# ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Yilgarn Shire Council held in the Council Chambers, Antares Street, Southern Cross on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

#### **PRESENT**

Cr O Truran, Shire President

Crs W A Della Bosca, J Della Bosca, G Guerini, D Pasini, K Chrisp, B Close

Council Officers: V Piccoli, Chief Executive Officer

J Bingham, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

W J Dallywater, Manager Environmental Health & Building

R J Bosenberg, Manager of Works J F Guerini, Finance Manager

### INFORMATION SESSION

Mark Gell of Cliffs Natural Resources gave a presentation about the current operations of the Koolyanobbing Minesite. Mark highlighted operational performance statistics as well as contributions made by Cliffs to the Yilgarn area and Local Businesses. Notably also were comments about current challenges being felt at his organisation including significant staff cuts, rifts at the Board level and the below expectation price of Iron Ore.

The meeting was declared open for business at 1.35pm.

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil.

### **Council Meeting Guests**

Deputy Principal Mrs Sally Panizza and the Student Councillors from the Southern Cross District High School, Declan Karra, James Rojo, Tahnaya Mclellan and Kassidy Fuller.

#### APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

#### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil

#### CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES

### 151/2014

Moved Cr W Della Bosca Seconded Cr Guerini. That the Minutes of the previous Meeting of Council held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED (7/0)** 

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#### 152/2014

Moved Cr Guerini Seconded Cr Pasini. That the minutes of the MOU Tourism Working Meeting held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED** (7/0)

#### 153/2014

Moved Cr J Della Bosca Seconded Cr Guerini. That the Minutes of the WE-ROC Meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED** (7/0)

#### 154/2014

Moved Cr J Della Bosca Seconded Cr W Della Bosca. That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED** (7/0)

#### 155/2014

Moved Cr W Della Bosca Seconded Cr Guerini. That the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED** (7/0)

#### 156/2014

Moved Cr J Della Bosca Seconded Cr Close. That the minutes of the Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED** (7/0)

### 157/2014

Moved Cr Chrisp Seconded Cr W Della Bosca. That the minutes of the Bush Fire Officers Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED** (7/0)

### 158/2014

Moved Cr W Della Bosca Seconded Cr Guerini. That the minutes of the Great Eastern District Operations Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED** (7/0)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBERS AND COUNCILLORS:

The Shire President advised the following:

- That on the 20<sup>th</sup> August she attended the WE-ROC meeting in Westonia with the CEO.
- That on the 21<sup>st</sup> August she attended the GECZ Executive meeting, followed by the GECZ meeting with the CEO.
- That on the 27<sup>th</sup> August she attended the Historical Society meeting where the members mentioned they were appreciative of the support Council has provided to the group, in particular providing a staff member to assist with the data entry of Mosaic.
- That on the 29<sup>th</sup> August she attended a meeting with Dr Graham Jacobs MLC along with the Deputy President and the CEO.
- That on the 29<sup>th</sup> August she attended the Yilgarn Agriculture Society President's Dinner.
- She then thanked the CEO for attending the CEACA meeting in her absence on the 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### Cr W Della Bosca advised the following:

- That on the 11<sup>th</sup> August he attended the Cliffs Reference Group meeting.
- That on the 28<sup>th</sup> August he attended the LEMC meeting.
- That on the 29<sup>th</sup> August he attended the meeting with Dr Graham Jacobs MLC.
- That on the 5<sup>th</sup> September he presented trophies at the School Sports Carnival.
- That on the 8<sup>th</sup> September he attended the DOAC meeting.
- That he has scheduled a Skeleton Weed meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> October in Council Chambers.

### Cr K Chrisp advised the following:

- That on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September she attended Southern Cross District High School Board meeting.
- That on the 10<sup>th</sup> September she attended the Cliffs Reference Group premeeting dinner.
- That on the 11<sup>th</sup> September she attended the Cliffs Reference Group Meeting.
- That on the 17<sup>th</sup> September she attended the meeting with Anthony Miller and Mark Gell of Cliffs Natural Resources.
- That on the 18<sup>th</sup> September she attended the Yilgarn Youth Sport and Recreation meeting.

# Cr J Della Bosca advised the following:

- That on the 8<sup>th</sup> September she attended the Tourism Committee meeting.
- That on the 18<sup>th</sup> September she attended the Yilgarn Youth Sport and Recreation meeting.

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### Cr G Guerini advised the following:

- That on the 8<sup>th</sup> September he attended the Tourism Committee meeting.
- That on the 9<sup>th</sup> September he attended the Skate Park working group meeting.
- That on the 11<sup>th</sup> September he attended the Cliffs Reference Group Meeting.
- That on the 18<sup>th</sup> September he attended the Yilgarn Youth Sport and Recreation meeting.

# Cr B Close advised the following:

- That on the 29<sup>th</sup> August he attended the Yilgarn Agriculture Society President's Dinner.
- That on the 30<sup>th</sup> August he attended the Yilgarn Agricultural Show.
- That on the 8<sup>th</sup> September he attended the Tourism Committee meeting.
- That on the 9<sup>th</sup> September he attended the Skate Park working group meeting.
- That on the 17th September he attended the meeting with Anthony Miller and Mark Gell of Cliffs Natural Resources.
- That he attended the EDFL AGM meeting.
- That he attended the Mukinbudin Spring Festival.
- That he attended the Yilgarn Motoring Enthusiast meeting.

### Cr D Pasini advised the following.

• He thanked the Finance Manager for organising the Shire tent at this year's Yilgarn Agricultural Show.

Item 7.7 was bought forward for discussion for the benefit of the Student Councillors attending the meeting.

Deputy Principal Mrs Sally Panizza and the Student Councillors left the meeting at 2.37pm.

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**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Agenda Reference: 7.1

**Subject:** CEO Performance Review

File Reference: 1.1.10.2

**Author:** Vivienne Piccoli - Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable **Date of Report:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014

#### Comment

In accordance with section 5.38 of the Local Government Act, Council is required to review the performance of each senior employee who is employed for a term of more than one year, including the CEO on an annual basis. The CEO's contract commenced on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2012 and she is now due for her annual performance review. The Shire President advised the CEO of the review in writing on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014, giving reasonable notice that the review will be conducted.

Within the CEO's contract section 5.3 outlines the "Conduct of Performance Review" which mentions the use of a facilitator, the Shire President, Deputy Shire President and CEO discussed this option and decided that it would be beneficial on this occasion for the Shire to engage a facilitator to assist with the review process. Mr John Phillips was engaged and has met with the CEO and conducted a briefing session with Councillor preceding the review and then facilitated with the review process prior to today's Council meeting.

JCP Consulting has prepared a confidential CEO's Annual Appraisal Reviewer report that has been distributed amongst the Councillors and will be tabled at the Council Meeting.

### **Statutory Environment**

S5.38 Local Government Act 1995

### **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Financial Implications**

Nil

#### Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Receives the Performance Review report and endorses the overall performance rating for Ms Piccoli as the Shire of Yilgarn's CEO, for the review period August 2013 to August 2014.
- 2. Endorses the draft Key Result Areas and indicators for 2014/15.
- 3. Schedules the next review of performance to commenced by 1st July 2015 and 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015.

# **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

Item 7.1 CEO Performance Review is to be held over to the October meeting.

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**Agenda Reference:** 7.2

Subject: Acting CEO – Mr Eddie Piper –

**Short Term Employment** 

**Contract & Use of Common seal** 

**File Reference:** 1.1.10.2, 1.1.12.1

**Author:** Vivienne Piccoli – Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable **Date of Report:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014

# **Background**

At the July Council meeting the CEO applied for annual leave over the following period: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (6 weeks) and Council resolved:

#### 117/2014

Moved Cr J Della Bosca Seconded Cr Chrisp. That Council endorses the CEO's application for annual leave from the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 to the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014, and for Mr Eddie Piper to be employed to be Acting CEO in her absence.

**CARRIED** (6/0)

#### **Comment**

The CEO has negotiated a short term contract for the period in which Mr Eddie Piper will be Acting CEO at the Shire of Yilgarn. The contract identifies the ACEO's responsibilities and entitlements whilst performing acting duties. The contract will be tabled at the Council meeting for Councillor consideration.

Mr Piper has signed the contract and will be available for handover on the  $22^{nd}$  October 2014. The CEO's last day at work will be the  $24^{th}$  October 2014 and she will return on the  $8^{th}$  December 2014.

#### **Statutory Environment**

Nil

### **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Financial Implications**

The Acting CEO's Remuneration is based on a SAT category level 3 minimum and pro-rata leave entitlements. The total remuneration package for the 6 weeks is \$19,480.43 will be costed to the Gross wages budget, and any necessary adjustment in budget will be addressed at the budget review to be performed in February 2015.

#### Recommendation

That Council endorse the signing and affixing of the Shire's common seal for the Acting CEO, Mr Eddie Piper's short term employment contract to be effective from the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 to the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

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#### 159/2014

Moved Cr Pasini Seconded Cr J Della Bosca. That Council endorse the signing and affixing of the Shire's common seal for the Acting CEO, Mr Eddie Piper's short term employment contract to be effective from the 27th October 2014 to the 7th December 2014.

**CARRIED** (7/0)

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Agenda Reference:** 7.3

**Subject:** WEROC Governance Model - Wheatbelt Communities Inc.

**File Reference:** 1.6.25.1

**Author:** Vivienne Piccoli – Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable **Date of Report:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### **Background**

WE-ROC Council has been going through the process of forming an incorporated body to handle our Royalties for Regions projects. The projects include the continuation of housing constructions within the five shires and the CEACA project over the eleven Councils.

The Incorporated body will have less legislation to deal with for the construction of the buildings as well as less compliance. The organisation will be owned by the five Councils and can have new members join on individual projects should they wish i.e. CEACA.

Currently the State Government are looking to progress the Subsidiary Bill which will enable WE-ROC to form an identity that is formally recognised as an entity, though this maybe some time away. This process may well be a lengthy one and therefore the Executive decided to progress with the new entity to enable the group to continue with all proposed projects and plans.

With the incorporated body it has been suggested that each individual Councils look to have the housing assets listed in their books transferred over to this incorporation to enable some equity in the organisation. At a minimum it has been discussed for the transfer of the CLGF funded houses to be allocated to this organisation.

With the organisation holding equity it then has the ability to service loan funding for additional construction. This process also works within the parameters of Resource Sharing/Collaboration with surrounding Local Governments.

In October 2013 WE-ROC engaged Conway Highbury to assist in developing a Constitution for the incorporated body. Since that time considerable work on preparing a draft constitution for the body, "Wheatbelt Communities Inc.", has been undertaken. During the course of the project Member Councils also agreed that a comparison between the Wheatbelt Communities draft constitution and one being

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prepared for a group of local governments in the Central Midlands would be beneficial in finalising the document.

#### **Comment**

A copy of the draft constitution as agreed to by the WE-ROC Executive forms as an attachment (7.3a) to the meeting agenda and I ask the Councillors review the document in preparation for endorsement at the Council meeting. The draft constitution attached is a confidential document and should not be circulated outside of Council. All changes agreed to at the WE-ROC executive meeting have been incorporated in to the document, including alignment to the Central Midlands constitution.

The WE-ROC Executive Officer spoke with Mr Tim Fowler from the Department of Local Government and Communities during the recent Local Government Convention about WE-ROC's efforts to become an incorporated body, advising him of WE-ROC's desire for the Department to provide comment on its draft constitution.

Mr Fowler has since provided comment on WE-ROC's draft constitution:

"My general comment is that your group could consider additional provisions to go into the rules to address the issue of regular reporting back to the members on financial issues. You will see from the draft that I sent you there are provisions of that type included. How the entity is to be funded is an issue relating to appropriate reporting. If the local governments are to assist in providing land, property, equipment and funds then this will be an issue."

My interpretation of Tim Fowler's comments is that there is no contradiction to the Local Government Act in relation to the setup of an incorporated body, although Council's need to ensure that rigorous reporting processes need to be put in place so that member Councils are aware of financial matters. In addition, if Council are to transfer assets to the new entity then member Council's need to ensure the conditions for each subsidiary / project are stated clearly and are equitable.

In addition, Council's delegates at the WEROC Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th August 2014 were advised that WEROC required Council's nominations for the positions on the Incorporated Body, it was suggested by the members present that the Shire President and CEO of the Council would become nominated by their respective Council and that the Deputy President and Deputy CEO would be their proxy.

#### **Statutory Environment**

Nil

### **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Financial Implications**

There is no Financial Implications on Council excluding the Subscription to WEROC as all associated costs are being born by WEROC. The membership for this organisation is NIL as stated in the attached Draft Constitution.

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#### Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the actions of WEROC in the creation of Wheatbelt Communities Inc.
- 2. Endorse the Wheatbelt Communities Inc. Constitution as presented.
- 3. Advise its voting delegates to support the item when presented to them at the WEROC Council meeting.
- 4. Research the option of transfer housing assets over to Wheatbelt Communities Inc. and the resulting impact on Council.
- 5. Nominate Cr. Onida Truran and Chief Executive Officer, Ms Vivienne Piccoli to the Wheatbelt Communities Committee.
- 6. Nominates Cr Wayne Della Bosca and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr John Bingham as Deputies.
- 7. Inform WEROC of Council's nominations.

# **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

### 160/2014

Moved Cr Close Seconded Cr Guerini . That Council:

- 1. Endorses the actions of WEROC in the creation of Wheatbelt Communities Inc.
- 2. Endorses the Wheatbelt Communities Inc. Constitution as presented.
- 3. Advise its voting delegates to support the item when presented to them at the WEROC Council meeting.
- 4. Researches the option of transfer housing assets over to Wheatbelt Communities Inc. and the Resulting impact on Council.
- 5. Nominates Cr. Onida Truran and Chief Executive Officer, Ms Vivienne Piccoli to the Wheatbelt Communities Committee.
- 6. Nominates Cr Wayne Della Bosca and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr John Bingham as Deputies.
- 7. Informs WEROC of Council's nominations.

**CARRIED** (7/0)

Note: Finance Manager left the meeting at 2.42pm returned 2.45pm

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**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Agenda Reference:** 7.4

**Subject:** Local Government Financial Assistance Grants

- Request for Restoration of Indexation

**File Reference:** 1.6.1.1, 8.2.6.10

**Author:** Vivienne Piccoli – Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable **Date of Report:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### **Background**

Correspondence has been received from the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) outlining the impacts of the decision of the Federal Government to freeze the indexation of the local government Financial Assistance Grants until 2017/18. The correspondence is included as attachment 7.4a.

#### Comment

The correspondence is self-explanatory however the impacts on the Shire of Yilgarn are significant. Attachment 7.4b contains a spreadsheet outlining the estimated financial loss over the next 3 financial years resulting in an approximate deficit of \$575,167 compared with previous arrangements.

ALGA suggests local governments write to their Federal Government representatives highlighting the implications of the decision for local services and asking Coalition representatives whether they continue to support the decision.

# **Statutory Environment**

There will be implications across a number of Service Area's within the Corporate Business Plan, most notably road services. Depending on the exclusions required to future budgets other areas of the Plan could also be affected.

# Asset Management

The loss of \$575,167 in funding will have a significant effect on various maintenance and capital services Council could be expected to provide. Decisions on what to exclude or postpone from future budgets as a result of the funding loss will need to be made when adopting future Budgets.

### Long Term Financial Plan

The Plan has been adopted using certain assumptions based on the receipt of grant funding and application of indexation. Any reduction in external grant funding will have an impact with a possible rise in rates required to fund any shortfall, or alternatively, there will be a decline in service delivery.

#### **Policy Implications**

Nil

# **Financial Implications**

As indicated in Attachment 7.4b there is a loss of approximately \$575,167 in funding.

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#### Recommendation

That Council write to all WA Commonwealth politicians outlining the expected detrimental implications to services within the Shire of Yilgarn as a result of the indexation freeze of local government Financial Assistance Grants, requesting a review of the Commonwealth's decision.

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

#### 161/2014

Moved Cr Pasini Seconded Cr Close. That Council writes to all WA Commonwealth politicians outlining the expected detrimental implications to services within the Shire of Yilgarn as a result of the indexation freeze of local government Financial Assistance Grants, requesting a review of the Commonwealth's decision.

**CARRIED** (7/0)

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Agenda Reference: 7.5

**Subject:** Senior Staff Reviews

**File Reference:** 1.1.10.10, 1.1.10.19, 1.1.10.63

**Author:** Vivienne Piccoli - Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable **Date of Report:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### **Background**

The CEO is required to report to Council annually on the completion of the performance and remuneration review of Senior Staff (other than the CEO) that are employed by the Council.

#### Comment

Council has determined that the Manager for Works and the Manager for Environmental Health and Building Services are Senior Staff positions at the Shire of Yilgarn and this report is to advise Council that the CEO conducted the performance review of the Manager for Works on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and at which time his annual performance was discussed. I am pleased to report that the Mr Robert Bosenberg received a favourable performance review, once again achieving more than satisfactory results throughout the year and showing his commitment to his job and Council. An increase of 3% is proposed for Mr Bosenberg remuneration package.

As the Manager for Environmental Health and Building Services was on annual leave during the early part of September, her Performance Review has been scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014, the CEO will give a verbal report on Miss Wendy Dallywater's performance appraisal at the September Council meeting.

# **Statutory Environment**

Division 4 of the Local Government Act 1995

#### **Policy Implications**

Employment is subject to policies of Council

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### **Financial Implications**

The increase is within the salary range and budget for these positions

#### Recommendation

That Council receives the verbal report from the Chief Executive Officer and formally commends the Mr Robert Bosenberg and Ms Wendy Dallywater for their ongoing efforts during the previous year and their commitment to their role and Council.

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

#### 162/2014

Moved Cr Chrisp Seconded Cr W Della Bosca. That Council receives the verbal report from the Chief Executive Officer and formally commends the Mr Robert Bosenberg and Ms Wendy Dallywater for their ongoing efforts during the previous year and their commitment to their role and Council.

**CARRIED** (7/0)

Note: DCEO left the meeting at 2.50pm returned 2.52pm

Item 7.6 was presented to council but no vote was cast until after discussions with the Doctor.

Dr Patrick Bushe and Kelsey Ball joined Council at 4.50pm to discuss the proposal further and address any questions from Council.

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Agenda Reference:** 7.6 – Late Item

Subject: Proposal by Dr Bushe – Employment of additional

**Doctor in Southern Cross** 

File Reference: 1.3.12.7

**Author:** Vivienne Piccoli - Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable **Date of Report:** 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### **Background**

Dr Patrick Bushe has contacted the CEO with a proposal of recruiting a second Doctor to operate out of Southern Cross Family Practice and to service the hospital. He was approached by a recruitment agency which has led to meeting Dr Michael Livingstone and they have discussed the possibilities of him practicing as a GP in Southern Cross. Dr Livingstone was in the process of being appointed to replace Dr Brian Walker who practices in Kunnoppin, but has decided not to accept the position.

Dr Livingstone is a British trained doctor that has significant experience in emergency medicine. He has recently been employed as the senior medical officer at Peel Health Campus. Michael has decided to make the transition to General Practice and is

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required to complete a supervised rural posting to aid in his registration with the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine.

Dr Livingstone's wife Rachel has strong business acumen after managing the advertising for several multimillion dollar Australian companies. Rachel could also potentially job share with Kelsey at the Practice, after the birth of Patrick and Kelsey's baby in March.

Dr Livingstone and his wife Rachel came to Southern Cross on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September and expressed that the community appeared welcoming and that they would be willing to move to Southern Cross if the position was offered.

Dr Bushe has had several discussion with Dr Livingstone to assess his needs, he came to the conclusion that working for Southern Cross Family Practice in Southern Cross may be a more mutually convenient option for both Doctor's as they will be able to achieve a work life balance with both having young families and also provide a greater level of coverage of medical service to the Yilgarn community.

Dr Bushe has advised that there is not currently sufficient work at the practice to warrant two full time GPs, although that is changing weekly as the practice is growing exponentially. They are still looking at providing services at the practice as bulk billing and free to all patients. He expresses that there is the option to expand medical services to include the Shire of Westonia if there is insufficient workload locally, and both Dr's would look at being on the Merredin Hospital roster on differing shift ensuring that there is a Doctor in Southern Cross on a continuous basis. Dr Livingstone will be under Dr Bushes' supervision as part of his registration with the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, and verbally committed to remain in Southern Cross for a five year period. Dr Livingstone has implied that he could start work as early as October, if he is successful.

#### **Comment**

Council is well aware that rural towns struggle to recruit and retain doctors, our Shire are in a rare position to have two doctors willing to live and be part of our community and provide a continuous medical service to the Yilgarn Community.

The benefits of having a second live in Doctor includes:

- Doctors can provide each other clinical support.
- GP relief during times of annual leave and sick leave.
- Reduced risk of burnout in Doctor.
- Increased choices for Dr's for patients.
- Continuous coverage at practice and hospital.
- Additional support for Practice Administrator.
- Reduced risk of Doctor opting out of contract and lengthy process relating to recruitment of new Doctor and having a period of time with no provision of medical services.

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The Shire assistance requested by Dr Bushe in the recruitment and employment of Dr Livingstone is:

- The provision of a house in Southern Cross The Shire has a house which has been recently renovated at 11 Andromeda Crt, and currently available lost rent equates to \$11,700 pa (\$225 pw).
- That the Shire of Yilgarn becomes Dr Livingstone's 457 Sponsor Employer The CEO applied to become a 457 Sponsor in June 2013 and can apply to nominate a 457 employee under sponsorship minimal lodgement fee.
- The payment of the recruitment fee \$26,000 The Shire currently has \$35,092 in trust (as per contract \$50,000 pa placed in trust) that Dr Bushe has accumulated over the past year that has not been spent on practice equipment or other necessities in running the practice. The recruitment fee can come from the trust account.
- With the preparation of Doctor's contract The CEO is able to assist with the contract and have the Shire Lawyers to review the contract prior to signing \$2,500.
- The provision of a suitable motor vehicle Dr Bushe has asked Council to consider if they would provide a suitable vehicle, although if not supported, they would transfer the usage of Kluger (YL152) to Dr Livingstone and Dr Bushe will purchase a vehicle personally. cost of a Toyota Kluger \$40,000.

Patrick and Kelsey will join Council at 4.30pm to answer any questions that Council may have in relation to his proposal, and then in their absence deliberate on a resolution.

### **Statutory Environment**

S5.38 Local Government Act 1995

### **Policy Implications**

Nil

# **Financial Implications**

The overall costs to Council will be:

Upfront costs - \$28,500 (excluding car)

Upfront costs - \$68,000 (including car)

Ongoing cost - \$11,700

### Recommendation

That Council considers Dr Bushes' proposal for the Shire of Yilgarn to employ Dr Livingstone under a 457 sponsorship and deliberate on the financial assistance that Council is able to provide.

#### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

### **Council Discussion**

After deliberations on the support Council would provide in contracting a second Doctor in Southern Cross, council made the following decision. To provide:

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- a residence at 11 Andromeda Court for Dr Livingston and his family to use rent free.
- a transfer from Medical Services trust account to pay for the recruitment and legal fees.
- An application to the Department of Immigration to sponsor Dr Livingstone on a 457 visa.

Council decided that were not in a position to provide a motor vehicle, as one was already being provided for the Dr Bushe.

#### 163/2014

Moved Cr W Della Bosca Seconded Cr Close. That Council endorses Dr Bushes' proposal for the Shire of Yilgarn to employ Dr Livingstone under a 457 sponsorship, and the Shire to provide a residence at 11 Andromeda Court, use of trust monies to pay for recruitment fees, visa fees and legal costs in the preparation of the employment contract.

**CARRIED** (7/0)

Note: Item 7.7 was bought forward for discussion for the benefit of the Student Councillors attending the meeting.

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Agenda Reference:** 7.7 – Late Item

Subject: Skate Park Development Project

File Reference: 1.3.8.10

**Author:** Vivienne Piccoli - Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable **Date of Report:** 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### **Background**

At the August 2014 meeting Council endorsed the Skate Park Development project to be brought forward to 2015/2016 as an opportunity existed to pursue the project through applying for funding through DSR and other funding bodies.

Council resolved at the August 2014 meeting to:

#### 139/2014

Moved Cr Guerini Seconded Cr Chrisp. That Council endorses the CEO to apply for grant funding for the development of a Skate Park / Youth Space in Southern Cross, and the project to be brought forward to 2015/2016 should funding applications be successful.

CARRIED (6/0)

### **Comment**

An additional requirement of the Department of Sport and Recreation funding application is for Council to endorse the budget and how the project is going to be funded.

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The project will be developed in two stages:

Stage I of the Southern Cross Community Skate Space is set to incorporate:

- ✓ Dedicated concrete skate/BMX/scooter terrain of approx. 840m2. This will include jump boxes, mini, open bowl section, spine, transition elements, banks, hubbas, ledges and rails.
- ✓ Bespoke seating and shelters, social spaces, drinking fountain and rubbish bin support both active and passive recreation.
- ✓ Access pathways and landscape treatments will ensure integration of the facility with Rotary Park, Spica St and adjacent sporting facilities.

Estimated Cost - \$500,000

Stage II – Additional Works is set to incorporate:

- ✓ Additional Steel Shelters
- ✓ Half Basketball Court or alternate activity for the area
- ✓ Additional hardstand entrance area with seating

Estimated Cost - \$150,000

The 2014 funding applications will be focusing on Stage I only, Council have determined that the project will be funded as follows:

\$500,000	Project Cost
\$165,000	DSR funding
\$150,000	Lotterywest
\$ 25,000	Office of Crime Prevention
<u>\$160,000</u>	Shire of Yilgarn's contribution
\$500,000	Total funding

In the event that the Shire does not receive the full funding requested, Council does have available funds in the Recreation Reserve of \$702,749 that can support this project.

#### **Statutory Environment**

Community Strategic Plan 2013 -2023

Theme 1- Social: Our community, neighbourhoods, recreation and culture that encapsulated strategies and outcomes such as:

- developing community infrastructure in town such as a skate park.
- investigate opportunities for young people and encourage them to stay in the region
- develop and promote active and passive sport and recreation opportunities for all ages

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# **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Financial Implications**

Council's contribution to the Skate Park project – Stage I - \$160,000 and Stage II - \$150,000 and should expected funding be reduced the possibility of additional funds to be transferred from Recreation Reserve to cover the gap in funding.

#### Recommendation

That Council endorse the commitment of \$160,000 of municipal funds in 2015/2016 budget towards stage I of the Skate Park Development project and should there be a shortfall in expected DSR Funding that Council may access the additional funds from the Shire of Yilgarn's Recreation Reserve.

#### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

#### 164/2014

Moved Cr Chrisp Seconded Cr Guerini. That Council endorses the commitment of \$160,000 of municipal funds in 2015/2016 budget towards stage I of the Skate Park Development project and should there be a shortfall in expected DSR Funding that Council may access the additional funds from the Shire of Yilgarn's Recreation Reserve.

**CARRIED** (7/0)

Note: Cr J Della Bosca left the meeting at 3.12pm returned 3.15pm

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Agenda Reference:** 7.8 – Late Item

Subject: Cliffs Natural Resources – Objection to GRV Mining

rates

File Reference: 3.2.1.5

**Author:** Vivienne Piccoli - Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable **Date of Report:** 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014

#### Comment

The CEO met with Mr Mark Gell General Manager Cliffs Koolyanobbing Operations and Anthony Miller the Liaison Officer on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 at their request to discuss their concerns in relation to the Shire of Yilgarn's 2014/15 rate notices in relation to the below assessments:

A10990 – Single Persons Quarters A100062 – Grouped Offices

They have followed up this meeting with a letter, which forms as an attachment to the Agenda Item.

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At this meeting the CEO explained the events that had occurred leading up to the substantial increase in Cliff's GRV mining rates, which included:

- 1. That the Valuer General had conducted a revaluation of GRV Properties in the district in September 2012, I explained that valuations are done every 4 years and were last done in 2008. He visited Cliffs Koolyanobbing site and determined that the number of accommodation beds had increased from 330 (2008) to 716 (2012) over double. The Valuer General was advised that the additional dongas came to site between Mar Aug 2011.
- 2. The Shire did not receive any building permits for the additional dongas otherwise rating would have been adjusted accordingly at this stage and Cliffs would have been interim rated.
- 3. In December 2012 Council wrote to Cliffs to inform them of the GRV increase due to the valuation and the increase in the number of beds at Koolyanobbing and that they would be interim rated (Letter attached)
- 4. An interim valuation was done by Landgate for the additions, that took effect from 1/7/12 30/6/13, the interim assessment notice GRV was \$1,489,280 and Rates levied were \$254,297.
- 5. In August 2013 Council responded to a letter from Cliffs in relation to the valuation and the reasoning behind Council's decision in setting the rates for 2013/14 (letter attached).
- 6. The new GRV for the SPQ at Koolyanobbing of \$3,120,000 was to come into effect as of the 1/7/2013.
- 7. Somehow back in 2013 due to changes in Shire staff in our rates area, the new valuation was not entered into our rating system and the increase in rates for Cliffs was not recognised at that time, instead the increase in "gross rental value" came into effect as of the 2014/15 issue of rate notices. Note that under section 6.40 of the LG Act, a Council may amend the rate record for the 5 years pre-ceding the current financial year. At this point of time our Council have not backdated the GRV to 2013/14 financial year.

In addition the CEO explained the Differential Rating system in which the Shire of Yilgarn uses:

1. That the Differential rating system was taken up on the 1/7/2008, as it was identified by the Council at the time that throughout the district there is different uses of land use of Shire services differ as well.

### 2014/15 rating categories

	Rate \$	Properties
UV Mining	21.14	412
UV Rural	1.74	407
<b>GRV</b> Minesites	40.01	12
GRV SPQ	40.01	8
<b>GRV</b> Residential	10.38	416
<b>GRV</b> Commercial	7.1	33

2. The calculation methodology used in determining the GRV SPQ and GRV Minesite rate was based on double the rate for Unimproved Mining.

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- 3. The Council at their May Council meeting decides on the rate in the \$ for each category usually opting for an increase of cpi to 6% across categories, and then advertise the proposed rate for 21 days in accordance with the LG Act, and await any submissions of objections. If there are no objections the Shire writes to the Minister for Approval.
- 4. The rates are then endorsed at the Budget meeting in July.

The CEO explained "Why Council's rates categories differently", that in setting the rate in the dollar for each category, Council take into consideration the follow factors:

That Rates levied are the main source of revenue, and rates are needed to provide the following.

- 1. Asset Management upkeep of infrastructure assets (roads, drainage, buildings, plant, Aerodrome, caravan park etc.)
- 2. Provision of services in Southern Cross e.g. Medical, Chemist, business networking, licencing, building and health etc., sewerage, refuse, CRC, Tourism, animal control, housing, environmental).

### Provision of Council services relating to Cliffs include:

- 1. Upgrade to Koolyanobbing access road to Cliff's minesite the Shire will be spending approx. \$570,000 per year over the next 5 years.
- 2. Medical Services in Southern Cross.
- 3. Maintenance grading to Marvel Loch / Evanston Rd and general use of Council Roads.
- 4. Licencing (BGC F endorsement licences)
- 5. Planning & Building approvals
- 6. Mining Tenement endorsements
- 7. General Advocacy
- 8. Backup airstrip

The main arguments that Cliffs raise at the meeting and then subsequently in their letter to Council include:

- 1. That they believed that there was disparity between mining and non-mining related rates in both UV and GRV, with GRV mining rate being more than 5½ times the GRV Commercial rate being applied in the Shire and UV mining Tenements rate being 12 times the UV Rural rate, Cliffs considers these rates to be unreasonably high and unfairly targeted at the mining sector.
- 2. That it is unclear as to how the mining sector rates paid relates to the Shire's beneficial spend. Given the remote and isolated location of Koolyanobbing to Southern Cross, they believe that Cliffs and other local mining companies utilise very little of the services.
- 3. That Cliffs is querying the justification given in the objection and reasons flyer that the mining sector draws on services relating to transport and aerodrome costs that substantiate the higher differential GRV SPQ rate in the \$. They state that:

#### **Transport**

 Mining companies pay the cost to maintain the Shire roads used during haulage periods.

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- Cliffs have approximately 60 truck movements per week associated with mining operations on the Koolyanobbing/ Southern Cross Road.
- Only one truck per week can be associated with cliffs SPQ's on the Koolyanobbing/Southern Cross Road.

#### <u>Airstrip</u>

- o Cliffs have their own airstrip which they maintain.
- o Cliffs acknowledges the Southern Cross Aerodrome is used as an alternate airstrip.

#### General Comment

- 1. Cliffs may use the other services provided by the Shire and is comfortable paying a "fair" rate, they don't see the usage being higher than the rest of the community.
- 2. Cliffs explains that a recent survey conducted by the Chambers of Minerals and Energy of WA covering 16 LGAs shows the Shire of Yilgarn (SOY) as the second highest GRV rating LGA at 38.11cent in \$ (13/14) and the median as 8.14c/\$ and the average 13.57c/\$ prior to 2013/14 the SOY was the highest GRV rating LGA approx. three times the amount of the next rating LGA.
- 3. The SOY has increased their GRV rating over the past four years by 19%.
- 4. Cliffs has contributed towards the community through community sponsorship and assistance to the shire to the value of \$100,000 in 2013.
- 5. Cliffs are currently experiencing lower revenues that are part driven by significantly decreased market pricing for iron ore, which has created a challenging business climate for Cliffs and the mining industry. Cliffs have focussed at cutting costs across the board and are therefore very mindful of any increases in their existing cost structure.
- 6. They express that the increases in the rates, apart from being seen as unreasonable and inequitable, have created uncertainty for Cliffs around the future of imposed costs and it potential impact on their Koolyanobbing Operations.

Cliffs has requested that Council considers the above information and circumstances, and are seeking the following actions from the Shire of Yilgarn:

- 1. Provide more detailed information in regard to the benefit principle that has been applied in 2014/15 and explain the relationship between the rates paid by the mining sector and the benefits received.
- 2. A commitment to:
  - a. Treat the mining sector in a fair and reasonable way so it can be seen as an equitable ratepayer.
  - b. Align the Shire of Yilgarn with other similar LGA's
  - c. Engage in a more open and timely manner with Cliffs and other mining companies in the Shire prior to future rate notices being sent out.

This information has been presented to Council for their consideration and in preparation of setting a rate in the \$ for the 2015/16 rating period.

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### **Statutory Environment**

Section 6.33 of LG Act 1995 relating to levying Differential General Rates.

Section 6.36 of LG Act 1995 – Council's "Notice of Intention to Levy Differential Rates"

Section 6.40 of LG Act 1995 – LG amendment of the rate record

Valuation Act 1978 – Landgate is the statutory authority responsible for land valuation processes.

#### **Policy Implications**

Nil

#### **Financial Implications**

Nil

### Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Investigates the justification of the differential rating system, in particular the disparity between mining and non-mining related rates.
- 2. Provide a comparison of GRV rates with other LGAs.
- 3. Provides large rating stakeholders with the "objections and reasons" flyer at the commencement of the advertising period to Impose Differential Rates.
- 4. Will consider all information provided by the CEO in the determination of imposing the 2015/2016 rates.
- 5. To respond to Mr Mark Gell's letter from Cliffs Asia Pacific with findings.

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

#### 165/2014

Moved Cr Close Seconded Cr Chrisp. That Council:

- 1. Investigates the justification of the differential rating system, in particular the disparity between mining and non-mining related rates.
- 2. Provides a comparison of GRV rates with other LGAs.
- 3. Provides large rating stakeholders with the "objections and reasons" flyer at the commencement of the advertising period to Impose Differential Rates.
- 4. Will consider all information provided by the CEO in the determination of imposing the 2015/2016 rates.
- 5. To respond to Mr Mark Gell's letter from Cliffs Asia Pacific with findings.

**CARRIED (7/0)** 

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**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Agenda Reference:** 8.1

**Subject:** Yilgarn Community Hall of Fame

File Reference: 1.3.1.6

**Author:** John Bingham – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable **Date of Report:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### **Background**

Nominations have been received for the Yilgarn Community Hall of Fame. To further the process toward inducting a nominee the formation of an Advisory Committee will need to take place in addition to setting a date for review of the Hall of Fame nominations.

It is intended the Advisory Committee be composed of four members:

- Two Councillors
- Deputy CEO
- Community representative

Nominations for the community representative have been received from Kaye Crafter and Gary Kenward – see addendum for letters of nomination.

### **Statutory Environment**

None

# **Policy Implications**

None

#### **Financial Implications**

None

### **Strategic Implications**

None

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple majority required

#### Recommendation

That Council select two Councillors and the Community Representative to sit on the Advisory Committee. Also that Council set a date for review of the Hall of Fame nominations.

### 166/2014

Moved Cr W Della Bosca Seconded Cr Close. That Council select two Councillors and the Community Representative to sit on the Advisory Committee. Also that Council set a date for review of the Hall of Fame nominations.

**CARRIED (7/0)** 

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Cr Truran and Cr Pasini nominated themselves to be Council representatives and that the sub-committee will meet next month prior to the Tourism Committee Meeting to review the nominations.

#### 167/2014

Moved Cr Pasini Seconded Cr Close. That Council accepts Gary Kenward's nomination for the community representative to the Hall of Fame sub-committee.

CARRIED (7/0)

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Agenda Reference:** 8.2

**Subject:** Financial Reports

File Reference: 8.2.3.2

**Author:** John Bingham – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable **Date of Report:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### **Background**

Enclosed for Council's information are various financial reports that illustrate the progressive position of Council financially on a month-by-month basis.

The following reports will be tabled at the meeting and have been prepared as at the 31st August 2014:

- Rates Receipt Statement
- Statement of Investments
- Monthly Statement of Financial Activity
- Unaudited Own Source Revenue Ratio

Councillors will be aware that it is normal practice for all financial reports to be indicative of Council's current Financial Position as at the end of each month.

During the 2012/2013 audit it was noted by the Shire's Auditors that the own source revenue was below acceptable. Council asked for the ratio to be monitored and is therefore included as part of this report.

Council should note that whilst this August report has been presented to Council the final figures are likely to change once the end of year audit has taken place.

#### **Statutory Environment**

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 34(i) (a) and Regulation 17.

### **Policy Implications**

None

### **Financial Implications**

None

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### **Strategic Implications**

None

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple majority required

#### Recommendation

That the Various Financial Reports for the period ending 31st August 2014 as presented be received.

#### 168/2014

Moved Cr Pasini Seconded Cr Guerini. That the Various Financial Reports for the period ending 31st August 2014 as presented be received.

**CARRIED** (7/0)

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Agenda Reference:** 8.3

**Subject:** Accounts for Payment

File Reference: 8.2.1.2

**Author:** John Bingham – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable **Date of Report:** 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### **Background**

Municipal Fund – Cheque Numbers 39358 to 39406 totalling \$157,160.74, Municipal Fund EFT numbers 2784 to 2881 totalling \$411,226.48, Municipal Fund – Cheque Numbers 1173 to 1176 totalling \$158,639.32, Trust Fund – 402081 to 402083 totalling \$26,769.67 and Trust Fund – Cheque Numbers 5913 to 5916 (DPI Licensing), totalling \$62,456.60 are presented for endorsement as per the submitted list.

### **Statutory Environment**

Sections 5.42 and 5.44 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Regulation No 12 and 13.

### **Policy Implications / Delegation Register**

Council has provided delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Manager of Environmental Health and Building Services and/or Manager for Works to make payments from the Shire of Yilgarn Municipal, Trust or other Fund.

# **Financial Implications**

Reduction to Bank Accounts balances.

#### **Strategic Implications**

Nil

# **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

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#### Recommendation

Municipal Fund – Cheque Numbers 39358 to 39406 totalling \$157,160.74, Municipal Fund EFT numbers 2784 to 2881 totalling \$411,226.48, Municipal Fund – Cheque Numbers 1173 to 1176 totalling \$158,639.32, Trust Fund – 402081 to 402083 totalling \$26,769.67 and Trust Fund – Cheque Numbers 5913 to 5916 (DPI Licensing), totalling \$62,456.60 are presented for endorsement as per the submitted list.

#### 169/2014

Moved Cr W Della Bosca Seconded Cr Guerini. That Municipal Fund – Cheque Numbers 39358 to 39406 totalling \$157,160.74, Municipal Fund EFT numbers 2784 to 2881 totalling \$411,226.48, Municipal Fund – Cheque Numbers 1173 to 1176 totalling \$158,639.32, Trust Fund – 402081 to 402083 totalling \$26,769.67 and Trust Fund – Cheque Numbers 5913 to 5916 (DPI Licensing), totalling \$62,456.60 are presented for endorsement as per the submitted list.

**CARRIED (7/0)** 

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19th September 2014

**Agenda Reference:** 8.4

**Subject:** Community Resource Centre Coordinators Report

File Reference: 1.3.4.1

**Author:** John Bingham – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable **Date of Report:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### **Purpose of Report**

For Council information on what activities, planning and training the Community Resource Centre has under taken in the previous month.

### **Background**

To advise what activities, planning and training the Community Resource Centre has under taken in the previous month.

#### **Discussion**



#### CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

Prepared by: Ronice Blair 01.08.2014 – 31.8.2014 Southern Cross Community Resource Centre

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### **Monthly Statistics**

Internet	\$143.10
Print/scan	\$734.30
Send/receive fax	\$60.00
Advertising	\$1,922.00
Crosswords sales	\$489.00
Secretarial	\$441.00
Activities & Events	\$189.00
Items for resale	\$55.00
Room Hire	\$280.00
Production Items	\$10.00
Show Stall	\$420.00
General Enquiries	249
Members	1
Computer usage	29
Library	52
Centre-link	41
Max Employment	53
Book-club	10
Seniors Exercises	
Southern Cross Singers	22
DRD TARGETS	
Workforce Development	4
State Government Information	18

#### **ROOM HIRE - H & R BLOCK**

This year was the tenth year H&R Block has booked the Conference Room at the CRC for a period of 3 days to provide tax services to the Community. This year they had appointments from Thursday afternoon through to Saturday, working into the early evening on Thursday and Friday.

#### WESTLINK

The CRC continues to promote Westlink broadcasts through Crosswords on a fortnightly basis. Advertising for a series of three basic internet workshops saw several enquiries made, but nobody turned up on the day.

Ngala continues to provide excellent information sessions on a range of issues for parents of babies and toddlers, these are also promoted to parents in the community by the Community Nurse, Jess Della Bosca, but again, nobody is taking advantage of the service being provided.

### **ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**

Numbers at the Seniors Exercise sessions remain steady. There was some changes made to scheduled carpet bowls days due to funerals and Young Entertainers change of date.

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The Southern Cross Singers missed two nights during August, due to my taking leave. Most members of the Singing Group attended the Anglican Church 23 August for the new Bishop's first service.

### **BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS**

Bookclub held their monthly meeting in the library during August and I attended the monthly Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting.

#### **STAFF**

As mentioned previously, I was on annual leave for three days at the beginning of August, and also took 2.5 sick days during the month.

Support Officer/Librarian Monica Fairless has begun attending the Museum two days each week and Jenna Carlson has also had her hours increased to 36 each week for the 12 months Monica will be at the Museum.

### YILGARN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The CRC had a stall at the Show this year; we shared a marquee with Bendigo Bank and the Museum. This stall included a variety of brochures, booklets, and other information normally available as part of our State Government Information Services at the CRC. A total of 18 people were reached.

We also ran a type of lucky dip for children, which was slow to start but eventually took \$420.00.

Ronice Blair

Coordinator

2014

#### Recommendation

For Council information only.

Information Received

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Name of Applicant
File reference
Author
Disclosure of Interest
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9:1
Ten Year Plant Replacement Program – 4x4 Utility
N/A
N/A
Solution N/A
Robert Bosenberg - Manager of Works
N/A
9th September 2014

### **Background**

In accordance to Councils 2014/2015 Plant Replacement Program, quotations were invited to supply and deliver one only 4x4 Utility and to trade one of Councils current 4x4 Toyota Landcruiser Utility (YL-645). The Toyota Landcruiser Utility (YL-645) offered for trade is currently being utilised by Councils mechanical personnel to service Councils road plant machinery located on worksites.

The trade vehicle was purchased in September 2011 and has speedometer reading of 95,000 as of August 2014. A budget change over estimate of \$37,000 has been allowed for in the 2014/2015 Financial Budget for this vehicle.

### Comment SPECIFICATION – NEW VEHICLE

**Engine** diesel motor naturally aspirated

**Transmission & Drive** 4x4 drive, 5 speed manual transmission, dual

range, freewheeling front wheel hubs

**Body** checkered steel tray with drop sides and full

height cab shield (frame & mesh in-full)

**Suspension** heavy duty suspension

**Equipment** steel bull-bar

ball & tongue tow-bar with 7 pin electrical

connection air-conditioning,

window tint to side and rear windows

mud flaps to all wheels

rotating amber beacon (mounted on cab shield in protected cage), painted to match cab colour vinyl floor coverings and rubber floor mats

(driver and passenger sides)

canvas seat covers fitted to all seats

AM/FM radio/cassette

spare tyre to be mounted under tray

**Communication Equipment** GME Electrophone TX 3200 UHF complete, (aerial must be mounted on top rail of cab shield)

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Quotations were sought from Merredin Toyota and Goldfield Toyota for the trade and replacement of this vehicle. The following quotations were received (GST inclusive)

### 1 Merredin Toyota

70 Workmate Toyota Landcruiser as per specification	\$60,904.00
Less trade	\$35,270.00
Net changeover	<b>\$25,634.00</b>

### 2 Goldfield Toyota

Workmate Toyota Landcruiser as per specification Less trade	\$61,636.43 \$25,500.00
Net changeover	\$36,136.43

As it can been seen from the above the quotation submitted by Merredin Toyota for the net change over cost of \$25,634 (GST inclusive) is the lowest.

### **Financial Implications:**

A money allocation of \$37,000 has been allowed for in Councils 2014/2015 Financial Year Plant Replacement Program.

# **Strategic Implications:**

Ten Year Plant Replacement Program

### Recommendation

That Council purchase the Toyota Landcruiser Utility from Merredin Toyota for the quoted purchase price of \$60,904 (GST inclusive) and trade Councils existing Toyota Landcruiser Utility for the quoted trade price of \$35,270 (GST inclusive) resulting in a changeover cost of \$25,634 (GST inclusive)

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

#### 170/2014

Moved Cr Pasini Seconded Cr Close. That Council purchases the Toyota Landcruiser Utility from Merredin Toyota for the quoted purchase price of \$60,904 (GST inclusive) and trade Councils existing Toyota Landcruiser Utility for the quoted trade price of \$35,270 (GST inclusive) resulting in a changeover cost of \$25,634 (GST inclusive)

**CARRIED (7/0)** 

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**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Agenda Reference:** 9.2

**Subject:** Replacement Motor Vehicle – Works Supervisor

File Reference: 6.4.1.5

**Author:** Robert Bosenberg – Manager for Works

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not Applicable **Date of Report:** 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### **Background**

Included in Councils 2014-2015 Financial Year Budget a monetary allocation has been allowed for the changeover of the Toyota Landcruiser Utility utilised by Councils Works Supervisor.

In the past this vehicle has been changed over at intervals of 80,000km or 24 months. In accordance to Council's "7.12 Vehicle Replacement Policy Vehicle Standard and Accessories" the works supervisor's vehicles is to be a commercial type diesel 4 wheel drive two door utility.

This vehicle was purchased in August 2012 and has a speedometer reading of 79,000km

#### **Comment**

Quotations were sought for a replacement motor vehicle from Goldfields Toyota (*Kalgoorlie*) and Merredin Toyota (*Merredin*).

#### **Goldfields Toyota** quoted as follows (GST Inclusive):

1 x 2014 Toyota Landcruiser GXL Cab-Chassis/Utility, at a cost of \$66,820.24, with a trade price on the existing vehicle of \$35,000.00, resulting in a change-over cost of \$31,820.24

### **Merredin Toyota** quoted as follows (GST Inclusive):

1 x 2014 Toyota Landcruiser GXL Cab-Chassis/Utility, at a cost of \$63,757, with a trade price on the existing vehicle of \$47,275 resulting in a change-over cost of \$16,482

### **Summary**

Council currently has an allocation of \$64,000.00 to purchase a replacement vehicle, and a trade-in income allocation of \$47,000

### **Statutory Environment**

Sections 2.7 and 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 relating to General Functions and Provisions

#### **Policy Implications**

The recommendation has been developed in line with Council's "7.12 Vehicle Replacement Policy Vehicle Standard and Accessories"

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### **Financial Implications:**

Expenditure for the replacement of this vehicle will be funded from account E14750 – Purchase Plant – Administration, with a budgeted allocation of \$64,000 being allowed for in Councils 2014/2015 Financial Year Budget for the replacement of this vehicle

#### Recommendation

That Council purchase the 2014 Toyota Landcruiser GXL Cab-Chassis/Utility from Merredin Toyota, for the quoted purchase price of \$63,757 (GST inclusive), and trade Council's existing 2012 Toyota Landcruiser GXL Utility for the quoted trade price of \$47,275 (GST inclusive), resulting in a change-over cost of \$16,428 (GST Inclusive).

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

#### 171/2014

Moved Cr Close Seconded Cr Guerini. That Council purchases the 2014 Toyota Landcruiser GXL Cab-Chassis/Utility from Merredin Toyota, for the quoted purchase price of \$63,757 (GST inclusive), and trade Council's existing 2012 Toyota Landcruiser GXL Utility for the quoted trade price of \$47,275 (GST inclusive), resulting in a change-over cost of \$16,428 (GST Inclusive).

**CARRIED** (7/0)

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Agenda Reference:** 9.3

**Subject:** Replacement of the CEO's Vehicle – YL-1

File Reference: 6.4.1.5

**Author:** Robert Bosenberg – Manager for Works

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not Applicable **Date of Report:** 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014

#### **Background**

Included in Councils 2014 - 2015 Financial Year Budget a monetary allocation has been allowed for the changeover of the Holden Caprice Sedan utilised by Council's Chief Executive Officer.

In accordance to Council's "Staff Policy 7.12" it is proposed to replace the Chief Executive Officer's Vehicle at intervals of 30,000 to 40,000 kilometres. The current Holden Caprice was purchased in August 2012 and has a speedometer reading of 60,347km's at the date of this report.

#### **Comment**

Quotations were sought for the replacement of the current Holden Caprice Sedan from Northam Autos for a 2014 Holden Caprice and Merredin Toyota for a 2014 Kluger Sedan (petrol).

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#### Northam Auto:

Net changeover	\$18,318.00
Less trade (2012 Holden Caprice)	\$30,000.00
2014 Holden Caprice V Series II Sedan	\$48,318.00

### Merredin Toyota:

Net changeover	\$31.515.00
Less trade (2012 Holden Caprice)	\$30,000.00
2104 Toyota Kluger Grande Auto 3.5 litre Petrol	\$61,515.00

#### **Comment**

The Chief Executive Officer has indicated that the current Caprice Sedan is a little small

and has requested and would appreciate if Council would consider the larger Toyota Kluger that would be more suited to the Chief Executive Officer needs. This request is in-line with Council's "Motor Vehicle Use 7.12 – Replacement Policy and Vehicle Standard and Accessories"

A monetary amount of \$67,000 has been allowed for in Councils 2014/2015 Financial Years Budget for the purchase of a new vehicle with an expected trade income of \$32,000 for councils existing 2012 Holden Caprice therefore making the changeover cost of a new vehicle \$35,000. If council resolved to purchase the Toyota Kluger it would still be within the budgeted changeover amount of \$35,000.

# **Policy Implications:**

In line with Council's Policies, "Finance 3.5 Purchasing Quotes and Tender" and "Motor Vehicle Use 7.12 – Replacement Policy and Vehicle Standard and Accessories"

#### **Financial Implications:**

Expenditure for the replacement of this vehicle will be funded from account E14750 – Purchase Plant – Administration, with a budgeted allocation of \$67,000 for the trade and purchase being allowed for in Councils 2014/2015 Financial Year Budget for the changeover of this vehicle.

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority required

### Recommendation

That Council purchase the 2014 Toyota Kluger Grande from Merredin Toyota for the quoted purchase price of \$61,515 (GST Inclusive), and trade Council's existing 2012 Holden Caprice Sedan for the quoted trade price of \$30,000 (GST inclusive), resulting in a changeover cost of \$31,515 (GST inclusive)

#### 172/2014

Moved Cr J Della Bosca Seconded Cr Pasini. That Council purchases the 2014 Toyota Kluger Grande from Merredin Toyota for the quoted purchase price of \$61,515 (GST Inclusive), and trade Council's existing 2012 Holden Caprice Sedan for the quoted trade price of \$30,000 (GST inclusive), resulting in a changeover cost of \$31,515 (GST inclusive)

CARRIED (6/1)

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Note: CEO left the meeting at 4.12pm returned 4.15pm

Note: Cr Close left the meeting at 4.15pm returned 4.17pm

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

**Agenda Reference:** 10.1

Subject: Application to Clear Native Vegetation – Hanking

Gold Mining Pty Ltd - Cornishman Gold Mine - CPS

6185/1

**Location/Address:** Mining Leases M77/352 & 77/811

Name of Applicant: Department of Mines and Petroleum – Ms Tricia Hudgell,

Administrative Coordinator

**File Reference:** 7.2.1.21

**Author:** Manager Environmental Health & Building Services –

W J Dallywater

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable

**Date of Report:** 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

### **Background**

The Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) has received an application from Hanking Gold Mining Pty Ltd for permission to clear 16.76Ha of native vegetation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 for the purpose of mineral production. The application involves Mining Leases M77/352 and M77/811 for the Cornishman Gold Mine. The Department is seeking comment from the Shire.

See attached letter, map of the sites, and an aerial view of the site.

#### Comment

The area to be cleared is located to the north and east of an existing waste dump which is to the east of the open-cut mine site. The mine is situated within Unallocated Crown Land on the east side of the Forrestania Southern Cross Road, south of Southern Cross townsite.

As the Cornishman Mine is to be re-opened soon, an area of the waste material from the new workings needs to be found, and I believe that this is the reason for this application.

### **Statutory Environment**

Compliance with the Environmental Protection Act 1986, and the Shire of Yilgarn Town Planning Scheme No 2.

### **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Financial Implications**

Nil

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#### Recommendation

That Council advise the Department of Mines and Petroleum that while it does have objections to the general clearing of native vegetation whether within a Nature Reserve or on Crown land, in this instance Council has no objections to Hanking Gold Mining Pty Ltd being granted permission to clear 16.76Ha of native vegetation within its Mining Leases M77/352 and M77/811 for the purpose of mineral production.

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority.

#### 173/2014

Moved Cr Guerini Seconded Cr Chrisp. That Council advises the Department of Mines and Petroleum that while it does have objections to the general clearing of native vegetation whether within a Nature Reserve or on Crown land, in this instance Council has no objections to Hanking Gold Mining Pty Ltd being granted permission to clear 16.76Ha of native vegetation within its Mining Leases M77/352 and M77/811 for the purpose of mineral production.

**CARRIED** (6/1)

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September,

2014

**Agenda Reference:** 10.2

Subject: Request to Purchase Crown Freehold Lot

**Location/Address:** Lot 63 Nicholls Street, Bullfinch

Name of Applicant: Department of Lands – Ms Ruth de Ridder, Assistant

State Land Officer

File Reference: 1.6.5.1

**Author:** Manager Environmental Health & Building Services – W

J Dallywater

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable

**Date of Report:** 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

#### **Background**

The Department of Lands has received a request from Mr Andrew J Parker, owner of Lot 64 Nicholls Street, Bullfinch to purchase the neighbouring property of Lot 63 Nicholls Street, Bullfinch.

In considering this application the Department is considering whether to dispose of Lot 63 as a stand-alone lot, or to be amalgamated with Lot 64, or for it to be split equally between Lot 62 and Lot 64. The Department is seeking comments from Council on these three options. See attached letter and map.

#### Comment

Lot 63 Nicholls Street, Bullfinch is current vacant land zoned Townsite" under the Shire of Yilgarn Town Planning Scheme No 2. From Table 1 - Zoning Table, all developments have an 'AA' symbol against the land uses, with the exception of a

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single dwelling or a public recreation development which are permitted ('P' symbol) land uses, and an industry extractive which has an 'SA' symbol. The 'AA' symbol means that the use is not permitted unless the Council has granted planning approval.

Lot 63 is surrounded by residential properties, that is properties with a dwelling built on the land that is used for the purpose of accommodation. Therefore Lot 63 is considered a residential lot even though it is vacant.

In regards to the Department's three proposals I would make the following comments:-

- Selling Lot 63 as a stand-alone lot allows the new owner to either amalgamate the lot with his joining lot or to leave it as a separate lot. This is the option requested by the applicant.
- Selling Lot 63 and requiring it to be amalgamated with Lot 64 will mean that the new lot will be a double lot. This may restrict the new owner from selling this land if in the future if he no longer requires it or if he wants to reduce his rates, but still wants to live in the house on Lot 64. This option will still allow the applicant to achieve what he wants which is to have more land.
- Splitting Lot 63 into equal portions and amalgamating it with Lots 64 and 62 should only be considered if the owners of Lots 64 and 62 both want to acquire more land. In this instance I am not aware that the owner of Lot 62 wants to acquire and pay for more land, so I do not understand why this option would be considered at this time.

#### **Statutory Environment**

Compliance with the Shire of Yilgarn Town Planning Scheme No 2.

### **Policy Implications**

Nil

# **Financial Implications**

Nil

#### Recommendation

That Council advise the Department of Lands that it has no objections to it selling the freehold lot of Lot 63 Nicholls Street, Bullfinch as a stand-alone lot or selling it on the condition that it is amalgamated with Lot 64, but does not support the third option of splitting Lot 63 and selling equal portions to the owners of Lot 64 and Lot 62 unless both owners wanted this option.

#### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority.

174/2014

Moved Cr Guerini Seconded Cr Pasini. That Council advise the Department of Lands that it has no objections to it selling the freehold lot of Lot 63 Nicholls Street, Bullfinch as a stand-alone lot or selling it on the condition that it is amalgamated with Lot 64, but does not support the third option of splitting Lot 63 and selling equal portions to the owners of Lot 64 and Lot 62 unless both owners wanted this option.

CARRIED (7/0)

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**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

**Agenda Reference:** 10.3

Subject: Proposed Upgrade of Existing Telecommunications

**Facility for Mobile Telephone Service** 

**Location/Address:** Lot 905 Liddle Road, Moorine Rock

Name of Applicant: Aurecon Australasia – Mr Joel Galic, Senior Project

Planner

**File Reference:** 1.6.19.2 & 3.1.3.4

**Author:** Manager Environmental Health & Building Services –

W J Dallywater

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable

**Date of Report:** 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

### **Background**

Aurecon Australasia on behalf of Optus Pty Ltd has written to the Shire advising that Optus intends to upgrade its existing telecommunications facility situated on Lot 905 Liddle Road, Moorine Rock. The proposal is to replace three existing CNPX310R panel antennas with three new R2V4PX310R panel antennas at the 80m level on the existing guyed mast, plus within the existing equipment shelter install associated ancillary equipment including 3 Remote Radio Units, feeders, and 3 diplexers. This work will improve the mobile telephone network coverage in the Moorine Rock area. This is a low impact facility upgrade. See attached covering letter and technical information.

#### **Comment**

While new telecommunications facility installations as a land use have an 'AA' symbol under the Shire of Yilgarn Town Planning Scheme No 2 and would require Council's approval, but as this is an addition to an existing installation that has previously been approved by Council, no further approvals are required. The installation of the new antennas and associated infrastructure on/in the existing structures will have no additional visual, health or environmental impact.

Planning approval is not required in this instance as the upgrade is considered to be low impact, which is exempt under the Town Planning and Development Act 1928.

### **Statutory Environment**

Compliance with the Town Planning and Development Act 1928 as amended from time to time.

# **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Financial Implications**

Nil

### Recommendation

For Council's information.

### Information Received

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**Agenda Reference:** 10.4

Subject: Application to Conduct Miscellaneous, Mining &

**Exploration Activities on Mineral Deposits or Licenses** 

**Location/Address:** Yilgarn Shire

Name of Applicant: Austwide Mining Title Management Pty Ltd

File Reference: 3.2.1.6

**Author:** Manager Environmental Health & Building Services – W

J Dallywater

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable

**Date of Report:** 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

# **Background**

Austwide Mining Title Management Pty Ltd on behalf of Talga Resources Ltd has submitted an application for Exploration Licence E77/2251 which is located to the north and east of Bullfinch, and includes sections of Bullfinch Evanston Road, Bullfinch Turkey Hill Road, Perilya Turkey Hill Road, and at least adjoins 2 sections of the Koorda-Southern Cross Road.

#### **Comment**

Under the Mining Act any works within a gazetted townsite or within 2Kms of the boundary of a gazetted townsite requires comment from the Local Government. In these instances, the proposed drilling operations will be well outside any designated townsite, and there may be proposed drilling operations along the road reserves within the exploration licence areas. The abovementioned roads are all controlled by the Shire.

In line with similar applications previously received from other applicants, Council should grant approval to each applicant to carry out any roadside drilling based on the following general conditions:-

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected;
- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions;
- 3) Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be bunded so that it does not spread;
- 4) All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner;
- 5) All rubbish is to be disposed of at the local landfill site in the appropriate manner;
- 6) A firefighting unit is to be available at all times, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called;
- 7) No drill holes are to extend under any public railway line or any roadways. Drilling being carried out is not to interfere with road drainage and must be beyond the batter line (this is to minimise damage to capped drill holes

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- during maintenance grading) refer to Typical Cross Section of Road Formation diagram;
- 8) Safety signs are to be erected in accordance with Australian Standards to warn both mining staff, contractors, and the public/ visitors;
- 9) All drill holes are to be capped as soon as possible/practical after drilling;
- 10) If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, in particular when working between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter "Crosswords" prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and
- 12) That the applicants are to discuss and obtain approval to access private property prior to the company or its contractors accessing this land.

The Manager of Works is aware of this application and has raised no issues in regards to the possibility of any drilling along these Council roads, however, the Shire has an existing gravel pit(s) north and south of the Bullfinch Turkey Hill Road and intends to apply to extend the gravel pits further south in Reserve 19590 and therefore wants Talga Resources to confirm that it acknowledges the Shire's rights to access and extract gravel from its gravel pits, both existing and proposed gravel pits within this Licence for future road building/maintenance purposes.

### **Statutory Environment**

Compliance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, and the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

#### **Policy Implications**

Nil

# **Financial Implications**

Nil

### Recommendation

That Council grants approval to Austwide Mining Title Management Pty Ltd on behalf of Talga Resources (E77/2251) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves within their Exploration Licence as shown on the attached map on the following conditions:-

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected;
- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions;
- 3) Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be bunded so that it does not spread;
- 4) All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner;
- 5) All rubbish is to be disposed of at the local landfill site in the appropriate manner:
- 6) A firefighting unit is to be available at all times, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called;

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- 7) No drill holes are to extend under any public railway line or any roadways. Drilling being carried out is not to interfere with road drainage and must be beyond the batter line (this is to minimise damage to capped drill holes during maintenance grading) refer to Typical Cross Section of Road Formation diagram;
- 8) Safety signs are to be erected in accordance with Australian Standards to warn both mining staff, contractors, and the public/ visitors;
- 9) All drill holes are to be capped as soon as possible/practical after drilling;
- 10) If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, in particular when working between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter "Crosswords" prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and
- 12) That the applicant is to discuss and obtain approval to access private property prior to the company or its contractors accessing this land;

Plus Talga Resources Ltd needs to acknowledge the Shire's rights to access and extract gravel from its existing and future gravel pits located within this Licence for the purpose of road building/maintenance purposes.

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority.

#### 175/2014

Moved Cr Pasini Seconded Cr W Della Bosca. That Council grants approval to Austwide Mining Title Management Pty Ltd on behalf of Talga Resources (E77/2251) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves within their Exploration Licence as shown on the attached map on the following conditions:-

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected;
- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions;
- 3) Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be bunded so that it does not spread;
- 4) All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner;
- 5) All rubbish is to be disposed of at the local landfill site in the appropriate manner;
- 6) A firefighting unit is to be available at all times, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called;
- No drill holes are to extend under any public railway line or any roadways.

  Drilling being carried out is not to interfere with road drainage and must be beyond the batter line (this is to minimise damage to capped drill holes during maintenance grading) refer to Typical Cross Section of Road Formation diagram;

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- 8) Safety signs are to be erected in accordance with Australian Standards to warn mining staff, contractors, and the public/visitors;
- 9) All drill holes are to be capped as soon as possible/practical after drilling;
- 10) If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, in particular when working between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter "Crosswords" prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and
- 12) That the applicant is to discuss and obtain approval to access private property prior to the company or its contractors accessing this land;

Plus Talga Resources Ltd needs to acknowledge the Shire's rights to access and extract gravel from its existing and future gravel pits located within this Licence for the purpose of road building/maintenance purposes.

**CARRIED (7/0)** 

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

**Agenda Reference:** 10.5 - Late Item

Subject: Planning Application – Setback Distance for Proposed

**Extension of Shed at Rear of Fire & Rescue Station** 

**Location/Address:** Lots 446 & 763 (H/No 34) Cnr Altair & Canopus Streets,

Southern Cross

Name of Applicant: Mr Ian Christie on behalf of the Southern Cross Volunteer

Fire & Rescue Brigade

**File Reference:** 2.4.1.15 & 3.1.3.4

**Author:** Manager Environmental Health & Building Services –

W J Dallywater

**Disclosure of Interest:** Not applicable

**Date of Report:** 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

### **Background**

Mr Ian Christie (builder) on behalf of the Southern Cross Volunteer Fire & Rescue Brigade has advised that they would like to extend the existing metal storage shed located at the rear of the Southern Cross Fire Station location on Lots 446 & 763 corner Altair & Canopus Streets, Southern Cross. The proposal is extend the shed on the west side 3.920m up to the rear lot boundary and have the width of the extension 2m wider than the existing shed so that it is 8.0m wide. Thus the extension would be 3.920m x 8.0m (31.36m2). If this is approved then the total area of the shed will be 97.36m2 in area. See attached proposed site plan for the shed extension.

The reason for the proposed extension is to provide a designated weights room where volunteers can exercise. This would then provide more room in the existing shed for storage of other equipment which is currently taking up space in the Fire Station building. The rear gate that opens onto the rear laneway is not required as fire trucks exit the rear of the property through the side gate directly onto Canopus Street.

### Comment

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Lots 446 & 763 corner Altair & Canopus Streets are currently zoned "Public Purposes – Fire Station" under the Shire of Yilgarn Town Planning Scheme No 2. Under the Town Planning Scheme Table 2 – Development Table a similar land use of "Vehicle Sales" states that the minimum setback to boundaries is to be determined by Council.

The existing storage shed is setback –

- 11.250 metres from the rear of the Fire Station building;
- 2.40 metres from the south side boundary;
- 3.920 metres from the west rear boundary.

Table 2 – Development Table in the Shire of Yilgarn Town Planning Scheme No 2 provides a guide to minimum boundary setbacks for different land uses. A "Fire Station" is not listed but a similar type of land use is a "Vehicle Sales" which has asterisks \* for the front, rear, and side boundary setbacks, which means that the setbacks need to be determined by Council. See attached copy of Table 2.

If this was a residential lot the minimum required setback for a shed from the side of rear boundary is 750mm. This setback ensures that stormwater sheeting of the roof lands on its property not the neighbours, affords adequate space to clean up around the shed, and provides a small buffer between the shed on one property a shed on an adjoining property. The setback is small because residential sheds should not be storing volumes of chemicals that could explode or are highly flammable.

In this instance, the extension of the existing shed will be used as an exercise room for the volunteers. The existing shed is currently used for the storage of equipment that is surplus to normal requirements, plus their gym and weights equipment.

Between the rear of the Fire Station and the existing shed plus on the north side of the existing shed is a bitumen open courtyard area which is for social functions, sorting and rolling fire hoses, drying out equipment, washing vehicles, exercising, etc. If a fire vehicle needed to drive out the rear of the yard then the section of courtyard on the north side of the existing shed would need to remain clear.

An alternative location for the shed extension would be on the east side of the existing shed, with the extra width extending south towards the side fence which would be have a setback of between 1000mm to approximately 600mm. This would impact on the functionality of the courtyard area.

I believe that the extension will be constructed of similar materials to the existing shed (steel frame and Colorbond roof and walls, and concrete floor).

### **Statutory Environment**

Compliance with the Shire of Yilgarn Town Planning Scheme No 2.

### **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Financial Implications**

Nil

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#### Recommendation

That Council grants permission to the Southern Cross Volunteer Fire & Rescue Brigade to construct a 3.920m x 8.0m extension onto the west side of the existing storage shed and for the extension to extend up to the rear boundary line, for the purpose of providing a weights exercise room for the Brigade volunteers, on the condition that all stormwater off the extension is collected on the property and is not discharged into the laneway.

# **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority.

Item 10.5 to be tabled until next meeting.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Shire President declared the meeting closed at **5.10pm.** 

I, Onida T Truran confirm the above Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014, are confirmed on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014 as a true and correct record of the September Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Cr Onida Truran SHIRE PRESIDENT