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## Western Australia

Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,  
To be held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,  
On Friday 21 August 2009, commencing at 9.30 am.

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

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

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

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**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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Stand Down Local Law Standing Orders

**5. NEXT MEETING**

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The scheduled date for the next ordinary meeting is 18 September 2009

The October Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled on 16 October 2009. Local Government elections are to be held on 17 October.

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That October's Ordinary Council meeting is changed to 23 October for purpose's to swear in councillors and election of President and Deputy President.

**6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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**7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CAMERA**

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**8. Confirmation Flying Minutes**

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**Nil**

**9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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**9.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING –17 July 2009**

BACKGROUND

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

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 17 July 2009 be confirmed.

**9.2 PLANT COMMITTEE MEETING –23 July 2009**

BACKGROUND

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

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Plant Committee Council Meeting of 23 July 2009 be received.

**9.3 SPECIAL MEETING –12 August 2009**

BACKGROUND

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

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of 12 August 2009 be received.

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

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**11. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS**

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**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED**

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**12.1 PRESIDENT**

**12.2 COUNCILLORS**

**13. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

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#### **14. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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##### **BACKGROUND**

The Plant Committee Meeting met on 23 July 2009

##### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple majority

##### **PLANT COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

##### **Recommendation 1**

##### **PC090701 Replacement Dolly**

Moved R.Adams, Seconded Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor

The Road west Dolly is not replaced in favour of refurbishment

Motion put and carried 3/1

##### **Recommendation 2**

##### **PC090702 Major Plant Repair Reserve**

Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr M W Halleen

A major plant repair reserve is created for major repairs, to be included in the 2009-10 annual budgets.

Motion put and carried 4/0

##### **Recommendation 3**

##### **PC090703 Replacement of Single Caravan**

Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr M W Halleen

The single caravan be replaced as allowed for the plant replacement schedule

Motion put and carried 4/0

##### **Recommendation 4**

##### **PC090704 Sundry Plant Items**

Moved Cr P R Squires, Seconded Cr M W Halleen

1. Include the purchase of a mosquito fogger in the 2009-10 budget
2. Include a Mig welder to the value of \$3000 in the 2009-10 budget

Motion put and carried 4/0

**Recommendation 5**

**PC090705 Water Cart**

**Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr P R Squires**

**Either convert or purchase a used water cart to value of \$45,000**

**Motion put and carried 2/1**

**Recommendation 6**

**PC090706 Works Foreman's Vehicle**

**Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr P R Squires**

**Trade in MU300 Mazda Ute on a new 4WD Dual Cab tray back**

**Motion put and carried 4/0**

**Recommendation 7**

**PC090707 Budget 2009-10 Additional Plant**

**Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded R.Adams**

- 1. An amount of \$50,000 is allowed for in the 2009-10 budgets for the purchase of a used Multi Tyred roller.**
- 2. An amount of \$80,000 is allowed for in the 2009-10 budgets for the purchase of a used Backhoe.**

**Motion put and carried 3/2**

**Recommendation 8**

**PC090708 Used Forklift**

**Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor**

- 1. An amount of \$15,000 is allowed for in the 2009-10 budgets for the purchase of a used Forklift.**

**Motion put and carried 4/0**

**Recommendation 9**

**PC090709 Used Tow behind Roller**

**Moved Cr M W Halleen Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor**

- 1. An amount of \$5,000 is allowed for in the 2009-10 budgets for the purchase of a used tow behind roller similar to the one council already owns.**

**Motion put and carried 4/0**

**15. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

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**15.1 WORKS**

**15.1.1 Monthly Plant & Works Progress Report**

File:  
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
Date: 12 July 2009  
Attachments:

**MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

To view the plant operation for the month of July-August 2009 and an update on works carried out



**BACKGROUND**

Monthly Plant usage and status Report

<b>HEAVY PLANT</b>			<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>MTD</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Plant Item</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Rego</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Hours</b>		<b>Service</b>	<b>Ownership</b>
Cat Grader 12H	2005	MU 141	4850	5261	411	929	30831
Cat Grader 12H	2003	MU 121	9742	14737	4995	627	85261
Cat Grader 12M	2008	MU 51	718	1070	352	2363	3033
Volvo L110 Loader	2006	MU 65	1566	1759	193		13045
Komatsu Dozer	1997		6359	6381	22	104	163204
Cat Vibrating Roller	2005	MU 177	2675	2703	28		16153
<b>TRUCKS</b>					0		
Iveco Prime Mover	2003	MU 000	159672	170384	10712		46914
Nissan UD	2009		5604	20043	14439	350	1770
Iveco Tipper	2004	MU 00	93644	101848	8204	731	55862
<b>GENERATORS</b>							
Generator 2-100KVA	2005		14107	14605	498		
Generator 1-83KVA	2005		35838	37693	1855		
Generator 13KVA (Const)	2005			10102	10102		
<b>LIGHT VEHICLES</b>							
Toyota Landcruiser	2005	01 MU				599	11123
Mitsubishi Canter	2004	MU 140	3928	14156	10228	313	
Toyota Prado	2005	MU 0	34356	39997	5641	836	1981
Holden Rodeo	2008	MU 167	72000	78900	6900	1985	1783
Mazda Bravo	2006	MU 300	55080	58704	3624		3073
Toyota PTV	1986	MU 1017	17802	18813	1011		2478
<b>TRAILERS &amp; TANKERS</b>					0		
Side Tipper	2001	MU 2010	149425	156089	6664		16304
Side Tipper-Evertran	1993	1TKB837	0	3059	3059		4860
					0		
Tri Axle Low Loader	2008	MU663	4146	6707	2561	138	8406
Tri Axle Low Loader	2001	MU2004				5027	47384
30K Water Tank	2005	MU 2024	46877	47937	1060	500	9312
Dog Fuel Trailer	1993	MU 658					1775
Dog Fuel Trailer	1972	MU2005					535
Dolly 1	2001	MU 2003					6240
Dolly 2	2000	MU 2009					10558
Dolly 3	1983	MU 2031					
<b>Tractors</b>							
New Holland	2006	MU 380	501	726	225	270	2383
Caravans							6821
Various Small Plant						5386	5386

**15.1.2 Works Supervisors Report**

**Construction Report**

**Erong-Mt Gould:** Approximately 50% on new bunds completed, dozer training of two operators required to increase skill and productivity level.

**Airstrip-** The line marking has been completed, lighting ordered and due any day. Drainage to be started as soon as bridge bypass is completed

**Bridge 837-** the development of a bypass for the bridge is nearly completed, water now running under bypass. Contractor engaged to begin demolition of old bridge. Approximately one day to save rails and pillars for historical value. Demolition and clean up of river bed expected to take 6 days

**McNabbs-Twin Peaks Road-** Have engaged Michael Thurkle to complete scope of works, is approximately four weeks to start date.

### **Flood Damage Repairs**

**Carnarvon Mullewa Road-** the 5 km section north of Byro has been reconstructed with new drainage. Works completed by Bill Gibbs.

**Berringara Pindar Road-** works have started heading south from Beringarra.

**Works near Murgoo Woolshed-**Bill Gibbs' crew are mobilising to start re construction of the 5km section. Visited the section with Cr Halleen to scope the works required.

### **Maintenance Report**

**Carnarvon - Mullewa road: -**

**Berringara - Pindar road: -**

**Erong Road-** Some maintenance grading completed by construction crew

**Byro-Berringara Road-** graded, Bill Gibbs to knock down and spread calcrete that has been heaped on roadside

**Butchers Track-**

**Settlement-**

### **General Grading**

I requested Cr Foulkes-Taylor to meet with myself and Glenn Pinnegar to discuss and trial Cr Foulkes-Taylor's "Maintenance Grading Proforma", this was completed south of the Ballinyoo Bridge. The exercise was for me to get an idea and understanding of what councillors are expecting to see from our maintenance grading team.

### **Maintenance Grids**

### **Vehicles and Equipment**

MU167 Rodeo Dual Cab- has a blown engine, caused by a dent in the sump which caused aeration of the oil causing premature engine failure. A claim with our insurers is in progress

Caravan- Maintenance: has a gas hot water system problem, Sun City Plumbing fixing unit and re installing

### **Staffing**

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None at this stage

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None at this stage

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That council:

Note the Status Report of the Shire owned Plant and receive the Works Foreman's status report.

**15.1.3 Ballinyoo Bridge-Stop Work Order**

File:  
 Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
 Date: 18 August 2009  
 Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION  
 Consideration of Councils options for new bridge.

BACKGROUND

Dear Mr Adams

**BALLINYOO BRIDGE – CONSERVATION ORDER (STOP WORK ORDER)**

**Main Roads of Western Australia Bridge Number 837, Portion of the Murchison River Bed being unallocated Crown Land and portion of Road Number 8389 being the Carnarvon Mullewa Road as depicted on Heritage Council of Western Australia Diagram numbered 16581 together with the embankments and structures thereon.**

I am writing further to conversations you have had with officers of the Office of the Heritage Council of Western Australia when you advised of the Shire’s intention to demolish *Ballinyoo Bridge* before the place can be considered for possible inclusion in the State Register of Heritage Places.

On 17 August 2009, the Minister for Heritage issued a Stop Work Conservation Order, pursuant to section 59(2)(b) of the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990* (the Act), in respect of the above place. A copy of the Order is enclosed for your information.

The Order prohibits the demolition, damage or alteration of the parcel of land comprising Main Roads of Western Australia Bridge Number 837, Portion of the Murchison River Bed being unallocated Crown Land and portion of Road Number 8389 being the Carnarvon Mullewa Road as depicted on Heritage Council of Western Australia Diagram numbered 16581 together with the embankments and structures thereon. The Order also prohibits the carrying out of any activity that may detrimentally affect the cultural heritage characteristics of the place.

The Order is effective from 17 August 2009 and pursuant to Section 59(7)(d) the Act the Order will remain in force for 42 days. Please note that section 61(1) of the Act provides for a penalty of \$10,000 and 2 years’ imprisonment for a breach of a Conservation Order. In addition, a daily penalty of \$1 000 may be imposed.

A copy of our formal correspondence including the relevant section of the Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990 and the Stop Work Order signed by the Minister are attached for your reference. Original documentation will be sent by Registered Post.

Thank you in anticipation of your assistance in respect of this matter. If you wish to discuss the matter further please contact Penny O’Connor, Manager Assessment and Registration, or

Joel Gilman, Legal Officer on 9221 4177.

Penny O’Connor

A/Manager Conservation & Registration

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CONSULTATION

None

COMMENT

None

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Note the stop work order was issued by Minister Castrilli
2. Advise the Heritage Council that the bridge will be protected until a decision on its heritage listing is made by the minister.
3. Complete a financial review of what has been spent to date, and report at next Ordinary Meeting with options to progress the building of a new bridge.

## **16. FINANCE**

### **16.1.1 Financial Activity Statements June 2009**

File:

Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 2 October 2008

Attachments: Financial Activity Statements for June 2009  
Balance Sheet  
Income Statement Detail  
Income Statement by Nature & Type  
Income Statement Summary

#### **MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

Council to consider adopting the monthly financial statements for June 2009.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Amendments to the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 that were gazetted on 20 June 2008 and became effective from 1 July 2008 have resulted in regulations 34 and 35 relating to monthly financial reports and quarterly/triennial financial reports being repealed and substituted with a new regulation 34. The new regulation 34 requires that local government report on a monthly basis and prescribes what is required to be reported with the intention of establishing a minimum standard across the industry.

#### **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.

Sub regulations 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 prescribe further details of information to be included in the monthly statement of financial activity.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

#### **CONSULTATION**

None

COMMENT

None

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 30June 2009, as attached.

**16.1.2 Accounts Paid during the period July August 2009**

File:  
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
Date: 12 August 2009  
Attachments: EFT & Cheque Detail for July-August 2009

**MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

Authorisation of accounts paid during the month of July-August 2009, authorisation of account to be paid up to February 2009

**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.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

None

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

None

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Payment from Council's Municipal Account

**CONSULTATION**

None

**COMMENT**

Payments made during the month of July-August 2009 as per attached schedule.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple majority



**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Accounts Paid between 24 June 2009 – 17 July 2009;

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>Voucher</b>	<b>PAYMENT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
EFT	1-7, 11-15, 17-19, 24-25	Creditor	Paid	\$ 73,014.40
Cheque	8804-8809, 8817-8822,8823-8826	Creditor	Paid	\$ 6486.56
EFT	8-10, 16, 20-23	Payroll	Paid	\$ 5230.52
Cheque	8828-8834	Payroll	Paid	\$ 2659.07

2. Accounts to be Paid on 24 August 2009

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>Voucher</b>	<b>PAYMENT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
EFT	26-50	Creditor	Pending	\$ 360531.00

3. Salaries and Wages paid between July-August of \$84913.64; is received

**16.1.2 Adoption Annual Budget 2009/10**

File:  
 Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
 Interest Declared: No Interest to declare  
 Date: 18 August 2009  
 Attachments: Budget 2009-10, Schedule Fees & Charges

**MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

Council to consider adopting the 2009/10 Budget and also approve

- Differential and minimum rates
- Cemetery Fees and Charges
- Schedule of Fees and Charges

**BACKGROUND**

Council at an Ordinary Meeting on 17 July 2009, considered the draft Budget for 2009-10 and approved the advertising of differential rates for 2009-10 at Ordinary Meeting on 19 June 2009.

Council approved the Schedule of Fees & Charges at ordinary council meeting in May 2009 ( Refer Council Minute OC090515)

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995  
 Section 6.2–Requires a local government to prepare an annual budget by 31 August  
 Section 6.32–States that a local government in order to make up the budget deficiency is to impose a general rate on rateable land that may be imposed uniformly or differentially  
 Section 6.33(1)–Provides that a local government cannot, without the approval of the Minister, impose a differential general rate that is more than twice the lowest differential general rate imposed.  
 Section 6.33(3)–States that a local government cannot without the approval of the Minister raise an amount of general rates that exceeds 110% of the budget deficiency or is less than 90% of the budget deficiency  
 Section 6.35–States a local government before imposing any differential general rate provide at least 21 days public notice of its intention to do so.  
 Section 6.45 to 6.47–Allows a local government to levy fees and interest, grant a discount for early payment and to waive or grant concessions in relation to a rate or service charge.  
 Section 6.51–Allows a local government to charge interest on a rate or service charge that remains unpaid after it is due and payable.  
 Section 6.16–Allows a local government to impose and recover a fee or charge for any goods or services it provides or proposes to provide.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The budget outlines planned expenditure and revenue and determines the financial parameters for the Shire to operate within for the 2009/10 financial year. The proposed budget for the year is balanced with all revenue to be received during the year and the estimated brought forward surplus being expended on meeting operating expenditure demands, the capital works programme and transfers to reserves for future years' expenditure.

## CONSULTATION

The proposed differential rates were advertised for public comment in advertisements placed in The West Australian on 23 May 2009. Ratepayers and electors were invited to provide submissions, to be received by 4.00pm Monday 15 June 2009. No submissions were received.

## COMMENT

Following changes processed to the draft budget provide to Council at its meeting on 17 July 2009, the Rate Setting Statement now shows a balanced result.

The budgeted result for 2009/10 assumes that a surplus of \$1,608,537 will be recorded for 2008/09 and is similar to the surplus included in the draft budget. As the annual financial statements have not been completed this forecasted result is subject to change.

## **Rates, Penalties and Instalments**

A letter was sent on 15 June 2009, to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development requesting approval to implement a differential rate that is more than twice the lowest differential rate. This approval is required in accordance with Section 6.33(3) of the Local Government Act 1995. The Ministers has approved the differential rate.

Rates incentive prize for rates paid in full and received by council by 4.00pm on the due date is offered to ratepayers. This is in the form of a lucky draw, the prize to the value of \$1000 is to be determined by Council.

## **Fees and Charges**

Schedule of Fees and Charges that was presented to Council at its meeting on 15 May 2009,(refer to OC090515)

To complete the budget process for 2009-10 there are a number of formal decisions required and these are outlined in the following officer recommendations.

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Absolute Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 1**

That Council adopt the following differential and minimum rates for the year ending 30 June 2010.

<b>Rate Category</b>	<b>Basis</b>	<b>2009/10 Rate in \$</b>	<b>2009/10 Minimum</b>
Pastoral	UV	4.1300	\$225
Prospecting/Exploration	UV	8.2500	\$338
Mining	UV	24.500	\$338

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Absolute Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 2**

That Council

1. In accordance with Section 6.45 (1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, offer the following options for the payment of rates:

Option 1: Payment in full by a single instalment

Option 2: Payment in four equal instalments

2. Early rate payer prize to the value of \$1000 be offered by lucky draw to those ratepayers who have paid their rates in full by 4.00pm on the due date shown on the rates notice.

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Absolute Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 3**

That Council, in accordance with Section 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995, adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges as presented in the Budget for the year ended 30 June 2009

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Absolute Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 4**

That Council, in accordance with Section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995, adopt the Annual Budget for the year ending 30 June 2010

## **17. DEVELOPMENT**

### **17.1 CBD DEVELOPMENT**

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#### **17.1.1 Roadhouse Construction**

File:  
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
Date: 12 July 2009  
Attachments:

#### MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Various issues with new roadhouse

#### BACKGROUND

- Demolition permit granted
- License to install septic tanks issued
- CAD drawings of basic plans ordered
- Commencement of site preparation for new premises
- Freight Depot Shed plans submitted the Building Surveyor

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- 1.2 Continue to enhance and develop community facilities according to community needs

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The project is to be funded by grants and Shire of Murchison Funding

#### CONSULTATION

As per community consultation day

#### COMMENT

None

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

Note the progress report of CBD Development

## **18. ADMINISTRATION**

### **18.1 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

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NIL

### **18.2 Structural Reform**

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File:  
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
Date: 12 July 2009  
Attachments:

#### **MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

Structural Reform issues

#### **BACKGROUND**

Council was originally supposed to submit its position on structural reform by 31 August 2009. The Minister has since reviewed this timetable and the Council is to submit this on 30 September 2009.

Cr's Broad, Walsh, Squires, Halleen, Foulkes-Taylor and the CEO met with the Shire of Upper Gascoyne's President and CEO on 12 August 2009 to discuss the structural reform process.

President Ross Collins- Shire of Upper Gascoyne

- Opening address and Upper Gascoyne's position
- Every politician has a different view
- Upper Gascoyne to stand alone
- Carnarvon looking at boundary changes to remove pastoral area
- Possible last resort option to amalgamate with Murchison

President Broad- Shire of Murchison

- Put the Shire of Murchison's position
- Successful Community consultation day
- Request for Upper Gascoyne to not put amalgamation in their submission

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

COMMENT

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Note the meeting with Shire of Upper Gascoyne



## 18.2.1 Structural Reform-Shire of Murchison

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File:  
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
Date: 12 July 2009  
Attachments:

### MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Formalisation of Shire of Murchison's position on structural reform

### BACKGROUND

The Minister for Local Government has requested through his structural reform package that each council is to complete a checklist and report to him after community consultation and discussions with its neighbours on the possibility of structural reform and including amalgamations.

The Shire of Murchison has completed its checklist and scored a 2 (two) in the three tier scoring.

The Shire of Murchison consulted with its community about structural reform and amalgamations.

The Shire of Murchison has held discussions with shires of similar interest about structural reform.

The requirement for part of the second phase of submission is to come from a council motion requesting the Minister to consider our position.

### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### CONSULTATION

Nil

### COMMENT

Nil

### VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council inform the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests that;

1. After consulting with both neighbouring Councils and the local community amalgamation is not appropriate at this time, but would consider boundary adjustments if neighbouring Councils amalgamate and road maintenance issue arose.
  
2. Would consider reducing the number of elected representative from 7 to 6 at the 2011 elections along with the abolition of wards
  
3. Considers a grouping with Upper Gascoyne for the purpose of Royalties for Regions the best fit, but will continue to resource share with Geraldton-Greenough for the delivery of Environmental Health and Planning services.

## **19. CEO ACTIVITY REPORT**

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### **19.1.1 CEO Activity Report June July 2009**

File:  
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer  
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose  
Date: 21 August 2009  
Attachments: Nil

#### MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

CEO's activity report

#### BACKGROUND

CEO Report

July  
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UHYHN –Mandy Wynne, Manager Local Government Services

- End of Year Processing
- Audit queries
- Installation of Quickbooks
- Draft Budget Changes

UHYHN- Paolo Franzoni- IT Specialist

- Complete work on server
- Various Quickbooks Issues
- Install photocopier to server
- Library and reception computer work stations
- Install backup tapes and procedures

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Plant Committee Meeting

Drove UHYHN to Yalgoo and then Geraldton airport

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Geraldton Mower & Repair

- Inspect and discuss Mig Welder requirements

Proudlove Smash Repairs

- MU 0 Prado and complete claim forms

Midwest Development Commission

- Meeting with Neil Condon
- Progress on CBD Development

Greenfield Technical Services

- Various airstrip issues completed
- Various Bridge issues progressed
- Bridge bypass discussion and engineering
- 20km seal project discussions

#### Hind leg Line Marking

- Assist David Williams with line requirements for air strip

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#### Kevin Crowe-Electrician

- Inspect properties for new RCD requirements
- Install new lights & power points to Roadhouse shed
- Disconnect old Laundry Donga at Roadhouse
- Caravan Park Inspection
- Sporting Club Inspection
- Administration Building Inspection
- Install light batten on Sporting Club Toilets
- Inspection of Depot
- Inspect Power Requirements for new CBD Development

#### Twin Peaks

- Visit to Cr Squires

#### Billabalong

- Visit to Peter Jeffries
- Various Bypass issues

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#### Carnarvon Mullewa Road- North of Byro

- Inspect roadwork's carried out by Bill Gibbs
- Discussions and cement and PK4 products and samples
- Various drainage issues and floodway construction
- Water issues resolved

#### Erong Road

- Inspect progress on Bunding project

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#### Oakajee Port and Rail

- Visit by Kim Pervan and Daniel Marsh
- Participated in their questionnaire for stakeholder consultation

#### Ballinyoo Bridge

- Assist Peter Jeffries with Various Issues

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#### Dialacom

- Installation of Cat 7 cabling requirements and tidying up of the cable network

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#### Maintenance Grader Training

- Cr Foulkes-Taylor – assist with operation procedures for the development of grading technique

#### Aircraft Landing Area

- Contractors on site to complete the line marking

August

5-7

Local Government Convention

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Meeting with Upper Gascoyne  
Special Meeting of Council

**General**

- End of Year Reporting and Audit requirements
- 09-10 Draft Budget
- CBD Development- Rammed Earth Design
- Committee liaison with Cr Walsh
- LG Convention preparation

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

Note the CEO Activity Report

**20. URGENT BUSINESS**

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**21. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CAMERA**

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**22. MEETING CLOSURE**

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