



Western Australia

Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,
To be held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On Friday **20 August 2010**, commencing at 10.00 am.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

LOA Cr PR Squires
Cr MW Halleen

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

NIL

Stand Down Local Law Standing Orders

5. NEXT MEETING

The scheduled date for the next ordinary meeting is 17 September 2010.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

8. CONFIRMATION OF FLYING MINUTES

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

9.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING –23 July 2010

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 23 July 2010 be confirmed.

9.3 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING- 28 July 2010

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 28 July 2010 be confirmed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

11. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

12.1 PRESIDENT

12.2 COUNCILLORS

CR PM Walsh

Local Government Week 2010

Year of Women in Local Government

Report by Councillor Patrick Walsh

Every year I attend the WA Local Government week it seems that my "island home" of Murchison is at the forefront of attention. This year, we were all very proud to see Bill Mitchell receive a much deserved Local Government Medal. Coming as he does from such a sparsely populated shire, in a nation that seems to be slowly disconnecting from its country cousins, it was a timely reminder to all present that the bush can and does produce dedicated people who are real contributors!

There were a lot of speakers this year, all very inspiring, who discussed how they had made the best of their respective situations. Local government was recognized as being a great strength to the community: compared with federal and state politics it is quicker to respond to a local problem, more flexible in its response, more responsible to its constituents, and its deliberations are easily accessible to the people with most to lose or gain from them. There was comment though that in recent times the focus of local government has been shifting from community directed governance to large scale asset management and accountability.

For Murchisonites, where does it put us? We need to keep sharply focused on the education of councillors and to keep building on our recent successful developments at the Settlement. As with any rural town (or major city), on-going growth of the CBD is vital to the financial and mental health of the community - and is the best way to attract people and funds...

As previously said, the speakers this year covered a broad range of topics, all of which were inspiring in one way or another. The overall message was a message of hope: of how all we have to do is reach out to find ways to help one another to create the sort of society we all want. The outstanding talk for me though was the one given by Doctor Karl Kruszelnicki, the man with the answers when it comes to science and technology. Best known as a Triple J announcer for his show "Great Moments in Science", his enthusiasm for science was totally infectious. His presentation on global warming was both passionate and balanced - neither climate skeptic nor avid greenie he presented a winning case for less pollution (more wind and solar power) and better science. With his fast speaking and loud shirt it was hard not to stand on a chair and cheer him on!

It was also very encouraging to see more women involved in Local Government. It was noted that on average women tend to "get in" for one or two terms and then "get out" - thereby creating room for fresh ideas with the changeover - whereas men tend to "get in and stay in", which tends to have a stagnating effect. Food for thought for our female rate payers?!?

The Keynote Speaker was of course [it being the "Year of Women in Local Government"] a woman. Gill Hicks MBE, spoke passionately about the traumatic experience of being blown up by a suicide bomber - and her long road to recovery. A double below-the-knee amputee, she spoke of how as a typical Aussie woman she had been able to find strength and humor in a really "shitty" situation. As a typical Aussie bloke I'm always amazed by the way women can deal with extreme pain. To bring it closer to home, by how OUR women can deal with the extreme pain of extended severe drought, with strength - and humour! So, hold them close boys - I have never met a sane man who wanted his rib back!!

I would like to thank the other councilors of the Shire of Murchison for allowing me to attend the convention. It was a privilege and a pleasure to represent the people of the Murchison Shire. As always, I learnt a lot and came home with much to think about.

12 August, 2010

Cr RE Foulkes-Taylor

Report of Local Government Convention 2010

Submitted by Cr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor

The comments in this report are my opinion, not that of the Murchison Shire Council and does not cover every speaker.

Welcome from Troy Pickard, Mayor of Joondalup and current president of WALGA. Commented on high quality of Banners in the Terrace. (Murchison not represented this year) Shire of Irwin won the overall competition and the Mullewa Shire received a special mention in the schools category.

Speaker- **Les Twentyman** AO, a down to earth, former teacher, youth worker and passionate advocate for youth issues.

- Disconnected youth and related crime gangs springing from lack of employment opportunities
- Ways local govt could help by providing employment and on the job training programs
- Stepping out of our 'green' (comfort) zone and act in whatever way we can to keep youth engaged and leading a meaningful life
- Drugs affecting children younger and once it starts it renders them almost unemployable. Linking kids to the workplace early can help overcome this issue.

A worthwhile presentation from a really hands on community person.

Speaker -**David Parsons** CBE, Chair- Improvement Board UK

- Local Government in the UK employs 2 million people.
- Similar issues to Australia
- Britain imports most of its coal from Poland (their mines have run out)- caused unemployment
- UK Govt has 156 billion pound debt
- Bureaucracy has gone mad within their local govt and needs to be sorted out.
- Advised to mercilessly pursue govt during election campaign while at their weakest

Not a very inspiring presentation in my opinion.

Speaker- **Graham Sansom**, Director, Australian Centre for Excellence for Local Government- based at University of Technology Sydney

- Thinks local govt needs to concentrate on relevance, capacity and reliability
- Described many aspects of local govt as "fledgling" as in having underdeveloped procedures and processes.
- Suggested sweeping reforms to local govt are required to deliver a better service.

I reckon if we took on board all of this bloke's suggestions local govt councillors would have to give up their day jobs and work full time for their councils.

Speaker – **Richard Hill**, Mind Science Institute

- In local govt, as in any workplace, people can be your greatest strength (adaptive, responsive, loyal, trustworthy, likeable, creative) or your weakest link (inconsistent, unreliable, needy, self concerned, moody, dishonest)
- Growth can be positive or negative- people grow in response to environment
- Thinks harmony is being between the edge of rigidity and the edge of chaos ie. being stuck in your ways and never trying new things and always trying something different for the sake of it.
- A bright clean office says 'yes' and a dark, unclean office says 'no'

Interesting and highly energetic presenter (verging on hyperactive!)

Speaker- **Dr Linda Freidland**, Health and Media Institute

- Live well- eat, drink (in moderation!) and be merry
- 2/3 of us will die from heart disease – that’s fine but get things in your favour so it doesn’t happen prematurely.
- Erectile dysfunction is an early indicator of pending heart problems in males over 40
- ‘Karoshi’ is the Japanese word meaning dying from overwork.
- We need more balance in our lives
- Being male is now the single biggest demographic reason to die prematurely (but you can change this)
- Most stress is good for you but not negative, continued unresolved stress

An excellent presentation

Speaker- **Dr Sue Gordon AM**

- WA has been multi cultural from first settlement to today. 1/6 young people in WA are born overseas
- Aboriginal history is an oral history, European history is recorded in writing
- Some Indigenous people feel disenfranchised by the Native Title process
- Councils need to work more closely with Aboriginal people to see how they can help with unemployment.

I found this presentation disappointingly negative about the Aboriginal experience since European colonization, she didn’t mention any positives.

Speakers- **Pashtana Yad** from Afghanistan and **Jeremiah Wordsworth** from Liberia

Told their stories of fleeing their native homelands and their journeys through to living in WA today. Jeremiah’s account of his family’s long struggle through many hardships and unknowns was particularly sobering.

Hon **John Castrilli** MLA, Minister for Local Government, launched the “Implementing the Principals of Multiculturalism Locally” programme.

Breakfast Speaker-**David Wirrpanda**, former AFL footballer

An interesting speech about his journey from being born in north east Arnhem land, through Victoria, being drafted by the West Coast Eagles, the David Wirrpanda foundation (which helps Indigenous youth) and his various football experiences, mainly the culture surrounding the club and how they accommodated his needs. A good mix of serious and humorous aspects of all parts of his life journey.

He asked that people stop voting for him on Dancing with the Stars because he wants to get on with other things!

Speaker-**Hon Colin Barnett** MLA, Premier of Western Australia

- State and Local Govt partnership agreement
- WA most independent state financially
- Made a joke about how he gets nervous signing things...especially with local government!

Speaker – Hon **John Castrilli** MLA, Minister for Local Government

- Urged councillors to maintain an open mind and be proactive in working towards reform and/or amalgamation.
- No forced amalgamations
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Speaker-**Laurel Papworth**, Social Networking Strategist

- Aspects of electronic communications and trends eg Twitter, Facebook, SMS, email
- Online learning is a safe medium for underprivileged or oppressed people to access education
- Approx 6811924896 emails were sent around the world during the first 17 minutes of her presentation

There was a mock up presentation by an actress playing Edith Cowan describing the hardships faced by women in early WA in being recognised for anything other than their contribution in traditional roles.

Speaker- **Lisa Scaffidi**, Lord Mayor City of Perth

- Preferred a first past the post election system for LG, as opposed to preferential
- Reckons there should be strict term limits for Mayors, Presidents and Councillors. She thinks that elected members can not stay in the same position within or on their council, and expect to still be as productive after many years.
- Receives a \$60 000 a year honorarium, which is a lot less than she was earning before entering LG, and below other lord mayors, Melbourne \$140 000 and Brisbane \$260 000.
- Very frustrated with the media's disrespectful reporting of Councillors travel expenses, and said she challenges some reporters who describe some of her trips as perks to come along on one of her many trips to see that it is pretty hard work.
- Very happy to be helping celebrate the Year of Women in LG

Mayor Scaffidi spoke very well, and I admire her commitment to the job.

Speaker- **Dr Roslyn Irwin**, Southern Cross University

- More women in Local Govt around the world than in other spheres of Govt.
- Percentage of women councillors Aust 26%, Namibia and Sweden 40% (highest), Egypt 1.6% (lowest)
- Women have a better perspective of the "soft" aspects of LG work.
- Women are lot more likely than men to be one term councillors.

Dr Irwin spoke late on day two, and while everyone was a bit "presented" out she kept the audience engaged very well.

Speaker- **Gary Hunt**, CEO Shire of Joondalup

- Gary thinks that reform of the restrictive LG act is essential to enable councils to remain sustainable.
- Councils have to hand over far too much control of projects to private business, who then go on and make a good profit out of property developments etc, while all the council can do is levy rates.

Emma and I, along with the rest of the Murchison crew and Jenny and Bill Mitchell attended the wind up dinner on Saturday evening which was a very enjoyable conclusion to the LG convention. During the dinner Bill received the Local Govt Medal for outstanding service to LG and spoke very graciously of everyone who has supported him (particularly his family) during the past 30 plus years.

I appreciate being able to attend the Local Government Convention, and thank the Murchison Shire for the opportunity.

Cr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor

13. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

14. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

15. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

15.1 WORKS

15.1.1 Monthly Plant & Works Progress Report

File:
 Author: Brian Wundenberg, Works Supervisor
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
 Date: 17 August 2010
 Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To view the plant operation for the month of July August 2010 and an update on works carried out.

BACKGROUND

HEAVY PLANT			Start	End		MTD	Total
Plant Item	Year	REGO	Hours	Hours	Total	Service	Ownership
Cat Grader 12H	2005	MU 141	5728	5867	139		34709
Cat Grader 12H	2003	MU 121	11247				88124
Cat Grader 12M	2008	MU 51	2000				6332
Volvo L110 Loader	2006	MU 65	2210	2354	144		14431
Komatsu Dozer	1997		0	6929			227492
Cat Vibrating Roller	2005	MU 177	2950	2999	49		19501
TRUCKS							
Iveco Prime Mover	2003	MU 000	189953	193561	3608		52414
Nissan UD	2009	000 MU	50885	57959	7074		2766
Iveco Tipper	2004	MU 00	115339	120409	5070		56593
GENERATORS							
Generator 2-100KVA	2005						1561
Generator 1-83KVA	2005						
Generator 13KVA (Const)	2005						
LIGHT VEHICLES							
Toyota Land Cruiser	2005	01 MU	122659		998		11722
Mitsubishi Canter	2004	MU 140	42836	56709	13873		5856
Toyota Prado	2009	MU 0	59019				5777
Holden Rodeo	2008	MU 167					7499
Isuzu DMAX	2009	MU 300	27600	10664	3497		3973
Toyota PTV	1986	MU 1017					2544
TRAILERS & TANKERS							
Side Tipper	2001	MU 2010	163044	166386	3342		16304
Side Tipper- Evertran	2009	MU 662	11637	14355	2718		5028
Tri Axle Low Loader	2008	MU 663	17122				8544
Tri Axle Low Loader	2001	MU 2004					53336
30K Water Tank	2005	MU 2024	55967	58913	2946		10082
Dog Fuel Trailer	1993	MU 658	161464				3785
Dog Fuel Trailer	1972	MU 2005	10146				535
Dolly 1-Red	2001	MU 2003	16455				6240
Dolly 2-Black	2000	MU 2009					11776
Tractors							

New Holland	2006	MU 380	950				2653
Forklift			11364				
Caravans			0				6821
Various Small Plant			0			900	6349
Cobra Multi Tyre Roller				141			

Vehicles and Equipment

MU140 Canter Truck-
New Holland Tractor-

Dozer-

MU0 Prado-

MU51 12 Grader-

MU300 D Max-

Generators & Small Plant-

MU141 12H Grader-

MU167 Rodeo-

MU000 Iveco PM-

MU177 Cat Roller-

000MU UD Pm-

MU121 12H Grader-

00MU- Iveco-

15.2 Works Report

Construction Progress Report

Shire of Murchison Construction Progress Report- Carnarvon Mullewa Road Seal

17-Aug-10

	SLK	SLK	SLK	SLK	SLK	SLK	SLK	SLK	SLK	SLK	SLK	SLK
	9.0-10	10.-11	11.-12	12.-13	13.-14	14.-15	15.-16	16.-17	17.-18	18.-19	19.-20	
Road Cleaning												
SLK Marked												
Material Pushed Up												
Sub grade shaped & compacted												
Pegging of road inc floodways												
Base coarse carted												
Water binding base coarse												
Spread out Basecourse												
Drain Clean Out												
Sand Pad												
Sand Carted												
Sand Screened												
Final Trim												
Road Seal												
Road & Floodway Cleanup												
Road Furniture												
Inspection and Finish												

Carnarvon Mullewa Road

Re commenced on SLK 20-40 project

Beringarra Byro Road- fixed road damage from March in between Milly Milly and Beringarra

Boolardy Top Shed – completed T section

Boolardy-Beringarra Pindar Road- repaired fence at grid

Maintenance Grading

Meeberie Wooleen Road
 Boolardy Beringarra Pindar Road
 Beringarra Pindar Road

Parks & Gardens

Reticulation

- Extensive works carried out on reticulation in settlement
- General clean up around houses
- General Pruning of trees

Caravan Park

- Re establishing lawn areas

Fencing

- Repairs to rear fence on CEO House

- Repairs to fencing on Big House
- Install lattice at roadhouse

Sports Club

- Remove tank, paving area
- Prep for drought meeting

Staff Housing

- Septic tank and leach problems being resolved

Staffing

Brian Wundenberg-Works Supervisor

Neil Coombe- Leading Hand
Paul Smart
Stuart Broad
Glenn Pinnegar
Danny Hewton

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None at this stage

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None at this stage

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Note the Status Report of the Shire owned Plant and receive the Works Supervisors status report.

15.3 Road-Cue Beringarra Road Drainage

File:
 Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
 Date: 13 August 2010
 Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Progress on drainage issues on Cue Beringarra Road

BACKGROUND

Cyclone Dominic caused extensive damage to the Cue Beringarra Road in February 2009.

Both shires of Murchison and Cue assisted in submitting a flood damage claim, which was subsequently upgraded to a natural disaster claim.

Main Roads have instructed the Shires to look at the drainage issues on the roads, before they would consider any further flood claims on that road.

At a meeting held on 11 August in Cue, which was attended by the CEO of Shires of Murchison and Cue, Tim Gleinister from Main Roads, Michael Keene from Greenfield Technical Service and a party from Crosslands Resources including Peter George, Wayne Bone and Geoff Cocks from Coffeys.

Background of this issue;

Murchison Metals along with Shires Murchison and Cue entered into a road agreement in 2007, which is due to expire in 2011

The flood events in February 2009 highlighted some drainage issue relating to the road. Both Shires passed a resolution for Crosslands to address these issues.

The flood damage claim for this section of road was for 5.2 million. Included in this amount was an allowance for drainage of \$400,000.

Part of this claim was a concern by Main Roads that “causality” was the fact that insufficient drainage was a contributing factor but Main Roads and FESA gave the shires “the benefit of doubt” and processed the claim.

Main Roads is still of the opinion that the road does not have sufficient protection for a road that carries the amount of volume of vehicles and amount of freight it carries.

The Shires of Murchison and Cue are still of the opinion the road is not built to specification as set out in the road agreement.

Discussion

The \$400,000 of drainage works have not been completed.

Main Roads POV- The 400k is for reinstatement of what existing drains were in place prior to the flood event.

Crosslands POV- Ray Smith did a plan and drawings including “new” additional drainage.

Crosslands engaged Geoff Cocks from Coffeys to bring a report to this meeting, and he made the following comments on the road;

- He looked at it as a protection of the seal POV
- Insufficient run off drains
- Requires a further 50-100 offshoot drains
- 5 floodways that require more rock protection
- 8 floodways require raising above level of the ground

- 3 sections have weak basecourse
- 3-4 parallel drains are required to the road

Outcomes of the meeting-

1. CRL to complete the reinstatement of the existing drains and bunds to complete the \$400k as required by Main Roads
2. CRL to engage an engineer for future drainage plan and to scope the required works that will make the road stand up to “normal” rain events. It is up to Crosslands to prove to The Shires and Main Roads that the drainage is sufficient for normal rain activity. If the drainage does not handle normal rain activity then Main Roads will not support any future flood claims.
3. SOM and SOC to commence negotiations with Crosslands about a new road agreement.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CONSULTATION

None

COMMENT

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Commence a review of existing road agreement and progress to draft stages of new road agreement with Crosslands Resources.

15.4 Sealing of Carnarvon Mullewa Road-Item laying on Table from June 2010

File:
 Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
 Date: 18 June 2010
 Attachments: Nil

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Consideration of sealing options for Carnarvon Mullewa Road

BACKGROUND

The new roadwork’s south of the sand seal has 7-10km ready for sealing

At a recent visit by our consulting engineer, an inspection was carried out on the sealing works that was laid down in 2007.

The seal from the settlement to approx 17 km requires some remedial work to extend the life of the seal. It is very thin in places and is described as dead seal. The last three km require a more drastic approach as the pavement under the seal is cracking and will require some remedial work in the next six months to extend its life.

Upon further investigation of a sand seal, this type of seal requires a large amount of traffic volume and continuous cover of sand to “keep alive “ the seal. This type of seal is required to continue moving around to maintain an optimum life.

Council has previously endorsed to continue with a sand seal approach to the current project.

The current program is funded by RTR and RRG.

The shire has a couple of different seal types around the shire. The Jiggernoo strip was sealed in 2004 with a single coat seal, the bypass road at the bridge was sealed with a two coat 10/7 seal.

When spraying bitumen there is optimum times and core pavement temperatures that need to be met. An example of this is that the pavement should be around 21 degrees before applying any bitumen. In Murchison’s climate now, getting the pavement to 21 degrees would mean the contractors should not start until 10.30am and be finished by 3.00pm, or thereabouts. Getting contracting teams to spray when the right time is, is extremely challenging.

Based on the initial costs of a sand seal, this is always the cheapest option.

Sand seal cost \$2.87 per square meter

10mm seal cost \$ 4.00 per square meter

14mm seal cost \$ 4.83 per square meter

Sand seal also requires constant rework of sand and rolling due to our low volume of traffic.

The cost to seal the 18km we are preparing using different styles is;

Sand Seal 80000 square meters	\$ 229,600
10mm Aggregate Seal	\$ 320,000
14mm Aggregate seal	\$ 386,400

Both aggregate seal will require a second coat at some stage, in Jiggernoo Strip’s case it is likely to occur in 2010, an 8 year period between major works. The current sand seal requires action now, a period of 2 years.

With RTR and RRG funding we could utilise this funding for making the pavement, and utilise the R4R to seal.

We currently have a tender contract with Boral to complete these works. Should a change be made to the specification we would need to arrange this change.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Michael Keane, Greenfield Technical Services
Brian Wundenberg, Works Supervisor

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

OC100613 Sealing on Carnarvon Mullewa Road

Moved Cr MW Halleen, Seconded Cr P R Squires

1.Change specifications from a sand seal to a 10mm aggregate single coat seal for the next 18km seal project on Carnarvon Mullewa Road

2.Fund the difference in sealing with Royalties for Regions 2008-09 funding.

COUNCIL DECISION

OC100614 Sealing on Carnarvon Mullewa Road

Moved Cr MW Halleen, Seconded Cr P R Squires

This item lay on the table until the next meeting

Motion put and carried 5/0

CEO Comment

During discussions from the last meeting, council had requested that the CEO have the sealing man from Boral visit the site and give a comment on what he thought the spray rate should be.

Boral were booked to attend the site , but withdrew from this as we were not proceeding with the the sealing project. An explanation to Boral explaining that we were re-considering what type of seal we were going to use , but they still would not come for the inspection.

The new financial year has begun and as yet the 2010-11 budget has not been set. I have requested Greenfields to prepare a costing and whole of life costing on the different type of seals for consideration of Council before proceeding with calling of tenders for the supply of aggregates and seal for the 2010-11 year.

The estimates will be called on the following basis

1. Sand Seal
2. 14mm aggregate seal with a 10 year reseal second coat
3. 14/10 aggregate two coat seal
4. 10mm aggregate seal with a 5 year reseal second coat

Officer Recommendation

That Council;

1. Consider the costing's and whole of life cost for sealing the 20km project on the Carnarvon Mullewa Road at the August Ordinary meeting.

Additional Information

Whole of Life Costings were completed

	Initial Treatment	Next Treatment	Whole of Life cost per annum	Whole of Life cost per km	relative % cost
1	SAND Seal	SAND Seal every 5 yrs	\$ 278,724	\$ 83,617	100%
2	10mm Single Seal	14mm after 5 yrs, then every 12 yrs	\$ 248,086	\$ 74,426	89%
4	14/7 Two-Coat Seal	Alternate 10mm/14mm every 12 yrs	\$ 240,600	\$ 72,180	86%
3A	14mm Seal, 6 Yrs	10mm after 6 yrs, then every 12 yrs	\$ 228,638	\$ 68,591	82%
3	14mm Seal, 8 Yrs	10mm after 8 yrs, then every 12 yrs	\$ 221,400	\$ 66,420	79%

Refer attached costings with summary chart based on the last round of seal tenders (Boral).

Based on our experience at Jiggernoo, I would opt for the single 14mm but with allowance to topseal after 6 years (not 8 years).

Please note;

1. Cost estimates are for seal treatments only – pavement construction is not included.
2. Cost of seal is based on tender rates recieved from Boral, May 2010.
3. No allowance has been made for increase in seal costs.
4. Final cost of seal is dependent on the final size of cover aggregate delivered to site. The stone size can vary by up to 10% and consequently the bitumen required can vary by up to 10%.

regards

Michael Keane | Principal
Greenfield Technical Services
 Consulting Engineers

OFFICER RECOMENDATION

That Council;

1. Seal SLK 20-40 using a 14mm single coat seal.
2. Call tenders for the supply of bitumen and aggregate for the annual supply

16. FINANCE

16.1 Financial Activity Statements June 2010

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 10 June 2010
Attachments: Nil

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Council to consider adopting the monthly financial statements for June 2010.

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

COUNCIL DECISION

1. That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending June 2010, as attached.

16.2 Accounts Paid during the period July August 2010

File:
 Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
 Date: 14 April 2010
 Attachments: EFT & Cheque Detail for July August

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Authorisation of accounts paid during the month of July August 2010.

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 July August 2010 as per attached schedule.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. Accounts Paid between July August 2010:

TYPE	Voucher	PAYMENT	STATUS	AMOUNT
EFT	1-39T	Creditor	Paid	\$ 230327.00
EFT	40-41	PL	Paid	\$ 800.76
Cheque	9013-9028	PL	Paid	\$ 6088.01

2. Accounts to be Paid

TYPE	Voucher	PAYMENT	STATUS	AMOUNT

3. Salaries and Wages paid between March and April of \$ 33585.82 is received.

16.3 Adoption Annual Budget 2010/11

File:
 Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
 Interest Declared: No Interest to declare
 Date: 16 August 2010
 Attachments: Budget 2010-11,

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Council to consider adopting the 2010/11 Budget and also approve

- Differential and minimum rates
- Cemetery Fees and Charges
- Schedule of Fees and Charges

BACKGROUND

Council approved the advertising of differential rates for 2010-11 at Ordinary Meeting on 16 April 2010.

Council approved the Schedule of Fees & Charges at ordinary council meeting in April 2010 (Refer Council Minute OC100416)

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995
 Section 6.2–Requires a local government to prepare an annual budget by 31 August
 Section 6.32–States that a local government in order to make up the budget deficiency is to impose a general rate on rateable land that may be imposed uniformly or differentially
 Section 6.33(1)–Provides that a local government cannot, without the approval of the Minister, impose a differential general rate that is more than twice the lowest differential general rate imposed.
 Section 6.33(3)–States that a local government cannot without the approval of the Minister raise an amount of general rates that exceeds 110% of the budget deficiency or is less than 90% of the budget deficiency
 Section 6.35–States a local government before imposing any differential general rate provide at least 21 days public notice of its intention to do so.
 Section 6.45 to 6.47–Allows a local government to levy fees and interest, grant a discount for early payment and to waive or grant concessions in relation to a rate or service charge.
 Section 6.51–Allows a local government to charge interest on a rate or service charge that remains unpaid after it is due and payable.
 Section 6.16–Allows a local government to impose and recover a fee or charge for any goods or services it provides or proposes to provide.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget outlines planned expenditure and revenue and determines the financial parameters for the Shire to operate within for the 2010/11 financial year. The proposed budget for the year is balanced with all revenue to be received during the year and the estimated brought forward surplus being expended on meeting operating expenditure demands, the capital works programme and transfers to reserves for future years' expenditure.

CONSULTATION

The proposed differential rates were advertised for public comment in advertisements placed in The West Australian on 23 May 2009. Ratepayers and electors were invited to provide submissions, to be received by 4.00pm Monday 15 June 2009. No submissions were received.

COMMENT

Following changes processed to the draft budget provide to Council at its meeting on 17 July 2009, the Rate Setting Statement now shows a balanced result.

The budgeted result for 2009/10 assumes that a surplus of \$1,608,537 will be recorded for 2008/09 and is similar to the surplus included in the draft budget. As the annual financial statements have not been completed this forecasted result is subject to change.

Rates, Penalties and Instalments

A letter was sent on 15 June 2009, to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development requesting approval to implement a differential rate that is more than twice the lowest differential rate. This approval is required in accordance with Section 6.33(3) of the Local Government Act 1995. The Ministers has approved the differential rate.

Rates incentive prize for rates paid in full and received by council by 4.00pm on the due date is offered to ratepayers. This is in the form of a lucky draw, the prize to the value of \$1000 is to be determined by Council.

Fees and Charges

Schedule of Fees and Charges that was presented to Council at its meeting on 16 April 2010(refer to OC100416)

To complete the budget process for 2010-11 there are a number of formal decisions required and these are outlined in the following officer recommendations.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 1

That Council adopt the following differential and minimum rates for the year ending 30 June 2011.

Rate Category	Basis	2010/11 Rate in \$	2010/11 Minimum
Pastoral	UV	4.266	232
Prospecting/Exploration	UV	8.522	349
Mining	UV	25.30	349

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 2

That Council

1. In accordance with Section 6.45 (1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, offer the following options for the payment of rates:

Option 1: Payment in full by a single instalment

Option 2: Payment in four equal instalments

2. Early rate payer prize to the value of \$1000 be offered by lucky draw to those ratepayers who have paid their rates in full by 4.00pm on the due date shown on the rates notice.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 3

That Council, in accordance with Section 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995, adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges as presented in the Budget for the year ended 30 June 2011

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 4

That Council, in accordance with Section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995, adopt the Annual Budget for the year ending 30 June 2011

17. DEVELOPMENT

17.1 Building Approval

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 13 August 2010
Attachments: Nil

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Approval of Building Licence 01/10

BACKGROUND

Application received from Milly Milly Pastoral Co, to build a machinery shed.

The Shires Building Surveyor has approved the plans and issued a building license 01/10

OFFICER RECOMENDATION

That Council:

Approve the Building application as submitted by Milly Milly Pastoral Co

17.2 Heritage Precinct

File:
 Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
 Date: 13 August 2010
 Attachments: Nil

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Heritage Precinct

BACKGROUND

Council has previously resolved to have a community consultation via survey. These surveys were posted to every community members listed on councils local mailing list. The surveys were also available at the Shire office and the Roadhouse.

There has been plenty of discussion , especially around the opening day recently held. There have been two written submissions received.

The following is a summary of what was received;

- 1. Do you think the preservation of heritage items is important?**
 - Yes
 - Yes-a good place for the preservation of heritage items could be the shire so that people can view & have access.
- 2. Is the Murchison Settlement the right place to put heritage buildings?**
 - Yes
 - Yes- Murchison is the hub of our community and it is a great idea to have heritage buildings placed at the settlement so they can be utilized.
- 3. Do you feel that people will come and visit the Murchison if there was more accommodation at the settlement?**
 - Yes
 - Yes- The fact that Brian Wake has booked a at polo x for 5 years indicates he doesn't want to miss out because they (units) will be in demand as we all get a little older & looking for comfort.
- 4. What type of buildings would you like to see moved to the settlement?**
 - Only structurally sound ones, that have relevance to the district
 - Unused quarters, wool sheds- meat houses that can be used in summer , see the stars
- 5. What Type of tourist or corporate groups do you think would use the facility?**
 - Grey nomads/polocrosse. If there was enough accommodation & someone to run it could be used for corporate groups- would need to access to the sports club.
 - Anyone looking for the authentic bush experience, school groups-team building groups- nature tours.
- 6. The Heritage Buildings will be used as accommodation, would you like to comment on this?**
 - Very good idea, adds to the visitor experience and preserve the building.
 - We need to get the building in the photo to the shire ASAP as before it deteriorates further- please hurry
- 7. Feel free to add any other comments**
 - The Boolardy Top Shed quarters would be a very good start
 - The proposed precinct is not too bad, as long as the polocrosse showers and toilets were in working order.
 - We need to update the ariel photo.
 - We need free hold blocks so that we can build & have retired people on premises to care for these buildings- there are plenty of people out there looking to get away to the bush.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CONSULTATION

As sent out to community.

COMMENT

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Discuss the preferred site for the Heritage Precinct and decide on its position.
2. Engage a suitably qualified contractor to move the Shearers quarters from the Top Shed at Boolardy to the Murchison Settlement.

18. ADMINISTRATION

18.1 Structural Reform-Integrated Planning Forum

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 13 August 2010
Attachments: Nil

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Receive the report on Integrated Planning Forum .

BACKGROUND

Cr Walsh and the CEO attended the Department of Local Government's information session on Integrated Planning Forum on the 3 August 2010 at the City of Canning.

The meeting was well attended by both city and country local governments.

The session was based around the Strategic Reform measures that will be implemented by the State Government over the next year or so.

The WA Government's agenda is to roll out four core areas in local Government.

1. Strategic and community Planning
2. Asset management and financial planning
3. Stronger units of local government
4. Build sector capacity

Each core area had a speaker that spoke on the subject in generic terms.

Question time was offered to the audience at the end of each segment, but were usually limited to 1 or 2 questions.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

Judging from the questions asked, the State Government has taken the NSW Governments model and has basically implemented it to become the model that we will be using.

Unfortunately most presenters were new to the subject and are on steep learning curves themselves, hence local government are not pushing the barrow too hard yet.

The out come from Murchison's point of view is that as a small council we will be burdened by extra workload at an administrative level.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Receive the report and presentation o the Integrated Planning Forum

18.2 NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of motion for the August ordinary meeting of council please
CEO review

Cr Simon Broad

18.3 Sucession Plan for replacing the CEO

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 16 August 2010
Attachments: Nil

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Commence planning for replacement of CEO

BACKGROUND

I have previously stated that I will not be seeking an extension of my contract when it expires in September 2011.

In selecting a new CEO the process is quite long and then once that process has been completed if the person selected is a senior local government employee then a minimum of three months notice is generally required.

In order to have a smooth transition from myself to a new CEO, I am proposing that council should give consideration to begin the process of looking for a new CEO.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

Discuss possible options of a transition to a new CEO

19. CEO ACTIVITY REPORT

19.1 CEO Activity Report

File:

Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 13 August 2010

Attachments: Nil

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

CEO's activity report

- 28 July- Special Council Meeting with CSIRO
- 3 August- Integrated Planning Forum at City of Canning- see agenda item
- 4 August- UHYHN, End of year accounting
- 5-6 August- local government Convention
- 9 August- Inspection of Butchers Track with Works Supervisor
- 10 August-Road Inspection with Works Supervisor- Carnarvon Mullewa road south – Beringarra Pindar Road to Cockney Bills and the Twin Peaks-Woolleen road
- 11 August- Meeting is Cue, see agenda Item

Update

Regional Collaborative Group

The Shire of Upper Gascoyne has the document for signing, and when they have signed it it will make it to Murchison for signing by the President.

Emergency Management Plan

Not completed any more work since last report

20. URGENT BUSINESS

21. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

22. MEETING CLOSURE

