

CONTENTS

| | | |
|--------|--|----|
| 1. | DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS..... | 2 |
| 2. | RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE..... | 2 |
| 3. | DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS | 2 |
| 4. | PUBLIC QUESTION TIME..... | 2 |
| 4.1 | RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE | 2 |
| 4.2 | QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE..... | 2 |
| 5. | NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS | 3 |
| 6. | APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE | 3 |
| 7. | ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED..... | 3 |
| 7.1 | PRESIDENT | 3 |
| 7.2 | COUNCILLORS | 3 |
| 8. | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES..... | 3 |
| 8.1 | ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 18 June 2009..... | 3 |
| 8.2 | SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 15 July 2009..... | 3 |
| 9. | MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS | 3 |
| 10. | PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS..... | 3 |
| 11. | REPORTS OF OFFICERS | 4 |
| 11.0 | MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD | 4 |
| 11.1 | WORKS..... | 4 |
| 11.1.1 | WORKS ACTIVITY REPORT..... | 4 |
| 11.2 | DEVELOPMENT | 6 |
| 11.2.1 | HEALTHY COMMUNITY PROJECT – Centacare..... | 6 |
| 11.2.2 | Dept OF HEALTH AND AGEING – Funding for new Yalgoo Health Centre | 9 |
| 11.2.3 | NEW YALGOO HEALTH CENTRE - Location..... | 10 |
| 11.2.4 | HERITAGE COUNCIL – Yalgoo Justice Precinct | 12 |
| 11.3 | FINANCE..... | 13 |
| 11.3.1 | FINANCIAL ACTIVITY STATEMENTS – JUNE 2009 | 13 |
| 11.3.2 | ACCOUNTS PAID DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2009 | 15 |
| 11.3.3 | ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET 2009-10..... | 15 |
| 11.3.4 | WRITE OFF OF RATES..... | 20 |
| 11.3.5 | FRIENDS OF MONSIGNOR HAWES HERITAGE | 22 |
| 11.4 | ADMINISTRATION..... | 23 |
| 11.4.1 | CEO – ACTIVITY REPORT – June/July 2009..... | 23 |
| 11.4.2 | BUDGET – RUBBISH COLLECTION SERVICES | 25 |
| 11.4.3 | YALGOO TOWN BUSH FIRE BRIGADE – AGM Minutes..... | 28 |
| 11.4.4 | COUNTRY LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND – Shire Allocation..... | 29 |
| 12. | NOTICE OF MOTIONS..... | 31 |
| 12.1 | PREVIOUS NOTICE RECEIVED..... | 31 |
| 12.2 | FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FOLOWING MEETING..... | 31 |
| 13. | URGENT BUSINESS..... | 31 |
| 14. | MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED..... | 31 |
| 15. | NEXT MEETING | 31 |
| 16. | MEETING CLOSURE | 31 |



Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Yalgoo Shire Council,
to be held in the Council Chambers, 37 Gibbons Street, Yalgoo,
on Thursday 23 July 2009, commencing at 11.00 am.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MEMBERS

STAFF

OBSERVERS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

APOLOGIES

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

None

4.2 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

5. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

7.1 PRESIDENT

7.2 COUNCILLORS

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 18 June 2009

BACKGROUND

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council have previously been circulated to all Councillors.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 June 2009 be confirmed.

8.2 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 15 July 2009

BACKGROUND

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council have previously been circulated to all Councillors.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of 15 July 2009 be confirmed.

9. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

None

10. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

11.0 MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD

None

11.1 WORKS

11.1.1 WORKS ACTIVITY REPORT

File: N/A
Author: Cliff Hodder, Works Foreman
Niel Mitchell, CEO
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 16 July 2009
Attachments: p.1 emails to/from WALGA – Graders towing trailers
(yellow)

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION
Works Report for the past month

BACKGROUND
Overview of works for the past months

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT
None

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS
None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
None

CONSULTATION
None

COMMENT

- a) Construction –
 - As authorised by Council, work has commenced on the Yalgoo-Ninghan Rd form and gravel. It is planned to do the full 5.5 km from the end of the bitumen to the next passing opportunity, using the RRG grant funds, CLGF grant funds and Council own resources.

- b) Maintenance – some work delayed by rain –
 - two graders in the far south east
 - the third grader to remaining in the south east of the Shire for the time being for construction
 - maintenance grading done or underway –
 - o Yalgoo-Ninghan Rd
 - o Maranalgo Rd
 - o Badja Homestead Rd
 - o top Mellenbye Homestead Rd
 - o Badja Woolshed Rd
 - maintenance work due –
 - o Yalgoo Ninghan Rd – shoulders

- Thundelarra-Paynes Find Rd – including cement stabilisation of lakes crossing near Fields Find (delayed due to rain and wet conditions)
 - Yalgoo-Ningham Road – edges and shoulders finished, for the full length of the bitumen
 - Yalgoo-Morawa Rd
 - general maintenance throughout the Shire
 - pipes needed in Maranalgo Rd (near homestead) and some distance south of homestead
- c) Plant
- Volvo – alterations to hydraulic oil tank and lines for float clearance
 - float – pin and plate alterations required for legal distance to be regained. Initially changed for clearance from tank on the Volvo, after ripping the hydraulic lines, not realising that this put it out of spec. Not able to be used until inspection passed.
 - water tanker – axles changed as bearing work out, brake drums needed complete replacement, and axles themselves showing signs of wear, and likely to need to be replaced in near future
- d) Other
- 2 new houses –
 - decks not yet complete. Not yet paid either.
 - Gullewa cemetery and Wuraga gravesites also need attention
 - Depot – new office lunchroom due by mid-August.
 - Yalgoo Community Park –
 - barbecues on hand, gazebos should be delivered before Council meeting, and installation of both due in the next few weeks
 - electrical and plumbing work arranged, just waiting on gazebo construction to finalise
 - once this and the final landscaping done, the Park will be complete, having done all planned stages in one year, due to the additional grant funding.
- e) Yalgoo Town footpaths
- cost of the project is approx. \$83,000, being \$38,000 DPI grant and \$45,000 Council funds. Budget was \$80,000, and initial cheapest quote was about \$98,000
 - back fill and some stencilling needed to complete prior to inspection and transfer of the grant funds from Trust

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Works Report to 16 July 2009 be received.

11.2 **DEVELOPMENT**

11.2.1 HEALTHY COMMUNITY PROJECT – Centacare

File:
Author: Niel Mitchell, CEO
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 16 July 2009
Attachments: none

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To consider the transfer of delivery of children’s services from the Shire to Centacare Geraldton.

BACKGROUND

Council has previously considered the possibility of transfer of children’s service from the Shire to an external organisation

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 –

- s.3.1 – Provides that the general function of the local government is to provide for the good government of persons in its district.

Contractual obligations with the Dept for Families, Children’s Services and Indigenous Affairs

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Continuation of HCP

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Transfer of grant funding to Centacare – \$174,720 FaHCSIA funds committed for next 2 years

As provided for in the 2009-2010 Budget –

- Allocation of a portion of OZ Minerals Community Benefit payment as per MOU
- Contribution from Council of cash and in-kind support for office, accommodation, operations

Saving of FBT on the unit, as the resident would not be an employee of the Shire

CONSULTATION

Ms Brianna Higgins, FaHCSIA

Sister May Ryan, Centacare Geraldton

COMMENT

At the April 2009 meeting of Council the following resolutions were made –

C2009-0407 Transfer of Children services/ Family Support to a Suitable Organisation

That Council agrees in principle to the transfer of children’s services / family support aspects of the Healthy Community Project to a suitable organisation, subject to the agreement of Dept for FaHCSIA, and final endorsement by Council of an acceptable proposal.

C2009-0408 Transfer of HCP Funds to the accepted Proposed Organisation

Should an acceptable proposal be received, the following funding will be transferred to the organisation –

- Dept of FaHCSIA funding, and
- a minimum of 60% of the OZ Minerals Community Benefit community benefit contribution (\$30,000 in 2008-09)

C2009-0409 Continuation of Support for Children’s Service/ Family Support

That Council continue to support children’s service / family support activities undertaken by providing free of charge to the organisation –

- office – space, consumables and utilities at the Hall
- vehicle – maintenance and operation
- accommodation – excluding electricity

C2009-0410 Public consultation prior to transfer to suitable organisation

That if a potential acceptable proposal is received, then in conjunction with the proposer, a public consultation process be designed and carried out prior to sign off of the transfer.

Acceptable organisation and activities

FaHCSIA are very familiar with Centacare, and from discussions, and are very pleased with the prospect of dealing with them. They have confirmed by email that Centacare would be a good fit with their requirements, both under the ICP or FSP.

Funding and support

When all is said and done, the grant funding is not actually the Shire's to control, but FaHCSIA's. FaHCSIA have indicated their willingness to novate (transfer the entitlement to funding) from the Shire to Centacare.

In financial terms, FaHCSIA have now contracted with Centacare for delivery of services to the Yalgoo community in the Family Support Program, rather than under the Indigenous Children Program which the Shire was contracted under.

Public consultation

Social Systems and Evaluation have been contracted to do the review utilising FaHCSIA funding from 2008-2009. Their consultation with the community was to have included the possibility of an alternative agency, as per Council resolution C2009-0410 noted above, however, as FaHCSIA have now contracted with Centacare, it has pre-empted Council's decision.

In recognition of this, it is suggested that the official "handover" be done as soon as possible, so that there is minimum time when both organisations are unsure of what is to be done.

Centacare

Centacare have made an appointment to the position, and I will be meeting with FaHCSIA and Centacare representative on 31 July 2009 in Geraldton.

It needs to be noted that while some direction and recommendations may be given to Centacare, the activities to be delivered will be those that Centacare is obligated to undertake, in accordance with their contract direct with FaHCSIA.

Centacare will not be taking on any of the economic development functions of the Healthy Community Project, and these will remain with the Shire. The Shire is not excluded from involved in community development matters (such as the "Choose Respect" initiative), and can run these alone or in cooperation with Centacare or other organisation.

Arrangements

Most of the rest of the likely arrangement with Centacare have been addressed with the following resolutions being made at the June 2009 meeting –

2009-0633 Shire Support for Centacare – Scope

That Council –

- enter into the appropriate tenancy agreements to provide office space and a 2 bedroom unit, at nil rental to Centacare Geraldton,
- tenancy of the office space and the unit is for the duration of the funding from FaHCSIA to run deliver services under the Indigenous Children's Program or Family Support Program –
 - o initially to 30 June 2011,
 - o renewable by mutual agreement at that time
 - o Council to have regard to the impact on the services and therefore community, of non-renewal of either office space or residential accommodation,
- rental charge on both office and unit to be nil, with all out-goings met by the Shire other than electricity consumption at the unit

2009-0634 HCP Vehicle and Equipment – Use and Ownership

That –

- all equipment, including the vehicle, purchased by grant funding remain in the ownership of the Shire for the specific use by Centacare for delivery of the activities, for the duration of their useful life
- replacement of equipment purchased with grant funding, except the vehicle, to be the responsibility of Centacare at the appropriate time, as Council cannot exercise rights of ownership over these items,

- future replacement of the vehicle is to be negotiated at the appropriate time, in good faith, having regard to the financial contributions made to the vehicle by various funding organisations, and by the Shire,

Note – Vehicle use should not be unrestricted private use, and some guidelines will need to be negotiated/ agreed. While recognising that some private use may be permitted by Centacare as the responsible organisation, the intent of this is to ensure –

- *maximum access is maintained for HCP use, staff and volunteers, and*
- *maximum funding for activities is available.*

2009-0635 Shire Support for Centacare – Budget Provision 2009-2010

That Council

- a) make an allocation of \$20,000 in the 2009-2010 budget, indexed each successive year according to the rates increase, for the purpose of funding –
 - office – space, consumables and utilities at the Hall
 - vehicle – maintenance and operation
 - accommodation – excluding electricity
 - various activity expenses – hire of hall facilities, hire of Community Bus etc
 - balance to be available for the general activities of Centacare in Yalgoo, not met by FaHCSIA, OZ Minerals, or other grants or sponsorship,
- b) request Centacare that provision be made for a brief written or in person report be made to Council every two months, so as to be able to remain informed of activities, developments or issues, as they arise.

Future

In many ways, it could be said that the Yalgoo Healthy Community Project is now evolving from a single organisation, to one that has multiple agency participation –

- Centacare – family and children’s support services as contracted to FaHCSIA
- Shire – economic development and some community development through activities not undertaken by Centacare
- School – implementing and main organisation coordinating the Chose Respect program, with assistance from other agencies in the town

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 1

That Council agrees to the “transfer” of –

- the current funding contract with Dept for Families, Housing, Children’s Service and Indigenous Affairs from the Shire of Yalgoo, and
- children’s services and family support roles of the Healthy Community Project to Centacare Geraldton, effective 1 August 2009.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 2

That the Dept for Families, Housing, Children’s Service and Indigenous Affairs be thanked for their support and assistance through funding and advice to the Yalgoo Healthy Community Project over the years since inception.

11.2.2 Dept OF HEALTH AND AGEING – Funding for new Yalgoo Health Centre

File:
Author: Niel Mitchell, CEO
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 16 July 2009
Attachments: p.11 Funding Agreement with DHA
(yellow)

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To consider acceptance of funding under the National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program.

BACKGROUND

An Application was submitted in December 2008, for funding to construct a new Yalgoo Health Centre to replace the Yalgoo Nursing Post.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 –

- s.3.1 – Provides that the general function of the local government is to provide for the good government of persons in its district.

Contractual obligations with the Dept for Health and Ageing

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Improvement of health services in Yalgoo

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Grant of \$501,500 plus GST from Dept of Health and Ageing
Funding of the gap to be from Country Local Government Fund
Lease of building to WACHS Mid West to be agreed and finalised

CONSULTATION

Dane Roberts, Dept of Health and Ageing
Shane Matthews, WACHS Mid West

COMMENT

The Minister announced the grant of \$501,500 ex GST under the National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program some weeks ago, being –

- \$376,126 ex GST in 2009-2010, and
- \$125,375 ex GST in 2010-2011

The paperwork for acceptance of the grant has now been reviewed and the following points noted –

- 16.4 – if there is early termination of the Agreement, the Commonwealth may be require repayment or sale
- 27.1 (d) – although dealing specifically with winding up of a receiving organisation, there are implications under this clause in the event of amalgamation, however, in the case of local government, there is perpetual succession
- 29.2.2 – certification of completion required at the end of the Project Period
- Schedule N – retention period is 10 years, i.e. Shire of Yalgoo, its heirs and successors must retain ownership for this period

Other sections of the agreement appear to be standard arrangements, and provisions, with some details specific to Commonwealth Agreements (eg FahCSIA, DOTARS etc).

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the President and CEO be authorised to sign the Funding Agreement for \$501,000 ex GST for the construction of a new Yalgoo Health Centre with the Dept of Health and Ageing

11.2.3 NEW YALGOO HEALTH CENTRE - Location

File:
Author: Niel Mitchell, CEO
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 16 July 2009
Attachments: p.64 Map of possible sites for the new Health Centre
(yellow) p.65 WACHS Concept Plan

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To confirm the location of the proposed Yalgoo Health Centre.

BACKGROUND

The matter was previously considered in December 2008, and Reserve 3225 on the corner of Gibbons and Weekes Street was resolved as the preferred location.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 –

- s.3.1 – Provides that the general function of the local government is to provide for the good government of persons in its district.

Land Administration Act

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Improvement of health services in Yalgoo

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

CONSULTATION

None

COMMENT

The preferred location was identified as being Reserve 3225 in December 2008, however, in preparation for accepting the grant, land ownership was checked again, and it was found that this Reserve had incorrectly been advised to Council as being vested in the Shire. A title search has revealed that this Reserve is still under the control of the State (Dept for Planning).

Council therefore has the decision to make as to whether to pursue obtaining a Management Order for the Reserve with a change of purpose from Public Utilities to Public Purposes, if necessary.

A map of the previously identified sites is attached.

It should be noted that Alternate Site 2, while in the Shire's name, is under contract of sale. The intending purchasers may be prepared to relinquish their claim to the lot.

Site 3 is in private ownership. No approach has been made to the owners to ascertain their willingness or otherwise to sell the lot.

Site 4 has previously been identified as the preferred block for relocation for two of the Shamrock Street units

Councillors may be aware of other lots available and suitable, if Reserve 3225 is now considered not suitable, including part of the intended Recreation Reserve that faces Campbell Street. However, it would be preferable from the point of view of town planning that the new Health Centre be located close to the centre of the town or on Gibbons Street with other commercial type premises. One such block could be Lot 124, 12 Gibbons Street, adjacent to the Fire Station and Ambulance Sub-Centre.

The Reserve on the corner of Henty and Shamrock Sts, next to the Shire Hall is no longer considered a viable option, as it is likely to have local heritage interests.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That application be made to the Dept for Planning for Reserve 3225 to have a Management Order in favour of the Shire of Yalgoo, for the purposes of the proposed Yalgoo Health Centre.

11.2.4 HERITAGE COUNCIL – Yalgoo Justice Precinct

File:
Author: Niel Mitchell, CEO
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 16 July 2009
Attachments: p.66 Heritage Council letter and map
(yellow)

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To consider the interim listing of the Yalgoo Heritage Precinct.

BACKGROUND

Previously before Council in early 2008, an objection has been lodged to the original intended listing

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 –

- s.3.1 – Provides that the general function of the local government is to provide for the good government of persons in its district.

Heritage Act

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

CONSULTATION

None

COMMENT

The original listing was for the museum property, and lot 1 which is the property now owned by Gail Trenfield.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Heritage Council of WA be advised that Council has no objection to –

- Reserve 32856, lot 183, being the Yalgoo Museum being listed, and
- Lot 1 being listed, subject to consent to the listing being obtained from the owner/s.

11.3 FINANCE

11.3.1 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY STATEMENTS – JUNE 2009

File:
Author: Violet Rowe, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 17 July 2009
Finance (green) p.1 Financial Activity Statements for June 2009
p.20 Balance Sheet
p.28 Income Statement Detail
p.38 Income Statement by Nature & Type
p.39 Income Statement Summary by Program

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Council to consider adopting the monthly financial statements for June 2009.

BACKGROUND

Amendments to the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 that were gazetted on 20 June 2008 and became effective from 1 July 2008 have resulted in regulations 34 and 35 relating to monthly financial reports and quarterly/triennial financial reports being repealed and substituted with a new regulation 34. The new regulation 34 requires that local government report on a monthly basis and prescribes what is required to be reported with the intention of establishing a minimum standard across the industry.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.4–Specifies that a local government is to prepare such other financial reports as are prescribed.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Regulation 34 states:

(1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the sources and applications of funds, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d) for that month in the following detail:

- (a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c);
- (b) budget estimates to the end of month to which the statement relates;
- (c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
- (d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c);
- (e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.

Sub regulations 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 prescribe further details of information to be included in the monthly statement of financial activity.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Reports showing year to date financial performance allow monitoring of actual expenditure, revenue and overall results against budget targets.

CONSULTATION

None

COMMENT

A copy of the Statement of Financial Performance is attached to this item including additional information that council deemed appropriate to receive.

The area's where material variances have been experienced, i.e. either 10% or \$5000 above or below budget, are commented on in the material variance attachment which will be given to council as a late item.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the financial statements and material variances for the period ending 30 June 2009, as attached.

11.3.2 ACCOUNTS PAID DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2009

To be presented at the meeting as the computer program end of year updates are causing problems.

11.3.3 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET 2009-10

File:
 Author: Violet Rowe, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
 Interest Declared: No Interest to declare
 Date: 16 July 2009
 Separate: Budget Program 2009-10
 Schedule Fees & Charges

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Council to consider adopting the 2009-10 Budget and also approve

- Differential and minimum rates
- Instalment interest rate and fee, penalty interest rate and early payment incentive prize.
- Cemetery Fees and Charges
- Schedule of Fees and Charges

BACKGROUND

Council at discussion held 15 July 2009 considered the draft Budget for 2009-10 and approved the advertising of differential rates for 2009-10 at Ordinary Meeting on 18 June 2009.

At ordinary council meeting on the 23rd April 2009, Council approved for the draft budget –

- Schedule of Fees & Charges
- Member Fees and Allowances

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

- Section 6.2–Requires a local government to prepare an annual budget by 31 August
- Section 6.32–States that a local government in order to make up the budget deficiency is to impose a general rate on rateable land that may be imposed uniformly or differentially
- Section 6.33(1)–Provides that a local government cannot, without the approval of the Minister, impose a differential general rate that is more than twice the lowest differential general rate imposed.
- Section 6.33(3)–States that a local government cannot without the approval of the Minister raise an amount of general rates that exceeds 110% of the budget deficiency or is less than 90% of the budget deficiency
- Section 6.35–States a local government before imposing any differential general rate provide at least 21 days public notice of its intention to do so.
- Section 6.45 to 6.47–Allows a local government to levy fees and interest, grant a discount for early payment and to waive or grant concessions in relation to a rate or service charge.
- Section 6.51–Allows a local government to charge interest on a rate or service charge that remains unpaid after it is due and payable.
- Section 6.16–Allows a local government to impose and recover a fee or charge for any goods or services it provides or proposes to provide.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy 7.6 – Budget Timetable, outlines the steps and timetable leading to the adoption of the Budget.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget outlines planned expenditure and revenue and determines the financial parameters for the Shire to operate within for the 2009-10 financial year. The proposed budget for the year demonstrates a surplus of \$12,166.

CONSULTATION

Councillors
 CEO
 Foreman

The proposed differential rates were advertised for public comment in advertisements placed in The West Australian on 20 June 2009. Ratepayers and electors were invited to provide submissions, to be received by 4.00pm Monday 13 July 2009.

COMMENT

Following changes processed to the draft budget provided to Council discussion held on the 15th July 2009, the Rate Setting Statement now shows surplus of \$12,166. This compares to the deficit of \$8515 presented to Council edition 2 of the detailed budget.

As the annual financial statements have not been completed the 2008-09 forecasted actuals are subject to change.

Changes to the Draft Budget made at the discussion held on the 15th July 2009.

| Action | Details | Page | Type | Income +(-) | Expend +(-) |
|--------|--|--------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| Insert | Variations to insurances from initial quotes | various throughout | | | 10,281 |
| Insert | Councillors notebook computers (2) | 8 | CE | | 3,500 |
| Insert | FESA grant - Shed for Payne's Find Light Tanker | 10 | CI | 45,000 | |
| Insert | Shed for Payne's Find Light Tanker | 10 | CE | | 45,000 |
| Amend | New Health Centre - reduce 09/10 grant amount to \$376,125 | 18 | CI | (60,875) | |
| Amend | New Health Centre - reduce capital expenditure | 18 | CE | | (60,875) |
| Amend | Units ATU relocation | 20 | OE | | (20,000) |
| Insert | Veranda 6 Henty St | 20 | CE | | 25,000 |
| Insert | Niche Wall | 25 | CE | | 8,000 |
| Insert | Old Anglican Church - safety fencing, maintenance etc | 32 | OE | | 10,000 |
| Insert | Heritage Grant - Anglican Church Conserve. Plan | 32 | OI | 15,000 | |
| Insert | Anglican Church Conserve Plan - Consultant | 32 | OE | | 15,000 |
| Insert | Minor Equipment - side tip cement mixer, | 40 | CE | | 5,000 |
| Amend | Service truck - reduction for 2WD from 4WD | 40 | CE | | (25,000) |
| Insert | 2 way radios & fitting - CEO, service truck, 2 utes | 40 | CE | | 5,000 |
| Remove | HCP Wages | 44 | OE | | (60,000) |
| Remove | HCP Super | 44 | OE | | (11,200) |
| Remove | HCP Insurance expenses | 44 | OE | | (5,000) |

| | | | | | |
|--------|--|--------------------|----|----------|----------|
| Remove | HCP Staff Training | 44 | OE | | (5,000) |
| Amend | HCP Project Activity Expenses | 44 | OE | | (27,600) |
| Insert | Centacare - OZ Minerals Contribution (60%) | 44 | OE | | 30,000 |
| Insert | Centacare - Shire Contribution (balance of \$20,000) | 44 | OE | | 12,500 |
| Insert | HCP- Into the Future consultancy | 44 | OE | | 10,000 |
| Amend | FaHCSIA grant | 45 | OI | (82,000) | |
| Insert | HCP Activity grants - various | 45 | OI | 15,000 | |
| Insert | Consultant - valuation for insurances (AVP) (total cost \$10k but \$1505 absorbed by plant insurance and admin building) | various throughout | OE | | 7,895 |
| Insert | LGIS rebate on valuations for insurances | 55 | OI | 4,000 | |
| Remove | Footpath construction (but would need to do in 2010-2011) | 36 | CE | | (50,000) |

The above changes resulted in the change from deficit of \$8,515 to a surplus of \$5,109.

Changes to the Draft Budget made following the discussion held on the 15th July 2009

| Action | Details | Page | Type | Income +(-) | Expend +(-) |
|--------|---|--------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| Remove | incorrect formula used | | | | (45,000) |
| Insert | Lease payment for the Geraldton Fuel Station | 7 | OI | 7,100 | |
| Insert | HCP program income from Geraldton fuel | 5 | OI | 5,000 | |
| Amend | Reduce transfer from reserve | 8 | CI | (50,000) | |
| Insert | Asset Management plans | various throughout | OE | | 8,395 |
| Amend | Depreciation for E111298 and E117298 modified | 2 and 7 | OE | 8,352 | |

The above changes performed following the 15th July discussion resulted in a change from a surplus of \$5,109 to a surplus of \$12,166.

Rates, Penalties and Instalments

A letter was sent on 14 July 2009, to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development requesting approval to implement a differential rate that is more than twice the lowest differential rate. This approval is required in accordance with Section 6.33(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 and is hoped to be tabled as a late item at the July 2009 Ordinary meeting.

Penalty interest rate for rates not paid by due date and rate payment instalment options are the same as last year.

These details are:

- 11% penalty interest to be charged on rates outstanding after the due date and for which the instalment option has not been taken up.

- Rates can be paid in four instalments, provided there are no outstanding rates from the previous year. An instalment charge of \$ 5 plus daily interest of 5.5% will be charged on the balance outstanding after the instalment dates, this is applicable on the second, third and fourth instalments.
- Rates incentive prize for rates paid in full and received by council by 4.00pm on the due date is offered to ratepayers. This is in the form of a lucky draw, the prize to the value of \$1000 is to be determined by Council.

Fees and Charges

Schedule of Fees and Charges that was presented to Council at its meeting on 17 April 2008 have since been modified. These changes were discussed with council on the 15 July discussion held in Chambers.

To complete the budget process for 2009-10 there are a number of formal decisions required and these are outlined in the following officer recommendations.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 1

That Council adopt the following differential and minimum rates for the year ending 30 June 2010.

| Rate Category | Basis | 2009/10 Rate in \$ | 2009/10 Minimum |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Town Improved | GRV | 7.59 | 225 |
| Town Vacant | GRV | 7.59 | 521 |
| Pastoral/Rural | UV | 7.83 | 225 |
| Mining | UV | 24.46 | 225 |
| Exploration/ Prospecting | UV | 13.08 | 225 |

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 2

That Council

1. In accordance with Section 6.45 (1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, offer the following options for the payment of rates:
 - Option 1: Payment in full by a single instalment
 - Option 2: Payment in four equal instalments
2. In accordance with Section 6.45 (3) of the Local Government Act 1995, impose an administration fee of \$5 to the second, third and fourth instalments.
3. In accordance with Section 6.51 of the Local Government Act 1995, impose a late payment penalty interest rate of 11% on the rates that have not been paid by the due date and where instalment option 2 has not been taken up.
4. Early rate payer prize to the value of \$1000 be offered by lucky draw to those ratepayers who have paid their rates in full by 4.00pm on the due date shown on the rates notice.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 3

That Council, in accordance with Section 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995, adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges as presented in the Budget for the year ended 30 June 2010

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 4

Council, in accordance with the Health Act 1911, impose a flat charge per bin of \$180 excluding GST, regardless of number of times picked up each week for 2009-2010,

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 5

That Council, in accordance with Section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995, adopt the Annual Budget for the year ending 30 June 2010

11.3.4 WRITE OFF OF RATES

File:
 Author: Niel Mitchell, CEO
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
 Date: 16 July 2009
 Attachments: None

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To approve the write off of rates, rubbish and interest charges.

BACKGROUND

Rates and other charges for three owners are recommended for write off..

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 –
 - s.6.12 (1) – Council may write off monies due.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Total value of rates and charges written-off of \$1,596.50 and payment of ESL levy and interest of \$43.06

CONSULTATION

None

COMMENT

Amounts are outstanding as at 30 June 2009.

(1) Anglican Church

This property has been in the process of transfer to the Shire for over 12 months, and has been delayed (assessment 598). Paperwork required for the transfer is now being completed. Currently outstanding is \$139.48 being –

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| Rubbish charge (50%) | 89.57 | |
| Rubbish charge interest | 6.85 | 96.42 |
| ESL Levy | 40.00 | |
| ESL Levy interest | 3.06 | 43.06 |

(2) Main Roads Depot

MRWA have advised that they are exempt from rates und rubbish charges, although paid in previous years (assessment 1133).

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| Rubbish charge (50%) | 533.87 | |
| Rubbish charge interest | 42.35 | 596.22 |

(3) Minjar Gold Pty Ltd

Minjar Gold Pty Ltd went into receivership almost 2 years ago, and at that time it was thought that the outstanding rates of \$38,177.72, may not be recovered. These rates have since been paid in full, however, the Administrator has advised that he considers interest should not have been accrued from the date of lodgement of documents for bankruptcy. The tenements have since been sold to Golden Stallion Pty Ltd. Total amount outstanding is \$903.86, on the following assessments –

| | | |
|------------|------|--------|
| Assessment | 117 | 8.58 |
| | 256 | 13.18 |
| | 270 | 42.68 |
| | 1002 | 0.11 |
| | 1003 | 604.12 |
| | 1004 | 0.11 |
| | 1005 | 0.11 |
| | 1006 | 3.01 |

| | |
|------|-------|
| 1184 | 8.58 |
| 1192 | 87.29 |
| 1076 | 17.57 |
| 1087 | 8.91 |
| 1147 | 7.87 |
| 1161 | 16.56 |
| 1162 | 33.64 |
| 1214 | 7.37 |
| 1293 | 7.32 |
| 1320 | 7.37 |
| 1389 | 7.37 |
| 1390 | 7.37 |
| 1391 | 7.37 |
| 1392 | 7.37 |

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 1

That the following amounts be written off –

- a) Anglican Church, Asst 598 – rubbish charge of \$89.57, interest to 30 June 2009 of 6.85, and any interest accrued from that date
- b) Main Roads WA, Asst 1133 – rubbish charges of \$522.87, interest to 30 June 2009 of 42.35, and any interest accrued from that date
- c) Minjar Gold Pty – interest of \$903.86 to 30 June 2009, and any interest accrued from that date on Assessments – 117, 256, 270, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1184, 1192, 1076, 1087, 1147, 1161, 1162, 1214, 1293, 1320, 1389, 1390, 1391, & 1392.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 2

That Shire pay the ESL Levy of \$40, and interest accrued of \$3.06 to 30 June 2009 for Assessment 598 on behalf of the Anglican Church.

11.3.5 FRIENDS OF MONSIGNOR HAWES HERITAGE

File:
Author: Niel Mitchell, CEO
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 16 July 2009
Attachments: p.68 Monsignor Hawes Heritage Committee

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To consider a request to take membership of the Committee.

BACKGROUND

Monsignor Hawes Heritage Trail has been established to commemorate the work throughout the region of Monsignor Hawes.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 –

- s.3.1 – Provides that the general function of the local government is to provide for the good government of persons in its district.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Membership of \$2,000

CONSULTATION

None

COMMENT

The Committee hopes to raise sufficient funds for a variety of activities over the next 12 months, including the employment of a Project Officer, development of the Trail and promotional materials etc, as outlined in their letter.

Sufficient provision in the 2009-2010 Budget has been made in the Tourism and Area Promotion section, for membership to be taken out, however since this is the first request made, no commitment has been given at this time.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Shire of Yalgoo take up membership of \$2,000 with the *Monsignor Hawes Heritage Incorporated*.

11.4 ADMINISTRATION

11.4.1 CEO – ACTIVITY REPORT – June/July 2009

File: N/A
 Author: Niel Mitchell, CEO
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
 Date: 11 June 2009
 Attachments: None

Use of Common Seal

13 July Transfer of land
 For the acquisition of the Old Anglican Church

Use of Delegated Authority not elsewhere reported

None

WALGA Annual Convention

The Annual Convention is being held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on 6 to 8 August. Accommodation is at the Somerset Apartments, 185 St George's Terrace, easy walking distance to PCEC.

Horizon Power

Horizon Power have agreed to provide sponsorship of \$5,000 towards the solar lighting of the two entry statements on the Highway, similar to the \$5,000 from Water Corporation for the Community Park, and the \$30,000 from the Mid West Development Commission for the two projects. Acknowledgement is required on a plaque or sign, the same as with Water Corp and MWDC.

WACHS Mid West – Community Nurse

Andrew Klein, Murchison Manager, has advised –

- WACHS are still working to recruit a replacement for Victoria Thomas
- they will be advertising for a full time replacement in the near future, and there has been some snippets of interest
 - o the position will change from being primarily acute health care (illness, injury etc) to being one of community health (ie: preventative)
- Mt Magnet nurse is coming across one day a week
- for the short term, aiming to have Community Health nurses attending for two day blocks every fortnight

Reduction in number of Elected Members

There has been advice that the proposal to reduce numbers with immediate effect has been approved by the Minister for Local Government and accepted by the Governor in Executive Council, and are just waiting on publication in the Government Gazette for it to come into force.

Country Local Government Fund

The CLGF (Royalties for Regions) funding has been confirmed –

- \$487,604 as the Shire's individual component for Year 2
- \$45,000 through the Mid West Regional Grant Scheme as a contribution to match that from the Shire and from Telstra, towards the installation of ADSL in the telephone exchange infrastructure

Meetings

24 June Lyndy Richmond, Principal YPS, re Choose Respect program
 27 June to 7 July Leave
 29 June BHW Consulting re Regional Airports Development Scheme and Rural Airfields Safety Program grant applications for Yalgoo and Paynes Find

Future commitments

20 July Murray Barker, Valuer Generals Office re 3 yearly GRV revaluation
 21 July DLGRD meeting in Meekatharra re Structural reform
 22 July Rosemary Cant and Colin Penter, Social Systems and Evaluation re HCP / FaHCSIA consultation for changeover to new requirements
 27 July Murchison Executive Group in Meekatharra

| | |
|------------|---|
| 31 July | Shane Matthews, Andrew Klein, WACHS-MW re new Yalgoo Health Centre |
| 31 July | Brianna Higgins, FaHCSIA, and Sister Mary Ryan, Centacare, re HCP transition/ transfer in Geraldton |
| 5 August | WALGA Roads Forum |
| 6-8 August | WALGA Annual Convention |
| 17 August | Interagency Meeting in Yalgoo (being coordinated by Lyndy Richmond) |

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the CEO's Activity Report for the month to 16 July 2009 be received.

11.4.2 BUDGET – RUBBISH COLLECTION SERVICES

File:
 Author: Niel Mitchell, CEO
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
 Date: 10 July 2009
 Attachments: None

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To consider possibility of a rubbish collection contract and the basis on which rubbish collection services are charges to residents, as these matters will provide guidance to the finalisation of the draft Budget.

BACKGROUND

The Health Act permits Council to charge for rubbish collection services, and the Local Government Act permits Council to contract for the provision of those services.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act –
 - s.6.16 – Fees and charges
 Financial Management Regulations, 1996 –
 - r.24, 25 – setting of fees and charges
 Functions and General Regulations, 1996 –
 - r.11 – calling of tenders
 Health Act 1911 –
 - s.11 – health rates ad charges

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Rubbish Collection contract – increase in operational costs, but also improving occupational health and safety
 Rubbish Collection charges – probable increase in income to the Shire, but potentially significant increase in costs to commercial premises.

CONSULTATION

Mt Magnet Waste
 Veolia Pty Ltd

COMMENT

Rubbish Collection Contract – Options

Council will recall brief discussion on the possibility of contracting out the rubbish collection several months ago, with two companies contacted to ascertain –

1. their interest
2. estimate of costs

For the purposes of 2009-2010 Budget, the costs are estimated at –

- | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|--|
| 1. Veolia | \$32,000 est. | approx. \$8.79 per bin per week (70 bins) |
| 2. Mt Magnet Waste | \$40,500 est. | approx. \$11.13 per bin per week (70) |
| 3. Shire Yalgoo | \$30,000 est. | approx. \$10.32 per bin per week (56) |
| | | approx. \$8.24 per <u>pickup</u> per week (70) |

In 2009-2010, we will also need to spend approx. \$15,000 for a new bin lifter, whether or not the rubbish truck is changed over.

Accordingly, cash expenditure of \$45,000 is provided for in the budget, which is in excess of either of the contractors estimates, should the decision be to accept a tender to contract for rubbish collection.

Shire of Mt Magnet are in the process of preparing a joint tender on behalf of Shire of Mt Magnet, Cue and Yalgoo, should Council indicate an interest in participating. Even if Yalgoo participates, there is no obligation to accept a tender under the Regulations. The documentation makes it clear that while it is a joint call for tender submissions, each Shire will be making their own decision and would contract individually.

Rubbish Collection – Charges

Charges for rubbish collection have been using the same principles for quite some time, and inequities have developed.

In 2008-09, the effective charges were –

- “Domestic” service of one bin once a week 179.13 per bin/pickup
- “Domestic” service of two bins once a week 179.13 or 89.57 per bin/pick up
- “Commercial” service of two bins twice a week 533.87 or 133.47 per bin/pick up
- “Commercial” service of four bins three times a week 533.87 or 44.49 per bin/pick up

In effect some householders are substantially subsidising some “commercial” services.

A number of options are available –

- i) no change to process
- ii) standard charge for every pickup (ie: 2 bins picked up twice a week = 4 pickups)
- iii) standard charge for each bin, regardless of number of times picked up each week
- iv) standard initial charge for each bin for one pickup each week, with an additional lesser charge for each subsequent pick up

If a rubbish collection contract is entered into, there will only be one pickup each week, as the current lifter will be disposed of, and not retained. Accordingly, some provision will need to be made for those premises having multiple pickups by providing them with additional bins, and it is strongly recommended that they also be provided with bin liners for putrescibles (wet) matter such as food.

The contractor would therefore be picking up about 100 bins per week, increasing the estimated costs above.

Options (i) and (ii) suit a rubbish contract, with options (iii) and (iv) not being applicable. Any of the four options remains viable if the current arrangements continue.

Either of Options (ii) or (iii) will mean a substantial increase for the commercial premises. For example Yalgoo School –

- 2008-2009 charge 533.87
- 2009-2010 recommended “Commercial” charge 550.00
- If standard charge per bin of \$180, ignoring multiple pickups 720.00
- If standard charge of \$140 per bin per times picked up 1,680.00
- If initial charge of \$140 per bin for initial pick up and \$90 per bin for the additional two pickups each week 1,120.00

Increases would also apply to the Nursing Post, the Hotel and the Store.

In order to get the rubbish charges programmed for the rates notices, Council's direction is requested.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 1

That Council participate in the calling of a joint tender by the Shire of Mt Magnet for the provision of rubbish collection services to Cue, Mt Magnet and Yalgoo, with the clear statement that Council reserves the right to decline any tender for Yalgoo and that an individual contract is to be entered into.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 2

That –

- Council adopt a flat charge per bin of \$180 excluding GST, regardless of number of times picked up each week for 2009-2010,
- advise users of multiple bins or services, that the 2009-2010 charges are to phase in charging of additional weekly services at a reduced rate in 2010-2011.

11.4.3 YALGOO TOWN BUSH FIRE BRIGADE – AGM Minutes

File:
Author: Violet Rowe, Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 16 July 2009
Attachments: p.72 Unconfirmed minutes of the AGM
(yellow)

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Council to receive the minutes of the AGM of Yalgoo Town Bushfire Brigade held on 2 July 2009.

BACKGROUND

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Bushfires ACT 1954

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

CONSULTATION

None

COMMENT

The minutes of the meeting are reasonably self explanatory. The Brigade has elected all positions as required by the Act and several recommendations to Council.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Yalgoo Town Bushfire Brigade Annual General Meeting held on 2 July 2009 be received.

11.4.4 COUNTRY LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND – Shire Allocation

File:
Author: Niel Mitchell, CEO
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 16 July 2009
Attachments: p.75 Draft Projects Listing
(yellow)

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To consider the projects to be prioritised for work under the Country Local Government Fund – Shire allocation.

BACKGROUND

Years 1 grant funds (2008-2009) have to be spent prior to Year 2 (2009-2010) becoming available.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 –

- s.3.1 – Provides that the general function of the local government is to provide for the good government of persons in its district.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CLGF grants of approx. \$1.3 million in 2008-2009 and 2009-2010

CONSULTATION

Council – June 2009 meeting

COMMENT

Some possibilities for projects were listed in the June 2009 meeting (Item 11.4.4) but no resolution was made as to projects for Year 2.

Council needs to give some direction as to the future projects to be undertaken. .

Even with starting immediately, due to the size of the initial projects and the inherent time factors that simply cannot be shortened, it is suggested that Years 1 and 2 effectively be treated as a single pool of funds from the Shire's perspective. However, there will have be identifiable stages submitted to the Department for Regional Development for approval.

A draft listing of projects and possible timeframes for expenditure is attached.

While work could commence immediately on the water park and the covered courts, and therefore be complete by 30 June 2010, this would exclude us from any consideration for grants under the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund. CSRFF applications have now opened, close in October 2009, with announcement in February 2010. They have advised that commencement on the project would make us ineligible for the grants.

We are potentially eligible for 50% funding under CSRFF or \$350,000 over the combined \$700,000 water park and covered courts project.

It is suggested that we make application for these funds, even though it delays commencement of the project until early 2010, resulting in the projects probably not commencing until May or June 2010, and perhaps being completed in about November 2010.

Some of the proposed projects have not been included in the 2009-2010 Budget. Accordingly, for the project to commence, will require the Absolute Majority of Council.

Submission of the draft listing, program and timeframes to DRD requires only a simple majority.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the projects and timeframes as listed in the attached Country Local Government Fund – Shire program be adopted, and submitted to the Department of Regional Development for approval.

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

12.1 PREVIOUS NOTICE RECEIVED

None

12.2 FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FOLOWING MEETING

13. URGENT BUSINESS

As permitted by resolution of the Meeting

14. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

15. NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is due to be held on Thursday, 20 August 2009, commencing at 11.00 am.

16. MEETING CLOSURE
