



Western Australia

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,  
held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,  
On **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014**, commencing at 10.00 am.

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

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 10.02am

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

**Elected Members:**

Councillor Halleen, Shire President  
Councillor R E Foulkes-Taylor, Deputy Shire President  
Councillor S A Broad  
Councillor A Whitmarsh  
Councillor M Williams

**Staff:**

Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer  
Brian Wundenberg – Works Supervisor  
Candice Smith – Senior Finance Officer

**Apologies:**

Nil

**Leave of Absence:**

Councillor Paul Squires

**Public Gallery:**

Mrs Debbie Gard

**3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*Debbie Gard of the Murchison Oasis read out a letter to the council:*

20/08/2014

To Shire Murchison

Shire President, Mark Halleen, CEO, Jenny Goodbourn, and Shire Councillors,

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the chance to live and work here in the Murchison.

It is with great regret that we are going to terminate our Lease on the Murchison Oasis Roadhouse and Caravan Park, as of the 31/10/2014.

We are willing to stay until the 30/11/2014 if needed for a smooth change over with new Tenants. As there is much for anyone coming in to learn, and we feel that being thrown in the deep end as we were isn't the right thing to do.

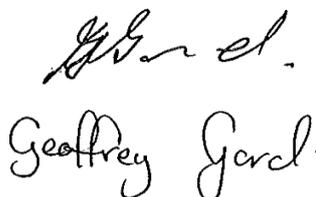
After advice from our financial adviser, we can't afford to do the second year.

It is sad the season was not as profitable as we had hoped and with the ULP issue a big portion of our regular customers (Pia Community) are unable to shop with us as they can't get fuel, so they are going to Yalgoo and Mullewa.

Debbie also has a medical issue that will put her out of action for a couple of months and the roadhouse can't afford to support another person on wages as the turn over isn't enough.

So once again thank you for the chance to be in Murchison and we hope things get better in the next year.

  
Debra Gard.

  
Geoffrey Gard.

Council broke for morning tea 10.15am  
Council resumed the meeting at 10.20am

#### **4.1 Standing Orders**

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Councillor Williams**

**Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor**

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

8.2 Limitation on the number of speeches

8.3 Duration of speeches

**Carried**

**For: 5**

**Against: 0**

*President Halleen mentioned that when he and Cr Broad and Cr Foulkes-Taylor attended the Local Government Convention that one of the other councillors they spoke to advised them that if they can stand down the limitations and open the meeting up for discussion then that is a great thing and means that the council is a good one.*

#### **5. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

#### **6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

*Nil*

#### **7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

Item 22.1 – Consideration of a matter affecting an employee LGA s.5.23 (2) (a).

*(2) If a meeting is being held by a council or by a committee referred to in subsection (1)(b), the council or committee may close to members of the public the meeting, or part of the meeting, if the meeting or the part of the meeting deals with any of the following —*

*(a) a matter affecting an employee or employees;*

#### **8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

##### **8.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Background:**

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

**Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor**

**Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings

**Carried**

**For: 5**

**Against: 0**

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

*President Halleen announced Cr Foulkes-Taylor was having a birthday today and wished him many happy returns.*

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

*Nil*

**11. ACTION LIST**

No	Item	Action	Status
1.	Classification of Pindar Beringarra Road	Pindar – Beringarra programme of works being established.	Ongoing
2.	Establishment of Working Group for Accident Prevention	Following Annual Electors Meeting 2013 – community wished to set up an accident prevention group to help work towards road safety and reduced RTA's. 4 people volunteered but as yet no action. Had been envisaged this would be a community group to provide suggestions/ideas to Council but the CEO will call an inaugural meeting and help with initial set up to get it going.	Inaugural meeting being scheduled.
3.	Community Project Officer	Community or Council to investigate the options for moving towards having a Community project Officer. Working group needed to nut out the definitions of the position in order to progress it.	Inaugural meeting being scheduled.

**Recommendation:**

That the Action List be accepted.

*The CEO advised that she had meetings all logged in for Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> August however she was unable to make the meeting due to an emergency trip to Geraldton.*

*The CEO was also advised by other attendees that if this date could not be made then the meetings would have to wait until September due to various reasons so September is now the date they are working towards.*

*Cr Broad asked the question of the need for the Classification of Beringarra-Pindar Road to be in the action list as it may take years realistically to happen. This is actually a work in progress.*

*Cr Foulkes-Taylor asked if the need to recruit for the roadhouse was something that should be on the Action List. The CEO replied that things that don't get resolved by the following month should be on the list. Things like the new staff housing should be on the list as we are having a few issues with it.*

*President Halleen asked the councillors if they were all happy for the Beringarra-Pindar Classification to be removed from the list. All councillors were happy with this decision.*

*Cr Broad agreed with the CEO that after each meeting that the staff go through and identify what needs to be added to the list for the next month.*

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority

<b>Council Decision:</b>		
<b>Moved: Councillor Broad</b>	<b>Seconded: Councillor Williams</b>	
That the Action List be accepted		
<b>Carried</b>	<b>For: 5</b>	<b>Against: 0</b>

**12. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

CEO Jenny Goodbourn declared an interest in item 22.1

**13. REPORTS OF OFFICERS****13.1 Monthly Plant Report – Works Supervisor**

July 2014		Hours						YTD	
				Start	End	Total		Operating Costs	
Plant Item	Year	Rego	1 July '14	Hrs/kms	Hrs/km	Month	YTD	Plant	Fuel
Cat Grader 12H P.02	2005	MU 141	11288	11288	11437	149	149	729.94	4040.68
Cat Grader 12M P.03	2008	MU 51	7398	7398	7523	125	125	3950.40	2219.18
Volvo Loader P.27	2006	MU 65	6386	6386	6496	110	110	2696.44	545.63
Komatsu Dozer P.11	1997		8208		not used		8208	1575.00	1313.87
Bomag Padfoot P.68	2013	1EIG124	345	345	400	55	55	264.00	1137.42
JD Grader P.01	2011	MU 121	4650	4650	4804	154	154	729.01	4048.82
Bomag Roller P.43	2012	1DVH736	1757	1757	1830	73	73	332.80	571.42
Cat 938G Loader P.41	2004	MU 193	4389	4389	4405	16	16	0.00	276.89
Kenworth P/Mover P.61	2004	MU 000	31510	31510	31668	158	158	0.00	2946.70
Iveco P/Mover P.09	2003	1AGW988	283980	283980	284310	330	330	523.32	207.67
Nissan UD P.07	2009	000 MU	167522	167522	168284	762	762	290.05	1197.14
Iveco Tipper Conv P.10	2004	MU 00	168987	168987	169838	851	851	0.00	3115.00
Generator 1-110kva	2011		13642	13642	13704	62	62	1956.62	11333.45
Generator 2-110kva	2011		9340	9340	9999	659	659		
Maintenance Gen P.33			3460	3460	3819	359	359	29.98	950.11
Construction Gen P.32			17605	17605	18204	599	599	29.99	889.05
Kubota 6kva Gen P.66	2012		4567	4567	0	0	0	0.00	695.15
Mitsubishi Canter P.06	2010	01 MU	111110	111110	114604	3494	3494	520.00	360.10
Isuzu Construction P.64	2013	MU 140	30477	30477	33874	3397	3397	0.00	1102.12
Toyota Prado P.55	2012	MU 0	22827	22827	23597	770	770	0.00	0.00
RAV4 P.63	2013	MU 1011	19904	19904	20637	733	733	268.28	40.69
Great Wall P.57	2012	MU 167	26939	26939	28490	1551	1551	0.00	401.76
Isuzu Dmax P.28	2009	MU 300	174896	174896	177300	2404	2404	0.00	287.75
Toyota Hilux P.40	2011	MU 1018	134119	134119	136393	2274	2274	186.24	526.63
Isuzu T/Top P.54	2005	MU 1002	140946	140946	143000	2054	2054	248.73	604.00
Mercedes PTV P.60	2004	MU 1009	98834	98834	98992	158	158	58.50	50.22
Side Tipper P.18	2001	MU2010	45770	45770	47822	2052	2052	0.00	n/a
Side Tipper P.17	2001	MU 662	79971	79971	81810	1839	1839	0.00	n/a
Roadwest S/Tipper P.67	2013	1T0Q427	14745	14745	16754	2009	2625	23.87	n/a
Tri-Axle L/L Float P.13	2008	MU 663	13502	13502	15082	1580	1580	0.00	n/a
45ft Flat Top P.59	1978	1THH060	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	n/a
No. 2 Float P.14	2001	MU 2004	46143	46143	48018	1875	1875	0.00	n/a
30000L W/Tanker P.24	2005	MU 2024	37646	37646	38497	851	851	0.00	n/a
Dog Fuel Trailer P.48	1979	MU 2026					n/a	0.00	n/a
Dog Fuel Trailer P. 49	1972	MU 2005					n/a	0.00	n/a
Dolly 1-Red P.05	2001	MU 2003	30526	30526	32491	1965	1965	0.00	n/a

<b>Dolly 2-Black P.08</b>	2000	MU 2009	18377	18377	20305	1928	1928	0.00	n/a
<b>New/H Ford Tractor</b>	2006	MU 380	1719	1719	1737	18	18	0.00	69.22
<b>Forklift</b>			12037	12037	12062	25	25	0.00	57.01
<b>Caravans</b>							n/a	75.10	n/a
<b>JD Ride on Mower</b>			460.3	460.3	463.3	3	3	n/a	n/a
<b>Generator Perkins P.34</b>		H/Maint	0		swap			19.03	0.00
<b>Generator 9KVA P.65</b>	2013	Mechanic	1423		swap		1423	0.00	0.00
<b>Heavy Maint Trailer P.62</b>		MU 446			n/a		n/a	0.00	n/a

The Works Supervisor commented that the Kenworth Prime Mover's km's for the month only had 158 which would be hours not km's.

### **13.2 Works Report – Works Supervisor**

#### **Construction Crew**

14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July crew performed mid-year maintenance of their caravans and plant before moving up to Tin Hut Mill on the Carnarvon Mullewa road and setting up camp. From here they commenced 4km of reforming road and gravel sheeting to the Woodleigh-Byro intersection.

As of the 14/08/2014 all gravel has been carted with just the last section of gravel spreading and boxing out and replacement of flood-ways and new drains remaining to be completed.

#### **Maintenance Crew**

Glenn and Neil performed a full maintenance grade on the Manfred Road and then moved onto the Beringarra-Pindar Road from the MRO turn off heading north to Beringarra. Crew then commenced work from Beringarra on the Beringarra Byro road and are currently 10km west of Milly Milly.

#### **Flood Damage Road Repairs**

With the commencement of the flood damage repairs by contractors of roads in the north of the shire starting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August, I have been up at Beringarra for most of this week. The flood repair works started on the Erong road and as of the 15/08/2014 only 600m of the 1.7km of sheeting of this road remain to be completed. Crew will then move on up to commence works on the Yunda Road.

I can elaborate further on this report if required at the council meeting 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

#### **ROADS GRADED 12/07/2014 – 16/08/2014**

Name	Length of Road	SLK's Graded this month	Heavy-Road Maintenance/Repairs Loader-truck	Comments
Beringarra /Pindar	319.80km	95km		
Erong	63.12km			
Beringarra/Byro	90.89km	48km		
Twin-Peaks/Wooleen	47.65km			
Booldy/Kalli	57.30km			
Byro/Woodleigh	71.00km			
New Forrest/Yallalong	36.18km			
McNabb/Twin-peaks	49.75km			
Yallalong-West	34.46km			
Mileura/Nookawarra	49.08km			
Muggon	38.75km			
Manfred	34.55km	34.5		
Beringarra/Mt Gould	34.80km			
Tardie/Yuin	13.20km			
Innouendy	9.30km			
Booldy Homestead	2.00km			
Yunda Homestead	32.80km			
Meeberrie Woolleen	25.22km			
Mt Wittenoorn	37.55km			
Woolleen/Mt Wittenoorn	33.85km			

Beringarra Cue	109.82km		
Boolardy Wooleen	19.08km		
Kalli Cue East	21.87km		
Coodardy Noondie	19.92km		
Butchers Track	64.54km		
Butchers Muggon	23.80km		
Murchison Settlement	2.00km		
Pinegrove Yallalong	-----		
Carnarvon-Mullewa	278.63km		
Woolgorong-South	15.00km		
Nookawarra homestead			
Errabiddy-Bluff	12km		
Air strip Graded			

Total of roads graded this month – 177.5 km

*The Works Supervisor apologised for the lack of report as he has been extremely busy. The flood damage started on the 12<sup>th</sup>, some water issue to start with but all good now. Ross-John has advised the Works Supervisor that the water is doing well and that Cork Tree is supplying good water out of the mill. We put in a tender for 2 bores but we need 4. An additional water cart will also be put on as it is so dry.*

*The Works Supervisor advised that the Flood Damage was going well. They had a little bit of trouble obtaining the right material but that has since been resolved. While the bulldozer is in the area the Works Supervisor wants to discuss with Cr Broad about changing some of the bunds.*

*The Works Supervisor went and had a look at the shire's Komatsu bulldozer, in town for repairs and it was mentioned that some other small items needed replacing rather than repairing. It would take four months to get a new fuel pump so the old one has been rebuilt which has proven to be a lot cheaper than a new one and no waiting. The machine should be ready at the end of September. The tracks are completely new now and the radiator has a complete new core in the middle.*

*Cr Foulkes-Taylor commented that it was great that the bore was performing but it was then advised that it is actually the mill not the bore. Cr Foulkes-Taylor also wanted to know about the maintenance grading and when we can get THEM Earthmoving going. The Works Supervisor advised that we can only use THEM after we have done our two maintenance grades. Cr Foulkes-Taylor then put in a request for the grading of the Beringarra-Pindar Road to be completed as soon as possible as it needs to be done desperately just south of Murgoo to North of Talling.*

*The Works Supervisor advised council that a portion of that road is under the flood damage programme and will get a full grade, however this would be another 2 to 3 months off and he suggested that we employ THEM Earthmoving for additional maintenance grading.*

*The CEO advised council that if we get THEM Earthmoving in to do the bits that need grading now then we will have to make sure we get our crew to do their 2 maintenance grades in this year to adhere to the financial agreement. We still have to report back to CSRIO about the spending of this money. This is to be finishing off the grade that was not fully completed last year.*

*Cr Broad also wanted to add the crew doing the flood damage was very harmonious and working really well. He also mentioned that it has been an unwritten rule in the past that the Beringarra-Pindar road had been graded leading up the Landor Races and it did not get completed until November last year. He understands that there are other roads that need urgent grading as well and that if we need to employ extra to get the grading done then he supports it 100%.*

*President Halleen advised that the roads are very dry at the moment and that due to heavy transport they are breaking up very easily.*

*Cr Williams asked the Works Supervisor about the water issues. Is it the production of the bores or a problem with the turkey nests leaking? The Works Supervisor answered that it was the production of the bore and it seems to be going well now. Just an observation on the bulldozer repairs the add-ons are appearing but not the take-off's. He asked us to keep an eye on it. The Works supervisor will get onto Adrian on Monday and get a break down so far.*

*South of Tin Hut Creek is in extreme need of a grade.*

*President Halleen asked if the grids on the Beringarra-Pindar be widened as they are becoming a safety issue and where would we discuss this. The CEO advised that the money given to us for the roads was not to address any safety issues but for additional maintenance works. The grid at the Kalli turn off and the one that is south of the Boolardy turn off are very narrow.*

*Cr Foulkes-Taylor agrees with Cr Broad that we should be able to spend the money sensibly and we should be able to move the money around as required. The CEO mentioned that there was a limited amount of funds and if we do additional work this year we may not have enough for the additional grades next year. This is something that can be assessed at budget review time.*

*The Works Supervisor commented that when the CEO and he went to the Ballinyoo Bridge for a safety meeting that it was discussed about the double lane access road up to the bridge. The CEO will follow up with BG & E to discuss the engineering specifics.*

### **Recommendation:**

That the Work's Supervisor's report be accepted.

### **Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority

<b>Council Decision:</b>		
<b>Moved: Councillor Broad</b>	<b>Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh</b>	
That the Work's Supervisor's report be accepted.		
<b>Carried</b>	<b>For: 5</b>	<b>Against: 0</b>

## **14. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED**

### **14.1 Shire President**

*The Shire President did not attend any meetings throughout the month. However he did attend the Local Government Convention in Perth. A brief meeting was held with the Director General for Environment and the question was asked about having to get EPA approvals for us to correct corners and alignments on the Shire roads. He mentioned that it was a big issue that has come from a lot of other Shires. There is an administrative change proposed but it will be about 8 months before it can become legislation.*

*A panel was formed of the actual ministers and since the three tier railway line has been hit on the head the roads down in the south and east have really had problems since Main Roads lost \$70 mill. A special meeting was scheduled for the Thursday that the president had not been able to make as he did not get his timetable until half past 12 and the meeting was at 10.30am. This was looking at alternative avenues to try and apply for the \$70.4m. This is going to the minister for upgrade on the roads.*

*President Halleen asked the CEO if she was aware of other avenues of funding due to the \$70 mill being taken away. The CEO replied that she was not aware of any.*

*President Halleen commented that there were some very good key note speakers and thanked the council for supporting him to go to the convention.*

### **14.2 Councillors**

*Cr Williams did not attend any meetings for the month*

*Cr Foulkes-Taylor attended the Local Government Convention and the WALGA AGM. He was quite frustrated at the AGM as it was dominated by the proposed metro amalgamations. The other main area of concern with SW Shires was the emergency management programme and levy. There were a couple of motions to move responsibility to forestry department. Cr Foulkes-Taylor thanked the council for the opportunity to attend the convention.*

*Cr Whitmarsh did not make it to the NRM meeting. At the start of the week Cr Whitmarsh went down with David Gooch to have a meeting with Vern Ferdanan and Ken Baston and supplied them with a whole heap*

*of emails that have gone back and forth from the CRBA members and the government departments, hopefully for them to go through and sort out some of the mess that they are in at the moment. Fairly brief meeting and the main reason was the membership.*

*The day before Cr Whitmarsh caught up with David Webster from AWI board and they are getting increasingly frustrated as well that people are not getting the information passed on.*

*President Halleen asked if Ken was aware of the emails that were being sent and he was aware of most of them.*

*Cr Broad attended the Local Government Convention and thanked the Shire for allowing him to go but unfortunately Natalie was unable to attend. Natalie was booked into the John Howard session and Cr Broad's daughter Georgina attended instead and thoroughly enjoyed it.*

*The Mayor of Armadale was made a life member of the State Council and is a true gentleman. Only one life membership was awarded. There was no Local Government Medal awarded this year.*

*One of the late items to be brought up was the National Commission of Audit and was moved by the Northern Country Zone. People are hoping that this won't take place. The motion that passed was read out to the Councillors. We have to acknowledge that this is out there and we hope it doesn't happen because it would mean that Shire's like us would not exist. This was something Cr Broad wanted to bring to those who were unable to attend.*

*Cr Foulkes-Taylor asked Cr Broad where the push was coming from as there is obviously a push. Cr Broad replied that it is coming from the Federal Government. The next State Council meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September and this is likely to be discussed at that meeting.*

## **15. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

### **15.1 Wild Dog Control Working Group Meeting**

A meeting of the Wild Dog Control Working group was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July. There was discussion on the bounty scheme and meat held for baits and how the take up had been since its' inception last November.

*10 x 20Kg boxes of roo sausage meat had been purchased from Geraldton Pet Meats in December and had been held in the freezer at the community freight shed. Reg said that from the 3 boxes he had, he had made around 1,900 baits. Most of the meat had been good but some of it was a bit too soft to make into a decent bait. Reg had found you need to cut it up when still frozen so that it doesn't get too messy. It would probably be better to get boxes of actual meat – roo, horse or donkey and use this rather than the rolled stuff. So far 7 boxes have been used and there are three left.*

*Suggest we look at getting 12 x 20kg boxes of chopped meat at an estimated cost of \$5 per Kg.*

*This meat to be accessible to any pastoralist within the shire who needs it and also to the two doggers operating in the shire. By allowing the two doggers to use the meat this would mean we would be getting baits on the ground in a more consistent and wider area and would give time to the doggers to be out trapping/monitoring etc. rather than sourcing meat. There has not been a great uptake of the meat and this would continue to be additional to the aerial baiting programmes being carried out.*

*All were in support of this. Sandy had a meeting with the AWI and advised that there may be funds available to cover the cost of a separate chiller (freezer) to be housed in the freight shed to store the meat for baiting. He will investigate this further and get back with some details. This would enable the meat to be stored separately.*

*The dog bounty has seen payment for 27 scalps so far. These have come from several properties, including Mt Narryer, Ballythunna, Nookawarra, Byro, Billabalong, Boolardy, Beringarra and the Murchison Settlement. There are other scalps known of that people haven't claimed for so we need to advertise/encourage people to take up the payments but it has been a good start for the first eight months.*

*Funding has been allocated in the budget again this year and there was discussion on the best way to utilise it.*

*The working group recommends to council that we keep the bounty payment going for up to \$10,000. This would equate to 100 scalps at \$100 per scalp.*

*An allocation for roo meat for baiting be made and this be available to the two doggers operating in the shire as well as any other pastoralist that needs it.*

There is a total allocation of \$20,000 in the budget this year for vermin/wild dog control but this includes a provision of \$10,000 for the CRBA contribution, if and when the CRBA are operational again. Council may want to restrict the allocation to the wild dog initiatives of bounty payment and meat provision to \$10,000 until later in the year when the CRBA situation is clarified.

*The CEO wanted to clarify that the meeting held at the Shire office was to discuss the figures and we were not sure about what was happening with the NRMA so we did not know what to do with the money put aside for this.*

*Cr Whitmarsh advised that the pet meat shop that supplied the meat was applying for a DEC contract and that there might be a shortage of roo meat. The pet meat shop owner said that because we are previous customers that he would honour that but anything above and beyond that might be difficult to supply.*

*President Halleen advised that there have been 27 scalps provided to date and asked the council what their opinion on the fee should be? A discussion was held amongst the councillors and they decided to amend the recommendation to exclude actual figures.*

*The CEO recommended the change be to keep the bounty going at a payment of \$100 per scalp and continue to purchase roo meat for baiting and this meat be available to the two doggers operating in the shire as well as the other pastoralists that need it.*

### **Recommendation:**

That council support the recommendation of the wild dog control working group to:

- Keep the bounty payment going for a payment of \$100 per scalp
- Continue to purchase roo meat for baiting and this meat be available to the two doggers operating in the shire as well as other pastoralists that need it.

### **Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority.

#### **Council Decision:**

**Moved: Councillor Whitmarsh**

**Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor**

That council support the recommendation of the wild dog control working group to:

- Keep the bounty payment going for a payment of \$100 per scalp
- Continue to purchase roo meat for baiting and this meat be available to the two doggers operating in the shire as well as other pastoralists that need it.

**Carried**

**For: 5**

**Against: 0**

## **15.2 Plant Working Group**

A meeting of the Plant Working Group was held by teleconference on the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

A copy of the minutes of the working group meeting and quotes for replacement vehicles was circulated to all councillors on the 1<sup>st</sup> August.

The PWG met to discuss the replacement of the works supervisors Ute

Quotes had been obtained for a range of different vehicles including a Ford Ranger, Nissan Navarra, Hilux, Landcruiser and Nissan Patrol.

Trade-in prices had been obtained from Midwest Auto and Geraldton Toyota for the current vehicle.

There was discussion on the best vehicle for the job and whether we should upgrade from a Hilux to a Landcruiser. It basically came down to whether we went with another Hilux or moved up to a Landcruiser.

There was discussion for and against the change based on towing capacity of the Hilux (2,500Kgs) compared to the Landcruiser (3,500kgs), durability of the vehicles, overall safety of the vehicles and the amount of mileage which the works supervisor does as part of his job – often travelling in the early morning or evenings and in poor weather conditions.

At the end of this discussion the PWG voted on a recommendation

Recommendation moved by Cr Squires and seconded by CEO Mrs. Goodbourn  
That the PWG recommend to council that they proceed with the purchase of a Toyota Landcruiser to replace the Works Supervisors current vehicle.

Carried For: 3 Against: 2

*There was discussion on the matter. Cr Foulkes-Taylor was against the motion and was in support of a Hilux as he felt that safety wise it was as good as a Landcruiser.*

*Cr Broad foreshadowed a motion that we proceed with the purchase of a new Toyota Hilux and trade-in of the existing vehicle.*

*The CEO said that the recent hire vehicle (Landcruiser) we had whilst the Hilux was being repaired was a very good vehicle – being higher and wider it gave a greater sense of safety. It had returned a good fuel consumption rate and has a better towing capacity.*

*Cr Broad said that the Works Supervisor shouldn't have to be towing caravans and heavy trailers around. President Halleen said that his boss had a Landcruiser V8 and he said it skipped around on the roads and was not as comfortable as the Hilux*

**Recommendation:**

That council supports the recommendation of the Plant Working Group and proceeds with the purchase of a Toyota Landcruiser and trade-in of the existing Hilux to replace the Works Supervisors current vehicle.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority.

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Councillor Broad**

**Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh**

That council supports the recommendation of the Plant Working Group and proceeds with the purchase of a Toyota Landcruiser and trade-in of the existing Hilux to replace the Works Supervisors current vehicle.

**Lost**

**For: 0**

**Against: 5**

*Motion foreshadowed by Cr Broad*

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Councillor Broad**

**Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh**

That council proceeds with the purchase of a new Toyota Hilux as quoted and trade-in of the existing Hilux to replace the Works Supervisors current vehicle.

**Carried**

**For: 5**

**Against: 0**

**16. FINANCE**

**16.1 Financial Activity Statements July 2014**

File:	2.2
Author:	Candice Smith – Senior Finance Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2014
Attachments:	Financial Activity Statements for 1 month to 31st July 2014 Balance Sheet Income Statement by Program Summary Income Statement by Nature & Type Income Statement by Program Detailed

**Matter for Consideration:**

Council to consider adopting the Monthly Financial Statements for July 2014.

**Background:**

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. Regulation 34 requires that local government report on a monthly basis and prescribes what is required to be reported.

**Comment:**

The Current Position at 31 July 2014 is a surplus of \$(171,109)

Add Operating Revenues down	(20,506)
Add Operating Expenditure down	(14,193)
Less Funding Balance Adjustment	463
Less Capital Revenue down	0
Add Capital Expenditure down	(136,873)
Less Rate Revenue down	0
	<u>(171,109)</u>

Refer pages 18 and 19 of the attachment for the status of Capital Disposals and Acquisitions against Budget and to pages 25 to 27 for details of major variances against budget. Most of the variances are due to timing issues

In accordance with Council Policy 5.2.1, authorising the CEO to invest funds surplus to immediate operating needs and Regulation 19c of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, the following details Term Deposits held as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014.

Beringarra-Cue Road Reserve TD	\$3,500,000.00	@ 3.56% Maturity 27/09/2014
MCF Term Deposit	\$ 300,000.00	@ 3.53% Maturity 27/08/2014
Ballinyoo Bridge	\$3,500,000.00	@ 3.53% Maturity 27/08/2014

**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.

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil.

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

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

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental:**  
There are no known significant environmental considerations
- **Economic:**  
There are no known significant economic considerations
- **Social:**  
There are no known significant considerations

**Consultation:**

UHY Haines Norton

**Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 31st July 2014 as attached.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority.

**Council Decision:****Moved: Councillor Cr Broad****Seconded: Councillor Cr Williams**That Council adopt the financial statement for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 as attached**Carried****For: 5****Against: 0****16.2 Accounts Paid during the period since the last list was adopted/endorsed by Council**

File:

Author: Candice Smith – Senior Finance Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Attachments: EFT &amp; Cheque Details for July 2014

**Matter for Consideration:**

Authorisation of accounts paid during the month of July 2014.

**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.

**Comment:**

Payments made during the month of July as per attached schedule

*Cr Foulkes-Taylor asked about the significant payment made to the engineering crew for the Ballinyoo Bridge and wanted to know what the feeling of this is and are we getting value for money.*

*The CEO replied that the problem that has been happening is that there have been 3 project officers since the start of the project and this is causing some timing issues. With the safety check this is the final step before we call tenders. We now have the final specifications which we did not have up until now. The project is progressing but it is not going to happen quickly.*

*Cr Broad asked the finance officer about the councillor payments and the difference in amounts per councillor. He was advised that Cr Williams attended a special meeting within the quarter along with the normal meeting. Cr Broad was happy with this.*

*Cr Williams asked the finance officer about an invoice for an oil filter purchased for the Great Wall being \$123.00. Upon investigating, Cr Williams and other councillors were advised that it was actually 6 oil filters that were purchased and not just one. The councillors were very happy to be advised of this.*

*President Halleen asked the finance officer about the LCDC money in the trust account and the CEO replied that she had transferred the money to the LCDC as per council's discussion some months ago. This money related to 2 projects from a long time ago and the money has now been given to the LCDC to assist with current projects.*

**Strategic Implications:**

None

**Policy Implications:**

None

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

Payment from the Municipal and Trust Bank Accounts.

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental:**  
There are no known significant environmental considerations
- **Economic:**  
There are no known significant economic considerations
- **Social:**  
There are no known significant considerations

**Consultation:**

Haines Norton

**Recommendation:**

That the accounts as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$1,761,434 which includes \$1,569,428 of intra account transfers, be passed for payment/endorsed by Council.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor**

**Seconded: Councillor Williams**

That the accounts as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$1,761,434 which includes \$1,569,428 of intra account transfers, be passed for payment/endorsed by Council

**Carried**

**For: 4**

**Against: 0**

*Cr Broad left the meeting at 11.42am*

*Cr Broad returned to the meeting at 11.43am*

**17. DEVELOPMENT**

**17.1 Tender Supply of Freight Services to Murchison Settlement**

File:	14.13
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2014
Attachments:	Nil

**Matter for Consideration:**

Shire to call tender for supply of freight services to Murchison Settlement.

**Background:**

The current freight contract was for a period of two years and is due to expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014. A new tender needs to be called for freight service provision with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014.

**Comment:**

At the July meeting of council it was resolved;

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Councillor Squires**

**Seconded: Councillor Williams**

That Council calls a tender for the provision of a weekly freight service to the Murchison Settlement for a period of two years commencing from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014.

**Carried**

**For: 6**

**Against: 0**

A tender was advertised which closes on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014. Details of tenders received will be available at the meeting for councils' consideration and determination.

*The CEO advised that we only received 2 tenders. The councillors had an open discussion on the tenders including the stipulation that the freight had to be in the Murchison Settlement by 6pm. Mr Keros Keynes had submitted a letter which was read out to council regarding his concerns about meeting this deadline. The tender specified that deliveries need to be in the settlement by 6pm to enable the distribution and pick up by people who have ordered the freight.*

*Council discussed this following the concerns raised in the letter. Council resolved to request that they endeavour to be at the settlement by 6pm.*

*Council understands that if there are urgent items to be collected then this will mean they cannot always leave Geraldton in time to be here by 6pm. However if the items are not urgent then they can be left until the next freight run the following week. We will send a notice out to the community re-advising the need to give notice by 12pm on Wednesday if they have things to collect and also asking them to provide details of what is to be collected. We will organise a "how-to order freight" guide for people new to the district.*

**Statutory Environment:**

S3.57 Local Government Act 1995.

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental**  
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

In line with Shire of Murchison Purchasing Policy

**Financial Implications:**

A provision of \$90,000 for freight has been included in the 2014/2015 budget.

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

To be determined.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

<b>Council Decision:</b>		
<b>Moved: Councillor Whitmarsh</b>	<b>Seconded: Councillor Williams</b>	
That the contract for the freight tender for the period 1/9/2014-31/8/2016 be awarded to Geraldton Murchison Freight and that the contract include endeavour to arrive by 6pm for delivery.		
<b>Carried</b>	<b>For: 5</b>	<b>Against: 0</b>

*Cr Foulkes-Taylor declared an interest in the following item.  
Cr Foulkes-Taylor left the meeting at 12.01pm*

**17.2 Verandah – New Staff Residence**

File:	9.1
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Cr Foulkes-Taylor
Date:	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2014
Attachments:	Nil

**Matter for Consideration:**

Quotes for verandah, carport and decking to new staff residence.

**Background:**

Following a meeting of the SBWG in May 2014 a request for quote was sent out for concrete works for the verandah at the new staff residence. At the time we were requesting for a retaining wall to be built around the residence and a slab for the verandah and carport at a raised height to take it up to the level of the house. Two quotes were received – one of \$42,880 and one of \$48,380. In view of these quotes we decided it might be best to call for a quote for the verandah structure to be built first with a deck rather than a concrete slab. This would negate the need for a retaining wall. The CEO waited for the structural engineer to draw up the plans and during this time he advised that due to the construction of the house the verandah would need to be self-supporting and not attached to the house. The engineered plans were received on the 18<sup>th</sup> July and a request for quotes was advertised on the 25<sup>th</sup> July. The request asked for quotes for the supply and erection of a verandah carport and decking on the new house.

**Comments:**

At the time of writing three quotes have been received:

Supplier	Verandah & Carport	Decking	Total
Shoreline Outdoor World	\$36,181.20	\$56,621.00	\$92,802.20
Hoseys' Contracting	\$64,957.05	\$35,760.15	\$100,717.20
Coral Coast Homes			\$134,635.00

The Shoreline Outdoor World quote is not per the engineers design supplied but to their standard engineering specifications for this area. The decking they have quoted is Ali wood slats (aluminium). Hoseys' Contracting quote is based on the engineering specifications. The decking is using ACQ reeded pine decking.

Coral Coast Homes say all structural steel to be hot dipped galvanised (does not include painting) and decking to be CCA pine. It would be an additional \$3,050 to use hardwood decking.

So far we have spent \$175,675.98 on the new house and we had a total budget allocation of \$300,000 for the project so there is \$124,324.02 left. We still have to get the plumbing and electrical works completed, put in floor coverings, blinds and do the fencing.

We may have to re-assess the size of the verandah or look at putting up the verandah but not a deck – maintaining the current ground level as it is.

*Discussion was held by the council who were surprised at the costs involved – especially for the decking which had proved more expensive than the previous quotes for concrete.*

Following discussion it was resolved to proceed with the Shoreline Outdoor world veranda and call new quotes for expression of interest to do a flat concrete slab around the base rather than raised with a wall as previously requested.

**Statutory Environment:**

Nil

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental**  
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

There is a budget allocation remaining of \$124,324.

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

To be determined following discussion.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Councillor Broad**

**Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor**

That council proceeds with the quote from Shoreline Outdoor World to be used for the verandah and carport and call for quotes on the concrete work based on 100ml above n.g.l. with a provision for lattice and steps as required.

**Carried**

**For: 5**

**Against: 0**

*Cr Foulkes-Taylor returned to the meeting 12.22pm*

**17.3 ULP Tank at Roadhouse**

File:	13.11
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2014
Attachments:	Nil

**Matter for Consideration:**

Replacement of the underground ULP tank at the roadhouse.

**Background:**

A delivery of ULP was made on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July and when the tank was dipped on the following Friday it was discovered that there was a leak as most of it had gone. Further dips proved that the ULP tank was leaking as the fuel continued to reduce. We have had to stop using the tank and currently only have an emergency supply available at the depot for people that would be stranded here.

**Comments:**

We have a budget allocation of \$40,000 as we were looking at putting in a new larger diesel tank this year, similar to the one we put in at the depot last year. The CEO has been in contact with Petro Industrial who gave a quick quote of \$60,405 plus GST for the two tanks – there would of course be trenching, pipework, connection and freight on top of this.

The CEO also contacted FuelFix who are going to provide a quote for new tanks. FuelFix can provide a 4,500l temporary tank but we would still have to trench at least 8m as the tank has to be at least 8m from any electrical source (pumps) for safety reasons. The cost to set up the temporary tank would be \$5,764 plus GST and \$250 per week to hire the tank. In view of this it may be more cost effective to go straight for the purchase of the new tanks and get this done as soon as possible to minimise the disruption to the roadhouse. Petro Industrial would like to visit the site so they can do a full plan including the dangerous goods licence that will be required if we hold more than 5,000 litres of ULP. At the teleconference held on the 30<sup>th</sup> July the options were discussed and council wanted to proceed with the new tanks as soon as possible. The current budget allocation will not be enough but we could defer the handy hitch and attachments until next year. This would free up \$50,000 and we could use \$35,000 towards the tank giving us a budget of \$75,000 to cover the two tanks.

*The CEO brought council up to date with where the Shire stands at present. Petro Industrial will be visiting the settlement on Tuesday to assess the site and provide a quote.*

*Cr Foulkes-Taylor advised that he would support the motion and no other discussion was held.*

**Statutory Environment:**

Nil

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental**  
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

There is a current budget allocation of \$40,000.

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

That council amend the budget to defer the purchase of the handy hitch (\$50,000) and use \$35,000 of these funds toward the purchase and installation of a new ULP and diesel tank at the roadhouse.

**Voting Requirements:**

Absolute Majority

<b>Council Decision:</b>		
<b>Moved: Councillor Broad</b>	<b>Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh</b>	
That council amend the budget to defer the purchase of the handy hitch (\$50,000) and use \$35,000 of these funds towards the purchase and installation of a new ULP and diesel tank at the roadhouse.		
<b>Carried by Absolute Majority</b>	<b>For:5</b>	<b>Against: 0</b>

**17.4 Settlement Gen Sets**

File:	10.5
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2014
Attachments:	Nil

**Matter for Consideration:**

Repairs to the No1 gen set at the settlement.

**Background:**

There have been ongoing issues with the #1 gen set and the settlement has lost power several times in recent weeks.

JMG (who we previously had a dispute with following installation) have been assisting and talked through repairs to the power board the other day when power was down for 4-5 hours.

They have concluded that the Easy Gen controller has failed and have suggested proposed works to install a new controller and power board – subject to confirmation that this is the problem when they get on site. The automatic switch over has also never worked and they suggest this is due to the load placed on the generator being too great to allow the other one to start up. This could be fixed by installing load shedding contactors.

**Comments:**

The work for the controller and power board and assessment of the generators has been quoted at \$19,635 + GST and for the load shedding contactors \$3,600.

Whilst this is a lot of money – the supply of power is essential to the operation of the settlement and it is a specialized job to work on this set-up. We have had contractors from Geraldton who were out here look at it but they were not qualified to work on it and were unable to do anything.

Currently we have no read out from gen set 1 and cannot see what its' output is or if there are any error codes. As well as the power cuts we are experiencing problems such as electrical clocks running slow and one of the pumps at the gen set appears to be running backwards.

The CEO has advised the data logger people of the problems and they will wait until the repairs and upgrades are carried out as they have to match the logger to the system we have installed.

At the teleconference on the 30<sup>th</sup> July there was consensus that we engage JMG to come up and carry out the work quoted for.

We have a budget provision of \$10,000 for gen set maintenance and servicing. If council have decided to defer the handy hitch at item 17.3 there will be \$15,000 left from that which we could allocate to these repair works.

Once we have ascertained what has caused the problem with the gen set we will be able to see if it is an insurable event.

*The CEO gave another update on the situation with the power. The cost could be another \$2000 plus accommodation but will depend on what is found when JMG are on site.*

**Statutory Environment:**

Nil

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental**  
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

There is a current budget allocation of \$10,000.

**Consultation:**

JMG

**Recommendation:**

- That council ratifies the decision made via teleconference to carry out the repairs and upgrade to the gen sets.
- That council amend the budget to defer the purchase of the handy hitch (\$50,000) and use \$15,000 of these funds toward the repairs and upgrade to the settlement gen sets.

**Voting Requirements:**

Absolute Majority

**Council Decision:****Moved: Councillor Broad****Seconded: Councillor Williams**

- That council ratifies the decision made via teleconference to carry out the repairs and upgrade to the gen sets.
- That council amend the budget to defer the purchase of the handy hitch (\$50,000) and use \$15,000 of these funds toward the repairs and upgrade to the settlement gen sets.

**Carried by Absolute majority****For: 5****Against: 0****18. ADMINISTRATION****18.1 DFES – Community Fire Manager Pastoral**

File:	5.1
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2014
Attachments:	Jingemarra Letter

**Matter for Consideration:**

Letter of support for retention of Position of Community Fire Manager – Pastoral

**Background:**

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services has said that the position of Community Fire Manager Pastoral is not going to be continued past October when the current contract expires. The position is currently occupied by Mr Jim McNamarra.

**Comments:**

The attached letter was received from Mrs Terry Iturbide of Jingemarra Station who has written to the Minister for Emergency Services regarding the decision to no longer have this position. She has asked the shire to lend their support in requesting the minister to reconsider his decision.

Jim has been of great assistance to the shire and has helped us re-establish our Bush Fire Brigade and assisted with grant applications which have resulted in us getting a new fire tanker and fast attack unit this year.

Jim has also provided training and advice and been the first point of contact in fire situations.

He has developed a strong rapport throughout the region and has got to know the people and the conditions we face.

It seems a strange decision to take away a position that is actually getting out into the community and achieving results and I think council should write in support of the position and ask the minister to reconsider his decision.

**Statutory Environment:**

Nil

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental**  
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

That council write to the Minister for Emergency Services and ask him to reconsider his decision to take away the position of Community Fire Manager Pastoral.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

<b>Council Decision:</b>		
<b>Moved: Councillor Whitmarsh</b>	<b>Seconded: Councillor Williams</b>	
That council write to the Minister for Emergency Services and ask him to reconsider his decision to take away the position of the Community Fire Manager Pastoral.		
<b>Carried</b>	<b>For: 5</b>	<b>Against: 0</b>

*The CEO left the meeting at 12.36pm  
The CEO returned to the meeting at 12.38pm*

**18.2 Regional Manager (ASKAP)**

File:	14.11
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2014
Attachments:	Nil

**Matter for Consideration:**

Letter to CSIRO regarding their decision to make the Geraldton Regional Manager Position no longer required.

**Background:**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> July the CEO was informed that the Regional Manager (ASKAP) Geraldton position was one of the jobs that CSIRO were losing due to budget cuts. Priscilla Clayton is currently in the role.

**Comments:**

Priscilla has been the main contact point for the shire when raising any issues with CSIRO and she has been the main point providing feedback with the development of the MRO and it has been very good to have someone based in Geraldton that we contact for reliable information and assistance. CSIRO is having to make some fairly drastic budget cuts but I don't know if they realise the importance of having a "go to" person in the region. We all know that it has been very hard to deal with the property division and other people in the head office and to take away the main local liaison person will only make things harder. I think that Council needs to write to CSIRO to voice their concerns and ask them to clarify what is happening with the organisational structure and who is now going to provide the information and support that was being provided by this position.

*President Halleen commented that Priscilla is probably ready to move on and the CEO wanted to know who we go to for information now. The Shire would want to focus on the position rather than the person.*

*Cr Broad asked if was worthwhile to CC politicians in the letter? It was agreed to send a copy to relevant stakeholders.*

**Statutory Environment:**

Nil

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental**  
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

That council write to CSIRO to explain their concerns at the loss of the Geraldton Regional Manager position and ask them to clarify the organisational structure and who is now going to provide the information and support that was being provided by this position.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

<b>Council Decision:</b>		
<b>Moved: Councillor Broad</b>	<b>Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor</b>	
That council write to CSIRO to explain their concerns at the loss of the Geraldton Regional Manager position and ask them to clarify the organisational structure and who is now going to provide the information and support that was being provided by this position.		
<b>Carried</b>	<b>For: 5</b>	<b>Against: 0</b>

**18.3 Sale of Surplus Item**

File:	4.53
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2014
Attachments:	Nil

**Matter for Consideration:**

Disposal of the Apple IMAC Computer

**Background:**

At the March meeting, council considered a confidential item relating to goods returned to the Shire following conclusion of the CCC investigation into a former CEO.

Council decided to call a tender for the disposal of the Apple IMAC computer and Makita cordless radio.

Tenders were advertised on the 7<sup>th</sup> April and closed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. No tenders were received. At the May meeting council resolved: *That council auction off the surplus items at the 2014 Polocrosse event. Any money raised to be used for community sporting equipment.*

**Comments:**

Unfortunately at the recent 2014 Polocrosse event we forgot about the auction until late on the Saturday and it was too late to organise it.

Council now need to decide what they want to do with the items.

We could either call another tender to see if there is any interest or we could wait until we have another event such as the Christmas Tree and auction them off as we were going to at the Polocrosse.

*Cr Foulkes-Taylor suggested that the TV be auctioned at the next significant function.*

**Statutory Environment:**

Nil

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental**  
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

To be determined.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

<b>Council Decision:</b>		
<b>Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor</b>	<b>Seconded: Councillor Williams</b>	
That council auction the item at the next significant function as determined by the CEO		
<b>Carried</b>	<b>For: 5</b>	<b>Against: 0</b>

**19. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**20. CEO ACTIVITY REPORT**

Date	Activity
<b>CEO</b>	
16/7/2014	Worked with Brian Wundenberg to review tenders received for flood damage
16/7/2014	Visit from Phil Crosby, and Bret Hiscock and Wilfredo from CSIRO. Bret taking over from Shaun Amy wanted to introduce himself.
21/7/2014	CEO off work with the flu
24/7/2014	Visit from TidyTowns judges – with Trevor Hipper we took them around the settlement and viewed the areas we had entered including the botanic walk, the fire pits and the new tip. After that Trevor and the CEO's husband took them to the Errabiddy BBQ and the cemetery.
24/7/2014	Quotes called for the supply and erection of a verandah, carport and decking for the new shire house.
28/7/2014	MEG meeting in Geraldton- presentations from Canine Control, GMML, LGIS Health & Wellbeing Programme, MWDC on the Regional blueprint and Tourism Strategy and Jonelle Tyson SEMC re LEMAC's.
28/7/2014	Whilst in Geraldton call from Shire Works Supervisor to advise problem with ULP underground tank – fuel has leaked out since delivery last week.
30/7/2014	Spoke with Fuel Fix and Petro Industrial re ULP tank and getting new above ground tank.
30/07/2014	Teleconference with council to discuss flood damage works, community gen set problems, ULP tank problem and bulldozer repairs.
30/07/2014	Teleconference Plant Working Group meeting – discussion on new works supervisors ute.
1/8/2014	Discussion with Phil Swain and Dan the Plumber regarding the leach drains and septic installation at the new house.
4&5/8/2014	CEO in Geraldton after her husband had been RFDS evacuated on the Sunday following a fall.
6/8/2014	Issued tender for Freight services to Murchison
8/8/2014	Meeting with museum caretakers – information sign being painted based on one developed by Amanda last year.
8/8/2014	Meeting with Peter Smith of Canine Control
8/8/2014	Further discussion with Petro Industrial regarding new ULP tank requirements.
11/8/2014	With Works Supervisor travelled to Ballinyoo Bridge for discussion with Lachlan Miller who is undertaking a safety audit as part of the engineering design.
12/8/2014	Rhino Tanks on site to construct new community water tank
13/8/2014	Tenders called for lawn bowls and laundry and accommodation units per CLGF grant
13/8/2014	CEO off work with the flu
14/8/2014	Discussion with Simon Wilkes re LPS&S

*The CEO also advised council of the meeting she had on the 19<sup>th</sup> August regarding AWARE funding. She attended the meeting via teleconference and it was held with the shires of Yalgoo and Cue and Jonelle Tyson of SEMC – we are looking to put in a joint application for a Local Recovery person.*

**Recommendation:**

That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

<b>Council Decision:</b>		
<b>Moved: Councillor Broad</b>	<b>Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor</b>	
That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.		
<b>Carried</b>	<b>For: 5</b>	<b>Against: 0</b>

*Council broke for lunch at 12.55pm  
Council returned from lunch at 1.50pm*

**21. URGENT BUSINESS**

<b>Council Decision:</b>		
<b>Moved: Councillor Broad</b>	<b>Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor</b>	
That the Shire of Murchison deals with two items of urgent business.		
<b>Carried</b>	<b>For: 5</b>	<b>Against: 0</b>

**21.1 Flood Damage Trigger Point**

File:	12.25
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	21 <sup>st</sup> August 2014
Attachments:	Nil

**Matter for Consideration:**

Allocation of funds to cover the shire's own contribution to flood damage works.

**Background:**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> August the CEO advised councillors via email:

*The recent flood damage funding which we applied for and was approved is subject to a trigger point. I have just clarified this with Robyn Duncan as I did not realise that the shire had to contribute some of its own funding to the works. I thought it was all covered by the funding. There is an actual amount set for each shire and it is only when the cost of the job goes over this amount that the flood damage takes over. The trigger point for Murchison is \$141,100 per event. This means we have to find \$282,200 of our funds to put towards the works.*

*We can look at deferring some of our planned works – possibly the Yarra Yarra crossing again – we could also look at reducing the heavy maintenance programme as we will have to advertise for another operator as the person recently employed didn't last so won't be able to start it for a while. I am also waiting on confirmation of how much will be in the Roads 2 Recovery programme as it has been delayed – we are working on last year's figures but there may be some additional funding.*

*Obviously we will have to find the money as for a relatively small commitment we are getting major work done.*

**Comments:**

We have spent just under \$50,000 of our own funds up to 30<sup>th</sup> June on opening up costs and the turkey nests and bores.

We could look at reducing some costs – such as the project officer (we had a part year allocation of about \$20k)

Reducing heavy maintenance, Yarra Yarra crossing, bunding of old roads.

*There was discussion on the best way to proceed. The general consensus from the councillors was that the budget re-allocations needed to be made because the value of work we were getting was worth the small contribution we had to make towards it. Discussion covered use of reserves or reserve interest but these are for specific purposes. The following budget amendments were resolved:-*

*\$50,000 expended from own funds in 2013/2014*

*\$118,500 Yarra Yarra flood crossing works be delayed until next year. This reduces the agreed construction programme from \$740,000 to \$621,500*

*\$10,000 to establish water bores be reduced to 0*

*\$103,700 taken from heavy maintenance budget reducing it from \$300,000 to \$196,300*

*\$282,200 Total re-allocated*

### **Statutory Environment:**

Nil

### **Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental**  
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

### **Strategic Implications:**

Nil

### **Policy Implications:**

Nil

### **Financial Implications:**

Nil as the re-allocation of funds will balance out.

### **Consultation:**

Brian Wundenberg, Works Supervisor

### **Recommendation:**

The following amendments be made to the 2014/2015 budget:-

New lines of expenditure:

Flood damage north –shires own funds                      \$91,100

Flood damage south – shires own funds                      \$141,100

Reduce the agreed construction programme from \$740,000 to \$621,500 - (\$118,500)

Reduce E 12295 for \$10,000 to \$0 – (\$10,000)

Reduce heavy maintenance budget from \$300,000 to \$196,300 - (\$103,700)

### **Voting Requirements:**

Absolute Majority

### **Council Decision:**

**Moved: Councillor Broad**

**Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor**

The following amendments be made to the 2014/2015 budget:-

New lines of expenditure:

Flood damage north –shires own funds                      \$91,100

Flood damage south – shires own funds                      \$141,100

Reduce the agreed construction programme from \$740,000 to \$621,500 - (\$118,500)

Reduce E 12295 for \$10,000 to \$0 – (\$10,000)

Reduce heavy maintenance budget from \$300,000 to \$196,300 - (\$103,700)

**Carried by Absolute Majority**

**For: 5**

**Against: 0**

**21.2 Gate on Twin Peaks Road**

File:	12.8
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	21 <sup>st</sup> August 2014
Attachments:	Nil

**Matter for Consideration:**

Letter received from Mrs Emma Foulkes-Taylor regarding a gate by the Twin Peaks Homestead.

**Background:**

The CEO has received the following email:-

-----Original Message-----

From: Emma & Rossco Foulkes-Taylor [<mailto:yuinmob@westnet.com.au>]  
Sent: Tuesday, 19 August 2014 4:39 PM  
To: Jenny Goodbourn  
Cc: Emma F-T; Paul and Jo Squires; Cr Simon Broad; Miles Williams; Byro Station; Jano Foulkes-Taylor; Mark & Carolyn Halleen  
Subject: The Twin Peaks Rd

Good Afternoon Jenny,

Today some friends of ours were travelling from the Settlement to Yuin and were much later than expected- the reason being that they got to Twin Peaks (as instructed by us), where they found the gate shut and a lot of equipment (trucks, trailers etc.) around the road at the homestead, which totally put them off and so they decided not to go through the gate but to go back and around through Wooleen, adding considerable time and kilometres to their journey.

Last night Tardie has some visitors who were also a bit put off but had the gumption to go through the gate and carry on- but they were concerned that they were 'lost.'

I appreciate that the Squires need to keep the gate closed for stock, and am not blaming them in any way for this situation, but respectfully request that the long talked about bypass around the Twin Peaks homestead be raised again with Council.

Kind regards  
Emma

**Comments:**

The CEO said that she would raise the matter with council and that maybe in the interim we could look at putting a sign on the gate advising travellers that the road continues past the station and they need to proceed through the gate.

There was general consensus that a sign would be a good short term measure. Cr Foulkes-Taylor said that it would be fairly easy to put a bypass in and a grader could scratch one out. However it has not been put in this year's programme of works.

It was decided that the CEO would talk with the station owners and report back to council

**Statutory Environment:**

Nil

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental**  
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

That the CEO discuss the situation with Mr & Mrs Squires and report back to council.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

<b>Council Decision:</b>		
<b>Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor</b>	<b>Seconded: Councillor Broad</b>	
That the CEO discuss the situation with Mr & Mrs Squires and report back to council.		
<b>Carried</b>	<b>For: 5</b>	<b>Against: 0</b>

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

**Motion to close the meeting to the Public**

**Recommendation:**

That the meeting move behind closed doors

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

<b>Council Decision:</b>		
<b>Moved: Councillor Broad</b>	<b>Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor</b>	
That the meeting move behind closed doors.		
<b>Carried</b>	<b>For: 5</b>	<b>Against: 0</b>

*The meeting was closed to the public at 3.00pm*

**Motion to open the meeting to the Public**

**Recommendation:**

That the meeting move out from behind closed doors

