



Minutes Ordinary Council Meeting

Thursday
25th September 2014



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Mia Dohnt
Chief Executive Officer

25th September 2014

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SHIRE OF SANDSTONE
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
SANDSTONE, ON THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2014

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member, Cr Bethel Walton, declared the meeting open at 2:02pm.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

2.1 PRESENT

B Walton	Shire President	District Ward
D McQuie	Councillor	District Ward
A Bloore	Councillor	District Ward
C Hodshon	Councillor	District Ward
D Murat	Councillor	District Ward

STAFF

M Dohnt	Chief Executive Officer
R Moss	Works Supervisor

2.2 APOLOGIES

D Bennett	Councillor	District Ward
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2.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

2.4 VISITORS

JP (Scruffy) Bennett

3.0 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME / PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS

Mr Bennett addressed Council and advised of the issues his business could potentially be facing should the Shire not allocate an area for truck parking as it is likely in the very near future he will have a large contract with a truck company. He requested that Council consider options for truck parking.

Mr Bennett was advised that Council would make the area at the old gymkhana/cricket grounds available for truck parking.

5.0 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Prior to the confirmation of the minutes the Shire President reminded all present that if there was an error in the minutes it need to raised prior to the minutes being confirmed. Also if a Councillor was against a particular motion or wished for their name to be recorded they should ensure they raise this at the time of voting.

85/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr D McQuie

SECONDED: Cr A Bloore

7.1 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 27th August 2014, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings with the change to Cr C Hodshon's initial from S to C on page 20 and 22.

7.2 That the minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee meetings held on the 16th September 2014 be received.

CARRIED

Voting 5/0

8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

9.0 OFFICERS REPORTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

9.1.1 CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

Agenda Reference: CEO 9/14 – 01
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 10th September 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt, Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author: _____



Summary

Council has in the past closed the Administration Building during the Christmas and New Year period.

This report seeks Council approval for the closure of the office over the 2014 – 2015 Christmas New Year period.

Attachments

Nil

Background

Nil

Comment

The closure of the office will not adversely affect the operations of the Council and have minimal impact on the community.

This year the Public Holidays are as follows:

Christmas Day – Thursday 25th December

Boxing Day – Friday 26th December

New Year's Day – Thursday 1st January

It is proposed that the office close at 4.00pm on Monday 22nd December and re-open on Monday 5th of January as the 2nd of January is a Friday. This will allow staff a good break and the opportunity to travel to be with family over this festive season period.

A number of staff will be available on-call in the event of an emergency.

Staff will take accrued Rostered Days Off or Annual Leave to cover the additional days of absence other than the Public Holidays.

The closure will be advertised in the Bush Telegraph and on Public Notice Boards.

Consultation

Staff

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 9.1.1

That Council authorise the closure of the Administration Centre from 4.00pm Monday 22nd December 2014 to 8.00am Monday 5th January 2015.

86/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr C Hodshon

SECONDED: Cr D McQuie

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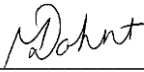
CARRIED

Voting 5 / 0

9.1.2 2015 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Agenda Reference: CEO 9/14 – 02
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 10th September 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt, Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author:



Summary

Council is required to adopt and advertise their Council meeting dates and the proposed 2015 dates are submitted for Council's consideration.

Attachments

Nil

Background

Nil

Comment

Council is required under the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 to adopt annual meeting dates and advertise them to the community.

Council traditionally meets on the 4th Thursday of the month and therefore the dates proposed for 2014 are:

January - No meeting
February - Thursday 26th
March - Thursday 26th
April - Thursday 23rd
May - Thursday 28th
June - Thursday 25th
July - Thursday 23rd
August - Thursday 27th
September - Thursday 24th
October - Thursday 22nd
November - Thursday 26th
December - Thursday 17th (3rd week due to Christmas)

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 9.1.2

That Council adopt the following meeting dates for 2015 and advertise them in accordance with the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996:

January -	No meeting
February -	Thursday 26th
March -	Thursday 26th
April -	Thursday 23rd
May -	Thursday 28th
June -	Thursday 25th
July -	Thursday 23rd
August -	Thursday 27th
September -	Thursday 24th
October -	Thursday 22nd
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December -	Thursday 17th (3rd week due to Christmas)

87/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr D McQuie

SECONDED: Cr A Bloore

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December - Thursday 17th (3rd week due to Christmas)

CARRIED

Voting – 5 / 0

9.1.3 MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTRE REPORT

Agenda Reference: 9/14 – 03
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 18th September 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt – Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author: _____



Summary

Museum and Visitor Centre monthly statistics report for Council Information.

Attachments

Nil.

Background

To advise what visitors to Sandstone and visitor comments made about Sandstone in the previous month.

Comment

Sandstone Heritage Museum & Visitor Information Centre Report for August 2014

Visitor numbers:

2014: 956
2013: 699
2012: 560

Centre open hours:

2014: 203.75 hours over 31 days
2013: 124 hours over 31 days
2012: 91.5 hours over 21 days

Gross Takings:

2014: \$3 267.05 of which \$548.60 was for goods sold on commission
2013: \$2 626.15 of which \$933.00 was for goods sold on commission
2012: \$1 501.80 of which \$217.50 was for goods sold on commission

Fuel Sales from Centre:

2014: 449 sales totalling \$35 212.10
2013: N/A
2012: 203 sales totalling \$14 513.62

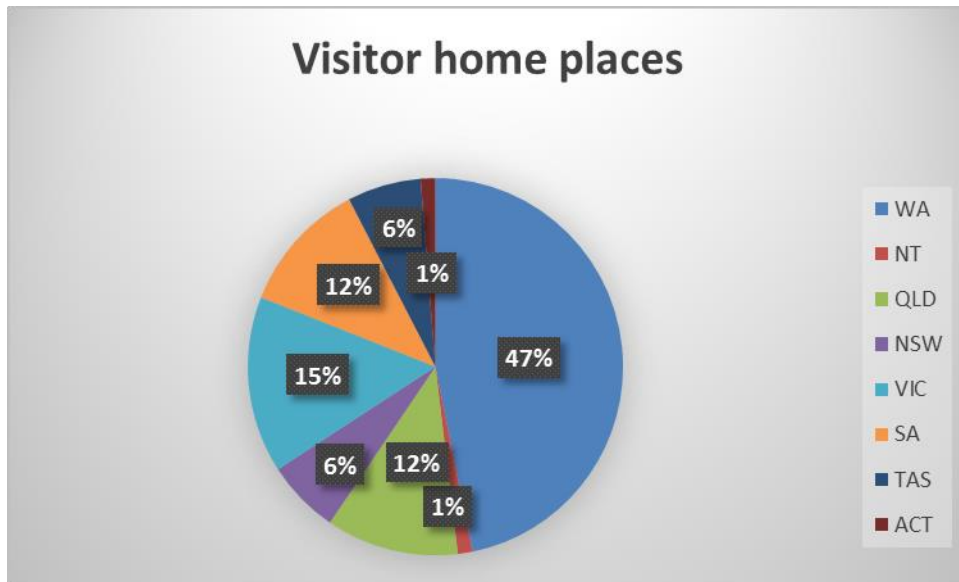
Gas sales from Centre:

2014: 11 sales totalling \$990.00
2013: N/A
2012: sold, but not recorded

VISITOR BOOK COMMENTS

This month, eighty one (81) visitors chose to leave comments in the Centre's Visitors Book. Comments ranging from "*well done Sandstone. You have excellent people. Beautifully kept town – so pleased we visited!! Interesting Museum, An Oasis in the Desert. What a treat Lady Di is!! One of the nicest little towns we've seen for ages. Great this info centre is open! And on a Sunday too!! Very helpful!! Great info brochures and displays*" Many more comments on Lady Di and how lovely and clean the town is.

Visitor home places



Note: International visitors this month came from Hong Kong.

Carmela Tanucci/Margie Lundy
Visitor Information Officers

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The fees and charges will help in the framing of the 2014/15 annual budget.

Strategic Implications

Strategic Objective 4.1 Continue to manage and improve the Sandstone Visitor Information Centre

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 9.1.3

For Council Information Only.

Information Received

9.1.4 2014/2015 FIRE BREAK NOTICE

Agenda Reference: 9/14 – 04
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 10th September 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt – Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author:



Summary

For the Council to consider the adoption of the Firebreak notice for the forthcoming 2014/15 fire season.

Attachments

Nil

Background

Every year the Shire of Sandstone notifies ratepayers and residents that there is a statutory requirement for the maintenance and installation of firebreaks within their property and that there are restricted and prohibited burning periods. The notice is given by way of advertisement in the Bush Telegraph and notice boards around town.

Comment

The proposed Firebreak notice is shown below, and will be produced as a double sided notice. In addition to sending this notice with each rate notice it will also be distributed to all letterboxes and post boxes.

The contents of the notice will read as follows:

**2014/15 FIREBREAK NOTICE
BUSH FIRES ACT 1954
SHIRE OF SANDSTONE**

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND/OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SHIRE OF SANDSTONE.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 33(4) of the Bush Fires Act, where the owner or occupier of land who has received notice fails or neglects to comply with the requisitions of the notice within the time specified, the Shire of Sandstone may by its officers and with such servants, workmen and contractors, vehicles and machinery as the officers deem fit, enter upon the land and carry out the requisitions of the notice which have not been complied with and pursuant to Section 33(5) of the Bush Fires Act the amount of any costs and expenses incurred may be recovered from you as the owner or occupier of the land.

FIREBREAKS

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, you are hereby required to clear of flammable material firebreaks not less than 3 metres in width immediately inside all external boundaries of any lot owned or occupied by you and situated within the Shire of Sandstone. Such firebreaks may be constructed by one or more of the following methods:

PLOUGHING, CULTIVATING, SCARIFYING, RAKING, BURNING, CHEMICAL SPRAYING OR OTHER APPROVED METHOD, and are to be cleared to the satisfaction of an Authorised Officer of the Shire. In addition, you may be required to carry out further works which are considered necessary by an Authorised Officer of the Shire and specified by way of a separate written notice forwarded to the address as shown on the Shire of Sandstone rates record for the relevant land. In some instances, naturally occurring features such as rocky outcrops, natural watercourses or landscaping such as reticulated gardens, lawns or driveways may be an acceptable substitute for cleared firebreaks. This option must first be discussed with an Authorised Officer of the Shire and approved by the Authorised Officer in writing.

On any lot having an area of less than 3,000m² with a dwelling constructed on it, where the lot is substantially developed (i.e. at least 75% cleared of bush), the keeping of grass on the lot at all times covered by this notice to a height less than 5 centimetres will be accepted in lieu of clearing a firebreak. For the purpose of this notice grass kept at a height of less than 5 centimetres will be deemed not to be flammable material.

All firebreaks and other alternative arrangements allowed by the preceding parts of this notice must be established by the 30th day of November each year (or within 14 days of you becoming the owner or occupier should this occur after that date) and maintained clear of flammable material up to and including the 31st day of March each year.

APPLICATION TO VARY THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS

If it is considered impracticable for any reason whatsoever to clear firebreaks or establish other arrangements as required by this notice, you may apply in writing to the Shire of Sandstone not later than the 15th day of November each year for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions on the land. If permission is not granted by the Shire you must comply with the requirements of this notice. If the requirements of this notice are carried out by burning, such burning must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Bush Fires Act.

THE PENALTY FOR FAILING TO COMPLY with this notice is a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and a person in default is also liable whether prosecuted or not to pay the costs of performing the work directed by this notice if it is not carried out by the owner and/or occupier by the date required by this notice.

Any alternatives to firebreaks as described in the Firebreak Notice must be submitted in writing to the Shire of Sandstone by November 15th 2014. The responsibility for ensuring the protection of your property is yours. Proper preparedness for the fire season will enhance the capacity for you, your family and property to survive a wildfire should one occur. Fire preparedness measures are a defensive method of ensuring survivability from within your property boundary. This may be achieved by a variety of measures which include:

Cleared firebreaks and driveways: have the capacity to slow the progress and contain fires as well as provide access for emergency services.

Hazard reduction: burning, slashing, mowing and chemical treatment have the capacity to reduce the amount of flammable material on your property. The less fuel available to burn during a wildfire, the less intense the fire.

Natural features: such as rock outcrops usually have little flammable material on them. Natural features may be used in conjunction with other firebreak installation methods, such as linking them with constructed firebreaks and driveways, and as containment zones for hazard reduction burns.

Reticulation: Where specialized pastures are established under reticulation (e.g. for stud properties), this may, on application, be accepted in lieu of firebreaks provided the pasture is kept green.

Grazing: This is a very effective method of fuel reduction, however other firebreak conditions must be met.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2014/2015

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD 1 NOVEMBER 1ST TO DECEMBER 11TH (INCLUSIVE)

Permits to burn are required during this period for hazard reduction burning.

Alternative firebreak applications to be submitted by November 15th, 2014.

Firebreaks **must** be installed by November 30th 2014.

Please note that penalties apply where burning regulations are contravened or permit conditions are not complied with.

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD DECEMBER 11TH TO MARCH 19TH (INCLUSIVE)

All burning, including garden refuse is prohibited during this period.

Firebreaks to be maintained clear of flammable material until March 31st, 2015.

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD 2 MARCH 20TH TO APRIL 30TH (INCLUSIVE)

Permits to burn are required during this period for hazard reduction burning.

Please note that penalties apply where burning regulations are contravened or permit conditions are not complied with.

Certain climate or weather conditions may cause these periods to be extended or shortened. You must check the press for details or call the Shire Office on **9039 1205** before commencing to burn.

TO REPORT ALL FIRES RING 000

By order of the Council
Mia Dohnt
Chief Executive Officer

REGULATORY INFORMATION

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FIRE DANGER RATING

No fires may be lit on a day when the forecast Fire Danger Rating for the District is Very High to Catastrophic. This information is available on the information hotline **08 9963 5802**

BARBECUES

Solid fuel barbecues, spit roasts, hungis, webbers, pizza ovens and the like are not permitted on days of very high or extreme fire danger ratings. Recreation sites within the Shire of Sandstone which have gas or electric barbecues installed, which may be used at these times. Gas or electric barbecues at home are also permitted.

PERMITS

Permits are required to burn bush or grass at any time between November 1st and December 11th inclusive and March 20th to April 30th inclusive. Permits are available from the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

STACKS OR PILES OF TIMBER OR VEGETATION

The Department of Environment and Conservation prohibits the burning of vegetation material on a development site of greater than 2000 square metres. This includes residential and construction lots. Vegetation must be mulched or removed from the site. During any construction phase, material that is cleared from the site should be moved to the front of the block to facilitate easy removal. Very High or Extreme Fire Danger Ratings will also affect burning activities. Check with the Shire of Sandstone **08 9963 5802**.

INCINERATORS

Incinerators must not be lit during the Prohibited Burning period of December 1st to March 31st inclusive. Incinerators may be lit at other times provided the Fire Danger Rating is not Very High to Catastrophic. Incinerators must be properly constructed and designed to prevent the escape of any sparks or burning material. They must be located at least 2 metres away from any building or fence and from which all flammable material has been removed and kept cleared.

WELDING/CUTTING APPARATUS

If you are using a welder or operating a power operated abrasive cutting and or grinding disc of any kind, you must have at least one fire extinguisher present and be surrounded by a five metre firebreak.

FIREBREAKS

Firebreaks must be installed and maintained from the **November 30th to March 31st** inclusive.

FIREBREAK INSPECTIONS

Firebreak inspections are carried out during the period **December 1st to March 31st** inclusive

GARDEN REFUSE

During the Prohibited Period (December 12th 2014 to March 19th 2015 inclusive), garden refuse must **not** be burnt at any time. These dates are also subject to change according to seasonal conditions.

During the Restricted Period (November 1st 2014 to December 11th 2014 inclusive and March 20th 2015 to April 30th 2015 inclusive), garden refuse may be burnt during the day before 6 pm with a permit, subject to conditions.

Garden refuse may also be burnt without a permit after 6 pm during the Restricted Period provided certain criteria are met. Set out below are legislative requirements from the Bush Fire Act 1954 and the Health Act 1911 in relation to burning together with a number of helpful suggestions. The legislative requirements have been prefixed with an asterix. These as a minimum must be followed.

- *The pile of refuse does not exceed 1 cubic metre
- * An area 5 metres wide is cleared around the pile. (Lawn, driveways, paths etc. may be considered as cleared area)
- * The fire is only lit between 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m
- * Only 1 pile is alight at one time
- * The fire is completely extinguished by midnight
- * At least 1 person is in attendance at all times. There is a means of extinguishing the fire available at all times. (e.g. garden hose, knapsack spray or fire unit)
- * You notify your neighbours of your intention to burn
- * The Fire Danger Rating is not Very High to Catastrophic. (Check the information hotline 9039 1205)
- * The smoke from your fire does not cause a nuisance to neighbours and or traffic
- * Do not burn plastics, other household or commercial waste
- * Do not burn wet or green piles of material at any time as this will cause excessive smoke.

During other than the Restricted or Prohibited Periods, garden refuse may be burnt. For safety reasons you are encouraged to follow the same requirements stipulated above.

PENALTIES

Section	Offence	Penalty
33(3)	Failure to maintain a firebreak as per firebreak notice	\$250.00
25	Offences relating to lighting a fire in the open air	\$250.00
17(12)	Setting fire to bush during prohibited burning period	\$250.00
28(1)	Failure of an occupier to extinguish a bush fire during the restricted or prohibited burning times	\$250.00
24(G)	Burning garden refuse contrary to Ministerial or Local Government prohibition or restriction.	\$250.00
56(3)	Refusal to state name and abode or stating false name or abode	\$100.00
24B(3)(a)	Failure to produce permit to burn	\$100.00

Major offences may result in court action with penalties ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 and/or imprisonment

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Environment

Section 33 of the Bushfires Act

Policy Implications

Policy 3.3 Burning Times

Financial Implications

Budgetary allocations have been made to check fire break compliance.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 9.1.4

That Council adopt the Firebreak Notice for the 2014/2015 fire season as shown in the body of this report.

88/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr D McQuie

SECONDED: Cr A Bloore

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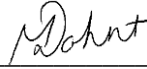
CARRIED

Voting – 5 / 0

9.1.5 ALCOHOL RELATED HARM AND DISORDER – LIQUOR RESTRICTIONS

Agenda Reference: 9/14 – 05
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 18th September 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt – Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author: _____



Summary

Council may consider a copy of a letter provided by the Department of Racing Gaming and Liquor concerning further proposed liquor restrictions in Meekatharra, Cue, Mount Magnet, Sandstone and Yalgoo.

Attachments

Letter received from Racing Gaming and Liquor regarding the 64 Section 6 Inquiry.

Copy of letter sent to RGL 28th August 2013

Background

Council resolved 25th July 2013:

MOVED: Cr C Hodshon
SECONDED: Cr D Murat

That Council:

- a) work with our neighbouring shires and local hotel licensee to develop a submission to help prevent the impost of the proposed liquor restrictions**
- b) lodge their own submission in the event the neighbouring shires decide not to proceed with a joint submission**

CARRIED
Voting 6/0

Comment

The latest letter from Mr Peter Minchin to the Licensees is a “show cause” notice on the licensees. No other stakeholders, including the five Shire Councils have been offered or requested to comment. However we are assured that all submissions and letters previously provided have, and will be considered.

If the Shires or other stakeholders provide further comment it may, or may not be considered by Mr Minchin.

The lawyers engaged by the licensees produced a high quality submission of 117 pages.

All five of the targeted shires have strongly opposed the original recommendations by the police.

The five Shires have been communicating on this latest development. Meekatharra recommended to the four other shires involved that the WA Local Government Association be

approached and requested to arrange a meeting between the five CEO's and Shire Presidents, the Director of Liquor Licensing, the Director Administrative Law (Mr Minchin) and the Minister for Racing and Gaming. All five Shires agreed with this proposal. WALGA have kindly agreed to arrange a meeting and the President and Deputy Presidents of WALGA have both agreed to attend the meeting. This high level of support from WA Local Governments peak organisation demonstrates that the proposal is a state issue that goes beyond the five targeted shires.

The conditions on Sandstone that are of great concern are numbers 6, 7, and 8.

It seems sadly ironic that a state government agency is proposing restrictions that will clearly affect the small minority of alcoholics and "at risk" individuals in the five communities when there is no Drug and Alcohol Counsellor in any of the communities and no permanent adult Corrective Services Officers and in the case of Sandstone no law enforcement establishment. If state government agencies were genuinely concerned about the health and wellbeing of community members they might put measures, programs and people in place to address the cause of problems rather than focusing resources on one or two symptoms.

Consultation

Peter Minchin, Director Administrative Law, Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor
Local licensees
Murchison Shire CEO's

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 9.1.5

- 1. That Council endorses the action of the CEO and Shire President in requesting the WA Local Government Association to arrange a meeting of the five shire CEO's, Shire Presidents, Director of Liquor Licensing, Director Administrative Law and Minister for Racing and Gaming along with the WALGA President and Deputy President.**
- 2. That Council write a further letter to the Director Administrative Law, Mr Peter Minchin advising;
"that Council is very disappointed that increased liquor restrictions are still being proposed despite strong opposition from the five affected shires and communities. Council is very concerned and strongly opposes conditions 6, 7, and 8 proposed for Sandstone.**

Condition 6 (fortified wine prohibited) will mean that the extremely small minority of people who are dependent on these drinks will simply have to spend more scarce money to get their "fix" – leaving less money available for food etc.

Condition 7 is excessive and antisocial. It will mean that ladies and others who don't drink beer will be unable to have a glass of wine or a mixed drink at local premises on Thursday and Friday nights. This will affect family and social outings on these nights and will lead to these nights becoming predominantly male only beer (mid strength) nights.

Condition 8 is far too restrictive and will be very time consuming and problematic for licensees to administer. What purpose will it serve? Some people will see this as an invasion of their privacy and may not be willing to have their personal details recorded. It seems likely that these people will purchase their alcohol requirements on line or out of town effectively taking custom from the local businesses – to what benefit?"

3. Council may wish to consider other actions on this matter.

89/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr D McQuie

SECONDED: Cr A Bloore

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Condition 6 (fortified wine prohibited) will mean that the extremely small minority of people who are dependent on these drinks will simply have to spend more scarce money to get their "fix" – leaving less money available for food etc.

Condition 7 is excessive and antisocial. It will mean that ladies and others who don't drink beer will be unable to have a glass of wine or a mixed drink at local premises on Thursday and Friday nights. This will affect family and social outings on these nights and will lead to these nights becoming predominantly male only beer (mid strength) nights.

Condition 8 is far too restrictive and will be very time consuming and problematic for licensees to administer. What purpose will it serve? Some people will see this as an invasion of their privacy and may not be willing to have their personal details recorded. It seems likely that these people will purchase their alcohol requirements on line or out of town effectively taking custom from the local businesses – to what benefit?"

3. Council may wish to consider other actions on this matter.

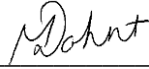
CARRIED

Voting – 5 / 0

9.1.6 PROPOSED ROAD TRAIN ROUTE

Agenda Reference: 9/14 – 06
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 22nd August 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt – Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author: _____



Summary

For Council to consider imposing conditions to RAV Network 4 access in Sandstone.

Attachments

Email from Jane McLennan from Mainroads WA

Background

Council resolved 24th July 2014:

60/14 Officer Recommendation / Council Resolution – Item No. 9.1.5

MOVED: Cr C Hodshon

SECONDED: Cr D McQuie

That Council approve the proposed route for Network 4, being –

- from Sandstone-Wiluna Road, east along Oroya St
- left into Hack St
- right into Rowe St
- right into Payne St
- right into Oroya St
- west to re-join the Sandstone-Wiluna Road.

CARRIED

Voting – 6 / 0

61/14 Council Resolution – Item No. 9.1.5

MOVED: Cr D McQuie

SECONDED: Cr A Bloore

That Council request Main Roads WA to assess and approve the following additional streets in Sandstone townsite for Network 4, being –

- Griffith Street – south of Oroya St to the Shire yard, both directions
- Griffith Street – north of Oroya St to Rowe St, northerly only
- Rowe Street – from Griffith St to Hack St, easterly only
- Oroya Street – from Payne St to Mt Magnet-Leinster Road, both directions.

CARRIED

Voting – 6 / 0

Comment

Mainroads WA have advised there are concerns that Oroya Street could potentially be used as a through route for RAV Network 4 combinations through the town for the following reasons;

- First request was for access from Sandstone-Wiluna Road to Payne Road in both directions.
- Second request was for the full length of the road from Wiluna-Sandstone Rd through to Mt Magnet-Leinster Road in both directions.

Council has been requested to advise how the application should proceed. Jane McLennan from Mainroads advised the following;

The section of road from Payne St to Mt Magnet-Leinster Road has not been assessed yet, but once it has been and if it meets all the guideline requirements to be added, we could include a couple of conditions – ie

- Condition CA07 – All operators must carry written approval from the Local Government authority permitting use of the road, and
- Condition CV17 – Not to be used as a through route. For local delivery and pickup only. Driver must carry documentation as proof of local delivery or pickup.

Consultation

Sandstone Councillors
Mainroads WA

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 9.1.6

That Council approve RAV access along Oroya Street from Sandstone-Wiluna Road to Payne Road in both directions and from Wiluna-Sandstone Rd through to Mt Magnet-Leinster Road in both directions have the following conditions imposed;

- 1. Condition CA07 – All operators must carry written approval from the Local Government authority permitting use of the road, and**
- 2. Condition CV17 – Not to be used as a through route. For local delivery and pickup only. Driver must carry documentation as proof of local delivery or pickup.**

90/14

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr A Bloore

SECONDED: Cr D McQuie

That Council approve RAV access along Oroya Street from Sandstone-Wiluna Road to Payne Road in both directions and from Wiluna-Sandstone Rd through to Mt Magnet-Leinster Road in both directions have the following conditions imposed;

1. Condition CA07 – All operators must carry written approval from the Local Government authority permitting use of the road, and
2. Condition CV17 – Not to be used as a through route. For local delivery and pickup only. Driver must carry documentation as proof of local delivery or pickup.

CARRIED

Voting – 5 / 0

9.1.7 CEO'S ANNUAL LEAVE

Agenda Reference: 9/14 – 07
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 22nd August 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt – Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author: 

Summary

Council endorsement is sought for the CEO taking annual leave over the following period: Monday 4th May 2015 to Friday 22nd May 2015

Attachments

Nil

Background

The CEO commenced employment with the Shire on 28th July 2014

Comment

As I am proposing to be on annual leave for three weeks, it is suggested that Council organise for Mr Niel Mitchell to be Acting CEO in her absence. Mr Mitchell is familiar with our Council operations as he performed acting duties for the period between Ian Fitzgerald and myself being employed.

On Council approval for leave I will seek to engage Mr Mitchell's services for the noted timeframe.

The CEO will be returning back to work on Monday 25th May 2015.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

The CEO is entitled to leave in accordance with the terms of her employment with Council.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The salary amount for CEO leave has been included in the 2014/2015 budget.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 9.1.7

That Council endorse the CEO's application for annual leave from the 4th May 2015 to the 22nd May 2015 and for the CEO to engage the services of Mr Niel Mitchell to be employed to be Acting CEO in her absence.

91/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr C Hodshon

SECONDED: Cr D McQuie

That Council endorse the CEO's application for annual leave from the 4th May 2015 to the 22nd May 2015 and for the CEO to engage the services of Mr Niel Mitchell to be employed to be Acting CEO in her absence.

CARRIED

Voting – 5 / 0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR MONTH OF July 2014

Agenda Reference: CEO 9/14 – 01
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant:
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 18th September 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt – Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author: _____



Summary

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity reports for the month ending 31 July 2014 is presented to Council for adoption.

Attachments

The Monthly Financial Activity Reports for the month of July 2014 are attached to this item.

Background

The Financial Management Regulations require a monthly statement of financial activity to be presented to Council.

Comment

These financial reports are presented to council after being prepared by our contract accountant. Council continues to be in a strong financial position.

Council's current operating surplus as at 31 July 2014 was \$ 3,340,104.

Summary of Funds – Shire of Sandstone as at: 31 July 2014

Municipal Cheque Account - On-line (BW) (CBA and Bank West) - On-Line (CBA)	\$214,909 5,130
Municipal Investment Account – On-line (BW) (CBA and Bank West) - On-line (CBA)	\$353,056 0
Trust Fund (CBA and Bank West)	\$101
Reserve Bank Accounts (Bank West) – Managed - On-line	\$4,086,528 \$1,250,000
ME Bank Investment	\$1,257,616

Debtor's accounts are being monitored with efforts made to ensure that monies are recovered. The outstanding balance as at 31 July 2014 was \$ 11,998. Accounts outstanding for 60 days or more are being followed up.

Rate debtors as at 31 July 2014 were \$36,462 not including the current year. Outstanding rates are being pursued and several have been referred to a debt collection agency for action.

Consultation

Bob Waddell – Contract accountant

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996: Regulation 34(1) (a) and Regulation 17.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

No significant financial trends are identified at this time.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation – Item 9.2.1

That Council adopt the Financial Activity report for the month of July 2014 as presented.

92/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr D McQuie

SECONDED: Cr A Bloore

That Council adopt the Financial Activity report for the month of July 2014 as presented.

CARRIED

Voting – 5 / 0

9.2.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR MONTH OF August 2014

Agenda Reference: CEO 9/14 – 02
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant:
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 18th September 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt – Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author: _____



Summary

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity reports for the month ending 31 August 2014 is presented to Council for adoption.

Attachments

The Monthly Financial Activity Reports for the month of August 2014 are attached to this item.

Background

The Financial Management Regulations require a monthly statement of financial activity to be presented to Council.

Comment

These financial reports are presented to council after being prepared by our contract accountant. Council continues to be in a strong financial position.

Council's current operating surplus as at 31 August 2014 was \$ 2,781,286.

Summary of Funds – Shire of Sandstone as at: 31 August 2014

Municipal Cheque Account - On-line (BW) (CBA and Bank West) - On-Line (CBA)	\$560,849 \$5,130
Municipal Investment Account – On-line (BW) (CBA and Bank West) - On-line (CBA)	\$354,183 0
Trust Fund (CBA and Bank West)	\$1,441
Reserve Bank Accounts (Bank West) – Managed - On-line	\$4,086,528 \$1,250,000
ME Bank Investment	\$1,257,616

Debtor's accounts are being monitored with efforts made to ensure that monies are recovered. The outstanding balance as at 31 August 2014 was \$ 11,714. Accounts outstanding for 60 days or more are being followed up.

Rate debtors as at 31 August 2014 were \$36,462 not including the current year. Outstanding rates are being pursued and several have been referred to a debt collection agency for action.

Consultation

Bob Waddell – Contract accountant

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996: Regulation 34(1) (a) and Regulation 17.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

No significant financial trends are identified at this time.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation – Item 9.2.2

That Council adopt the Financial Activity report for the month of August 2014 as presented.

93/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr D McQuie

SECONDED: Cr A Bloore

That Council adopt the Financial Activity report for the month of August 2014 as presented.

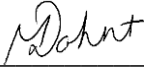
CARRIED

Voting – 5 / 0

9.2.3 ACCOUNTS PAID - AUGUST 2014

Agenda Reference: FO 9/14 – 03
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 20 August 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt – Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author:



Summary

Council is requested to confirm payment of creditors for the month of August 2014 in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 section 13.1.

Attachments

The list of accounts (EFT and cheque payments) is attached which will enable Council to confirm payment of its creditors

Background

Financial Regulations require a schedule of payments made through the bank accounts to be presented to Council for their inspection. The lists include details for each payment made incorporating the payee's name, amount of payment, date of payment and a brief transaction description.

Comment

Invoices supporting all payments are available for inspection. All invoices and vouchers presented to Council have been certified as to receipt of the goods or services and that the amounts shown were due for payment.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995
Financial Management Regulations 1996

Policy Implications

Payments have been made under Council delegation.

Financial Implications

Funds were available to meet the expenditure.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 9.2.3

That Council confirm the August 2014 accounts paid as presented:

Municipal Fund:

August 2014 - Cheque numbers 67, EFT Payment Numbers 2971 to 3169 and DD1851.1 totalling \$ 51,891.00

Trust Fund:

Nil

Payroll EFT:

August 2014 - \$31,160.00 and \$29,045.00 totalling \$60,205.00

Credit Cards:

\$9,362.25 – see attached sheet

94/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr C Hodshon

SECONDED: Cr D McQuie

That Council confirm the August 2014 accounts paid as presented:

Municipal Fund:

August 2014 - Cheque numbers 67, EFT Payment Numbers 2971 to 3169 and DD1851.1 totalling \$ 51,891.00

Trust Fund:

Nil

Payroll EFT:

August 2014 - \$31,160.00 and \$29,045.00 totalling \$60,205.00

Credit Cards:

\$9,362.25 – see attached sheet

CARRIED

Voting – 5 / 0

9.3 HEALTH, BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING REPORTS

Nil

9.4 WORKS and SERVICES REPORTS

Nil

10. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

Nil

11. NEW URGENT BUSINESS INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

11.1 ELECTED MEMBERS

Nil

11.2 STAFF

11.2.1 CEO PROBATIONARY PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Agenda Reference: Late Item 9/14 – 11.2.1
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 24th September 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt, Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author:



Summary

For Council to be advised that the CEO's probationary performance review is required to be conducted at the Ordinary Council meeting on 23rd October 2014.

Attachments

Probationary review form.

Background

The CEO commenced employment with the Shire on 28th July 2014 therefore in line with Clause 3.3.1 of the Employment Agreement the qualifying will cease on 28th October 2014.

Comment

Clause 3.1 of the Employment Contract between the Shire and the CEO

Qualifying period

- 3.1.1 The Chief Executive Officer's employment will be subject to an initial qualifying period of three months. If the Chief Executive Officer's performance has not been successful during this period, the Council may terminate this Contract or extend the period for a further three months, up to a total period of six months. If the Chief Executive Officer's performance has met the Council's requirements, then the Chief Executive Officer's appointment will be confirmed.

Council should consider whether it will appoint the probationary review to be carried out by a nominated person or persons or whether it will be conducted by the full Council.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 section 5.38

Clause 3.3.1 of the CEO's employment contract.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 11.2.1

That full Council conduct the CEO's probationary performance review as a confidential item at the October Ordinary Council meeting.

95/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr D McQuie

SECONDED: Cr A Bloore

That full Council conduct the CEO's probationary performance review as a confidential item at the October Ordinary Council meeting.

CARRIED

Voting – 5 / 0

11.2.2 USE OF THE COMMON SEAL

Agenda Reference: Late Item 9/14 – 11.2.2
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 24th September 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt, Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author: _____



Summary

For Council to endorse the use of the common seal on the settle papers for the sale of Lot 92 (9) Payne Street to Jay Pendlebury.

Attachments

Nil.

Background

Council is required to approve the signing of the transfer of land document for the sale of Lot 92 (9) Payne Street Sandstone to Jay Pendlebury to finalise the sale and transfer of land.

Comment

Section 9.49A of the Local Government Act 1995 states;

9.49A. Execution of documents

- (1) A document is duly executed by a local government if —
 - (a) the common seal of the local government is affixed to it in accordance with subsections (2) and (3); or
 - (b) it is signed on behalf of the local government by a person or persons authorised under subsection (4) to do so.
- (2) The common seal of a local government is not to be affixed to any document except as authorised by the local government.
- (3) The common seal of the local government is to be affixed to a document in the presence of —
 - (a) the mayor or president; and
 - (b) the chief executive officer or a senior employee authorised by the chief executive officer,each of whom is to sign the document to attest that the common seal was so affixed.
- (4) A local government may, by resolution, authorise the chief executive officer, another employee or an agent of the local government to sign documents on behalf of the local government, either generally or subject to conditions or restrictions specified in the authorisation.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 section 9.94A (1), (2), (3) and (4)

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 11.2.2

That Council executes the Transfer of Land document, as provided by Peter Groom Settlements for the sale of Lot 92 (9) Payne Street Sandstone. Furthermore, Council endorses the use of the common seal in ratifying the document.

96/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr D McQuie

SECONDED: Cr C Hodshon

That Council executes the Transfer of Land document, as provided by Peter Groom Settlements for the sale of Lot 92 (9) Payne Street Sandstone. Furthermore, Council endorses the use of the common seal in ratifying the document.

CARRIED

Voting – 5 / 0

11.2.3 LETTER TO HORIZON POWER

Agenda Reference: Late Item 9/14 – 11.2.3
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 24th September 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt, Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author: _____



Summary

For Council to endorse the Chief Executive Offer to write to Horizon Power to request the Management Order of Lot 77 (Reserve 36234) Payne Street be vested in the Shire of Sandstone.

Attachments

Letter from Horizon Power dated 10 October 2008.

Background

There has been correspondence with Horizon Power in 2007/2008 regarding relinquishing the Management Rights of Lot 77 (Reserve 36234). The last known piece of correspondence from Horizon Power was dated 10 October 2008 which is attached.

Comment

Council currently utilise the fuel tank as the Depot fuel bowser tank, therefore it is beneficial for Council to try and obtain the Management Rights over Reserve 36234.

It is proposed that Council notify Horizon Power that it is willing to take on the Management Rights of the Reserve and acknowledge and accept the land on an as is basis which includes any implications and/or treatment arising from the site being declared a contaminated site by DEC back in 2008.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 section 9.94A (1), (2), (3) and (4)

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 11.2.3

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to write to Horizon Power to;

1. Request that the Management Rights for Lot 77 (Reserve 36234) Payne Street Sandstone be vested in the Shire of Sandstone; and
2. Advise that Council will accept the vesting order over the land on an as is basis and are aware that the site was deemed a contaminated site by DEC in 2008.
3. Offer the continued use for storage of Horizon Power equipment as needed and/or make available the Shire's top Depot for storage of such equipment.

97/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr D McQuie

SECONDED: Cr C Hodshon

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to write to Horizon Power to;

1. Request that the Management Rights for Lot 77 (Reserve 36234) Payne Street Sandstone be vested in the Shire of Sandstone; and
2. Advise that Council will accept the vesting order over the land on an as is basis and are aware that the site was deemed a contaminated site by DEC in 2008.
3. Offer the continued use for storage of Horizon Power equipment as needed and/or make available the Shire's top Depot for storage of such equipment.

CARRIED

Voting – 5 / 0

11.2.4 INVITATION TO QUOTE FOR LIGHT VEHICLES

Agenda Reference: Late Item 9/14 – 11.2.4
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 24th September 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt, Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author: _____



Summary

For Council to consider the sale and purchase of a Toyota Hilux Utility currently provided for use by the Works Supervisor.

Attachments

Quotes provided by Geraldton Toyota.

Background

The Shire of Sandstone has received two quotations from Geraldton Toyota for the supply, delivery and licensing of two different makes and models within the specifications equal to that of the vehicle currently provided.

Comment

The quotations have been considered and it appears that the most appropriate vehicle that meets the needs for the Shires operations is the Toyota Hilux SR5. This vehicle is a like for like change over and maintains consistency in the make of vehicles the Shire holds for servicing by the Shire's mechanic and holding of genuine parts.

It is proposed the vehicle also be fitted with off road tyres at an additional cost as the Works Supervisor is required to do regular trips off the sealed roads.

The trade in for the Works Supervisors existing Toyota Hilux is lightly more than budgeted.

Consideration was given to whether it would be more beneficial for the Works Supervisor to purchase a Toyota Prado but it was deemed more practicable for the purchase of a utility to allow for easier transport of goods and materials.

Consultation

Rob Moss – Works Supervisor

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Policy 4.7 Purchasing – Quotes and Tenders
Plant Replacement Program as adopted by Council on 24th July 2014.

Financial Implications

The changeover of this vehicle has been allowed for in the 2014/2015 budget.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 11.2.4

That the Council:

1. Accepts the quotation from Geraldton Toyota for the supply and delivery of one (1) new 2014 Toyota Hilux SR5 utility for \$48,774.96 excluding GST
2. And the trade of S 009 for \$26,363.63 excluding GST;

98/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr A Bloore

SECONDED: Cr D McQuie

That the Council:

1. Accepts the quotation from Geraldton Toyota for the supply and delivery of one (1) new 2014 Toyota Hilux SR5 utility for \$48,774.96 excluding GST
2. And the trade of S 009 for \$26,363.63 excluding GST;

CARRIED

Voting – 5 / 0

11.2.5 SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Agenda Reference: Late Item 9/14 – 11.2.5
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 24th September 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt, Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author: _____



Summary

For Council to authorise the sale of equipment that is surplus to the operating needs of the Shire.

Attachments

Nil

Background

Section 3.58 of the Local Government Act gives provisions for disposal of Local Government property.

Comment

The following plant items have been identified as being in surplus of Councils current operational needs.

Quantity	Description	Asset Number
1	SFM Water Tanker	PC009 including PC009A &B being additions/refurbishments to the original asset
3	Campers Caravan	(PM0004, PS002.1, PS002.3, PS002.4, PS002.6 which include additions/refurbishments to original assets
1	Honda GD411 Diesel Pump	Not listed in the asset register

Section 3.58 of the Local Government Act states;

3.58. Disposing of property

(1) In this section —

dispose includes to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of, whether absolutely or not;

property includes the whole or any part of the interest of a local government in property, but does not include money.

(2) Except as stated in this section, a local government can only dispose of property to —

(a) the highest bidder at public auction; or

(b) the person who at public tender called by the local government makes what is, in the opinion of the local government, the most acceptable tender, whether or not it is the highest tender.

- (3) A local government can dispose of property other than under subsection (2) if, before agreeing to dispose of the property —
- (a) it gives local public notice of the proposed disposition —
 - (i) describing the property concerned; and
 - (ii) giving details of the proposed disposition; and
 - (iii) inviting submissions to be made to the local government before a date to be specified in the notice, being a date not less than 2 weeks after the notice is first given;and
 - (b) it considers any submissions made to it before the date specified in the notice and, if its decision is made by the council or a committee, the decision and the reasons for it are recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made.
- (4) The details of a proposed disposition that are required by subsection (3)(a)(ii) include —
- (a) the names of all other parties concerned; and
 - (b) the consideration to be received by the local government for the disposition; and
 - (c) the market value of the disposition —
 - (i) as ascertained by a valuation carried out not more than 6 months before the proposed disposition; or
 - (ii) as declared by a resolution of the local government on the basis of a valuation carried out more than 6 months before the proposed disposition that the local government believes to be a true indication of the value at the time of the proposed disposition.
- (5) This section does not apply to —
- (a) a disposition of an interest in land under the *Land Administration Act 1997* section 189 or 190; or
 - (b) a disposition of property in the course of carrying on a trading undertaking as defined in section 3.59; or
 - (c) anything that the local government provides to a particular person, for a fee or otherwise, in the performance of a function that it has under any written law; or
 - (d) any other disposition that is excluded by regulations from the application of this section.

[Section 3.58 amended by No. 49 of 2004 s. 27; No. 17 of 2009 s. 10.]

Consultation

Rob Moss – Works Supervisor
Keith May – Mechanic

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Will increase income from proceeds from sale of assets as this is not included in the 2014/2015 budget.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 11.2.5

That the Council authorise Officers to dispose of the following assets;

- 1 x SFM Water Tanker (PC009 including PC009A &B being additions/refurbishments to the original asset)
- 3 x Campers Caravan (PM0004, PS002.1, PS002.3, PS002.4, PS002.6 which include additions/refurbishments to original assets)
- 1 x Honda GD411 Diesel Pump

99/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr D McQuie

SECONDED: Cr A Bloore

That the Council authorise Officers to dispose of the following assets;

- 1 x SFM Water Tanker (PC009 including PC009A &B being additions/refurbishments to the original asset)
- 3 x Campers Caravan (PM0004, PS002.1, PS002.3, PS002.4, PS002.6 which include additions/refurbishments to original assets)
- 1 x Honda GD411 Diesel Pump

CARRIED

Voting – 5 / 0

11.2.6 DRAFT MID WEST REGIONAL BLUE PRINT

Agenda Reference: Late Item 9/14 – 11.2.6
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 24th September 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt, Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author: _____



Summary

For Council to peruse the Draft Mid West Regional Blueprint and provide the CEO with any comments for submission during the public comment period.

Attachments

Draft Mid West Regional Blueprint

Background

The Mid West Regional Blueprint is a strategic document that is aligned with the State Planning Strategy 2050 and is designed to be a guide to assist government, industry and the community in future planning and decision making for the region.

The Mid West Blueprint has sought to:

- set out the vision for the region to 2050;
- describe the Mid West in some detail, including its history, social, economic and natural profiles and traditional economic drivers;
- describe external factors and influences expected to impact upon the Mid West, including both challenges and opportunities;
- identify regional strengths and areas of regional advantage;
- articulate an aspirational growth and development vision for the Mid West; and
- identify priority actions and strategies for the Commission and its partners to progress in attempt to drive further growth and development in the Mid West.

The Blueprint is strategic in its intent, identifying proposed strategies and actions against the five priority pillars (Physical Infrastructure; Digital and Communications; Economic Development; Highly Desirable Communities; Knowledge and Learning) under which there are 21 elements or sub-pillars.

These pillars and elements are considered the regional growth and development priorities for the future. They include interventions that:

- can help drive Mid West growth and development ('tailwinds'); and
- may be impeding the region's growth and development potential ('headwinds').

Comment

Developed by the Mid West Development Commission (MWDC) in collaboration with Regional Development Australia Mid West Gascoyne (RDAMWG), the Blueprint is an aspirational growth and development plan for the region.

As a high level guiding agenda, the Blueprint proposes strategies against five priority pillars, each considered vital to either driving, or reducing barriers to, regional growth and development. Considering the possible impacts of various national and global megatrends, the Blueprint strategies focus on the region's key strengths and those opportunities with genuine growth and development potential.

The Mid West Blueprint has deliberately stopped short of listing priority projects. As a strategic document it provides a logical basis for future growth and development. It now requires the Commission to work with stakeholders to determine the very best projects that can drive and / or enable regional growth and development, against each of the Blueprint's priority pillars.

The draft Mid West Regional Blueprint was launched for an eight week public comment period by the Minister for Regional Development, Hon Terry Redman, on 23 September 2014 at the Mid West Economic and Resources Summit. The public comment period will run from 23 September until 18 November 2014.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Community Strategic Plan 2012-2022

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 11.2.6

That the Council peruse the Draft Mid West Regional Blueprint and advise the CEO of any comments to be made on or before the October Ordinary Meeting of Council.

100/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr A Bloore

SECONDED: Cr C Hodshon

That the Council peruse the Draft Mid West Regional Blueprint and advise the CEO of any comments to be made on or before the October Ordinary Meeting of Council.

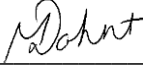
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Voting – 5 / 0

11.2.7 RATES AND DEBTORS WRITE OFF

Agenda Reference: Late Item 9/14 – 11.2.7
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 24th September 2014
Author: Mia Dohnt – Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Author: _____



Summary

Council is requested to approve the write off the rate and/or penalty interest by absolute majority.

Attachments

Nil

Background

Section 6.12 of the Local Government Act 1995 (as below) requires any write off of money to be resolved by Council by absolute majority;

6.12. Power to defer, grant discounts, waive or write off debts

- (1) *Subject to subsection (2) and any other written law, a local government may —*
- (a) *when adopting the annual budget, grant* a discount or other incentive for the early payment of any amount of money; or*
 - (b) *wave or grant concessions in relation to any amount of money; or*
 - (c) *write off any amount of money,*
 - (d) *which is owed to the local government.*

Comment

Following the issue of the 2014/2015 Rates a number of issues have been brought to Councils attention highlighting errors in the rates that had been issued. It is proposed Council approve the write off of A1457 for an amount of \$1066.04 as tenement has been surrendered and collection of rates is not likely.

Debtor 20229 entered into a lease agreement with Council which ended part way through the year. An invoice was prepared for the annual lease amount and was never credit noted when the lease ended.

Reference Number	Amount \$	Reason
A1457	\$1,066.04	Tenement was surrendered and arrears are not likely to be recovered.
20229	\$1,400.00	Property was leased from the Shire and ceased midway through the year. An invoice was prepared for the whole year and was never written off once the lease agreement ceased.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Section 6.12 of the Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications

Payments have been made under Council delegation.

Financial Implications

Funds were available to meet the expenditure.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Absolute majority

Officer Recommendation – Item No. 11.2.7

That Council approve the write of;

1. An amount of \$1,066.04 on Assessment 1457; and
2. An amount of \$1,400.00 for Debtor 20229.

101/14 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr D McQuie

SECONDED: Cr C Hodshon

That Council approve the write of;

1. An amount of \$1,066.04 on Assessment 1457; and
2. An amount of \$1,400.00 for Debtor 20229.

CARRIED

Voting – 5 / 0

12. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS (under separate cover)

Nil

13. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nil

14. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 23rd October 2014 at 2.00 pm

15. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the Shire President thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 2.53pm.

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on 23rd October 2014.

Signed: _____

Presiding Officer

Date: 23rd October 2014