

### SHIRE OF CUBALLING

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2009

# MINUTES

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#### ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CUBALLING SHIRE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CAMPBELL STREET, CUBALLING ON THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2009

#### 1. OPENING – ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President welcomed Councillors and declared the meeting open at 3:08pm.

#### 2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Shire President, Cr TH Wittwer

Cr JD Brown

Cr DS Bradford

Cr C Hawksley

Cr JR A Meharry

Cr RD Newman

Cr TP Haslam

Chief Executive Officer, Mr P T Naylor

#### **APOLOGIES**

Nil

#### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

#### 3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

#### 4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

#### 5. MINUTES

#### 5.1 CONFIRMATION OF 19 MARCH 2009 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes (as circulated) of the ordinary meeting of the Shire of Cuballing held in the Council Chambers on 19 March 2009 be confirmed.

<b>Shire President</b>	21 May 2009	3
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#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Brown, seconded Cr Newman that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 7/0

#### 5.2 <u>SHIRE OF CUBALLING BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGM HELD</u> ON THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2009

#### **Comment**

This meeting was the Annual General Meeting of the Advisory Committee and the appointment of Office Bearers and other positions for the 2009/2010 Fire Season will need to be endorsed by Council.

There were no other matters raised at the meeting for Council consideration.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

#### That:

- The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Shire of Cuballing Bush Fire Advisory Committee held on Thursday 2 April 2009, be received; and
- The appointment of Officer Bearers and Fire Control Officer positions for the 2009/2010 Fire Season be endorsed.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Haslam, seconded Cr Brown that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 7/0

#### 6. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & DECLARATIONS

Nil

#### 7. <u>DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST</u>

Councillors' and Employees' Disclosures of Interest.

#### 7.1 <u>DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST AND PROXIMITY INTEREST</u>

Members must disclose the nature of their interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

Employees must disclose the nature of their interest in reports or advice when giving the report or advice to the meeting.

### Item 8.4.1: Councillors Bradford, Meharry and Haslam declared a Proximity Interest

<b>Shire President</b>	21 May	y 2009	4

#### 7.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Members and staff must disclose their interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting in respect of which the Member or employee has given or will give advice.

Nil

#### 8.1 REPORTS – FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 8.1.1 <u>LIST OF ACCOUNTS SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL AND PAYMENT – APRIL 2009</u>

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council

**Location/Address:** Not applicable

**Reporting Officer:** Belinda Furphy, Administration Officer (Finance)

Enabling Legislation: Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

**Council Policy:** Register Delegated Authority

**Budget Implications:** Nil **File Reference:** CMR 7

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

#### **Background**

Council is supplied with a list of payments for consideration.

#### **Comment**

A copy of the list of payments made from each of Councils bank accounts is attached to this item.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council:**

• Approve for payment the list of Creditors paid from the Municipal fund, as detailed below, totalling \$127,522.48:

 Vouchers 12922-12989
 \$86,773.53

 Electronic fund transfers
 \$38,833.15

 Credit Card
 \$ 1,915.80

• Approve for payment the list of Creditors paid from the Trust fund, as detailed below, totalling \$148.25:

Voucher T2062 \$ 148.25

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Meharry, seconded Cr Newman that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 7/0

Туре	Num	Date	Name	Memo	Muni	Trust
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12922	03/20/09	AUSTRALIA POST	FEBRUARY WEST AUSTRALIAM	32.50	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12923	03/20/09	COURIER AUSTRALIA	COURIER CHARGES	112.18	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12924	03/20/09	CUBALLING TAVERN	FOOD AND BEVERAGES	1,167.50	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12925	03/20/09	Directions	WAGES PETA CLARK	632.02	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12926	03/20/09	EDWARDS MOTORS PTY LTD	CEO and MOW VEHICLE CHANGEOVER	19,243.30	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12927	03/20/09	Great Southern Ranger Services	ANIMAL PATROL 11/03/09	283.80	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12928	03/20/09	LANDVISION	PREPARATION OF BUSHFIRE PLAN	550.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12929	03/20/09	LO-GO Appointments	WAGES LORRAINETHOMAS	1,334.08	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12930	03/20/09	POPANYINNING GENERAL STORE	Gas and fuel	404.50	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12931	03/20/09	Synergy	ELEC TRICITY CHARGES	24.95	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12932	03/20/09	WALGA	MARKET FORCE ADVERTISING FEB 09	123.49	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12933		Cancelled due to printing error			
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12934	03/01/09	Australian Taxation Office	BAS for February 09	7,350.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12935	03/26/09	CASH.	Over-payment of Building License 43/08-09	16.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12936	03/20/09	TELSTRA	PHONE CHARGES FOR FEBRUARY	855.17	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12937	04/01/09	Australian Communications & Media Authori	Renewal to 27/04/10 Mt Shaddick	92.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12938	04/01/09	Australian Building Codes Board	BCA HARD COPY MANUAL AND ONLINE MANUAL	280.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12939	04/01/09	Campervan and Motorhome Club	Dump point signage	220.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12940	04/01/09	Central Group of Affiliated Agricultural	District Display Royal Show 2009	200.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12941	04/01/09	COMMANDER AUSTRALIA LTD	Service contract March 09	136.24	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12942	04/01/09	CUBALLING TAVERN	Shire dinner 20 years	1,325.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12943	04/01/09	Echelon Australia Pty Ltd	Regional Risk Management Coordinator	1,857.90	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12944	04/01/09	EDWARDS MOTORS PTY LTD	Pulley, a/con belt CN047	207.20	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12945	04/01/09	Forpark Australia	Yallingup seat	556.60	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12946	04/01/09	Great Southern Ranger Services	Animal patrol 23-03-09	88.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12947	04/01/09	HANCOCKS HOME HARDWARE	Rubbish bin for kitchen	67.95	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12948	04/01/09	HIF	Contribution for Peter Naylor March 09	307.65	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12949	04/01/09	Landmark Engineering and Design	Riverside bench seat	1,130.50	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12950	04/01/09	LO-GO Appointments	Wages L Thomas	3,251.82	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12951	04/01/09	SHIRE OF CUBALLING.	Rates Terry Clark March 09	150.00	

Туре	Num	Date	Name	Memo	Muni	Trust
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12952	04/01/09	TELSTRA	Mobile phone account	119.99	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12953	04/01/09	WALGSP	Superannuation contribution March 09	9,893.25	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12954	04/01/09	WATER CORPORATION	Water consumption up to March 09	1,724.50	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12955	04/01/09	WESTRAC EQUIPMENT	Filters, oil PO4817	2,205.13	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12956	04/01/09	Wren Oil	Waste disposal, waste oil Yornaning collection site	1,165.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12957	04/01/09	SHIRE OF CUBALLING.	Social club contributions March 09	200.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12958	04/02/09	DEPT FOR PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE	Document preparation and registration	205.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12959	04/02/09	HW and LJ Young	GST amount on land transfer	270.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12960	04/07/09	BUILDERS REGISTRATION BOARD OF WA	BRB Payment March 2009	167.50	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12961	04/07/09	Allpack Signs	Signs - traffic and keep out sign	2,345.20	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12962	04/07/09	CLAW ENVIRONMENTAL	Drums for drum muster	1,607.10	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12963	04/07/09	COURIER AUSTRALIA	Courier charges March 09	112.51	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12964	04/07/09	DEPT FOR PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE	Licence for trailer CN3263	17.85	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12965	04/07/09	EDWARDS MOTORS PTY LTD	Filter Kits	178.40	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12966	04/07/09	Farmers Centre	Valve and pump	961.55	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12967	04/07/09	FRANK WESTON & CO	Oil filter	22.47	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12968	04/07/09	GREAT SOUTHERN FUEL SUPPLIES	Fuel and oil charges for March 09	10,126.19	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12969	04/07/09	Great Southern Waste Disposal	Management of Shire Tip March 09	2,750.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12970	04/07/09	HANCOCKS HOME HARDWARE	Gift vouchers and fleuro light	236.20	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12971	04/07/09	INGERSLEY ELECTRICAL	Electrical parts	1,143.04	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12972	04/07/09	Institute of Public Works Engineering Aus	Seminar for Road Safety - Alex Richardson 31/03/09	880.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12973	04/07/09	JR & A HERSEY P/L	Gloves	132.53	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12974	04/07/09	LANDVISION	Advice on subdivision	247.50	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12975	04/07/09	MAKIT NARROGIN HARDWARE	Plumbing supplies	319.75	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12976	04/07/09	MCDOUGALL WELDMENTS	Welding steel sheets and bumper bar	360.45	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12977	04/07/09	METAL ARTWORK CREATIONS	Badge Lucille Van Wyk	13.31	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12978	04/07/09	MOBILE MASTERS	Radio repairs	722.70	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12979	04/07/09	NARROGIN AGRICULTURAL REPAIRS	Battery	69.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12980	04/07/09	NARROGIN CARPETS AND CURTAINS	Blinds and carpet	620.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12981	04/07/09	NARROGIN GAS	Gas bottle, regulator, test nipple	279.60	

Туре	Num	Date	Name	Memo	Muni	Trust
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12982	04/07/09	NARROGIN PACKAGING	Toilet rolls, towels, enviroblock	355.22	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12983	04/07/09	Narrogin Pumps Sales & Service	Fittings for tank	77.00	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12984	04/07/09	NARROGIN TOYOTA	Oil filters	117.12	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12985	04/07/09	PH & KE GOW LICENSED SURVEYORS	Survey Yornaning Dam	1,996.50	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12986	04/07/09	REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPES PTY LTD	Pipes	1,187.74	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12987	04/07/09	Synergy	Streetlights	518.50	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12988	04/07/09	VINIDEX PTY LTD	Pipe	1,150.38	
Bill Pmt -Cheque	12989	04/07/09	WESTERN POWER CORPORATION	Inspection of NO135 Cherry Picker	275.00	
Trust	T2062	03/31/09	Cash	Petty Cash Townscape		148.25
Direct	F903170195400	03/17/09	SHIRE OF CUBALLING.	Shire Wages 03/03/2009 to 17/03/09	18,437.46	
Direct	F903200295845	03/20/09	Directions	Wages P Clark	310.00	
Direct	F903230333645	03/23/09	G D AND T L CAMPBELL	L.Thomas Rent 17/03/09 to 30/03/09	400.00	
Direct	F903310532368	03/31/09	SHIRE OF CUBALLING.	Shire Wages 18/03/2009 to 31/03/09	19,285.69	
Direct	F904010579993	04/01/09	G D AND T L CAMPBELL	Rent L Thomas	400.00	
Credit Card	22709	02/27/09	Gosnells Hotel	CEO and Shire Pres MTGS	46.90	
Credit Card	22709	02/27/09	Clark Rubber	Council Chamber Protective Strip	59.90	
Credit Card	30609	03/06/09	Comfort Bel Eyre	Wks Mng Training	225.00	
Credit Card	30909	03/09/09	SHIRE OF CUBALLING.	Vehicle changeover	584.00	
Credit Card	32309	03/23/09	Aust Red Cross	Donation Vic bush fires	1,000.00	
					127,522.48	\$148.25

#### 8.1.2 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council

**Location/Address:** Not applicable

**Reporting Officer:** Clare Thomson, Accountant

Enabling Legislation: Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

**Council Policy:** Nil **Budget Implications:** Nil File Reference: CMR 7

Voting Requirements: Simple majority

#### **Background**

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, section 34, provides for monthly financial reporting requirements for local government.

#### **Comment**

A Statement of Financial Activity has been prepared for period ending 31 March 2009 in accordance with the abovementioned legislation and circulated with the Council Meeting Agenda.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That the Statement of Financial Position, as circulated, for the Shire of Cuballing for period ending 31 March 2009, be received.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Bradford, seconded Cr Brown that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 7/0

### 8.1.3 <u>DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL</u> DEVELOPMENT – VALUATION OF LAND UNDER ROADS

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council

**Location/Address:** Whole of Shire

**Reporting Officer:** Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer

Enabling Legislation: Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) standard AASB1051

Council Policy: Council's Significant Accounting Policies will be amended to reflect Council's

final election on this matter.

**Budget Implications:** Nil (if Council elects not to recognise land under roads)

**File Reference:** Finance 1 **Voting Requirements:** Simple majority

#### **Background**

The Australian Accounting Standard AAS27 – Financial Reporting by Local Governments has been under review for some time and ultimately has been withdrawn effective 30 June 2008.

Most of the principles embodied in AAS27 have been included in other topic based standards (ie not specific to Local Government), however a number of new standards

have been created to deal with Local Government specific requirements that did not fit into any other existing standards.

One such new standard is the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) standard AASB1051 – Land Under Roads.

AASB1051 states that an entity may elect:

- to recognise (including continue to recognise or to recognise for the first time), subject to satisfaction of the asset recognition criteria; or
- not to recognise (including continue not to recognise or to derecognise) as an asset, land under roads acquired before the end of the first reporting period ending on or after 31 December 2007 (ie 30 June 2008).

Land under roads includes land under roadways, and road reserves, including land under footpaths, nature strips and median strips.

The road constructed on the land is recognised and measured per AASB116 – *Property, Plant and Equipment.* 

The Australian Accounting Standards Board decided that a final election relating to the recognition of land under roads acquired before the end of the first reporting period ending on or after 31 December 2007 (30 June 2008) should be made effective as at the first day of the next reporting period. The final election can be made at any time prior to the completion of the financial statements for that next reporting period, but will be effective as at the first day of that period (1 July 2008).

Land under roads acquired after 1 July 2008, that satisfies the asset recognition criteria in the AASB framework, is required to be accounted for in accordance with AASB116.2.

Currently regulation 4 & 16 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 negate the provisions of AASB1051, however it has been proposed that these provisions be removed from the regulations which will see AASB1051 have full effect.

#### **Comment**

Reliable measurement is an essential part of asset recognition. Land Under Roads form an integral part of both the road and adjoining road reserve network. The primary difficulty is establishing a reliable value for this land as it generally cannot produce a return on investment or be realised (sold). As such the fair value of the land under roads could not be reliably measured.

The other inherent problem is that the vast majority of land under roads within the Shire is actually crown land, which in the instance where a road is closed, reverts to the crown which then has the right to sell such land.

If Council were to proceed to value land under roads, it would require the appointment of a Valuer to undertake the task. Due to the extent of the Shire's road network and unreliable methods with which to measure the value, this could be a lengthy and expensive process, and it is difficult to demonstrate what tangible benefits Council would gain from the exercise.

Whilst regulation 4 & 16 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 currently negate the provisions of AASB1051, it is seen an appropriate measure for Council to make an election not to recognise land under roads acquired before 1 July 2008. This will have effect when and if Regulation 4 & 16 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 are withdrawn.

Council should make this election prior to 30 June 2009 – being the end of the first reporting period in which the new Accounting Standard applies.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council, in accordance with AASB1051 – Land Under Roads:

- Elects not to recognise land under roads acquired on or before 30 June 2008; and
- In addition, the Shire of Cuballing is required by Regulation 16 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* not to recognise a value for lands under roads.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Haslam, seconded Cr Meharry that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 7/0

#### 8.1.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURAL REFORM

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council

**Location/Address:** Whole of Shire

**Reporting Officer:** Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer

**Enabling Legislation:** Local Government Act 1995

Council Policy: Nil
Budget Implications: Nil
File Reference: C & A 2
Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

#### **Background**

In February 2009 the Local Government Minister, the Hon John Castrilli, announced strategies for local government reform in Western Australia based on voluntary reduction in the number of individual councils and councillor numbers.

In making the announcement, Mr Castrilli, stated that he is inviting each of the 139 councils within Western Australia to embrace the opportunity to voluntarily amalgamate and to voluntarily reduce the total number of elected members for each council. The Minister has provided a period of six (6) months from the date of the announcement for each local government to advise him of its clear intentions on these matters.

Mr Castrilli has indicated that if the local governments do not embrace change and voluntarily amalgamate then the State Government will enact legislation to allow it to be forced.

The Minister has requested that each local government complete and return a Local Government Reform Checklist, Attachment 1 in the Reform Guidelines, to the Steering Committee by Thursday 30 April 2009.

#### Comment

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 19 March 2009, resolved for the Chief Executive Officer to complete the Reform Checklist in consultation with the Chief Executive Officers of other participating Dryandra Voluntary Regional Organisation Councils and present to Council for endorsement.

This task has been completed and the Checklist is circulated with the Council Meeting Agenda.

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Government Reform Checklist as prepared and presented to the meeting be endorsed and forwarded to the Local Government Reform Steering Committee by 30 April 2009.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Brown, seconded Cr Bradford that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 7/0

#### 8.1.5 SHIRE OF CUBALLING COMMON SEAL

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council

**Location/Address:** Not Applicable

**Reporting Officer:** Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer

**Enabling Legislation:** Local Government Act 1995

Council Policy: Nil Budget Implications: Nil

File Reference: Administration 18
Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

#### **Background**

It is a requirement that the use of the Common Seal of the Shire of Cuballing be endorsed by Council.

#### **Comment**

During the previous month the Shire President and/or Chief Executive Officer witnessed the affixing of the Shire of Cuballing Common Seal to the following document:

• Notification Under Section 70A of the Western Australian *Transfer of Land Act 1893* advising of potential amenity impacts on Boxsell Road property subdivision by Bardera Pty Ltd.

That Council endorses the affixing of the Shire of Cuballing Common Seal to "Notification Under Section 70A" form.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Hawksley, seconded Cr Meharry that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 7/0

#### 8.2 <u>REPORTS – WORKS</u>

#### 8.2.1 WORKS MANAGERS REPORT

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council

**Location/Address:** Whole of Shire

**Reporting Officer:** Alex Richardson, Works Manager

Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer

**Enabling Legislation:** Local Government Act 1995

Council Policy: Nil
Budget Implications: Nil
File Reference: CMR 10
Voting Requirements: Simple majority

#### **GRADING/MAINTENANCE**

Summer maintenance grading is proceeding throughout the Shire, the main emphasis being on school bus routes.

Brian Hare and Darryl Stanton have both been tutored on grader operations, and they both seem confident to be able to perform maintenance grading operations.

Bitumen patching and other routine maintenance works are progressing throughout the Shire.

Spraying of roadside vegetation has been completed on most rural roads within the Shire.

#### 2008/2009 ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

#### **Cuballing East Road:**

Programmed works have been completed.

#### **Reseal Works:**

Programmed works have been completed.

#### Forrest Street, Popanyinning

Programmed works have been completed with Boral carrying out the final bitumen seal.

#### PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

All items of plant and equipment are being serviced and maintained as required and most plant is generally in good working order.

The Cat 930G Front End Loader has recently had 500 hour service, no problems have been found with the machine.

#### YORNANING DAM

Staff have commenced working with Peter Gow, Surveyor, and Greg Woodruff, of WML Consultants in Bunbury, for water harvesting project at Yornaning Dam.

A bench seat has been placed at Yornaning Dam by the Warner family in memory of their late son and brother Barry.

#### **CUBALLING OVAL**

Mr Jarad Lovegrove, of Lovegrove Turf Services, has carried out site inspection of Cuballing Oval with view to carrying out remedial action to improve the lawn surface.

Mr Lovegrove has suggested that Kikuyu runners be planted on the oval as this grass is more hardy than the existing saltene grass and will eventually provide a more hardy coverage and better playing surface. He has also suggested that the oval surface be aggravatored prior to winter to allow the rain to percolate and the roots to follow down.

Cost of this is estimated at \$18,200 plus GST, which has been included on Councils 2008/2009 Budget.

#### WORKS DEPOT

Extensions have been made to the depot workshop area to house the light plant and gardening equipment. Included in this area is a new two-pen dog pound.

#### **STAFF**

Most of the works staff have taken up the option of time off over the Easter period and the following week. The Works Manager and Graeme Renfrey will be available and on call over this period.

#### PRIVATE WORKS

Various works requests are still being received and these are being done as time permits.

Works staff will be assisting the Shire of Wandering with their bitumen reseal program over the coming weeks. This works will include traffic control, and front end loader and multi tyred roller operations.

Private works invoices for the month of March 2009, total \$11,689.00; Year to date \$59,171.48.

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That the Works Managers Report be received and information noted.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Brown, seconded Cr Newman that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 7/0

#### **8.2.2 BUSH FIRE INCIDENT REPORT(S)**

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council

**Location/Address:** Various

**Reporting Officer:** Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer

**Enabling Legislation:** Bush Fires Act 1954

**Council Policy:** 6.1 **Budget Implications:** Nil

File Reference: Bush Fire Control 10
Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

#### **Background**

The following Bush Fire Incident Report(s) has been received for recent fire and/or incident within the Shire of Cuballing.

#### **Comment**

A summary of the fire(s)/incident(s) is hereunder:

Date	<b>Property Owner</b>	Details
3 April 2009	Mr Tony (Bruno) Campisi	Property owner carried out burning on 2 & 3 April 2009, which is during the Restricted Burning Period, without obtaining a burning permit.
		The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer completed the Fire/Incident Report form and made a number of recommendations.

The following is a list of comments/recommendations noted from the Fire/Incident Report.

#### Comments:

- Burning without a permit, advised not to burn until April 14;
- No adequate fire unit except hand held back pack;
- Some good firebreaks on north and west side but inadequate around house and roadside;
- No notification to neighbours;
- Land holder was observed lighting up stubble on nights of April 2 & 3;
- Burning was done at night in very mild conditions;
- Burning of April 2 was extinguished after a reasonable attempt at burning a buffer strip against neighbouring property (Newmans);
- Concerned neighbour on western boundary (Boothey) extinguished fire on April 3 as he had concerns over lack of fire fighting gear from offending land holder;
- Cuballing Town Brigade called to assist;
- Land holder had set of harrows behind tractor and back pack sprayer as only fire fighting equipment;
- Land holder advised as he had no permit no burning was to be done until open season (April 14);
- Good firebreaks had been installed adjacent to burn areas;
- Firebreaks on remainder of property substandard;

• Remaining stubble will still need to be burnt and risk still applies during open season as land holder still has not, after two previous fires, equipped himself with a suitable fire fighting unit.

#### Recommendations:

- A letter from Council to land holder:
- In lieu of a fine, an adequate fire unit be purchased or a fine applied (if deemed appropriate);
- Land holder be assisted by neighbours/Cuballing town brigade (for a training exercise) to burn a protective strip around remainder of paddock to prevent any future fires escaping;
- Note in any communications an improvement in standard of firebreaks and his selection of a low risk time of day to burn.

Mr Campisi visited the Shire Chief Executive Officer on the morning of Monday 6 April 2009 to apologise for the incident and stated that he was not aware that the Restricted Burning Period had been extended. It was pointed out to Mr Campisi that the Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods are often extended each season and this is published in the Narrogin Observer and in the local monthly Cuballing Newsletter. He has a responsibility to ascertain this type of information prior to lighting a fire. Mr Campisi collects his mail at the Cuballing Post Office and therefore should have at least received a copy of the Cuballing Newsletter.

The last serious incident involving Mr Campisi was in December 2006 when he continued to harvest during a Harvest and Movement of Vehicles In Paddocks Ban. On this occasion the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and the Chief Executive Officer visited the property and spoke to him on the matter.

#### On that occasions Council resolved:

Correspondence be forwarded to Mr Campisi advising that harvesting during a harvest and movement of vehicles in paddocks ban is a blatant violation of the Bush Fires Act 1954 and is viewed very seriously by Council, and that a repeat of this nature in the future will leave Council with no alternative but to take necessary actions in accordance with the provisions of the Bush Fires Act and associated legislation

The comments/recommendations presented by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CBFCO) are very comprehensive and the recommendation to encourage the land holder to purchase a fire fighting unit in lieu of fine has some merit and could well help into the future. Especially given that in Councils Firebreak Notice Policy it is a requirement that all property owners have a fire fighting unit of minimum 650 litres capacity within a paddock when harvesting.

The *Bush Fires Act 1954*, Section 18, provides for lighting of fires during the Restricted Burning Period, this section also provides for maximum fine of \$4,500 for a first office and \$10,000 for second or subsequent offence.

If Council considers this course of action appropriate, along with severe reprimand letter, it may be beneficial for a Shire Councillor, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and CBFCO to present letter in person to Mr Campisi, and explanation of condition, to ensure he understands the situation.

#### That:

- Letter of reprimand be forwarded to the property owner, Mr Tony (Bruno) Campisi, advising that the lighting of fires during the Restricted Burning Period, without first obtaining a permit, is a blatant violation of the Bush Fires Act 1954, and is viewed very seriously by Council;
- Council is prepared to waiver fine and/or action in accordance with Section 18 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, in lieu of Mr Campisi acquiring a fire fighting unit of minimum 650 litre capacity for his property and providing Council with evidence of such purchase;
- Fire Fighting Unit must be purchased prior to Mr Campisi lighting any future fires or undertaking harvesting operations on his property.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Newman, seconded Cr Meharry that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 7/0

#### 8.3 **REPORTS – HEALTH AND BUILDING**

#### 8.3.1 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER/BUILDING SURVEYORS REPORT

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council

**Location/Address:** Whole of Shire

Neil Flood, Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor **Reporting Officer: Enabling Legislation:** Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960 Building Code of Australia, Building Regulations 1989

Builders' Registration Act 1939

Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997

**Council Policy:** Register Delegated Authority

Shire of Cuballing Health Local Law 2007

Shire of Cuballing Town Planning Scheme No 2

**Budget Implications:** Nil File Reference: CMR<sub>2</sub>

**Voting Requirements:** Simple majority

#### **Summary**

There were three (3) applications approved and licenses issued for the month of March 2009. Listed below is a summarized breakdown of the applications and proposed structures:

Approval License No	Name of Owner	Registered Builder (RB) or Owner Builder	Structure	Location of Building
		(OB)		
47-2008/09	H Chattillon	Owner Builder	S/F Garage	Lot 109 Popanyinning East Rd, Popanyinning
48-2008/09	T C Lundie- Jenkins	W Gledhill (RB)	S/F Shed	Lot 83 Weatherhead Rd Popanyinning
49-2008/09	C Ferrell	Owner Builder	Timber Deck	Lot 291 Brundell Street Cuballing

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That the Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyors Report be received.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Brown, seconded Cr Newman that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 7/0

#### 8.4 <u>REPORTS – TOWN PLANNING</u>

### 8.4.1 <u>AUSTWIDE MINING TITLE MANAGEMENT PTY LTD – APPLICATION FOR</u> <u>EXPLORATION LICENCE 70/3618</u>

Councillors Bradford, Haslam and Meharry declared a Proximity Interest.

Moved Cr Brown, Seconded Cr Newman that the proximity interest declared is common to a significant number of electors and/or ratepayers and that Councillors Bradford, Haslam and Meharry be allowed to remain in the meeting and participate in discussions and the decision making process.

CARRIED 4/0

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council

**Location/Address:** Various localities in the northern part of the Cuballing Shire

**Reporting Officer:** Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer

**Enabling Legislation:** Mining Act 1978

Council Policy: Nil Budget Implications: Nil

File Reference: Permits & Licenses 1
Voting Requirements: Simple majority

#### **Background**

Correspondence from Austwide Mining Title Management Pty Ltd advising that on behalf their clients, Darling Range Pty Ltd, an application has been submitted to the Department of Industry and Resources (DIR) for the abovementioned exploration licence.

The application has the capacity to impact on a large area of land within the northern part of the Shire.

#### **Comment**

Council, at the 15 May 2008 meeting, acknowledged that the number of exploration licenses within the Shire is increasing and therefore resolved to impose a number of conditions for consideration by the DIR when issuing exploration licenses. It is being recommended that the list of conditions again be presented to the DIR for consideration.

That Council acknowledges the application for Exploration Licence 70/3618, and requests the following conditions be imposed by the Department of Industry and resources if the exploration licence is to be issued:

- All surface holes drilled for the purpose of exploration are to be capped, filled or otherwise made safe after completion.
- All costeans and other disturbances to the surface of the land made as a
  result of exploration, including drill pads, grid lines and access tracks, being
  backfilled and rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the district mining engineer.
  Backfilling and rehabilitation being required no later than six months after
  excavation unless otherwise approved in writing by the district mining
  engineer.
- Abandoned equipment and temporary buildings being removed from the mining tenement prior to or at the termination of exploration program.
- No activities taking place to the detriment of any roads, streets or verges.
- Minimum disturbance being made to natural vegetation.
- Adequate dust suppression control methods and practices being used.
- Except with the approval of the Shire of Cuballing, all mining excavations or drilling operations being backfilled and the ground reinstated and revegetated at the completion of the operation to the satisfaction of the Shire of Cuballing.
- All works comply with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.
- All waste materials, rubbish and plastic sample bags to be removed within 60 days of placement.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Brown, seconded Cr Newman that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 7/0

### 8.4.2 <u>WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PLANNING COMMISSION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS 139487</u>

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council

**Location/Address:** Lot 85 Weatherhead Road, Popanyinning East Trevor Moran, Town Planning Consultant Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer

**Enabling Legislation:** Planning and Development Act 2005 **Council Policy:** Town Planning Scheme No 2

**Budget Implications:** Nil

File Reference: Town Planning 12
Voting Requirements: Simple majority

#### **Background**

Planning Application has been received on behalf property owners D J Patten & L J Patten, to create a Homestead Lot at Lot 85 Weatherhead Road, Popanyinning East

#### Comment

The application has been forwarded to Council's Town Planning Consultant who has offered the following comment:

Application No 139487 seeks to create a homestead lot. No information is provided in respect to meeting the WAPC criteria for homestead lots, in particular the adequacy of the water supply. Given that it is an existing and presumably long established can we assume that this is not a problem? If not, then it appears to conform to WAPC and now Shire's policy in its modified Local Planning Strategy.

As mentioned in the Town Planning Consultants comments little or no information is provided by the applicant in regards to meeting the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) criteria as required in section 4.9 of WAPC Development Control Policy DC3.4 Subdivision of Rural Land. Therefore the Chief Executive Officer has contacted the applicant and attempted to provide further information to enable Council to make an informed decision.

#### This information follows:

- a) The land is located in the WAPC's Wheatbelt Agricultural Policy Area; According to Appendix 3 of Policy No. DC3.4, Lot 85 is located within the Wheatbelt Agricultural Policy Area. As such subdivision of the land for the purposes of a 'homestead lot' can be considered.
- b) The population of the locality is declining or relatively static; According to census data provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) the Shire's population has remained relatively static between 2001 and 2006 with an increase of only 4.8% or 36 people during this period. Given the relatively static nature of the population, subdivision of the land for the purposes of a 'homestead lot' can be considered.
- c) The homestead lot has an area between 1 and 4 ha, or up to 20 ha where it is desirable to respond to the land form or to include existing outbuildings or water sources:
  - The subdivision application proposes the creation of a 20 ha 'homestead lot' comprising an existing single detached dwelling, associated outbuildings and existing water sources (ie 3 rainwater tanks and a dam), which is consistent with the criterion contained in section 4.9 of the Policy.
- d) There is an adequate water supply for domestic, land management and fire management purposes;
  - Despite Lot 85 not having direct access to reticulated water supply infrastructure, the land is served by 3 rainwater tanks and a dam, which currently provide an adequate supply of potable water for domestic, land management and fire management purposes. As such the subdivision proposal is consistent with the water supply criterion contained in section 4.9 of the Policy.
- e) The homestead lot fronts a constructed public road; The application proposes the creation of a 'homestead lot' with direct frontage to Weatherhead Road, which is constructed to a suitable rural standard. As such

the subdivision proposal is consistent with the vehicle access criterion contained in section 4.9 of the Policy.

- f) The homestead lot contains an existing residence; The proposed 'homestead lot' contains an existing single detached dwelling and associated outbuildings, all of which are proposed to be retained. As such this criterion is deemed to have been satisfied.
- g) A homestead lot has not been excised from the farm in the past; Lot 85 has not previously been subdivided to create a homestead lot. As such this criterion is deemed to have been satisfied.

The application appears to meet the criteria and there seems no reason as to why it cannot be supported.

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That the Western Australian Planning Commission be advised that Council is prepared to support Planning Application 139487 to create a homestead lot on Lot 85 Weatherhead Road, Popanyinning.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Brown, seconded Cr Newman that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 7/0

### 8.4.3 <u>WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PLANNING COMMISSION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS 139489</u>

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council

**Location/Address:** Lot 3203 Popanyinning East Road, Popanyinning **Reporting Officer:** Trevor Moran, Town Planning Consultant

Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer

Enabling Legislation: Planning and Development Act 2005
Council Policy: Town Planning Scheme No 2

**Budget Implications:** Nil

**File Reference:** Town Planning 12 **Voting Requirements:** Simple majority

#### **Background**

Planning Application have been received on behalf property owners D J Patten & L J Patten, to realign boundaries of nine existing lots (being Lots 155, 370, 1614, 1731, 3203, 3359, 3966, 4197 & 4591), to create nine new lots.

#### **Comment**

The application has been forwarded to Council's Town Planning Consultant who has offered the following comment:

Application No 139489 seeks to create 9 new lots from 9 existing lots. No information is provided to support the boundary rationalisation. In principle however, as no additional lots are created there appears to be no reason to object

to the proposal. My only concern, and I expect WAPC's concern, is that Part Lot 4 in the north-west corner could at a later date be subdivided due to its physical severance from the remainder of Lot 4. It would be better if included as part of Lot 3.

The Shire of Cuballing Town Planning Scheme #2 (clause 4.2(b)) generally does not support the further breakdown or subdivision of land in the agricultural areas. The aim of this part of the Scheme is to protect the economic viability of rural zoned land through a presumption against subdivision except where such subdivision will enhance and/or promote the viability and diversity of general farming activity.

However the application does not intend to create additional lots and is proposing for minor boundary changes. Council has in the past supported planning applications where boundary realignments are proposed and no new lots created. The Western Australian Planning Commission has also supported such applications.

The Town Planning Consultants comments in relation to the portion of proposed Lot 4 in the north-western corner that is to be physically segregated by unmade road reserve is noted and perhaps Council could recommend that it be included as part of proposed Lot 3. This would however then require access to be created for the remainder of proposed Lot 4 off Popanyinning East Road along unmade road reserve.

Another consideration for Council is that if roads within the vicinity need to be upgraded or new roads constructed then they should be the responsibility of the applicant (developer) and included as a condition of planning approval.

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That the Western Australian Planning Commission be advised that Council is prepared to support Planning Application 139489 subject to the following conditions:

- The portion of proposed Lot 4 in the north-western corner that will be segregated by unmade road reserve be included as part of proposed Lot 3;
- Access to proposed Lot 4 be created off Popanyinning East Road along unmade road reserve, road to be constructed to a trafficable standard to the satisfaction of the Shire of Cuballing and be the responsibility of the applicant; and
- If as a result of the subdivision roads within the vicinity need to be upgraded or new roads constructed then they be the responsibility of the applicant (developer) and included as a condition of planning approval.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Hawksley, seconded Cr Meharry that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 7/0

### 8.4.4 <u>WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PLANNING COMMISSION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS 139472</u>

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council

**Location/Address:** Lot 3564 Reeds Road, Popanyinning East **Reporting Officer:** Trevor Moran, Town Planning Consultant

Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer

Enabling Legislation: Planning and Development Act 2005

**Council Policy:** Town Planning Scheme No 2

**Budget Implications:** Nil

**File Reference:** Town Planning 12 **Voting Requirements:** Simple majority

#### **Background**

Planning Application has been received on behalf property owners S C E De Rooy & M E De Rooy to create a Homestead Lot at Lot 3564 Reeds Road, Popanyinning East.

#### Comment

The application has been forwarded to Council's Town Planning Consultant who has offered the following comment:

In response to the application I advise that while the proposal complies with the homestead lots criteria it is difficult to conceive of it as anything other than a subdivision of rural land. The original area of Lot 3564 is 64.810 ha to be subdivided into two lots of 44.81 ha and 20 ha. Approval would indicate support of the creation of an agricultural lot of 44.81 ha in this area as a viable unit.

Although the policy states that a homestead lot of up to 20 ha can be created a more usual size is 1 to 4 ha. To create a 20 ha homestead lot from an original lot of 64.8 ha is not the intended purpose of the policy.

Accordingly in my view the subdivision if approved will set an undesirable precedent as similar sized lots in the vicinity can be subdivided in exactly the same manner and give rise to negative impacts on the local rural character or amenity contrary to objective 4.2 (b) dot point 5 of the Town Planning Scheme which states that:

To protect the economic viability of the rural zoned land through a presumption against subdivision except where such subdivision will enhance or promote the viability and diversity of general farming activity.

If it is supported/approved, a condition should be placed on the approval consistent with Council's Natural Resource Management Policy to ensure "..the preservation of existing trees and nature corridors and the planting of additional trees and other vegetation..." (Clause 1b of Council's Natural Resource Management Policy).

Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) Development Control Policy 3.4 Subdivision of Rural Land, specifically section 4.9 deals with the creation of homestead lots. The proponent has addressed the various criteria in section 4.9 as detailed hereunder (in italics).

a) The land is located in the WAPC's Wheatbelt Agricultural Policy Area;

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According to Appendix 3 of Policy No. DC3.4, Lot 3564 is located within the Wheatbelt Agricultural Policy Area. As such subdivision of the land for the purposes of a 'homestead lot' can be considered.

- b) The population of the locality is declining or relatively static; According to census data obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) the Shire's population has remained relatively static between 2001 and 2006 with an increase of only 4.8% or 36 people during this period. Given the relatively static nature of the population, subdivision of the land for the purposes of a 'homestead lot' can be considered.
- c) The homestead lot has an area between 1 and 4 ha, or up to 20 ha where it is desirable to respond to the land form or to include existing outbuildings or water sources:

The subdivision application proposes the creation of a 20 ha 'homestead lot' comprising an existing single detached dwelling, associated outbuildings and existing water sources (ie bores, wells and dams) which is consistent with the criterion contained in section 4.9 of the Policy.

d) There is an adequate water supply for domestic, land management and fire management purposes;

Despite Lot 3564 not having direct access to reticulated water supply infrastructure, the land is served by artesian bores, wells and dams which currently provide a more than adequate supply of potable water for domestic, land management and fire management purposes. As such the subdivision proposal is consistent with the water supply criterion contained in section 4.9 of the Policy.

- e) The homestead lot fronts a constructed public road; The application proposes the creation of a 'homestead lot' with direct frontage to Reeds Road which is constructed to a suitable rural standard. As such the subdivision proposal is consistent with the vehicle access criterion contained in section 4.9 of the Policy.
- f) The homestead lot contains an existing residence;

  The proposed 'homestead lot' contains an existing single detached dwelling and associated outbuildings, all of which are proposed to be retained. As such this criterion is deemed to have been satisfied.
- g) A homestead lot has not been excised from the farm in the past;

  Lot 3564 has not previously been subdivided to create a homestead lot. As such this criterion is deemed to have been satisfied.

In the application the proponent further states that: *Under the terms of the Shire's current Local Planning Strategy the subdivision of productive agricultural land is generally not supported (i.e. there is a general presumption against subdivision in agricultural areas).*Whilst the Strategy does support the subdivision of agricultural land in certain circumstances, it is silent regarding the creation of 'homestead lots'.

Whilst these comments may be true of Council's existing Town Planning Scheme No 2 and Local Planning Strategy (LPS), Council has addressed the creation of homestead lots in its review of the LPS and amendment document that is currently before the WAPC.

Basically the criteria for homestead lots being adopted by Council in the LPS amendment document is the same as dot points (a) to (g) of the WAPC Policy DC3.4 section 4.9, as identified above.

In further justification of the application the proponent states as follows:

- The proposed subdivision will enable the current landowner to continue to reside in the existing dwelling on Lot 3564 and allow the balance portion of the property to continue to be used for broadacre farming purposes.
- The proposed subdivision is unlikely to compromise the objectives for land classified 'General Agriculture' zone in the Shire of Cuballing's current operative Town Planning Scheme No 2.
- The proposed subdivision has due regard for existing land uses, the current subdivision pattern and prevailing lot sizes in the immediate locality and is therefore unlikely top set an undesirable precedent for further subdivision development or give rise to any negative impacts on the local rural character or amenity.
- The proposed subdivision will not diminish the land's current productive capacity for a variety of agricultural purposes, will not give rise to any conflicts with existing surrounding land uses and will not undermine or compromise existing land management practises.
- The proposed subdivision will not result in the clearing of any significant native vegetation.
- The proposed subdivision is consistent with the criteria contained in section 4.9 of the WAPC Policy DC3.4 as this applies specifically to the creation of 'homestead lots' in the Wheatbelt Agricultural Policy Area.
- The proposed subdivision is capable of being served by all necessary essential service infrastructure and will result in the efficient and practical use of the existing road network and essential service infrastructure in the immediate locality.

Whilst the application has been well presented and appears to cover all the required criteria, the Town Planning Consultant and staff have some concerns in relation to the area of the proposed homestead lot in proportion to the total area of the existing lot, and the boundary alignment of the proposed homestead lot.

An area of 20 ha being excised from a lot of 64.8 ha only leaves a balance of 44.8 ha to be utilised for broadacre farming practises, this appears to be far too small to be a viable agricultural unit. It is acknowledged that it could be argued that the existing lot of 64.8 ha is not viable either and therefore in any situation would need to be operated in conjunction with neighbouring property or properties.

A second area of concern is the alignment of the eastern boundary of the proposed homestead lot. WAPC Policy DC3.4, section 4.9, clause (c) states in part that "where it is desirable to respond to the landform or to include existing outbuildings or water sources". It appears the eastern boundary has been drawn to include a dam situated almost in the middle of the existing lot, however there appears to be a natural water course running diagonally across the lot in a north-westerly direction and perhaps it would be more appropriate to have this as a natural boundary for the proposed homestead lot. It would mean that the dam would not be included but could include two wells in the southeast part of the existing lot. Should the proposed boundary be approved then a section in

the south-east part of proposed Lot 2 could eventually become segregated because of the water course.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That the Western Australian Planning Commission be advised that Council is not prepared to support Planning Application 139472 in its current format:

- Council is of the opinion that creating a homestead lot of 20 ha from an existing total lot area of 64.8 ha is too large and the area needs to be revised;
- Council is of the opinion that the eastern boundary of the proposed homestead lot needs to be realigned to run along the boundary of the natural watercourse that runs diagonally through the property in a north-westerly direction and meets Reeds Road on the northern side of the existing dwelling and outbuildings; and
- Council is concerned that the proposed eastern boundary of the homestead lot could result in part of proposed Lot 2 being segregated by natural water course.

#### **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Bradford, seconded Cr Haslam that Council does not support Planning Application 139472.

CARRIED 7/0

Council believes that the land area of 64.8 hectares is already a typical homestead block in accordance with the original land surveys carried out for rural land. However, if the Western Australian Planning Commission is inclined to approve the application then Council would like the homestead lot boundary to be created along the natural water course (geographical boundary) running through the property in a north-westerly direction.

### 9. <u>ELECTED MEMBERS MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN</u> GIVEN

Nil

#### 10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

#### 11. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 4:50pm.