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Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,  
 held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,  
 On Friday 20 February 2009, commencing at 10.00 am.

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

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The President declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council open at 10.20 am

**2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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MEMBERS	Cr S A Broad, Shire President Cr M W Halleen, Deputy Shire President Cr P R Squires Cr D J Pollock Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor
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STAFF	Mr R J Adams, Chief Executive Officer
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APOLOGIES	Nil
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE	Cr P M Walsh Cr W McL Mitchell
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**3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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Nil

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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Nil

**OC090201 Standing Orders**

**Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor**

**That the Local Law-Standing Orders 2001 be stood down**

**Motion put and carried 5/0**

**5. NEXT MEETING**

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The scheduled date for the next ordinary meeting is 20 March 2009

**6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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Nil

**7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CAMERA**

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Nil

**8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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**8.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING –19 December 2008**

BACKGROUND

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council have previously been circulated to all Councillors.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 December 2008 be confirmed.

**8.2 Electors Meeting – 19 December 2008**

BACKGROUND

Minutes of the Electors Meeting have previously been circulated to all Councillors.  
There were no issues raised that required Council Decisions

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Electors Meeting of 19 December 2008 be received.

**8.3 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING –16 January 2009**

BACKGROUND

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council have previously been circulated to all Councillors.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of 16 January 2009 be confirmed.

**OC090202 Confirmation of Minutes**

**Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr M W Halleen**

**That the Council adopt en bloc the recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer of 20 February 2009 in items 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3**

**Motion put and carried En bloc 5/0**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

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Nil

**10. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS**

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Nil

## **11. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED**

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### **11.1 PRESIDENT**

#### Flood Damage

- Northern part of shire received extensive flood damage
- Good opening up on the Byro Berringara Road
- Wooramel Crossing was impressive site

#### State Council Meeting in Exmouth

- Amalgamation announcement by Minister Castrilli
- Reduction in elected member numbers
- Walga's disappointment in the ministers actions in revealing the information to the press before informing WALGA.

#### 457 Visa

- Discussions on changes to the visa process

#### ALGA

- No representative from WALGA was invited to attend

### **11.2 COUNCILLORS**

#### **Cr D J Pollock**

- Water movement from Murchison River to lakes and large amount of top soil in the water

#### **Cr P R Squires**

- Tour with the CEO of the flood damage with Bill Gibbs and Mick
- Raised question about the opening up of the Wooramel Crossing, the proposed plan of attack and the alledged cost to open up.
- Museam and its involvement of Jano and the cottage
- Roadhouse is working fine

#### **Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor**

- Grading completed near Yuin and a job well done
- Road Inspection is verging on a waste of time, and is crucial this be done in a bus.
- Dam issue north west of settlement

#### **Cr M W Halleen**

- NRM- disappointed that only Roderick River Project is being done, attempting to try and get some funding for a project officer.
- Road- disappointed that the grader blades were not dropped on the way to the programmed job and a more commonsense approach was required.
- Grader drivers doing and excellent job.

**12. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

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Nil

**13. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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**14. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

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**14.1 WORKS**

Murchison Works Report.

As the council is aware we have had major storm damage across the northern and north eastern section of the shire – this has destroyed much of our road infrastructure in these areas.

The shire has approached main roads for a road inspection – which was completed 12 Feb 2009. It was agreed that the road infrastructure needed to be repaired and that opening up costs will be supported by main roads.

Construction report.

Wooramel river crossing:-

This area has been totally destroyed leaving the concrete areas intact , but items such as access etc are no longer available.(see photo's)

The shire has engaged a contractor to assist with the clearing and opening up so that access to the north can be gained. This may take some time as the extent of the works are quite large.(approx. 2 weeks)

Innuendy road:-

This road has been completely denuded of sheeting and has been scoured to such an extent that access was not possible.

The shire has engaged a contractor to assist in the opening up phase of the process.

The shire works crew are at present engaged in carting materials to assist in the opening up phase.

Berrigara Byro road:-

This road was passable to four wheel drives only (and then with extreme caution).Most creek crossings were destroyed and will have to have a lot of work put into them just to make them trafficable.

The shire has engaged a contractor to open them up and make the road partially accessible for stores and fuel. The shire works crew are at present engaged in pushing up calcrete pits and carting materials to the worst affected areas. This will be an ongoing process for sometime as yet.

Berrigarra Pindar road:-

This road is badly scoured and washed out along most of its length down to the Boolardy turnoff.

At present we have a contractor engaged in opening up the road to make it trafficable.

Boolardy – Kalli road:-

This road is closed at present until we can get our crews to it. It is badly scoured and silted up and access is not advised.

Nookawarra – Miluera road:-

At present this road is closed until we can get access to it with the graders.

Byro Woodleigh road:-

This road is not accessible as it is flooded for most of its length.

Butchers track:-

This has been scoured out in one of the floodways and extreme caution is needed in this area.

The graders will need to access this road in the near future.

Maintenance report.

Carnarvon Mullewa road:-

The crew have graded the road south of the settlement to the Tallering Peak access road and it is now in good condition. We have also used the multi-tyred roller to approx 15klms south of the sand seal as it was graded and this has had a fairly dramatic effect to the stabilization of the gravel surface. It is intended to keep using this machine to bring the quality of our roads to a more acceptable standard and enhance the length of time needed between grades.

Due to floodwaters cascading down from the northern reach's of the Murchison River we have had to close the Wooleen-Meeberie crossing and the Twin peaks access road for approx. 1 week and then as floodwaters advanced the Balinyoo Bridge had to be closed. The floodwaters inundated the bridge to a height of 1.2 metres.

Berringara Pindar road:-

This road is being graded south of Murgoo to our boundary at present. This road is in poor condition and has been left for some time due to other commitments.

We have had our three graders working together to catch up to our duties and once all the furore with the flood damage has settled we should be back on an even keel.

Bush fires:-

We have had three major fires to attend to since my last report

1. Billabalong.
2. Twin Peaks.
3. Murgoo.

These have all strained our resources.

Vehicles and Equipment.

1. Cat M series Grader (P03). Good condition –has minor warranty replacement parts and repairs due to fire fighting.
2. Cat H series Grader(P02) Good condition but has had problems with transmission overheating – which has not been easy to diagnose (off line at present)
3. Cat H series Grader(P01) Good condition.(has had electrical and air problems)
4. Volvo L110 Loader(P27).Good condition.(Had radiator removed and repaired)
5. Komatsu Dozer(P11).Good condition. (transmission bleed)
6. Iveco Prime Mover(P09) Good condition (just serviced 150000klms).
7. Iveco Tipper(P10) Good condition(electrical problems with the power convertor)
8. Ford Louisville(P07) Has been sold
9. Mitsubishi Canter(P25) works well – has a howl in the transfer case over 60klms hrs. Has been there for some time.(also has developed a slight rumble in the transmission)
10. Cat Vibe Roller(P16) Works well – new water pump fitted.
11. Side Tipper(P17) has been repaired and back in service .
12. Dolly for side tipper- Trunion bushes need replacement (have utilized another and modified it to suit – Hydraulics)
13. Tri Axel Low Loader(P14) has been repaired and is back in order.
14. Tri Axel Low Loader(P13) new- good condition.(has been sent down to have the floor modified).
15. Dog Trailer – Fuel. Maintenance. (This has been repaired and modified to suit our requirements).Back in service.

16. Pig trailer – Fuel . This is down at Force Equipment awaiting appraisal on reairs.
17. 30000 Litre Water Cart(P24) good condition – awaiting quote for hydraulic pump drive.
18. Holden Rodeo Twin Cab(P29) goes well.
19. Toyota Landcruiser(P23) goes well (at panel beaters at present)
20. Caravans- Field – We may need to have a shade cloth tarpaulin made to shelter these during the heat of the 40-46 degree days as the A/Cs do not cope.

#### Servicing and repairs.

Force equipment have been performing very well and work together with us in servicing and repairs. The filter kits and SOS kits are working well and are being renewed as they are used . In formation as to oil samples etc are being evaluated and acted upon. The daily service sheets (which have been printed) will be implemented this week. After a short operating period on the 12H graders, it has been decided to scrap the idea of the serrated blades and go back to the standard ones .

#### Items requiring attention.

1. Roadwork signage to bring our stock up to spec. as per main roads requirements.
2. Build up stores stock (ie. Pvc fittings , Poly , workshop items) so that we are able to repair and replace items ourselves.

#### Training and OH&S.

We are also investigating the Local Government induction requirements that all contractors are supposed to attend before doing any work for the shire . This is normally performed by the Shire in the form of a video and local Shire requirements and a card is issued to the contractor to confirm that this has been done.

#### Occurrences.

Flooding (north)and fires(south).  
Staff get together (great for moral)

#### Wish list.

Wheel balancing machine to complement our tyre changer---Coates C1025/40MN  
Cost at \$5775+GST.



**14.1.1 Monthly Plant & Works Progress Report**

File:  
 Author: Tom Milo., Works Forman  
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
 Date: 8 October 2008  
 Attachments:

**MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

To view the plant operation for the month of January-February 2009 and an update on works carried out

**BACKGROUND**

Monthly Plant usage and status Report

<b>HEAVY PLANT</b>			<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>MTD</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Plant Item</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Rego</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Hours</b>		<b>Service</b>	<b>Ownership</b>
Cat Grader 12H	2005	MU 141	4456	4583	127	1764	27513
Cat Grader 12H	2003	MU 121	9259	9422	163	1881	81267
Cat Grader 12M	2008	MU 51	322	463	141	1361	1361
Volvo L110 Loader	2006	MU 65	1465	1477	12	3582	12047
Komatsu Dozer	1997		6290	6291	1	230	160788
Cat Vibrating Roller	2005	MU 177	2566	2594	28		14808
<b>TRUCKS</b>							
Iveco Prime Mover	2003	MU 000	148948	157091	8143	2400	43239
					0		
Iveco Tipper	2004	MU 00	86585	86672	87		48052
<b>GENERATORS</b>							
Generator 2-100KVA	2005		10963	12171	1208		
Generator 1-83KVA	2005		33845	35500	1655		
Generator 13KVA (Const)	2005			9226			
<b>LIGHT VEHICLES</b>							
Toyota Landcruiser	2005	01 MU	79073	80532	1459	1195	10651
Mitsubishi Canter	2004	MU 140	138343	141193	2850		9878
Toyota Prado	2005	MU 0	4829	18667	13838	169.27	169.27
Holden Rodeo	2008	MU 167	42412	51891	9479		
Mazda Bravo	2006	MU 300	49832	51215	1383		2698
Toyota PTV	1986	MU 1017	17802	17802	0		2478
<b>TRAILERS &amp; TANKERS</b>							
Side Tipper	2001	MU 2010	144876	145378	502	3169	15461
Side Tipper	1993	MU 2032					1980
Side Tipper	1989	MU 2033					1855
Tri Axle Low Loader	2008	ITJH801	874	1067	193		3880
Tri Axle Low Loader	2001	MU2004				17844	44518
30K Water Tank	2005	MU 2024	43416	44300	884	315	8576
Pig Fuel Trailer	1993	MU 658			0		
Dog Fuel Trailer	1972	MU2005		1150	1150	15561	
Dolly 1	2001	MU 2003			0		6240
Dolly 2	2000	MU 2009			0		5046
Dolly 3	1983	MU 2031			0		
<b>Tractors</b>							
New Holland	2006	MU 380	433	501	68	300	1518

**14.1.2 Works Supervisors Report**

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None at this stage

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None at this stage

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**OC090203 Works-Plant and Works Status Report**

**Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr D J Pollock**

**Note the Status Report of the Shire owned Plant and receive the Works Foreman's status report**

**Motion put and carried 5/0**

11.45 Tom Milo entered the meeting

12.15 Tom Milo left the meeting

## **16. FINANCE**

### **16.1.1 Financial Activity Statements December 2008**

File:

Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
Date: 2 October 2008  
Attachments: Financial Activity Statements for December 2008  
Balance Sheet  
Income Statement Detail  
Income Statement by Nature & Type  
Income Statement Summary

#### **MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

Council to consider adopting the monthly financial statements for December 2008

#### **BACKGROUND**

Amendments to the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 that were gazetted on 20 June 2008 and became effective from 1 July 2008 have resulted in regulations 34 and 35 relating to monthly financial reports and quarterly/triennial financial reports being repealed and substituted with a new regulation 34. The new regulation 34 requires that local government report on a monthly basis and prescribes what is required to be reported with the intention of establishing a minimum standard across the industry.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.4—Specifies that a local government is to prepare such other financial reports as is prescribed.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Regulation 34 states:

(1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the sources and applications of funds, 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 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);
- (e) The net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.

Sub regulations 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 prescribe further details of information to be included in the monthly statement of financial activity.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Reports showing year to date financial performance allow monitoring of actual expenditure, revenue and overall results against budget targets.

#### **CONSULTATION**

None

COMMENT

None

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending December 2008, as attached.

CEO: Due to ongoing IT problems with the Shires computer network, the financial activity statements will be carried forward to the next meeting.

COUNCIL DECISION

**OC090204 Financial Activity Statements**

**Moved Cr P R Squires, Seconded Cr M W Halleen**

**The Financial activity Statements for December 2008 be carried forward to the March meeting**

**Motion put and carried 5/0**



**16.1.2 Accounts Paid during the period December 2008 to January 2009**

File:

Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 2 October 2008

Attachments: EFT & Cheque Detail for December 2008-January 2009

**MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

Authorisation of accounts paid during the month of December 2008-January 2009, authorisation of account to be paid up to February 2009

**BACKGROUND**

Accounts paid are required to be submitted each month.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Reg 13(1)–Requires that where the Chief Executive Officer has delegated power to make payments from the Municipal or Trust funds a list of accounts paid is to be prepared each month.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

None

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

None

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Payment from Council's Municipal Account

**CONSULTATION**

None

**COMMENT**

Payments made during the month of December 2008-January 2009 as per attached schedule.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple majority

**COUNCIL DECISION/ OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**OC090205 Accounts Paid and to be Paid December 2008-January 2009**

**Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr P R Squires**

**That:**

- 1. The Payment Detail of payments covering Electronic Funds Transfer EFT 1 to 9, EFT 12-26 and EFT 30-34 totalling \$78,765.17 paid during month of December 2008-January 2009 is received;**
- 2. The Payment Detail of payments, Payroll Liabilities, covering Electronic Funds Transfer EFT 10-11 and EFT 27-29 totalling \$6015.67 paid during month of January 2009 is received;**
- 3. The Payment Detail of payments, Payroll Liabilities, covering Cheques 8691-8696 and 8680-8885 totalling \$9598.68 paid during month of January 2009 is received;**
- 4. The Payment Detail of payments covering Cheques 8674-8679, 8686-8688 and 8697 totalling \$29271.70 paid during month of January 2009 is received;**
- 5. Wages and Salaries paid from 19 December 2008 to 29 January 2009 totalling \$ 20419.38 are received.**

**Motion put and carried 5/0**

COUNCIL DECISION

**OC090206      Change in Order of Business**

**Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr M W Halleen**

**Change the order of business to bring forward other and urgent business in order to do the Budget Review without interruption.**

**Motion put and carried 5/0**

**17 ADMINISTRATION**

**17.1      MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

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**17.1.1      The purpose of Committee's**

File:  
Author:                      Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
Interest Declared:        No interest to disclose  
Date:                         17 February 2009  
Attachments:                Nil

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

BACKGROUND

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

None

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

CONSULTATION

None

COMMENT

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/ OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**OC090207      The purpose of Committee's**

**Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr D J Pollock**

**Defer item until March 2009 meeting**

**Motion put and carried 5/0**

**17.1.2 CEO Activity Report**

File:  
 Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
 Date: 17 February 2008  
 Attachments: Nil

**MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

CEO's activity report

**BACKGROUND**

**CEO Report for Period 1 December 2008 to 15 February 2009**

**GOVERNANCE**

<b>Members</b>	Paid Bi annual claims
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**ADMINISTRATION**

<b>Tax</b>	Fuel Tax Audit	Audit on April 07 June 06, Sent to tax department Tax Dept require more information -Ford Louisville & Contractors used
<b>Tax</b>	GST Audit	Tax Dept currently auditing GST payments for June 08 to October 08
<b>Insurance</b>	Landcruiser	Vehicle at Proud love Smash Settlement with owner of 2 cows
	Holden Rodeo	Vehicle to go to Proud love when Landcruiser returns
	Sports Complex	Storm Damage to Shade Sails- Reported Storm Damage to Shade Sails Playground- Reported
	Ford Louisville	Repairs Completed, claim in progress
	12M Grader	Repairs completed, Claim in progress
<b>Tenders</b>	Surplus Plant	Completed tender process, advised all parties
<b>Computers</b>	Server	Is ready to be installed
	Desktops	Will arrive same time as server. Cabling to be done in house
<b>Policy Manual</b>		First Draft nearly completed
<b>Equal Opp</b>		Completed and sent Diversity and EO returns
<b>Audit</b>	Interim	Interim audit to be carried out on 20 February 2009
<b>Standing Orders</b>		At end of public submissions, due next stage March 2009
<b>Budget Review</b>		Required by March 31, started review for Jul 08 -Dec 08
<b>Grants Commission</b>		07/08 Return completed and sent

**LAW & ORDER**

<b>Dog Control</b>	Visit by Ranger in Dec 08. 5 dogs destroyed
<b>Fire</b>	Fire control at: Murgoo, Billabalong, Twin Peaks, Byro Training to be arranged in April Claims for staked tyres & fuel to be processed

**HOUSING**

Staff	Stoves	Replace Gas Stoves in 4B,8, 10A&B, 12A&B
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Ceilings & Roof 12B Ceiling leaking, 6 leaking Roof, Wiry on Big house damaged

**COMMUNITY AMMENITIES**

**REC & CULTURE** Sport Complex Fixed corner where air con leaking

**TRANSPORT**

**Plant** New Ordered new Mitsubishi Canter due in 2 weeks  
 Prime Mover- WALGA & AV Trucks ordered due 3 weeks  
 Side Tipper- construction started and due 6 weeks

**Road Inspections** Carried out southern route 15 -16 January 2008  
 Feb 11- Carry out inspection Beringarra-Cue bitumen (Crosslands)

**Air Strips** Settlement- signed acceptance, Greenfield's to report Feb 11  
 Nookawarra- Construction crew to complete works

**Surplus Equipment** WALGA to soon have "used site"

**Ballinyoo Bridge** Main Roads to arrange a meeting to discuss action plan

**Roads to Recovery** Final Claims due in April 08

**ECONOMIC SERVICES**

**Oasis Roadhouse** **Operational** New proprietors commenced 26 Jan 08  
 McLeod's preparing Lease Document  
 Sub lease of Lot 3001 to be approved by Minister  
 Stock take Completed and Invoice raised Stock \$1200

**CBD** **Fuel Station** OPT and Fuel Bowser Ordered  
 Telstra lines to be completed on Feb 11  
 Construction Crew completed trenching and OPT base  
 Installation due

**Freight Service** DJ & JO Grey appointed as councils contractors  
 Sent emails & faxes to community about the freight run  
 First pickups to be done on 29 Jan 2009  
 First Delivery Friday Jan 30 2009

**RCIP Grants** Federal \$100,000 Loaded 6 projects for consideration

**Electricity** Alternator failure on big generator, ordered new part

**Climate Change** LAPP progress reports done and sent  
 Various information sent to Coastal Zone Management

**TOURISM**

**PRIVATE WORKS**

**Meetings Attended**

- February 3 Meeting at Ballinyoo Bridge with Peter Cartwright MRWA, Peter Coglan BG&E, Michael Keene Greenfields and Cr Halleen. Discussions on progressing renewal of bridge to a point where council can make a decision to proceed or not.
- February 11 Attended road inspection Beringarra-Cue Road with Cr Walsh, Greenfield Technical Services and Ray Smith Crosslands. Engineering Report to be advised
- February 12 Road Inspection Flood Damage area with Ian Hamilton, Main Roads and Tom Milo
- February 13 Peter George, Crosslands, discussion on flood damage, Mitchell's work plan and JSA, reports by Ray Smith and opening of Beringarra Cue Road
- February 16 Road Inspection with Cr Squires and Bill & Mick, rock breaker –rotary hoe machines

**Road Damage**

Cyclone Dominic has caused extensive damage to the Shires road network, with extensive rain in the northern part of the shire. Summary of road Damage

**Carnarvon Mullewa Road**

- Wooramel Crossing road impassable and requires extensive earthworks
- North of Byro loss of sheeting and washouts in several areas

**Byro Beringarra Road**

- Extensive damage and loss of sheeting in several area
- Milly Milly crossing washed out

**Errong Road**

- Extensive washouts and loss of sheeting

**Innouendy Road**

- Extensive washouts and loss of sheeting

**Beringarra Cue Road**

- Loss of shoulders on eastern side
- Some damage to seal

**Beringarra Pindar road**

- Extensive sheeting loss and washouts through Nookawarra
- Damage north of Boolardy

**Boolardy Kalli Road**

- Extensive damage to sheeting and washouts

**Mileura Nookawarra Road**

- Extensive damage to sheeting and washouts

**Other Roads**

- Various Issues to attend to

**Flood Damage Repairs**

All roads will be opened up , basically with a two cut grade, which will be completed by end of February. Shire plant is assisting in filling bad wash outs to keep roads open. Contractors have been engaged to open up the roads.

Once all roads have been opened up, a submission for flood damage can be put together and a scope of works developed. This claim usually works on a 75% funding from Main Roads and 25% from shire sources.

### **Ballinyoo Bridge**

- BG&E have been contracted by Main Roads to supply a estimate to build a bridge on a new alignment.
- There is an alignment 70m down stream that has previously been surveyed
- An upstream alignment of 30m will be investigated
- In the next few weeks a surveyor will be surveying the area including depth of river etc
- The first week of April we will be in receipt of a "Quote", at this time we may require a special meeting to address the next stage.
- Current timeline puts construction commencing November 2009.

### **Fires**

There have been several fires reported including Muggon, Meeberie and Murgoo. The shire attended the fire at Murgoo

### **COUNCIL DECISION/ OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

#### **OC090208      CEO's Activity Report**

**Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr D J Pollock**

**Note the CEO Activity Report**

**Motion put and carried 5/0**

**19. URGENT BUSINESS**

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**19.1.1 National Rangelands Management**

File:  
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
Date: 19 February 2009  
Attachments: Nil

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION  
To discuss the NRM Project Officer

BACKGROUND

The NRM is investigating to engage a project officer to be responsible for its activities in this region.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT  
Nil at this stage

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS  
None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS  
Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

VOTING REQUIREMENTS  
Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION/ OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**OC090209 National Rangelands Management**

**Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr D J Pollock**

**Discuss councils involvement in this proposal**

**Motion put and carried 5/0**

COUNCIL MOTION/COUNCIL DECISION

**OC090210 National Rangelands Management**

**Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr D J Pollock**

**The Shire of Murchison support a commitment of \$1,000 to have a project officer in the Murchison Zone subject to the proposal by NRM being successful.**

**Motion put and carried 3/2**

**19.1.2 Fuel Trailer- Pig**

File:  
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
Date: 19 February 2009  
Attachments:

**MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

To assess the possible repairs to the pig trailer or purchase a used dog trailer

**BACKGROUND**

The Shires fuel trailer (pig) is currently at Force Equipment for repairs to make the trailer safe. The proposed works for this trailer is to make all brakes work, all lights work and to replace the front stand. The estimate to repair this trailer is \$11,176 plus GST

The scope of the work requires the wheels to be removed and the brakes replaced or repaired along with the wheel bearings to be replaced or repaired. At this point it may be discovered that it would be cheaper to replace the complete axle assemblies.

This trailer is utilised by the construction crew, and the Ford Loui was the only machine that could tow the trailer, an allowance will need to be made for a pintle hook to be added to either the grader or truck, or the trailer have a hitch manufactured to be able to utilise a ring feeder arrangement.

The cost of a second hand dog trailer could be as much as \$20,000. Finding the right priced trailer that requires little work could be difficult. When buying second hand that's a risk may be prepared to make. The cost of transferring the tank to another trailer would be minimal as it is only chained on the pig trailer. The cost to refurbish the fuel line and meters will be done as maintenance whether it is on the pig trailer or another trailer.

To purchase a new 17 tonne dog trailer would cost \$38,000

Councils other fuel trailer (dog) has recently been refurbished to also make safe, the repairs on this trailer included, new A frame, new seals and bearings in the wheels, new brakes and new lights. Due to the age of this trailer most parts had to be custom manufactured. The cost to repair the trailer was \$10,172 plus GST.

Council has previously resolved to sell surplus equipment in the two bowl tippers and dolly, should the pig trailer be added to this list then council should realise enough funds to finance the purchase of a used dog trailer for the purpose of a fuel trailer.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.8-provides for a local government not to incur expenditure from it municipal fund for an additional purpose unless is authorised in advance by resolution

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

None

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1.3 Budget Adherence-allows for items exceeding budget or considered that are outside budget allocations be approved by full council

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost to purchase a second hand trailer would be \$20,000 and would be financed by the plant reserve.

**CONSULTATION**

All councillors have had the opportunity to discuss the trailer  
Ben Holman, Force Equipment

**COMMENT**

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

COUNCIL DECISION/ OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**OC090211 Replacement Fuel Trailer**

**Moved Cr P R Squires, Seconded Cr M W Halleen**

1. Council purchase a used dog trailer to be utilised as a fuel trailer to the value of \$20,000
2. The used pig trailer be offered for sale with other surplus equipment and proceeds deposited into Plant Reserve

**Motion put and carried by Absolute Majority 5/0**

**19.1.1 Sale of Used Equipment**

File:  
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
Date: 19 February 2009  
Attachments: Nil

**MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

To approve the sale by private treaty the sale of used equipment

**BACKGROUND**

Council has previously tendered the sale of used equipment, and resolved not to accept any tenders.

WALGA are developing a used equipment plan.

The used equipment could be placed in an advert in the Sunday Times and Quokka and gauge any interest in the items. We could also arrange to have the equipment on display in either Perth or Geraldton which would increase our options to move the equipment.

On trying to set up a pricing structure for the equipment council should set a minimum amount they would like for the equipment.

After discussing some values for the surplus items with TSE Equipment possible valuation could be:

Bowl Tipper (Bashed one)	\$7,000
Bowl Tipper (Reasonable one)	\$10,000
Dolly	\$8,000
Moore Road Roller	\$1,000

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

s 3.58 Sets out the process' for disposing of property

Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations 1996

reg 30 (2) (a) sets out that if a tender has not been accepted the selling equipment with six months

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

None

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Advertising costs, proceed be placed in plant reserve

**CONSULTATION**

**COMMENT**

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION/ OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**OC090212 Sale of Surplus Equipment**

**Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr M W Halleen**

1. Council advertise surplus plant for sale
2. Set the following minimum amounts for surplus machinery, \$30,100
3. Authorise CEO to accept amounts over the minimum amount set and complete the transactions.
4. Proceeds to be deposited to Plant Reserve

**Motion put and carried by Absolute Majority 5/0**

- 1.55 Meeting adjourned for lunch break  
2.33 Meeting reopened with all present prior still in attendance



**16.1.3 Budget Review July 08 to December 08**

File:  
 Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
 Date: 9 February 2009  
 Attachments: 1. Budget review  
 2. Budget Adjustment  
 3. Original Budget  
 4. Statutory Budget

**MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

Review the 2008 – 09 Budgets.

**BACKGROUND**

As required by the Local Government Act 1995 Council adopted a budget for the 2008 – 09 financial years. See attachment 3 + 4

There were adjustments made to the Transport section of the budget, Refer to minute OC080906. These adjustments were necessary due to changes in funding program and arrangements. The impact of these changes resulted in Council having a surplus of around \$470,000. Refer to attachment 2

A summary of items that have been endorsed by council during the period under review included:

**Capital Purchases**

1. New high pressure washer value \$3500, refer to minute OC080904
2. Purchase of one new Side Tipper, refer to minute OC090908 and minute OC081012
3. A new ride on mower and slasher were purchased, refer minute OC081004
4. Purchased new Toyota Prado replacing Nissan Patrol, refer minute OC081009
5. The pad foot roller was not purchased, refer minute OC081013
6. Council resolved to transfer \$180,000 to a Reserve for the purpose of development CBD

**Operational Changes**

1. Oasis Roadhouse  
Council endorsed the purchasing back of stock and continuing 'trading' operations until new lessees could be found. Refer minute OC081022 and minute OC081016
2. Fuel Supply
  - (a) Council endorsed to maintain ownership of fuel supplies at "Oasis Roadhouse" refer minute OC081023
  - (b) Council endorsed to purchase a new OPT (outside payment terminal) and fuel bowser refer minute OC 081209
3. Council endorsed to create a "freight service" delivery to Murchison Settlement refer minute OC081025 and minute OC081213
4. The Federal Government announced of \$100,000 grant towards Community Infrastructure. The State Government released its "Royalties for Regions" program. The amount of \$912,836 was given to the Shire.
5. Council Tendered for the sale of Surplus equipment. No tenders were accepted refer minute OC081214

## Summary of Budget Changes

### Governance

#### Administration

E42016	Salaries	Increase Budget from 115 000 to 176 156
E42020	Superannuation	Increase Budget from 1 725 to 19 228
E42080	Telephone & Fax	Increase Budget from 15 000 to 16 652
E42211	Remote Accounting	Increase Budget from 58 000 to 69 381
E42260	Insurance	Increase Budget from 15 000 to 18 176

### General Purpose Income

I30303	Royalties for Region Income	Increase Budget to 912 836
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### Law Order & Public Safety

E51060	Fire Control	Increase Budget from 1 000 to 4 832
E52060	Dog Control	Increase from 1 900 to 5 600
E77060	Donation RFDS	Decrease from 3 000 to nil

### Housing

NIL

### Community Amenities

NIL

### Economic Services

I131292	RCIP Income	Increase from 0 to 100 000
E136040	Water Supply	Decrease from 8 000 to 3 000
E136290	Generator Fuel	Decrease from 198 000 to 146 830
E136301	Freight Service to Murchison	Increase from 0 to 26 700
I137390	Oasis Fuel Sales	Increase from 0 to 40 000
I137391	Oasis Other Sales	Increase from 0 to 15 000
E137390	Oasis Fuel Expenses	Increase from 0 to 40 000
E137391	Oasis Other Expenses	Increase from 0 to 15 000
E137392	Oasis Wages & On Costs	Increase from 0 to 10 000
E137393	Oasis General Expenses	Increase from 0 to 3 000

### Transport

E122210	Driver Reviver	Increase from 0 to 1 000
E122011	Road Maintenance	Increase from 400 000 to 533 644
E122062	Traffic Signs	Decrease from 40 000 to 20 000

Recreation & Culture

E113030	Public parks & Gardens	Increase from 33 000 to 34 924
E113050	Sports Pavilion Maintenance	Increase from 18 500 to 19 158
E114040	TV & Radio Maintenance	Decrease from 2 000 to 1 000
E115010	Salaries Library	Decrease from 4 200 to 525
E115020	Superannuation Library	Decrease from 588 to 0
E116100	Museum Maintenance	Decrease from 7 500 to 4 000

Other Property & Services

E144010	Fuels & Oil	Decrease from 455000 to 355178
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Capital

Computer Network	Increase from 10 000 to 15 000
Royalties for Regions – Ballinyoo Bridge	Increase from 0 to 912 836
New Side Tipper	Increase from 0 to 99 900
High Pressure Washer	Increase from 0 to 3 200
Greenfield Ride on Mower	Increase from 0 to 6 000
5' New Holland Slasher	Increase from 0 to 1 800
Fuel Station Upgrade	Increase from 0 to 65 000
RCIP Grant	Increase from 0 to 100 000
MU0 Toyota Prado	Increase from 0 to 54 000

Reserve Transfers

Plant Reserve	Transfer OUT 99 900 (Side Tipper)
CBD Development	Transfer OUT 65 000 (Fuel Station)
CBD Development	Transfer IN 180 000

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

reg. 33A (1) between 1 January and 31 March in each year a local government is to carry out a review of its annual budget for that year.

(2) Within 30 days after a review of the annual budget of a local government is carried out it is to be submitted to council.

(3) A council is to consider a review submitted to it and is to determine whether or not to adopt the review, any parts of the review or any recommendation made in the review.

(4) Within 30 days after a council has made a determination, a copy of the review and determination is to be provided to the Department.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The changes set out in the budget review give a projected estimate to where the council may be at end of financial year.

CONSULTATION

Mandy Wynne, UHYHN

COMMENT

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

COUNCIL DECISION/ OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**OC090213 Budget Review for 1 July to 31 December 2008**

**Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr P R Squires**

- 1. Accept the Budget Review as presented as the Budget until 30 June 2009**
- 2. Make the necessary adjustments to Budget to include the changes made in the Budget Review**

**Motion put and carried by Absolute Majority 4/0**

Cr Foulkes-Taylor left the meeting.

**20. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CAMERA**

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Nil

**21. MEETING CLOSURE**

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The president thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4.05pm