



## SHIRE OF MURCHISON ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

# AGENDA

Meeting commencing 2:30 PM  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
MURCHISON SPORTS CLUB BUILDING  
MURCHISON SETTLEMENT

1. **Declaration of Opening/Announcement of Visitors**
2. **Record of Attendance/Apologies/Leave of Absence**
3. **Response to Previous Public Questions Taken on Notice**

There were three questions that were taken on notice at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Electors. The questions and the CEO's responses are shown below.

At 5.3.1 Other Business - Beringarra Cue Road Reserve, Mr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor queried the movement of \$733,920 from the Beringarra Cue Road Reserve.

The CEO's response in a letter of the 3 March 2016 follows:

*In order to make sense of the Beringarra Cue Road Reserve figures, we need to look at no (f) and no (g) of the Reserves – Cash Backed on page 37 of the Annual Financial Report – I have attached the relevant page.*

*No (g) has been incorrectly named the Beringarra Pindar Road Reserve – this is actually the Beringarra Cue Road Reserve and no (f) is the Beringarra Cue Road Reserve Term Deposit.*

*If we look at the transactions of both accounts, we end up with the correct balance for the Reserve;*

<i>Brought Forward 2013-14</i>	<i>\$3,876,446.18</i>
<i>Interest Earned 2014-15</i>	<i>\$ 125,811.52</i>
<i>Transfer to Muni for Drainage Beringarra Cue Road 2014-15</i>	<i>(\$ 350,000.00)</i>
<i>Balance</i>	<i>\$3,652,257.70</i>

*There were some journals done during the transition to Synergy Soft that were incorrect and needed to be reversed and so the amounts showing at the Transfer To and Transfer From lines included those journals.*

The relevant page 37 referred to above is attached to the Agenda as Attachment 1.

At 5.3.4 Access Road to DPaW Property, Mr Reg Seaman asked if Council had adopted a policy to not grade the access road into Woolgorong.

The CEO's response in a letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 follows:

*Council have not adopted a policy not to grade the road into Woolgorong.*

*However, when the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) took over Woolgorong for conservation purposes, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Shire of Murchison and DEC for the ongoing maintenance of access roads and through roads to Woolgorong Station – DEC paid the Shire in return for the provision of certain services, including the grading of roads.*

*The agreement was terminated by DEC on the expiry of its three year term in 2011 as there was no intent by DEC to continue the concept and so there is no longer a requirement by the Shire to maintain the access roads and through roads to Woolgorong.*

At 5.3.5 Cost of Legal Advice, Mr Reg Seaman asked how much the legal advice had cost Council when he and Bridget had a 'tiff' with Council.

The CEO's response in a letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 follows:

*The cost of legal advice in regard to your request for an apology in relation to the removal of Bridget's personal belongings from chambers is \$4,659.60.*

#### **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **4.1 Acceptance of the Minutes of previous Annual Meeting of Electors held 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**

**Comment:**

Minutes of the previous meeting have been circulated.

**Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>
	<b>Carried/Lost</b>

**5. Consideration of Annual Report 2015-16**

**5.1 Presidents Report**

**Comment:**

The President will present his report which is included in the Annual Report 2016.

**Recommendation:**

That the President's Report be accepted.

<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>
	<b>Carried/Lost</b>

**5.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report**

**Comment:**

The Chief Executive Officer will present her report which is included in the Annual Report 2016.

**Recommendation:**

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>
	<b>Carried/Lost</b>

**5.3 Finance Report 2015-16**

**Comment:**

The audited 2015-16 Finance Report is included in the Annual Report for consideration by Electors. The Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer will give a brief overview of the Shire of Murchison's financial position at 30 June 2016 and an interpretation of the financial ratios.

**Recommendation:**

That the Finance Report 2015-16 be accepted.

<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>
	<b>Carried/Lost</b>

## 5.4 Independent Auditors Report

### **Comment:**

The Shire of Murchison's Auditor, RSM, have audited the financial report of the Shire of Murchison for 30 June 2016. The Auditor performed procedures to assess whether, in all material respects, the financial report presents fairly. They believe that the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for their audit opinion.

In their opinion, the financial report for the Shire of Murchison:

- (1) Gives a true and fair view of the financial position for the Shire of Murchison as at 30 June 2016 and of its financial performance for the year ended that date;
- (2) Complies with the Local Government Act 1995 Part 6, the Regulations under that Act and the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations); and
- (3) In relation to the Supplementary Ratio information presented in the financial report, the calculations as presented are based on verifiable information and reasonable assumptions.

The Independent Auditor's Report had no qualifications.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Auditor's Report be accepted.

<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>
	<b>Carried/Lost</b>

## 6 General Business

### 6.1 Emergency Contact Details for Christmas Period Shutdown – Attachment 2

### 6.2 Other Business

## 7 Close