



Shire of Victoria Plains

**Minutes of a Plant and Works Committee Meeting of
Council held**

On	Tuesday 18 th August 2009
At	Council Chambers, Calingiri
Commencing	11.00am

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 11.02am.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

President:	Cr G Erickson	South Ward
Councillors:	Cr B Johnson	East Ward
	Cr M Anspach	West Ward
	Cr D Lovelock	West Ward
	Cr D Holmes	South Ward (Observer)
	Cr S Young	Central Ward (from 11.04am)
Chief Executive Officer:	Mr H Hawkins	
Works and Services Manager:	Mr R Hooper	
Executive Assistant:	Mrs F Watson (Minutes)	

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes

There were no minutes from July 2009 for the Plant and Works Committee.

All items were listed for discussion in the Ordinary Meeting Minutes which will be confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting to be held at 1pm, 18th August 2009.

6 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

7 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Nil

8 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE

8.1 Plant and Works Committee Status Report

RESOLUTION 205/09

Moved Cr Johnson seconded Cr Lovelock that the items in the Plant and Works Committee Status Report detailed below be noted.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

Cr Young entered the meeting at 11.04am.

Item No	Report Details	Plant and Works Committee Action Required	Status
W27	Works and Services Manager's Report	Nil. Report received	Complete

8.2 PLANT AND WORKS

W28 WORKS AND SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

File Reference: A1.2.1
Report Date: 13th August 2009
Applicant/Proponent: Nil
Officer Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Previous Meeting References: Nil
Author: Ross Hooper - Works and Services Manager
Attachments: Report

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform council of the Works and Services Manager's movements and actions over the past month.

BACKGROUND

See report

COMMENT

Road Construction

No road construction has commenced.

Road Maintenance

The following roads received grader maintenance:-

Old Plains, Bolgart West, Skilling, Gabalong, Old Telegraph, Gillingarra, Calcarra, Newdale, Goudge, Yenart, Rogers and Burnett.

Drainage Maintenance

Maintenance has been carried out on the following roads:-

Gillingarra Glentromie and Old Plains.

Road Counters have been placed on Yerecoin East Road, Yerecoin Glentromie Road and Goudge Road.

There are three items of plant replacement I would like discussed at this meeting being the Pressure Cleaner Unit at the Depot, Grader Replacement and Truck Replacement.

Pressure Cleaner Depot - Replacement

The pressure cleaner unit at the depot which is used consistently cleaning vehicles, parts etc has stopped working. Contact has been made with the suppliers regarding repair and the suppliers have advised that due to the unit being 1982 model, parts may be difficult to source and many other parts may show signs of wear and tear and may not be available. As this machine is used often and more during the winter months it is requested that council approve the unbudgeted expenditure of \$2,900 for a replacement pressure cleaner unit.

RESOLUTION 206/09

Moved Cr Anspach seconded Cr Young that Council approve the unbudgeted expenditure of \$2,900 to replace the pressure cleaner unit at the shire depot.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/0

POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Nil

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

There are no known legislative requirements related to this item.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no known strategic implications related to this item.

➤ **Environment**

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Economic**

There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Unbudgetted expenditure for the purchase of a new pressure cleaner unit.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority Required: *No*

Cr Johnson

Has had several calls regarding the current grading practices all in the positive and conveyed those comments to the Works and Services Manager.

Cr Lovelock

Gillingarra West Road works have been successful.

Cr Anspach

Batty Bog Road – Saturday 1st August 2009. Various equipment in place, no one in attendance. Road was partly blocked. One sign was in place.

Works and Services Manager

Tree lopping in progress but can't confirm what took place. Will investigate.

Cr Erickson

As this is an operational matter the Chief Executive Officer and Works and Services Manager will investigate.

Cr Lovelock

Near boundary of Cr Anspach and Howard property, water level is very close to road level. Is water getting away to culvert?

Cr Anspach

Various issues have arisen on our property with regard to water laying in paddocks and the levels and drainage on the Calingiri New Norcia road following road works. My family are not happy with the damage being caused.

Cr Holmes

Raised various issues with regard to roads in the south ward (water pooling etc)

Cr Lovelock

Has the old CAT loader been fire damaged recently?

Works and Services Manager

No fire damage, the brakes overheated.

Cr Anspach

Who carried out previous brake repairs? Was it a qualified mechanic?

Chief Executive Officer

Investigation will be carried out.

RESOLUTION 207/09

Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Johnson that the Works and Services Manager's report to council be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/0

Prior to Item W29 discussion took place on various alternative to purchasing new plant and equipment.

Cr Erickson

I think it would be unwise to spend our reserve funds prior to the reform issues on alliance and or amalgamation being resolved.

Cr Anspach

Was a report received on the blade mechanism on the grader?

Works and Services Manager

A report was received from CJD.

Cr Young

Has the same operator been driving this grader?, could the problems be operator error?

Discussion was held on new makes of plant and equipment, the upcoming construction program commencement, and current hire rates of dry and wet hired plant.

RESOLUTION 208/09

Moved Cr Anspach seconded Cr Johnson that the Chief Executive Officer investigate prices on a good quality second hand grader, a good quality second hand loader, a second hand side tipper and second hand prime mover and bring the information back to council.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/0

Cr Anspach offered his services to inspect plant and equipment with the Chief Executive Officer and Works and Services Manager if required.

W29 PLANT PURCHASE - GRADER

File Reference: F1.9.5
Report Date: 13 August 2009
Applicant/Proponent: n/a
Officer Disclosure of Interest: n/a
Previous Meeting References: Nil
Author: Ross Hooper - Works and Services Manager
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide council with information to enable the purchase of a new grader.

BACKGROUND

The current grader a Volvo 720 which is mainly used for construction and final trim has done approximately 8,500 hours and was purchased in 2000. This machine is showing signs of serious wear and tear in many components and is below standard for a final trim grader. A CJD report on the cost of repair to bring it up to final grading standard would be in the vicinity of \$30,000 or could very well be more depending on what is found after stripping the parts down.

COMMENT

The new grader is valued at approximately \$350,000 plus GST with the current value of the Volvo 720 at approximately \$80,000 (irrespective of whether \$20,000 or \$40,000 is spent on repair). The previous Works Manager's 5 year replacement programme listed this grader as due to be replaced in 2008/09. With the extra money now being spent on roads through the Royalties for Regions we have a large construction programme to undertake and any machinery break downs would put our time table behind. Some of the roads in this programme require sealing it is imperative we have a grader able to do the job

POLICY REQUIREMENTS

6.5.5 Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

There are no known legislative requirements related to this item.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no known strategic implications related to this item.

➤ Environment

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Economic**

There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds are available in the plant reserve.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority Required: Yes/No

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the purchase of a new Construction Grader and use the Volvo 720 Grader as a trade on the new Grader.

Item W29 left on the table (refer to RESOLUTION 208/09)

W30 PLANT PURCHASE – PRIME MOVER AND SIDE TIPPER TRAILER

FILE REFERENCE: F1.9.5
REPORT DATE: 13th August 2009
APPLICANT/PROPONENT: n/a
OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: n/a
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES: Nil
AUTHOR: Ross Hooper - Works and Services Manager
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To provide council with information to enable the purchase of a new prime mover and side tipper trailer.

BACKGROUND:

We currently have three six wheel trucks and although they may have done a reasonable job in the past their applications in relation to the type of work we do, they are not as efficient in comparison to a side tip trailer. With tree lopping the larger body is not damaged as much as the smaller body and as for the delivery of material they are far more efficient in the placing of material in windrows which inturn makes it easier and more suitable for graders etc there by cutting costs on the construction of the job

COMMENT:

A new prime mover is valued at approximately \$200,000 to \$225,000 depending on various components and a side tipper trailer is valued at approximately \$100,000 to \$115,000. The approximate trade value of the 2003 six wheel Mitsubishi tip truck (235,000km) is between \$60,000 and

\$70,000.

With our pending works programme the purchase of a prime mover and side tipper will make our operations more efficient

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

6.5.5 Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

There are no known legislative requirements related to this item.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known strategic implications associated with this proposal.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

➤ **Environment**

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Economic**

There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Funds are available in the plant reserve.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED: NO

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the purchase of a Prime Mover and Side Tipper Trailer and use the 2003 Mitsubishi Tip Truck as a trade on the Prime Mover and Side Tipper combination.

Item W30 left on the table (refer to RESOLUTION 208/09)

9 NOTICE OF MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

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

Nil

12 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 12.05pm.

Signed this 18th day of August 2009

Presiding Member