



Shire of Victoria Plains

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

On	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2007
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 11.01am.

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

<b>President</b>	Cr M Anspach	West Ward
<b>Councillors</b>	Cr J Kelly	West Ward
	Cr D Holmes	South Ward
	Cr N Smith	East Ward
	Cr J Brennan	Central Ward (from 11.08am)
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	Harry Hawkins (Minutes)	
<b>Works Manager</b>	Allen Kent	

**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 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007 were confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings by RESOLUTION 223/07 at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007.**

**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 226/07**

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Holmes that the items in the Plant and Works Committee Status Report details below be noted**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0**

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Report Details</b>	<b>Plant and Works Committee Action Required</b>	<b>Status</b>
W14	Works and Services Manager's Report	Nil. Report received	Complete

Cr Brennan entered the meeting at 11.08am.

## 8.2 PLANT AND WORKS

### W15 WORKS AND SERVICES MANAGERS REPORT

File Reference:	A1.2.1
Report Date:	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2007
Applicant/Proponent:	n/a
Officer Disclosure of Interest:	nil
Previous Meeting References:	nil
Author:	Allen Kent - Works and Services Manager
Attachments:	Report

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise council of the Works and Services Manager's actions and work plans.

#### BACKGROUND

See report

#### COMMENT

##### **AgLime Route 2 – Calingiri New Norcia Road**

For AgLime Route 2 the budgeted amount 2007/2008 was \$200,000 and with Councils 1/3 would total \$300,000. Council's contribution of 1/3 will be used from the R2R program as approved by council within this budget of 2007/2008.

As Council is probably aware we have been told verbally by Main Roads since Council adopted the budget, that the Shire of Victoria Plains may receive \$400,000 from the State for 2007/2008 for AgLime Route 2. If that is the case with \$400,000 from the State, and with Council's contribution of 1/3 it will take the total for 2007/2008 to \$600,000.

It will cost \$400,000 in 2007/2008 to complete the section of gravel between Howard Road and Yenart Road to a 7m primer seal.

This will leave council the option of spending the other \$200,000 to complete the gravel section on Calingiri Goomalling Road from Benaring Road to the bitumen at Bigsprings Road near Ray and Rhonda Edmonds' property with total reconstruction and primer seal to 7m in width.

I have ordered all the concrete box culverts and headwalls to complete the drainage construction on the gravel section between Howard Road and Yenart Road on Calingiri New Norcia Road. As soon as the culverts arrive they will be installed by Tuss Concrete from Bindoon.

I have also contacted Western power to have the power pole relocated at the 90 degree bend near Anspach's property on Calingiri New Norcia Road to realign the curves.

Nash Brothers will have a D9N Dozer at Howard's pit to start pushing up the gravel to complete this section. This material will be crushed for the base course by Capital Demolition at the end August 2007.

And whilst the dozer is in the vicinity of this work I'm hoping to push up more gravel on Mike and Pam Anspach's property with their approval for the sub grade construction.

Tree lopping and drainage construction will start on Calingiri New Norcia Road on this section as soon as we have finished the tree removal work on Mogumber West road to accommodate the new water supply pipeline to Mogumber.

### **Martin Road Bolgart**

*(Un-made section of road to give access to lots 125, 126 and 127)*

Work is well underway on this road. Trees have been removed and the stumps have been dug out and at present I am hoping that someone will come down and cut up all the trees removed for firewood, this will be a cost saving to council.

Once the trees have been removed the grader will be engaged to build the road out of natural material initially, if the existing material gets boggy and wet, then we may have to cart a few loads of gravel to give a suitable running surface.

### **Maintenance Grading**

When possible manpower wise, we will have one maintenance grader operating within the Shire of Victoria Plains to make use of the moisture after the fantastic rains we have had fall over the past month or so.

### **Parks Gardens**

Don Westlake is busy with his normal maintenance schedule, spraying roadside noxious weeds i.e.: Patterson's Curse and Cape Tulip, maintaining ovals, town maintenance and cleanups, rubbish tip maintenance.

### **Tree Lopping – Main Roads Audited Roads**

The tree lopping crew have been busy with tree lopping over the past couple of months. Roads completed are listed below

Carani East

Woods

Skilling

Gabalong West

Roe Road will be completed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week August.

In total approximately 40 kms of road has been lopped and picked up by council staff.

### **Plant and Machinery Report**

All plant and machinery is operating effectively and efficiently, with no major

breakdowns to report.  
Scheduled maintenance on all plant will be carried out as services fall due.

### **Annual Leave**

I will be taking 10 days annual leave from the 22<sup>nd</sup> September to the 1<sup>st</sup> October this is the best time for me to take leave before the busy construction period starts. All works will be programmed by Works Manager for staff prior to me going on leave.

### **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*

### **RESOLUTION 227/07**

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Kelly that the Works and Services Manager's Report for August 2007 be received.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/0**

Fax received from Mr Steve Potter, Advisor to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (Roads) advising he will continue to pursue an additional \$200 000 in road funding from the Minister.

**W16 NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS CONFERENCE REPORT**

File Reference:	A1.1.1
Report Date:	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2007
Applicant/Proponent:	n/a
Officer Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Previous Meeting References:	Nil
Author:	Allen Kent - Works and Services Manager
Attachments:	Report

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To report on the National Local Roads Conference attended by the Works and Services Manager and Cr N Smith.

**BACKGROUND**

See report

**COMMENT**

**National Local Roads Conference held in Newcastle 8th to 11th July 2007**

Councillor Neil Smith and Works Manager Allen Kent attended the conference of which over 400 delegates attended from all over the Australia.

The first day consisted of high profile speakers, including the Mayor of Newcastle who opened the conference he spoke of Newcastle being more than a thriving coal mining town and suggested they could not sustain their living and employment standards without diversification into other areas, including tourism, the building of new factories to produce products for import overseas.

All speakers talked about the lack of funding within Local Government from State and Federal Government levels and this attracted a significant amount of applause from the delegates attending.

It appeared that all delegates from other states had the same issues as our Local Governments within Western Australia. All speakers voiced the same opinion that the State and Federal Governments needed to understand that it was a very important issue for all Local Governments to survive, let alone carry the burden of the state government asking Local Governments to do more without an increase in revenue.

The Minister for Local Government certainly made it clear, that if the State and Federal Governments did not work together there would be 36 Local Governments nationally that would not be sustainable by the year 2008/2009. The Minister for Local Government requested that the Coalition Federal Minister for Local Government needed to hear what was being debated at the conference by the delegates attending.



There was also mention that the current Federal Government had given additional funding to the States, and the monies had not been passed onto Local Authorities.

This is because the State Governments are saying that they don't have enough funding to pass on either. What appeared clear to me was that the State and Federal Governments are passing the buck and blaming each other and Local Government is the scapegoat by taking on more responsibility for accepting situations being forced upon us by the states. If we refused to take on the roles and responsibilities handed to Local Government, they would have no choice to find additional funding for these roles. We appear to accept it as gospel which I believe is insane. We need to lobby hard against these things being forced upon Local Government by the states and fight the changes collectively with all councils.

The Federal Minister for Local Government attended the conference on the second day and seemed to be very sympathetic towards Local Governments in general. He had a very good understanding what was happening at that level of government, and made sure that his speech was heard clearly that the Government of the day was paying out all this money to the States to share with Local Government.

Figures mentioned by Federal Minister for ALGA:-

- \$5.2B into R2R programme
- \$250M into the Auslink programme, which is part of R2R until the year 2014.

A professor spoke and quoted figures on Climate Change and Bio-Diesel Fuel usage for the future. The talk was very interesting in light of fossil fuel being at a high rate with America using well over 50% of the world oil usage. He also made a statement that in a decade we would be forced into using Bio-Diesel whether we like it or not, because the oil companies will not be able to keep up with demand.

There was also a very important discussion regarding where we are all heading into the future in relation to transportation and moving people. The warning was to all delegates and attendees that if we continue to carry on the way are currently regarding transportation methods to move people around the city and suburbs we will never have an impact on reducing greenhouse gases. Most people who drive a vehicle into the city areas or for social and related business have only one person in them. Some of the options put forward were to car pool when possible, and use public transport. This does make a lot of sense.

I have a booklet on Australia and New Zealand on Road Facts, it is well worth the read and it has large amounts of information regarding our total road systems and associated costs.

Overall I believe the Conference was a great success, I certainly gained a lot of information and data to bring back to our council. If any Councillor would

like to have a read of the brochures and booklets they are welcome and I would appreciate their return for future reference.

The Federal and State Governments congratulated all Local Government representatives attending the conference, and expressed their congratulations to all who are involved within Local Government for the tremendous effort everyone puts in to run the third tier of government. They understand that we all have a huge task ahead, and they were going to help us in every way they could financially.

#### **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

#### **RESOLUTION 228/07**

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Kelly that the Report on the National Local Roads Conference be received.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/0**

Polymer product to treat Gravel roads as proposed by Wilson Tuckey costs \$45,000 per kilometre. Works Manager is to contact the company with a view to obtaining enough product to conduct a trial.

**RESOLUTION 229/07**

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Brennan that the Works Manager contact Polycom to obtain enough of their product to conduct a trial in the Shire of Victoria Plains.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/0**

**W17 FUTURE REGIONAL ROAD GROUP PROJECTS**

File Reference:	T1.1
Report Date:	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2007
Applicant/Proponent:	n/a
Officer Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Previous Meeting References:	Nil
Author:	Allen Kent - Works and Services Manager
Attachments:	Nil

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide the members of the Plant and Works Committee with details of the proposed expenditure of Regional Road Group expenditure to enable them to comment on and endorse the planned project.

**BACKGROUND**

The Shire of Victoria Plains is required to provide the Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group Moora Sub Group with a five year road expenditure program commencing with the 2008-2009 year by the end of August 2007.

**COMMENT**

The Regional Road Group funding currently received by the shire is being spent on repairing failures and resealing the Toodyay Bindi Bindi Road which will be finished to the Shire of Moora boundary by the end of 2009-2010. This means that another project must be nominated for the final three years of this five year program.

The rules of the regional road group require that the road project selected must be on the Roads 20/25 list and that the project must also be on a road of regional significance, that is it must be a road that joins with other shires. Hay carting in recent years has increased on the route encompassing the Gillingarra Glentromie and Wirrilda Roads as producers in the Moora Shire transport their crop to the Gilmac processing plant in New Norcia. The Gillingarra Glentromie and Wirrilda Roads route is on the roads 20/25 list and meets other criteria. The sealing of this route will provide increased safety for residents and school bus operators currently sharing the road with wide long hay trucks creating dust in summer and deep wheel ruts in winter.

It is estimated that it would cost \$130,000/km to build the Glentromie Gillingarra road to a suitable heavy haulage standard and there is approximately 8.50kms including Wirrilda Road to the Shire Boundary. Total cost to construct to a 9m wide formation width and primer seal to a 7m width would be \$1,105,000. This will tie in with the Moora Shire as they are currently

constructing and sealing their section of Wirrilda Road.

Over a 3 year period this would equate to an annual expenditure of \$369,000 to construct the Primer Seal to 7m in width. Please note these costs do not cover the cost of the final sealing work, this would be an additional \$190,400 based on \$3.20 m<sup>2</sup> to seal.

Current funding received is approximately \$153,000 and Council is required to make a one third contribution giving expenditure of \$229,500 per year on the project which should enable the upgrade to be completed over five years.

#### **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

#### **RESOLUTION 230/07**

**Moved Cr Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that at the completion of the repair and reseal project on Toodyay Bindi Bindi Road to the Moora Boundary the Regional Road Group funding received by the Shire of Victoria Plains for the remainder of the five year plan to be submitted in August 2007 be spent on Gillingarra Glentromie and Wirrilda Roads to provide a sealed heavy haulage route for hay trucks from the Shire of Moora to the Gilmac hay processing plant in New Norcia.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/0**

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

**10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

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

**12 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 12.07pm

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2007

Presiding Member .....