



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 **17 June 2011**, commencing at 10.00 am.

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**5. NEXT MEETING**

The scheduled date for the next ordinary meeting is 22 July 2011.

**6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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**8. CONFIRMATION OF FLYING MINUTES**

**9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**9.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 17 May 2011**

**Background:**

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

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 17 May 2011 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

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

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**15.1 WORKS**

**15.1.1 Monthly Plant & Works Progress Report**

File:  
 Author: Brian Wundenberg, Works Supervisor  
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
 Date: 14 June 2011  
 Attachments:

**Matter for Consideration:**

To view the plant operation for the month of May 2011 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			6812.9		
Cat Grader 12H	2003	MU 121					
Cat Grader 12M	2008	MU 51			3006		
Volvo L110 Loader	2006	MU 65			3282		
Komatsu Dozer	1997				7096		
Cat Vibrating Roller	2005	MU 177			35.9		
John Deere Grader	2011	MU121			22.9		
<b>TRUCKS</b>							
Iveco Prime Mover	2003	MU 000			218211		
Nissan UD	2009	000 MU			87616		
Iveco Tipper	2004	MU 00			139606		
<b>GENERATORS</b>							
Generator 2-100KVA	2005						
Generator 1-83KVA	2005						
Generator 13KVA (Const)	2005						
Maintenance Genset					14676.16		
Construction Genset					3596.5		
<b>LIGHT VEHICLES</b>							
Mitsubishi Canter	2011	01 MU			9179		
Mitsubishi Canter	2004	MU 140			97212		
Toyota Prado	2009	MU 0					
Holden Rodeo	2008	MU 167			133582		
Isuzu DMAX	2009	MU 300			93056		
Toyota PTV	1986	MU 1017					

**TRAILERS & TANKERS**

Side Tipper	2001	MU 2010			182172		
Side Tipper- Evertran	2009	MU 662					
Tri Axle Low Loader	2008	MU 663			23180		
Tri Axle Low Loader	2001	MU 2004					
30K Water Tank	2005	MU 2024			3154		
Dog Fuel Trailer	1993	MU 658					
Dog Fuel Trailer	1972	MU 2005					
Dolly 1-Red	2001	MU 2003					
Dolly 2-Black	2000	MU 2009					

**TRACTORS**

New Holland Forklift Caravans Various Small Plant Cobra Multi Tyre Roller Ford Ride on Mower Patient Transfer vehicle	2006	MU 380					
					1201.5		
					4476		
					20939		

**15.1.2 Works Report**

**Flood Damage**

- Road work from Boolardy Station to CSIRO.
- Road completed and flood damage crew now on Boolardy – Kalli Road.
- Ross Ariti from Kalli station will be providing meals and accommodation for flood damage crew at his station from the commencement of the next swing. This will save a considerable amount of travel time therefore increasing time actually spent on road works. Most of the crew are currently staying at the settlement and travel is approx 3 hours per day. This is too long and not utilising our resources productively.
- Paul Squires crew are off flood damage work for a while and are working for CSIRO on Pindar-Beringarra Road to meet their obligations to maintain road conditions.
  - Grader
  - Water Truck
  - Roller

**Maintenance Grader**

Mick Wall is doing a run around top of Shire:

- Butchers Track
- Carnarvon Mullewa Road to North Boundary
- Byro to Milly Milly – Erong Road

He will then see what he can do with the road north of Innouendy. From there he will proceed to Beringarra out to the bitumen on the Beringarra – Cue road.

Once completed Mick will start on Mileura-Nookawarra road then down to Boolardy, across to Twin Peaks and down to Carnarvon-Mullewa before polocrosse carnival on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Construction Crew**

Unfortunately not many crew left with Neil in Royal Perth Hospital with a broken leg (which also takes out Fiona) leaving Stuart, Will and Colleen. (Sandy on semi-retirement).

I have contacted Tommy Cross and he will hopefully begin work on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June to replace Neil. (this is subject to roads being open as there is more rain due on Tuesday).

Crew will finish the road at intersection of Twin Peaks carting in gravel and spreading out and leaving until commencement of next stage. They will then return to the Settlement to proceed on the 4km just north of settlement.

## **Proposed Road Works and Employment**

I would like to talk about next year's jobs and road works program.

**Plant replacement** – The Cobra roller has died. Will expand at meeting.

- New John Deere 770 grader has been delivered and 12H traded.

**Staff** – Ross John Collins has taken on the position of service and maintenance of all plant.

I am going to Geraldton on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June to interview 2 casual employees for work with the Shire. One is to replace Ross off-siding with Stuart to install all grids and signs and the other will join the works crew.

Chris Graham has completed 3 full grids. One is for Carnarvon–Mullewa road at the Pinegrove turnoff. I hope to have the grids in place when CatWest are out doing floodway damage on Carnarvon-Mullewa Road so the grid approaches can be sealed at the same time. (this will include the one at Bullardoo Station)

CatWest are due out on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June to complete flood-ways and will be camping at Twin Peaks.

99% of shoulder repairs on Carnarvon Mullewa road south of settlement have been completed. There is some sand to be carted away and more gravel to be carted in just south of the settlement (1km). Signs and drainage also to be completed.

## **16. FINANCE**

### **16.1 Financial Activity Statements – May 2011**

Owing to staff shortages the Financial Statement for the month of May are not ready to be presented to Council at this meeting.

### **16.2 Accounts Paid during the period**

Owing to staff shortages the Accounts Payment Schedule for the month of May is not ready to be presented to Council at this meeting.

## **17. DEVELOPMENT**

## **18. ADMINISTRATION**

### **18.1.170611 WALGA Annual General Meeting – Voting Delegates**

File:  
Author: Mike Sully, Chief Executive Officer  
Interest Declared: Nil.  
Date: 7 June 2011  
Attachments:

#### **Matter for Consideration:**

This report recommends that Council endorse Councillor \_\_\_\_\_, and Councillor \_\_\_\_\_, as voting delegates and endorse Councillor \_\_\_\_\_, and Councillor \_\_\_\_\_, as proxy delegates for the 2011 WALGA Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 6 August 2011.

#### **Background:**

The 2011 WALGA Annual General Meeting will be held during the Local Government Convention on Saturday 6 August 2011 at the Perth Convention Centre. All Member Councils are entitled to be represented by two (2) voting delegates. In the event that a registered voting delegate is unable to attend, provision is made for proxy delegates to be registered.

Councils wishing to exercise their voting entitlements must ensure that their voting delegates are appropriately registered with WALGA before Monday 11 July 2011.

#### **Comment:**

Only registered delegates or registered proxy delegates will be permitted to exercise voting entitlements on behalf of Member Councils. Voting delegates may be Elected Members or serving officers.

#### **Consultation:**

Janet Done Executive Officer, Governance and Strategy, WALGA  
Simon Broad Shire President, Shire of Murchison

#### **Statutory Environment:**

Nil.

#### **Strategic Implications:**

The annual Local Government conference provides opportunities for Elected Members and serving officers to experience and be involved with broader issues of Local Government and to meet and converse with people from other Local Governments to share experiences and possibly open new dimensions.

#### **Policy Implications:**

Nil.

#### **Financial Implications:**

Nil.

#### **Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority.

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council endorse Councillor \_\_\_\_\_, and Councillor \_\_\_\_\_, as voting delegates and endorse Councillor \_\_\_\_\_, and Councillor \_\_\_\_\_, as proxy delegates for the 2011 WALGA Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 6 August 2011.

**18.1.180611 R4R Country Local Government Fund (CLGF) - Application**

File:  
 Author: Mike Sully, Chief Executive Officer  
 Interest Declared: Nil.  
 Date: 15 June 2011  
 Attachments: Copy of agreement sent as email on 15 June 2011

**Matter for Consideration:**

This report recommends that Council endorse the 2010/2011 Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund (CLGF) funding application and authorise the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign the document and affix the Shire's Common Seal.

**Background:**

In May 2011 the Shire met all of the conditions for acquittal of the 2008/2009 CLGF funds and is now eligible to access the 2010/2011 CLGF funds. A copy of the draft funding agreement for the 2010/2011 CLGF funds was forwarded to Elected Members on 15 June 2011.

**Comment:**

The 2010/2011 CLGF funding application requests that the funds totalling \$575,452 be made available for the ongoing upgrade and sealing of a further 10 Kms of the Carnarvon-Mullewa road. This is in accord with Council's Five Year Forward Capital Works Plan which was endorsed by Council and the Department of Regional Development and Lands (RDL) in December 2010.

**Consultation:**

Department of Regional Development and Lands

**Statutory Environment:**

Expenditure of Royalties for Regions Funding must comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996

**Strategic Implications:**

Ongoing development of the Carnarvon-Mullewa road is in accord with Council's Strategic Plan and Five Year Forward Capital Works Plan

**Policy Implications:**

Nil.



**Financial Implications:**

The 2010/2011 Royalties for Regions CLGF funding for the Shire is \$575,452 and is additional income to undertake infrastructure development within the Shire.

**Voting Requirements:**

Absolute Majority

**OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council endorse the 2010/2011 Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund (CLGF) funding application and authorise the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign the document and affix the Shire’s Common Seal.

**18.1.190611 Ranger Services – Renewal Of Contract**

File:  
 Author: Mike Sully, Chief Executive Officer  
 Interest Declared: Nil.  
 Date: 9 June 2011  
 Attachments: Nil.

**Matter for Consideration:**

This report recommends that Council renew a contract for Ranger Services with Peter Smith, for a period of three years commencing 1 July 2011.

**Background:**

Mr Peter Smith has been contracted by the Shire of Murchison to provide Ranger services since May 2007. The main duty provided has been canine and cat control and the number of service visits to the Shire is as follows:

Calendar Year	Number of Visits
2007	2
2008	2
2009	10
2010	10
2011 (year to date)	3

The contract for Ranger services with the Shire is due to expire on 30 June 2011. Mr Smith has requested that the contract be renewed for a three year period. Usually Mr Smith visits the Shire on request from the Chief Executive Officer or the Works Foreman.

**Comment:**

Mr Smith has advised that during the period 1/7/2010 to 15/6/2011 he has destroyed 32 dogs and 21 cats within the Shire of Murchison. The majority of these dogs and cats have been associated with the Pia Wadjari Community. However Mr Smith believes that his Ranger duties assist with limiting the number of wild dogs in the region which is reducing stock losses on Stations within the Shire.

**Consultation:**

Mr Peter Smith                      Shire Ranger

**Statutory Environment:**

Nil.

**Strategic Implications:**

Employment of a Ranger to undertake dog control duties would provide a benefit to the Murchison community.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil.

**Financial Implications:**

Each visit to the Shire by the Ranger costs \$1,500 (Inc. GST). It is recommended that each visit to the Shire is made following a request from the Chief Executive Officer or the Works Foreman.

**Voting Requirements:**

Absolute Majority

<b>OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:</b>
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That Council

1. Renew a contract for Ranger Services with Peter Smith, for a period of three years commencing 1 July 2011 at a cost of \$1,500 (Inc.GST) per visit.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the terms of the contract.

**18.1.200611 Bush Voices – Financial Contribution**

File:  
Author: Mike Sully, Chief Executive Officer  
Interest Declared: Nil.  
Date: 15 June 2011  
Attachments:

**Matter for Consideration:**

This report recommends that Council provide financial support up to \$400 for the printing of the publication titled Bush Voices.

**Background:**

Mrs Emma Foulkes-Taylor is producing the current publication of Bush Voices. The magazine is provided free to residents of the Murchison and surrounding regions and is produced with a considerable contribution from Murchison Arts Council members.

The magazine printing costs are usually covered by donations and the Shire has previously donated its photocopier and paper supply. Mrs Foulkes-Taylor is requesting that Council agree to provide use of the photocopier and supply the paper for the current edition of the Bush Voices.

**Comment:**

The purpose of the Bush Voices is to maintain a sense of community by providing local and regional news, stories and information to the wider region. Approximately 200 copies are mailed free of charge to Stations and about 40 are sent under subscription to people now residing outside the region.

**Consultation:**

Mrs Emma Foulkes-Taylor

Honorary editor, Bush Voices

**Statutory Environment:**

Nil.

**Strategic Implications:**

There are positive benefits for the Murchison Community to be able to maintain contact with people throughout the Murchison and the wider region.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil.

**Financial Implications:**

The cost involved for use of the photocopier is generally determined by the number of pages that require copying. It is estimated that there will be around 250 copies with 20 pages in each, which equals an estimated total of 5,000 pages. Most public libraries charge on average .06c per page to cover costs totalling approximately \$300 for the photocopying and around an additional \$100 for incidentals.

**Voting Requirements:**

Absolute Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council provide financial support of up to \$400 for the printing of the June/July 2011 publication of Bush Voices.

**18.1.210611 Beringarra Pindar Road – CSIRO Road Maintenance Agreement**

File:  
Author: Mike Sully, Chief Executive Officer  
Interest Declared: Nil.  
Date: 16 June 2011  
Attachments: Draft agreement sent by email 15 June 2011

**Matter for Consideration:**

This report recommends that Council review, amend if required, and endorse the draft Beringarra-Pindar Road Maintenance Agreement between Council and CSIRO and authorise the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign the document on behalf of Council.

**Background:**

Council has commissioned Mr Bill Mitchell to formulate an agreement with CSIRO to provide Council with funding to be used for the maintenance of the Beringarra-Pindar Road during the construction phase of the development of the Boolardy ASKAR project.

Mr Mitchell, selected CSIRO personnel and staff from Council's legal representative have negotiated a draft Agreement which has been circulated to Elected Members.

**Comment:**

Following the acceptance of this Agreement, Mr Mitchell, CSIRO representatives and Council's legal representative will proceed to develop a further Agreement which will seek to establish a level of funding that will be used to carry out upgrade work on the Beringarra-Pindar road which will provide for safer travel on the Beringarra-Pindar road for road users from CSIRO, ASKAR, SKA and the general public.

**Consultation:**

Mr Bill Mitchell  
CSIRO selected representatives

**Statutory Environment:**

Nil.

**Strategic Implications:**

Obtaining Funds for the maintenance and possible future upgrade of Council's roads is in accord with Council's Strategic Plan

**Policy Implications:**

Nil.

**Financial Implications:**

The level of funding is yet to be determined; however the funding should reduce Council's expenditure for maintenance of the Beringarra-Pindar road.

**Voting Requirements:**

Absolute Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council review, amend if required, and endorse the draft Beringarra-Pindar Road Maintenance Agreement between Council and CSIRO and authorise the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign the document on behalf of Council.

**19. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**20. CEO ACTIVITY REPORT**

- 20.05.11 Geraldton meeting with Crosslands.
- 20.05.11 Geraldton – State Budget Meeting.
- 23.05.11 Meeting with Barry Turner, Betta Roads and Brian Wundenberg.
- 24.05.11 Insurance Review with Brian Eckhart of LGIS.
- 31.05.11 Geraldton - Meeting with Travis Bate from RSM Bird Cameron.
- 31.05.11 Geraldton - OPR Validation Seminar – Social Impact
- 31.05.11 Geraldton - OPR Goodheart Art Preview
- 02.06.11 Meeting with Hitachi representative and Shire staff.
- 08.06.11 Meeting with David Gee, McConnell Dow.
- 09.06.11 Meeting with Tex McPherson, FESA.
- 13.06.11 Governance Training, Ricky Burges and Tony Brown, WALGA

**20. URGENT BUSINESS**

**21. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

**21.1 Matter of a confidential nature.**

**22. MEETING CLOSURE**

## ACTION LIST 2011

Item No	Originator	Action	Officer/Councillor	Schedule	Status
1	MSC June 2011 Council meeting	Finalise CBD Development Committee meeting	CEO	ASAP	To arrange c/tee meeting
2	MSC	Contact Shire of Shark Bay to make Butchers track a joint road of Regional significance	CEO	July 2011	
3	MSC Nov 2010 Council meeting	Prepare report on implications of changing road hierarchy from Mt Wittenoom/Meka Rd to Kalli Rd	CEO	Feb 2011	In Progress
4	MSC June 2011	Review Emergency M/ment plan	CEO	ASAP	In Progress Met with FESA. 9/6/11
5	MSC May 2011	Contact Northampton Shire re Yallalong Road	CEO	ASAP	Shire of Northhmpn claim to have deregistered road and not willing to grade now.
6	MSC May 2011	Bush Fire Brigade – all units to be serviced and operational	CEO/MEMBERS	ASAP	In progress, held meetings with FESA reps 10/5/11
7	MSC May 2011	Relocate stables and stock ramp from near community centre	CEO/ELECTED MEMBERS	ASAP	Council approved May 2011