



Western Australia

MURCHISON SHIRE COUNCIL APRIL 2008

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an
Ordinary Council Meeting of Council was held,
In the Council Chambers, Shire Administration Building,
Murchison Settlement
9.40am, Friday, 18th April 2008.

Dirk Sellenger
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SHIRE OF MURCHISON

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Dirk Sellenger
Chief Executive Officer

**SHIRE OF MUCHISON
COUNCIL MEETING
9.40am Friday, 18th April 2008**

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The President declared the meeting open at 9.40am welcoming councillors and staff present.

2. Record of Attendances / Apologies / Leave of Absence/ Next Meeting

2.1 Attendances

President	Cr SA Broad
Deputy President	Cr MW Halleen

Councillors

Cr R Foulkes-Taylor
Cr PM Walsh
Cr D Pollock

Staff

Chief Executive Officer	DJ Sellenger
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Public Gallery	M Williams
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2.2 Apologies

Cr W Mcl Mitchell (LOA Granted at March Meeting)

2.3 Leave of Absence

Cr Foulkes-Taylor requested Leave of Absence from the May Ordinary Council meeting due other commitments.

COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved Cr Halleen seconded Cr Pollock
That Cr Foulkes-Taylor be granted Leave of Absence from the May
Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 16th May 2008.**

**CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0**

2.4 Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled meeting date is Friday 16th May 2008, council resolved to hold the meeting on this day.

3. Public Question Time – (Section 5.24 of the Local Government Act)

4. Petitions / Deputations / Presentations

Mr Miles Williams from Innouendy Station addressed Council from 9.51am to 10.10am to discuss the proposed Bilung Bush Retreat.

Ms Michelle McIntosh spoke with council between 10.11am and 10.37am using a telephone hook-up and speakerphone to discuss the proposal to establish a "Bilung Bush Retreat" situated near Bilung Pool approximately 144kms north of the Murchison Settlement.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Halleen, Seconded Cr Foulkes-Taylor

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 18th March 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0

6. Announcements by the President

Cr Broad

Advised that he was to attend a Development Commission meeting next Thursday and that he had missed the past few meeting due to funerals and floods.

Advised that Cr Mitchell had recently been re-elected as WALGA President and congratulated him on behalf of the Murchison Shire.

Said he was very sorry to hear that the CEO had resigned to take on the position of CEO with the Chapman Valley Shire and that he believed "Our loss is Chapman Valleys gain"

7. Items for Discussion without Notice

Cr Foulkes-Taylor

Advised that the section of road between Twin Peaks and Murgoo was in a bad state and that Reg and Bridget Seaman should be thanked for putting out the warning signage. The CEO advised that he would contact the Seaman's to thank them for their assistance with regards to this matter.

Spoke of recent repairs to the Grid directly outside the Bullardoo Homestead on the Carnarvon Mullewa Road, this job was carried out in the capacity of a contractor for the Shire.

Cr Halleen

Advised that he and his family had recently returned from a three week holiday in New Zealand and provided council with a brief overview of the Government system in the country which does not have a State Government system.

Spoke of the Beringarra Pindar Road damage between Twin Peaks and Murgoo Homestead, believes a lot of sheeting and bunding need to be done in this section of road and that the road should be inspected by Main Roads to determine if a flood damage claim was warranted, the CEO advised he would arrange for an inspection to take place ASAP and that grading would commence as soon as the contractors returned from a two day break. Cr Halleen advised that more bunds need to be built off the road and that he was available to survey these on behalf of council if required. The CEO advised that he would discuss the matter with the Works Supervisor and that although this work is required council must be aware that a significant job has been commenced for the 17km of bitumen seal south of the settlement and it was essential that council staff and contractors be permitted to continue with this job as previously resolved by council.

Cr Pollock

Sorry to hear that the CEO, his wife Louise and baby Teagan are leaving the Shire and thanked the CEO for all the effort he and his wife have put into the Murchison Community over the past five years.

Spoke about the importance of Butchers Track as an alternative road to the Murchison as the Ballinyoo Bridge becomes older and it is only a matter of time until such time as the Bridge is closed. When this does occur it is essential that Butchers track be in a suitable condition to be a true alternative to the Carnarvon Mullewa Road when the Murchison River is flowing.

Spoke about Cr Halleens comments regarding surveying of bunds and advised that sometimes it is essential to move the bunds upstream to achieve the desired effect, Cr Halleen agreed.

Cr Walsh

Was sorry to hear of the CEO resignation and wished he and his wife all the best for the future.

Advised that he is working at the Jack Hills Iron Ore Mine driving dump trucks and operating various heavy machines which was interesting.

Advised that he thought Greenfield's comments regarding the road were very accurate and the overall condition of the road had significantly improved since the last inspection 6 months ago, which was pleasing.

Spoke about the recent installation of two grids on the Beringarra Cue Road and thanked the CEO for his intervention which caused the grids to be installed within days of his involvement, grid wings and signage was not installed. The CEO advised that he would discuss the matter with Crossland Resources and request that they be installed immediately.

Cr Broad left the chambers at 11.12am

Cr Pollock left the chambers at 11.12am

Cr Broad and Cr Pollock re entered the chambers at 11.15am

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**** Flying Minute****

ITEM NUMBER: **0708.104**
SUBJECT: **CEO Recruitment Process**
FILE REFERENCE: CEO Recruitment – April 2008
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF PURPOSE: Dirk Sellenger – Current CEO

Report Purpose

To allow Council to consider appointing the services of WALGA to be responsible for the recruitment of the new CEO as well as consider giving delegated Authority to the Shire President to determine a remuneration package to be offered to the new CEO.

Background

The current CEO, Dirk Sellenger, recently advised the President and Council of his resignation following an offer to take on the position of CEO with the Shire of Chapman Valley. Dirk has given council 4 months notice to assist with the recruitment and handover process and is due to finish at the Shire of Murchison on Friday 1st August 2008.

Council has in the past utilised the services of WALGA Workplace Solutions to assist with the recruitment of senior members of staff, including the current CEO and the President suggested that Council consider utilising this service again given a high level of success in the past.

Comments/Options/Discussions

The CEO has discussed the matter with WALGA staff who has advised they would be pleased to take on the Appointment process for the Shire of Murchison and although the current CEO is not leaving until August it is essential that council start the process as soon as possible.

Statutory Implications/Requirement

Section 5.36 – Local Government Employees

- (1) A local government is to employ –
 - (a) a person to be the CEO of the local government; and
 - (b) such other persons as the council believes are necessary to enable the functions of the local government and the functions of the local government and the functions of the council to be performed.

- (2) A person is not to be employed in the position of CEO unless the council –
 - (a) believes that the person is suitable qualified for the position; and
 - (b) is satisfied* with the provisions of the proposed employment contract.

- (3) If the position of CEO of a local government becomes vacant, it is to be advertised by the local government in the manner prescribed, and the advertisement is to contain such information with respect to the position as is prescribed.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Council has made no allowance in the 2007/2008 Budget for the recruitment of a CEO. A quote of \$6,600inc GST has been received from WALGA to carry out the advertising and recruitment process of behalf of council and if council wish to proceed with this process an allowance will be made in the 2008/2009 Budget.

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Walsh, Seconded Cr Pollock

That Council formally endorse the decision of the flying Minute as follows:

That Council appoint the services of WALGA Workplace Solutions for the advertising the appointment of the CEO's Position.

That Council accept the quote of \$6,600inc GST and make an appropriate allowance in the 2008/09 Budget.

That Council give delegated authority to the Shire President, to be responsible for determining the advertising details and remuneration package to be offered, with the basis to be similar to that paid to the current CEO.

**CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Walsh Seconded Cr Foulkes-Taylor

That Council appoint the following representatives to be involved in the first stage of interviews to be held in Perth in early May Cr Broad and Cr Mitchell and the current CEO. In the event Cr Mitchell is unavailable Cr Halleen.

That Council interview the short listed applicants (following first stage interviews in Perth) in Murchison by full Council at a date to be determined.

**CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0**

A copy of the final CEO information package as decided by the Shire President has been provided to each councillor as a separate document.

**** Flying Minute****

ITEM NUMBER: **0708.105**
SUBJECT: **Light Vehicle Purchase – Construction Crew**
FILE REFERENCE: Light Vehicle Purchase April 2008
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

Report Purpose

To allow council to reconsider quotes received for the purchase of a new 4x4 Dual Cab Diesel Utility as resolved at the February 2008 Ordinary Council meeting.

Background

Council considered an Amendment to the 2007/2008 Budget at the February 2008 Ordinary Council meeting as follows:

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCILS DECISION

*Moved Cr Halleen seconded Cr Foulkes-Taylor
That Council make an amendment to the adopted 2007/08 Budget as follows:*

Allocate the funds set aside for the changeover of the six wheel tipper for a Prime Mover (Net \$170,000) instead be used for the following purchases below and that the six wheel tipper be kept for a further 12 month period and reviewed again when the 2009/2010 Budget is adopted.

Sale of the 1976 Dual Axel Float (income \$20,000) and purchase of a new or used tri axel float with similar specification to that purchased from SFM in 2001 (expense \$100,000). Resulting in a Net outlay of \$80,000.

Sale of the 2001 Single Cab Toyota Hilux Ute (income \$8,000) and purchase of a new dual cab 4x4 diesel utility (expense \$41,000). Resulting in a Net outlay of \$33,000.

*CARRIED
Record of Vote 5/0*

The Matter was discussed at the March Ordinary the council resolving as follows

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

*Moved Cr Foulkes-Taylor Seconded Cr Walsh
That Council purchase a 4x4 3.0TD Toyota Hilux Dual Cab Utility from Geraldton Toyota for a total purchase price of \$44,750inc GST as per quote dated 21st February 2008.*

*CARRIED
Record of Vote 5/0*

Comments/Options/Discussions

The CEO wrote to each of the dealership advising them of the outcomes of the meeting and a purchase order was issues in March for Geraldton Toyota to supply the vehicle at a total cost of \$44,750inc GST.

When quotes were originally called the CEO had previously been advised any of the vehicles would be available in 6-8 weeks and in some instances in as little as three weeks. Peter Lock from Geraldton Toyota rang yesterday to advise that more delays in the system will not see the Hilux Ute as ordered to be delivered until some time in August, (20weeks)

Vehicle Dealership	Vehicle Type	Total Inc Options
Geraldton Toyota	Toyota Hilux	\$44,750.00
Midwest Autogroup	Ford Ranger	\$36,097.47
Young Motors	Holden Rodeo	\$39,256.00
Young Motors	Mitsubishi Triton	\$37,990.00
Young Motors	Mazda BT50	\$41,518.00

Whilst price is important other vehicles such as operating costs and resale need to also be considered.

Whilst the Ford Ranger is the cheapest to purchase outright and produces the highest maximum torque at the lowest engine revolutions (380nm at 1800rpm) it also has the worst fuel economy and resale value (for non Government purchasers pay full RRP).

Whilst the Hilux offers the best resale value based on ordinary RRP it necessary to use Government discount pricing which can be in the vicinity of \$13,000 in the instance of the Ford Ranger.

Resale based on RRP

Resale Comparison based on 2 year ownership period

Vehicle Type	RRP 2006	Trade in 2 years on	Depreciation 2 year
Toyota Hilux	\$ 41,790.00	\$ 27,700.00	\$ 14,090.00
Ford Ranger / Courier	\$ 40,290.00	\$ 21,200.00	\$ 19,090.00
Holden Rodeo	\$ 39,290.00	\$ 23,800.00	\$ 15,490.00
Mitsubishi Triton	\$ 39,644.00	\$ 21,700.00	\$ 17,944.00
Mazda BT50/ Bravo	\$ 39,555.00	\$ 24,600.00	\$ 14,955.00

Resale based on Government Pricing

Vehicle Type	Council Cost Price as quoted	Trade in 2 years on	Depreciation
Toyota Hilux	\$44,750.00	\$27,700.00	\$17,050.00
Ford Ranger / Courier	\$36,097.47	\$21,200.00	\$14,897.47
Holden Rodeo	\$39,256.00	\$23,800.00	\$15,456.00
Mitsubishi Triton	\$37,990.00	\$21,700.00	\$16,290.00
Mazda BT50/ Bravo	\$41,518.00	\$24,600.00	\$16,918.00

In the above scenario the Ford Ranger provides the highest level of depreciation for the Private buyer however this changes to the lowest level of depreciation if purchased at Government prices.

As stated above the Ford Ranger and Mazda BT50 provide the highest maximum torque at the lowest engine revolution however it seems the penalty for this is increased fuel consumption ranging in vehicles from Holden Rodeo best at 8.1ltr per 100kms to the Ford Ranger at 9.2ltrs per 100kms as follows:

Claimed Fuel Consumption Figures ltrs per 100kms

Toyota Hilux	8.3
Ford Ranger	9.2
Holden Rodeo	8.1
Mitsubishi Triton	9.1
Mazda BT50	9.2

In keeping with councils trend of keeping vehicles longer to reduce ownership costs throughout the life of the vehicle if the vehicle achieves the claimed fuel figures over a ownership period of 100,000kms total vehicle fuel costs based on a fuel cost of \$1.65ltr would be as follows:

Total fuel cost based on 100,000kms at claimed fuel consumption figures

Toyota Hilux	\$ 13,695.00
Ford Ranger	\$ 15,180.00
Holden Rodeo	\$ 13,365.00
Mitsubishi Triton	\$ 15,015.00
Mazda BT50	\$ 15,180.00

Each of the vehicles offers a 3 year 100,000kms warranty and in this day and age it is highly unlikely to experience any mechanical breakdown or problems with any of the vehicles throughout the 100,000km ownership period.

Based on Depreciation cost and fuel costs over the life of the vehicle as follows:

	Council	Trade in		Fuel Cost	Total
	Cost Price	2 years on	Depreciation	Difference	Depr + Fuel
Holden Rodeo	\$ 39,256.00	\$ 23,800.00	\$ 15,456.00	\$ -	\$ 15,456.00
Ford Ranger / Courier	\$ 36,097.47	\$ 21,200.00	\$ 14,897.47	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 16,712.47
Toyota Hilux	\$ 44,750.00	\$ 27,700.00	\$ 17,050.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 17,380.00
Mitsubishi Triton	\$ 37,990.00	\$ 21,700.00	\$ 16,290.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 17,940.00
Mazda BT50/ Bravo	\$ 41,518.00	\$ 24,600.00	\$ 16,918.00	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 18,733.00

Based on the above scenario the Holden Rodeo provides the lowest total ownership period throughout the life of the vehicle.

Disclaimer

The above figures rely totally on information provided by Redbook.com.au and the vehicle achieving the manufactures claimed fuel consumption figures. No responsibility is taken for the accuracy of this information or guarantees that future trade in figures will be achieved. The information should be used as a guide only.

Toyota has established themselves as the builders of quality vehicles which are considered to the manufacturer of choice in remote areas of WA such as Murchison. Given the difference in price between the cheapest vehicle (Holden Rodeo) at \$15,456 and the Toyota Hilux at \$17,380 (total depreciation and fuel costs only) this equates to a difference of \$1,924. Assuming the vehicle will be kept by Council for a period of 100,000kms or approximately 24 months this works out to be a difference of \$80.00 per month over the life of the vehicle.

Statutory Implications/Requirements Nil

Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications

Council made a budget amendment at the February 2008 ordinary Council meeting to expense \$41,000ex GST on a new 4x4 Dual Cab utility. Should council choose the Hilux this price will total \$40,681 or \$319 under Budget. Should council choose to cancel the Hilux and Purchase the Holden this improves councils financial position by approximately \$4,994 due to the fact the Holden was a less expensive vehicle to purchase outright.

Voting Requirements Absolute Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Foulkes-Taylor seconded Cr Walsh

That Council formally endorse the decision of the flying Minute as follows:

That Council rescinds the previous decision as shown below:

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Foulkes-Taylor Seconded Cr Walsh

That Council purchase a 4x4 3.0TD Toyota Hilux Dual Cab Utility from Geraldton Toyota for a total purchase price of \$44,750inc GST as per quote dated 21st February 2008.

***CARRIED
Record of Vote 5/0***

OFFICER / PLANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Foulkes-Taylor Seconded Cr Walsh

That Council cancel the order with Geraldton Toyota for the supply of a Hilux Utility. The reason being the delivery timeframe is not as we were originally advised in the quote and therefore unacceptable.

That Council purchase a 4x4 Turbo Diesel Holden Rodeo Dual Cab Utility from Young Motors for a total purchase price of \$39,256inc GST as per quote dated 21st February 2008. Subject to an assurance the vehicle will be ready for handover in three weeks (early May).

**CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0**

ITEM NUMBER: 0708.106
SUBJECT: Plant Report Update to April 2008
FILE REFERENCE: N/A
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

Report Purpose

To advise and update council on the usage and status of various council owned machinery.

Background Nil

Comments/Options/Discussions

To be read in conjunction with the plant report on the following page.

Grader MU 121 (2003)

Grader recently blew a transmission oil line requiring a special trip to Murchison to replace the hose by the Mechanic.

Mazda Ute MU 300

As reported at the March meeting, vehicle was damaged by a Kangaroo, vehicle was taken to Geraldton and is undergoing repairs, expected to be ready for collection at the end of April.

IVECO Prime Mover

Starter Motor not engaging properly all the time, Mechanic has inspected the starter and advised that it requires replacement. Will be done during the next visit scheduled for 19th April.

Komatsu Bulldozer

Recently experienced serious engine failure when a small section of heating element (used to assist during cold starts) broke away and entered the combustion chamber resulting in bent valves and slightly damaged liner and piston. Repairs have been completed and bulldozer returned to Murchison on Tuesday 15th April. The heating element was considered not necessary in the Murchison climate and the remaining heating elements removed to avoid a potential repeat of this problem.

Volvo Loader

Recently blew a hydraulic hose requiring repairs.

4 Cylinder Generator

Inoperative due to new electrical system only providing power on 2 of three phases.. Due to be repaired on Thursday 17th April 2008.

Statutory Implications/Requirements Nil

Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications

Council has made an allowance of \$200,000 in the 2007/2008 Budget (A/C E144030) to 15th April 2008; \$171,280.00 has been expensed from this account.

Voting Requirements Simple

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved Cr Foulkes-Taylor seconded Cr Halleen
That the plant information report for April 2008 be received.**

**CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0**

**SHIRE OF MURCHISON
MONTHLY PLANT USAGE AND STATUS REPORT**

15th April 2008

PLANT ITEM	Year	Normal Operator	Rego	HRS / KMS 13 th March	HRS / KMS 15 th April	TOTAL	YTD Service/ Repairs Cost	Total Ownership Since Jan 2004
Graders / Heavy Plant								
Cat Grader 12H	2005	Glenn Pinnegar	MU 141	3,030	3,210	180	\$ 5,420.25	\$ 23,409.98
Cat Grader 12H	2003	Neil Combe	MU 121	7,848	8,014	166	\$ 9,358.91	\$ 77,306.03
Cat Grader 12H	2000	Colin Mellan	MU 51	10,590	10,696	106	\$ 12,078.16	\$ 97,873.53
Volvo L110 Loader	2006	Paul Smart	MU 65	968	1,039	71	\$124.01	\$ 4,015.68
Komatsu Dozer	1997	Neville Hobbs	N/A	N/A	6,100	6110	\$ 33,834.82	\$ 161,505.15
Cat Vibrating Roller	2005	Paul Smart	MU 177	1,988.5	2,026	4	\$ 4,376.64	\$ 14,808.00
Trucks								
IVECO Powerstar Prime Mover	2003	Paul Smart	MU 000	138,631	140,463	1,832	\$ 7,602.55	\$ 41,162.25
Ford Louisville Prime Mover	1989	Neville Hobbs	000 MU	670,164	671,424	1,260	\$ 12,150.46	\$ 82,910.54
IVECO Powerstar Tipper	2004	Glenn Pinnegar	MU 00	70,447	72,885	2,438	\$ 18,033.13	\$ 45,266.77
Generators								
Generator 2 - 100KVA	2005	N/A	N/A	9,799	10,409	610		
Generator 1 - 83KVA	2005	N/A	N/A	17,318	17,318	0		
Generator - 13KVA Construct	2005	N/A	N/A	7,996	7,996	0		
Light Vehicles								
Toyota Landcruiser	2005	Colin Mellan	01 MU	61,248	63,366	2,118	\$ 1,920.13	\$ 8,733.90
Mitsubishi Canter	2004	Paul Smart	MU 140	119251	121,302	2,051	\$ 1,664.47	\$ 9,878.12
Nissan Patrol	2005	Dirk Sellenger	MU 0	35221	39,412	4,191	\$ 1068.09	\$ 8,164.29
Toyota Hilux	2001	Neville Hobbs	MU 166	110,854	114,824	3,970	\$ 2,572.49	\$ 10,116.98
Mazda Bravo	2006	G. Garraway	MU 300	36,466	36,466	0	\$ 1,117.51	\$ 1,182.51
Toyota Patient Transfer Vehicle	1986	Dirk Sellenger	MU1017	16,526	17,116	0	\$ 896.19	\$ 2,530.55

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SHIRE OF MURCHISON
MONTHLY PLANT USAGE AND STATUS REPORT
15th April 2008

PLANT ITEM	Year	Normal Operator	Rego	HRS / KMS 13th Feb 2008	HRS / KMS 15 th April 2008	TOTAL	YTD Service/ Repairs Cost	Total Ownership Since Jan 2004
Large Trailers and Tankers								
Side Tipping Trailer	2001	N/A	MU2010	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 5,343.10	\$ 14,824.64
Side Tipping Trailer SS	1993	N/A	MU2032	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 210.00	\$ 1,980.32
Side Tipping Trailer SS	1989	N/A	MU2033	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$1,855..32
Dual Axle Low Loader	1975	N/A	MU698	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 933.64	\$ 3,880.28
Tri Axle Low Loader	2001	N/A	MU2004	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 8,237.00	\$ 26,674.77
30,000lt Water Tanker	2005	N/A	MU2024	35,836	36,092	256	\$ 13,516.47	\$ 19,443.23
Pig Fuel Tanker (construction)	1993	N/A	MU 658	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -
Dog Fuel Tanker (maintenance)	1972	N/A	MU2005	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -
Dolly's								
Dolly 1	2001	N/A	MU2003	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 526.70	\$ 6,240.02
Dolly 2	2000	N/A	MU2009	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 3,886.36	\$ 5,046.43
Dolly 3	1983	N/A	MU2031	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -
Other								
New Holland Tractor	2006	G. Garraway	MU 380	200	266	66	\$ 806.95	\$ 1,429.38

ITEM NUMBER: 0708.107
SUBJECT: Tender 8.0708 – Sale of Toyota Hilux Utility
FILE REFERENCE: Toyota Hilux Sale – Individual Tender File
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

Report Purpose

To allow council to consider tenders received for the sale of Councils 2001 Toyota Hilux Utility currently registered as MU 166 which council resolved to dispose of at the February 2008 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Background

Council considered an Amendment to the 2007/2008 Budget at the February 2008 Ordinary Council meeting as follows:

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCILS DECISION

Moved Cr Halleen seconded Cr Foulkes-Taylor

That Council make an amendment to the adopted 2007/08 Budget as follows:

Allocate the funds set aside for the changeover of the six wheel tipper for a Prime Mover (Net \$170,000) instead be used for the following purchases below and that the six wheel tipper be kept for a further 12 month period and reviewed again when the 2009/2010 Budget is adopted.

Sale of the 1976 Dual Axel Float (income \$20,000) and purchase of a new or used tri axel float with similar specification to that purchased from SFM in 2001 (expense \$100,000). Resulting in a Net outlay of \$80,000.

Sale of the 2001 Single Cab Toyota Hilux Ute (income \$8,000) and purchase of a new dual cab 4x4 diesel utility (expense \$41,000). Resulting in a Net outlay of \$33,000.

*CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0*

Comments/Options/Discussions

The vehicle was advertised for sale by way of a public tender number 8.0708 at close of tenders on Thursday 20th March 2008 the following had been received.

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Anthony Mulcahy	\$ 2,500.00
Maurice Beasley	\$ 2,736.00
Sally McTaggart	\$ 5,500.00
David Pollock	\$ 6,100.00
Sun City Budget Cars	\$ 7,950.00
Rossco Foulkes-Taylor	\$ 8,536.00
Geraldton Auto Wholesalers	\$ 8,600.00
Andrew Whitmarsh	\$ 8,800.00
Drennan O'Malley Motors	\$ 9,650.00
Russell Mezger Motors	\$ 9,680.00

NB: All prices above include GST

Statutory Implications/Requirements

Local Government Tender Regulations, Section 3.57 of the 1995 Local Government Act (as amended)

Policy Implications

2.2.7 Vehicle Replacement Programme

Motor vehicles and utilities will be changed over on an as required basis, with factors such as changeover price, repair costs and total operating costs all considered prior to changing over a vehicle. All vehicles must be considered by Council prior to being changed over with the exception of the Chief Executive Officers vehicle which may be changed over at any time provided it is at Nil cost and is the same make and model of at least equal specification.

Financial Implications

Council made a budget amendment at the February meeting (see background of this Agenda Item for details). An allowance of \$8,000ex GST was made from the sale of the vehicle, the highest tender received exceeded this amount by \$800.00.

Voting Requirements

Simple

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Walsh seconded Cr Halleen

That Council award the Tender for the sale of the 2001 Toyota Hilux Utility (Vin JTFKK626000024555) to Russell Mezger Motors Geraldton for a purchase price of \$9,680inc GST, other terms and conditions in accordance with Tender 8.0708.

CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0

Cr Halleen declared in interest in item 0708.108 and left the room at 11.35am. Cr Halleen took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

The nature of the interest is as Manager of Boolardy Station owned by SW Richards & Co whom submitted a tender.

ITEM NUMBER: **0708.108**
SUBJECT: **Tender 7.0708 – Sale of Tandem Axel Low Loader**
FILE REFERENCE: Low Loader Sale – Individual Tender File
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

Report Purpose

To allow council to consider tenders received for the sale of Councils 1975 Tandem Axle Low Loader which council resolved to dispose of at the February 2008 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Background

Council considered an Amendment to the 2007/2008 Budget at the February 2008 Ordinary Council meeting as follows:

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCILS DECISION

*Moved Cr Halleen seconded Cr Foulkes-Taylor
That Council make an amendment to the adopted 2007/08 Budget as follows:*

Allocate the funds set aside for the changeover of the six wheel tipper for a Prime Mover (Net \$170,000) instead be used for the following purchases below and that the six wheel tipper be kept for a further 12 month period and reviewed again when the 2009/2010 Budget is adopted.

Sale of the 1976 Dual Axel Float (income \$20,000) and purchase of a new or used tri axel float with similar specification to that purchased from SFM in 2001 (expense \$100,000). Resulting in a net outlay of \$80,000.

Sale of the 2001 Single Cab Toyota Hilux Ute (income \$8,000) and purchase of a new dual cab 4x4 diesel utility (expense \$41,000). Resulting in a net outlay of \$33,000.

*CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0*

Comments/Options/Discussions

The low loader was advertised for sale by way of a public tender number 7.0708 at close of tenders on Thursday 20th April 2008 the following had been received.

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
David Gooch	\$ 5,250.00
Ian Smith	\$ 7,100.00
Craig Harvey	\$ 9,900.00
Krueger Contractors	\$ 11,000.00
David Pollock	\$ 12,000.00
Peter Waters	\$ 12,000.00
Henville Holdings	\$ 20,000.00 - Tender Withdrawn
SW Richards & Co	\$ 20,000.00

NB: All prices above include GST

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Statutory Implications/Requirements

Local Government Tender Regulations, Section 3.57 of the 1995 Local Government Act (as amended)

Policy Implications

2.2.7 Vehicle Replacement Programme

Motor vehicles and utilities will be changed over on an as required basis, with factors such as changeover price, repair costs and total operating costs all considered prior to changing over a vehicle. All vehicles must be considered by Council prior to being changed over with the exception of the Chief Executive Officers vehicle which may be changed over at any time provided it is at Nil cost and is the same make and model of at least equal specification.

Financial Implications

Council made a budget amendment at the February meeting (see background of this Agenda Item for details). An allowance of \$20,000ex GST was made for the sale of the low loader, the highest tenders received was \$1,818.00 less however this amount is not expected to cause council any issues with regards to normal daily operations.

Voting Requirements

Simple

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved Cr Pollock seconded Cr Foulkes-Taylor
That Council award the Tender for the sale of the Tandem Axel Low Loader to SW Richards & Co for a purchase price of \$20,000inc GST, other terms and conditions in accordance with Tender 7.0708.**

**CARRIED
Record of Vote 4-0**

Cr Halleen re entered the chambers at 11.39am.

ITEM NUMBER: 0708.109
SUBJECT: Tender 6.0708 – Supply of Tri Axel Low Loader
FILE REFERENCE: Low Loader Purchase – Individual Tender File
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

Report Purpose

To allow council to consider tenders received for the purchase of a new or used Tri Axle Low Loader as discussed at the February 2008 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Background

Council considered an Amendment to the 2007/2008 Budget at the February 2008 Ordinary Council meeting as follows:

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCILS DECISION

*Moved Cr Halleen seconded Cr Foulkes-Taylor
That Council make an amendment to the adopted 2007/08 Budget as follows:*

Allocate the funds set aside for the changeover of the six wheel tipper for a Prime Mover (Net \$170,000) instead be used for the following purchases below and that the six wheel tipper be kept for a further 12 month period and reviewed again when the 2009/2010 Budget is adopted.

Sale of the 1976 Dual Axel Float (income \$20,000) and purchase of a new or used tri axel float with similar specification to that purchased from SFM in 2001 (expense \$100,000). Resulting in a Net outlay of \$80,000.

Sale of the 2001 Single Cab Toyota Hilux Ute (income \$8,000) and purchase of a new dual cab 4x4 diesel utility (expense \$41,000). Resulting in a Net outlay of \$33,000.

*CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0*

Comments/Options/Discussions

The Tender for the supply of a Tri Axle Low Loader was advertised and at close of tenders the following had been received.

SFM Engineering	\$86,200.00	
Options – Remote Grease Bank	\$3,000.00	
Options – Disk Brakes	\$7,600.00	NB: Grease bank not required with disk brake option.

Two tenders were received after the close of tenders and as these were received late they are not able to be considered as part of the tender process.

Roadwest Transport	\$91,980.00
D Trans	\$96,231.11

NB: All prices above exclude GST

Statutory Implications/Requirements

Local Government Tender Regulations, Section 3.57 of the 1995 Local Government Act (as amended)

Policy Implications

2.2.7 Vehicle Replacement Programme

Motor vehicles and utilities will be changed over on an as required basis, with factors such as changeover price, repair costs and total operating costs all considered prior to changing over a vehicle. All vehicles must be considered by Council prior to being changed over with the exception of the Chief Executive Officers vehicle which may be changed over at any time provided it is at Nil cost and is the same make and model of at least equal specification.

Financial Implications

Council made a budget amendment at the February meeting (see background of this Agenda Item for details). An allowance of \$100,000ex GST was made for the purchase of the new Low Loader and \$20,000ex GST was allowed for the sale of the old low loader, resulting in a net changeover of \$80,000ex GST. Tenders received were within the amended Budget amounts.

Voting Requirements

Simple

OFFICERS / PLANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Halleen seconded Cr Foulkes-Taylor

That Council accept the tender received from SFM Engineering for a Tri Axle Low Loader as per Tender 6.0708 specifications with optional disk brakes for a total price of \$93,800ex GST.

CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0

The CEO left the chambers at 11.40am and re-entered at 11.41am

ITEM NUMBER: 0708.110
SUBJECT: Tender 9.0708 – Sign and Grid Mtce Contract
FILE REFERENCE: Sign and Grid Mtce Tender – Individual Tender file.
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

Report Purpose

To allow council to consider tenders received for Signage and Grid Maintenance Contract for a period of 8 months.

Background

Council awarded a 12 month Grid Maintenance Contract in December 2007 to Peter Jeffries trading as Oakville Nominees P/L. In March 2008 Peter Jeffries was appointed as Works Supervisor of the Shire of Murchison and following a meeting with the CEO both agreed to terminate the sign contract on the basis of time and public transparency.

Comments/Options/Discussions

Tender closing Thursday 24th April was recently advertised and at close of tender the following had been received:

INFORMATION PENDING

Statutory Implications/Requirements

Local Government Tender Regulations, Section 3.57 of the 1995 Local Government Act (as amended)

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Council made a budget allocation of \$40,000 (A/C No. E122062) in the 2007/08 Budget for the Maintenance and Repairs of Grids and Signs.

Voting Requirements

Simple

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

The matter will be considered by council by way of a flying Minute prior to the May Ordinary Council Meeting.

ITEM NUMBER: 0708.111
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Update – April 2008
FILE REFERENCE: Monthly Financials
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF PURPOSE: Nil

Report Purpose

To provide Councillors with a monthly financial statement on the operations of Council

Background

The monthly financial update provides council with the following information.

- 1) Cash Balances to the end of the previous month
- 2) Transactions from the beginning of the month to the close of report
- 3) Reserve Investment details
- 4) Sundry debtors
- 5) Monthly Statement of Financial Activity
- 6) Any significant payments since last update

Comments/Options/Discussions

The Chief executive Officer will provide an overview and explanation as required of how to interpret the financial statement at the meeting.

Statutory Implications/Requirement

Section 6.4 of the Local Government Act states that financial records are to be prepared and presented in the manner and from prescribed.

Regulation 34(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations states that: "A Local Government is to prepare –

(a) monthly financial reports in such a form as the Local Government considers to be appropriate"

Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications This report discloses financial activities for the period under review

Voting Requirement Simple

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

<p>Moved Cr Halleen seconded Cr Pollock That the monthly financial statement to 18th April 2008 be received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED Record of Vote 5-0</p>

ITEM NUMBER: 0708.112
 SUBJECT: Creditors for Payment – April 2008
 FILE REFERENCE: N/A
 NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
 AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

Report Purpose

For Council purpose to endorse the payment to creditors.

Background

The list of payments that is enclosed in this Agenda outlines payments made to creditors since the last Council meeting held on the 18th March 2008.

Comments/Options/Discussions

Provide details of payments in summary. Please note that the computer system allows for only a limited field for the description of goods/services purchased, therefore the description shown on the attached schedule of accounts may not show the entire description. A file containing each invoice to be endorsed for payment is available for Councillor Information upon request.

Statutory Implications/ Requirements

Local Government (Financial Management regulations 1996 – Section 11. “ A Local Government is to develop procedures for the authorisation and payment of accounts to ensure that there is effective security for the properly authorised use of..” Section 12(2) “payment from Municipal fund or Trust fund “ the Council must not authorise payment from those funds until a list is prepared under Regulation 13 (2) containing details of the accounts to be paid has been presented to Council”.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications.

Total Expenses	Municipal Account	\$234,803.25
	Trust Account	<u>\$ 854.95</u>
	Total Payments	<u>\$235,658.20</u>

Voting requirements Simple

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Walsh seconded Cr Pollock
That Council endorse payments: Trust Cheques 1653 to 1656 totalling \$854.95. Municipal Cheques 8251 to 8305 totalling \$234,803.25 making a grand payment total of \$235,658.20 submitted to each member of Council on Friday 18th April 2008, have been checked and are fully supported by vouchers and duly certified invoices with checks being carried out as to prices, computations and costing.

CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0

Cr Walsh left the chambers at 11.58am and re-entered the chambers at 12.01pm

ITEM NUMBER: 0708.113
SUBJECT: Karen Morrissey – Request for Donation
FILE REFERENCE: Education / Schooling
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

Report Purpose

To allow council to consider a request for a donation from the Isolated Parents and Children's Association (ICPA).

Background

Council received the following letter requesting a donation:

*Yuin Station
Yalgoo WA 6635*

10.04.08

*The Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Murchison
Via Mullewa WA 6630*

Dear Dirk

As you will be aware the 2020 Summit is happening in Canberra this month. Our region is very fortunate in having Karen Morrissey OAM from Meeline Station, Mt Magnet, attend as one of only eleven representatives from WA in the Future Directions for Rural Industries and Rural Communities forum.

Attendees to the 2020 summit must finance themselves and, in the current rural economy, this will place undue financial hardship on some of the attendants. As Karen will be a powerful, intelligent and eloquent voice from our region we would like to suggest that all the shires in the greater Murchison contribute to her expenses to Canberra.

We are suggesting that each shire (Mt Magnet, Murchison, Meekatharra, Cue, Yalgoo and Sandstone) contribute \$500.00, making a total of \$3000.00. Cheques can be made payable to Karen Morrissey and sent to:

*David Burton
Chief Executive Officer
Mt Magnet Shire
Lot 163 Hepburn St
Mt Magnet WA 6640.*

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely

*Emma Foulkes-Taylor
State President
ICPA (WA)*

and

*Cr. Rossco Foulkes-Taylor
Murchison Shire*

Comments/Options/Discussions

Council has in the past made donations to remote education organisations including ICPA, REVISE and the Carnarvon and Meekatharra School of the Air.

Council previously donated \$1,000 to ICPA in August 2007 as a contribution towards to Annual Conference; the current request is to allow Karen Morrissey to attend the 2020 conference in Canberra and is considered a contribution towards her expenses.

Statutory Implications/Requirements Nil

Policy Implications Nil

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Financial Implications

Council made a budget allowance of \$3,500 in the 2007/08 Budget (A/C E42185) council has already over expensed this account by \$300 and has made the following donations in the current financial year.

Royal Flying Doctor Service	\$2,500.00
Meekatharra School of the Air	\$150.00
Carnarvon School of the Air	\$150.00
ICPA – Annual Conference	\$1,000.00
Total	\$3,800.00

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Halleen Seconded Cr Foulkes-Taylor

That Council donate \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) to Karen Morrissey as a reimbursement of expenses to attend the 2020 summit in Canberra.

That Council note the over expense of the Donations account E42185 in the 2007/08 Budget by an amount of \$800.00 (eight hundred dollars)

CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0

ITEM NUMBER: 0708.114
SUBJECT: Murchison Zone of WALGA Meeting
FILE REFERENCE: N/A
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

Report Purpose

The allowing council to consider sending delegates to the Murchison Zone of WALGA Meeting to be held in Cue on Friday 9th May 2008.

Background

Council has for many years been very involved in the Murchison Zone of WALGA Meetings, often referred to at the Cue Parliament.

Comments/Options/Discussions

It is recommended that council continue to be involved in the Murchison Zone of WALGA and that Council delegates be encouraged to attend the meeting if possible.

Statutory Implications/Requirements Nil

Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications Nil

Voting Requirements Simple

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved Cr Foulkes-Taylor seconded Cr Pollock
That Cr Broad and Cr Halleen and Cr Walsh as observer attend the Murchison Zone of WALGA meeting to be held on 9th May in the capacity of Delegates and that the Chief Executive Officer attend in the capacity of representative.**

**CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0**

ITEM NUMBER: 0708.115
SUBJECT: Flood Damage Claim
FILE REFERENCE: N/A
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

Report Purpose

To seek Councils endorsement of a recent Flood Damage Claim recently prepared and submitted.

Background

Councils road network was subjected to flood damage caused by Ex Tropical Cyclone Nicholas on 21st February 2008, repair works have been estimated at \$173,719 and a submission has been prepared and a copy provided to each councillor as a separate document titled “Flood Damage Claim February 2008”

Comments/Options/Discussions

Council staff have commenced work on much of this flood damage to allow roads to be open and made safe again, contractors have been hired in to assist with these works as well as assist with the major Bitumen Sealing program currently underway south of the settlement.

Statutory Implications/Requirements Nil

Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications

Subject to the flood damage claim being approved council will received 100% of the opening up costs (\$14,700) and 66% of the reinstatement costs \$104,943, totalling \$119,643. This would require a council contribution totalling \$54,076. Surplus funds exist in the Road Mtce Account (E122011) and it is recommended that Council utilise these funds as it’s 33% contribution towards the flood damage claim as required.

Voting Requirements Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Foulkes-Taylor Seconded Cr Halleen
That Council endorse the Flood Damage Claim as prepared and submit the document to Main Roads for consideration.
That Council utilise surplus funds from the Road Mtce Account (E122011) as its 33% contribution (approximately \$54,000) towards the flood damage works.
CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0

ITEM NUMBER: 0708.116
SUBJECT: **Systemic Sustainability Study – The Journey**
FILE REFERENCE: WALGA
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

Report Purpose

To allow council to consider the submission prepared by the CEO regarding the Systemic Sustainability Study (SSS) recently released by WALGA and open for public comment.

Background

WALGA has prepared a very thorough document regarding the possible future of Local Government in the State of Western Australia. Each member of Council was provided with a copy of the Document by way of Electronic and Hard Copy at the March Ordinary Council Meeting. The matter was discussed at the March Meeting and council resolving as follows:

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Foulkes-Taylor seconded Cr Walsh

That Council receive the Systemic Sustainability Study report and discuss outcomes and options of this report.

That the CEO prepares a submission for WALGA based on the outcomes of discussion at the meeting.

CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0

Comments/Options/Discussions

The CEO has prepared a draft report for Council consideration and this has been provided to council as a separate document.

Statutory Implications/Requirements	Nil
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr Pollock seconded Cr Walsh

That the matter be left on the table to be considered again at the May Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0

ITEM NUMBER: 0708.90
SUBJECT: Policy Manual Amendment
FILE REFERENCE: Policy / Superannuation
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

Report Purpose

To allow council to consider an amendment to its Employee Superannuation Policy included in council's policy manual as item 8.1.10.

Background

Council adopted a new Policy Manual in October 2005 and this manual has been subject to several minor changes as "fine tuning" since adoption on an as required basis.

Comments/Options/Discussions

A situation recently eventuated when a casual employee chose to make a contribution towards superannuation. Council's policy states that up to 5% additional superannuation will be paid by Council subject to the employee contributing the same percentage (up to 5% maximum)

Current Policy as follows:

8.1.10 Superannuation

Council contribution to staff Superannuation including the Superannuation Guarantee (9%) shall be at a total of 14% of salary. The voluntary contribution shall be subject to a minimum contribution of 5% by the employee. Variation to this policy shall be considered during review of conditions of employment.

Most Local and State Government organisations offer a similar policy to that of Murchison by way of additional superannuation as a method of attracting and retaining staff as well as offering an incentive for employees by increasing ones superannuation at retirement.

The current policy does not stipulate whether it is limited to permanent employees only or should include casual employees also. Irrespective of the decision of council the CEO believes the policy should be amended to clarify this matter to avoid any future confusion.

Statutory Implications/Requirements Nil

Policy Implications

Amendment to Councils adopted Policy 8.1.10 which reads as included in the comments section of this item.

Financial Implications

Over a long period an additional 5% superannuation payable has potential to be significant. For a casual employee earning \$20,000.00pa this would equate to an additional cost to council of \$1,000.00pa.

Voting Requirements Absolute

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved Cr Foulkes-Taylor Seconded Cr Halleen
That Council amend Policy 8.1.10 which currently reads as follows:
8.1.10 Superannuation
Council contribution to staff Superannuation including the Superannuation Guarantee (9%) shall be at a total of 14% of salary. The voluntary contribution shall**

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be subject to a minimum contribution of 5% by the employee. Variation to this policy shall be considered during review of conditions of employment.

To

8.1.10 Superannuation

Council contribution to staff Superannuation including the Superannuation Guarantee (9%) shall be at a total of 14% of salary. The voluntary contribution shall be subject to a minimum contribution of 5% by the employee (permanent staff only). Variation to this policy shall be considered during review of conditions of employment.

Casual staff are not eligible for any additional Council Superannuation contributions and therefore only the compulsory Superannuation Guarantee of 9% will be paid.

CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0

ITEM NUMBER: 0708.118
SUBJECT: CEO Resignation
FILE REFERENCE: Dirk Sellenger - Employee File
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Dirk Sellenger – current CEO.

Report Purpose

To allow council to formally accept the Resignation of CEO, Dirk Sellenger.

Background

The Shire President was advised of the CEO's resignation in early April 2008 and councillors were advised accordingly soon afterwards.

Comments/Options/Discussions

The following letter was received from the CEO.

3rd April 2008

*Cr Simon Broad
Shire President
Shire of Murchison
PO Box 61
MULLEWA WA 6630*

Dear Simon

RESIGNATION

Further to our telephone conversation please be advised of my resignation from the Shire of Murchison. As you are aware I have accepted the position of CEO with the Shire of Chapman Valley and am due to commence work there on 4th August 2008. I have agreed to give an extra months notice (total four) to assist the Shire of Murchison with the handover process to the new CEO and I am happy to travel back to Murchison as required after the new CEO commences to assist with any queries they may have until such time as they settle into the job.

I would like to thank yourself and council for all the support and assistance during the past five years and I consider myself very fortunate to have been able to work with council who have always got the best interests of the Murchison Community in mind at all times.

Louise and I have thoroughly enjoyed our five years in Murchison and it is somewhere we consider as "home", rather than a place of employment and I can assure you our decision to leave was not an easy one. I believe the next ten years or so will be very exiting times for the Shire of Murchison with several very significant projects either under way or about the commence and I will watch with great interest as these projects progress in the future.

Kind Regards

*Dirk Sellenger
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER*

Statutory Implications/Requirements	Nil
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Foulkes-Taylor seconded Cr Walsh

That Council accept the Resignation of the CEO, Dirk Sellenger, who will finish at the Shire of Murchison on Friday 1st August 2008.

**CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0**

ITEM NUMBER: 0708.119
SUBJECT: Chief Executive Officers Report – April 2008
FILE REFERENCE: N/A
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
AUTHOR NAME AND POSITION: Dirk Sellenger – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

Report Purpose

To allow the Chief Executive Officer to report on any issues and projects currently in progress.

Background Nil

Comments/Options/Discussions

The Chief Executive Officers Report is provided to each councillor as a separate document to this agenda.

Statutory Implications/Requirements Nil

Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications Nil

Voting Requirements Simple

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

<p>Moved Cr Foulkes-Taylor seconded Cr Halleen That the Chief Executive Officers Report for April 2008 be received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED Record of Vote 5-0</p>
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10. New Business of an Urgent Nature

Michelle McIntosh sent through a letter via fax during the lunch break requesting the Shire of Murchison support the proposal for the establishment of the “Bilung Bush Retreat”

Discussion took place amongst Council and it was agreed that to allow Council to gauge the feelings of the Murchison Community on this matter that Public Submissions would be called and any submissions received considered at the June Ordinary Council Meeting.

COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved Cr Foulkes-Taylor seconded Cr Pollock
That Council call Public Submissions for a period of 40 days to seek community opinion regarding the establishment of the “Bilung Bush Retreat” Aboriginal Community as proposed by the McIntosh family.

That all public submission received be considered by Council at the June Ordinary Council meeting prior to making a decision on this matter.

CARRIED
Record of Vote 5-0**

11. Declaration of Closure

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 2.30pm

Confirmed this.....day of

SHIRE PRESIDENT