Act 1995 the Board has recommended to the Minister for Local Government that these local governments be amalgamated to form a new local government to be named the Shire of Billeranga from 1 July 2011.

The Board’s Report on the inquiry can be downloaded from the Department of Local Government’s website

www.dlg.wa.gov.au/AdvisoryBoard/CurrentInquiries

In accordance with clause 8(1) and (2) of Schedule 2.1 of the Act, the Board must give notice to affected electors that it has made a recommendation to the Minister that the Shires of Mingenew, Morawa, Perenjori and Three Springs be abolished and a new local government established comprising the areas of these four local governments.

Electors of these four local governments have the right to submit a request to the Minister for Local Government for a poll on this recommendation.

The request must be lodged on a Form 2 (Request for a Poll on a Recommended Amalgamation) and this can be downloaded from the Department of Local Government’s website using the above link.

The request is to be forwarded by post to the:

Minister for Local Government
Level 12 Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005 or

By email to: Minister.Castrilli@dpc.wa.gov.au or fax to: 9213 6801

The Minister must receive the request by 4.00pm on Thursday, 24 February 2011.

If you would like further information about the amalgamation or advice on how to request a poll, please contact Ross Earnshaw on 9217 1510 (free call 1800 620 511) or at ross.earnshaw@dlg.wa.gov.au
### Draft Electoral Timetable

**Shires of Perenjori/ Morawa/ Mingenew/ Three Springs Reference Timetable**

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Executive Summary:
ERM Power is planning to construct a 330MW gas fired power station in Three Springs and will be seeking Local Government support.

Applicants Submission:
ERM Power is proposing to construct a 330 MW power station in Three Springs. It will be similar to the Neerabup Power Station which is already in place at Neerabup 35 km North of Perth.

Features of the power station will be:
- Construction of an off take gas line between the Dampier to Perth gas pipeline and Three Springs;
- Location of the plant on the Three Springs Perenjori Road opposite and east of the cemetery
- Approximately 20 permanent jobs created

ERM Power has noted the proactive role played by Local Governments in this region in relation to major projects and is keen to gain similar support.

Background:
Stakeholder consultation is being undertaken by KD1 Rural.

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:
Council has been promoting the development of renewable in this region, particularly solar thermal. The development of gas fired generating capacity should compliment renewable as it assists with load balancing.
Consultation:
ERM Power would like to make a presentation to a future Council meeting.

Comment:
This power station is yet another proposal that is being driven by mining development and Karara is being targeted as a foundation customer. Perenjori made the point to the ERA in relation to Western Power’s Midwest Augmentation proposal that insufficient weight had been given to the Midwest’s potential as a net supplier of power.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council note the ERM Power proposal and invite ERM Power to make a presentation to the March Meeting of Council.

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr Benton Seconded: Cr Desmond
That Council note the ERM Power proposal Carried: 9/0

Amendment ‘and invite ERM Power to make a presentation to the March Meeting of Council’ was removed due to council deciding that it was not necessary.
10025.5 ARCHIVAL STORAGE

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER STAN SCOTT – CEO

REPORT DATE: 11 February 2011
ATTACHMENTS Nil

Executive Summary:
The Shire needs to find an alternative location for the storage of archives.

Applicants Submission:
It had been previously agreed that archives would be stored in the former works supervisors office at the Old Depot. Now that Council has resolved to redevelop the depot that is no longer a suitable location.

It is proposed that for future archive storage Council:
• Purchase a 40 foot sea container
• Park the sea container in the park up shed at the new depot;
• Install lighting; and
• Purchase suitable racks and shelving for storing archives.

The estimated cost would be:

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This would provide a solution that would meet our archival needs for the next 40 years.

Background:
Administration staff have recently commenced the process of reviewing records and materials held in the Shire’s archives. This has included:

• Comparing items held to the classifications listed in the General Disposal Authority for Local Government produced by the state records office;
• Identifying and separating items that may now be destroyed;
• Classifying items that must be retained according to their legitimate disposal date;
• Identifying items that must be retained permanently;
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- Identifying records and documents that are not Shire material so that these may be reviewed by their owners (sporting clubs and community organisations).

Archives had previously been stored in the old projection room in the Shire hall. Access to this room is via a steep narrow staircase and presents a hazard when adding or removing boxes.

**Statutory Environment:**

*State Records Act 2000* sets out the record keeping requirements for state agencies and Local Governments.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

The $7,000 would be unbudgeted expenditure.

**Strategic Implications:**

The review of the archives is the final step in achieving compliance with the Act.

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Comment:**

The sea container would provide a long term secure solution that will not compromise the old depot redevelopment.

**Voting Requirements:**

Absolute Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

1. That Council authorise the allocation of $7,000 for the purchase and fit out of a 40 foot sea container for storage of shire archives;
2. That the $7,000 be recognised as unbudgeted expenditure.

**Council resolution**

Moved: Cr Johnston  
Seconded: Cr Desmond

1. That Council authorise the allocation of $7,000 for the purchase and fit out of a 40 foot sea container for storage of shire archives;
2. That the $7,000 be recognised as unbudgeted expenditure.

Carried: 9/0
Executive Summary:
The CEO has again been invited to be a guest speaker at the Mining the Midwest Forum in March 2011.

Applicants Submission:
As Guest Speaker the CEO will speak on the Topic:
Foreseeing the future of the Mid West, painting a picture of the current plans for mining in the region; how has the mining industry shaped the face of the Mid West; assessing current major projects and exploring future avenues for mining in the region

Background:
This will be third year that the CEO has been a speaker at this conference. In 2010 the CEO also chaired the conference.

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:
There is no recompense for participation, but speakers may participate in the rest of the conference at no cost, a saving of around $3,000.

Strategic Implications:
Speaking at industry events helps raise the profile and credibility of the Shire.

Consultation:
Nil

Comment:
A 15% discount is available to Perenjori Elected members if they wish to attend.

Voting Requirements:
Simple majority

Officers Recommendation:
1. That Council notes the CEO’s participation in the Mining the Midwest Forum.
2. That Elected members indicate their interest in attending.
Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Hirsch  Seconded: Cr Bensdorp

1. That Council notes the CEO’s participation in the Mining the Midwest Forum.

2. That Elected members indicate their interest in attending.

Carried: 9/0
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Executive Summary:
The CEO is seeking Council's support to attend the LGMA National Congress in Cairns in from 22 – 25 May 2011.

Applicants Submission:
The CEO's contract includes provision for professional development activities up to an allocation of $4,000. The three conference streams are:

- Attraction and Retention;
- Financial Sustainability and Infrastructure; and
- Population Growth and Community

All streams and particularly the first two are very relevant to local government in WA and the Shire of Perenjori in particular.

Background:
Some details of the conference from the LGMA website are as follows:

The 2011 Congress will include concurrent sessions in three streams of:

Attraction and Retention

Help ensure local government has the capacity to thrive by positioning Australian councils as employers of choice for existing and prospective employees. Presenters will share their experiences and success stories around women in local government, mature-aged workforce, Indigenous employment, skills shortages, succession planning and attracting and retaining the next generation of local government professionals.

Financial Sustainability and Infrastructure

As the Australian government works to close the deficit created by fiscal stimulus, local governments will be expected to self-fund existing and future infrastructure projects. Hear how councils have successfully generated revenue streams through non-traditional means including commercial and non-government partnerships, examples of social enterprise and inter-council collaboration.

Population Growth and Community

As the level of government closest to the people, Australian councils are responsible for the delivery and maintenance of vital human services that reach well beyond the three Rs – rubbish, rates and roads. Presenters will help you to navigate the issues
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of significant population growth and increased demands from your communities as they share their experiences and success stories

Statutory Environment:
The CEO’s Contract includes the following provision:

Council provide and meet the expenses for additional professional development activities including travel and accommodation to the value of $4,000 per annum. Activities may include tertiary studies, courses or conferences. The Officer shall provide the Council with a detailed report on return from each conference or activity.

Professional development allowances are not cumulative and if not used in any year of the contract will be forfeited.

Policy Implications:
Nil

Financial Implications:
CEO attendance including conference registration, airfares and accommodation will cost close to the $4,000 allocation.

Strategic Implications:
Exposing the CEO to the experience of managers from other States should be valuable.

Consultation:
Nil

Comment:
The conference occurs in the week following the May Council meeting.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
1. That the CEO be authorised to attend LGMA National Congress in Cairns from 22 to 25 May 2011.
2. That The CEO may be accompanied by his spouse provided that he meet the cost of the additional airfares.

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr Cunningham  
Seconded: Cr Benton

1. That the CEO be authorised to attend LGMA National Congress in Cairns from 22 to 25 May 2011.
2. That The CEO may be accompanied by his spouse provided that he meet the cost of the additional airfares.

Carried: 9/0
Executive Summary:
Corella’s continue to provide a serious nuisance and damage both trees and sorting grounds around Perenjori.

Applicants Submission:
Corellas have been a problem around Perenjori for many years. Each year the Shire undertakes control measures primarily revolving around scaring the birds away or shooting birds to reduce numbers.

These strategies have proved ineffective, and it is now proposed that the Shire seek to undertake a major culling program to try to reduce populations.

Background:
The Corellas
The two species of Corella that are most prevalent in and around Perenjori are:

- Butler’s Corella which is one of two subspecies of western long billed Corella. The other sub-species is Muir’s Corella which is not found in the North Eastern Wheat belt.
- The Little Corella which occurs throughout raid areas of mainland Australia and in New Guinea.

Both species are declared agricultural pests in Western Australia.

Control Options
The Department of Environment and Conservation Fauna Note No 15 sets out options for control of Corellas. Options include:

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<td>Shooting</td>
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<td>Scaring</td>
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screening to restrict vision | May be useful for confined areas such as bowling green
encourage birds of prey, | Difficult to implement in urban areas
Trapping and export | Illegal
repellents | Generally ineffective
poisoning | Illegal

DEC has assessed trials evaluating the live-trapping of parrots. This technique is now allowed in some parts of the lower south-west, to reduce damage by species such as the Australian ringneck.

The Shire of Busselton commenced a control program in September 2010. Their website says in part:

Advice has been sought from the Principal Zoologist at Department of Environment and Conservation. The most effective methods of Corella control recommended for built up areas include; cage trapping, cannon netting and shooting. Shooting the Corellas while they are roosting, either at midday or at night, with a .22 calibre rifle with low velocity projectiles, is considered to be the most effective and humane means of control over time.

It appears that shooting together with the use of scaring devices is the best alternative.

Recommended range, firearm and shot for shooting birds as published by DEC are set out below.

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<td>Corellas and galahs</td>
<td>12 gauge shotgun. 4 (32 g)</td>
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<td>&lt; 30 metres</td>
<td>.22 rifle (32 grains) long rifle</td>
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**Statutory Environment:**

Butler’s Corella and the Little Corella are both declared pests of agriculture under the provisions of the Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976, administered by the Western Australian Department of Agriculture and Food. This declaration allows for the approval and implementation of a management program in various areas of the state.

As native species, Butler’s Corella and the Little Corella are protected under the provisions of the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950, administered by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). Under this Act, both Butler’s Corella and the Little Corella can be shot on private land in accordance with an open season notice without the need to obtain a damage licence from DEC. Perenjori is one of the municipalities on the open season declarations for both species.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

There is no specific allocation for bird control, but there is an allocation for vermin control that could be applied to this issue.
Strategic Implications:
Nil

Consultation:
Bird nuisance was raised again as an issue at the annual general meeting of electors on 10 February 2011.

Comment:
We were not aware until researching this agenda item that an open season has been declared on both species for Perenjori. The open season has never been discussed when we have applied for and obtained damage permits.

It appears that the best strategy for Perenjori is to concentrate on culling the populations. The literature suggests that most of the breeding occurs closer to the coast so scaring will not interfere with breeding. Scaring will simply move the birds somewhere else. Scaring can however be useful to improve the amenity of the town site.

It appears that the many of the corellas roost overnight in the copse of trees near the intersection of Wubin Mullewa and Perenjori Rothesay Roads. It would be possible to assemble a group of shooters with appropriate weapons to attempt a cull over several days.

The Shire could also publish notices in the Bush Telegraph to inform farmers of the provisions of the open season.

In the meantime the CEO will seek further information from DEC about trapping and the Shire of Busselton on the lessons from their control program. Part of the problem with capturing the birds will be getting permission to euthanase them when captured.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

1. That the Shire immediately commence a culling program under the provisions of the Corella open season;

2. That the Shire publish a notice in the Bush Telegraph to make farmers aware of the open season provisions.

3. That the CEO develops a longer term control program for consideration in budget deliberations.

3.14pm Cr Hirsch left the Chambers

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Desmond  Seconded: Cr Cunningham

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Carried: 8/0
Options for corella, galah and cockatoo control

Damage control
Damage caused by cockatoos can be reduced using the techniques explained in this note. For more information on the biology and control of specific cockatoo species, refer to the fauna notes listed under further reading.

Legislation
Some cockatoos are declared pests of agriculture under the provisions of the Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976, administered by the Western Australian Department of Agriculture and Food. This declaration allows for the approval and implementation of a management program in specific areas of the state, in accordance with the provisions made under the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950.

As native species, cockatoos are protected under provisions of the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950, administered by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). Under this Act, except in areas where open seasons have been gazetted, destruction of birds by shooting on private property can only take place with DEC approval (via a damage licence). Destruction should be viewed as a last resort after other control options have been attempted.

Some problem cockatoos require special protection because they are considered to be rare or likely to become extinct. Such species may not be destroyed by any means and even shooting to scare must be carried out under a damage licence from the DEC. Examples include Baudin’s cockatoo (Calyptorhynchus baudinii), Carnaby’s cockatoo (Calyptorhynchus latirostris) and Muir’s corella (Cacatua pastinator pastinator).

Effective cockatoo damage control
Management of cockatoo damage requires a strategic approach that takes the individual circumstances of each problem into account. Thus, it is not possible to set down a generic program for all pest management problems and management plans must be prepared on a case by case basis.

More information and guidelines on how to develop and implement a vertebrate pest management program using these guidelines can be found at the Bureau of Rural Sciences website on agricultural pests and feral animals.

Reducing the potential for damage
- Enquire with neighbours before planting to determine if birds are present or if there is a history of damage.
- Plant crops in large blocks with smaller edge to area ratio as these are less likely to be damaged. This is because cockatoos tend to damage outside rows first and most severely.
- Plant crops away from native vegetation, as cockatoos rely on it for nest and roost sites, and the birds’ regular flight paths are less likely to be found and damaged. Crops planted away from areas where the birds have fed, for example stubble or silos, are also less likely to be damaged.
- Sow and harvest crops at the same time as neighbours because the birds will be less likely to target one crop.

Successful damage reduction programs
1. Consider if the benefits of taking action (decreased damage) will outweigh the possibly considerable costs. Trials have shown that sometimes the most cost-effective measure is to do nothing, especially for low-value crops.
2. Set aside adequate resources (money, labour, equipment) to deal with damage problems.
3. Use control combinations that are known to work on cockatoos and in your situation. Every situation is different. Control combinations that work at one location may not work at another.
4. Be persistent. Use scarers devices early and late in the day throughout the damage period when the birds are likely to be feeding in the area. This will increase the time taken before the birds become used to the devices.
5. Combine a number of devices and use them in rotation to maintain variety. This will reduce the chances of the birds becoming used to the devices.
6. Cooperate with neighbours to ensure they use methods that compliment yours.
7. Scare or shoot-to-scare occasionally throughout the year to maintain a degree of wariness in the birds and to indicate that the area is not safe for feeding.
8. Regularly check trees for signs of damage. Early action can be taken before the birds become reliant on the crop for food or develop a habit of coming to the crop. 

9. Determine an acceptable level of damage. Assess and record losses caused by the cockatoos and monitor how effective the program has been. The costs and benefits of damage control can then be assessed and the program can be modified to achieve better control in the following seasons.

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<td>Limiting food</td>
<td>Limit split grain, enclose grain stores, feed sheep at dusk and control weeds. Fauna note no. 11. Limiting access to food to reduce bird damage. DEC, Western Australia.</td>
<td>Can reduce bird numbers over time. Can reduce concentrations of birds in the vicinity of farm buildings.</td>
<td>Requires continued attention over a long period to be effective.</td>
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<td>Anti-bird netting</td>
<td>Enclose crops with temporary or permanent netting. Fauna note no. 3. Netting to reduce bird damage. DEC, Western Australia.</td>
<td>Effective, long term and humane.</td>
<td>High initial capital outlay. May obstruct farming practices and require maintenance unless properly designed.</td>
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<td>Shooting</td>
<td>Only legal method of destruction. Illegal against all black cockatoos and Mui’s corella. Fauna note no. 9. Destruction of birds to reduce damage. DEC, Western Australia.</td>
<td>Humane if properly carried out. Useful for control of problem birds/small flocks.</td>
<td>Not suitable in built-up areas or very small farms. Usually targets immature birds, many of which would die anyway.</td>
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<td>Scaring</td>
<td>Various devices, most effective when used in combination. Fauna note no. 2. Scaring and repelling birds to reduce damage. DEC, Western Australia.</td>
<td>Humane and safer than shooting in built-up areas. Scaring backed up with shooting can be effective when used intensively.</td>
<td>Often costly. Must be applied intensively. Scaring may breach noise regulations and crackers can be a minor fire risk.</td>
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<td>Alternative food</td>
<td>Place far from crop, birds move to undisturbed alternative. Continue scaring at crop. Fauna note no. 13. Decoy feeding – providing alternative food to birds to reduce damage. DEC, Western Australia.</td>
<td>Less expensive than other methods. The method may be effective in diverting some birds from cereals.</td>
<td>Decoy food supply must always be available during the damage season or birds could shift back to the protected crop.</td>
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<td>Screening to restrict vision</td>
<td>Install hessian or shade cloth two to 2.5 metres high around areas to be protected (e.g. feedlots, crop, bowling greens).</td>
<td>Low cost solution. Cookatoos like a clear view when feeding and may leave when this is not the case.</td>
<td>Must be combined with other control measures.</td>
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<td>Encourage birds of prey</td>
<td>Install perching poles and protect native vegetation which provides nesting sites.</td>
<td>Low cost solution.</td>
<td>Must be combined with other control measures. Anti-coagulants must be used carefully so as not to affect birds of prey.</td>
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<td>Trapping and export of live birds</td>
<td>Illegal under federal legislation. Fauna note no. 14. Trapping and export of native animals. DEC, Western Australia.</td>
<td>Wild-caught birds make poor pets and often die in transit. As birds enter the market prices will drop.</td>
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<td>Repellents</td>
<td>Use only those registered as bird repellents. Fauna note no. 2. Scaring and repelling birds to reduce damage. DEC, Western Australia.</td>
<td>Do not appear to be effective against birds. Restrictions/prohibitions apply for some products.</td>
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<td>Poisoning</td>
<td>Illegal under the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950.</td>
<td>Crop contamination threatens markets. Other non-target species may be affected.</td>
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Further reading

- Fauna note no. 1. Reducing fruit damage by Baudin’s cockatoo. DEC, Western Australia.
- Fauna note no. 4. Muir’s corella. DEC, Western Australia.
- Fauna note no. 20. Little corella. DEC, Western Australia.
- Fauna note no. 21. Galah. DEC, Western Australia.
- Living with Muir’s Corella. DEC, Western Australia.
- Bird Control in Orchards. DEC, Western Australia.

References


Further information

Contact your local DEC office.

See the department’s website for the latest information:

www.dec.wa.gov.au
3.17pm Cr Jenny Hirsch returned to the Chambers
3.19pm Cr Rodney Desmond left the Chambers
3.21pm Cr Rodney Desmond returned to the Chambers

10025.9 KARARA MINING TRUCKING ORE

**APPLICANT:** KARARA MINING

**FILE:** 0

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** 0

**AUTHOR:** STAN SCOTT – CEO

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** STAN SCOTT – CEO

**REPORT DATE:** 14 FEBRUARY 2011

**ATTACHMENTS** MAP OF PROPOSED ROUTE

**Executive Summary:**

Karara Mining is proposing to truck haematite to Geraldton Port and is seeking Councils support for the route.

**Applicants Submission:**

Karara Mining is proposing to truck 2400 tonnes per week of haematite ore directly to Geraldton Port during the period from late March to August, 2011 which is the period the Railway line will be closed from Tilley siding to Mullewa while upgrading works are being undertaken.

The proposal would involve local contractors from Three Springs, Perenjori, Coorow and Morawa using 27.5 metre RAV Network 4 combinations each carrying 49 tonnes.

The proposed route is:

Along Mungada, Koolanooka Springs, Fallon and Munckton Roads to Morawa, and then following the same route as Sinosteel via Dongara to Geraldton.

If they cannot get approval for the above the alternative is:

Cart to Three Springs old Talc site along the following route and then by rail to Geraldton port from three Springs using the:

- Morawa – Perenjori Road
- Perenjori – Three Springs road.

Karara had intended to upgrade the entire length of the road between the mine site and each of Morawa and Perenjori. At this stage however sealing of the access road is only between the mine site and the Lochada camp.

**Background:**

Karara is making a substantial investment in upgrading the rail but this will not be available until August or September.
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:

If the second alternative is used a substantial part of the journey would be on Shire roads.

Strategic Implications:

The project will provide work for local contractors.

Consultation:

Karara is approaching each of the affected shires for support.

Comment:

Some of the numbers that result from the proposal are:

- 400,000 tonnes of ore;
- 96 truck movements per day

The only local road affected by the preferred route is Mungada Road which has been sealed to the Shire boundary. The proposed vehicle combinations are only 27.5 metre in length and are smaller than the existing Sinosteel vehicles that share much of the same route.

The proposed alternative route is more problematic. While some of the journey would be by rail which is positive, it would involve 96 truck movements per day through each of the Perenjori and Morawa town sites, and would increase the amount of heavy traffic on Wubin Mullewa Road.

If Karara is seeking to move ore to Three Springs the preferred route would be via Karara Road, Perenjori Rothsay Road and the Perenjori Three Springs Road. This would be 46 km shorter each way and would have less impact on the town site and Wubin Mullewa Road. However the bulk of the journey would be on Shire of Perenjori Roads. It would also involve travel on the newly upgraded section of Perenjori Rothsay Road which was paid for by Mount Gibson iron, and for which Mount Gibson is responsible for maintenance.

Karara presently pays for the maintenance of the unsealed section of Perenjori Rothsay Road and Karara Road. Under our agreement with Mount Gibson

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council supports the proposed route between Karara and Geraldton; and

That Council not support the proposed route to Three Springs and suggest an alternative route.
Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Reid  Seconded: Cr Hirsch

That Council supports the proposed route between Karara and Geraldton; and

That Council not support the proposed route via Wubin/Mullewa Rd to Three Springs and suggest an alternative route.

That the ballast route in the Shire of Perenjori be Three Springs Perenjori Road, Boundary Road, Hill Road and Morawa South Road; and

That the Ceo be authorised to negotiate a Road Maintenance Agreement for ballast traffic and community benefit agreement consistent with existing agreements.

Carried: 9/0
10026 OTHER BUSINESS

10026.1 INFORMATION BULLETIN – TABLED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- WALGA Local Government News Issues 49.10, 50.10, 1.11, 2.11, 3.11, 4.11, 5.11
- WALGA Info Page – Intended Amendment to Reduce Prescribed Valuation Percentage for Vacant Residential Land
- WALGA Planning and Community Development Newsletter – 10 Dec 2010
- WALGA Correspondence – Local Government Telecommunications – 14th January 2011
- WALGA – Economic Briefing – February 2011
- NACC – Environmental Wealth Workshop – 26 October 2010
- Midwest Regional Shires WELL Report December 2010
- MWAC Information Bulletin – Issues 144 and 145,
- Department for Communities – Nominations invited for 2011 WA Youth Awards – 13th January 2011
- Discrimination Matters – November 2010
- DisAbility Update – December 2010
- Statewide – Summer 2010 (2 Copies)
- Councillor Dec 2010 – Jan 2011 (5 Copies)
- OCLC Annual Report 2009/2010
- Heritage Matters – Summer Edition 2010/11
- Neighbourhood Watch Australasia Incorporated – December 2010
- Department of Local Government Update – Issue 70 December 2010 (10 Copies)
- Mining Chronicle – Volume 15 and 16
- Inside Waste – Issue 38
- Rural Health West Board Communiqué December 2010
- LGM December 2010 January 2011
- Australia’s Golden Outback – 2011/2012
10026.2 MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

10026.3 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
10026.4 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

Moved: Cr Benton  Seconded: Cr Cunningham

That items 11026.4.1 Appointment of Auditor, 11026.4.2 No School No Pool Policy, 11026.4.3 Wiluna Meekatharra Rd be accepted as urgent business.

Carried: 9/0

10026.4.1 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

APPELLANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI

FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: STAN SCOTT – CEO

REPORT DATE: 15 FEBRUARY 2011
ATTACHMENTS Quotation for the Provision of Audit Services

Executive Summary:

The contract with the Shire’s Auditors has expired, and the Audit Committee is required to make a recommendation to Council on the appointment of an Auditor.

Applicants Submission:

UHY Haines Norton presently delivers audit services to 60 Local Governments in Western Australia, including most of the Shires in the North Midlands. They have a good working relationship with Council, and have a thorough understanding of the operations of the Shire of Perenjori.

Background:

UHY Haines Norton has been supplying audit services to the Shire of Perenjori since 1999. It has also been appointed by WALGA to deliver tax advice to the sector.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 S7.3 states as follows:

7.3. Appointment of auditors

(1) A local government is to, from time to time whenever such an appointment is necessary or expedient, appoint* a person, on the recommendation of the audit committee, to be its auditor.

* Absolute majority required.

(2) The local government may appoint one or more persons as its auditor.

(3) The local government’s auditor is to be a person who is —

(a) a registered company auditor; or
Policy Implications:
Nil

Financial Implications:
The quote is in line with Council’s budget of $15,000 for the current year.

Strategic Implications:
UHY Haines Norton are the pre-eminent Local Government auditors in Western Australia, and hence are in a very good position to provide sound current advice.

Consultation:
Nil

Comment:
The appointment of the auditor is a matter for the Audit Committee. The Act does not allow the CEO to be appointed to the Audit committee, not does it allow a staff member to be appointed to the Audit Committee.

The options available to the audit committee are:
To appoint UHY Haines Norton for three years
Appoint UHY Haines Norton for one year and review in next year; or
Seek additional quotes.

If Council chooses to seek additional quotes it needs to be mindful of timing as the auditor generally starts the interim audit before the end of March.

Voting Requirements:
Absolute Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council appoint UHY Haines Norton for an additional three year period.

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr Butler  
Seconded: Cr Johnston
That Council appoint UHY Haines Norton for an additional three year period.
Carried: 9/0
Executive Summary:
Cr Hirsch as principal of Perenjori Primary School has requested that Council consider a “no school, no pool” policy.

Applicants Submission:
It is proposed that children who do not attend school would also be excluded from attending the swimming pool. This would apply to primary and secondary children and would include children that were absent from school due to suspension.

Cr Hirsch has also suggested that swimming pool patrons be excluded from the pool for continued anti-social or disrespectful behaviour.

Background:
“No School No Pool” policies are in wide use throughout the State. In 2005 the Federal Government made funding for swimming pools for Indigenous communities contingent on a no school no pool policy, so it is recognised as good public policy.

No School No Pool policies are often supplemented by No School No Service policies where local businesses agree to refuse to serve school aged children during school hours.

The Pool Manager has the authority to remove patrons who are behaving inappropriately, and has exercised that authority when required. She also has a good working relationship with local police and will call upon them when needed.

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:
There is no Council Policy on Swimming Pool Admissions.

Financial Implications:
Nil

Strategic Implications:
This policy will support truancy prevention and educational outcomes.
Consultation:
There are presently arrangements in place with the Morawa Pool, but these arrangements are ad hoc rather than codified.

Comment:
The No School No Pool Policy is easy to implement during school hours. School aged children are already excluded from day time pool sessions. It is more challenging when the policy is extended to the afternoon session outside school hours, which would require cooperation from the schools providing the names of students who have been truant from school that day.

The No School No Pool policy will be more effective if it is supported by a No School No Service policy where local businesses agree not to serve school aged children during school hours.

The Pool Manager presently has the authority to exclude patrons based on inappropriate behaviour. If Council was to adopt a policy supporting this authority it would make the Pool Managers job easier.

Suggested policies are:

Policy 6003 – No School No Pool

School aged children will not be admitted to the swimming pool during school hours except on school sanctioned activities or excursions;

School aged children who have been absent from school without valid permission will not be admitted to the swimming pool that day.

Policy 6004 – Managing Inappropriate Behaviour at the Swimming Pool

The swimming pool is provided by the Shire for the safe enjoyment of all patrons. Patrons who fail to obey the posted rules, fail to obey the reasonable directions of the Swimming Pool Manager or behave in a manner that interferes with the safety or enjoyment of other patrons may be evicted from the pool.

Exclusion from the pool will be at the discretion of the Swimming Pool Manager but may include, depending on the time of the offending behaviour:

- For a first offense exclusion for the remainder of that session, that day or the next opening day;
- For a second offense or a more serious offense exclusion for a week;
- For a third or subsequent offense, exclusion for the remainder of the season.

Persons who trespass on the pool grounds outside opening hours will be excluded for the remainder of the season.

Nothing in this policy is intended to exclude the involvement of the police for seriously offensive, anti-social, dangerous or criminal behaviour.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority
Officers Recommendation:
That Council adopt the No School No Pool Policy;
That Council adopt The Managing Inappropriate Behaviour at the Swimming Pool Policy; and
Council approach local businesses to participate in a no school no service policy.

Council Resolution
Moved: Cr Johnston  Seconded: Cr Cunningham
That Council adopt the No School No Pool Policy;
That Council adopt The Managing Inappropriate Behaviour at the Swimming Pool Policy; and
Council approach local businesses to participate in a no school no service policy.

Carried: 9/0
Executive Summary:
The Shire of Wiluna is seeking support from other local governments for the sealing of the Meekatharra Wiluna Road.

Applicants Submission:
The Shires of Meekatharra and Wiluna are lobbying for the road between Meekatharra and Wiluna to be sealed. This 182 kilometre section of road is the last section of state highway that remains unsealed. The Northern Country Zone of WALGA supported Wiluna’s call and has encouraged member Councils to do likewise.

Background:
In a report commissioned by the Shire of Wiluna “Closing the Gap mand Making Connections – Win/Win for communities in the Central Desert” the consultants identified the lack of a transport link as being a major impediment to improved outcomes.

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:
Wiluna is experiencing similar issues to us in terms of lack of state investment in infrastructure.

Consultation:
The Wiluna request was considered at the February meeting of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA

Comment:
Wiluna is a very disadvantaged community that is also experiencing increased mining activity. It is facing similar issues and opportunities to us, in that it is trying to ensure that the community achieves long term benefits from increased mining activity.
Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That the shire provides Wiluna with a letter of support for its request.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr Cunningham       Seconded: Cr Benton
That the shire provides Wiluna with a letter of support for its request.
Carried: 9/0
14th January 2011

Sian Scott
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Perenjori
PO Box 22
PERENJORI WA 6620

Dear Mr Scott,

The Shire of Wiluna is battling to overcome many disadvantages associated with being a largely isolated Indigenous community in a remote region of Western Australia.

These social, economic, health and educational disadvantages have been recognised under the National Indigenous Reform Agreement made between the Australian government and all state governments. The Agreement sets objectives, outcomes and performance measures for Closing the Gap, a strategy to reduce Indigenous disadvantage across Australia.

While State and Federal government is working to overcome disadvantage, it has become apparent that the local governments who represent these areas of disadvantage must provide the ‘grass roots’ information and push required to stimulate action.

Over 2010, the shire has been putting the objectives of the National Agreement to practical purpose, firstly by identifying the local issues which are impeding progress in overcoming disadvantage and secondly by developing a strategy to deal with those issues. The shire has now begun rolling out this strategy in 2011.

This purpose of this letter is to advise you of this and to encourage you to support our efforts.

The Shire began by identifying the key local planning issues which are fundamental to overcoming disadvantage, including the delivery of critical infrastructure, the absence of which can undermine efforts to improve the quality of life and access to services for the people of Wiluna.

The Shire commissioned report, “Closing the Gap and Making Connections – WinWin for communities in the Central Desert”, prepared by independent consultants Urbis, identified the major impediment as being a lack of critical strategic transport infrastructure. A copy of the report is enclosed.

The Mid West region is strategically interconnected, socially and economically, with the Central Desert, Gascoyne, Pilbara and the Goldfields. Yet the physical connection, the transport infrastructure, is lacking.

The report stated that the present lack of critical strategic infrastructure was limiting opportunities for resource, agriculture and tourism development and investment in small business enterprise, all of which would significantly contribute to the social and economic wellbeing of our remote and rural communities.

Wiluna sits at the core of an intensive and rich mineral deposit area with the potential to deliver major economic benefit to the Mid West, yet there is no sealed road access and still no Government-funds in place to establish strong transport links.
Wiluna and Meekatharra are separated by 182 kilometres of unsealed and unsafe road, the last remaining section of State Highway in Western Australia to remain unsealed.

The State Government has identified the Goldfields Highway as a key strategic freight, tourist and inter-town route, so one could rightly assume that sealing the Wiluna to Meekatharra portion of the Highway is a priority for delivering an integrated transport network to the Mid West.

This would:

- Improve delivery of health and community services from Meekatharra and Geraldton to Wiluna;
- Improve efficiency of freight transport from mining and pastoral operations heading west to the Oakjree Port; and
- Open up Wiluna and the Mid West region to tourism.

The Urbis report concluded that State Government infrastructure investment to seal the last stretch of the Goldfields Highway would result in:

- Increased regional productivity in the mineral and pastoral industries, through reduction in transport overheads, increases in transport efficiencies and reductions in regulatory driver safety controls.
- Opening up of new resource deposit areas and continued economic development of the Central Desert region.
- Improved social and economic amenity through improved linkages between the sister towns of Wiluna and Meekatharra.
- Improved medical and mental health service delivery to communities in need.
- Certainty of goods supply and reduced isolation for remote communities.
- Reduction in road trauma and injury.
- Increased inter/intra-regional and cultural tourism opportunities.

Based on the content of the Urbis Report, the Shire of Wiluna is currently:

- Forming an Alliance Group with local government to jointly lobby the State Government to seal the remaining 182kms of the Goldfields Highway;
- Asking the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils to support a motion that the Council’s first priority should be to call on the State Government to seal the Goldfields Highway;
- Writing to State, Federal and local government urging support for funding to be made available to seal the road in the 2011 budget; and
- Encouraging Industry Groups, the Board of Infrastructure Australia and transport organisations to lend their support for the Wiluna/Meekatharra road to be sealed.

As a fellow Mid West local government we seek your support in ensuring the economic benefits of resource development in our region are shared by all, with equal access to state infrastructure. Please join us in insisting to State and Federal Government that the 2011 State and Federal Budgets contain funding to seal the last stretch of State Highway in Western Australia – the Wiluna/Meekatharra portion of the Goldfields Highway.

Yours faithfully,

Samantha Tarling
CEO
10026.5 MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

10026.5.1 OFFER TO PURCHASE RESIDENTIAL BLOCK

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Johnston

That council make a counter offer for the sale of Lot 341 John Street Perenjori.

Cr Hirsch spoke against the motion due to the original sales of the blocks being a higher price.

Moved: Cr Cunningham Seconded: Cr Butler

That Council make a counter offer of amended amount for the sale of Lot 341 John St Perenjori and that the CEO be allowed to renegotiate down to the reserve price.

Cr Bensdorp spoke against the motion due to the agents knowing the reserve price.

Resolution Carried: 5/4
10026.6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING / MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on the 17th March 2011

10026.7 CLOSURE

With no further business the Ordinary Council Meeting was closed at 4.29pm.

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held 17th February 2011.

Signed: ______________________

Presiding Elected Member

Date: ______________________