



Shire of
Perenjori
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Shire of Perenjori – Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Thursday 21st July 2022



NOTICE OF AN ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Dear Council Member,

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Perenjori will be held on Thursday 21st July 2022 in the Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers, 56 Fowler Street, Perenjori WA 6620, commencing at 3:00 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Anderson', is positioned above the typed name.

Mr Paul Anderson

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: 5th July 2022

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Council Roles

Advocacy:

When Council advocates on its own behalf or on behalf of its community to another level of government /body /agency.

Executive/Strategic:

The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council e.g. Adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets.

Legislative:

Includes adopting local laws, town planning schemes and policies.

Review:

When Council reviews decisions made by Officers.

Quasi-Judicial:

When Council determines an application/matter that directly affects a person's rights and interests. The Judicial character arises from the obligations to abide by the principles of natural justice.

Examples of Quasi-Judicial authority include town planning applications, building licences, applications for other permits/licences (e.g.: under Health Act, Dog Act or Local Laws) and other decisions that may be appealable to the State Administrative Tribunal.

Disclaimer

"Any statement, comment or decision made at a Council or Committee meeting regarding any application for an approval, consent or licence, including a resolution of approval, is not effective as an approval of any application and must not be relied upon as such.

Any person or entity that has an application before the Shire must obtain, and should only rely on, written notice of the Shire's decision and any conditions attaching to the decision and cannot treat as an approval anything said or done at a Council or Committee meeting.

Any advice provided by an employee of the Shire on the operation of a written law, or the performance of a function by the Shire, is provided in the capacity of an employee, and to the best of that person's knowledge and ability. It does not constitute, and should not be relied upon, as a legal advice or representation by the Shire. Any advice on a matter of law, or anything sought to be relied upon as a representation by the Shire should be sought in writing and should make clear the purpose of the request."

Shire of Perenjori

Minutes for the Shire of Perenjori Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 21st July 2022, at the Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers, 56 Fowler Street, Perenjori WA 6620, commencing at 3:00 pm.

1. Declaration of Opening/Announcement Of Visitors:

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 3.02pm and welcomed those in attendance.

Welcome to Country: -

As per the Shire of Perenjori Policy (N^o 1021) we wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which the Shire of Perenjori is situated and to demonstrate respect for the original custodians.

Therefore, I respectfully acknowledge the past and present custodians of the land on which we are meeting, the Badymia people.

I also acknowledge the pioneers who settled this country, developed the land and turned it into the productive country that we know today, allowing us to enjoy the lifestyle to which we have become accustomed.

2. Opening Prayer:

The Shire President read the opening prayer.

3. Disclaimer Reading:

As printed.

4. Record of Attendance/Apologies/Leave of Absence:

4.1 Attendance:

Members:

Cr Chris King (Shire President)
Cr Jude Sutherland (Deputy President)
Cr Daniel Bradford
Cr Colin Bryant
Cr Andrew Fraser
Cr Leslie Hepworth
Cr Dael Sparkman

Staff:

Paul Anderson (CEO)
Nola Comerford (MCCS)
Neville Binning (MIS)
Elinor Pitts (EA)

Distinguished Visitors:

Nil

Members of The Public:

Paddy King

Leave of Absence:

Nil

Apologies:

Nil

5. Public Question Time:

5.1 Response to Questions Taken on Notice:

Nil

5.2 Questions Without Notice:

Nil

6. Applications for Leave of Absence:

6.1 Application/s for Leave of Absence: Nil

7. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

7.1 Ordinary Meeting Held on 16 June 2022

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.1

Moved: Cr Sutherland

Seconded: Cr Bryant

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16th June 2022, be confirmed as true and correct subject to no / the following corrections.

Motion put and carried 7/0

7.2 Special Meeting Held on 30 June 2022

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.2

Moved: Cr Hepworth

Seconded: Cr Fraser

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 30th June 2022, be confirmed as true and correct subject to no / the following corrections.

Motion put and carried 7/0

8. Announcements by Presiding Member Without Discussion:

Nil

9. Petitions/Deputations/Presentations:

Nil

10. Announcements of Matters for Which Meeting May Be Closed:

Matters Behind Closed Doors

In accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, the meeting is closed to the members of the public for this item as the following sub-section applied:

A matter that if disclosed, would reveal –

Information that has a commercial value to a person; or

Information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person.

11. Declaration of Interest:

"Members should fill in Disclosure of Interest forms for items in which they have a financial, proximity or impartiality interest and forward these to the Presiding Member before the meeting commences."

Cr King declared a proximity interest in agenda item 13.2, pursuant to Sections 5.60B of the Local Government Act 1995, due to being the landowner of the adjoining property. Cr King left the council chambers and did not participate in discussion or voting of the item.

12. Finance:

12.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2022

Applicant:	Shire of Perenjori
File:	ADM 0082
Date:	12 th July 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Author:	Glenn Nordsvan, Accwest Pty Ltd
Responsible Officer:	Paul Anderson - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for June 2022

Summary

This item recommends that Council receive the Financial Activity Statements for the period ending 30 June 2022.

Background

Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 requires local governments to prepare a Monthly Statement of Financial Activity.

Statutory Environment

Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 requires local governments to prepare a Monthly Statement of Financial Activity.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Consultation

Nil.

Financial Implications

Shown in the attached data.

Strategic Community Plan

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.

Officer Comment

Before considering the results, it needs to be noted that a number of normal month end transaction processes had not been undertaken at the time this report was prepared. These include administration allocation, plant allocations and depreciation. For the purposes of year-end financial reporting, these are normally undertaken when all other year transaction processing is finalised. The final result will be confirmed post the audit of the financial statements.

The year closing surplus to 30 June is \$4,772,000 against a budgeted surplus of \$711,000. This surplus is notionally deceiving as the State Government transferred 75% of its 2022-23 financial assistance grants (totalling \$2.125m) to the Shire in April 2022.

After eliminating this early receipt and non-cash items:

- YTD operating revenues are \$700,000 better than budget
- YTD operating expenses are \$578,000 lower than budget.

The net YTD deficit from capital activities is \$1,275,000 lower than the amended budget with the capital spend being \$1,236,000 lower than the budget.

The carried forward surplus is \$4,772,000.

Key operating variances are the result of:

- These grants are untied and are recognised as revenue when they are received, not when they are consumed
- June depreciation has not yet been run. The impact of this will be around \$300,000 on operating expenses with no impact on the carried forward surplus
- The CESM recoveries from DFES and other shires \$47,000 better than budget
- Council housing rental income is \$60,000 better than budget due to rehousing of community members whose properties were damaged by Cyclone Seroja.
- Caravan Park income of \$67,000 better than budget.
- Private works, scrap metal sales and plant hire income \$31,000 better than budget.
- Net savings in governance related expenses for members, legal fees, audit fees and ICT expenses of \$71,000
- Childhood related costs \$59,000 lower than budget.
- Housing costs \$90,000 worse than budget, with some of this being offset by insurance recoveries recognised as revenue
- Community Amenities expenditure is under the year-to-date budget by \$213,000. The main contributor to this amount is the delayed underground power project for Fowler Street by Western Power, along with projects including:
 - Main street public ablutions renovations
 - Transfer station
 - Aboriginal History
 - Cemetery upgrades
- Recreation and Culture expenses are less than budget by \$90,000 with much of this relating to building maintenance.
- Other Property and Services expenditure \$72,000 worse than budget with unbudgeted workers compensation and maternity leave contributing. Many of these costs are offset by insurance revenue.

Non-operating capital grants have moved close to budget with milestone payments now being received. Unbudgeted revenue of \$138,000 from DFES has been received to purchase 4 caravans.

Infrastructure expenditure is under the year-to-date budget by \$900,000, with the main contributor being capital road expenditure.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.3

Moved: Cr Bryant

Seconded: Cr Sutherland

That the Monthly Financial Report to 30 June 2022 as attached be received.

Motion put and carried 7/0

12.2 SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Applicant:	Shire of Perenjori
File:	ADM 0082
Report Date:	15 th July 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Author:	Nola Comerford-Smith – Manager Corporate Community Services
Responsible Officer:	Paul Anderson - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	12.2 (a) - Accounts for Payment June 2022 12.2 (b) - Corporate Credit Card Breakdown and Statement

Summary

Council is presented the list of payments made from the Municipal, Trust and Reserve Accounts under delegation since the last Ordinary Council Meeting.

Background

Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer annually:

To make payments from Trust, Reserve and Municipal Fund;

To purchase goods and services to a value of not more than \$200,000;

Legal Compliance

Local Government Act 1995

S6.5. Accounts and records

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

R11. Payments, procedures for making etc.

R12. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund, restrictions on making

(1) A payment may only be made from the municipal fund or the trust fund —

(a) if the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from those funds — by the CEO; or

(b) otherwise, if the payment is authorised in advance by a resolution of the council.

(2) The council must not authorise a payment from those funds until a list prepared under regulation 13(2) containing details of the accounts to be paid has been presented to the council.

S13. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.

(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; and

(b) the amount of the payment; and

(c) the date of the payment; and

(d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.

(2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing —

(a) for each account which requires council authorisation in that month —

(i) the payee's name; and

(ii) the amount of the payment; and

(iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction; and

- (b) the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.
- (3) A list prepared under sub-regulation (1) or (2) 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

Nil.

Council Policy Compliance

Payments are checked to ensure compliance with Council's Purchasing Policy Number 4007 – Procurement Policy.

Financial Implications

All payments are made in accordance with the adopted annual budget.

Strategic Community Plan

Area 5: Investing in Council's Capacity – Our Leadership

Goal: Strengthen the Shire's position as an innovative, independent local government proving excellence in all areas of governance, management and leadership.

Consultation

Paul Anderson – Chief Executive Officer

Gypsie Douglas – Finance Officer

Officer Comment

Accounts paid for the month ending 30th June 2022

Municipal Account	
EFT	\$819,187.97
Direct Debits	\$70,407.79
Cheques	\$140.90
Corporate MasterCard	\$2,174.84
Bank Fees	\$262.49
Total	\$892,173.99

Trust Account – Mt Gibson Public Benefit Funds	
EFT – Transfer to another account (Close Term Deposit)	\$0.00
Cheques	\$0.00
Bank Fees	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00

Totalling **\$892,173.99** from *Municipal* and *Trust Accounts* for the month ending **30 June 2022**.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.4

Moved: Cr Bradford

Seconded: Cr Hepworth

That the cheques and electronic payments as per the attached schedules of accounts for payment totaling \$892,173.99 (eight hundred and ninety two thousand, one hundred and seventy three dollars and ninety cents) be accepted.

Motion put and carried 7/0

12.3 RECALCITRANT RATES DEBTOR REPORT

Applicant:	Shire of Perenjori
File:	ADM 0033
Report Date:	4 th July 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Author:	Louise Sequerah – Rates Officer
Responsible Officer:	Nola Comerford - MCCS
Attachments:	Recalcitrant Rates Debtors – as at 30 June 2022

Summary

This quarters Recalcitrant Rates Debtors report details include:

- non-pensioner assessments
- not paying on an arrangement,
- not paying by instalments,
- with a previous year's balance
- with a total amount outstanding of more than \$100.

Background

It is best practice for Councils to have less than 4% of the rates levied outstanding at the end of the financial year. By monitoring overdue rate assessments this target can be achieved.

Statutory Environment

It is an offence for Council not to recovery outstanding rates and charges.

Local Government Act 1995.

6.57. Non-compliance with procedure in Act not to prevent recovery of rate or service charge

In proceedings by or on behalf of a local government for the recovery of an amount due in respect of a rate or service charge, failure by the local government to comply in respect of the rate or service charge with the provisions of this Act, is not a defence, if it appears that it had the power to impose, and did in fact assent to the imposition of, the rate or service charge.

Policy Implications

Nil

Consultation

Paul Anderson – Chief Executive Officer

Nola Comerford-Smith – Manager of Corporate & Community Services

Louise Sequerah – Rates Officer

Bree Martin – Rates Management Specialist – AMPAC Rates Management

The above Officers have had ongoing consultation as to the process and how best to manage the debt owed to the shire.

Financial Implications

There is a high risk that the debt on the following assessments will be unrecoverable.

Assess	Total	Comments
A15005	4,525.85	CEO & MCCS are now investigating what will be the most cost-effective way of resolving the situation with this assessment and will report to Council once all details are available. There is a high likelihood that the outstanding rates and charges will need to be written off.
A15006	17,317.47	MCCS is now investigating what will be the most cost-effective way of resolving the situation with this assessment and will report to Council once all details are available. There is a high likelihood that the outstanding rates and charges will need to be written off.
A15255	371.27	Tenement has been surrendered. If ratepayer does not pay, debt recovery cost is a minimum of \$250.00. This would make taking debt recovery action unviable. Have been in discussions with a partner who has indicated he will pay the rates. Waiting until after 2022/2023 rate notices issued to decide whether to write off debt.
	22,214.59	

Strategic Community Plan

Area: 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.

Officer Comment

Overall, the shire manages its debt well.

The shire had a total of \$3,357,226.35 due for payment in the 2021/2022 financial year. This amount is made up of arrears, current rates and charges, and overdue interest. A total of \$3,355,709.05 was credited to the assessments as at 30/6/2022. Resulting in a Balance Outstanding of \$1,517.30. The overall balance outstanding equates to 0.045% of the total that was due for payment. This Balance can be broken down into:

Details	Amount
Overdue Rates & Charges	1,317.81
Recalcitrant Rates Debtors	22,214.59
Assessments in Credit	-32,685.96
Pensioner/Senior Assessments	2,277.98
Assessments Paying under payment plan	6,058.77
Assessments defaulted on Instalment plan	1,914.97
Assessments with a Balance less than \$100	419.14
Total	1,517.30

Recalcitrant Rates Debtors – all action available to the Rates Officer have been taken to recovery this debt. Please refer to the attached report for the status on these assessments.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.5

Moved: Cr Fraser

Seconded: Cr Bradford

THAT the Recalcitrant Rates Debtor report totaling \$22,214.59 be received.

Motion put and carried 7/0

13. Community Development and Services:

13.1 REQUEST FOR SEED HARVESTING

Applicant:	Shire of Perenjori
File:	ADM
Date:	11 July 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Author:	Elinor Pitts – Executive Assistant
Responsible Officer:	Nola Comerford – Manager of Corporate and Community Services
Attachments:	Nil

Summary

For Council to consider a request from Greening Australia to collect seed from native vegetation within the Shire of Perenjori.

Background

The following correspondence was received from Kelley Thompson at Greening Australia.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Greening Australia Ltd (GAL), I am seeking permission for appointed staff of GAL, to collect native seed from within reserves vested to your shire.

We are a not-for-profit committed to restoring Australia's diverse landscapes and protecting biodiversity in ways that benefit communities, economies, and nature. The seed we seed collect is used for environmental restoration projects, where biodiversity and quality is paramount.

All of our seed management activities are conducted within the framework of the Florabank Guidelines. All representatives collecting seed for GAL are experienced in collecting native seed and are licensed under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2018. Any person collecting seed on behalf of GAL is required to abide by the conditions of this licence.

Attached to this email is our proforma response. Please use this template for your response and include additional conditions set by your Shire for approval.

I look forward to your favourable response.

Kind regards,

Kelley Thompson | Office Administrator | Greening Australia

Suite 2, Level 2, 8 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000

Please note I am part time and only work Tuesdays and Thursdays

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Greening Australia is an independent environmental enterprise. They are a national not-for-profit committed to restoring Australia's diverse landscapes and protecting biodiversity in ways that benefit communities, economies and nature. Greening Australia apply a science-led, collaborative approach to deliver nature-based solutions addressing the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss.

Greening Australia remains dedicated to solving complex environmental problems through on-ground restoration at scale. By restoring Australia's diverse and iconic ecosystems, they help create healthy, productive landscapes where people and nature can thrive.

All native plants and animals are protected in Western Australia under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act). The removal of native vegetation (or 'flora') is regulated under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act), the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM), the *Forest Products Act 2000*, and the BC Act.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

POLICY NO. 6001- PICKING WILDFLOWERS

Policy Statement:

Permission to collect flora (including firewood and seed harvesting) from land under control of the Shire (i.e. road reserves, vested reserves, freehold etc.) may only be granted by resolution of the Council, and will be subject to the applicant obtaining the necessary approval from the Department of Environment and Conservation or its successor.

Policy Administration

Date Adopted:	Item N° 14042.5	17th April 2014
Reviews/Amendments:	Item N° 17032.5	16th March 2017

Consultation

Paul Anderson – Chief Executive Officer

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Community Plan

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 build environment, which meets current and future community needs.

Officer Comment

Given that Greening Australia conduct their seed management activities within the framework of the Florabank Guidelines, it is assumed that Greening Australia approach native vegetation seed harvesting in a responsible and environmentally conscious manner. Additionally, all representatives collecting seed are licensed under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2018.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.6

Moved: Cr Bradford

Seconded: Cr Hepworth

That Council give permission to Greening Australia to collect seed from reserves managed by the Shire for a two-year period, with the condition that the requirements of The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions are being met.

Motion put and carried 7/0

13.2 CSRFF SMALL GRANT APPLICATION – PERENJORI OVALS IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Applicant:	Shire of Perenjori
File:	ADM
Date:	12 July 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Cr Christopher King (President)
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Author:	Tammy King – Principal Grants Consultant (Grants Empire)
Responsible Officer:	Paul Anderson – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

Disclosure of interest

The President, Councillor King, declared a proximity pursuant to Sections 5.60B of the Local Government Act 1995.

At 15.12pm Councillor King left the council chambers. The Vice President, Councillor Sutherland, assumed the chair.

Summary

Council to consider endorsing the Chief Executive Officer to submit a funding application to the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries (DLGSC) under the Community Sporting & Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) – Small Grants for one third funding towards the installation of a bore water irrigation system at the Perenjori oval and hockey field.

Background

The Perenjori ovals (cricket/hockey and football ovals) are currently irrigated utilising scheme water 7 times per week during the summer months. During the cooler months, scheme water use is reduced significantly due to rainfall prevalence. The reliance on scheme water reduces the availability of water for the community to use at their homes. Data from January 2021 compared to January 2022 reveals a 46% increase in kL used to irrigate the ovals, evidencing increasing hotter temperatures during the summer months, and a need to instigate more sustainable irrigation options. The installation of bore pumps for irrigation will preserve scheme water levels for community use and will enable regular watering of the ovals during the hotter months, therein improving the consistency of the lawn and enhance the safety of users.

DLGSC administers the CSRFF program, with the purpose of providing State Government financial assistance to Local Government Authorities and local community groups (up to one third of the total capital cost), to develop well-planned facilities for sport and recreation. In order to assist with the evaluation of submissions and to ensure projects are viable and appropriate, DLGSC has developed "Key Principles of Facility Provision". Accordingly, each submission is to be assessed against those criteria.

Under the provision, Local Government Authorities are required to rate and prioritise submissions using the following guide:

RATE	DESCRIPTION
A	Well planned and needed by the municipality
B	Well planned and needed by the applicant
C	Needed by the municipality, more planning required
D	Needed by the applicant, more planning required
E	Idea has merit, more preliminary work needed
F	Not recommended

Each Local Government Authority is required to assess and prioritise the applications before forwarding all documentation to the Midwest Gascoyne Office of the DLGSC no later than Wednesday 31 August 2022.

Applications will be evaluated and ranked by relevant State Sporting Associations and the CSRFF Assessment Panel, prior to the outcome being announced by the Minister for Sport and Recreation. Funds for successful applications will become available late 2022/early 2023.

One (1) application was received for the current Small Grants round as follows:

1. Shire of Perenjori – Perenjori Ovals Irrigation System Installation

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications

N/A

Consultation

Angele Gray, DLGSC

Financial Implications

In accordance with the CSRFF guidelines, the Shire is required to contribute two-thirds of project costs however have the opportunity to apply for a Development Bonus, which may fund up to 50% of eligible project costs.

The Perenjori Ovals Irrigation System Project has an estimated project cost of \$172,978 (ex gst) including a 10% cost escalation. A contribution of \$115,319 (ex gst) is required by the Shire, and a one-third contribution of \$57,659 (ex gst) is to be sought under the CSRFF (no development bonus sought).

The council's contribution could be drawn from general revenue or reserves if required.

Strategic Community Plan

This Project and grant application align with the Shire's Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027 as follows:

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 or exceed their potential.

Officer Comment

There are no other suitable sporting grounds in Perenjori and this infrastructure is regularly utilised by the local and regional communities throughout the year.

If the funding submission to DLGSC is successful, DLGSC will only allocate funding towards eligible project items that meet the DLGSC priorities and objectives. The funding from DLGSC is one third of the cost for these identified items, not one third of the total project cost and the Shire is required to commit the matching two thirds to DLGSC's one third.

Applicants have the opportunity to seek a Development Bonus based on criteria including Geographical Location, Sustainability, Co-location and Increased Participation. If successful with the Development Bonus request, there is the potential to receive up to 50% of eligible item costs, however it is necessary for the applicant to confirm two thirds of total project costs, in the event the Development Bonus is not awarded.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.7

Moved: Cr Sparkman Seconded: Cr Bryant

That Council:

1. **ENDORSE** a small grant application seeking \$57,659 (ex gst) under the Community Sporting & Recreation Facilities Fund for the Perenjori Ovals Irrigation System Project;
2. **RANK** the Perenjori Ovals Irrigation System Project as "A – Well planned and needed by municipality"; and
3. **COMMIT** expenditure of \$115,319 (ex gst) towards the Perenjori Ovals Irrigation System Project in 2022/23.

Motion put and carried 6/0

At 15.19pm, Councillor King, returned to the council chambers and assumed the chair.

13.3 SENIOR LIFE ALARMS

Applicant:	Shire of Perenjori
File:	ADM 0244
Date:	30 th June 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Author:	Aluel Mading – Community Development Officer
Responsible Officer:	Paul Anderson – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Senior's Life Alarms

Summary

The report provides a summary of safety devices distributed by Home and Community Care (HACC) to seniors in the Shire of Perenjori, and outlines recommendations for Council to consider.

Background

Home and Community Care (HACC) distributed four safety devices to seniors in Perenjori in 2020. The devices were purchased from COVID-19 funding by HACC. However, due to the devices being limited to the 3G network, there have been ongoing compatibility issues with Perenjori's 4G Network. The warranty term has ended; therefore, seniors can no longer request for the devices to be replaced. The price of obtaining new devices is \$527 (five hundred and twenty seven dollars), plus an additional \$45 (forty five dollars) annual fee.

Correspondence received from HACC has advised that clients were responsible for replacing the alarms. The matter has been ongoing for over two years and has been unresolved with no indication that HACC intend to update the alarms. In addition to this, HACC has not sought out alternative funding avenues to aid clients to cover the purchase and annual fee.

The Community Development Officer has been researching practical solutions for the replacement of the safety devices in consultation with suppliers and aged care providers.

A table has been included in this report which outlines a summary of available safety devices for Council's consideration. The LiveLife mobile would be the preferred choice due to the extra features including the ability for clients to wear the device as a pendant or a watch, and lower ongoing annual fees.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Consultation

Paul Anderson – Chief Executive Officer

Nola Comerford-Smith – Manager Corporate and Community Services

Shelley Burnett – HACC Community Care Coordinator

LiveLife alarms – Device Suppliers

Donalda Spencer – Senior Community Member

Organisation	Device	Cost	Ongoing Fees	Features
Incite Security	4G Medical Alarms	\$345.00	\$45.00/ month	Two-way audio with control room operator when help button is activated Operator speaks to participants until help arrives Control room operator contacts nearest GP/Hospital Control room operator stays on the line until help arrives Device can be worn as a pendant
Incite Security	Home based 4G Medical Alarm	\$440.00	\$39.00/month	Client sets primary contacts Home based device with a help button Two-way-audio with control room operator If primary contacts do not respond Control room operator contacts nearest GP/Hospital Home based medical device
LiveLife	LiveLife Mobile Alarm	\$527.00	\$45/annually after 12 months of purchase	Calls 6 emergency contacts including 000 Two-way-call with emergency contacts Pendant makes audio announcement to guide the wearer through their emergency Emergency contacts can text the pendant which sends the location of the wearer Device can be worn as a pendant or watch
Duress PTY LTD	Duress App	\$24.90/month \$22.40/month \$20.75/month	12 Month Contract 24 Month Contract 36 Month Contract	Phone App Emergency activation contacts the duress operations center (DOC) DOC are available 24/7 and can contact to nearest emergency service

Financial Implications

If Council considers allocating a budget for the devices, the Shire would be liable to pay for initial outlay for the device, plus ongoing costs associated with annual fee unless this cost is transferred to the client.

LiveLife Alarm mobile devices.

The table below indicates the purchase price and ongoing cost for the four Council-owned aged housing tenants.

Purchase price (x4 units)	Annual Charge
\$2108	\$180

Strategic Community Plan

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 or exceed their potential.

Officer Comment

The issue has been ongoing for over two years with no indication from HACC to upgrade the devices. Council decision will determine whether the matter is dismissed and handed over to the seniors to upgrade the devices for \$527 (five hundred and twenty seven dollars) each and pay an annual fee of \$45 dollars (forty five dollars).

Seniors in the Shire of Perenjori are socially disadvantaged due to the limited healthcare services and support available. There is insufficient support provided and the increase in living costs could deprive many seniors from affording the devices - Council decision will determine how we can best support the most vulnerable people in the community. The recommendation reflects the number of Council-owned aged housing unit tenants. Council adoption of a budget will increase safety of seniors in the Council owned units.

The implementation of this program in Council aged-units will simplify the process for the Shire to store data on the number of people with the devices and the maintenance of the devices. In addition, managing privately owned properties would make the process more complex as there is limited data indicating the number of seniors who require the devices and no guarantee that the devices would not be on-sold, unused, or given away.

A recent information session with AdvoCare advised that seniors are able to be assessed for eligibility for home care through the Commonwealth Home Support Program which includes:

- Domestic duties
- Transport
- Social Support
- Meals and food preparation
- Personal care
- Nursing
- Home and Garden Maintenance
- Home modification

Whilst these services through the Commonwealth Home Support Program would certainly assist seniors, they do not offer the option of being subsidised for alarm devices.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.8

Moved: Cr Fraser

Seconded: Cr Bryant

THAT Council includes the purchase of four safety devices for tenants inhabiting Council-owned senior's units in the 2022/23 Annual Budget for a total cost of \$2,198 (two thousand, one hundred and ninety eight dollars) and annual fee of \$180 (one hundred and eighty six dollars).

Motion put and carried 7/0

13.4. STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN

Applicant:	Shire of Perenjori
File:	ADM 0618
Date:	15 TH July 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Author:	Nola Comerford - MCCA
Responsible Officer:	Paul Anderson – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Draft Strategic Community Plan / Corporate Business Plan

Summary

For Council to consider adoption of the Draft 2022/23 – 2023/33 Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan (the Plan) as per the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.

Background

In accordance with *Section 5.56(1)* of the *Local Government Act 1995*, local governments must undertake a review of their Strategic Community Plan (SCP) and Corporate Business Plan (CBP) every two years, alternating between a minor and major review. The Plan will be the Shire of Perenjori's vision for the future of the Shire and blueprint for the next 10 years.

In December 2021, the Shire contracted consultation firm, Localise, to hold workshops and conduct a survey to determine from the community what their vision and aspirations were for the Shire for the next 10 years. From the inputs received, the draft Plan, comprising of both SCP and CBP, was developed.

The Plan is required to be made available for public comment, any of which will be made available for Council consideration at the July 28th Special Meeting of Council.

Statutory Environment

Section 5.56(1) and (2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires that each local government is 'to plan for the future of the district', by developing plans in accordance with the regulations. *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 (s19)* outlines what is required of a Strategic Community Plan and the requirement to develop asset management, workforce and long-term financial plans.

Policy Implications

Nil

Consultation

Shire Councillors, Shire of Perenjori

Paul Anderson, Chief Executive Officer

Financial Implications

The financial implications of the Plan will be addressed in the Long-Term Financial Plan

Strategic Community Plan

Area 5: Investing in Council's 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.

Officer Comment

Extensive community engagement was undertaken with a total of 80 inputs into the community engagement process. This represents 12.7% of the total population.

Community Concerns

The top three challenges for the community were recognised as:

- Retaining and growing population,
- Reliable telecommunications, power and water; and
- Increasing services for medical, allied and community.

Priorities

Participants identified priorities for the Shire to focus on improvements. The top four areas were:

- Economic development and tourism
- Townsite beautification and street trees
- Community development and events
- Roads and drainage

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.9

Moved: Cr Hepworth

Seconded: Cr Sutherland

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the draft Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan (the Plan)**
- 2. Endorses the priorities contained in the draft Plan.**
- 3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to advertise the draft Plan for public comment.**

Motion put and carried 7/0

13.5 TOWNSITE TREE PLANTING

Applicant:	Shire of Perenjori
File:	ADM 0509
Date:	8 th July 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Author:	Aluel Mading – Community Development Officer
Responsible Officer:	Paul Anderson – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Townscape Committee Minutes

Summary

For Council to consider tree species for townscape planning in the Perenjori and Latham townsites.

Background

An invitation was received from Melissa Price Federal Member of Durack to submit an application to plant trees to mark the Queen's 70th Jubilee. The Shire was successful in the application and received funding of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars). The funding agreement requires applicants to increase tree canopies, hold a community event and install a commemorative plaque acknowledging the Queen's 70th Jubilee, and the funding agency.

At the Townscape Committee held on Friday 1 July, the committee were informed by the Chief Executive Officer and Community Development Officer of the funding received from the Commonwealth Government to undertake tree planting in the townsites.

The committee were advised by the Chief Executive Officer to request approval from Council to utilise the funds to carry out the project on behalf of the Shire.

The committee were informed to consider the following points:

- To identify sites with the Team Leader, Parks & Gardens, prior to commencing the project.
- To liaise with Latham representatives to plant trees in Latham.
- To take into consideration of the underground powerlines in the main street .

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Consultation

Cr Andrew Fraser

Cr Les Hepworth

Cr Dael Sparkman

Paul Anderson – Chief Executive Officer

Nola Comerford – Manager Corporate and Community Services

Lisa Romeo – Team Leader, Parks & Gardens

Rachel Lucas – Community Representative

Robin Spencer – Community Representative

Delys Fraser – Community Representative

Financial Implications

The 2022/23 Annual Budget will be implicated in the form of wages and overheads for staff.

Strategic Community Plan

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 and maintains current and future community needs.

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 or exceed their potential.

Officer Comment

The Townscape Committee have proposed to utilise the funding received by the Shire to increase tree canopies in Perenjori and Latham. The committee are eager to beautify the appearance of the townsite to create and enhance green spaces in the townsite. The committee discussed potential areas to plant. However, assistance from the Parks and Garden crew would be required prior to the committee commencing the planting.

The committee worked collaboratively with the Shire in April to hold a community tree planting day which involved the community and students from the Perenjori Primary School.

Prior to commencing the project, the committee will need to discuss potential sites with the Team Leader, Parks and Gardens, and submit a report to Council. The committee's decision to undertake the project will significantly assist the Shire to complete the grant deadline which is to be acquitted in May 2024. In addition, the committee will work collaboratively with the Shire and the community to carry out the project.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.10

Moved: Cr Sparkman

Seconded: Cr Fraser

That Council endorse the following recommendations identified by the Townscape Committee.

- To allocate \$2,000 (two thousand dollars) from the funding to Latham representatives for the purposes of planting trees in the Latham townsite.
- To submit a report to Council when potential sites have been identified.
- To plant trees endorsed in the March 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council which include the following species:
 - Black-stemmed Mallee
 - Dongara Mallee
 - Gleditsia
 - Eremophila
 - Jacaranda
 - Bottlebrush
 - Acacia
 - Banksia
 - Grevillea
 - Hakea
 - Melaleuca

Motion put and carried 7/0

15. Governance:

15.1 INTERIM AUDIT MANAGEMENT LETTER

Applicant:	Shire of Perenjori
File:	ADM
Date:	12 July 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Absolute Majority
Author:	Nola Comerford - MCCS
Responsible Officer:	Paul Anderson - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Interim Audit Findings Interim Audit Management Letter

Summary

The Interim Audit is presented to Council for consideration.

Background

Pitcher Partners, on behalf of the Office of the Auditor General (OAG), recently undertook the interim audit for the year ending 30 June 2022. During the interim audit a number of systems and controls were tested that the Auditor relies on for the audit process.

During the course of the audit, they noted three matters that needed to be brought to the attention of the Shire which are presented in the attached documents.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications

Shire of Perenjori Policy Manual

Consultation

Paul Anderson - Chief Executive Officer

Joyce Abrantes – Pitcher Partners

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Community Plan

Area 5: Investing in Council's 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.

Officer Comment

The three matters raised by the Auditors are as follows:

- Payroll exceptions – rated as moderate.

Recommendation to reduce risk: The payroll process is under review to address anomalies found by the Auditors of timesheet discrepancies and lack of process for a checklist for employee terminations and resignations.

- Synergy Soft user access levels and passwords – rated as significant.

Recommendation to reduce risk: An audit of Synergy Soft is scheduled for the new financial year to ensure ongoing compliance and a Password Policy is being developed which will be presented to Council for adoption.

- Purchasing and payment procedures – rated as significant.

Recommendation to reduce risk: A sample of purchasing transactions did not adhere to the purchasing policy. The purchasing policy was amended at the May 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council to address and improve the issues associated with obtaining quotes, inflationary pressures and timelines.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.11

Moved: Cr Sutherland

Seconded: Cr Bradford

That Council note the matters raised in the Interim Audit Management Letter and endorse the recommendations by the administration to address the issues raised and to reduce the risk.

Motion put and carried 7/0

15.2 GENSET POLICY

Applicant:	Shire of Perenjori
File:	ADM
Date:	July 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Author:	Rick Ryan -Community Emergency Services Manager
Responsible Officer:	Paul Anderson - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Council managed Genset Policy July 2022

Summary

That Council considers and endorses the Council Managed Genset Policy .

Background

Council has a number of Gensets under its responsibility these are located at the following venues within Perenjori Shire Administration building, Perenjori Caravan Park, Rec-centre (Evacuation Centre) and this is envisaged to grow as further funding is made available.

To ensure that the gensets in a state of readiness the Council Managed Genset Policy is to ensure that the sets are serviced and in a state of readiness when required by the Community.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 s2.7(2)(b) – Determine the Local Government's policies

Policy Implications

Revised Council Managed Genset Policy

Consultation

CEO – Paul Anderson

MCCS – Nola Comerford

MIS - Ken Markham

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Community Plan

N/A

Officer Comment

This policy delegates responsible person to oversee the management of the servicing of the Gensets managed by the Shire of Perenjori.

The Manager of Infrastructure Services may delegate the work out as required. With this policy in place the genset will be in a state of readiness to enable the Shire of Perenjori and community to better manage power outages.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.12	
Moved: Cr Sparkman	Seconded: Cr Bryant
That Council accepts and endorses the Council Managed Genset Policy.	
Motion put and carried 7/0	

15.3 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Applicant:	Shire of Perenjori
File:	ADM
Date:	11 July 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Author:	Rick Ryan – Community Emergency Services Manager
Responsible Officer:	Paul Anderson - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	LEMA as of July 2022

Summary

Council is required to maintain a set of Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA). This is required to be reviewed every six months and any changes should be made accordingly, such as contact details and terminologies.

Background

Council is required to maintain a set of Local Emergency Management Arrangements under the Emergency Management Act of 2005. The act requires that the LEMA are to be reviewed and written every five years. The Shire of Perenjori's LEMA are current until 2024.

The LEMA are reviewed every six months for any minor changes to ensure that they are up to date.

Any changes to council policies or legislation may affect the LEMA.

Statutory Environment

Emergency Management Act 2005
Emergency Management Regulations 2006

Policy Implications

Nil

Consultation

DEMA – Ranelle Clarke
LEMC – Committee members
MIS – Ken Markham

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Community Plan

N/A

Officer Comment

The attached Local Emergency Management Arrangements have only had minor changes. These included, names, titles and contact details.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.13

Moved: Cr Sutherland

Seconded: Cr Bryant

THAT Council accepts the updates to the Local Emergency Management Arrangements.

Motion put and carried 7/0

15.4 INFORMATION STATEMENT 2022/23

Applicant:	Shire of Perenjori
File:	ADM 0228
Date:	11 July 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Author:	Elinor Pitts – Executive Assistant
Responsible Officer:	Paul Anderson - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Information Statement 2022/23

Summary

This item recommends that Council considers and endorses the Information Statement 2022/23, as required under the Freedom of Information Act 1992 .

Background

The Shire of Perenjori is required under the Freedom of Information Act 1992, Section 96 (1) to publish annually a current Information Statement. The Information Statement must set out:

- The Agency's Mission Statement
- Details of legislation administered
- Details of the agency structure
- Details of decision-making functions
- Opportunities for public participation in the formulation of policy and performance of agency functions
- Documents held by the agency
- The operation of FOI in the agency

A copy of the Information Statement is to be published on the Shire of Perenjori's website and hard copies are to be made available at the Shire of Perenjori administration building. Under the Freedom of Information Act, the Shire is also required to forward a copy to the Commissioner as soon as practicable. This Information Statement will be required when completing the Freedom of Information Statistic Return for 2022/23.

Statutory Environment

Freedom of Information Act 1992, Section 96 (1)

Policy Implications

Policy 1018 – Freedom of Information

Consultation

CEO – Paul Anderson

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Community Plan

Area 5: Investing in Councils Capacity – Our Leadership

Goal: Strengthen the Shire of Perenjori's position as an innovative and proactive local government providing excellence in all areas of governance, management and leadership.

Officer Comment

The attached Information Statement 2022/23 has only had minor changes made. These include, the removal of statements that are no longer relevant in sections *History and Local Information, Function & Service Areas, Our Council, Council Documents* and the organisational structure.

This Information Statement has been developed in line with the FOI Act 1992.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.14

Moved: Cr Bradford

Seconded: Cr Fraser

THAT Council accepts and endorses the Information Statement 2022/23.

Motion put and carried 7/0

15.4 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022

Applicant:	Shire of Perenjori
File:	ADM
Date:	11 July 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Author:	Elinor Pitts – Executive Assistant
Responsible Officer:	Paul Anderson - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

Summary

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) convenes the National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government on an annual basis, attracting in excess of 800 Mayors and Councillors each year.

The event provides a unique opportunity for Local Government to engage directly with the Federal Government, to develop national policy, and to influence the future direction of our councils and our communities.

Background

In June 2022, Councillor Sutherland and Councillor Hepworth attended the National General Assembly in Canberra. The theme for the National General Assembly 2022 was Partners in Progress. Both Councillor Sutherland and Councillor Hepworth have provided the following information in regard to their attendance.

Key discussion points:

- Who wants to be involved in advancing the region? Go through Northern Zone or Midwest Development Commission or Midwest Chamber of Commerce?
- Engagement with Ministers, both state and federal, is important in the assistance of enhancing the region.
- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program supports local councils to delivery priority local road and community infrastructure projects. Councils have access to funding for community housing through this program.
- The region must collaborate together to prioritize health, housing, population and tourism in order to make the region a destination of choice in the long term.
- Local design and framework could be implemented in the greening of the Community Hub.

Health:

- The Royal Flying Doctor Service pays a fortnightly visit to Yalgoo, Mt Magnet and Cue. This is something that the Shire of Perenjori could consider.
- Silverchain is the leading provider of complete home care in Australia. It is a difficult service to maintain and fund, so it would be beneficial to consider sharing this service with Mingenew.
- It would be beneficial to consider funding the training of a full-time Ambulance Officer, along with volunteers who could assist if necessary.

Population:

- A Shire and Regional Flyer could be created to be included in the immigration welcome pack. The flyer should be concise and clear about what is on offer in the Shire of Perenjori, along with a point of contact.
- The collaboration with other shires nearby is vital in pooling resources.

- A letter to the Ukraine ambassador.
- Melissa Price could assist in the creation and production of the welcome pack.

Grants:

- Collaborate with other shires in order to use federal grants to their full potential.
- Use an Economic Development Officer or dedicated person to apply for grants within the region.
- Grants are there to provide solutions, not problems.
- It is important to acknowledge partners and invite VIP's to events.

Key words:

- Climate change
- Community Development and Community Equity

Housing:

- A topic for discussion is the idea of swapping UCL land for housing blocks and request that they build two houses for indigenous families. The Yamatji Southern Regional Corporation would maintain and manage the houses.
- Advocate to the Banks through the Northern Zone to make it easier for people to buy property in the Midwest region.

Tour of Parliament:

Meghan Quinn took both Jude Sutherland and Les Hepworth on a tour of Parliament House which was informative and enjoyable. Meghan also provided some insight on grants, key words, the Midwest region and the best methods to contact Ministers.

Summary of Conference:

Speakers:

The Hon Kristy McBain MP (Member of Parliament)

Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

Coralie Bell – Australian Regional Tourism

1. Local Government need to sell the Shire of Perenjori
2. Skilled migration for our region – plan for the future of the region and work collaboratively with others
3. Regional Development – solutions not problems

Matt Linnegar – Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF)

1. Leadership Program through funding of the Drought Funding Program – Dept of Agricultura, water & environment
2. Build a team and work in partnership with other LG's
3. Support local businesses – "Love Local"
4. Leadership is a practice of social influence
5. Underpinned by ethics, values and behaviours

Leadership Practices

Authenticity – Walking your talk. Living your values and forming genuine connections

Awareness – Understanding self, others and the systems in which we operate and being willing to modify behaviours

Adaptation – Responding to changing context, being open to alternative perspectives and experimenting with different approaches

Affiliation – Aligning with others to enrich problem solving and innovation

Advocacy – Championing a commitment to an action or initiative that will require risk taking to move from 'what exists now' to 'what could exist'

Action – Influencing and persistently mobilising others for a purpose beyond self.

Regional Housing and Population Challenges

Liz Ritchie – Regional Australia Institute

Regionalisation Framework – rebalancing the nation

1. Population
2. Jobs & Skills
3. Liveability
4. Sustainability and Resilience

The Outback Way

Collaboration is Key!

Collaboration of 5 shires (Shire of Winton QLD, Shire of Boulia QLD, Alice Springs Town Council NT, Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku WA, Shire of Laverton WA)

Ongoing collaboration with Department of Main Roads/Transport – NT, QLD, WA – has been critical

In-kind support from a number of organisations, Govt, Indigenous Groups, Tourism, Mining, Pastoral companies.

1 resolution at ALGA in 1995, 5 LG, 25 Years of collaboration, \$1.2Billion secured (80% Federal/20% LG), 2700Km transnational Sealed Roads, from Laverton to Winton.

www.outbackway.org.au

Alongside a \$461,600 outdoor art gallery project and trails to heighten tourism, upgrades to campgrounds and travel journal.

Monday 20th June 2022

The Hon Catherine King – Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and LG (Federal Member for Ballarat)

1. LRCI Program

\$750 Million Funded, will continue until 2024/25

2. Disaster Recovery & Resilience Funding

Invest in infrastructure to prevent future disasters – proposal

3. Mobile Coverage

\$400Million to improve mobile coverage for the regions

4. ALGA

Have a seat at National Cabinet – 1 meeting per year with no voting rights
CFFA – Federal Financial – 1 meeting per year

5. FAGS – Financial Assistant Grants

Less than 4% of Australian Tax Revenue
Currently 0.55%, motion to increase to 1% to LG

Alicia McKay – Strategic Leadership Expert – NZ

- What is the true value of Local Government
- LG deliver 25% of public services
- To be a place we want to live, be sustainable and thrive – Market your Shire
- Juggling funds, services – think outside the box
- Importance of strategic partners – eg. Karara, Silverlake, Corporates, other LG's, State Govt & Fed Govt
- Vision – be clear and concise
- Maintain the vision don't keep swapping vision, makes it very difficult for long term goals if we swap actions.

The Hon Murray Watt – Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Minister for Emergency Management.

Local Government and Productivity

Marcus Spiller – SGS Economics and Planning

1. LG is the most efficient tier of Govt.
2. Expected to do more with less (\$\$)
3. LG performs a distinct role in the community

The Hon David Littleproud MP – Leader of National Party

1. Three tiers of Government need to work together
2. Local Government is very important
3. Better outcomes, we can all do better

Tuesday 21st June 2022

Building Stronger Communities

Climate change is expected to increase the intensity and frequency of natural disasters in the coming years. To continue on the disaster response and recovery road is not a long term strategy
The increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events will erode Australia's adaptive capacity

Top risks identified by LG

1. Financial Sustainability
2. Cyber Security
3. Assets & Infrastructure
4. Disaster/Catastrophic Events
5. Population
6. Business Continuity Plan
7. Climate Change Adaption
8. Impact of Pandemic
9. Regulatory/Statutory Requirements
10. Ineffective Governance

Key Learning from Ballina Floods

1. Strength of community goodwill and resilience is critical
2. Empower local volunteers with resources and training
3. Need for pre-disaster mitigation funding
4. Emergency planning must consider climate change
5. All levels of government must work together to address the housing crisis
6. Reinsurance scheme underwritten by government is essential for business and residents

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Consultation

CEO – Paul Anderson

Cr Jude Sutherland

Cr Les Hepworth

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Community Plan

Area 5: Investing in Councils Capacity – Our Leadership

Goal: Strengthen the Shire of Perenjori's position as an innovative and proactive local government providing excellence in all areas of governance, management and leadership.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.15

Moved: Cr Bradford

Seconded: Cr Sparkman

That the report submitted by Cr Sutherland and Cr Hepworth on their attendance at the National General Assembly in Canberra be noted by Council.

Motion put and carried 7/0

16. Confidential Reports:

16.1 COUNCIL DECISION TO GO BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

16.2 COUNCIL DECISION TO RETURN FROM BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

17. Ordering the Common Seal:

Document	Organisation	Purpose	Date

18. Reports of Committees and Members:

Nil

19. Motions of Which Previous Notice Has Been Given:

Nil

20. Notice of Motions:

Nil

21. New Business of an Urgent Nature Admitted by Council:

15.5 *LATE ITEM* WALGA – BIOSECURITY MANAGEMENT IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Applicant:	Shire of Perenjori
File:	ADM
Date:	21 July 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Author:	Elinor Pitts – Executive Assistant
Responsible Officer:	Paul Anderson - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	WALGA – Discussion Paper

Summary

Local Government plays a key role in biosecurity management in Western Australia. Local Governments' involvement in biosecurity ranges from assisting with early detection and reporting of pests and diseases, participating in State responses to biosecurity incursions, managing declared pests on lands owned under State law, working in partnership with Recognised Biosecurity Groups on control activities for declared pests, developing and enforcing pest management local laws, and supporting community groups to implement management actions for pests and diseases.

Background

WALGA is encouraging Local Governments to provide input to Stage 1 of the BAM Act Review consultation process. As well as responding to Stage 1 of the BAM Act Review directly, Local Governments are strongly encouraged to provide WALGA with feedback on the 11 key themes and recommendations by Wednesday 27th July.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Consultation

CEO – Paul Anderson

President – Cr Christopher King

Council

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Community Plan

Nil

Officer Comment

The Chief Executive Officer is seeking guidance from Council in relation to WALGA'S request for comment on the amendment to the Biosecurity policy.

WALGA Biosecurity Policy Position:

1. Local Government believes that State Government has responsibility for the following parts of a biosecurity system:
 - pre-border and border biosecurity measures and contingency funds to deal with new pest outbreaks
 - assistance to the private sector for newly established, industry-specific pests
 - assistance to land managers for newly established pests (where the incursion has occurred despite the land owner's best biosecurity management effort)
 - establishment of a biosecurity network and regional cooperative arrangements
 - enforcement of regulations
 - compliance with regulations on State Government managed land
 - specific research projects and specialised diagnostic services, and
 - enhancement of barrier fences.
2. Local Government are not supportive of Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBGs).
3. Local Government calls on the State Government to either reinstate the Agriculture Protection Board or develop a model similar to the NSW *Local Land Services Act 2013* approach, and in consideration of either model that:

- there are State Government approved strategic and operational plans which can be understood by landowners and other stakeholders, including Local Governments
 - there is direct contact with Local Governments, State Government agencies and departments, and major industry groups
 - that either model is resourced by State Government to undertake the required activities
 - that either model be funded under the current funding arrangements as outlined in the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*, and
 - that it assists in the delivery of national, state and local priority species management.
4. That as matter of priority, the Government undertake a review of the operation and effectiveness of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* and its regulations.

COUNCIL DECISION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.16

Moved: Cr Hepworth Seconded: Cr Bryant

That Council suspend Standing Orders, Clause 9.5 Limitation on number of speeches to be suspended at 3.22 pm for open discussion on item 15.5 of these minutes.

Motion put and carried 7/0

COUNCIL DECISION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.17

Moved: Cr Bradford Seconded: Cr Fraser

That Council reinstates Standing Orders at 3:34 pm.

Motion put and carried 7/0

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Resolution Number: 210722.18

Moved: Cr Bryant Seconded: Cr Sutherland

That Council's position in relation to the WALGA policy on Biosecurity is as follows:

Policy 1 – Local Government believes that State Government has responsibility for the following parts of a biosecurity system:

- pre-border and border biosecurity measures and contingency funds to deal with new pest outbreaks
- assistance to the private sector for newly established, industry-specific pests
- assistance to land managers for newly established pests (where the incursion has occurred despite the landowner's best biosecurity management effort)
- establishment of a biosecurity network and regional cooperative arrangements
- enforcement of regulations
- compliance with regulations on State Government managed land
- specific research projects and specialized diagnostic services, and
- enhancement of barrier fences is supported.

Policy 2 – is not supported as council is supportive of Recognised Bio Security Groups

Policy 3 – Partly support in that council would support calls on the State Government to reinstate the Agriculture Protection Board

Policy 4 – Council supports that as a matter of priority the government undertake a review of the operation and effectiveness of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 and its regulations.

Motion put and carried 7/0

22. Closure of Meeting:

The Shire President declared the meeting closed at 16:02pm and thanked those in attendance.

23. Next Meeting:

The Shire President advises that the date of the next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 18th August 2022 commencing at 3:00 pm Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers, 56 Fowler Street, Perenjori WA 6620.

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held on the 21st July 2022.

Signed: _____

Presiding Officer

Date: _____

28/02/2022

