



Shire of Victoria Plains

Minutes

FOR AN ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 27th MAY 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 1.18pm.

1.1 Swearing in of Councillors

Cr M Anspach, Cr D Holmes, Cr S Woods were sworn in, in the presence of Mr Brian McGill of Bolgart – Justice of the Peace.

1.2 Election of President

In accordance with the Local Government Act (Section 2.11{b}, Section 2.28 and Schedule 2.3) the following rules apply to the election of the President where the election is by the Council.

Cr M Anspach was elected to the position of President unopposed.

Schedule 2.3 3

The Chief Executive Officer is to preside at the meeting until the office is filled.

Schedule 2.3 4

1. The Council is to elect a Councillor to fill the office.
2. The election is to be conducted by the Chief Executive Officer.
3. Nominations for the office are to be given to the Chief Executive Officer in writing.
4. If a Councillor is nominated by another Council the Chief Executive Officer is not to accept the nomination unless the nominee has advised the Chief Executive Officer orally or in writing that he or she is willing to be nominated for the office.
5. The Councillors are to vote on the matter by a secret ballot as if they were electors voting at an election.
6. Subject to clause 5(1) the votes cast under subclause (5) are to be counted and the successful candidate determined in accordance with the procedures of Schedule 4.1 as if those votes were cast at an election.

1.3 Election of Deputy President

The procedures for the election of the Deputy President are the same as for the election of President except that the President shall conduct the election.

Note: Nomination forms have been circulated with the Agenda and nominations can be accepted up to the time of the election.

Nominations

Cr J Kelly and Cr Erickson were the only nominations received for Deputy President.

Cr J Kelly was elected 5/2

1.4 Election of Committee

1.5.1 Plant and Works Committee

Nominations are invited for four (4) Members to comprise the Plant and Works Committee preferably being one councillor from each Ward but not restricted to that proposal.

The Committee is appointed by the Council (Absolute Majority of the Council). At any given time each Member is entitled to be a Member of at least one committee referred to and if a Council Member nominates himself/herself to be a Member of such a committee, the Local Government is to include that Council Member in the persons appointed. The President can also exercise a right to be a Member of a Council Committee.

Resolution

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr Thorpe that the Plant and Works Committee comprise four (4) Members being Cr Smith, Cr Holmes, Cr J Kelly and Cr Anspach appointed by Council. The committee will meet at 11am prior to the full Council Meeting (when enough business to warrant the meeting is available) for approximately one hour. Quorum to be 3 members of the Committee. Powers to be recommendation to full Council only. Minutes to be typed and presented to full Council for adoption on the same day as the Committee meeting is held. Staff members on the Committee without voting powers to be the Chief Executive Officer, Works Manager and Minute Clerk.

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1.5 Representation on Committees or Organisations

Councillor Portfolios were accepted as follows in 2001 and are subject to review.

COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS 2001

PORTFOLIO	COUNCILLOR
Local Government & Regional Development; Finance; Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs	Cr Anspach
Planning & Infrastructure; Energy; Government Enterprise	Cr Smith

Agriculture; Forestry & Fisheries; Environment & heritage; Racing & Gaming	Cr J Kelly
Housing & Works; Policy & Emergency Services; Citizenship & Multi Cultural Interests	Cr Thorpe
Tourism & Small Business; Sport & Recreation; Training	Cr S Kelly
Education; Justice & Legal Affairs; Electoral Affairs	Cr Field
Community Development; Arts & Culture; State Development	Cr Woods
Seniors & Youth; Indigenous Affairs; Commerce & Employment Relations	Cr Holmes
Health; Disability Services; Women's Interests	Cr Erickson

Council should be aware that an election for the current vacancy in the East Ward will be held on the Saturday 7th June 2003.

The following were nominated to represent Council on Committees and Organisations in 2001

- ♦ Avon Midland Ward CSCA - Cr Smith, Cr J Kelly
- ♦ Regional Roads Group - Cr Smith
- ♦ Drought Proofing Committee - Cr Field, Cr Thorpe, CEO
- ♦ AgLime Sands Route - Cr Field, Cr Anspach
- ♦ Land Management - Cr Woods, Cr S Kelly
- ♦ Community Resource Centre - Cr Woods
- ♦ Agriculture Protection Board - Cr S Kelly
- ♦ Tourism – VPTA - Cr Auburn – now Cr S Kelly
- ♦ Business Enterprise Centre - Cr Woods
- ♦ Moore Catchment Group - Cr Anspach

Others that have been added since, include

- ♦ Tourism Consultancy - Cr S Kelly
- ♦ Trails Consultancy - Cr R Thorpe
- ♦ Sport & Recreation - Cr N Smith

Recommendation

That the nominations as written be confirmed.

Item 1.5 was deferred until the June 2003 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

President:	Cr M Anspach	West Ward
Councillors:	Cr J Kelly	West Ward
	Cr N Smith	East Ward
	Cr D Holmes	South Ward
	Cr G Erickson	South Ward
	Cr S Woods	Central Ward (from 1.32pm)
	Cr R Thorpe	Central Ward
Apologies:	Cr S Kelly	West Ward
Chief Executive Officer:	Mr P Anning	
Acting Chief Executive Officer:	Mr H Hawkins	
Community Services Manager:	Mr T Walker	
Works Manager:	Mr A Kent	
Visitors:	Mr B McGill JP - Bolgart	

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATION'S/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Confirmation

Resolution

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 22nd April 2003 be confirmed.

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7.2 Business Arising

Nil

8 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The President announced a plan to suspend Standing Orders to discuss meeting procedures later in the meeting

NOTE: Standing Orders were not suspended during the May 2003 Ordinary Meeting

9 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cr Erickson

Tabled a report on the Drummond Catchment Council.

Cr Thorpe

Cr Thorpe and Chief Executive Officer attended a meeting regarding the formation of V.R.O.C.

10 BUSINESS PAPER

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

10.1 FINANCE

F253 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

Moved Cr Thorpe seconded Cr Woods that Municipal and Trust cheques numbered 490, 492, 495-496, 498, 500-581 and direct payments 90024 totalling \$340,273.46 be passed for payment.

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F254 Sundry Debtors

A list of sundry debtors as at 21st May 2003 is attached to the Minutes.

Resolution

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that the sundry debtors report as at 21st May 2003 be received.

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F255 Monthly Financial Statement

The Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 30th April 2003 is attached to the Minutes.

Resolution

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Woods that the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 30th April 2003 be received.

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F256 Municipal and Trust Fund

The Municipal and Trust Fund on hand as at the 27th May 2003 will be tabled at the meeting.

Recommendation

That the Municipal and Trust Fund on hand as at the 27th May 2003 as tabled be received.

This report was not available at the Meeting. A reconciliation is to be faxed to all Councillors during the week.

F257 Outstanding Rates Report

An outstanding Rates Report as at the 21st May 2003 is attached to the Minutes.

Resolution

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that the Outstanding Rates Report as at the 21st May 2003 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

F258 Investments

Location Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant n/a
File Reference F1.1.2
Attachment/s None
Date 20 May 2003
Author Harry Hawkins – Finance and Administration Manager

Background

Council has surplus funds to the value of \$313,894.92 invested in term deposits with the Bendigo Bank for 30 days at 4.77% an approximate yield of \$1,230.64 maturing on the 19 June 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 payments for capital works has increased the amount of surplus funds available for investment has reduced.

Commissions received from Bendigo Bank have also increased significantly since funds were invested and are now exceeding the budget while agency expenses are currently well below budget forecasts, but have increased in recent months.

	Budget Interest	Budget YTD Interest	Actual YTD Interest
Municipal A/C	15,000	12,500	26,812
Reserve A/C	4,000	3,333	3,336
Totals	19,000	15,833	30,148

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

Resolution

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that Council endorse the continued investment with Bendigo Bank.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

F259 Budget Submissions by Community Groups

Location Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant n/a
File Reference F1.2.2
Attachment/s Summary of Community Budget Requests
Date 7th May 2003
Author Harry Hawkins – Manager Finance and Administration

Background

As in previous years and in accordance with Council Policy community groups are asked to submit requests for financial assistance to be included in the following years budget by the 31 March 2003.

The attachment to this report details these requests for the 2004 budget and is presented to Council for consideration as a part of the budget process.

Comment

To provide the various groups with timely information in relation to submissions may leave them time to pursue alternative funding sources, therefore it is prudent to consider these requests prior to the pre budget meeting planned to be held in conjunction with the June meeting.

The early vetting of these requests also reduces the number of final adjustments that may need to be made to the budget.

Statutory Environment	Nil
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Budget consideration for 2003-2004.
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Erickson that Council allocates \$17,805 in the budget for community organisations funding to support the following groups in the amounts as listed.

Calingiri Tennis Club	\$2,400
Yerecoin progress Association	\$6,725
Bolgart Playgroup	\$1,030
Gillingarra Sport & Recreation Club	\$350
Yerecoin Tennis Club	\$6,750
Piawaning Progress Association	\$550

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Finance and Administration Manager – Harry Hawkins left the meeting at 2.42pm.

Finance and Administration Manager – Harry Hawkins entered the meeting at 2.44pm.

Community Services Items were deferred until the arrival of Community Services Manager - Trevor Walker.

10.3 TOWN PLANNING

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

10.4 ADMINISTRATION

A489 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

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr J Kelly that the Chief Executive Officer's report for the Ordinary Meeting of 27th May 2003 be received.

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A490 New Concept for State Tourism

Location	Statewide
Name of Applicant	WATC
File Reference	ES2.4
Attachment/s	Copy of information forwarded to all Councillors
Date	14 th May 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

Over recent months the WATC has been developing a strategy for the development of Tourism in Western Australia. A copy of the Zone Strategy has been provided for all Councillors and I have attended Workshops provided to discuss the proposals on two occasions.

Comment

One facet of the proposal is to reduce the Regional areas to 5 zones covering the state which will be characterised as follows:-

- A Perth and Short Trips Zone, incorporating Local and parts of Heartlands;
- A South West Zone incorporating the South West and Great Southern;
- A North West Zone incorporating the Kimberley and Pilbara;

- A Central South Zone including parts of Heartlands, Non Coastal Mid West, Goldfields, Upper Gascoyne and Esperance;
- A Coastal Zone incorporating Coastal Shires from Lancelin to Exmouth.

Under the proposal we are included in the Central South Zone. Unfortunately this proposal provides another set of boundaries for Zones, and breaks up Avon Midland Ward arrangements, proposed VROC arrangements and many others.

I believe that we should seek inclusion in the "Perth and Short Trips Zone". This would combine us with the Metropolitan Area and the Shires of Chittering, Gingin, Northam, York, Beverley, Murray etc.

Our future in Tourism is involved in day trips particularly New Norcia and our proximity to Perth means that we are more aligned with the "Short Trips Zone" than the huge Central South East Zone.

Statutory Environment	State Government
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Tourism Development

Resolution

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Thorpe that the information regarding the New Concept for State Tourism be received and the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to prepare a submission to include the Shire of Victoria Plains in the proposed Perth and Short Trips Zone.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

A491 Rapid Catchment Appraisal for the Moore River Catchment

Location	Moore River Catchment
Name of Applicant	Department of Agriculture
File Reference	CA3.4
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	14 th May 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

This year the Department of Agriculture completed an appraisal of salinity in the Moore River Catchment. They produced a series of maps which have been displayed at Perenjori, Dalwallinu, Calingiri, Moora, Coorow and Carnamah. Statistics on roads affected and remnant vegetation are also produced. The information will be useful for individual farmers, Local Government and Land Conservation District Committees when planning for impacts of dryland salinity.

Comment

The Department has extended an offer to meet with the Shire and present the results of the analysis. This would also provide feedback on the communities response. The presentation takes approximately 90 minutes including questions.

Statutory Environment	Department of Agriculture
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Planning for impacts of dryland salinity

Resolution

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr Smith that action be taken to arrange a presentation and an invitation be extended to all Landcare Committees in the Shire of Victoria Plains to attend the presentation on 22nd July 2003.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

A492 An Introduction to Local Government

Location	Sundry
Name of Applicant	W A L G A
File Reference	A1.1.1
Attachment/s	Copy of flyer sent to all Councillors
Date	14 th May 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

W A L G A has developed a course specifically for newly elected members and encourages current members to attend.

A flyer has been forwarded to all Councillors and unfortunately the majority of the courses will be completed by the time of this meeting.

Arrangements can be made for attendance at the Perth courses in early June.

Comment

Nil

Statutory Environment	W A L G A
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Thorpe that no action be taken.

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A493 Agenda Items for Association A G M's

Location	Local Government Week
Name of Applicant	W A L G A
File Reference	A1.8..2
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	14 th May 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

The W A L G A Annual General Meeting will be held during Local Government Week and agenda items are invited. Deadline for submissions is Friday 13th June 2003.

Comment

Motions submitted should focus on policy matters, have due regard to the relevance to Local Government at State level and be timely. All motions must be supported by fully researched and documented comment.

Statutory Environment	W A L G A
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Holmes that Council consider any motions proposed by members for presentation to the Annual General Meeting.

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A494 Shire Gifts

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer
File Reference	A1.9.6
Attachment/s	Schedule of possible items
Date	14 th May 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

At a previous meeting the Chief Executive Officer was authorised to investigate possible gifts and mementos for presentation when appropriate. Fiona Watson has carried out this task and attached are some suggestions and prices for Council's information.

Comment

I suggest that at this time we make a budget allocation for some purchase in 2003/2004 for retention at the office to be used as appropriate.

Statutory Environment	Local Government Act
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Budget allocation
Strategic Implications	Public Relations

Resolution

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that the sum of \$1000 be provided in the 2003/2004 budget for the purchase of Shire gifts/presentation items.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

A495 Public Interest Disclosure Legislation

Location Western Australia
Name of Applicant Office of the Public Sector Standards Commissioner
File Reference A1.1.6
Attachment/s Nil
Date 14th May 2003
Author Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

The Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2002 will soon be finalised and when passed will become operative from 1st July 2003. The legislation provides for the Commissioner of Public Sector Standards to:-

- Establish a Code setting out minimum standards of Conduct and Integrity;
- Prepare guidelines on internal procedures that organisations must adhere to;
- Assist public authorities to comply;
- Monitor and report compliance.

Comment

The Code is yet to be released. The Act includes members and officers of Local Authorities.

Statutory Environment State Government
Policy Implications Nil
Financial Implications Nil
Strategic Implications Nil

Resolution

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr G Erickson that the information be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

A496 FESA Funding

Location Western Australia
Name of Applicant Bandt Gatter & Associates
File Reference L1.1
Attachment/s Nil
Date 14th May 2003
Author Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

Bandt Gatter and Associates prepared a report on "Review of FESA Funding to Volunteer Associations". This has resulted in a decision that FESA will provide a common administrative grant of \$25,000 to each of the following.

- Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades
- WA SES Volunteers Association
- WA Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services Association

Agreements between FESA and the Associations are to be established by June 30th 2003.

Comment

At this time it is unclear what the impact will be if any on Shire Bushfire Brigades. We will continue to monitor the information.

Statutory Environment	FESA
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Unknown
Strategic Implications	Unknown

Resolution

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Erickson that the information be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

A497 Justice of the Peace appointments

Location	Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Chief Executive Officer
File Reference	L3.3
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	14 th May 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

Advice has been received from Mr Bill Smith of Calingiri that he has been advised that he would no longer be able to act as a JP due to his age. He suggested that Council may wish to consider recommending someone for appointment to take his place in Calingiri as there were no other resident in this area in particular town and he did receive a number of requests for signature witness.

Comment

Our last record shows that the following are JP's who are still alive or residing in the Shire of Victoria Plains:-

- Bolgart - Robert Edmonds, Geoff Ludemann, Brian McGill
- Calingiri – Rex Glass
- Yerecoin - Gary Manning, Dan Duggan
- New Norcia - Keith Hunt
- Mogumber - Ray Cocking

In addition the Community Services Manager - Trevor Walker is a JP and the Shire President has the right to be ex officio by virtue of the position however Cr Anspach has not been sworn in by his own choice.

The rules have changed in recent years with JP's being required to complete a course of qualification. In addition most forms that require witnessing by a JP can be witnessed by a number of other people, e.g.-

- Shire Chief Executive Officer, Police Officer, Public Servant, etc etc.

Some forms do however need the JP.

Does Council wish to consider names for appointment and if acceptable to the nominee pursue the appointment.

Statutory Environment	Justices Act
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution

Moved Cr Thorpe seconded Cr J Kelly that Council consider the need for additional appointments and call for expressions of interest.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

A498 Shire History

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Chief Executive Officer
File Reference	RC4.2
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	15 th May 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

The Council resolved to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to pursue funding under the Lotteries Community Histories Program for the commissioning of a history book to upgrade the history of the Shire of Victoria Plains from the World War II period to the present day.

This was to supplement the Rica Erickson book "The Victoria Plains" which was published in 1971.

The Centre of Western Australia History at UWA was prepared to offer a complete project management package at a competitive rate and their expertise was used to prepare an application for funding from the Lotteries Commission. The application was submitted for a total of \$41,119 which includes \$7,619 in cash from Council, \$2,500 in kind, \$3,000 from sale of books and \$28,000 grant. The total costs from the UWA for the production is \$31,119 with the nominated historian for the project to be Dr Ken Spillman who has completed a number of these types of projects.

Comment

Advice has now been received that I have been successful in obtaining the grant of \$28,000 for the project through Lotteries. This is \$13,000 in excess of normal grants under this category of funding and shows the support of the Lotteries Commission for the project.

It was proposed by the application that a Steering Committee comprising a Councillor of the Shire as chair, a Senior Staff member of the Shire and Secretary, Father David Barry who has been nominated by the Benedictine Community and two community representatives selected by the Council following advertisement of expressions of interest be appointed to oversee the project.

Statutory Environment	Lotteries Commission
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Costs to be budgeted

Strategic Implications

Record of the Shires history

Resolution

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Erickson that:-

1. Council acknowledge the grant received and endorse the project.
2. Cr Anspach be nominated to Chair the Steering Committee and the Committee be established in accordance with the Local Government Act as recommended in the application.
3. Council's contribution be budgeted in the 2003/2004 budget allocations.

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Resolution

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that the meeting adjourn for afternoon tea.

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The meeting adjourned at 3.12pm.

The meeting resumed at 3.36pm.

Community Services Manager - Trevor Walker entered the meeting at 3.36pm.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES

(Incorporating Health, Building and Community Services)

CS177

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 May 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

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that the Community Services Manager's report for the Ordinary Meeting of 27th May 2003 be received.

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CS177A Summerhill Farm – Biosolids Application

Location Summerhill Farm - 10km North New Norcia
Name of Applicant Mr P Sinclair
File Reference H2.12
Attachment/s Area Map
Date 13th May 2003
Author Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

Approval has been given by the Department of Health and Department of Environment for Watercorp to apply dewatered Biosolids cake to Summerhill Farm paddock 13, 14 & 15 at a rate of five dry tonnes per hectare. The application will replace a typical fertiliser application for crop cultivation of wheat.

Dewatered Biosolids cake will be transported to the property in June/July 2003 and spread and incorporated in March 2004. The stockpiles of product will be fenced between delivery and incorporation.

Comment

The stockpiles will be monitored for general fly breeding and stable fly breeding between delivery to stockpile and incorporation.

Statutory Environment Health Act 1911
 Environmental Protection Act 1986
Policy Implications Nil
Financial Implications Nil
Strategic Implications Nil

Resolution

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

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CS178 Neglected Building

Location Lot 13 Miling Road Yerecoin
Name of Applicant Warwick Howard HALL
File Reference B1.2
Attachment/s Nil
Date 14th May 2003
Author Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

On 20th January 2003 in response to community concerns Council served a demolition order on the partly removed butcher shop and a works order on the building situated at Lot 13 Miling Rd Yerecoin. A copy of the order sent to Mr Hall's last known address by certified mail was returned uncollected. The terms of that order have not been carried out although some clean up work has been carried out and the notices which were attached to the building have been removed.

Comment

Legal advice indicates that a demolition order can be issued against the dwelling, but there is some doubt that a magistrate would accept posting the notice to Mr Hall's last known address as proof of service. It would appear that service of the notice would need to be effected in person either by a Council officer (Community Services Manager) or a Bailiff. Best efforts to obtain a current address for Mr Hall have so far failed, however efforts are continuing.

Statutory Environment	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1960
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that Council receives the report.

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CS 179 Special Building License – Michael Stock

Location	52 (lot 182) Poincare St Bolgart
Name of Applicant	Michael Stock
File Reference	B1.1
Attachment/s	Planning Consent and Special Building Licence
Date	13 th May 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

On the 15th January 2002 Council granted Planning Approval for Michael Stock to relocate a timber framed, tile roofed house to Lot 182 Poincare St Bolgart. (Copy attached).

In order to facilitate the project, Special Building Licence No 02002 (Copy attached) was issued.

A recent inspection of the property revealed that none of the Planning Approval conditions have been completed satisfactorily.

Comment

Condition 2 of the Special Building Licence No 02002 states:-

- "2. *The exterior of the house being repainted, except where the cladding is not of the type usually painted, by 15/4/02*"

On 31st January a letter was written to Michael Stock advising that if the conditions of the Planning Approval were not met by 30th April 2003 consideration would be given to the enforcement of Condition 2 of Building Licence 02002. Lawyers Minter Ellison have confirmed that the Special Building Licence can be revoked should Council resolve to revoke it.

Statutory Environment	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Possible legal fees
Strategic Implications	Nil

Recommendation

That Council considers what action is should take with regard to the partly completed dwelling on Lot 182 Poincare St Bolgart.

1. Instruct Council's Lawyer to write to Mr Michael Stock, owner of the partly completed dwelling on Lot 182 Poincare Street and advise that should the conditions of the Planning Approval be not completed to the satisfaction of Council by 30th June 2003, Special Building Licence No 02002 will be revoked and a direction given to remove the partly completed dwelling and clear Lot 182 Poincare Street of all debris.
2. Advise Mr Michael Stock to complete the conditions of Planning Approval issued on 15th May 2002 by the 31st December 2003.
3. Do nothing.

Resolution

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Erickson that Council advise Mr Michael Stock to complete the conditions of Planning Approval issued on 15th May 2002 by the 31st August 2003.

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Reason for change

Further information was received.

CS180

DOLA – Invitation to comment

Location	Lot 126 Cnr Young and Edmonds Streets Calingiri
Name of Applicant	Ramsay
File Reference	D6.1
Attachment/s	Area Map
Date	13 th May 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

The Department of Land Administration has advised Council that the former lessee of Lot 126 Young/Edmonds Street Calingiri has expressed an interest in purchasing the lot.

Council has been invited to provide comments/objections on issuing a new lease or an offer of freehold for the property.

Comment

Lot 126 Young/Edmonds Street is zoned industrial. There is a large shed located on the lot. Inspection has revealed that there are five disused car bodies, car body parts, a truck body, and various fibreglass boat moulds stored on the lot.

It would appear that the disused car bodies and car body parts are rubbish and should be removed. All other stored items should be stored behind an approved screen fence in accordance with clause 5.11 of the Town Planning Scheme No. 4:-

"5.11 OUTDOOR STORAGE AREAS – Any outdoor areas used for the storage of motor vehicle bodies, timber, steel products or any other products or wastes in connection with a

commercial or industrial use shall be screened from view of any public street by a closed wall or fence no less than 1.8 metres I height, or screen landscaping approved by the Council”

Statutory Environment	Town Planning and Development Act 1928
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Woods that Council raise no objection to the renewal of lease or offer of freehold on Lot 126 Young/Edmonds Streets in Calingiri subject to the requirement to screen from view any public street any stored motor vehicle bodies, body parts, or other stored items in accordance with District Town Planning Scheme No. 4 – Clause 5.11.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

C181 Building Code of Australia Energy Efficiency Provisions

Location	National Provisions
Name of Applicant	n/a
File Reference	B1.10
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	13 th May 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

Although Australia has not ratified the Kyoto Protocol, all State and Territory Governments have agreed to introduce mandatory energy efficiency standards into the Building Code of Australia (BCA) in order to reduce Greenhouse gas emissions from buildings. The first stage of the initiative in WA is to introduce domestic energy efficiency measures commencing 1st July 2003. Energy efficiency measures for commercial buildings will be finalised in 2004.

Comment

Put simply the country has been divided into eight climate zones, in which the energy efficiency requirements will vary according to the zone. The provisions are minimum requirements designed to initially eliminate worst practice in domestic buildings and subsequently increase the requirements to improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse emissions from buildings.

Commencing 1st July 2003 the BCA energy efficiency provisions will address the following:-

4.1 Building

The key requirements for building construction address:

1. **Building Fabric** – the thermal performance of walls, ceilings and floors.
2. **Glazing and its protection** – thermal performance and shading protection from the sun.
3. **Sealing of doors, windows and other penetrations** – to reduce energy loss through leakage.
4. **Natural ventilation and internal air movement** in temperate and hotter climates – to avoid or reduce the use of artificial conditioning.

4.2 Domestic Services

The key requirements for services (hot water service piping and heating/cooling ductwork) address the **installation of insulation to domestic household services** to reduce the loss of energy.

Statutory Environment	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution

Moved Cr Thorpe seconded Cr Erickson that Council receives the report.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

CS182 Dispute

Location	Lots 31 & 32 Miling Road Yerecoin
Name of Applicant	Ms A Fraser
File Reference	p-mil
Attachment/s	Consulting Surveyors Report and Plan and Copies of Titles
Date	14 th May 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

A dispute has arisen between Ms Alison Fraser and Council regarding the sale by auction of Lot 32 Miling Road Yerecoin. A title search was not done prior to the sale to identify the status of Lot 32. Subsequently it was discovered that although an amalgamation of Lots 31 & 32 was approved in 1970 it was never acted on and separate certificates of title still remain. Ms Fraser will not allow the amalgamation to proceed by refusing to hand over the title of Lot 31. Council has made an offer to purchase the property from her. That offer has been refused.

Comment

The dwelling in question is neglected and is considered to be an eyesore by the community. (See report attached). There is a 75th School Reunion being held in Yerecoin in August and the view has been expressed by members of the Progress Association that the building be demolished and the site cleared before the August reunion. Investigation by a licensed surveyor has confirmed that the building is sited across the boundary between Lot 31 & 32 Miling Road.

Legal advice received indicates that Council can serve a demolition notice on Ms A Fraser to demolish the portion of the house which is sited on Lot 31 Miling Road to which she holds title. It would be necessary to also serve a demolition notice on the registered proprietor of Lot 32 which is the Yerecoin Progress Association (Inc). It is suggested that Council makes prior arrangements to carry out the demolition of the Progress Associations portion of the building.

If Ms A Fraser defaults on the terms of the demolition notice a court of petty sessions will order her to carry out the terms of the notice. If she defaults on the court's order Council can carry out the terms of the order and recover the costs from Ms Fraser in a court of petty sessions.

On the 14th May 2003 discussions to explain the above procedure were unsuccessful in ascertaining what course of action Ms Fraser proposes to take with regard to a resolution to the dispute over the property. She did say that she has instructed her lawyer to write a letter to Council about the matter.

Statutory Environment	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Legal Fees
Strategic Implications	Nil

Recommendation

- 1. That Council declare the timber framed asbestos sheet dwelling on Lot 31 Miling Road Yerecoin a neglected building under the provisions of section 407 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960.**
- 2. That a demolition notice be served on Ms Alison Doreen Fraser of 68 (Lot 31) Miling Road Yerecoin to demolish that portion of the timber framed asbestos sheet dwelling situated on Lot 31 Miling Road Yerecoin.**
- 3. That a demolition notice be served on the Yerecoin Progress Association (Inc) of 70 Miling (Lot 32) Miling Road Yerecoin to demolish that portion of the timber framed asbestos sheet dwelling situated on part of Lot 101 on Deposited Plan 27971 Certificate of Title Volume 1709 Folio 356.**

Resolution

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Erickson that Item CS182 be deferred until the June 2003 meeting of Council.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

Cr Woods left the meeting at 4.06pm.

Cr Woods returned at 4.08pm.

CS183 Mogumber Landfill

Location	Mogumber
Name of Applicant	Nil
File Reference	CA1.2.3
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	14 th May 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager'

Background

Recently the Shire of Moora has resolved to charge residents of the Shire of Moora a fee to deposit waste to their Moora Landfill Site. The hours which the site is open to the public have been restricted and a landfill controller has been appointed to oversee the operation of the site.

Comment

It would appear that a consequence of the above action has been an increase in non residents of the Shire of Victoria Plains depositing waste at the Mogumber Landfill which of course is unattended. Non resident use of the Mogumber Landfill site has caused concern for the

residents of the Mogumber district. Unfortunately there is no legislation to control the depositing of refuse by non residents. Options to address this situation are:-

1. Erect a sign at the entrance to the Landfill site advising that non-residents of the Shire of Victoria Plains are not authorised to deposit waste and should they wish to do so should contact the Shire office and pay the appropriate fee. Insert an advertisement in the Central Districts Gazette and the Avon Valley Advocate advising the above information. (Refers to Mogumber and Bolgart Landfills).
2. Appoint and Landfill controller and restrict the hours the tip is open to the Public. Also raise the charge for users.
NOTE This option is not considered cost efficient for the Mogumber Landfill Site and may result in an increase in Bush and Roadside dumping.
3. Close the Mogumber Landfill site and provide the five or so residents with a skip bin in a central position that could be observed by residents. Provide a weekly removal service for the skip bin.
4. Close the Mogumber Landfill Site.
Following discussions with the President of the Mogumber Progress Association it was considered that options 2, 3 and 4 were not appropriate at this time and it was resolved that as an initial step option 1 should be implemented.

Statutory Environment	Local Government Act 1995 Health Act 1911
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Depends on options
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that Council endorse the Community Services Manager's action of erecting appropriate signs advising that non residents of the Shire of Victoria Plains are not authorised to deposit waste in shire landfill sites, and that appropriate public sites notices be inserted in the Central Districts Gazette and the Avon Valley Advocate.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

Discussion took place on the Bolgart Aged Persons unit and the requirements for eligibility. Council agreed to put forward names of interested parties regardless of meeting eligibility criteria.

Discussion also took place on the operations of Atlas Farms and the concerns raised in a recent report.

10.5 WORKS

All Plant and Works Committee items were placed on the Plant and Works Committee Agenda.

Cr Erickson left the meeting at 4.59pm.

Cr Erickson returned at 5.01pm.

Discussion took place on the proposed Capital Works Program.

Resolution

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Smith that Works Items W137 to W142 be accepted.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

10.6 LANDCARE

L1 Landcare Officer's Report

Location	Calingiri
Name of Applicant	Elizabeth Tierney – Landcare Officer
File Reference	A1.2.1
Attachment/s	Landcare Officer's Report
Date	15 th May 2003
Author	Elizabeth Tierney – Landcare Officer

Background

See attached

Comment

See attached

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

Resolution

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr Thorpe that the Landcare Officer's report for the Ordinary Meeting of 27th May 2003 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

11 NOTICE OF MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

12.1 Salary Reviews and Performance Appraisals

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Chief Executive Officer
File Reference	ST1.1
Attachment/s	Report provided under separate cover
Date	20 th February 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

See report

Comment

See report

Statutory Environment	Local Government Act
Policy Implications	Policy 8.1.9
Financial Implications	Budget allocations
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr J Kelly that the recommendations in the report be adopted as changed.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/2

13 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution

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

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

Discussion took place on Mr Gary McGill's request for funding documentation for the Resource Centre.

A question was asked about the costing of the Drought Proofing Calingiri Project. \$352,000

13.1 A499 Endangered Places 2003 Nominations

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	n/a
File Reference	RC4.2
Attachment/s	Nil

Date 26th May 2003
Author Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

The National Trust of Australia (WA) is continuing the Annual Endangered Places program in 2003. The purpose of the program is to raise public awareness about threatened Heritage Places that are important to the community whether at local or state level, these are significant heritage places which are in immediate danger of being lost to future generations. Council's are invited to nominate places which have significant heritage values and meet the "threatened" criteria.

Comment

The "threatened" criteria are:-

- Neglect and abandonment
- Damage and deterioration
- Lack of resources and maintenance
- Inappropriate development and management both to and around the place.
- Redevelopment.

Statutory Environment National Trust
Policy Implications Nil
Financial Implications Nil
Strategic Implications Nil

Resolution

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Smith that Council consider relevant sites for nomination.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

13.2 A500 Central Midlands V.R.O.C

Location Central Midlands Shires
Name of Applicant Chief Executive Officer
File Reference A1.12.2
Attachment/s Copy of notes provided from meeting
Date 26th May 2003
Author Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

A workshop facilitated by Sharon Moore to discuss the proposed VROC was held at Chittering on the 16th May. Cr Thorpe and myself represented the Council.

Comment

Support for the VROC with the exception of Gingin was very strong and a great deal of discussion was held regarding future activities. This Council has a motion of support in place and I suggest that we budget for \$3,000 in the 2003/2004 budget to facilitate future joint actions in the coming year.

Statutory Environment Local Government Act
Policy Implications Nil
Financial Implications Costs to be budgeted

Strategic Implications Nil

Resolution

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that an amount of \$3,000 be placed in the 2003/2004 budget to support future VROC proposals.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

14 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.04pm.

Signed this day of 2003

Presiding Member

Chief Executive Officer's Report to Ordinary Meeting of Council held 27th May 2003

Council Elections

As Council is aware three sitting members were returned unopposed following the close of nominations on April 3rd and the East Ward received no nominations and necessitated an extraordinary election. This is to be held on Saturday 7th June 2003 as two nominations have been received for the vacancy. The Chief and only Polling Place will be the Yerecoin Hall for in person voting on the 7th June 2003. Early votes etc are open on Friday 16th May 2003.

Meetings Attended

Tuesday 25 th March	Council Meeting
Wednesday 26 th March	Sport and Recreation Committee Workshop in Calingiri
Thursday 27 th March	Tourism Meeting – VPTA in Yerecoin
Thursday 3 rd April	Meeting with Lyn Sherwood of Dept of Planning and Infrastructure at Dumas House
Friday 4 th April	Opening of Shire of Dandaragan offices in Jurien Bay
Monday 7 th April	L G M A Zone Meeting in Chittering
Wednesday 9 th to Saturday 12 th April	Hospital
Monday 14 th to Monday 28 th April	Annual Leave
Thursday 8 th May	New Tourism Concept Meeting in York

Staff Appraisals

Due to absences and work pressures the appraisals for other than Senior Staff have not yet been completed. These will be completed in May.

Staff General

Following a number of absences on leave during April all staff have returned to work with the exception of Felicity English who has been absent on sick leave for two weeks. This has placed a load on Rachael and Harry who have coped well.

With regard to outside staff, Reece Jones has been appointed to replace Mick Bruce and Richard Smith remains as a casual. The works staff are working extremely hard to complete what has been a huge works program by June 30th and they are to be commended on their efforts. The standard of work on the AgLime Route has been highly praised by both the Main Roads and Tony Saraullo and is a credit to both the Supervisor and the workers involved.

The arrangement whereas Trevor Walker has been relieving at Dalwallinu for 2 days per week since March, has been extended to the 30th June 2003. A request was made to continue the arrangement but as well as putting a deal of pressure on Trevor we need him to carry out some work in the Community Development area. Some discussions have been held with Chittering and Dalwallinu regarding casual relief rather than any permanent arrangement.

Phil Anning

Chief Executive Officer

Community Services Manager's Report to Ordinary Meeting of Council held 27th May 2003

REPORT ON NEGLECTED BUILDING – LOT 31 MILING ROAD

Introduction

In response to community concern about the condition of the dwelling situated on Lot 31 Miling Road Yerecoin, and the dispute between the registered proprietor and the Council about the management of Lot 31 and adjoining Lot 32 an inspection of the Lot was carried out on 14th May 2003, to determine what action should be taken to resolve community concerns.

Description

The structure is a timber framed bungalow lined externally with asbestos cement sheet and lined internally with flush jointed plasterboard. It is estimated to be approximately forty years old.

The building comprises a sleepout, lounge room, kitchen dining area, large living room, enclosed verandah, toilet, laundry and bathroom. It was originally constructed as a two bedroom house but some internal walls have been removed.

The building has been vacant for a number of years and has sustained considerable damage by vandals with all windows and doors smashed and numerous internal and external sheets holed and broken. The following fixtures and appliances have been removed from the building: - wood stove, kitchen cabinets, laundry trough, bath, basin and hot water system. Numerous internal linings are missing or have been seriously damaged. Evidence of structural problems in the roof were noted. The asbestos cement roof sheets are badly damaged. The entire internal area is strewn with dirt, rubbish, smashed building materials and broken glass.

No services are connected to the building.

Conclusion

The building is well past the stage of economical repair to habitable condition and must be demolished.

REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION

Electrical contractors are due to complete the installation of the transformer and wiring on Tuesday 20th May 2003.

Road construction should be built by mid June. The Works Manager may not be able to seal the subdivision roads because of weather however.

The Western Australian Planning Commission subdivisional approval contained four conditions, they are:-

1. Those lots not fronting an existing road being provided with frontage to a constructed subdivisional road connected by a constructed subdivisional road(s) to the local road system

and such subdivisional road(s) being constructed and drained at the subdivider's cost. As an alternative, the Western Australian Planning Commission is prepared to accept the subdivider paying to the Local Government the cost of such works as estimated by the Local Government subject to the Local Government giving an assurance to the Commission that the works will be completed within a reasonable period acceptable to the Commission. (LG)

2. The applicant ensuring reciprocal rights of access will be available over the battleaxe access leg onto Yulgering Road for proposed Lots 3 and 4. (LG)
3. Arrangements being made for the provision of underground electricity to the lots approved under this application to the satisfaction of the Western Australian Planning Commission. (Western Power)
4. Certification from the Water Corporation that arrangements have been made with that body so that connection to a water supply service will be available to the lot/s proposed by this application. (WC)

It is expected that all of the subdivisional conditions will be cleared by mid June 2003.

The surveyor will lodge the Diagram of Survey together with a certificate that the conditions have been cleared. When that is done application can be made to DOLA for the issue of titles.

DOG ATTACK

During the period covered by this report two town dogs attacked and killed fifteen lambs at a property close to town. Following investigation the two offending dogs were identified and destroyed.

Trevor Walker
Community Services Manager

Landcare Officer's Report to Ordinary Meeting of Council held 27th May 2003

Community Support Officer Position

It has been agreed with the Moore Catchment Council and the Shire of Victoria Plains Management Committee that I will work two days a week as a CSO in the Moore Catchment. The focus of this position is the development of an accredited regional strategy for the Northern Agricultural Catchment Council, which is needed to access future NHT funding. To date, the CSO role has focused on community consultation to determine local natural resource management priorities and raising the profiles of the Moore Catchment Council and NACC.

Rural Towns Program

The Notice of Intent to drain has been approved and work is to commence as soon as possible. Kevin Lyons, the drainage contractor, is inspecting the site this week. CALM and CBH have both been notified that the drain and associated works are going ahead.

\$43 923 remain in the RTP budget, to be acquitted by the end of the financial year.

Western Power Greening Challenge

A representative from Western Power has visited the planting sites in the Calingiri –New Norcia LCD and inspected the seedlings. Planting by three teams of 25 volunteers will take place on the 19th and 20th of July.

Million Trees Program

Representatives from the Million Trees Program, the World Wildlife Fund and Birds Australia have selected sites in the Piawaning-Yerecoin area to plant 18 000 seedlings this July. They are planting species used by the Carnaby's Cockatoo as food, so this will complement the Greening Challenge.

School Seedball Project

The Calingiri Primary School will be making their first lot of seedballs for this year on the 6th of June (Arbor Day). Mike Griffiths from the Woodland Watch Project and Bob Huston from CALM are keen to be involved with the project. The senior class will be making a 'how-to' video.

Drive for Landcare

The suggested date for the launch of the landcare drive is at the end of August, on the same day as the Wildflower Walk. This will be discussed at the VP Tourism Association meeting to see whether the two events can work in together and complement each other. The signs to be placed along the route have arrived and the brochure is being put together with help from Naomi Purser.

Sustainable Grazing on Saline Lands Project

The SGSL group currently have two project sites in the Shire and have recruited me as a "project support person". This role is not time consuming and will help to establish more production-based sustainable development projects in the Shire.

New Projects

Piawaning and West Koojan–Gillingarra are both submitting Catchment Demonstration Initiative applications. Three new Envirofund applications are being developed, two for the fencing of remnant vegetation and one for trialing perennials.

Training Opportunities

Skills for Nature Conservation provide free training sessions, usually in Perth on weekends.

The CSO budget provides an allowance for training that can be used to either pay for a training course or pay my wages while I am attending a course.

The Avon Catchment Council, which covers a small southern area of the Shire, often provides training for landcare workers in its area. I am attending a two-day revegetation course next week, with accommodation and course costs to be covered by the ACC.

The WA Department of Education and Training may be able to provide a landcare traineeship and a wages subsidy for the Shire. This is still being looked into.

Elizabeth Tierney
Landcare Officer