



Shire of Victoria Plains

Minutes

FOR AN ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 22ND APRIL 2003
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS CALINGIRI COMMENCING AT 1.00PM.

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 1.02pm.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

President:	Cr M Anspach	West Ward
Councillors:	Cr J Kelly	West Ward
	Cr S Kelly	West Ward
	Cr N Smith	East Ward
	Cr D Holmes	South Ward
	Cr G Erickson	South Ward
	Cr S Woods	Central Ward
	Cr R Thorpe	Central Ward (1.02pm to 1.34pm) (1.34pm to 1.37pm)
Acting Chief Executive Officer:	Mr H Hawkins	
Community Services Manager:	Mr T Walker	(2.43pm to 3.44pm)
Works Manager:	Mr A Kent	(3.15pm to 4.09pm)
Visitors:	M Edmonds, B Harridge, Gwenda McGill, C Duggan, Gary McGill, M Riddick, P Sinclair, L Bradley (from 1.02pm to 1.34pm)	

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Gary McGill acting as spokesperson for a group of ratepayers from around Victoria Plains, concerned at the progress of the Calingiri Resource Centre Project without public consultation, addressed Council and asked that a resolution be passed to cease all activities in relation to the project, including funding applications until after a public meeting is held.

Mr McGill went on to say that he believed that there is already sufficient information available for the public meeting to be held.

Mr McGill also said that he had received a report from the Project Officer, Freida Ferguson on the public consultation that had already taken place and he disputed the contents of the report as most people he spoke to had no knowledge of the project.

Mr McGill called for a public forum to be held in Calingiri after seeding to discuss the proposal.

Mr Duggan expressed the view that there should be four smaller meetings, one in each ward, he went on to say that the delegation was not against the project but wanted a public forum to be held.

Mr Harridge also expressed support for four meetings, one in each ward.

Mrs Edmonds suggested that any one should be able to attend any meeting.

Mrs McGill suggested that a final meeting be held in Calingiri to bring together the feelings of other meetings.

Mr McGill reiterated that a decision by ratepayers does not need to be based on the full financial details, but that a consensus of opinion on the need for the centre be obtained first.

Mr McGill went on to say that Minister for Regional Development Wilson Tuckey has been advised that in Mr McGill's opinion the public consultation process as included in the funding application is not correct.

The question was raised about what funding applications have been approved and/or lodged.

It was also mentioned that a briefing paper should be prepared and circulated prior to the public meetings to allow ratepayers to make an informed decision.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATION'S/PRESENTATIONS

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Confirmation

Resolution 129/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Holmes that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 25th March 2003 be confirmed noting that Finance and Administration Manager - Harry Hawkins was not present at that meeting.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

Resolution 130/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr S Kelly that the minutes of the Plant and Works meeting held 25th March 2003 be confirmed.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

7.2 Business Arising

Nil

8 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

9 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cr Anspach

- Attended meeting on Resource Centre on 17th April 2003.
- Attended meeting with Lyn Sherwood on AgLime Route 2.

Cr Smith

- Attended meeting with Water Corporation at Piawaning – Water Corporation looking at costings.
- Recreation and Sport Meetings to obtain regional ideas and to meet consultants.

10 BUSINESS PAPER

- 10.1 Finance
- 10.2 Health and Building
- 10.3 Town Planning
- 10.4 Administration
- 10.5 Works

10.1 FINANCE

F243 Accounts for Payment

A list of accounts for payment is attached to the Minutes. There have been no other material outstanding creditors since the cheques were prepared.

Resolution 131/03

Moved Cr S Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that Municipal and Trust cheques numbered 214823-214824, 2148231, 388-400, 402-408, 411-488, 3921, 3961, 3971 and direct payments 90022-90023 totalling \$301,723.77 be passed for payment, with the exception of cheque 469 payable to Roadswest Engineering.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

F244 Sundry Debtors

A list of sundry debtors is attached to the Minutes.

Resolution 132/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Woods that the sundry debtors report be received and that Debtor 10929 for \$1 be written off.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

F245 Monthly Financial Statement

The Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31st March 2003 is attached to the Minutes.

Resolution 133/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Thorpe that the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31st March 2003 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

F246 Quarterly Financial Statement

The Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending 31st March 2003 is attached to the Minutes.

Resolution 134/03

Moved Cr Thorpe seconded Cr S Kelly that the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending 31st March 2003 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

F247 Municipal and Trust Fund

The Municipal and Trust Fund was not available at the meeting. A full reconciliation will be forwarded to Councillors with the Minutes.

F248 Investments

Location Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant n/a
File Reference F1.1.2
Attachment/s None
Date 10 April 2003
Author Harry Hawkins – Finance and Administration Manager

Background

Council has surplus funds to the value of \$507,938.10 invested in term deposits with the Bendigo Bank for 59 days at 4.79% an approximate yield of \$3,932.83 maturing on the 19 April 2003. The majority of this investment is expected to be rolled over for a further 30 days.

Comment

The investments with Bendigo Bank are within policy guidelines and as can be seen from the figures below interest in the municipal account is well above budget, although as the spending on capital works takes place the amount of surplus funds available for investment will reduce.

Commissions received from Bendigo Bank have also increased significantly since funds were invested and are now likely to exceed budget while agency expenses are currently well below budget forecasts.

	Budget Interest	Budget YTD Interest	Actual YTD Interest
Municipal A/C	15,000	11,250	23,830
Reserve A/C	4,000	3,000	2,975
Totals	19,000	14,250	26,805

Statutory Environment Local Government Act Sections 6.15
Policy Implications Nil
Financial Implications Increase in interest earned.
Strategic Implications Nil

Resolution 135/03

Moved Cr S Kelly seconded Cr Woods that Council endorse the continued investment with Bendigo Bank.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

F249 Permanent Locum District Doctor

Location Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant Moora Health Centre
File Reference CS1.14
Attachment/s Letter from Dr Chapman
Date 9th April 2003
Author Harry Hawkins – Manager Finance and Administration

Background

At the ordinary meeting of Council held on January 28 2003 Councillors considered a request from MLA Bill McNee (Item A450) to provide support for the employment of a permanent Locum Doctor in the district.

Resolution 23/03 passed at that meeting reads that Council would consider financial support subject to equitable funding arrangements.

Comment

The Locum Doctor has arrived and started work and an account has been received from the Moora Health Centre for a one of payment of \$625 plus GST as a contribution to the project, which would be used to furnish the doctors house.

All shires in the district are being asked to contribute the same \$625 plus GST with the Shire of Moora contributing an extra \$5,000.

Statutory Environment	Nil
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Unbudgeted contribution of \$625
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 136/03

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr Thorpe that Council provide a financial contribution of \$625 plus GST to the Moora Health Centre for the regional locum project.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/3

Votes for: Cr Anspach, Cr J Kelly, Cr Smith, Cr Woods, Cr Thorpe
Votes against: Cr S Kelly, Cr Holmes, Cr Erickson

F250 Transfer of Title – Westrail Barracks - Calingiri

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	n/a
File Reference	F1.8.3
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	9 th April 2003
Author	Harry Hawkins – Manager Finance and Administration

Background

The Department of Land Administration has contacted the shire re the Westrail barracks in Calingiri as they want to transfer the title to Australian West Railways and they note that we have outstanding sewerage charges on the property.

They have requested that we write off the outstanding charges before the transfer takes place.

Comment

After reviewing section 6.18(2) of the Local Government act which states "A local government is not to impose a fee or charge for a service or goods under this act if the imposition of a fee or charge for the service or goods is prohibited under another written law." and section 88(1) of the Government Railways act which states "No rate, tax or assessment shall be made, charged

or levied upon any government railway unless the contrary is expressly provided in any act.” it is quite clear that we would not reasonably expect to be paid the \$5,155 outstanding for sewerage rates.

The Rail Freight System Act 2000 section 46(1) appears to only provide for a rate exemption on corridor land therefore after the transfer, sewerage and other council rates would be expected to be able to be charged on this property.

The outstanding balance was included in the provision for doubtful debts in the annual financial statements as at the 30 June 2002, therefore to write off the amount outstanding would have no effect on the budget bottom line.

Statutory Environment	Nil
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil, \$5,155 included in doubtful debts June 2002.
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 137/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Woods that Council write off the Westrail debt of \$5,155 and advise DOLA that reserve 23436 may be transferred to Australian West Railways.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

F251 Outstanding Rates Report

A list of outstanding rates as at the 14th April 2003 is attached to the Minutes.

Resolution 138/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Erickson that the outstanding rates report as at the 14th April 2003 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

F252 Insurance on Cash

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	n/a
File Reference	F1.1.1
Attachment/s	None
Date	15 April 2003
Author	Harry Hawkins – Finance and Administration Manager

Background

As a part of the security upgrade being carried out by Bendigo Bank a review of the insurance on the cash kept at the Calingiri agency has been undertaken. This review found that the cash is not currently insured.

As the agency agreement does not directly mention that the cash is our responsibility, our existing cash policy does not include the agency cash.

Comment

The cash held is owned by Bendigo Bank and they have passed the full cost of insurance cover on to the individual branch, in our case Goomalling. There are two types of cover required, the first being during business hours and secondly whilst locked in the safe/strongroom. The costs quoted for this insurance cover by the banks insurers is \$427.68 for each of the two categories a total of \$855.36.

The board of the Bendigo Bank in Goomalling are reluctant to pass the full insurance costs onto the agency and has asked that Council share the costs 50/50. This amount of \$427.68 could be accommodated within the current agency costs budget.

Statutory Environment	Nil
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil could be accommodated in agency budget.
Strategic Implications	Nil

Recommendation

That Council agree to pay half of the insurance costs to cover the cash held at the Bendigo bank agency in Calingiri.

Resolution 139/03

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr S Kelly that Council do not agree to pay half of the insurance costs of cash owned by the Bendigo Bank in Goomalling and held in Council's strongroom in Calingiri.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/1

Votes for:	Cr Anspach, Cr J Kelly, Cr S Kelly, Cr Thorpe, Cr Woods, Cr Holmes, Cr Erickson
Votes against:	Cr Smith

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES

(Incorporating Health, Building and Community Services)

CS172 Community Services Manager's Report

Location	Calingiri
Name of Applicant	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager
File Reference	A1.2.1
Attachment/s	CSO Report
Date	14 th April 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

See attached

Comment

See attached

Statutory Environment	Nil
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 140/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Woods that the Community Services Manager's report for the Ordinary Meeting of 22nd April 2003 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

CS173 Unallocated Crown Land (UCL) - Piawaning

Location	Toodyay-Bindi Bindi Rd - Piawaning
Name of Applicant	n/a
File Reference	D7.1
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	8 th April 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

Some time ago Council expressed an interest in acquiring UCL immediately North of the Piawaning landfill site. The original intention was to acquire the land for landfill site extension and the winning of gravel. Council was advised earlier this year that CALM would not allow the area to be used for landfill because of native vegetation but Council could share management of the site with WAGR, who already had control of the reserve to win gravel.

Comment

Recently advice has been received from DOLA that WAGR no longer has an interest in the site. Since no extinguishing tenure has been held over the UCL site it will be subject to the Commonwealth Native Title Act process. DOLA has invited Council to submit a management plan for the site in order that the native title process can proceed. Inspection of the site reveals that the area has been used presumably by WAGR to win gravel and a quantity of rubbish has been deposited there. Should Council submit a management plan it would be responsible for remediation of the site eventually.

Discussions with other senior staff confirm that gravel for Council use is available nearby and it would be unwise to proceed with the acquisition of the site bearing in mind that it can not be used for landfill and acquisition would make Council liable for remediation of the whole site.

Statutory Environment	Local Government Act 1995
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 141/03

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr Holmes that Council advise DOLA that it no longer holds an interest in having Reserve 38404 Toodyay Bindi Bindi Road - Piawaning vested in the control of Council.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

CS174 Operational Audit and Asset Management Review

Location Calingiri and Yerecoin
Name of Applicant n/a
File Reference CA2.2
Attachment/s Nil
Date 8th April 2003
Author Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

The operating licence for the Calingiri and Yerecoin Effluent Disposal Schemes requires that an operational audit and asset management review be undertaken every 24 months. The audit and review are carried out by a consultant approved by the Office of Water Regulation.

Comment

At the direction of the Office of Water Regulation consultants SMEC Australia Pty Ltd have completed an audit and review in accordance with the conditions of the operating licence, and the final report has been submitted to the Office of Water Regulation. Three recommendations were made:-

- Asset Management Plans be developed for both the Calingiri and Yerecoin Schemes;
- Undertake risk assessment and contingency planning of the exiting assets;
- Document a procedure of periodic review to assist in keeping the overall asset management system (including the Asset Management Plans) current. Corresponding document control procedures would need to be implemented to identify the currency of the plan being examined.

Statutory Environment Local Government Act 1995
Policy Implications Complies with legislation
Financial Implications \$3,000 Budget allocation
Strategic Implications Nil

Resolution 142/03

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr J Kelly that Council allocate the amount of \$3,000 in the 2003/2004 Municipal Budget to develop asset management plans, risk assessment plan and control procedures for Calingiri and Yerecoin Effluent Disposal Schemes.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

CS175 Biosolids use – Corio Farm - Piawaning

Location Land Administration Cadastral Map Sheet 2136II – Piawaning
Name of Applicant H Purser - Piawaning
File Reference H2.12
Attachment/s Nil
Date 9th April 2003
Author Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

Mr H Purser of Corio Farms Waddington-Wongan Hills Road Piawaning has applied for approval to apply Biosolids Cake at 5 dry tonne/ha over "Duggan Boundary" and the "Strips" paddocks at Corio Farm Piawaning.

Comment

Council has received notification from the Department of Health that it approves of the project. The Department of Environmental Protection Water and Rivers has provided a copy of the licence to apply Biosolids.

Statutory Environment	Nil
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 143/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Erickson that Council receives this report.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

CS176 Biosolids use – Summer Hill Farm – New Norcia

Location	Great Northern Highway – New Norcia
Name of Applicant	P Sinclair
File Reference	H2.12
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	9 th April 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

Mr Sinclair of Summer Hill Farm Great Northern Highway New Norcia has applied for approval to apply Biosolids Cake at 5 dry tonne/ha over "Air Strip" paddock at Summer Hill Farm New Norcia.

Comment

Council has received notification from the Department of Health that it approves of the project. The Department of Environmental Protection Water and Rivers has provided a copy of the licence to apply Biosolids.

Statutory Environment	Nil
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 144/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Erickson that Council receives this report.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

10.3 TOWN PLANNING

There are no items under the Town Planning section for this meeting.

Resolution 145/03

**Moved Cr Thorpe seconded Cr J Kelly that the meeting adjourn for afternoon tea.
MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

The meeting adjourned at 3.15pm

Works Manager - Allen Kent entered the meeting at 3.15pm.

Community Services Manager - Trevor Walker left the meeting at 3.44pm.

The meeting resumed at 3.44pm.

Works Item W137 was introduced to Council

W137 Annual Roads Forum and the National Roads Congress

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	N/A
File Reference	T1.2
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	16 April 2003
Author	Harry Hawkins – Manager Finance and Administration

Background

At the March Ordinary Meeting of Council Resolution 89/03 approved the Works Manager and two Councillors attending the Annual Roads Forum and the National Roads Congress in Kalgoorlie from the 29th June to the 1st July 2003.

Comment

The attendance by two Councillors has been approved at the March meeting and Council is now being asked to nominate the two Councillors who will attend.

Statutory Environment	Nil
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 146/03

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Erickson that Councillors Anspach and J Kelly attend the Annual Roads forum and the National Roads Congress in Kalgoorlie from the 28th June to the 1st July 2003 with the Works Manager.
MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0**

10.4 ADMINISTRATION

A483 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Location	Calingiri
Name of Applicant	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer
File Reference	A1.2.1
Attachment/s	CEO Report
Date	14 th April 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

See attached

Comment

See attached

Statutory Environment	Nil
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 147/03

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr Thorpe that the Chief Executive Officer's report for the Ordinary Meeting of 22nd April 2003 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

Works Manager - Allen Kent left the meeting at 4.09pm

A484 Policy Manual Amendments

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer
File Reference	A1.1.7
Attachment/s	Copy of Policy Manual – under separate cover Copy of Delegations Register – under separate cover
Date	1 st April 2003
Author	Phil Anning – Chief Executive Officer

Background

Attached are a series of amendments proposed for the Council Policy Manual for your consideration.

Comment

Also it is necessary for Council to review the Delegation Register and make any changes considered necessary. I do not recommend any changes at this time.

Statutory Environment	Local Government Act
Policy Implications	Policy Manual Review

Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Amendments as proposed by Council:-

“10.1.24 Available Fire Fighting Equipment to read

A separate mobile fire-fighting unit is to be made available at all times when harvesting, chaining, raking stubbles, straw baling and associated allied activities. It should comprise a tank filled with a minimum capacity of 400 litres, a powered pump and hose.”

“10.1.7 Use of Shire Plant and Equipment to read

The Shire President, Deputy President, Chief Executive Officer or the Works Manager are authorised upon request by an authorised Bushfire Control Officer in charge of a fire, to call out and authorise the use of Shire Plant and Equipment other than plant used exclusively for fire fighting or local control. If authorised the operators of that equipment have discretion as to the extent of that use with particular regard to safety and machine capabilities. The use of Shire Plant and Equipment outside of the district for fire fighting purposes is subject to the conditions of the preceding paragraph.

Resolution 148/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Erickson that the amendments as proposed by the Chief Executive Officer be endorsed (subject to changes proposed) and that the Register of Delegations be reviewed and adopted unchanged for the year ending 30th June 2004.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

A485 Town Planning

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer
File Reference	D4.1
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	8 th April 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

One of the issues that arose from the address by the President of the WA Planning Commission was the role of Local Governments to control subdivision by the adoptions of a Local Planning Strategy. Also discussed were the delays Councils are having in the adoption of Planning Scheme reviews and Planning Strategies through the Planning Commission.

Comment

I believe that it is time for this Council to look at a review of the current scheme in conjunction with the development of a Local Planning Strategy. This will take some time and be at a considerable cost but it will provide a blueprint for future development.

Initially it would be my intention to pursue the current status of our plan and the best way to undertake a review with our Consultant Town Planning Officer at Chittering.

Statutory Environment	Town Planning Act
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Costs of Review to be budgetted
Strategic Implications	Better future planning

Resolution 149/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Thorpe that the Chief Executive Officer investigates financial and other requirements for a review of the existing Town Planning Scheme, and the development of a Local Planning Strategy.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

A486 WALGA Requirements

Location	Western Australian Councils
Name of Applicant	WALGA
File Reference	A1.8.1.2
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	8 th April 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

The 2003 Local Government Week Conference will see the final motions for the dissolution of the CSCA and LGA to form the one Association of WALGA and also will seek Councils advice on the format for election of President of WALGA i.e. whether it should alternate City to Country or be elected on merit as the best candidate available.

Comment

I believe that there is little point in maintaining or resurrecting the CSCA and that the single Association is the only way to proceed and we should support the dissolution motion for the CSCA.

With regard to the second issue it is time to bring the City versus Country feeling and a single Association should be presided over by the best candidate in my opinion. The structure of WALGA gives equal opportunity for City and Country and I cannot see a reason for selection of the President on location rather than merit.

Statutory Environment	WALGA Constitution
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 150/03

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr S Kelly that this Council support the dissolution of the CSCA at the August conference and the election of the President on merit and that delegates be requested to vote accordingly.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

A487 Sale of Council Housing

Location Calingiri
Name of Applicant n/a
File Reference HS1.1
Attachment/s Report by Chief Executive Officer
Date 2nd April 2003
Author Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

See report.

Comment

See report.

Statutory Environment Local Government Act
Policy Implications Nil
Financial Implications Housing Reserve
Strategic Implications Better class of staff housing

Resolution 151/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Holmes that Council do not consider the sale of 12 Harrington Street Calingiri at this time.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

A488 Central Midlands Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils

Location Central Midlands
Name of Applicant Shire of Chittering
File Reference D8.2
Attachment/s Copy of letter and discussion paper
Date 7th April 2003
Author Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

Council will recall that Cr Thorpe reported on the initial meeting at Chittering to discuss the formation of a V.R.O.C to include the Shires of Chittering, Dalwallinu, Dandaragan, Gingin, Moora, Victoria Plains and Wongan Ballidu.

To further the proposal it is requested that the seven (7) Councils formally resolve to form a V.R.O.C for the benefit of the Central Midlands Region.

A further workshop is proposed to develop the concept at Chittering Shire on 16th May 2003 from 10am to 4pm.

Comment

I recommend that we support the proposal. Any pursuits which develop the Shire are of value and V.R.O.C's can be very advantageous in promoting an area and working together to achieve joint objectives.

Statutory Environment	Local Government Act
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Costs to be budgetted
Strategic Implications	Better co-operation and development opportunities

Resolution 152/03

Moved Cr Thorpe seconded Cr Woods that the Shire of Victoria Plains supports the formation of a Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils comprising the seven Councils in the Central Midlands Region.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

10.5 WORKS

Works item W137 was discussed following afternoon tea at 3.44pm.

11 NOTICE OF MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

13 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution 153/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that late items of business be introduced to Council.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

13.1 Landcare Report

Resolution 154/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Erickson that the Landcare Officers Monthly report as included in the Shire Newsletter also be included in the Ordinary Meeting Agenda.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

13.2 Community Meetings

Resolution 155/03

Moved Cr Holmes seconded Cr Erickson that a series of public meetings be held in each ward (Bolgart, Calingiri, Yerecoin and Gillingarra) from July onwards regarding the Community Resource Centre.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

14 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 5.25pm.

Signed this day of2003

Presiding Member

**Chief Executive Officer's Report to Ordinary Meeting of Council
22nd April 2003**

1. LGMA Meeting

Held at the Shire of Chittering 7th April 2003. The Finance and Administration Manager and myself, attended the LGMA meeting at Chittering. There were several interesting speakers including the President of WA Planning Commission Terry Martin, Steve Tweedie past advisor to the Minister for Local Government and now Local Government lobbyist. John Gilfellon from the Department of Local Government and Regional Development and Wayne Scheggia from WALGA. An interesting tour of the Shire of Chittering development was also undertaken. Some items which need Council input have been extracted for Agenda consideration.

2. Visit to Minister of Transport

As Council is aware a meeting was held with Lyn Sherwood the Chief of Staff of the Hon. Minister and John Clydesdale of her Department, on Thursday 3rd April 2003. Council was represented by President Anspach, Councillors Smith and Holmes, the Works Manager and myself. I prepared a submission which was handed to the Government officials in attendance which included officials from Main Roads being the current Regional Manager and the Acting Commissioner John Marmion. Copies have been provided for all Councillors. Though the meeting did nothing to provide us with any certainty in respect to future funding for either AgLime Routes or Regional Road Groups I gained an impression that some funding will be made available for the AgLime Route over a period but we will not know the outcomes prior to the budget delivery. This is totally unsatisfactory for planning purposes but we do not have any options.

3. Elections

As Councillors are aware only three nominations were received for 4 vacancies for four wards in the Council election. Councillors Anspach, Holmes and Woods were re-elected unopposed to the West, South and Central wards respectively and an extraordinary election will be held for the East ward as soon as possible.

It is disappointing that we were unable to fill the vacancies and the fact that we do not have an election can be construed as either satisfaction with the current Council or apathy to Local Government generally.

Phil Anning
Chief Executive Officer

**Community Services Manager's Report to Ordinary Meeting of Council
22nd April 2003**

1. Mogumber Water Supply

Enquiries have been made regarding a report of an abundant supply of good quality water being discovered West of Mogumber by W R Carpenter Agriculture Pty Ltd. The company Research and Development Officer has advised that to his knowledge no such discovery has been made. A letter has been written and internal company enquiries are being made. A written reply to the enquiry is expected. Enquiries from the Midwest Regional Manager of Retail Services indicates that there are no plans to develop a water source or reticulate water to Mogumber Townsite unless substantial funding is provided and such a scheme could be proved viable. The Water Corporation would consider a joint venture with W R Carpenter Agriculture Pty Ltd and the community should a proposition be put forward.

Neither the Water Corporation, nor W R Carpenter Agriculture Pty Ltd is interested in the provision of a non-potable supply for Mogumber. A written reply to Council's letter is expected in due course.

2. Industrial Subdivision

The installation of the industrial subdivision infrastructure is proceeding with as much haste as can be mustered. The underground power cable has arrived and is being installed together with Telstra cabling on the 14th April 2003. The transformer required to complete the distribution of underground power is due to be delivered on 1st May 2003.

The next step will be the construction of the access road at the East side of the subdivision and the 10 metre access road on the West side of the subdivision.

3. Neglected Building - 13 Miling Road Yerecoin

The neglected building notice served on Mr W Hall in respect of his property at Lot 13 Miling Road Yerecoin has been ignored. The notice which has been served gave Mr Hall the opportunity to carry out minimal upgrading and demolition work to satisfy community expectations on the proviso that if he failed or neglected to carry out the minimal upgrading work it was Council's intention to serve a Demolition Notice.

Legal advice on the next step is being sought.

4. Neglected Building – 32 Miling Road Yerecoin

A licensed surveyor has confirmed that the neglected building owned by Ms A Fraser located at 32 Miling Road is sited over the boundary of the two freehold lots that are the subject of dispute between Ms Fraser and Council. Legal advice is to be sought on the service of a Neglected Building Notice on Ms Fraser.

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