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Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the

Murchison Shire Council

To be held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
on Thursday **24 February 2022**, commencing at 12 Noon.

Note: meeting will be conducted to meet COVID-19 restrictions.

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ATTACHMENTS

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Shire President declared the meeting open at.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Councillors

Cr R Foulkes-Taylor
Cr A Whitmarsh
Cr Q Fowler
Cr E Foulkes-Taylor
Cr S Fowler
Cr G Mead

Staff

Bill Boehm – CEO
Steven Cosgrove – Community Manager DCEO
William Herold – Works Manager

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 18 December 2021

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 December 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision		
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

6 STANDING ORDERS

Matter for Consideration

It has been customary practice in the interests of a productive meeting in relation to the Conduct of Members during debates for the Council suspend Standing Orders 8.2 (Limitation on Number of speeches) and 8.3 (Duration of Speeches) under Local Law 2001. To facilitate this, the following recommended resolution is required.

Recommendation

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

8.2 Limitation on the number of speeches

8.3 Duration of speeches

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision		
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

8 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 24 March 2022

9 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

10 URGENT BUSINESS

11 NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

22.1 10M Mining Proposal

22.2 Administrative and Engineering Supervision Support Flood & Flood Related Works

22.3 Main Roads WA SKA Route Maintenance

12 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

13 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Arrangements have been made to have representatives from 10M to brief Council prior to the Meeting on proposed mining operations.

14 ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

14.1 Shire President

14.2 Councillors

15 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

15.1 Audit Committee

File: 2.2
Author: Steven Cosgrove – Community Manager DCEO
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 20 February 2022
Attachments: 15.1.1 Audit Committee Meeting Recommendations

Matter for Consideration

Amongst other things one of the objectives of the Audit Committee is to receive the Annual Compliance Return for the period 1 January to 31 December in each that is presented to the Audit Committee for review. The Audit Committee is to report to the Council the results of that review. The Compliance Audit Return is to then be adopted by Council and the certified copy is to be sent to the Director General of the Department of Local Government & Communities by 31 March of the following year.

A copy of the Audit Committee Meeting Agenda and Attachments for the meeting on 24 February 2022 including the Compliance Audit Return has been separately circulated.

Committee Recommendations

To be provided to Council following deliberations of the Audit Committee Meeting

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Committee Recommendations			
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr		
Carried/Lost	For	Against	0

Recommendations

That Council adopt the recommendations from the Audit Committee Meeting held on 24 February 2022

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision			
Moved: Cr		Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against	0

16 WORKS

16.1 Works Report

File:
Author: William Herold – Works Manager
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 20 February 2022
Attachments: Nil

The works crews returned to work on January 28 and picked up where they had left off prior to the Christmas break.

Construction

The construction crew have been busy with the finishing touches to shoulders, drains and a general tidy up of the section along the new seal on the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road. By the time Council meets they will have made a start on the next section. First job will be the installation of 450mm culverts on the southern end of the hill we will be blasting later in the year. The construction crew also have a new crew member, Michael Hodder who has replaced Peter Troy.

Maintenance Crew

Neil spent the first 2 weeks working on his own doing a tidy up of batters and drains along the Carnarvon Mullewa Rd. from the settlement south as far as the Ballinyoo Bridge. Finding a new crew member to join Neil is a work in progress at this point in time. The recent rain has caused a re-think in the maintenance program. Neil who has been joined by Glen Whitehurst from Walladar for now, have made a start on the Beringarra-Pindar Rd just south of Parkers Hill. They will do a patch grade as far as the Cockney Bill intersection, and then revert back to a full maintenance grade and patch up of severely scoured sections from the MRO intersection to Nookawarra.

Seal Job

Finally, I can report that this job has been completed. Unfortunately, I cannot say it went off without a hitch. The end result, however, looks more than acceptable.

10M Mine

10M will be presenting a proposal to Council prior to the commencement of the February meeting.

Semi Water Tanker

The semi water tanker has reached the end of its life. Discussion with the plant committee has resulted in the works manager looking for a skeleton trailer to build the tanks, pump, and sprays onto. At the same time a dolly and flat top trailer will also be sourced.

Recommendation

That the Works Report be noted.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision		
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against

16.2 Carnarvon-Mullewa Road Update

File:	12.39
Author:	Bill Boehm Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date	20 February 2022
Attachments:	16.2.1 Murchison Carnarvon-Mullewa Rd CGG Request & Attachments 16.2.2 Greater Geraldton Carnarvon-Mullewa Road Reply 16.2.3 Carnarvon-Mullewa Rd - 3 Year Rolling Construction Program February 2022 Update 16.2.4 Murchison Shire Carnarvon-Mullewa Road Synopsis

Matter for Consideration

Update of progress in the strategic development and construction works on the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road.

Background

In February 2020 Council essentially made major policy changes which have significantly changed the strategic approach to the development of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road. This has led to amongst other things the following progress.

- ~ Shaping Main Roads WA 2030 and 2040 Regional Roads Strategy for the Road.
- ~ Completion of significant lengths of dual lane wide seal roadworks
- ~ Maximizing the effective use of additional funds that have arisen as part of the Federal Governments and Council's COVID-19 response, and supplemented by Council funds and Council's funding success through Main Roads WA Regional Roads Group Funding
- ~ Development of a Three-Year Rolling Roadworks Program
- ~ Upskilling of our Works Crew's capability and capacity

Update

The following update is provided.

Road Widening Options

The Works Manager in conjunction with Greenfield Technical Services' confirmed that the most cost effective and long-term beneficial approach to widening of the road is to reconstruct the existing pavement by re-sheeting it with an overlay of 150mm of gravel and using a pavement stabiliser to mix up the gravel, existing sealing, and pavement in an homogenised fashion and then place a two coat seal. In floodway sections cement is also added to the process with an additional prime undertaken prior to the seal being added. This treatment is what is being planned and programmed.

Potential alternative would be to excavate the shoulders, prepare the pavement and put a single coat seal in place on the widening strips followed by a final seal / reseal over the widened pavement. This option was explored but rejected for the following reasons

- ~ increased costs and time to dig out and box widening areas
- ~ difficulty in compacting in tight spaces abutting the existing seal thereby creating a potential point of weakness
- ~ variable nature of the existing seal
- ~ additional quantities of gravel required in a location with restrictive sources
- ~ the unknown nature if the quality of the existing pavement. As an example, the average life of one section of pavement between the Twin Peaks-Wooleen Road is currently theoretically 24 years.

In any event the stabilised pavement will significantly increase the strength of the pavement and potentially allow heavier loads into the future.

City of Greater Geraldton

At the October Council Meeting Council resolved to

“Write to the City of Great Geraldton to formally advise the City as to the work that Council is undertaking to upgrade the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road, highlighting the importance of this road to the Murchison Shire and region, and requesting that the city include seal construction projects on this road within their City as part of future Main Roads WA Mid-West Funding submissions”

A copy of the formal letter and the City of Greater Geraldton's recently received response is attached.

In summary the City have advised that with respect to Murchison's request to include seal construction projects on this road within future Main Roads WA Mid-West Funding submissions the City of Greater Geraldton have advised that unfortunately, this is not the currently a high priority for the City. The City have advised that they have a list of road improvements for Regional Road Group submissions that do not include the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road.

In addition, the City has advised that they are aware of the recently released Federal Remote Roads Pilot Grant Funding opportunities for upgrade of remote roads and have advised that unfortunately they will not be putting in a submission.

In the circumstances, it seems that there is a lack of appreciation by the City of the impacts locally. Does this mean that in 10 years' time a gravel section of road that is subject to closure still exists? This also ignores the financial contributions that Council and Murchison residents actually make to business and operations located within the City. As a regional entity, one wonders what their responsibility is to the broader region with all its tourism and economic considerations and that impact on the City and vice a versa.

It acknowledged that the City of Greater Geraldton has the absolute right to make its own decisions, but that doesn't necessarily make that decision right; especially when it affects others.

A considered response is considered warranted.

Roadworks Program – Carnarvon-Mullewa Road Element

At the August 2021 Council Meeting a preliminary rolling Three-Year draft works program was discussed and adopted, noting that *“actual budget allocations will be handled separately.”* Amongst other things the program

- ~ was developed to with the overall purpose of the three-year program is to ensure a sustainable works program provide on more than on a year-to-year basis but still provide a degree of flexibility
- ~ fit within existing and known funding sources
- ~ maximise use of new LRCIP funding
- ~ recognising that it will still require some tweaking and amendment from time to time particularly with respect to the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road but provides a sound way forward.

With respect to the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road a range of changes have resulted in the tweaking of the 2021/22 Works Program. An updated portion of the Carnarvon- Mullewa Road section is attached.

In summary the following changes have occurred

- 1 In November 2021 Council was advised that we were successful in achieving funding for two Main Roads Projects for 2022/23 rather than one. This means that the 2023/24 Project would be brought forward by one year.
- 2 The works program in this section involving construction and sealing has been successfully completed with our Works Crew, again performing admirably.
- 3 In moving forward with the first part of LRCIP Phase 3 Works it became apparent that it would be desirable to maximise the benefit of the works crew's current relocation by not having to remobilize part way through a works project, simply because the next adjacent job was programmed for the 2022/23 year.

Accordingly, approval was sought and obtained from Main Roads WA to bring forward these works with the initial 40% progress funding also to follow through.

The Works Manager has also been pursuing options to have the Beringarra-Cue Road seal to gravel conversion undertaken by contractors thereby freeing up our works crew who can utilise their expertise without affecting the overall roadworks program.

- 4 The above actions also meant that all of the LRCIP Phase 3 would not be required for reconstruction works and could be utilised to commence stabilisation widening and floodway improvements for various sections of narrow seal between the Twin Peaks-Wooleen Road and the current works location.
- 5 The resultant changes will mean effectively that these construction works on the Carnarvon- Mullewa Road will straddle two financial years, with sealing works programmed for late 2022.

Murchison Roads Planning and Design Planning Project

Greenfields Technical Services have been engaged to assist in undertaking an overall costing for the upgrade and widening of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road. Part of this work involved designing the gravel section through the City of Geraldton. In light of recent advice from the City the extent of work originally proposed to be undertaken will be scaled back.

Meanwhile we have been engaged Acil Allen to prepare the actual business case

Main Roads WA SKA Route Maintenance

An update from Main Roads WA is expected by the Council Meeting

Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program

On 2 November 2021, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, announced the Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program. The Australian Government is providing \$150 million of funding for projects under the new program, which targets road improvements for regional communities, and addresses significant deficiencies on key regional and rural roads that limit community access, pose safety risks and impact the economic development of the surrounding area.

Applications for funding are invited from state, territory and local governments. The length of road in the project application is to be of significant length, with program objectives targeting projects of 20 kilometres or more as an indicative guide.

In response, an application is being lodged to stabilise and widen the existing 4.0m seal to 7.2m width, and where appropriate install floodways, for a section of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road between the Twin Peaks Wooleen Road and the Murchison Settlement. This section was chosen as in the normal course of events it may be beyond Councils financial capacity whereas other section to the south can probably be undertaken through normal funding channels, with the Geraldton Section not being the Shires responsibility.

Funding is on an 80:20 basis over a three-year period of the program. Estimated Cost \$4.85million made of \$3.88m Program Grant and \$0.97m Council. Extent of works are as follows:

Works	Length km
Reconstruct Widen Stabilise and Seal	36.830
Reconstruct Widen Cement Stabilise and Seal	1.300
Reconstruct Stabilise Box Out and seal S Curve and VC Sections	1.790
Retain Wide Seal. No works required	14.780
Total	54.700

Given the likely demand and extent of funding available it is expected to be difficult for Council but in any event, it is important to try. Whilst our contribution is significant it needs to be put into context in that, the reseal works alone, we will be required to undertake over the next 5-10 years are estimated to cost around \$2.0m

The application is quite detailed and as part of its preparation it became important to provide a detailed Synopsis of the route and works proposed along its length to amongst other things how much other work we undertake. A copy is attached.

Strategic Implications

Vision Statement	<i>Working together to preserve the unique character of the Shire, supporting diverse and sustainable lifestyle and economic opportunities.</i>
Economic Objective 1	<i>To develop the region's economic potential to encourage families and businesses to stay in the area.</i>
Strategies	
Maintenance and Upgrade of Road Network	<i>To develop, maintain and improve an efficient road system to support the transport requirements associated with the pastoral and mining industries and tourism.</i>
Environmental Objective 2	<i>To improve the sustainability of land use and improve the condition of the environment.</i>

Policy Implications

6.1 Roads

Budget/Financial Implications

Roadworks Program

Bringing forward a portion of the 2022/23 Main Roads Program will straddle the expenditure components between each financial year. This will be covered by the 40% progress payment which although received in 2021/22 will be accounted for in 2022/23

Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program

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Consultation

Works Manager, Josh Kirk (Greenfield Technical Services), Kim Ingle, Dave Pearson and Janet Hartley-West (Main Roads WA)

Recommendation

That Council resolve as follows:

- 1 That Council note the Chief Executive Officers Carnarvon-Mullewa Update Report
- 2 That Council note the variations to the 2021/22 roadworks program and make the appropriate amendments to the 2021/22 budget
- 3 That Council prepares an appropriate response to the City of Greater Geraldton in relation to its decision to not include seal construction projects on the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road within future Main Roads WA Mid-West Funding submissions and not put a submission for funding under the Federal Governments Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision		
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against

17 FINANCE

17.1 Accounts Paid since the last list was presented to Council

File: 4.37.1
Author: Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 20 February 2022
Attachments: 17.1.1 EFT & Cheque Details for December 2021 and January 2022

Matter for Consideration

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 13* requires that if the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, then the CEO is to prepare a list of accounts paid by the CEO for each month and present this to the next ordinary meeting of the Council after the list has been prepared and have this list recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

A list of payments presented in accordance with *Regulation 13* of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* made since the last report to Council is attached.

Strategic Implications

None

Policy Implications

None

Budget/Financial Implications

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Recommendation

That the accounts since the last report to Council, as per the attached Schedule be recorded in the minutes as being presented to Council.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision		
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against

17.2 Financial Activity Statements 31 December 2021

File: 2.6
Author: Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 20 February 2022
Attachments: 17.2.1 Monthly Management Financial Report December 2021

Matter for Consideration

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 34 requires that local government report monthly and prescribes what is required to be reported. Council is required to consider and receipt the Monthly Financial Statements.

Comment

These statements are being presented to meet a statutory obligation to have each month's end and report presented within the following two months.

Budget/Financial Implications:

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

Consultation

Moore Australia

Recommendation

That Council note the financial statements as presented for the period ending 31 December 2021 as attached.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision		
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against

17.3 Financial Activity Statements 31 January 2022

File: 2.6
Author: Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 20 February 2022
Attachments: 17.3.1 Monthly Management Financial Report January 2022

Matter for Consideration

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 34 requires that local government report monthly and prescribes what is required to be reported. Council is required to consider and receipt the Monthly Financial Statements.

Comment

These statements are being presented to meet a statutory obligation to have each month's end and report presented within the following two months.

Budget/Financial Implications:

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

Consultation

Moore Australia

Recommendation

That Council note the financial statements as presented for the period ending 31 January 2022 as attached.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision		
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against

18 DEVELOPMENT

18.1 Murchison Settlement Redevelopment

File	10.6
Author:	Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date	20 February 2022
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration

Brief Update of the Murchison Settlement Redevelopment Works.

Brief Update

By way of a brief update the following progress has been implemented thus far since the last meeting.

Shire - CSIRO Strategic Collaboration

Brief follow up advice and feedback with Dr Karen Cosgrove. It is expected a potential workshop can be arranged as an adjunct to the March Council Meeting

Murchison Roads Planning and Design Planning Project

Refer Item 16.2 Carnarvon-Mullewa Road Update Report

Murchison SKA Interpretive Experience Project

On 10 February 2022 I attended a Remote Teams Meeting on SKA Interpretive Experience Project. The design brief is virtually finalised and requires significant input from CSIRO and SKA amongst other things to determine what their overall objectives are and how these can be accommodated within Murchison and within the context of the overall Settlement and surrounding district. I also took the opportunity to view the current SKA interactive video produced in conjunction with CSIRO and SKA. It is very impressive.

Communication Strategy

At a meeting with GRA Partners in West Perth prior to Christmas it was agreed to largely kick off the majority of their work post February. Meanwhile they have still been working through their networks and following a brief introduction from GRA arrangements are being made to potentially have the Hon Peter Foster MLC Member for Mining and Pastoral Region - WA Labor visit the Settlement.

Caravan Park Ablutions Block

Still following up potential options

Water Supply Review

Suitable consultants have been contacted and I am waiting a response

Clean Energy Futures Fund Application

On 28 January 2022 we received advice from the Clean Energy Future Fund that our April 2021 application for the construction of solar power battery pack power supply for the Murchison Settlement was unsuccessful. I am pursuing feedback.

Recommendation

That Council notes the Chief Executive Officer's Murchison Settlement Masterplan Redevelopment Brief Update Report

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision		
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against

18.2 Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance Request

File	13.2.3
Author:	Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date	20 February 2022
Attachments:	18.2.1 Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance (SRPA) Request 18.2.2 SRPA Plan Summary 2021-2024 18.2.3 SRPA Business Case Feb 2021

Matter for Consideration

Consideration of a request from the Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance (SRPA) for financial operational support.

Background

The Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance (SRPA) was established in response to the opportunities for funding that have emerged over the past few years, including the Federal Government's Future Drought Fund and the Southern Rangelands Revitalisation Project run by the Dept of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

Prior to October 2020, Southern Rangelands pastoralists were unrepresented at a broad landscape level. SRPA is now beginning to meet the needs of the pastoral community in terms of attracting significant funding opportunities to rebuild agriculture and bring more prosperity to the regions. SRPA has identified that in order to have the significant impact we aim to deliver in the region, as a new organisation we require some financial support and would like to form a mutually beneficial and collaborative relationship with Shires in the Southern Rangelands to ensure that they can we maximise any funding opportunities.

The SRPA Management Committee is comprised of pastoralists representing the Southern Rangelands, with even representation across the three Regional Biosecurity Groups (Carnarvon, Meekatharra and Goldfields Nullarbor). Several of our committee members are also on their local shire councils.

SRPA aims to connect and support pastoral producers across the whole of the Southern Rangelands of Western Australia. Our vision is encapsulated in these four terms: Connected, Producer-Driven, Healthy Landscape, Better Business. Our Mission is "to lead change by sharing knowledge, and facilitating research and innovation based on industry needs".

Request

The attached letter of request and other supporting attachments outlines the background, aims and a summary of actions taken thus far of what this new fledgling organisation is attempting to achieve. To assist this to occur SRPA have requested Council to contribute an amount of \$20,000 per year for five years to help ensure the longevity of this important grower group which represents all pastoralists in our shire. SAPA have indicated that the financial contribution that we would make will be used to continue to employ an Executive Officer and a Project Officer as they grow into a self-sufficient Association.

Strategic Implications

Vision Statement	<i>Working together to preserve the unique character of the Shire, supporting diverse and sustainable lifestyle and economic opportunities.</i>
Economic Objective 1	<i>To develop the region's economic potential to encourage families and businesses to stay in the area.</i>
Strategies	
Small Scale Support for Vermin Control	<i>The Pastoral industry is a key industry within the Shire. Vermin issues, in particular wild dogs, have the ability to impact on the ongoing viability of the Pastoral industry within the Shire. The Shire supports a range of measures in relation to vermin control.</i>
Environmental Objective 2	<i>To improve the sustainability of land use and improve the condition of the environment.</i>
Strategies	

Policy on Road Drainage	<i>Preparation of an evidence-based report to support off reserve remediation work, including downstream dispersal.</i>
Continuation of Bunding and Remediation of Old Roads and Borrow Pits	<i>Continuation of the Shire's current management practices in relation to bunding and remediation of old roads</i>
Social Objective 3	<i>To develop, co-ordinate, provide and support services and facilities which enhance the quality of community life in the Shire by:</i>
<i>Supporting community groups.</i>	
Civic Leadership Objective 4	<i>To provide Good Governance to the Murchison Shire through:</i>
<i>Regional collaboration where possible;</i>	<i>Openness and transparency and enhanced consultation and public participation;</i>
Strategies	
Regional Collaboration	<i>Work collaboratively with neighbouring shires, state and federal government and private enterprise to ensure the efficient and effective use of the Shire's scarce resources.</i>

Policy Implications

6.1 Roads

Budget/Financial Implications

An amount of \$20,000 for 2021/22 with the same amount to be committed for the following four years. The size of the contribution is considered manageable over this period of time.

Consultation

Nil

Comment

Requests for a local governments financial support for Rangelands type organisations through Australia is not uncommon, especially where the local government such activities located within its Shire. SRPA fits within this mould and from all accounts has strong support and is sector driven with governments support

As an observation, Murchison Shire has a very strong ethos in ensuring that actions by Council are not just restricted to the normal road building actions that predominate Council budget expenditures. If that were not the case, then Murchison would still be operating as a Roads Board. Already Council provides significant support for the pastoral sector through actions such as bunding of roads, vermin bounties, environmental considerations in road construction etc but perhaps it's not articulated as it perhaps could be.

These actions are more or less encapsulated in Councils strategic community plan, which this request also covers. Perhaps this should be better articulated in the next version as the request has merit and in reality, is part our raison d'etre (reason for being).

Recommendation

That Council supports the request from the Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance for Council to contribute an amount of \$20,000 per year for five years to help ensure the longevity of this important grower group which represents pastoralism interests in our Shire and make the initial allocation of \$20,000 to its 2021/22 budget.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision		
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against

18.3 Roadhouse and Caravan Park Statistics

File: 13.11
Author: Steven Cosgrove – Community Manager DCEO
Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 20 February 2022
Attachments: 18.3.1 Snapshot Roadhouse Operating Statistics Dec 2021

Matter for Consideration

Snapshot of Roadhouse and Caravan Park Statistics

Background

The Shire of Murchison commenced operation of the Murchison Oasis Roadhouse and Caravan Park on 1 March 2021 with the current full time management team more or less commencing on 1 May 2021. Prior to that, the operation was managed for several years through a sub-lease arrangement. During this time occupancy statistics were provided on an annual basis, although this was not always undertaken. Whilst fuel sales were recorded there was never any detailed consolidated analysis undertaken.

Update

Attached is graphical snapshot of a range of statistics that provide updated occupancy statistics information from records we could obtain over the past five years. Fuel amounts are more accurate taken over a longer period of time.

Since taking over we have put in a system in place to record this data on a monthly basis at a more detailed level for use moving forward. This initial snapshot has not yet been undertaken at a detailed level.

Accommodation and Fuel statistics are a method for presenting high-level indicators, making them useful for use when developing budgets and assessing future funding opportunities and project development such as the current business cases that are to be developed in the next 6 months or so.

The data reflected in these graphs can also be used to benchmark fuel sales, service delivery, catering supplies, on a monthly, quarterly, and yearly basis. One example is the provision of fuel and associated sales. Fuel sales can be benchmarked to consider running costs and, the sale of petrol. Etc All this though requires more in depth work.

Conversely it is possible to factor in features 'affecting' travel numbers and sales volume. For example, the National Visitors Survey reports COVID-19 reduced travel volumes significantly. In the 2020 June quarter:

- ~ border closures negatively impacted the interstate market
- ~ social distancing measures meant travellers had less opportunity to participate in a range of activities
- ~ capital cities had greater losses in domestic overnight visits than regional areas
- ~ average overnight trip spend was just \$385 per person. This was well down on the \$648 per person for the same quarter in 2019

<https://www.tra.gov.au/data-and-research/reports/national-visitor-survey-results-june-2020/national-visitor-survey-results-june-2020>

These types of data sets are helpful when demonstrating impacts of tourism development as will be considered in the forthcoming interpretive experience feasibility study and highlighting the nature of the Shire's operations and reasons when applying for funding. In terms of tourism, growing numbers of visitors may equate to additional or improved infrastructure, service delivery, and staff.

The attached graphs are in reality a catchup of the past. Analysis is still "work in progress" but provide a good start

Statutory Environment

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Consultation

Nick Drew Roadhouse Manager

Recommendation

That Council note Roadhouse and Caravan Park Statistics Report.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision		
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against

19 ADMINISTRATION

Nil

20 CEO ACTIVITY REPORT

File:
 Author: Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
 Date: 15 February 2022
 Attachments: Nil

General

The following update of activities is provided.

Date	Activity
16.12.2021	Performance Review Work. Meetings with Works Manager
17.12.2021	Meetings with Community Manager DCEO and Works Manager. Catchup Administration Work
18.12.2021	Council Meeting & Bush Fire Meeting
19.12.2021	Council Minutes Catch Up & Administration Work
20.12.2021 to 21.12.2021	TOIL
22.12.2021	Annual Leave. Meeting with Liz Vivian GRA in West Perth
23.12.2021 to 4.01.2022	Christmas New Year Break
6.01.2022 to 7.0-1.2022	General Administration Work
9.01.2022	Meeting with Colin and John Fitzgerald Kimberley Outback Tours
10.01.2022 to 11.01.2022	General Administration Work. Works and Roadhouse Fuel Review. Meeting with Works Manager
12.01.2022	General Administration Work. Finalise Works and Roadhouse Fuel Review. Meeting with Works Manager. Water Supply Consultants Brief. WALGA Telephone survey. Local Government Reform Submission
13.01.2022	Meetings with Works Manager. Meeting with Works Manager & 10M. Work on Grants Commission Return
14.01.2022	TOIL
17.01.2022	TOIL
18.01.2022	Finalise and send Grants Commission Return. Work on SKA Route, Carnarvon-Mullewa Road Program, Flood Superintendent RFQ and Political Engagement Strategy
19.01.2022	Position Descriptions Review. Meetings with Community Manager DCEO
20.01.2022	Position Descriptions Review.
21.01.2022	Position Descriptions Review. RTR and LRCIP Acquittal work. Attend WALGA COVID-19 Briefing Session remotely via Zoom. Meeting with Community Manager DCEO.
22.01.2022	Roadhouse Budget Work & Other Admin work
23.01.2022	LRCIP Quarterly Reports
24.01.2022	TOIL
25.01.2022	TOIL. Meetings with Main Roads WA in Geraldton involving .Kim Ingle and Dave Pearson (SLA Agreement) and Janet Hartley-West (Main Roads Funding)
26.01.2022	Australia Day Public Holiday
27.01.2022	Meeting / update with Works Manager. Meeting with Karen Cosgrove concerning CSIRO Project. Work on Flood Superintendent RFQ.
28.01.2022	LRCIP Program Work and Main Roads WA Project Progress Claim. Finalise and post Flood Superintendent RFQ.
29.01.2022	Work on 10M Mining Proposal & Councillor update request.

Date	Activity
30.01.2022	Work on Councillor update request.
31.01.2022 to 1.02.2022	Annual Leave
2.02.2022	Roadhouse Occupancy and Fuel Review Work. LRCIP follow up queries. Meetings with Community Manager DCEO and Works Manager. Telephone touch base intro with Travis Bate RSM
3.02.2022	Roadhouse Occupancy and Fuel Analysis Work
4.02.2022	Roadhouse Occupancy and Fuel Analysis Work. Remote Roads Application Query. Work on actual costs to maintain section of Carnarvon-Mullewa owing deferral of sealing crew. Roads Business Case work. Telephone discussions with Adam Murszewski.
5.02.2022 to 6.02.2022	General Admin Catchup. Work on personal Local Government Reform Submission in own time
7.02.2022	Road Project Estimate Work. Works Fuel Check. General Admin.
8.02.2022	Annual Leave Perth
7.02.2022 to 8.02.2022	Annual Leave Perth. . Work on personal Local Government Reform Submission in own
10.02.2022	Annual Leave Perth. Remote Teams Meeting on SKA Interpretive Experience Project. Work on personal Local Government Reform Submission in own time.
11.02.2022	Annual Leave Perth. Work on personal Local Government Reform Submission in own timer
14.02.2022	Provide initial briefing with Travis Bate (RSM) at start of new engagement. Meeting briefings with Works Manager. Work on Remote Roads Pilot Upgrade Program Application. Roads to Recovery and LRCIP Work
15.02.2022	Briefing with Travis Bate (RSM). Work on Remote Roads Pilot Upgrade Program Application. Roads to Recovery Work
16.02.2022	Work on Remote Roads Pilot Upgrade Program Application.
17.02.2022	Work remotely whilst in Geraldton. Work on Remote Roads Pilot Upgrade Program Application & Council Agenda. Telephone discussions with Adam Murszewski MWDC. Separate meeting ion Geraldton with Rick Ryan (DFES) and Karen Grima (RDA/ GEO Region)
18.02.2022	TOIL. Work remotely whilst in Geraldton on Roads Pilot Upgrade Program Application & Council Agenda.
19.02.2022 to 21.02.2022	Council Agenda Work

Recommendation

That Council note the CEO's Activity Report.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision		
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21 ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Discuss the following items Pursuant to LGA s5.23(2)(c) and s5.23(2)(e) Council is to discuss the following items behind closed doors

- 22.1 10M Mining Proposal
- 22.2 Administrative and Engineering Supervision Support Flood & Flood Related Works
Consideration of eQuotes for Administrative and Engineering Supervision Support DRFAWA
Flood & Flood Related Works
- 22.3 Main Roads WA SKA Route Maintenance

Recommendation

That the meeting moves behind closed doors to discuss an item pursuant to LGA s.5.23(2)(c) relating to the following items:

- 22.1 10M Mining Proposal
- 22.2 Administrative and Engineering Supervision Support Flood & Flood Related Works
- 22.3 Main Roads WA SKA Route Maintenance

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

Council Decision		
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against

Meeting was closed to the public at.

Motion to open the meeting to the public

Recommendation

That the meeting moves out from behind closed doors.

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

Council Decision		
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against

Meeting was reopened to the public at.

Decisions Disclosed from Closed Section of Meeting

21.1 10M Mining Proposal

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision		
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against

21.2 Administrative and Engineering Supervision Support Flood & Flood Related Works

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision		
Moved: Cr	Seconded: Cr	
Carried/Lost	For	Against

21.3 Main Roads WA SKA Route Maintenance Agreement

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision		
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22 MEETING CLOSURE

The Shire President closed the meeting at.