



Shire of Victoria Plains

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

On	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2009
At	Council Chambers, Calingiri
Commencing	11.02am

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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**

<b>President:</b>	Cr G Erickson	South Ward
<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr B Johnson	East Ward
	Cr M Anspach	West Ward
	Cr D Lovelock	West Ward
	Cr S Young	Central Ward

<b>Chief Executive Officer:</b>	Mr H Hawkins
<b>Works and Services Manager:</b>	Mr R Hooper
<b>Executive Assistant:</b>	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**

The minutes of the Plant and Works Committee Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009 were confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009 by Resolution 121/09.

**5.2 Business Arising**

Nil

**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 125/09**

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

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/0**

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Report Details</b>	<b>Plant and Works Committee Action Required</b>	<b>Status</b>
W21	Works and Services Manager's Report	Nil. Report received	Complete
W22	Heavy Vehicle Permits	Laid on table.	Ongoing

## 8.2 Plant and Works

### W23 WORKS AND SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

File Reference: A1.2.1  
Report Date: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009  
Applicant/Proponent: n/a  
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 actions and movements.

#### **BACKGROUND**

See report

#### **COMMENT**

##### ***Road Construction***

The construction of the Toodyay Bindi Bindi Road is almost completed with a seal taking place on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May.

The Black Spot culverts at the Piawaning rail crossing will be done shortly after with asphalt, also the widening of some of the areas at Piawaning will be done shortly after a profiler does a couple of areas where the road has bubbled up.

##### ***Road Maintenance***

A few roads received a light grade in the past month;  
Red Gully, Carani, Motoning, Skilling, Thompson and Donnelly roads.

##### ***Tri Axle Dolly***

I was in touch with six Works and Services Manager's in the area regarding their council's thoughts of the trucks and the general consensus was if Main Roads WA agree for operation on that road they generally give permission, and as a few of them said there does not appear to any more damage to the roads than the present configurations.

##### ***Works and Services Manager***

Unsealed Roads Conference attended recently in Bunbury. By far the most interesting and comprehensive workshop attended recently.

Cr Young requested an overview of some of the information (i.e gravel –v- bitumen costs) to be provided to Councillors at the next meeting.

## **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**

There are no financial implications to Council in relation to this item.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Absolute Majority Required: No*

Cr Anspach and Cr Lovelock requested traffic count figures to be provided to the June 2009 Plant and Works Committee meeting.

Discussion was held on various budget allocations.

### **RESOLUTION 126/09**

**Moved Cr Anspach seconded Cr Lovelock that the CEO approach the CMVROC with the possibility of purchasing a soil test kit for use by member shires.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/0**

### **RESOLUTION 127/09**

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

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/0**

## **W24 HEAVY VEHICLE PERMITS**

As laid on the table at the April 2009 Plant and Works Committee Meeting. Investigation with adjoining shires reveals that:-

### ***Tri Axle Dolly – Works and Services Manager***

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FILE REFERENCE: T5.1  
REPORT DATE: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
APPLICANT/PROPONENT: n/a  
OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil  
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES: RESOLUTION 102/09  
AUTHOR: Harry Hawkins - Chief Executive Officer  
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:** To advise the Works Committee of the application for a permit to use a tri dolly combination on Goudge and Parker Roads Calingiri and the implications for other local roads to enable a decision to be made on the use of this configuration on Victoria Plains local roads.

**BACKGROUND:** The Shire of Victoria Plains has had most of its roads assessed by Main Roads WA Heavy Vehicle Operations for category 2 and 3 permit vehicles since the introduction of the new system in 2006. A lot of work was undertaken in the last few years by the works crew in tree lopping and replacement of signage and guide posts to lift the roads to the required standard for these vehicles. Main Roads has assessed Goudge and Parker Roads as suitable for tri dolly configurations however Council has to issue a letter giving permission for their use on local roads.

**COMMENT:** Main Roads has assessed Goudge and Parker Roads for network 4 suitable for tri dolly configurations however Council has to issue a letter giving permission for their use on local roads. The concern is that a tri dolly configuration on a road train allows additional weight to be carried and this may lead to additional damage to shire maintained local roads. There is an argument that the tri dolly distributes the weight over an additional axle therefore there is no additional damage to roads.

The Works Manager was asked to investigate the impact on roads if tri dolly configurations are allowed on local roads in the Shire of Victoria Plains as it is seen as inevitable that if approval is given to one farmer then others including transport operators will pursue the same approval as extra weight can be carried with this configuration. The investigation was difficult as the use of tri

dolly configurations is not common however the information obtained supported the claim that any additional weight is more than compensated for by the additional axle spreading the load.

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:** Nil

**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:**

There are no financial implications to Council in relation to this item.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

*ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED: NO*

Various points were raised regarding use of Tri Dolly configurations

**RESOLUTION 128/09**

**Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Young that Council approve the use of heavy vehicles with a tri dolly configuration on roads within the shire that are assessed and approved by Main Roads WA for RAV permit network four, subject to local conditions that may be applied to those roads.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/1**

**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**

The final report provided by Parsons Brinckernoff on funding allocations to a 10 year road program was discussed briefly by the Chief Executive Officer and the committee.

**12 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE**

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

Signed this                      19<sup>th</sup>                      day of                      May                      2009.

Presiding Member .....