Shire of Perenjori
Ordinary Council Meeting
MINUTES
18th December 2014

Held in the Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers, Fowler Street, Perenjori on 18th December 2014, commenced at 1.30pm.

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Cr King opened the meeting 1:40 PM

14121.2 OPENING PRAYER
The open prayer was led by Cr King

14121.3 DISCLAIMER READING

14121.4 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Cr C. King
Cr J. Cunningham
Cr. G Reid
Cr. R. Desmond
Cr. L Butler
Cr. H. Wass
Cr. P. Waterhouse

Ali Mills - CEO
Peter Money - MCDS
David Fong – SFO
Leah Adams - CDO

Apologies
Cr. J. Hirsch
Cr. L. Smith

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Shire of Perenjori

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14121.9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
Minutes from 20th November Ordinary Council Meeting are attached.

Moved Cr Butler Seconded Cr Waterhouse

That the Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of 20th November 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

Carried 7/0

14121.10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

14121.11 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

14122 FINANCE

14122.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – NOVEMBER 2014

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: ADM 0081
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL
AUTHOR: DAVID FONG – SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: PETER MONEY - MCDS
REPORT DATE: 18 DECEMBER 2014
ATTACHMENTS: MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Executive Summary


Background

Each month officers are required to prepare monthly financial reports, covering prescribed information, and present these to Council for acceptance.

Details

Presented is the Financial Activity Statement Report for the period ending 30th November 2014.

The following statements are presented to Council:
- Monthly Summary Information - Charts
- Statement of Financial Activity (Program and Nature & Type) - This provides the budget and actual income and expenditure for operating and non-recurrent as well and the closing surplus to date. (FM Reg 34(1))
- Statement of Capital Acquisitions and Capital Funding
- Net Current (Assets) Funding Position (Note 3.)-This provides the amount of assets over liabilities within the Balance Sheet. (FM Reg 34 (1)(e))
Notes to the Financial Statements include:
- Note 1. - Significant Accounting Policies
- Note 2. - Explanation of Material Variances
- Note 3. – Net Current Funding Position
- Note 4. – Cash & Investments
- Note 5. – Budget Amendments
- Note 6. – Receivables
- Note 7. – Cash Back Reserves
- Note 8. – Capital Disposals
- Note 9. – Rating Information
- Note 10. – Information on Borrowings
- Note 11. – Grant and Contributions
- Note 12. - Trust Fund
- Note 13. - Details of Capital Acquisition

Legal Compliance
Regulation 34 (Financial activity statement report) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 states –

(1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d), for that month in the following detail —

(a) Annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1) (b) or (c);
(b) budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
(c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
(d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
(e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.

(2) Each statement of financial activity is to be accompanied by documents containing —

(a) an explanation of the composition of the net current assets of the month to which the statement relates, less committed assets and restricted assets;
(b) an explanation of each of the material variances referred to in subregulation (1) (d); and (c) such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.

(3) The information in a statement of financial activity may be shown —

(a) according to nature and type classification; or
(b) by program; or
(c) by business unit

(4) A statement of financial activity, and the accompanying documents referred to in subregulation (2), are to be —

(a) presented at an ordinary meeting of the council within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
(b) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.

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

Section 6.8 of the Local Government Act 1995 (Expenditure from municipal fund not included in annual budget) states –

(1) A local government is not to incur expenditure from its municipal fund for an additional purpose except where the expenditure —

a. is incurred in a financial year before the adoption of the annual budget by the local government; or

b. is authorised in advance by resolution*; or

c. is authorised in advance by the mayor or president in an emergency.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Area 5: Investing in Councils Leadership

Goal: Strengthen the Shire’s position as an innovative, independent local Government providing excellence in all areas of governance, management and leadership.

Consultation

Liaison with CEO, MCDS, FO, MIS, CDO, WS.

Voting Requirements - Absolute Majority

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14122.2 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 1306P
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL
AUTHOR: DAVID FONG – SFO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: PETER MONEY - MCDS
REPORT DATE: 18 DECEMBER 2014
ATTACHMENTS: ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Executive Summary

This item recommends that the schedule of accounts for payment for the month ending 30th November 2014 to be confirmed.

The Schedule of Accounts is presented pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

The report identifies payments made from the Municipal and Trust Fund.

Background

Council has delegated to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make payments from the Municipal and Trust funds in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Under Regulation 13(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, where a local government has delegated to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of its power to make payments from the Municipal fund or the Trust fund, each payment from the Municipal fund or the Trust fund is to be noted on a list compiled for each month showing:

a) The payee’s name;
b) The amount of the payment;c) The date of the payment; and
d) Sufficient information to identify the transaction

That list should then be presented at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council following the preparation of the list, and recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.

Legal Compliance

Section 6.10 (d) of the Local Government Act 1995 refers, i.e. -

6.10. financial management regulations
Regulations may provide for —
(d) the general management of, and the authorisation of payments out of —
(i) the municipal fund; and
(ii) the trust fund,
of a local government.

Regulation 13(1), (3) & (4) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 refers, i.e. -

13. Lists of Accounts
(1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared —
(a) the payee’s name;
(b) the amount of the payment;
(c) the date of the payment; and (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.
(3) A list prepared under subregulation (1) is to be —
(a) presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
(b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

Policy Implications
All accounts paid have been duly incurred and authorised for payment as per approved purchasing and payment procedures.

Financial Implications
Ongoing management of Council funds by providing Council with sufficient information to monitor and review payments made.

Strategic Implications
Area 5: Investing in Councils Leadership
Goal: Strengthen the Shire’s position as an innovative, independent local Government providing excellence in all areas of governance, management and leadership

Consultation
Nil

Comment
All accounts paid have been duly incurred and authorised for payment as per approved purchasing and payment procedures and it is therefore recommended that the payments, as contained within the Appendices, be confirmed.

Voting Requirements - Simple Majority
Committee Recommendation – Item 14122.2

That Council, pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended), confirms the accounts paid for the month ending 30th November 2014 as attached to and forming part of this report.

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*Totalling $735,307.3 from Muni and Trust Accounts for the month ending 30th November 2014*
Council Resolution – Item 1412.2

Moved: Cr King  Seconded: Cr Wass

That Council, pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended), confirms the accounts paid for the month ending 30\textsuperscript{th} November 2014 as attached to and forming part of this report.

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Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary
This item recommends the Council authorises a donation to the Perenjori Primary School for the cost of the hire and transportation of chairs and portable boards.

Background
The Perenjori Primary School has requested the use of shire chairs and portable notice boards and for the transportation of these items. The cost of the hire is determined by the number of items required in accordance with the fees set by the Council in its annual budget. Also included will be the cost of Shire labour hours and the use of a Shire vehicle.

In all instances where Shire labour and vehicle usage is required, the employee and vehicle costs must be allocated to an account number.

In this instance the school has requested the cost be donated but the approval of donations always rests with the Council. The Chief Executive Officer does not have the authority to approve donations and this is confirmed in Council Policy 1011.

It is preferable that requests for donations come through advertising prior to the formation of the annual budget but this does not always happen. Therefore in instances where the donation request is not budgeted, officers on behalf of the applicant can request the Council approve a donation of fees, charges and other costs.

The cost estimate in this instance including labour and vehicle use is $300.00.

Statutory Environment
Local Government Act 1995 s6.16
Imposition of fees and charges

Policy Implications
Policy 1011 – Donations & Grants
The responsibility for the disbursement of funds will be with the Council, whilst Shire officers will undertake the management of these processes.

Financial Implications
This is unbudgeted expenditure of $300 which would be costed to account 08001 – Perenjori Primary School Donations.

Strategic Implications
Area 3: People and place – Our Community
Goal: Demonstrating a high quality of life for all, offering relevant activities, facilities, and services to enable people to meet their needs and achieve their potential

Consultation
CEO

Comment
As funds were budgeted in an account for donations to the Perenjori Primary School, in accordance with s6.8(1) of the Local Government Act an absolute majority decision is not required to authorise the additional expenditure.

Voting Requirements – Simple Majority

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14122.4 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 70/4680

APPLICANT: McMahon Mining Titles Services Pty Ltd
FILE: ADM 0469
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL
AUTHOR: Peter Money – MCDS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Peter Money – MCDS
REPORT DATE: 18 December 2014
ATTACHMENTS: LETTER, MAPS, ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

Executive Summary
This report recommends that Council acknowledges the application and recommends to the Department of Mines and Petroleum that conditions be imposed.

Background
Correspondence has been received from McMahon Mining Title Services Pty Ltd advising the Shire of an application for an exploration licence on behalf of Alberta Resources Pty Ltd on land within the Shire.

All applicants are required to notify the respective Local Government of the application for the licence. They have provided location plans detailing the subject land.

Statutory Environment
Mining Act 1978

33. Application for mining tenement by permit holder
1) Subject to subsection (1a), where an application is made in accordance with this Act for a mining tenement that relates to private land notice of the application shall be given in the prescribed manner by the applicant to —
   a) The Chief Executive Officer of the local government;
   b) The owner and occupier of the private land; and Minutes – Ordinary Meeting held on 21st June 2012 (Page 47)
   c) Each mortgagee of the land under a mortgage endorsed or noted on the title or land register or record relating to that land, but if there is no occupier of the land, or no such occupier can be found, the notice of the application shall be affixed in some conspicuous manner on the land.

Policy Implications
Nil

Financial Implications
Nil

Strategic Implications
Area 1: Infrastructure and Natural Assets - Our Natural and Built Environment

Goal: A community that develops and lives sustainably in a thriving natural and quality built environment, which meets current and future community needs.
Consultation
Nil

Comment
Council has minimal power over whether licences are approved or not but can request that certain conditions be applied.

Voting Requirements – Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation – Item 14122.4
That Council acknowledges the application for an Exploration License from McMahon Mining Title Services for exploration license number 70/4680 on behalf of Alberta Resources Pty Ltd and requests the following conditions be imposed by the Department of Mines and Petroleum if the license is to be issued:

1. All surface holes drilled for the purpose of exploration are to be capped, filled or otherwise made safe after completion.
2. All cost earns and other disturbances to the surface of the land made as a result of exploration, including drill pads, grid lines and access tracks, being backfilled and rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the district mining engineer. Backfilling and rehabilitation being required no later than six (6) months after excavation unless otherwise approved in writing by the district mining engineer.
3. Abandoned equipment and temporary buildings being removed from the tenement prior to or at the termination of the exploration program.
4. No activities taking place to the detriment of any roads, streets or verges.
5. Minimum disturbance being made to natural vegetation.
6. Adequate dust suppression control methods and practices being used.
7. All works comply with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.

All waste materials, rubbish and plastic sample bags to be removed within 60 days of placement.

Council resolution – Item 14122.4
Moved: Cr Butler
Seconded: Cr Waterhouse
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Carried: 7/0
11 November 2014

THE SHIRE CLERK
SHIRE OF PERENJORI
PO BOX 22
PERENJORI WA 6620

Attention: Chief Executive Officer

Registered Post: 509429304015

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 70/4680

On behalf of our client, Alberta Resources Pty Ltd (tenement applicant), an application has been made for the above mentioned Exploration Licence 70/4680.

In accordance to requirements set out in the West Australian Mining Act, notification must be forwarded to the appropriate local government authority affected by the application.

As the land affected lies within your shire, please find attached a copy of the application and a plan showing the area of the application.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours faithfully,

Celeste Estricio
McMahon Mining Titles
FORM 21

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Mining Act 1978
(Secs. 41, 58, 70C, 74, 88, 91, Reg. 94)

APPLICATION FOR MINING TENEMENT

(a) Type of tenement
(b) Time & Date marked out [when applicable]
(c) Mineral Field

For each applicant:
(d) Full Name and Address
(e) No. of shares
(f) Total No. of shares

DESCRIPTION OF GROUND APPLIED FOR:

For Exploration Licences see Note 1, For other Licences see Note 2. For all Licences see Note 3.

(g) Locality
(h) Diagram
(i) Boundaries
(j) Area (ha or km²)

(k) Signature of applicant or agent [spelt out full name and address]

Date: 10/11/2014

Official Use

A NOTICE OF OBJECTION may be lodged at any mining registrar’s office on or before the 15th day of December 2014 (See Note 4). Where an objection to this application is lodged the hearing will take place on a date to be set.

Received at 10:58:33 on 10 November 2014 with fees of

Application $1,290.25
Rent $5,008.10
TOTAL $6,298.35
Receipt No: 43141360057

Mineral Registrar

Notes

Note 1: EXPLORATION LICENCE
(i) Attachments 1 and 2 form part of every application for an exploration licence and must be lodged with this form in 5 copies of (b), (d) and (e)
(ii) An application for an Exploration Licence shall be accompanied by a statement specifying method of exploration, details of the proposed work programme, estimated cost of exploration and technical and financial ability of the applicant.

Note 2: PROSPECTING/MISC. LICENCE AND MINING/GENERAL PURPOSE LEASE
(i) This application form shall be accompanied by a map on which the boundaries of the area applied for are clearly delineated.

Note 3: GROUND AVAILABILITY
(i) The area is on the applicant to ensure that ground is available to be marked out and/or applied for.
(ii) The following section should be taken to ascertain ground availability:
(a) Public plan search; (b) Regulated search; (c) Ground Investigation.

Note 4: ALL APPLICATIONS OVER PRIVATE LAND
The period for lodgment of an objection is within 21 days of service of this notice, or the date noted above for lodging objections, whichever is the longer period.
**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**
Mining Act 1978
Sec. 58; Reg. 64

**EXPLORATION LICENCE NO. 704980**

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14122.5  NAME CHANGING – OLD PERTH ROAD

APPLICANT:          SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE:       A147
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:   NIL
AUTHOR:       PETER MONEY – MCDS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:    PETER MONEY – MCDS
REPORT DATE:         18 DECEMBER 2014
ATTACHMENTS       NIL

Executive Summary
This item requests the Council gives formal approval for the CEO to apply to the Geographic Names Committee to have reversed the decision to rename the northern section of Old Perth Road as Carstairs Road.

The item also requests the Council approval to have the southern section of Old Perth Road from the intersection with Caron Road named as Carstairs Road.

Background
During 2013 and 2014 the Shire negotiated with the Geographic Names Committee to have a section of Old Perth Road renamed as Carstairs Road. A significant part of the approval process was the altered structure of the intersection of Old Perth Road at the junction with Caron Road which resulted in Old Perth Road becoming two separate roads.

On the 29th July 2014 the Shire was notified of the approved change of name for the northern section of Old Perth Road to Carstairs Road.

Since that time a resident on the re-named section has complained about the name change citing no consultation and significant impact and costs due to having to change documents, mailing and business notifications among other difficulties.

The residents have spoken directly to the Council and as a result the Council has asked the CEO to make enquiries with the Geographic Names Committee (GNC) as to whether the name change can be reversed.

Preliminary discussions with the GNC indicate a reversal is possible though no commitment is made by them and any consideration will depend of the validity of the reason for a reversal. Also any reversal costs will be borne by the Shire and this will include the change of Landgate records. No cost estimate is given.

The GNC has also advised that the residents address number will change regardless of the name because the allocated number no longer applies to that address as the property number will now be measured from the intersection with Caron Road.

For any request for a reversal of the name to be considered the Council must formally request the GNC to consider the request and provide reasons for the reversal.

Further to that as Old Perth Road is now two roads, and if the northern section reverts to Old Perth Road, the section south of the Caron Road intersection needs to be renamed.

Therefore if the Council wishes to concede to the request from the residents and resume the name Old Perth Road for the northern section from Caron Road to the Carnamah Perenjori
road, it will need to change the name of the southern section still named Old Perth Road. It could request that Carstairs Road be applied to this section of the road.

**Statutory Environment**

Geographic Names Committee Guidelines

**8.5 Road naming amendments**

Road names are intended to be enduring. The renaming of any road is discouraged unless there are good reasons for a change of name. Reasons that may be considered in support of a name change are:

- redesign of a road layout;
- changed traffic flow;
- mail delivery problems;
- the misspelling of a name in the original application;
- name duplication issues; and
- property street addressing issues

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Strategic Implications**

**Area 5: Investing in Councils Capacity – Our Leadership**

**Goal:** Strengthen the Shire’s position as an innovative, independent local Government providing excellence in all areas of governance, management and leadership

**Consultation**

Paul and Janice Spencer

Geographic Names Committee

**Comment**

Nil

**Voting Requirements – Simple Majority**

**Officers Recommendation – item 14122.5**

That the Council:

1. Requests the Geographic Names Committee to seek a Ministerial Order to reverse the renaming of the northern section of Old Perth Road to Carstairs Road, and resume the name of Old Perth Road from the intersection with Caron Road to the intersection with Carnamah Perenjori Road; and

2. Request the Geographic Names Committee to seek a Ministerial Order to rename the southern section of Old Perth Road from Caron Road intersection to its southern cul de sac as Carstairs Road.
Moved: Cr Waterhouse  Seconded: Cr Cunningham

That the Council:

3. **Requests the Geographic Names Committee to seek a Ministerial Order to reverse the renaming of the northern section of Old Perth Road to Carstairs Road, and resume the name of Old Perth Road from the intersection with Caron Road to the intersection with Carnamah Perenjori Road; and**

4. **Request the Geographic Names Committee to seek a Ministerial Order to rename Old Mullewa Road from Carnamah Road to Mullewa Wubin Road;**

5. **Rename Old Perth Road from Caron Road intersection to its southern cul de sac as Delane Road**

**Carried: 7/0**

NOTE: The Council decided to use the preferred Old Mullewa Road for the name of Carstairs Road as there are no residents on the road that would be affected by the name change.

They also decided as one of the sections of Old Perth Road had to be renamed they chose the bottom section as there would be no affected residents.

Delane Road was chosen as that name is not in use within the Shire and the family has a significant history in the Shire.
Shire of Perenjori

Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

18th December 2014

14123 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

14123.1 MOUNT GIBSON PUBLIC BENEFIT TRUST - ALLOCATIONS

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: ADM 0430
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL
AUTHOR: LEAH ADAMS - CDO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: LEAH ADAMS - CDO
REPORT DATE: 18 DECEMBER 2014
ATTACHMENTS: MEETING MINUTES

Executive Summary
The purpose of this report is for Council to receive the minutes of meeting held on 10th December 2014.

Background
Council awarded the Perenjori Community Benefit Committee delegated authority in the November 2012 council meeting under Section 5.6 of the Local Government Act 1995. The Committee approved the funding applications outlined below:

Shire of Perenjori- $8,000 for Community Bus
St John Ambulance Perenjori - $15,000 for volunteer bedroom, lounge room & air-conditioner
Nissan Car Club - $5,740 for Children’s entertainment for Duel in the Dirt Perenjori 360 event
Latham Bowls & Golf Club – $8,895 guttering, tanks and bowling green vacuum cleaner
Perenjori Algae Production Project Group - $9927.50 – 12 month micro-algae trial

The Committee has an aim to ensure the sustainability of the fund for the community, beyond mining, and will now place unallocated funds in to a trust interest bearing account for future use.

Statutory Environment
Nil

Policy Implications
Nil

Financial Implications
Nil

Strategic Implications
Area 1: Infrastructure and Natural Assets - Our Natural and Built Environment
Goal: A community that develops and lives sustainably in a thriving natural and quality built environment, which meets current and future community needs.

Area 3: People and place – Our Community

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Goal: Demonstrating a high quality of life for all, offering relevant activities, facilities, and services to enable people to meet their needs and achieve their potential.

Area 4: Investing in Community Capacity – Civic Leadership

Goal: Supporting community’s strong volunteering culture and supporting community leaders to grow and develop.

Consultation
Perenjori Community Public Benefit Trust Committee.

Comment
The committee did have good discussions about the applications and had commented the need for groups to contribute to the overall costs of the projects.

Voting Requirements – Simple Majority

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Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary

This item seeks Council’s acceptance of the Blues for the Bush final report for 2014.

Background

Council made a 3 year commitment to conduct of the Blues for the bush event, in partnership with Bush Heritage Australia at the ordinary Council meeting held on the 19th December 2013, endorsing the following recommendations:

1. Council endorse the conduct of the Blues for the Bush and Community Open Day to be run in October 2014 and furthermore in 2015 and 2016 in partnership with Bush Heritage Australia.

2. That the Shire of Perenjori CEO be authorised to sign the MOU between Bush Heritage Australia and Shire of Perenjori for 2014 -2016.

The following information provides a summary of actions to date:

The Shire of Perenjori and Bush Heritage Australia are committed to the support and development of a unique community event that asks questions, celebrates achievements and draws together diverse groups of people in remote Australia. This commitment is reflected in the overarching aims of the 2014 Blues for the Bush which are:

✓ Engagement of the wider Perenjori community;
✓ To provide a safe and accessible event that is enjoyed by all;
✓ To celebrate the unique culture, landscape and lifestyle of the region;
✓ To showcase the Charles Darwin Reserve and conservation work of Bush Heritage Australia;

In reviewing the events performance in line with these aims the 2014 Blues for the Bush was undoubtedly an incredibly successful event.

The 2014 Blues for the Bush event built on the successes of the 2013 event to create a celebration that:

• Attracted 935 attendees – which is 35% more than in 2013;
• Staged a safe and accessible event for all with zero major incidents being reported;
• Led to 88% of surveyed attendee’s indicating they rated the event as ‘excellent’ or ‘very good’, with 85% indicating they would attend the event if held again and 93% willing to recommend the event to family and friends.

The financial performance of the 2014 Blues for the Bush resulted in budgetary deficit of approximately $46,000.

The key recommendations suggested in this report would be to:

• Build on the momentum and partnerships established in 2013 and 2014 and stage the Blues for the Bush again in 2015 and 2016 with the view of growing the event;
• Begin planning immediately for the 2015 and 2016 event with due consideration given to funding options;
• Research, plan and adopt a sustainable business model for the future;
• Continue with the proven Project Management structure;
• Establish complimentary community arts based projects throughout the Shire of Perenjori aimed at building on the event's social capital.

What could be improved?

• A new funding model needs to be developed and adopted including the identification of new revenue streams with less reliance on corporate sponsorship;
• Incremental increases in expenditure are needed to ensure the attendees expectations are met and exceeded;
• Increased expenditure in staffing is needed to ensure the event is delivered safely and key personnel continue to remain engaged and enthusiastic (e.g. site staff worked for “mates rates” and should be paid market rates);
• Funding opportunities from grants and trusts should be identified by December 2014 with clear direction from the Project Team and Event owners as to what grants will be applied for. Where possible multiyear funding should be explored;
• ‘Crowd Funding’ should be considered to help raise money to cover the cost of one selected program element. This would work best if funding was to be used towards a high profile act or specific program element. The Blues for the Bush network and database, and social media following, is strong enough to support a crowd funding campaign;
• Due to the current unfortunate operating environment for many local resource and mining companies, sponsorship should also be sought from corporates and companies from outside this sector. When pitching sponsorship to mining companies in-kind contributions should be considered in lieu of cash contributions. Many mining companies may not be able to justify event sponsorship but may be able to offer support that can be absorbed from other areas of their operating budget;
• The budget for the 2015 Blues for the Bush should be set by the Project Management Team with input from the Event Steering Committee. This should then be formally adopted by the Steering Committee and/or Shire of Perenjori Council. The Project Management Team are best placed to develop a realistic and achievable working budget. The budget should have a contingency amount calculated per expenditure area based on calculated risk.
Events Future and Model for Growth

- To grow the event it is recommended that a non-conventional business model be adopted. This would include building the event not necessary by the thousands of people but in the prestige in attending it. If the event is developed in such a way that it represents a totally unique experience then there will be a solid but niche-market for it that can be built on over the years. If numbers are capped at a manageable and intimate number and the level of attendee satisfaction is duplicated from year to year, those who attend will not want to miss out. They will feel a sense of privilege from being one of the small number of people who attend the festival. Over the years, the event will maintain a sense of exclusivity and people will buy their tickets early on to avoid missing out. This could lead to an ‘auction’ or ‘ballot’. At which point the price paid for tickets can be adjusted. It is not unrealistic to think that the small number of tickets released would attract a premium price – that’s if the event represents a quality, exclusive and well programmed festival. The Blues for the Bush has all the hallmarks to create such an event.

Statutory Environment
Nil

Policy Implications
Nil

Financial Implications
Nil

Strategic Implications

Area 1: Infrastructure and Natural Assets - Our Natural and Built Environment

Goal: A community that develops and lives sustainably in a thriving natural and quality built environment, which meets current and future community needs.

Area 2: Industry and Business Development – Our Economy

Goal: Fostering and maximising growth across the economy, embracing opportunities for diversifying and strengthening our economic base.

Area 3: People and place – Our Community

Goal: Demonstrating a high quality of life for all, offering relevant activities, facilities, and services to enable people to meet their needs and achieve their potential

Area 4: Investing in Community Capacity – Civic Leadership

Goal: Supporting community’s strong volunteering culture and supporting community leaders to grow and develop.

Financial commitments will be required in the annual budgets to ensure sufficient funds are available for training and the use of consultants for large projects.

Consultation
Event Attendee’s, Shire CEO, Shire Councillor’s, Bush Heritage Australia.

Comment
The 2013 Blues for the Bush and Community Open Day, was a real success in showcasing the Shire and the unique environment we are lucky enough to be able to enjoy. The aim is to work towards making the event of State Significance, by offering a unique event within the Shire of Perenjori.

**Voting Requirements – Simple Majority**

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**Council resolution – Item 14123.2**

Moved: Cr Butler  
Seconded: Cr Cunningham  
That Council accepts the report for Blues for the Bush for 2014.  
Carried: 7/0
14124 PLANT AND WORKS

14124.1 ROAD MAINTENANCE NOVEMBER 2014

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: R123
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL
AUTHOR: ROB GREEN – WORKS SUPERVISOR
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: KEN MARKHAM – MIS
REPORT DATE: 18 DECEMBER 2014
ATTACHMENTS MAP

Executive Summary
This item seeks council acceptance of the road maintenance report for the month of November 2014.

Background
Listed are the roads graded for the month of November.

- Lochada rd
- Grant rd
- Griffiths rd
- Metcalfe rd
- James rd
- Otte rd
- Tremlett rd
- North rd
- Keogh rd
- Syson rd
- Koolanooka rd
- Maya east rd
- Hirsch rd
- Waddi rd

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 maintenance budget

Strategic Implications
Area 1: Infrastructure and Natural Assets – Our Natural and Built Environment
Goal: A Community that develops and lives sustainably in a thriving natural and quality built environment, which meets current and future community needs.

Consultation
Nil

Comment
The roads graded in November were roads that have had high volumes of traffic due to harvest and contract water cart for Mt Gibson. Some roads were graded at the request of the school bus driver.

**Voting Requirements – Simple Majority**

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Executive Summary

This item seeks Council’s support for the Fair Go for the West Campaign to get a bigger slice of the GST cake for WA.

Background

Melissa Price – Federal Member for Durack is urging Councils across the electorate of Durack to act now to support Western Australia’s federal battle for a fair share of the GST. Currently WA receives just 37 percent of the $6 billion currently paid in GST. Ms Price states within her media release that, “46 local Governments comprise the electorate of Durack”, which she is urging all to support this campaign. Melissa Price sent Council a media release which states:

“THE debate about WA missing out on its fair share of the goods and services tax is not new. But for too long the most important voice in the argument has been silent – the people of WA. One of the reasons for this is that the numbers are often presented in an overly complex and dry fashion.

Some Sandgropers may also be resigned to the fact that nothing can change the GST deal. After all, Premier Colin Barnett has had little success and he has been screaming for action for years now.

Most significantly, until recently WA had the luxury of the mining boom to prop up the state.

So its dismal GST share was not noticeable. But the boom is over and Mr Barnett was sincere this week when he told The Sunday Times that unless action was taken soon, vital services like healthcare and education would be impacted.”

Ms Price is asking Council to act in three ways:

Join the Petition:  http://bitly.com/fairgoforthewest
Call to action: send a note to the community to sign up and invite them to a photo shoot

Send a photo of a work group, community group or family and friends who have signed the petition and the name of your Shire to Ms Price’s media advisor.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Area 5: Investing in Councils Capacity – Our Leadership

Goal: Strengthen the Shire’s position as an innovative, independent local Government providing excellence in all areas of governance, management and leadership.

Consultation

Shire President

Comment

Irrespective of what political party one may support it seems this cause would be of benefit to all and would be appropriate to support.

Voting Requirements - Simple Majority

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VETTI KAKULAS

NOT a single WA Liberal is in the Abbott Ministry willing to back a campaign to win the state billions of dollars more from the goods and services tax.

The names of Julie Bishop, Michael Keenan, Michaelia Cash, David Johnston and Mathias Cormann are conspicuously absent from the list of nearly 9000 West Australians who have now joined the Fair Go for the West campaign. Launched last night in Perth, the campaign urges WA MPs to back a GST increase.

The task in Canberra is to highlight the inequity in West Australians only getting back 37 cents in every dollar of GST they pay and to demonstrate that members of Parliament from all around Australia that maintain a system which so obviously punishes any state that works hard to grow its economy is totally inefficient and hurts the whole country,” Mr Porter, a former WA Treasurer said.

State Labor leader Mark McGowan last night accused any federal Liberal not supporting the campaign of “rolling over” for their mates in Canberra.

“I am especially disappointed with Julie Bishop for failing to do the right thing by WA,” he said.

The Fair Go for the West campaign urged members to cut out a coupon in The Sunday Times or sign an online petition. Now petitions demanding the state get a better GST deal are being sent to Canberra, “I am here at Treasury it will go as fast as 11 per cent,” Mr Bishop, Mr Keenan, Senator Cash and Senator Johnston all refused to explain why they would not join the campaign. Instead, they face Senator Cormann - the Abbott Government Finance Minister and speak for them.

“We understand the strong views in WA about the current effect of GST sharing arrangements,” he said.

“There are a lot of views in different states, equally strongly held and pursued. Ultimately, for any change in the GST to be successful it would need to be supported by all States.”

Yet WA Liberal backbencher Rick Wilson said there was no doubt the GST system was flawed. Like members from other WA Liberal backbenchers, he said a floor price of 75 cents retained for every dollar paid should be established.

GOOMALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE

The residents of the tiny town of Goomalling are on an epic fight to save their community. The central Wheatbelt community’s entire council and its family and friends, have joined our Fair Go for the West campaign to get a bigger slice of the GST cake for WA. Seventy residents signed our petition.

Council chief executive Chris Kury said he was passionate about ensuring the “WA country wasn’t neglected by PM Tony Abbott and Treasurer Joe Hockey.”

“We feel the Sunday Times has been doing such a terrific job and they definitely needed our support. We don’t want only a small country voice,” he said. “There’s no doubt that the allocation of GST revenue collected should be increased dramatically from 37c to a dollar at least.”

Join the petition at http://bit.ly.com/ToggleTheWest

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Price urges Durack shires to act on GST – right now

2 December 2014

Melissa Price, Federal Member for Durack is asking all 44 shire councils as well as the two cities of Karratha and Greater Geraldton that comprise the largest electorate in Australia, Durack, to act now to support Western Australia’s federal battle for a fair share of the GST.

Ms Price congratulated the Shire of Goondiwindi staff members, councillors, families and friends who last week signed up for the Fair Go for the West campaign, to get a bigger slice of the GST cake for WA.

Ms Price wants all 46 local government areas in Durack to follow suit.

“Durack communities from the Kimberley and throughout the Pilbara, Gascoyne, Mid-west and northern Wheatbelt can add some weight to this campaign to address the current inequalities in GST distribution,” Ms Price said.

“My support for WA to get a better share of the GST campaign remains steadfast.

“Whilst I am collaborating with my Western Australian colleagues, Federal MPs and Senators, in Canberra, I think a grass roots campaign across the Durack electorate will really add some momentum to our efforts in Canberra to secure financial prosperity for WA.”

Join the petition: [http://bitly.com/Fairgotherewest](http://bitly.com/Fairgotherewest)

Call to action: send a note to the community to sign up and invite them to a photo shoot.

Send a photo of a work group, community group or family and friends who have signed the petition and the name of your shire to Ms Price’s media advisor – kim.pervan@aph.gov.au

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Executive Summary
This item seeks Council’s endorsement to make a donation to the Ajanabinnu Country Women’s Association for their Food Parcel Project. The project is providing relief for drought-stricken farmers in the lower Gascoyne area.

Background
The Ajanabinnu Country Women’s Association has been raising funds and receiving donations to enable food parcels to be developed and distributed to station owners in the lower Gascoyne area who are experiencing challenges due to drought. The food parcels provide basic food items which assist with reducing food bill costs for many farmers who have been impacted on by the drought.

Much of the inland farming land has been impacted on by drought and fires for the past two years which is impacting severely on the financial situation of many Station owners.

Council adopted a Donations Policy in March 2013 which attends to requests like this which states:

Donations outside Perenjori

Events

There are events which occur in places outside Perenjori which Council determines should be supported by a donation of cash or in-kind. Events such as natural disasters and wars create much human suffering which requires a widespread and concerted aid effort. Whilst the national government and to a lesser extent state governments have greater resources to be able to provide assistance, local government in Perenjori and elsewhere can also play a key role. A cash or in-kind contribution from Council increases the total overall aid effort and also sends a very important message of solidarity and goodwill from the people of Perenjori to those suffering the misfortune.

Cash

Council may resolve to provide any amount it deems reasonable to assist people affected by a national or international event that causing human suffering. It is recommended that an amount of up to $2,000 be considered in such instances. Depending on the total amount of such donations, Council may be required to top up the budget for the program.
Cr King has been made aware of the initiative which is on a very small scale, with eight families receiving assistance at the moment. The families are genuine and whilst appreciating the support feel very uncomfortable with having to need this and thus the efforts have been kept low key. A suicide of a Pastoralist in 2013 from the Gascoyne impacted greatly on the morale of surrounding families with little hope and much despair. Jenny Harris the CWA Coordinator of the initiative stated that, “the mental health and well-being of these families has also improved as a result of the initiative providing the relief as well as the opportunity to gather regularly with neighbours to share their stories”.

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Councils Donations Policy

**Financial Implication:**

Council has a donations account to draw from for this matter.

**Strategic Implications:**

Area 5: Investing in Councils Capacity – Our Leadership

Goal: Strengthen the Shire’s position as a innovative, independent local Government providing Excellence in all areas of governance, management and leadership.

**Consultation:**

Shire President

**Comment:**

The cause is very worthy with opportunity to lend a hand to families needing support particularly during the Christmas period.

**Voting Requirements: - Simple Majority**

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Carried: 7/0
Executive Summary
Council’s endorsement is sought for the signing of the Safety Interface Agreement between Karara Mining Ltd and the Shire of Perenjori.

Background
An interface agreement is a written agreement between the road manager and rail infrastructure manager, which details the management of safety risks at locations where road and railway tracks cross. The agreement can cover one or more level crossings.

The Act places obligations on road managers and rail infrastructure managers to ensure safety risks at each level crossing are identified, assessed, and managed. The Interface Agreement is a formal agreement between both parties on the management of these safety risks.

Parties who unreasonably delay negotiation or refuse to enter an agreement could face penalties from the Rail Safety Regulator.

The Agreement provides outlines the responsibilities of all as follows:

Responsibilities

Where not otherwise subject to separate agreement, the parties agree that each party to this Agreement will have the following responsibilities in respect of the Interfaces specified:

A) Responsibility of the Parties
   i) Organisational responsibilities:

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manner.
- Submit incident reporting as required to the Office of Rail Safety.

| SHIRE OF PERENJORI | • Provide a point of contact for communications with KRPL.  
|                    | • Respond to requests for meetings to discuss matters relating to the rail construction, in a timely manner.  
|                    | • Advise KRPL of any changes to the current Shire of Perenjori contacts.  
|                    | • Advise KRPL of any intended work that may impact on the Railway Reserve. |

Council has an existing agreement with KML which has been in place since March 2012 with this agreement representing the same level of responsibilities as has been agreed to previously. The CEO has checked the existing and proposed new agreements with no implications being identified.

**Strategic Implications**

**Area 5: Investing in Councils Capacity – Our Leadership**

**Goal:** Strengthen the Shire’s position as an innovative, independent local Government providing excellence in all areas of governance, management and leadership.

**Consultation**

KML

**Comment**

Nil

**Voting Requirements – Simple Majority**

**Officers Recommendation – Item 14125.3**


**Council resolution – Item 14125.3**

Moved: Cr Butler  
Seconded: Cr Cunningham


Carried: 7/0
14125.4 YARRA YARRA CATCHMENT REGIONAL COUNCIL – FINAL AUDIT

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: NIL
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL
AUTHOR: ALI MILLS - CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: ALI MILLS - CEO
REPORT DATE: 18 DECEMBER 2014
ATTACHMENTS AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Executive Summary
This item seeks Council’s endorsement of the final audited Financial Report for Yarra Yarra Catchment Regional Council (YYCRC) for the period ended 31st May 2014.

Background
Following a request from YYCRC to assist with their dissolution process by receiving all funds and on completion of the final audit to ensure any remaining funds were distributed as per the Recommendations from the YYCRC meeting held in May 2014. Council considered this request with the following recommendations endorsed at the meeting held on 15th May 2014:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – ITEM 14055.1
 Moved: Cr L Butler Seconded: Cr J Cunningham

That Council:

1. Agree to receive funds from the Yarra Yarra Catchment Regional Council (YYCRC) and to administer these as per the recommendations from the YYCRC;
2. Coordinate the continued process of dissolution for YYCRC as required;
3. Claim the costs incurred by the Shire of Perenjori for the administering of funds of the YYCRC and coordinating the continued dissolution process from the YYCRC funds.

Carried: 8/0

The last minutes of the meeting held of the YYCRC was held on the 20th May 2014 with the following recommendations:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: Moved Cr. Treloar 2nd Cr. Coaker that Council approve by absolute majority that
1. Project Funding $5862.21
The CEO recommendation that this funding be paid to the Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group which the closest aligned community group to continue the work of drain monitoring and data recording as was its original intention.

2. Finalising Project funds $15,080.64
   The CEO recommendation that the funds be paid to the YYCMG to continue the intended project with the aim to publish the results on a dedicated website allowing access by the farming community.

4. Drain Service Fees $14,891.14
   The CEO recommendation that these funds be paid to the Shire of Perenjori Trust Fund to be accessed by the Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group for the purpose of drain maintenance in conjunction with similar works being managed by that group. The Shire of Perenjori to release funds as required by the submission of an invoice from the YYCMG until the funds are extinguished.

5. Transfer to LG $19,850.64
   The CEO recommendation that this residual amount be transferred to the Shire of Perenjori for the purpose of completing the final audit of the defunct YYCRC and to distribute any residual funds after that to the Participating Local Governments on the following ratio Morawa 40.29%, Perenjori 45.68% and Three Springs 14.03%.

Carried by absolute majority 3/0

The following Income and Expenditure Statement, provides details of income and expenditure since the last meeting of the YYCRC.

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Statutory Environment
Nil

Policy Implications
Nil

Financial Implications
Costs have been incurred to administer any left-over funds and arrange for work to be completed. This amount was estimated at $5,000. There would be insufficient funds to cover this amount so the left over figure of $3,851.82 has been applied.

Strategic Implications

Area 1: Infrastructure and Natural Assets - Our Natural and Built Environment

Goal: A community that develops and lives sustainably in a thriving natural and quality built environment, which meets current and future community needs.

Consultation
Executive officer - YYCRC

Comment
Nil

Voting Requirements – Absolute Majority

Officers Recommendation – Item 14125.4

That Council:
That Council by absolute majority and by virtue of section 5.54 of the Local Government Act 1995 resolves to:

1. Adopt the 2013/2014 Financial Report for the financial period ending 30 June 2014 on behalf of and for the Yarra Yarra Catchment Regional Council as presented and attached.
2. Endorse the income and expenditure statement as presented and request the CEO to forward this to previous YYCRC members;
3. Request the CEO to write to the YYCMG regarding the drainage fees and opportunity for invoice/s to be presented for any works on drainage that has occurred.

Council resolution – Item 14125.4

Moved: Cr Butler Seconded: Cr Wass

That Council:
That Council by absolute majority and by virtue of section 5.54 of the Local Government Act 1995 resolves to:

5. Endorse the income and expenditure statement as presented and request the CEO
to forward this to previous YYCRC members;

6. Request the CEO to write to the YYCMG regarding the drainage fees and opportunity for invoice/s to be presented for any works on drainage that has occurred.

Carried: 7/0 by absolute majority

Cr Cunningham declared a financial interest in Item 14125.5 as the development would occur on land owned by him. Cr Cunningham left the meeting at 2:26 PM and did not participate in the discussion and did not vote on the item.

### 14125.5 ABENGOA – PERENJORI SOLAR PLANT PROJECT, LETTER OF SUPPORT

**APPLICANT:** SHIRE OF PERENJORI  
**FILE:** NIL  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** NIL  
**AUTHOR:** ALI MILLS - CEO  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** ALI MILLS - CEO  
**REPORT DATE:** 18 DECEMBER 2014  
**ATTACHMENTS** EMAIL

**Executive Summary**

This item seeks Council’s endorsement to provide a letter of support to Abengoa to assist them with their funding applications to the Federal and State Governments.

**Background**

Abengoa have presented to Council their concept proposal for the development of a solar energy plant on rural land in Perenjori. The following provides brief information about the Company and the project;

**Abengoa Solar** – Global leader in solar thermal project development, with strong track record in successfully implemented solar thermal power projects (1.5 GW currently in operation worldwide). Major solar thermal technology developer, with key expertise in molten salt storage. Project development and participation in the project will be through Abengoa Solar’s Australian subsidiary Abengoa Solar Power Australia.

**NP Partners / WestGen** – leading developers of renewable energy projects in Australia, with particular focus in WA.

**CSIRO** – Australia’s national science agency and a world leader in high temperature solar thermal R&D. Licensor of proprietary heliostat technology.

**Institute of Sustainable Futures (UTS)** – leading Australian research institute, with expertise in network, social and environmental benefits of concentrated solar thermal power.

**Project Description**
The project will comprise a 20 MWe solar thermal power plant with tower technology and a molten-salt thermal energy storage system which would be integrated into the north-eastern fringe of WA’s South Western Interconnected System (SWIS).

The project will be the one of the first solar thermal power plants in the southern hemisphere to deliver dispatchable power from thermal storage, and will provide an opportunity for commercialisation of CSIRO’s heliostat technology, which has been developed at pilot scale in Newcastle. The heliostat field of the power plant will be made up of over 230,000 m² of heliostats and will occupy a ground area of approx. 100 ha and concentrate the sunlight to a high temperature receiver located at the top of a tower at a height of 90 m.

They are in the process of seeking funds through the Federal Governments Alternative Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA). Abengoa are seeking a letter of support which also attends to the matter of zoning. Abengoa have advised they have approval from the Environment Protection Authority for the concept development.

Advice has been sought from the City Of Greater Geraldton, Planning Department to assist with understanding the options Council may have in dealing with such a development.

The Town Planning Scheme 2 provides the ability to deal with such a different development as a ‘use not listed’ under clause 4.4.2. Based on this clause Council can determine whether the use is consistent with the Rural zone objectives in 4.2 which state:

**Rural zone**

The objectives are:

- To provide for a range of rural pursuits that are compatible with the capability of the land and retain the rural character and amenity of the locality.
- To protect land from urban uses that may jeopardise the future use of that land for other planned purposes that are compatible with the zoning.
- To protect the land from closer development that would detract from the rural character and amenity of the area.
- To prevent any development that may affect the viability of a holding.
- To encourage small scale, low impact tourist accommodation in rural locations.
- To encourage a diversification of rural activities that will reduce the dependency of the rural sector on traditional crops.
- To support mining activities where an environmental management plan has been prepared and is acceptable to the Council and EPA.
- To preclude the disposal of used tyres or any other material that may be detrimental to the quality of the land.

Parts a and b of 4.4.2 means that Council can either choose to determine the use as consistent and permitted, or can choose to advertise it. 4.4.2 states the following:
4.4.2 If a person proposes to carry out on land any use that is not specifically mentioned in the Permissibility Table and cannot reasonably be determined as falling within the type, class or genus of activity of any other use category the local government may - (a) determine that the use is consistent with the objectives of the particular zone and is therefore permitted; (b) determine that the use may be consistent with the objectives of the particular zone and thereafter follow the advertising procedures of clause 9.4 in considering an application for planning approval; or (c) determine that the use is not consistent with the objectives of the particular zone and is therefore not permitted.

Abengoa are seeking a letter of support from Council which indicates a re-zoning process would not be required, as ARENA are indicating they would require the project to proceed promptly once funding has been secured. In order to do this the following wording is suggested;

*The proposed ‘Perenjori Solar Power Station Project’ is not consistent with a use currently listed in the Shire of Perenjori Local Planning Scheme No. 2 (“the Scheme”) however clause 4.4.2 of the Scheme does allow for the Shire to consider a use not specifically mentioned in the Zoning Table if it is determined to be consistent with the objective of the particular zone.*

*The Shire considers that the proposed use is consistent with the objectives of the ‘Rural’ zone stated in clause 4.2 and therefore determines that there is sufficient scope to consider an application for the ‘Perenjori Solar Power Station Project’ within the ‘Rural’ zone.*

**Statutory Environment**

Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme 2

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Strategic Implications:**

Area 5: Investing in Councils Capacity – Our Leadership

Goal: Strengthen the Shire’s position as an innovative, independent local Government providing excellence in all areas of governance, management and leadership.

Area 1: Infrastructure and Natural Assets - Our Natural and Built Environment

Goal: A community that develops and lives sustainably in a thriving natural and quality built environment, which meets current and future community needs.
Consultation:
City of Greater Geraldton
Planning Commission
Abengoa

Comment:
At this stage Abengoa are requesting a letter of support and have not presented a Development Application, which is being planned to happen once funding is secured. It seems the development can be accommodated however will require Council consideration and potentially an advertising period to ensure there is no opposition to the project.

Voting Requirements – Simple Majority

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Cr Cunningham returned to the meeting at 2:28 PM
Perenjori 20MW Dispatchable Solar Tower Project

Project Participants

Abengoa Solar – Global leader in solar thermal project development, with strong track record in successfully implemented solar thermal power projects (1.5 GW currently in operation worldwide). Major solar thermal technology developer, with key expertise in molten salt storage. Project development and participation in the project will be through Abengoa Solar’s Australian subsidiary Abengoa Solar Power Australia.

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Project Description

The project will comprise a 20 MW capacity solar thermal power plant with tower technology and a molten-salt thermal energy storage system which would be integrated into the north-eastern fringe of WA’s South Western Interconnected System (SWIS).

The project will be the one of the first solar thermal power plants in the southern hemisphere to deliver dispatchable power from thermal storage, and will provide an opportunity for commercialization of CSIRO’s heliostat technology, which has been developed at pilot scale in Newcastle. The heliostat field of the power plant will be made up of over 230,000 m2 of heliostats and will occupy a ground area of approx. 100 ha and concentrate the sunlight to a high temperature receiver located at the top of a tower at a height of 90 m.

Energy Output

The 20 MW capacity CSP plant with storage will be sufficient to generate approximately 85 GWh of electricity each year, enough electricity to power over 13,000 Australian homes and reduce GHG emissions by 85,000 tonnes per year.
Project Location and Benefits

The project location near Perenjori in Western Australia’s Mid West region has been selected on the basis of the following key criteria:

- Ideal site for the proposed plant, including world class direct solar irradiation;
- Fringe of grid connection will provide significant network benefits;
- Proposed off-lake arrangements include a combination of an electricity retailer and potentially a large iron ore mining operation with suitable load requirements;
- WA Government is supportive of such activity;
- Strong demand for peak and especially shoulder generation;
- Excellent prospects for further roll-out of solar thermal power generation with storage in end of grid and off-grid applications, with an emphasis on powering the mining sector.

Project Rationale

The Perenjori Dispatchable Solar Thermal Project has been configured for maximum reliability; a minimum efficient nameplate capacity and optimum capacity factor; and using technology which promises the steepest cost reduction pathway.

1) **Repeatability**

The Project promises the widest possible replicability and relevant learning for future CSP project applications. This is due to its configuration as a dispatchable solar power plant, and its location at the coincidence of medium scale grid connected, large scale grid connected and off grid/mining segments.

2) **Plant Capacity**

A plant capacity of circa 20 MWe has been selected for the project as being a logical minimum capacity for a CSP plant. Capacities smaller than 20MWe show sharply higher specific levelised cost of electricity whilst the economy of scale for higher capacities is more gradual and hence less significant.

3) **Dispatchability**

The Project includes a thermal energy storage (TES) system which will allow the CSP plant to generate electricity when needed, for example to match the evening peak demand on the SWIS. As a dispatchable renewable energy generation plant, the Project provides the benefits of firm capacity to the local transmission network, and will qualify for capacity credits set by the market operator.

4) **Pathway to Cost Reduction**

Towers with molten salt show the highest potential for cost reduction of the three compared technologies: parabolic trough, linear fresnel and tower. This is due to the higher concentration ratio of the sunlight, which allows higher temperatures and results in a higher conversion efficiency and lower specific storage costs.

Status

The proponents are currently undertaking a feasibility study, with ARENA support, and expect to submit a full application to ARENA for project funding in due course. The project should be ready to start construction by end of 2015, and start generating dispatchable solar power in early 2018.

Contact:

James Harding  
Abengoa Solar Power Australia  
james.harding@solar.abengoa.com

Richard Harris  
WetGen  
richard.harris@wetgen.com.au

Wes Stein  
CSIRO  
Wes.Stein@csiro.au
Executive Summary

This item seeks Council’s endorsement of the application for funding to the MidWest Development Commission (MWDC) Regional Grant Scheme 2014/15.

Background

Funding was advertised on the 31st October 2014 with a total of $1.1 million allocated to Mid-West Development Commission for this Regional Grants Scheme and associated administration for the year 2015.

Regional Grants Scheme ($20,001 to $300,000)

The current round of contestable funding will open on 31 October 2014 and close at 4.00pm on 11 December 2014.

The primary objective of the Regional Grants Scheme is to improve economic and community infrastructure and services in the Mid-West Region through funding projects that will assist in attracting investment and increasing jobs or help to improve the quality of life in the region.

Funding is available to assist the development of infrastructure, services and community projects, and to assist in the broad development of the community, including the establishment of services and programs. Funding is intended to support the development of resilient communities and contribute to regional areas being vibrant and interesting places in which to live.

The Regional Grants Scheme’s broad objectives are to:
1. Increase capacity for local strategic planning and decision-making.
2. Retain and build the benefits of regional communities.
3. Promote relevant and accessible local services.
4. Assist communities to plan for a sustainable economic and social future.
5. Enable communities to expand social and economic opportunities.
6. Assist regional communities to prosper through increased employment opportunities, business and industry development opportunities, and improved local services.

In line with the Mid West Blueprint and the Shires Community Strategic Plan an application has been prepared to provide two x two bed and one bath units for seniors on the vacant Russell Street block adjacent to Council’s existing two units.

A Seniors survey was conducted to ascertain the potential numbers of seniors needing housing in the coming 10 years and beyond. Council’s Community Development Officer with the support of other staff managed to interview 42 seniors to inform them of this project and to seek their views and their housing needs. The results of these are attached.
The total project cost comes to $528,082 including the value of the land. The application presents this project as a three way partnership with the MWDC and the Department of Housing. The total contribution with these contributions would result in $171,894 contribution from the Shire. The Department of Housing (DOH) and MWDC will be requested to commit $170,594 each and the land value of $13,500 is an in-kind contribution by the Shire.

If the DOH does not contribute the amount or contributes less and the Council continues with the project, the Council will be expected to provide this difference either through a loan or through the budget to enable the project to proceed. Alternatively the project is abandoned until such time funds can be secured for this project.

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

$171,894 would need to be allocated in Councils 2015/16 budget

**Strategic Implications:**

Area 3: People and place – Our Community

Goal: Demonstrating a high quality of life for all, offering relevant activities, facilities, and services to enable people to meet their needs and achieve their potential.

**Consultation:**

Department of Housing
MWDC
Left of Centre Concepts
Local seniors

**Comment:**

At this stage Abengoa are requesting a letter of support and have not presented a Development Application, which is being planned to happen once funding is secured. It seems the development can be accommodated however will require Council consideration and potentially and advertising period to ensure there is no opposition to the project.

**Voting Requirements: Simple Majority**

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Shire of Perenjori
Ordinary Council Meeting
MINUTES
18th December 2014

Council resolution – Item 14125.6
Moved: Cr Desmond  Seconded: Cr Wass

That Council;

1. Endorse the application for funding to the MWDC Regional Grant Scheme for two senior units to be constructed to provide affordable and accessible housing for local seniors.

2. Allocate a minimum of $171,894 in the 2015/16 budget for this project.

Carried: 7/0

14125.7  DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: NIL
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL
AUTHOR: ALI MILLS - CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: ALI MILLS - CEO
REPORT DATE: 18 DECEMBER 2014
ATTACHMENTS ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Summary

The Annual Report for the 2013/2014 financial year is presented for Council’s endorsement, along with the proposed date for the annual electors meeting.

Background

An Annual Report is required to be produced every year after the audit has been completed and upon receipt of the Audit Report.

The 2013/2014 Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with Section 5.53 of the Local Government Act and includes the audited Annual Financial Report.

The Annual Report highlights the Shire of Perenjori achievements in 2013/2014. There was a delay in the finalisation of the financial reports due to the requirement to provide certified valuations for Shire properties and infrastructure. This has been completed and provided to the Auditors as required.

For statutory compliance a local government must:

- If the Auditors Report is not available in time for the annual report to be accepted by 31 December, the annual report is to be accepted no later than 2 months after the auditor’s report becomes available.
- Advertise the availability of the annual report
- The date of the Annual Electors Meeting is also required to be set. This meeting must be held within 56 days of acceptance of the Annual Report, which is by 13th February 2015.
• It is proposed that the annual meeting of Electors be held at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 21\textsuperscript{st} January 2015.
• Fourteen days public notice of the meeting is also required.

The Shire is required to prepare annual financial statements by 30\textsuperscript{th} September and the auditor is to prepare a report in respect of the Financial Statements by 31\textsuperscript{st} December each year.

In general terms the audit demonstrated considerable improvement in internal management practices and more systematic control and accountability over the financial processes. There were only two issues noted by the auditors one of which is a matter of excessive staff leave which has accrued over time. Both matters raised by the auditors have been addressed.

**Statutory Environment**
Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.53 & 5.5.4

**Policy Implications**
Nil

**Financial Implications**
Nil

**Strategic Implications**
Area 5: Investing in Councils Capacity – Our Leadership

*Goal:* Strengthen the Shire’s position as an innovative, independent local Government providing excellence in all areas of governance, management and leadership

**Consultation**
RSM Bird Cameron
Megan Shirt – Consultant
CEO
MCDS
SFO

**Comment**
The annual report provides the opportunity for the Shire to summarise for the community the achievements of the Local Government and provide for the community the outcome of the annual audit.

**Voting Requirements – Absolute Majority**

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Council resolution – Item 14125.7

Moved: Cr Butler  Seconded: Cr Waterhouse

That Council by absolute majority and by virtue of section 5.54 of the Local Government Act 1995 resolves to:

3. Adopt the 2013/2014 Annual Report for the financial period ending 30 June 2014 for the Shire of Perenjori as presented and attached; and

4. Confirm the date for the Annual Electors Meeting for Thursday 5th February 2015 and authorise the statutory advertising.

Carried: 7/0 by absolute majority

14126 PROJECT STATUS REPORT

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: NIL
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL
AUTHOR: ALI MILLS – CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: ALI MILLS – CEO
REPORT DATE: 18 DECEMBER 2014
ATTACHMENTS PROJECT STATUS REPORT

SUMMARY

The project status report is provided to Council in order that actionable items are recorded and results reported to council. Although this is information only, the project status report is to be accepted by Council and recorded in the minutes to ensure councils are kept informed on the progress of the work undertaken by the Shire of Perenjori.

Officers Recommendation – Item 14126

That Council accepts the Project Status Report as presented for November 2014.

Council Resolution – Item 14126

Moved: Cr Butler  Seconded: Cr Desmond

That Council accepts the Project Status Report as presented for November 2014.

Carried: 7/0
14127 STATUS REPORT

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: NIL
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL
AUTHOR: ALI MILLS – CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: ALI MILLS – CEO
REPORT DATE: 18 DECEMBER 2014
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Officers Recommendation – Item 14127

That Council accepts the Status Report as presented for November 2014.

Council Resolution – Item 14127

Moved: Cr Cunningham
Seconded: Cr Waterhouse

That Council accepts the Status Report as presented for November 2014.

Carried: 7/0

14128 OTHER BUSINESS

14128.1 MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

14128.2 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

14128.3 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

A motion was called to deal with the Late Items

Moved: Cr Reid
Seconded: Cr Butler

Moved that Council accepts the later items for deliberation and decisions.

Carried: 7/0

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**Executive Summary**

This item seeks Council’s support for the Wheatbelt Railway Retention Alliance (WRRA) in pressuring the State Government to amend its leases to Brookfield Rail which allow Brookfield’s to close rail lines and not hand them back to the State.

**Background**

The State Government is due to respond to the Economics and Industry Standing Committee Report which was tabled on 16th October, 2014. The State Government needs to respond to this Report within 90 days of it being tabled and that period is due to expire by 15th January 2015.

The report outcomes are critical regarding the Rail Freight Lease Agreement and it needs to be made clear to the State Government that keeping grain on rail is a critical issue for the State. The most significant impediment to this happening is the changes that have been made to the lease agreement giving Brookfield the ability to close lines and not hand them back to the State. The WRRA is clear in that the Lease to Brookfield is flawed and is a significant problem the State Government needs to rectify.

Correcting the flaw in the lease agreement needs to be part of the State Governments response to the Industry Standing Committee Report.

As a means of solidarity and to apply pressure to the State Government the WRRA suggests that local governments (and individuals) ensure the State is made aware of the importance of this matter by adopting one or more of the following actions:

1) **The Moora brick campaign.** They handed over 6 bricks. We need a different person each time with a consistent message, with media coverage. A piece of rail line or rail sleeper about brick size would be needed with a letter. We would need to decide upon the message in the letter that would also resonate with the city e.g. “Return WA tax payer asset “our rail” to Western Australians”. This could be commenced immediately; we need 3 or 4 volunteers from different areas.

2) **Christmas Letter to the Premier:** We have been told by a politician that we should get everyone to write hand written individual letters to the Premier. We need a big pile of letters before the Government Response. I’m told template letters do not work. We could quickly promote this on Facebook, through Radio, local newsletters etc. We could ask people to do one more Christmas letter to the Premier. They can be short – “Give Us Back Our Rail” type messages. Local Governments; WA Farmers; Alarming Farming, social media could assist in
encouraging people to write letters. The lease affects the entire state’s economy; this is not just a Tier 3 issue.

3) **Rally in Perth People and Trucks**: Could Shires indicate if they would support assisting to get say 3 or 4 trucks per Shire for a truck rally if Government response is not good? It is too hard to do this at short notice. We need to get indication of support now. Do you support a rally to show support in the city similar to the Live Export Rally? This could be done in conjunction with a convoy of trucks. We anticipate that we would need to warn via the media that if the response to the Report is unacceptable we will take action. There are no adversaries to keeping grain on rail, in reality the problem is just the changes that have been made to the lease agreement giving Brookfield the ability to close the lines and not hand them back. The Lease is the problem. It is up to Government to rectify the problem.

4) **Signs on Shire Boundaries**: Another thought was for every shire to put a sign on their boundaries Save our Rail; Save our Roads; Save Lives; or some such slogan.

As WRRA requests urgent feedback from the Shire on this matter and notification of the support it may want to provide to the WRRA.

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Strategic Implications**

Area 5: Investing in Councils Capacity – Our Leadership

Goal: Strengthen the Shire’s position as an innovative, independent local Government providing excellence in all areas of governance, management and leadership.

**Consultation**

Shire President

CEO

**Comment**

The effect of the closure of tier 3 rail lines has had an adverse financial and social impact on the grain industry and subsidiary employment in wheatbelt areas affected. The ability of a lease holder of State owned assets to take control of the asset as allowed in this lease agreement should also be of concern to all West Australians.

**Voting Requirements - Simple Majority**

**Officers Recommendation – Item 14128.4**

That Council support the Wheatbelt Rail Retention Alliance and advise the WRRA of its support and also advise the WRRA of the action/s it will take in visible support for the intentions of the WRRA.
Council resolution – Item 14128.4

Moved: Cr Reid  
Seconded: Cr Wass

That Council support the Wheatbelt Rail Retention Alliance and advise the WRRA of its support and also advise the WRRA of the intention to erect visible support signs on the Shire boundaries.

Carried: 7/0

Attachment

Wheatbelt Railway Retention Alliance

Save Grain on Rail

Communication for Local Government requesting feedback:

There has been a great deal of information out there regarding The Rail Freight Lease Agreement, the Report, its Findings, Recommendations and various revelations.

The Government has 90 days to respond to the Economics and Industry Standing Committee Report, which was tabled 16th October, 2014. A response therefore is expected around 14th January.

It is imperative that we continue the pressure to ensure that the Government knows this issue will not go away. WRRA is 4 years old this month; we have shown we will last the distance.

It would be appreciated if Local Government would consider the following points at their meetings. It is important to have a ground swell of support and unity on this issue if we are to get a common sense outcome.

We need to have a plan in place now. It takes too long to prepare otherwise, plus Christmas New Year and holidays will bring things to a halt.

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The Moora Brick person I spoke to said it is necessary to embarrass Government into action. I gather the Labor Government had to comply with the Moora Hospital request as the media embarrassment was too much.

Your feedback on these issues or any other ideas would be appreciated as soon as possible, time is short.

Kind Regards,

Greg Richards WRRA Chairman
P 96 466208; M 0427 466208

Jane Fuchsbichler WRRA Coordinator
P 90 469050; M 0427 469050

8th December 2014
Executive Summary

This item seeks the Council’s confirmation of the CEO’S delegated authority to negotiate with Mt Gibson Mining to achieve the best possible outcomes for the continued maintenance and preservation of Wanara Road.

Background

Council has an existing Public Road Access Agreement with Mount Gibson Mining which provides the details for the continued maintenance of Wanara Road including details of the standard of road expected at handover.

Mount Gibson have contracted a company being WML Consultants who have prepared a Draft Five Year Plan for Wanara Road. The report contains details of the plan with the following headings included:

- Sealed road maintenance planning
- Pavement management system
- Draft maintenance strategy
- Priorities

The priorities for 2014/2015

The immediate priority for road maintenance in 2014/2015 is to seal the critical section of the road. In this case the highest priority should be given to:

- Ongoing pothole repair.
- Repair of the 4 defects listed in Section 5.2 – pre seal repairs.
- The sealing of sections where the pothole repair frequency is the highest, as advised by the Shire maintenance personnel conduction the repairs, MGM staff observations, the URS report and a visual site inspection.

As advised in Section 4.2 – 14mm Seal; the sections programmed to be sealed next summer (2015/2016) will continue to be managed by ongoing repair works, particularly after rain.

The Councils Shire President and CEO met with Mount Gibson’s Infrastructure Manager regarding the Plan with the request for the works to commence in January 2015. It was explained that this Plan needed to be discussed with Council before approval could be given.

The opportunity exists to support this process with Council requesting the CEO to continue negotiations with Mount Gibson Mining to ensure the Wanara Road is maintained to a safe and acceptable standard. This will allow works to occur in January 2015 as planned as Council
does not have a Council meeting scheduled in January that would enable further discussion by Council within the necessary time frame.

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Strategic Implications**

**Area 5: Investing in Councils Capacity – Our Leadership**

Goal: Strengthen the Shire’s position as an innovative, independent local Government providing excellence in all areas of governance, management and leadership.

**Area 1: Infrastructure and Natural Assets – Our Natural and Built environment**

Goal: A community that develops and lives sustainably in a thriving natural and quality built environment, which meets current and future community needs.

**Consultation**

Shire President
Mount Gibson Mining

**Comment**

This is a sensible approach to enable planned works to continue in January 2015 with the authority of the CEO to negotiate appropriate action that will achieve positive outcomes.

**Voting Requirements - Simple Majority**

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**Carried: 7/0**
Executive Summary
This item seeks Council’s endorsement to delegate decision making authority to the CEO to negotiate Road Access Agreements for any local roads impacted on by the water pipeline project.

Background
Council has been aware of Mount Gibson Mining’s (MGM) intention to establish a pipeline to transport water from the source (P Bstry property) to the rail siding off Wanara road. Progress has been made and agreements to access the road reserves will be required in order to accommodate the pipeline. To enable this to progress Council can delegate authority to the CEO to allow the agreements to be finalised.

Statutory Environment
Local Government Act, 1995
Part 5 – Administration, Division 4 – Local government Employees
5.42 Delegation of some powers and duties to CEO
(1) A local government may delegate* to the CEO the exercise of any of its powers or the discharge of any of its duties under this Act other than those referred to in section 5.43.
* Absolute majority required.

Policy Implications
Nil

Financial Implications
Nil

Strategic Implications
Area 5: Investing in Councils Capacity – Our Leadership
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Area 1: Infrastructure and Natural Assets – our natural and Built Environment
Goal: A community that develops and lives sustainably in a thriving natural and quality built environment, which meets current and future community needs.

Consultation
Shire President
Mount Gibson Mining
Comment
This is a sensible approach to enable planned works to continue in January 2015 by delegating authority to the CEO to negotiate appropriate action to achieve positive outcomes.

Voting Requirements – Absolute Majority

Officers Recommendation – Item 14128.6
That Council delegates authority to the CEO to negotiate with Mount Gibson Mining for the establishment of agreements for MGM’S water pipeline project.

Cr Cunningham declared proximity interest in this item as it traverses near his property. With the agreement of the Council he remained in the meeting and voted on the item.

Officers Recommendation – Item 14128.6
Moved: Cr Wass Seconded: Cr Reid
That Council delegates authority to the CEO to negotiate with Mount Gibson Mining for the establishment of agreements for MGM’S water pipeline project.

Carried: 7/0

14128.7 MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

14128.8 CONFIDENTIAL – RESULTS OF EOI FOR BANKING SERVICES

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERNJORI
FILE: NIL
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL
AUTHOR: PETER MONEY - MCDS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: PETER MONEY - MCDS
REPORT DATE: 18 DECEMBER 2014
ATTACHMENTS SUMMARY OF BANKING SUBMISSIONS 2014

Voting Requirements – Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation – Item 14128.8
That Council;
Retains the services of the current banking service provider as they present the best value for money.

The CEO advise the submitters of the outcome of the expressions of interest in accordance with regulation 24 of the LG (Functions & General) Regulations.
Council resolution – Item 14128.8

Moved: Cr Wass  
Seconded: Cr Desmond

That Council;
Retains the services of the current banking service provider as they present the best value for money.
The CEO advise the submitters of the outcome of the expressions of interest in accordance with regulation 24 of the LG (Functions & General) Regulations.

Carried: 7/0

14128.9  CONFIDENTIAL – PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF SHIRE PROPERTIES

APPLICANT:  SHIRE OF PERENJORI  
FILE:  ADM 0110 – ADM 0117  
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:  NIL  
AUTHOR:  PETER MONEY - MCDS  
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:  PETER MONEY - MCDS  
REPORT DATE:  18 DECEMBER 2014  
ATTACHMENTS:  NIL

Voting Requirements – Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation – Item 14128.9

That Council authorises the disposal of two properties in accordance with the s3.58 of the Local Government Act.

Council resolution – Item 14128.9

Moved: Cr Reid  
Seconded: Cr Cunningham

That Council authorises the disposal of two properties in accordance with the s3.58 of the Local Government Act.

Carried: 7/0

14128.10  DATE OF NEXT MEETING / MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on the 19th February 2015 at 1.30pm.

14128.11  CLOSURE

Cr King closed the meeting at 3:19 PM