



Shire of Victoria Plains

**Minutes for an Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held**

On	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2005
At	Council Chambers, Calingiri
Commencing	1.00pm

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 1.00pm and welcomed all visitors.

**2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The Chief Executive Officer was granted Leave of Absence for the September meeting of Council.

**President:**  
**Councillors:**

**Cr M Anspach**  
**Cr J Kelly**  
**Cr D Lovelock**  
**Cr D Holmes**  
**Cr G Erickson**  
**Cr N Smith**

**West Ward**  
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**South Ward**  
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**East Ward** (1pm to  
**Cr J Young**  
**Cr J Brennan**  
**Cr S Woods**

3.03pm)(3.04pm to  
**East Ward** (1pm to 4.45pm)  
**Central Ward**  
**Central Ward**

**Finance and Administration Manager:**

**Mr N Hamilton** (1pm to 2.22pm)  
(2.23pm to 6.27pm)

**Works Manager:**

**Mr A Kent**

**Community Services Manager:**

**Mr T Walker** (1pm to 1.40pm)  
(1.41pm to 3.10pm) (3.11pm to 5.25pm)

**Visitors:**

**Mr P Bashall – Planwest** (1pm to 3.10pm)  
**Mrs A Byrne-O’Neil** (1pm to 2.55pm) (3.50 to 4.45pm)  
**Mr G McGill** (1pm to 4pm)  
**Mr T Field** (1pm to 4pm)  
**Mr J McGill** (1pm to 4.17pm)

**Visitors/Delegation:** Mr L Bradley Bolgart, Mr O Cocking Moora, Mr B Cocking Mogumber, Mr M Nixon New Norcia, Mr G Manning Yerecoin. (3.05pm to 4pm)

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

### 3.1 Questions from Mr Gary McGill - Calingiri

Mr McGill attended the August 2005 Ordinary Meeting of Council and put questions to Council regarding Housing Committee recommendations to Council.

The questions and answers are provided below.

#### **Proposal**

If there is a sentiment held within the Housing Committee, or Council, or amongst community members outside of Council that there is a pent up demand for housing that needs to be satisfied, that there is a need for this private sector housing to satisfy an ideal for social and economic development in Calingiri, Bolgart or elsewhere, then there is a simple solution and strategy that does not involve the Victoria Plains ratepayers.

You, as individuals or even collectively, provide security, raise capital, purchase the residential land from Victoria Plains ratepayers, develop the site and engage any entity of your choice (i.e. Wongan Hills Development Group, Calingiri Progress Association or any other) and build the house or houses. Any profits can be disbursed according to your own arrangements and may even include rolling on to other housing projects. This proposal ensures that Victoria Plains ratepayers are not exposed to what is, in effect, a speculative housing development activity.

Q: In respect of July Council meeting Resolution 184/05 and 198/05 where Council resolved to approach the Wongan Hills Development Authority to build homes, at their expense, in Calingiri and Bolgart, with Victoria Plains ratepayers contributing land and site works etc... what are the reasoning's and motives of the Housing Committee for such recommendations?

A: *The reasoning and motives behind the recommendations of the Housing Committee in resolutions 184/05 and 198/05 were that in an effort to attract people to Victoria Plains we needed to have a good housing stock available. At a meeting held in Wongan Hills on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2005 the Wongan Hills Development Group indicated that they may consider building homes in Victoria Plains if it was viable. The Victoria Plains shire owns 6 resident blocks in Calingiri and is investigating the purchase of some land in Bolgart, in terms of the block in Calingiri offered to the group, it cost the shire a minimal amount, is a level and relatively clear block and therefore the cost to ratepayers would be minimal and recouped by rates paid on the house in a very short time (approximately 3 to 4 years) and would have no impact on rates levied.*

Q: Are these proposed houses destined for Shire use or the private market?

A: *The houses are destined for the private market.*

Q If the houses are for the private market, i.e. the Wongan Hills Development Authority sells them to whomever and whenever, to avoid subsidization by VP ratepayers, will the ratepayers recover their contribution with reimbursement

agreed to at point of sale?

*A: It was not the intention of the housing committee that the incentive is repaid as particularly in the Calingiri case it was a relatively small outlay that would be recouped through the imposition of rates on what is currently vacant non-rateable Council owned land and depending on the purchaser other benefits would flow to the Victoria Plains community.*

Q: In respect to Council resolution 199/05 could the Housing Committee explain and provide details of the proposal to approach the Calingiri Progress Association to take on a development role similar to that of the Wongan Hills Development Authority?

*A: The housing committee in approaching the Calingiri Progress Association was looking for an incorporated body that could take on a similar role as the Wongan Development group. It is realised that a significant amount of expertise would need to be brought into the organisation before it could contemplate taking on this role, however there has to be a starting point hence this move to approach them.*

Q In adopting this resolution does the Council have the view and have they been supplied details as to the expertise, capacity and capital requirements for the Calingiri Progress Association to embark upon such a role?

*A: The housing committee has been briefed by the Wongan Development Group and has passed this information on to the full Council. Full Council had reservations about the Calingiri Progress Association's role as can be seen by their amendment to the recommendation of the housing committee.*

Q Does Council have a full and comprehensive understanding of the activities of the Wongan Development Authority specific to its private market house building programme?

*A: Council members of the housing committee were present at the meeting in Wongan Hills on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2005 where these activities and the financial details were explained to them and a bus tour was taken that showed the results of those activities.*

Q In respect of the Housing Committee Resolution 186/05, which refers to a \$200,000 interest only loan to be guaranteed by Victoria Plains ratepayers, and notwithstanding that this Resolution was subsequently amended by Council, would members of the Housing Committee and Council guarantee, by recording in Council minutes, that there will be no further consideration given or that there are no residual plans for ratepayers to provide loan guarantees or extend capital in any fashion, to any entity, for housing for the private market in Victoria Plains shire?

*A: While Council at this time does not wish to provide any funding or loan guarantee I believe it would be foolish to restrict itself in the future by giving such a guarantee.*

Q Notwithstanding that there will be grave misgivings by the Victoria Plains ratepayers if Council elects to proceed with the concept of private market housing development in any of its forms, and that such an activity clearly falls outside of core Council responsibilities and is of a speculative nature, do you not think that Council should engage in extensive consultation with the Victoria Plains ratepayers, given that Council will, in effect, be forcing them to participate by contributing land and site works?

*A: If Council were to inject a substantial amount of capital or give a loan guarantee then there may be a case for some form of community consultation however with a minor contribution of land and site works it should not be necessary. If Council went to the community each time it looked at a proposal of that magnitude nothing would get done.*

#### **4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr McGill enquired regarding the Audit Committee. When and what is happening with this committee?

Mr McGill would like to discuss the answers to his questions from the August Meeting with the Housing Committee and the Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Field raised the question of ageing culverts and failing culverts. Does Council have a program in place with regards to checking ageing culverts?

Mr Field enquired to the work practice of using shire graders as rollers/compactors. An occasion has arisen where a shire grader was operating on the Yerecoin South East Road with its blade in the air and just the roller in operation. Mr Field sees this method of maintenance as a waste of council time and believes an independent person should be engaged to determine what work is going on.

#### **5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cr Smith requested Leave of Absence for the October Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Leave granted.

#### **6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATION'S/PRESENTATIONS**

Mr Paul Bashall from Planwest made a presentation to Council at 1.25pm on the progress which has been made with the Planning Strategy in conjunction with the Town Planning Scheme review.

Community Services Manager left the meeting at 1.40pm.

Community Services Manager entered the meeting at 1.41pm.

A short question time was held and answers provided by Mr Bashall.

Finance and Administration Manager left the meeting at 2.22pm.

Finance and Administration Manager entered the meeting at 2.23pm.

Mr Field entered the meeting at 3.00pm.

Cr Smith left the meeting at 3.03pm.

Cr Smith entered the meeting at 3.04pm.

Delegation for Biosolids entered the meeting at 3.05pm.

The Presiding Member thanked Mr Bashall for his presentation and Mr Bashall left the meeting at 3.10pm.

Community Services Manager left the meeting at 3.10pm.

Community Services Manager entered the meeting at 3.11pm.

The Presiding Member invited the Delegation on Biosolids to commence at 3.17pm.

A video presentation was made regarding Biosolids.

Mr O Cocking then addressed the meeting in support of Biosolids.

Mr M Nixon addressed the meeting and submitted copies of letters to Council in support of Biosolids.

Mr G Manning addressed the meeting in support of Biosolids.

Mr G McGill addressed the meeting against a moratorium on Biosolids.

The Presiding Member addressed the meeting on discussions between the Health Department and the Environmental Protection Authority.

***Resolution 271/05***

**Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr Brennan that the meeting adjourn for afternoon tea and visitors be invited to stay.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

The meeting adjourned at 3.30pm.

The meeting resumed at 3.50pm.



**Resolution 272/05**

**Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Kelly that Items 11.1 Biosolids - Shire of Victoria Plains and Item TP44 – Planning Approval – Extractive Industries be moved forward to be discussed.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

**11 NOTICE OF MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Notice of Motion by Shire President, Cr Anspach:-

**MORATORIUM:** A respite: A temporary cessation of activity, for the purpose of deferring a decision on a particular course of action.

Notice of Motion presented to the Shire of Victoria Plains Council Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> August 2005.

**11.1 Biosolids - Shire of Victoria Plains**

**Statutory Environment:** Handling and Storage of Biosolids

That there be a Moratorium on Biosolids in the Shire of Victoria Plains to be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005.

The Moratorium is to cover:-

1. the transport of Biosolids on roads under the control of the Shire of Victoria Plains (local roads);
2. the storage of Biosolids in the open on farming properties in the Shire of Victoria Plains that have the potential to infect with Stable Fly larvae;
3. the spreading of Biosolids in the Shire of Victoria Plains on farming properties;
4. establish a proven method of incorporation of Biosolids into the soil, within 36 hours of its having been spread;
5. to establish whether Biosolids come under the definition of *Hazardous Substance* as defined in the Health Act 1911.

This Moratorium to remain in place until the Water Corporation and Department of Environment has demonstrated to the Shire of Victoria Plains and the wider community that there are no health or environmental risks.

**Item 11 lapsed through non discussion.**

Visitors left the meeting at 4.00pm with the exception of Mr J McGill.

Council moved on to Item TP44

**TP44 Planning Approval - Extractive Industry**

**Location:**

Lot 27248 - Toodyay Bindi Bindi Road Bolgart

**Name of Applicant/**

**Respondent:**

Ethan Park Contractors

**File Reference:**

D5.1

**Attachments:**

Copy of Planning Application and site map

**Date Report Written:**

13<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

**Disclosure of**

**Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

Ethan Park Contractors of 16 Pulo Road, Mt Pleasant seek approval on behalf of A R McGill t/a Seaport Holdings Pty Ltd to extract gravel on Lot 27248 Toodyay Bindi Bindi Road approximately 6kms north of Bolgart. The project will not involve the clearing of vegetation, because it is proposed to lower the floor of an existing gravel pit occupying an area of approximately 2.4ha. The existing pit was originally established by Main Roads WA and was subsequently used by the Shire of Victoria Plains to extract gravel for road building.

**Comment**

The proposal includes a satisfactory works and excavation program, rehabilitation and decommissioning program together with relevant plans. Lot 27248 is zoned Rural under the provisions of District Town Planning Scheme No 4 and the proposed activity is classified as an extractive industry. An extractive industry is listed as an "AA" use in a rural zone. An "AA" use is a use which is not permitted unless the Council has granted planning approval.

The application seeks a five year licence to operate the extractive industry. The Extractive Industries Model Local Laws provide for a licence application fee of between \$300 and \$2,400; and an annual licence renewal fee of between \$150 and \$2,400 where the overall excavation area is less than one hectare. In this case the excavation area is 2.4 hectares and a licence application fee of \$1,000 with an annual licence renewal fee of \$1,000 is

considered appropriate.

The Model Local Laws also provide for the provision of a secured sum to provide for the restoration and reinstatement of the excavation site. The calculation of a secured sum for the extraction of gravel ranges from \$1,500 to \$50,000 per hectare. In this case an amount of \$15,000 is the estimated cost to rehabilitate 2.4 hectares. Rehabilitation in this case involves the ripping of the site of a 1m grid, the application of fertilizer, the collection and the spreading of native seed over the area to be rehabilitated.

**Statutory Environment**

Town Planning and Development Act

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Extractive Industry Licence fees

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

Cr Erickson debated the recommendation and questioned the \$15,000 bond.

***Resolution 273/05***

**Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Holmes that Planning Approval be granted to Ethan Park Contractors to extract gravel from Lot 27248 Toodyay Bindi Bindi Road Bolgart in accordance with the plans submitted, subject to the following conditions:-**

- 1. that a bond or bank guarantee to the amount of \$15,000 be lodged with Council to provide for the restoration and reinstatement of the excavation site, resulting from gravel extraction on Lot 27248, to be returned with interest on the completion of site rehabilitation.**
- 2. that Ethan Park Contractors obtain an Extractive Industries Licence. The Licence application fee to be \$1,000 with an Annual Renewal Fee of \$1,000 for each year the industry exists.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

Mr J McGill left the meeting at 4.17pm.

**7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**7.1 Confirmation of Minutes**

**Resolution 274/05**

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Holmes that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> August 2005 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

**Resolution 275/05**

Moved Cr Brennan seconded Cr Woods that the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> August 2005 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

**8 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

Nil

**9 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cr Erickson

Report on NACC only financing landcare officers for 12 months.

Cr Smith

Attended Biosolids Workshop

Heavy Haulage meeting at Northam

Municipal Golf Day held at Gingin – VP runner up. Shire employee Ian Osboine

**10 BUSINESS PAPER**

- 10.1 Finance
- 10.2 Community Services
- 10.3 Town Planning
- 10.4 Administration
- 10.5 Works

## 10.1 FINANCE

### **F397 Accounts for Payment**

A list of accounts paid for the month of August 2005 is attached to the Minutes. The payments made are within budget parameters. Payments made in the “9000” series of cheque numbers are direct payments via the Electronic Funds Transfer system and are for the payment of employee’s wages.

#### ***Resolution 276/05***

**Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Kelly that Municipal and Trust cheques numbered 3222 to 3345 and direct payments 90119 to 90123 totalling \$333,961.04 be passed for payment.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

### **F398 Sundry Debtors**

A list of sundry debtors is attached to the Minutes.

#### ***Resolution 277/05***

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Young that the sundry debtors report be received.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

### **F399 Monthly Financial Statement**

The Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005 is attached to the Minutes.

#### ***Resolution 278/05***

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Young that the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005 be received.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

### **F400 Municipal and Trust Fund**

The Municipal and Trust Fund on hand as at the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2005 was tabled at the meeting.

#### ***Resolution 279/05***

**Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Holmes that the Municipal and Trust Fund on hand as at the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2005 as tabled be received.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

### **F401 Outstanding Rates Report**

The Outstanding Rates Report for the period ending 7<sup>th</sup> September 2005 is attached to the Minutes.

***Resolution 280/05***

**Moved Cr Kelly seconded Cr Woods the Outstanding Rates Report for the period ending 7<sup>th</sup> September 2005 be received.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

## 10.2 Community Services Status Report

### ***Resolution 281/05***

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Lovelock that the items in the Community Services Status Report detailed below be noted.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Report Details</b>	<b>Community Services Action Required</b>	<b>Status</b>
CS274-Proposed Building Tradesman	Investigation and Report to Council	No further action required	Completed
CS275-Bolgart Community Park	Proposal to Develop	Application to DPI for management order	Application made
CS277-Biosolids Application	Yarrabrook - Yarra 4 Paddock	No action required	Information received
CS278-Lambert St Subdivision	Subdivision costs	No action required	Information received

## 10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES

(Incorporating Health, Building and Community Services)

Item CS279 is reintroduced to Council from the August Ordinary Meeting for the September Ordinary Meeting as only the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the original 2 part Recommendation was carried by Council. Part one of the Recommendation needs to be carried by absolute majority voting.

### **CS279                      Calingiri Caravan Park Ablutions**

**Location:**

Cavell Street, Calingiri

**Name of Applicant/**

**Respondent:**

Victoria Plains Tourism Association (VPTA)

**File Reference:**

CA2.3

**Attachments:**

Nil

**Date Report Written:**

12<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

**Disclosure of**

**Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

Over recent years a number of complaints have been received from tourists and day trippers about the condition of the Calingiri caravan park ablution facilities. Complaints have been received by the Calingiri Progress Association (CPA), the Victoria Plains Tourism Association (VPTA) and Council.

Inspection has revealed that the building is very old and suffers significant rising damp problems, which cannot be economically addressed. This leads to the inescapable conclusion that the building should be replaced with a building which incorporates dedicated public toilets, a disabled toilet/shower, showers and toilets and a laundry for the use of caravan park patrons.

The CPA and the VPTA have pooled their resources to have plans and specifications of a suitable building prepared. The building features a dedicated male and female public toilet, a disabled toilet/shower, a small



laundry, two male showers and a toilet and two female showers and a toilet. A quote of \$72,000 has been obtained to supply and construct the building.

In the interests of progressing the project the CPA and the VPTA have pledged \$10,000 each, towards the construction of a new building incorporating the above facilities. The VPTA has requested that Council consider supporting the project. Plans, a copy of the quote and an extract from the VPTA minutes appears in the Community Services document section of this agenda.

**Comment**

Enquiries through the Department of Local Government and Regional Development reveal that under the Community Facilities Grants Program the dedicated public toilets and the disabled toilet/shower qualify for a grant. The current maximum grant available under the program is \$25,000 dollar for dollar with Local Governments. The next round of grants will open in March 2006.

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Allocation of \$27,000 to the project in the 2006/2007 Municipal Budget

**Strategic Implications**

Better ablution facilities at the Calingiri Caravan Park.

**Voting Requirement**

Absolute majority

***Resolution 282/05***

**Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr Young that Council support the construction of a new ablution building to be sited at the Calingiri Caravan Park. The building to include dedicated public toilets, disabled toilet/shower, small laundry and showers/toilets for caravan park patrons, subject to obtaining a grant of \$25,000 and contributions of \$10,000 each from CPA and VPTA.**

**MOTION PUT & LOST 4/5**

**CS280**

**Proposed Subdivision - Homestead Lot**

**Location:**

Goudge Road Calingiri

**Name of Applicant/**

**Respondent:**

H & J Goudge

**File Reference:**

D5.2

**Attachments:**

Plan of proposed subdivision

**Date Report Written:**

8<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

**Disclosure of  
Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

H & J Goudge of Goudge Road Calingiri seek a letter of support from Council to subdivide a Homestead lot of approximately 25 hectares from their current rural farm holdings.

**Comment**

Mr and Mrs Goudge advise that their farming enterprise is to be sold and as long time residents of the district wish to remain residents after the sale.

In order to do that they wish to subdivide the lot on which their residence stands. There is provision in the WA Planning Commission Policy No DC3.4 (Subdivision of Rural Land) for the creation of a homestead lot in such circumstances.

**Statutory Environment**

Town Planning and Development Act 1928

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

***Resolution 283/05***

**Moved Cr Kelly seconded Cr Erickson that Council provides a letter of support for H & J Goudge to create a homestead lot of approximately 25 hectares to encompass the brick residence located on Melbourne Location 2767 (Goudge Road Calingiri).**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

**CS281                      Dog Incident**

**Location:**

Cnr Cavell Street and Yulgering Road Calingiri

**Name of Applicant/**

**Respondent:**

Not applicable

**File Reference:**

L2.1

**Attachments:**

Nil

**Date Report Written:**

8<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

**Disclosure of**

**Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

A local resident of Calingiri was attacked by an unregistered dog on the corner of Yulgering road and Cavell Street Calingiri on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2005.

**Comment**

The investigation into the attack resulted in the destruction of the dog concerned (a border collie/kelpie cross) and infringements totalling \$200 being issued.

**Statutory Environment**

Dog Act 1976

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

\$200 Fine to owner

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

**Resolution 284/05**

**Moved Cr Kelly seconded Cr Lovelock that Council receives the report.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

**CS282**

**Cultural Mapping**

**Location:**

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/**

**Respondent:**

Not applicable

**File Reference:**

A1.12

**Attachments:**

Cultural Mapping Report tabled for Council information.

**Date Report Written:**

8<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

**Author:**

Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

**Disclosure of**

**Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

Council received grant money of \$5,000 to carry out a Cultural Mapping Program in the shire. The aim of the program was to draw the various distinct communities together in an attempt to record the culture, aims and aspirations of the communities in order to aid strategic planning. Cultural Mapping is the first step of participation in the Regional Cultural Planning Investment Program. The first stage Cultural Mapping is considered to have been very successful.

**Comment**

The next step in the process is Cultural Planning which will involve Cultural Planning which will build on the information already gathered. A grant application requesting \$9,260 from Community Arts Network WA (CANWA) has been prepared and will be submitted immediately after the Cultural Mapping grant has been acquitted.

**Statutory Environment**

Local Government Act 1995

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

\$5000 budget allocation and grant monies

**Strategic Implications**

Assists with strategic planning monies

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

***Resolution 285/05***

**Moved Cr Kelly seconded Cr Lovelock that Council receives the report.  
MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

Cr Young left the meeting at 4.45pm

Mrs A Byrne-O'Neil left the meeting at 4.45pm.

### 10.3 Town Planning Status Report

***Resolution 286/05***

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Brennan that the items in the Town Planning Status Report detailed below be noted.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

Item No	Report Details	Town Planning Action Required	Status
TP41-Exploration Licence	Piawaning Exploration	No action required	Information received
TP42-Time Limit for TP Decision review	Incorrect information given	No action required	Explanation received

### 10.3 TOWN PLANNING

#### TP43 Local Planning Strategy

**Location:**

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/**

**Respondent:**

Paul Bashall - Planwest

**File Reference:**

D4.0

**Attachments:**

Copy of Preliminary Draft - Local Planning Strategy supplied previously to Councillors.

**Date Report Written:**

12<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

**Disclosure of  
Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

Regulation 12A(3) of the Town Planning Amendment Regulations 1999 requires that a Local Planning Strategy shall:

- a) set out the long-term planning directions for the Local Government
- b) apply State and regional planning policies; and,
- c) provide the rationale for the zones and other provisions of the Scheme.

**Comment**

See Local Planning Strategy

**Statutory Environment**

Town Planning Amendment Regulations 1999

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Budget Allocation

**Strategic Implications**

Provide a document which provides Strategic Planning direction for the next 15 years or longer as distinct from the Town Planning Scheme.

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

**Resolution 287/05**

**Moved Cr Kelly seconded Cr Erickson that the document and report as provided by Mr Paul Bashall - Planwest be received by Council.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

Item TP44 was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**TP45 Planning Approval Vehicle Repairs**

**Location:**

Lots 29, 10 and 9 Miling Road Yerecoin

**Name of Applicant/**

**Respondent:**

Mr S Woods

**File Reference:**

D5.1

**Attachments:**

Copy of Planning Application

**Date Report Written:**

13<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

**Disclosure of**

**Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

Mr Scott Woods of Wongan Hills seeks approval to park, store and repair his trucks at the Victoria Plains Rural Services premises on Miling Road Yerecoin.

Mr Woods has a road train and two fertiliser spreading/contracting trucks.



**Comment**

The Victoria Plains Rural Services premises are zoned Commercial under District Town Planning Scheme No 4. The proposed use of park, store and repair vehicles is classified as Vehicle Repair under the Town Planning Scheme. Vehicle Repair is listed in the zoning table as an “AA” use in a commercial zone. An “AA” use is one which is not permitted unless the Council has granted planning approval. The issues to be taken into account are noise (Yerecoin Tavern adjacent) and crossover access.

With respect to noise Mr Woods’ letter of request specifically states that any repair or operating procedures will be carried out in business hours. The Works Manager has inspected the access crossover into the property and recommends the construction of an asphalt crossover with a \$1,500 contribution from the applicant.

**Statutory Environment**

Town Planning and Development Act

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

\$1,500

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

***Resolution 288/05***

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Brennan that Planning Approval be granted to Mr S Woods of Wongan Hills to park, store and repair his trucks at the premises situated on Lots 29, 10 and 9 Miling Road Yerecoin subject to the following conditions:-**

- 1. that the operation or repair of trucks take place only between the hours of 8am and 5pm weekdays; and 9am to 5pm on weekends and public holidays;**
- 2. that Mr S Woods contribute the sum of \$1,500 towards the construction of an asphalt crossover to the premises situated on Lots 29, 10 and 9 Miling Road Yerecoin.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

#### 10.4 Administration Status Report

**Resolution 289/05**

**Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr Smith that the items in the Administration Status Report detailed below be noted.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

Item No	Report Details	Administration Action Required	Status
A797-Sale of Staff House	Application made by staff member to purchase house	House is not available at this stage	Applicant notified
A798-Housing Committee	Voting rights of members on committee	CEO and CS Mgr appointed as non voting members - powers of committee be recommendation only to full Council	Complete
A799-Community Safety and Crime Prevention	Invitation to include Shire of Victoria Plains in partnership agreement	Officer from Crime Prevention office to be invited to attend Council.	Ongoing
A800-Michael Stock Appeal	Information received from Minter Ellison in the matter	Council to endorse the recommendations from Minter Ellison	Complete
A801-Policy Manual Review	Council was to review the policy manual	Nil	Complete
A802-Hosting of NRM Officer Positions	An opportunity for Council to negotiate with NACC	Represented to Council to September meeting	Ongoing

## 10.4 ADMINISTRATION

### A803 CEO Report

**Location:**

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/  
Respondent:**

Chief Executive Officer

**File Reference:**

A1.2.1

**Attachments:**

CEO Report

**Date Report Written:**

9<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Harry Hawkins - Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of  
Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

See report.

**Comment**

See report

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

**Resolution 290/05**

**Moved Cr Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that the Chief Executive Officer's report to Council be received.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

**A804 CWA Building Calingiri**

**Location:**

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/  
Respondent:**

n/a

**File Reference:**

p-cav

**Attachments:**

Letter from CWA

**Date Report Written:**

24<sup>th</sup> August 2005

**Author:**

Harry Hawkins - Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of  
Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

At the May 2005 Council Meeting it was resolved that Council approach the Calingiri branch of the CWA with a view to acquiring their building, the old Roads Board offices, and that a feasibility study be undertaken in regard to relocating the Calingiri Public Library to that building.

A reply has been received from the CWA State Council offering to gift the building back to the shire in return for the front gates being retained and a plaque commemorating the Calingiri CWA use of the building being put in place by the shire.

Eight letters and a petition of 93 signatures, 86 of which were local residents from Calingiri, Bolgart, Yerecoin, Piawaning and New Norcia have been received objecting to the cut in hours for the Calingiri Public Library which would be necessary for it to be relocated to the CWA building. The only positive comment came from the Calingiri Primary School who could have access to the library at times to suit them, if teachers were allowed a key. Comments were invited from residents through the Shire and Community

Newsletter in what was the first phase of the feasibility study.

**Comment**

As the CWA building was the old Victoria Plains Roads Board Office it has significant heritage value to the community. If the Calingiri library is not relocated there then every endeavour should be made by Council to have it used in a manner to preserve the buildings heritage value. There is no budget for restoration works in 2005-2006 therefore time is available for community consultation to be undertaken to establish a desired future use for the building and for funding to be allocated in 2006-2007 depending on the agreed use.

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

None. Consideration to be given in 2006-07 budget

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

**Recommendations**

1. That Council accept the offer of the CWA State Council to gift the Calingiri CWA building back to the Shire and that the Calingiri CWA be allowed to continue to use the building free of charge until its future use is determined.
2. That community consultation be undertaken in the next six months to give Council guidance as to the community's desired future use of the building.
3. That consideration be given in the 2006-2007 budget deliberations to the allocation of sufficient funds to make the building conform to public building regulations.

**Resolution 291/05**

Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Erickson that the above recommendation be amended by deleting point 3.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 6/2

**Resolution 292/05**

Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Erickson

1. That Council accept the offer of the CWA State Council to gift the Calingiri CWA building back to the Shire and that the Calingiri CWA be allowed to continue to use the building free of charge until its future use is determined.
2. That community consultation be undertaken in the next six

months to give Council guidance as to the community's desired future use of the building.

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 6/2**

**A805 Councillor Vision Statements**

**Location:**

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/  
Respondent:**

n/a

**File Reference:**

A2.20.5

**Attachments:**

Statement of visions

**Date Report Written:**

31<sup>st</sup> August 2005

**Author:**

Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of  
Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

At the ordinary meeting of Council held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2005 Councillors presented their visions for the Shire of Victoria Plains for the next two years.

The next step for the implementation of visions was left to individual Councillors to evaluate and progress each idea if appropriate and so far nothing appears to have happened. To provide some momentum it is proposed that the CEO and senior staff with expertise in each area of vision get together with the Councillor(s) who raised each vision to start the process of evaluation.

**Comment**

It should be noted that items in some vision statements such as resource sharing and involvement with the VROC are inter related and are already happening, the process of building more staff housing and housing in general is underway through the housing committee, roads are being maintained well with Victoria Plains being 5<sup>th</sup> of 144 Councils in the state during 2002-2003 on road expenditure as a percentage of available income and 11<sup>th</sup> in 2003-2004 (this is based on a percentage of our own income and is not inflated by AgLime funding etc.), townsite blocks and industrial land in Bolgart are the subject of an upcoming visit to Victoria Plains in late September by two

Project Officers from Landcorp and of course the AgLime Route is stalled by lack of funding and lobbying of the minister and other politicians is also underway.

**Statutory Environment:**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

None, reports only to be prepared at this time

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Voting Requirement:**

Not applicable

***Resolution 293/05***

Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Smith that the Chief Executive Officer convene and facilitate a series of meetings with senior staff and the Councillor or Councillors who put forward each vision to enable a detailed report, (including resources required, the desired outcome and the benefits for the whole of the Shire of Victoria Plains), on the implementation of each vision to be prepared for Council consideration and endorsement of further action if appropriate.

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

**A806          Declared Rare Flora**

**Location:**

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/  
Respondent:**

Nil

**File Reference:**

CA3.1

**Attachments:**

Nil

**Date Report Written:**

5<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of  
Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

CALM have advised that a population of the rare species *Calothamnus Accedens* (Piawaning Clawflower) has been found on the south side of Waddington Piawaning Road 2.2 kms east of the Great Northern highway.

**Comment**

A person who takes, gathers, plucks, cuts, pulls up, destroys, removes or injures rare flora is liable on conviction to a penalty up to \$10,000. The Shire is required to be mindful of this population when working in the area.

**Statutory Environment**

Wildlife Conservation Act 1950

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

***Resolution 294/05***

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Erickson that the Information be received.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

**A807          Common Seal**

**Location:**

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/**

**Respondent:**

n/a

**File Reference:**

ES4.2

**Attachments:**

Nil



**Date Report Written:**

6<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of  
Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

Council is required to authorise the use of the common seal on documents signed by officers.

**Comment**

The transfer of land form for Calingiri lots 4313 and 4314 from the Water Corporation to the Shire of Victoria Plains was required to be signed by the Chief Executive Officer under seal.

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

***Resolution 295/05***

Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Kelly that the use of the Common Seal on the Transfer of Land form for Calingiri lots 4313 and 4314 from the Water Corporation to the Shire of Victoria Plains be endorsed.

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

**A808          Community Safety and Crime Prevention**

**Location:**

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/**

**Respondent:**

Not applicable

**File Reference:**

L3.5

**Attachments:**

Letter from Office of Crime prevention

**Date Report Written:**

7<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of  
Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

Resolution 256/05 from the August 2005 ordinary meeting of Council resolved to participate in a regional Community Safety and Crime Prevention partnership initiative. This was relayed to the Office of Crime Prevention who have offered the shire a grant of \$5,000 for the regional project however as Victoria Plains was not identified in the priority process no funding was allocated for us to prepare an individual plan for our shire.

**Comment**

The Shire of Moora has been selected to undertake the coordination/support role for the regional plan in conjunction with the Office of Crime Prevention. There is other funding available should we wish to pursue a local project after the creation of the regional plan.

**Statutory Environment:**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Strategic Implications:**

A regional approach to Community Safety and Crime Prevention

**Voting Requirement:**

Not applicable

**Resolution 296/05**

Moved Cr Kelly seconded Cr Erickson that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to liaise with the Shires of Moora, Dandaragan, Dalwallinu and Wongan Ballidu to develop the regional Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan utilising the \$5,000 grant offered by the Office of Crime Prevention.

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

**A809          Regional Road Group Funding Submission**

**Location:**

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/**

**Respondent:**

Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group

**File Reference:**

T1.2

**Attachments:**

Letter from Regional Road Group

**Date Report Written:**

9<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of**

**Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure has indicated that she will change the way Regional Road Groups are funded and her preference is for population to be the basis of the allocation. This will result in significant loss of revenue for Wheatbelt Regional Road Groups.

**Comment**

The Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group (WNRRG) at its last meeting decided to ask all member Councils of the two regional road groups in the Wheatbelt to contribute \$3,000 towards commissioning of a consultant to prepare a submission to the Minister on the level of funding that is required to preserve the road asset in the two regions. If approved, the \$3,000 will not be needed until late this financial year or early next year.

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

\$3,000 contribution possibly offset by higher funding in future years

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

***Resolution 297/05***

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Holmes that Council do not agree to contribute \$3,000 to the Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group to employ a consultant to prepare a submission to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure on proposed regional road group funding allocation changes on behalf of the Wheatbelt North and South regional road groups.

**MOTION PUT & LOST 3/5**

***Resolution 298/05***

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr Smith that Council agree to contribute \$3,000 to the Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group to employ a consultant to prepare a submission to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure on proposed regional road group funding allocation changes on behalf of the Wheatbelt North and South regional road groups.

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 6/2**

**A810 Christmas Holiday Shutdown**

**Location:**

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/  
Respondent:**

n/a

**File Reference:**

ST1.2/ST2.1

**Attachments:**

Nil

**Date Report Written:**

8<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of  
Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

Each year the Shire office and depot closes for the Christmas holiday period this year Christmas Day and New Years Day fall on a Sunday and Boxing Day on a Monday with public holidays in lieu falling on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> December and the 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

**Comment**

The proposed Christmas holiday shutdown period for the administration office and depot is from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2005 until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2006. Staff will be required to take leave on the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December 2005.

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

***Resolution 299/05***

**Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Erickson that Council endorse the proposed shutdown of the administration office and depot for the period from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2005 reopening on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2006.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

The following item is reintroduced from the August Ordinary Meeting. It was left to lay on the table.

**A811          Hosting of Natural Resource Management Officer Positions**

**Location:**

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/**

**Respondent:**

Cr Steve Woods

**File Reference:**

CA3.4

**Attachments:**

Nil

**Date Report Written:**

11<sup>th</sup> August 2005

**Author:**

Harry Hawkins - Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of**

**Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

The two landcare staff members at the Shire of Victoria Plains currently both work a 0.5 FTE position for the Moore Catchment Council (MCC) in the position of a Natural Resource Management Officer (NRMO). The MCC take some administration costs out of the funding they receive from the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC) for the NRMO positions and give us the balance for Elizabeth and Georgie's wages etc. Should either staff member leave, the MCC would hire the replacement NRMO who may not necessarily be based in the Shire of Victoria Plains.

**Comment**

There is an opportunity for Council to negotiate with the NACC to receive the funding direct from them rather than through the MCC. The Shire would then sign an agreement with NACC expected to be for 3 years to host 1 FTE of a NRMO position. In this case if either of the current staff left the Shire would find someone to fill the role and could guarantee that the position would stay in Victoria Plains.

The agreement would provide funding for salary, vehicles, office costs, administration etc.

**Statutory Environment:**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Provide certainty of funding for 1 FTE landcare position and oncosts.

**Strategic Implications:**

Guarantee long term landcare employment and service provision in the Shire.

**Voting Requirement:**

Not applicable

***Recommendation***

**That Council authorise commencement of negotiations with the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council with a view to the Shire of Victoria Plains hosting one FTE of a Natural Resource Management Officer position.**

**MOTION LAPSED**

***Resolution 300/05***

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Erickson that the Chief Executive Officer be given authority to negotiate with Moore Catchment Council for hosting of two Landcare Officers being Elizabeth Tierney and Georgina Gardner.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

**A812 Council Support**

**Location:**

Kent Street Senior High School

**Name of Applicant/**

**Respondent:**

Ms S McDonald per Kent Street SHS

**File Reference:**

F1.11.2

**Attachments:**

Copy of letter

**Date Report Written:**

14<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Neil Hamilton - Finance and Administration Manager

**Disclosure of**

**Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

In 2004 Kent Street SHS Tennis Course students were able to attend and compete in the Southern Skies Cup Challenge in Brisbane to represent their school and Western Australia. One student (team member) was inducted into the “All Star” Team for exceptional sportsmanship.

**Comment**

Kent Street SHS Tennis Course is respectfully requested a donation from Council to enable the 2005 team to travel to the Challenge Cup again being held in Brisbane.

Among the team is local student Chenaye Davidson from Yerecoin who attends Kent Street SHS and takes part in the tennis course. Chenaye is requesting support from Council.

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Council Policy 6.5.4 - Donations and Grants

**Financial Implications**

Unbudgeted donation

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

***Recommendation***

**That Council consider/do not consider making a one off donation to Chenaye Davidson of Yerecoin who attends Kent Street SHS to assist her travel to Brisbane for the 2005 Southern Skies Cup Challenge.**

***Resolution 301/05***

**Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Woods that Council make a one off donation of \$200 to Chenaye Davidson of Yerecoin who attends Kent Street SHS to assist her travel to Brisbane for the 2005 Southern Skies Cup Challenge.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 6/2**

Community Services Manager left the meeting at 5.25pm.



## 10.5 PLANT AND WORKS

### **W224 Works Manager's Report**

**Location:**

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/**

**Respondent:**

Allen Kent - Works Manager

**File Reference:**

A1.2.1

**Attachments:**

Works Manager's report

**Date Report Written:**

9<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Allen Kent - Works Manager

**Disclosure of  
Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

See report

**Comment**

See report

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

**Resolution 302/05**

Moved Cr Kelly seconded Cr Woods that the Works Manager's report be received.

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

**10.6 LANDCARE**

**L27 Landcare Officer's Report**

**Location:**

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/**

**Respondent:**

Elizabeth Tierney and Georgie Gardner

**File Reference:**

A1.2.1

**Attachments:**

Landcare Officer's report

**Date Report Written:**

9<sup>th</sup> September 2005

**Author:**

Elizabeth Tierney and Georgie Gardner

**Disclosure of**

**Interest:**

Nil

**Background**

See report

**Comment**

See report

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirement**

Not applicable

***Resolution 303/05***

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Lovelock that the Landcare Officer's report be received.

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

***Resolution 304/05***

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Lovelock that Council go behind closed doors to discuss confidential item 12.1 A813 and the meeting be closed to the public.

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

***Resolution 306/05***

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Kelly that Council come from behind closed doors and the meeting be reopened to the public.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

**13 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

***Resolution 307/05***

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Woods that new business be introduced to Council.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

Chief Executive Officer

The CEO has submitted a letter to the President regarding reappointment and renewal of his contract.

***Resolution 308/05***

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Brennan that the Chief Executive Officers contract be renewed for three years in accordance with the package outlined in his letter and that the Chief Executive Officer undertake a Chief Executive Officer's Support Programme.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/3**

Cr Smith

The rate in the dollar is now shown on the Shire of Victoria Plains rate notices. This should be addressed for next year.

Cr Kelly

Suggests that if fire breaks are not installed by the due date the shire should complete the works and charge out on a private works basis.

It was agreed that this matter should be reported to the Chief Executive Officer by the Chief Fire Control Officer and the Chief Executive Officer should delegate authority as necessary.

**14 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.27pm.

Signed this ..... day of ..... 2005

Presiding Member .....

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### Chief Executive Officer

#### 1. Meetings Attended

SAT Directions Hearing by teleconference on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2005. VROC meeting for member CEO's at Shire of Chittering 30<sup>th</sup> August 2005 Biosolids Workshop at Water Corporation Perth 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 LGMA Meeting at Shire of Moora 9<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

#### 2. Debt Collection - Michael Stock

The failure of Council to make a decision on collection of Mr Stock's outstanding court costs and fine at the August Ordinary Meeting is disappointing. Regardless of Councillors views on the wider issues relating to Mr Stock, he is a debtor owing \$10,783.50 with some amounts outstanding beyond six months and should be pursued the same as any other debtor. The court costs and fine were awarded pursuant to legal actions sanctioned by Council and most costs associated with debt collection are added to the debt and claimable from the debtor. This matter is the subject of a separate report under confidential items left to lay on the table at the August meeting.

Mr Stock has also lodged a second application to the Supreme Court for leave to appeal the decision of the Midland Magistrates Court in May this year and details have been sent to Minter Ellison Lawyers to appear for the shire in this action.

Applications for planning consent to put the games room legally on lot 182 Poincare Street and to relocate a two bedroom dwelling to lot 194 Poincare Street have also been lodged by Mr Stock however like his previous applications they were incomplete and he has been advised that they can not be considered without plans and additional detail.

#### 3. Biosolids - Spreading and Stockpiling on Agricultural Land

At the time of writing this report I had received 58 signed copies of a circulated letter (31 from residents of Victoria Plains) objecting to the spreading and storage of Biosolids in the Shires of Victoria Plains, Moora and Dandaragan. While some local residents and Councillors have concerns on the transport, storage and spreading of Biosolids its use is controlled by the Departments of Health and the Environment and similar to other chemicals and fertilizers used in farming, local government has no power to regulate its use by simply passing a resolution and any action taken by Council alone could be easily overturned or simply ignored. An effective action to halt the use of Biosolids would be have to be taken under section 199 of the Health Act 1911 and as the Health Department regulate the use it is unlikely they would concede that there is a significant problem and approve a local law unless verifiable instances of health or animal welfare problems have been reported.

#### 4. Housing

The Wongan Ballidu Development Group has contacted the shire to advise

that they are willing to build a 4 x 2 brick and iron home in Calingiri (resolution 184/05) however they do not build houses to hold on to or rent out so they would only build a home in Victoria Plains if it was pre sold. The cost of the latest home built in Wongan Hills approximately 12 months ago was \$230,000 therefore the cost would be expected to be a little higher than that. An inspection of that home can be arranged if there is any interest from prospective buyers.

The application for Joint Venture Funding to construct the two staff housing units in Mofflin Street Calingiri has been sent off to the Department of Housing and Works and we await their decision. A separate application for funding from the Country Housing Authority will be lodged when applications open in October.

#### **5. AgLime Route Funding**

A meeting with the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure on funding for the AgLime Routes has been arranged by the Shire of Goomalling and our CEO and Shire President are included in the delegation. The meeting date is yet to be confirmed however it will be sometime after Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

#### **6. Staff**

Since the last meeting Kim Watson has left the outside crew and Paul Spowart, a former casual employee, has been employed on a permanent basis. Paul is a qualified plumber who has purchased his own home in Calingiri and adds some flexibility to the workforce, he has already completed some plumbing maintenance work at the shire administration building. Gordon Wood is still on sick leave which runs out on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2005 and it is unlikely that he will return to work.

Harry Hawkins  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## **Works Manager**

### **Construction Programme**

Work has started on the Catabody Road project, drainage and gravel re-sheeting. This project will be completed by the middle of September 2005. The construction team consists of 5 men, and the project will take 10 working days to complete. After completion of Catabody Road the construction crew will move into Wyening West Road.

### **Maintenance Grading**

We have 2 graders engaged in maintenance grading throughout the Shire. These machines will operate on a continual basis until the dry summer period starts, and then it will be one maintenance grader working on corrugated or extremely rough roads before harvest. Roads are inspected at present on a regular basis, and the worst roads affected by the wet weather conditions we are experiencing at present will be graded.

### **Tree Lopping on Roads other than Capital Works Projects**

When the tree lopper is not engaged on construction Wayne Davey will be lopping listed roads within the Shire. At present we have 16 roads listed with a total length of 128 kms. All this lopping may not be achieved this year depending on the budget monies available for tree lopping, and the amount of Private Works we are able to pick up.

### **Parks and Gardens**

Don Westlake is busy with his yearly programme of mowing, spraying, cleaning and raking up rubbish within townsites. This is a continual operation and will be ongoing.

### **Guide posts and signage**

In relation to the Heavy Haulage Truck signs which Council discussed and passed being erected on the major gravel roads; these signs are now in place.

Gillingarra New Norcia (AgLime Route)

Calingiri Goomalling (AgLime Route)

Gillingarra Glentromie (from the highway inclusive of Wirrilda Road)

Old Plains Road from Calingiri West to just past the Atlas Farm gate.

At this stage I have ordered signs for Carani West Road, but they have not been erected. The reason for this is that we already have restriction signs in place for heavy haulage vehicles, and these appear to be doing the job at present.

### **Drainage Maintenance**

When time allows and manpower is available some minor maintenance will be carried out to unblock culverts and outlets before the end of winter.

Allen Kent

**Works Manager**



## **Landcare Officer's Report**

### **Perennial Project Update**

Most of the 65 sites in this project have been planted to perennials. The perennial grasses seed from Irwin Hunter Seed Co was distributed to farmers, with planting expected to take place from mid August to mid September. Georgie has been travelling around to do the second site visit to all these sites (so final funding payments can be made), organising a Spring Perennials Field Walk in the west VP area on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, and continuing progress on the Case Studies booklet that is to be completed and distributed to local farmers after September.

### **Grain and Graze Update**

A perennial demonstration trial has been sown east of Calingiri. 20 species have been included in the trial.

### **Project Development**

- Development of Project Plan and Project Schedule for successful EOI included in NACC's Investment Plan continuing– involving revegetation and protection of remnant vegetation in the East Moore Catchment (GG)
- Development of Project Plan and Project Schedule for successful EOI included in NACC's Investment Plan - "Control of rising groundwater in the Koojan-Gillingarra region" (ET)
- General site visits to provide advice (ET and GG)
- Numerous site visits for perennials project – trying to see all 64 sites for the second time so then final funding can be paid (GG)
- Site visit for funding opportunity to fence off Carnaby's Cockatoo habitat (GG)
- Liaison with Woodland Watch officer to help design a Voluntary Management Agreement (VMA) for above funding (GG)
- Promotion of Community Water Grant project opportunities (ET & GG)

### **Meetings/Workshops/Training**

- Moore Catchment Council Human Resources Meeting and General Meeting (ET & GG)
- Biodiesel Workshop (GG)
- Took NSW farmers on local farm tour, explained the issue of salinity and acid soils as part of an Elders farm tour (GG)
- Grower Group Alliance annual forum (ET)
- Elizabeth has received a NHT-sponsored place at the State NRM Conference, to be held in Denmark this October. The Moore Catchment Council is sponsoring Georgie to attend.

### **Promotion**

- Landcare section in VP newsletter (ET & GG)
- Flyers, posters, radio announcement and promotion of upcoming Perennial Pastures Spring Field Walk (GG)

Elizabeth Tierney and Georgie Gardner

**Landcare Officers**