



Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Thursday 23 April 2015

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held at the Murray Shire Council, 1915 Pinjarra Road, Pinjarra on Thursday 9 April 2015.

The Presiding Member Cr W Barrett declared the meeting open the time being 9.01am.

1. ATTENDANCES

Cr W Barrett	Shire President
Cr C Thompson	Deputy Shire President
Cr M Reid	Councillor
Cr E Menara	Councillor
Cr B Beacham	Councillor
Cr S Lee	Councillor
Cr A Black	Councillor
Cr B Thomson	Councillor
Cr P Briggs	Councillor
Mr D Unsworth	Chief Executive Officer
Mrs J Burton	Director Corporate and Community Development
Mr A Smith	Director Technical Services
Mr R Peake	Director Planning and Sustainability
Ms J Spence	Administration Support Officer (Executive)
Mrs L Barter	Executive Assistant Director Planning and Sustainability

There were one member of the public, two members of staff and two members of the press in attendance at this time.

2. ABSENT

Nil

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Mr Ross Rose, 580 Fishermans Road, Coolup – roadworks on Brownes Lane, Coolup.

The following responses have been provided in writing to **Mr Ross Rose**.

Q1. Why was the road realigned?

Response

The road pavement is being widened to accommodate the proposed new seal width, the bulk of widening works are being proposed on one side of the existing road pavement. The alignment of the upgraded road has been designed to best align the road within the existing road reserve.

Q2. Who decided on the works and why?

Response

Rehabilitation and upgrade of civil road construction works are detailed in the 10 year civil works plan, projects within this plan are presented to Council annually for inclusion within the budget. Brownes Lane has been included within the 10 year

planning to provide rehabilitation of an aging road network while providing an increased seal width to manage safety within the road environment.

Q3. What was the cost of using the existing road as opposed to re-aligning?

Response

The road pavement was being widened to accommodate the new road seal, in many cases the existing road sits central to the road reserve and the upgraded road will be widened and balanced on both sides. In this case the widening was undertaken on one side to allow the best road alignment within the road reserve. The upgraded road will utilise the existing road pavement as part of the reconstruction works. The existing road pavement will be ripped and balanced to form part of the road subgrade for the upgraded road, there is no cost differential regarding the proposed alignment of the road compared to widening evenly on both sides of the road.

Q4. Was this ratepayer funded or State Government grant?

Response

This project is being funded by the Shire of Murray.

Q5. How come there was no public input?

Response

The Shire of Murray is required to apply for a clearing permit when removing any native vegetation within road reserves, an application is made through the Department of Environment and Regulation (DER). Through the application process detailed surveyed drawings of the proposed tree removals, photographs of the site along with the road design are provided to DER for a full assessment. The DER then place advertisements for the proposed clearing in the West Australian newspaper to gauge public comment prior to issuing a final approval.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 9 April 2015

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:

OCM15/069

Moved: Cr P Briggs

Seconded: Cr M Reid

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 9 April 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SHIRE PRESIDENT WITHOUT DISCUSSION

On Friday 10 April I attended the Launch of the John Butler recording studio at Fairbridge.

On Monday 13 April I attended a photoshoot at the Pinjarra Cemetery for the ANZAC Restoration Project.

On Wednesday 15 April the CEO, Coordinator Special Projects and I attended a meeting with the Hon. Colin Holt MLC to provide an update on the Murray Regional Equestrian Centre.

Later that evening the CEO, Coordinator Special Projects and relevant Shire staff and I attended a community meeting at the Coolup hall to provide residents an update on the progress of the Murray Regional Equestrian Centre.

On Thursday 16 April the CEO, Executive Manager Strategic and Economic Development and I attended a meeting with the Bedingfeld Board to discuss the progress of their projects.

Later that evening Cr B Thomson and I attended the Rivers Regional Council meeting held at South Perth.

On Friday 17 April the CEO and I met with Simon Pascoe, Daniel Peckover and Fiona Bell from Alcoa in relation to ongoing projects and made a presentation on community projects for funding in 2015/2016.

Later that morning the CEO and I met with Clyde Pearson Officer in Charge from Pinjarra Police Station to discuss arrangements for ANZAC day.

On Monday 20 April the CEO, Director Planning and Sustainability and I attended a meeting at the Edenvale Tearooms with Colin Taylor to discuss the Exchange Hotel development and ongoing works at George Street as he is an adjacent owner.

On Wednesday 22 April I attended the WALGA Finance meeting in Perth.

Following today's Council meeting the CEO, relevant Shire staff and I are meeting with Hon. Jamie Briggs MP, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and Don Randall MP to tour the Murray Regional Equestrian Centre and discuss Federal funding opportunities.

8. QUESTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

10. PETITIONS, MEMORIAL, DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

11. RECEPTION OF MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES HELD SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING OF COUNCIL

Nil

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Planning and Development

12.1 Pinjarra Heritage Trail Renewal: Pathways to Pinjarra's Past

File Ref: 7306
Author and Title: Susan Cowling, Senior Planning Officer

Appendix 1 and 2

Introduction

Council is requested to endorse the review, advertising and subsequent installation of the Pinjarra Heritage Trail.

Background/Proposal

The original Pinjarra heritage trail, known as "Pathways to Pinjarra's Past", was a Rotary Pinjarra led project completed in the mid-2000s. The trail featured small plaques identifying a heritage place with the date of construction. A supporting pamphlet provided contextual and historical information and was available at the Pinjarra Visitors Centre.

The trail was invaluable in helping to raise the profile of Pinjarra heritage and was one of the initial programs to foster heritage tourism within Murray. The trail is now dated and in need of renewal, with copies of the pamphlet depleted and signage in various states of disrepair.

Renewal of the Pinjarra Heritage Trail is identified as a medium term strategic initiative within the Local Heritage Planning Strategy. The decision was made to bring the initiative forward after an approach from the Pinjarra Branch of Rotary. Rotary Pinjarra have strongly supported the initiative and have provided financial assistance to the project, contributing \$5000. The project has been included in the 2014-2018 Shire of Murray Corporate Business Plan for completion.

Review Process:

The revised trail has been informed by an interpretation plan written by *History Now* (**Appendix 1**). The central theme is "transport and movement"; of early settlers to the district, of the river and its economic and social impact, of improvement in vehicle technologies (road and rail) and its development impact on Pinjarra.

The design work has largely been completed, with a comprehensive examination of the heritage trail, places identified and supporting map. Please refer to **Appendix 2** for a full set of the proposed signage, along with trail mapping. The trail has been designed to incorporate not just the historic core of George Street, but the also the heritage along the Murray River, which contributed so much to the development of Pinjarra. The trail has been refined to focus on built heritage. The existing trail blended both natural and built heritage, making for a lengthy and sometimes confusing trail experience.

The trail incorporates an internet component and includes "QR" programming, which is a mobile phone-based technology. QR codes effectively allow a visitor to scan the signage with their phone, which directs the user to a web-page with more detailed information relating to that heritage place.

The revised trail has been designed so that it can easily be extended in the future without adversely impacting on installed signage interpretation.

Signage style has been chosen to incorporate with the branding and interpretation project at Edenvale Homestead, being manufactured and installed by the same sign-maker, ensuring consistency in the Shire’s heritage tourism product.

Consultation

The updated trail has been discussed with Murray Districts Historical Society and Rotary Pinjarra. Due to difficulties experienced in collating some of the information and images for the interpretation, comprehensive advertising to landowners has yet to occur. On endorsement of the project, landowners and lessees of buildings identified in the trail will be consulted and the updated trail will be formally referred to the State Heritage Office and Pinjarra Rotary for comment.

Sustainability Implications

Economic - (Financial impact to the community)

A key factor in attracting population growth, tourist dollars and increased economic activity to the Shire will be its distinctive sense of place. This is strongly influenced by the Shire’s heritage amenities and attractions. Managing and promoting the Shire’s heritage assets will be an important factor if the Shire is to capitalise on its growth and economic potential.

Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

The Shire’s heritage enriches the character and distinctiveness of the area and helps to create a unique identity and sense of place.

Heritage places are also a valuable cultural and educational resource, which provides a tangible link to the past and enhances the community’s cultural identity.

Interpretation of heritage provides an educative function as well as the consolidation of cultural identity.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

All efforts will be made to ensure responsible installation of signage so that it will not compromise the heritage significance of a place.

Investigations were made into the viability of re-utilising the existing infrastructure however, much of the signage was in very poor condition and unfortunately could not be salvaged.

Governance/Risk Statement – (Policy implications/level of risk)

The key risks if Council does not review the Pinjarra Heritage Trail are -

- A reputation risk of not delivering on its adopted Strategic Initiatives set out in its 2014-2018 Corporate Business Plan.
- A reputation risk of not delivering on its adopted Strategic Initiatives set out in its Local Heritage Planning Strategy 2013-2022.

Strategic Outcomes

Murray 2023 – Strategic Community Plan

Theme 2	
<i>Strategic Land Use Planning</i>	
Objective 2.3 <i>Enhance our character and identity</i>	Strategy 2.3.1 <i>Protect and enhance our heritage</i>

2014-2018 Corporate Business Plan

Objective 2.3 <i>Enhance our character and identity</i>	
2.3.1 <i>Protect and enhance our heritage</i>	2.3.1.7 <i>Review and update existing heritage trails within Pinjarra Town Centre.</i>

Statutory Environment

Nil

Options

Council has the option of:

1. endorsing the review and installation of the Pinjarra Heritage Trail; or
2. not endorsing the review and installation of the Pinjarra Heritage Trail.

Resource Implications

Financial

The research and design of the project has been completed under existing budget arrangements. Installation of signage and development of web based content has not been funded under the current budget. The total cost is expected at \$30,000.

Rotary Pinjarra has kindly donated \$5000 to the project. Colorado Property Group has offered to pay for the construction and installation of a sign for the Mechanic's Hall, in lieu of installing separate interpretation, which was a requirement of planning approval for the extension of the Pinjarra Junction Shopping Centre.

Funding options for the installation of signage and creation of website design will be explored, including sponsorship, grant opportunities and incorporation into the 2015-2016 budget.

\$10,000 from within the current Planning and Development Services consultancy budget can be allocated to towards the cost of installation and carried forward to next financial year as initial discussions with Lotterywest have indicated that there may be some reluctance to provide grant funding without financial contribution from the Shire.

Workforce

All other works involved in the coordination of the project will be managed under existing service and resource levels.

Conclusion/Justification of Officer Recommendation

The review of existing heritage trails and interpretation has been identified as a medium term priority task within the Shire of Murray's *Local Heritage Planning Strategy 2013-2022*. The review was not due to begin until 2017. The offer of financial sponsorship meant that the program was examined earlier.

The project is identified within the 2014-2018 Shire of Murray Corporate Business Plan with design elements to be completed within this financial year and the installation and web development to be completed next financial year. These timeframes were set due to Rotary's financial involvement with the project.

Endorsement of the review and replacement of the existing heritage trail will ensure that Pinjarra's significant heritage are properly promoted in a consistent style and format utilised at other significant heritage sites, (most notably, Edenvale Homestead).

The review will ensure that information is accurate and up-to-date. The promotion of heritage helps to foster community identity and pride, as well as supporting heritage tourism within the Shire.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:

OCM15/070

Moved: Cr M Reid

Seconded: Cr S Lee

That Council:

- 1. endorses the review, advertising, and if no significant objection is raised during the consultation period, the subsequent installation of the Pinjarra Heritage Trail generally in accordance with the plans set out in Appendix 2; and**
- 2. acknowledges and thanks Rotary Pinjarra for their generous contribution of \$5000 to the project.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0

Corporate Governance

12.2 Pinjarra Light Industrial Area Incentive Proposal

File Ref:	5301		
Proponent:			
Previous Items:	PPS Nov 12	Item 8.4	(PPS12/169)
	OCM Nov 12	Item 11.3.1.5	(OCM12/226)
	PPS May 13	Item 8.9	(PPS13/059)
	OCM May 13	Item 11.10.1.5	(OCM13/067)
	PPS Apr 14	Item 8.2	(PPS14/042)
	OCM Apr 14	Item 12.1.3	(OCM14/042)
Author and Title:	Dean Unsworth, Chief Executive Officer		

Introduction

Landcorp's Pinjarra Industrial Area was released in 2007 with twenty lots. The Global Financial Crisis affected the market significantly very soon after release and because of slow sales, four blocks were split to make a total of 24 due to feedback from prospective purchasers. In the seven years since the estate opened only eleven blocks have sold.

In an effort to stimulate interest in the estate, in November 2012 Council partnered with Landcorp to offer incentives to investors. Landcorp has offered a deferred payment option with the Shire of Murray offering a three years rates waiver. This offer was extended until 30 June 2014, and then again until 30 June 2015.

This report is to present to Council to review whether a further extension of this rates waiver should be considered.

Background/Proposal

Since the Global Financial Crisis sales of industrial land across the state has been very slow. This is particularly evident at Landcorp's Pinjarra Industrial land development where, since land was offered for sale in 2007, only 11 of 24 lots have sold. Below is a site plan illustrating lots that are still available.

Lot#	Address	Land size	Price	Type	Status
210	Yagan Street	3,600 sqm	\$470,000	Industrial	Available
211	Yagan Street	8,365 sqm	\$500,000	Industrial	Available
213	Yagan Street	7,325 sqm	\$400,000	Industrial	Available
214	Corner Of Yagan Street And Munday Avenue	3,967 sqm	\$515,000	Industrial	Available
219	Pindjarup Crescent	6,989 sqm	\$665,000	Industrial	Available
221	Pindjarup Crescent	3,600 sqm	\$470,000	Industrial	Available
222	Corner Of Pindjarup Crescent And Munday Avenue	3,667 sqm	\$515,000	Industrial	Available
223	Corner Of Pindjarup Crescent And Munday Avenue	3,855 sqm	\$540,000	Industrial	Available
224	Pindjarup Crescent	3,793 sqm	\$495,000	Industrial	Available
225	Pindjarup Crescent	3,800 sqm	\$495,000	Industrial	Available
226	Pindjarup Crescent	4,324 sqm	\$540,000	Industrial	Available
266	Ballang Brace	3,167 sqm	\$320,000	Industrial	Available
277	Corner Of Munday Avenue And Ballang Brace	2,097 sqm	\$315,000	Industrial	Available

While Stage 1 remains stagnant, Landcorp's plan to develop Stage 2 will remain on hold.

The main competition to Pinjarra is the Rockingham Industrial Zone. This development is only 40 kilometers from Perth and is an 1150 Ha site with land available now. Also the Meridian Park development has land available and is located 32 km from Perth.

At present Council do not receive rates from the unsold land parcels due to them being Crown land. Given that if no incentives are offered that sales will most likely remain stagnant, if rates waivers were an incentive that stimulated sales, then a rates waiver will

have no negative financial impact on Council. While sales are at a current standstill, Council is not receiving rates income.

Of the 13 lots that are currently for sale, if all lots were sold now Council would receive approximately \$35,000 per annum for the land while it is undeveloped. Once developed it would generate \$55,000 per annum. Approximate range of individual rates on each property ranges from \$1600 - \$3100 per lot undeveloped, and from \$1800 - \$6000 per lot once sold.

Consultation

Meetings with senior Landcorp officers.

Sustainability Implications

Economic - (Financial impact to the community)

Council is responsible for local economic development. Industrial land will be the lifeblood of the local economy and providing jobs to the district as the Shire grows. With the Pinjarra Industrial site not generating sales, the local economy is not growing. Job creation and investment is critical to ensure the sustainability of the Shire. If sales can improve at the Pinjarra Industrial site there will be more interest from Landcorp to develop Stage 2. It will also assist in bringing forward future industrial developments at Nambeelup, West Pinjarra and Greenlands Road. Also the sooner the lots are sold, the sooner Council will receive rates income from these currently unrated blocks.

Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Low unemployment is a significant issue to increasing the quality of life for residents.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

N/A

Governance/Risk Statement – (Policy implications/level of risk)

The slow sales at the Pinjarra site puts at risk in the short and medium term other future industrial developments including particularly Pinjarra Industrial Stage 2 and Nambeelup. Given the soft market and significant competition, Council is requested to partner Landcorp and be aggressive in marketing the lots available.

Strategic Outcomes

Murray 2023 – Strategic Community Plan

Theme 5 <i>Economic Development</i>	
Objective 5.1 <i>Create an attractive environment for business to establish and grow</i>	Strategy 5.1.3 <i>Attract strategic businesses</i> <i>Performance Indicator:</i> <i>Number of businesses registered</i>

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act (1995)

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) waive or grant concessions in relation to any amount of money; or
 - (c) write off any amount of money,
- which is owed to the local government.

* *Absolute majority required.*

- (2) Subsection (1)(a) and (b) do not apply to an amount of money owing in respect of rates and service charges.
- (3) The grant of a concession under subsection (1)(b) may be subject to any conditions determined by the local government.

Options

There are many different forms of which Council could offer rates waivers or rate holidays. It is recommended however that Council be aggressive as per the below officer recommendation to give potential investors a significant incentive to invest in the Shire of Murray.

Financial Implications

While lots remain unsold Council is not generating income due to the vacant lots being Crown land. While there would be a waiver of approximately \$1600 - \$3100 per lot while vacant and \$1800 - \$6000 once developed, by doing nothing it is unlikely that sales will improve over the next 1 - 2 years. Landcorp will fund all marketing of the lots, Council are requested to continue to offer the rates waiver as a sales incentive. This offer will not have a cost to Council.

Conclusion/Justification of Officer Recommendation

It is proposed that Council continues to take a lead role in making the Pinjarra Industrial site an attractive investment by extending a rates waiver. In reality if this was a tool that was the difference in generating or losing a sale, then the waiver would not impact Councils operations. By stimulating the market, Council is offering an innovative way of attracting interest in the development. The sooner the lots are sold means the sooner Council will be receiving approximately \$50,000 per annum in rates. While the land remains unsold Council is not generating any rates income.

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:

OCM15/071

Moved: Cr C Thompson

Seconded: Cr B Beacham

That:

- 1. Council by Absolute Majority offers a rates waiver exclusively for the following Lots at the Landcorp Pinjarra Industrial Estate:**

Lot 219 Pindjarup Crescent

Lot 221 Pindjarup Crescent

Lot 222 Pindjarup Crescent

Lot 223 Pindjarup Crescent

**Lot 224 Pindjarup Crescent
Lot 225 Pindjarup Crescent
Lot 226 Pindjarup Crescent
Lot 210 Yagan Street
Lot 211 Yagan Street
Lot 213 Yagan Street
Lot 214 Yagan Street
Lot 277 Munday Avenue
Lot 266 Ballang Brace**

- 2. the rates waiver is for a period of thirty-six months;**
- 3. the rates waiver be extended a further twelve months until 30 June 2016; and**
- 4. a review of the strategy to offer rates waivers at the Pinjarra Industrial Estate be presented to Council in May 2016.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0

12.2.1 Matter Arising - Pinjarra Light Industrial Area Incentive Proposal

File Ref: 5301

**COUNCIL DECISION:
OCM15/072
Moved: Cr B Thomson
Seconded: Cr P Briggs**

That the Chief Executive Officer contact LandCorp to discuss the possibility of industrial blocks being leased privately on 20 year terms with lessees providing building and infrastructure which in turn will revert to LandCorp ownership after the leased terms.

CARRIED 8:1

Following the result of voting, names are recorded as follows:

For: Cr B Thomson, Cr W Barrett, Cr M Reid, Cr S Lee, Cr A Black, Cr P Briggs
and Cr B Beacham

Against: Cr E Menara

12.3 Confirmation of Payment of Creditors March 2015

Author and Title: Julie Burton, Director Corporate and Organisation Development

Appendix 3

In accordance with Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 13(1) Schedules of all payments made through the Shire's Bank Accounts are presented to Council for their inspection. The list includes details for each account paid incorporating:

- a. Payees name
- b. The amount of the payment
- c. The date of the payment
- d. Sufficient information to identify the transaction

Invoices supporting all payments are available for the inspection of the Council and a certificate signed by the Chief Executive Officer, stating that all invoices and vouchers presented to Council have been certified as to the receipt of goods and the rendition of services and as to prices, computations and costing and that the amounts shown were due for payment.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:**OCM15/073****Moved: Cr P Briggs****Seconded: Cr C Thompson**

That Council notes the payments authorised and made by the Chief Executive Officer, exercising delegated authority and detailed in the list of accounts paid for the month of March 2015 presented to Council, in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0

12.4 Monthly Financial Report – March 2015

Author and Title: Tracie Unsworth, Manager Finance

Appendix 4**Summary**

Presented to Council is the monthly financial report for March 2015.

The reports identify the financial position of Council and contain:

- Statement of Financial Activity, plus notes -
 1. Graphical representation of Statement of Financial Activity
 2. Net Current Funding Position
 3. Significant Variances
 4. Cash and Investments
 5. Budget Amendments
 6. Receivables
 7. Grants and Contributions
 8. Cash Backed Reserves
 9. Capital Disposals and Acquisitions
 10. Trust Fund

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:**OCM15/074****Moved: Cr B Thomson****Seconded: Cr C Thompson****That Council receives the March 2015 Monthly Financial Report.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0**

Recreation and Community Development

12.5 Dwellingup PCYC Blue Light Association – Request for Waiver of Fees

File Ref: 4211
 Author and Title: Jodie Doherty, Coordinator Recreation and Community Development

Appendix 5

Introduction

The Dwellingup Blue Light Association has requested that Council consider its request to waive hire fees in relation to proposed youth blue light discos throughout 2015.

Background/Proposal

Correspondence has been received from the Dwellingup Blue Light Association (the Association) requesting Council waive the Dwellingup Hall hire fees for the upcoming “Blue Light Discos” proposed to be held five times throughout 2015.

Previous events were held in 2014 and proved successful, providing an avenue for Police and key community stakeholders to develop and gain the trust of the youth in Dwellingup.

The disco has been operating for more than 30 years and is one of the longest run Blue Light programs in the State. The Association organise fundraisers and apply for government grants to raise money to make the children’s time as much fun as possible. Dwellingup PCYC has indicated the hire fees of the hall would deplete their funds considerably.

The Association has paid various levels of fees in the past under differing Council fee structures as they have been reviewed on an annual basis. Prior to 2014 the events were classed as a school function, which specifically included in its definition ‘socials’, and charged at \$56. In 2014 this definition was changed to being inclusive of only school curriculum functions with an applicable rate of \$58.50. The Blue Light Discos are now considered under the private function charge of dinners, weddings and parties (including cabarets, dance, and travelling shows), which are charged at \$115 for a half day.

While the event is not strictly a school function, it does fit with the intent of this charge due to the community and non-profit nature of the event.

As a part of the review of fees and charges for 2015/16 officers are considering implementing a system which provides for a community and commercial rate. This will avoid future confusion over the interpretation about which category an event or hire might fit into.

Consultation

Dwellingup Blue Light Association

Sustainability Implications

Economic – (Financial Impact to the Community)

Nil

Social – (quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Youth at risk is a major issue within the WA Community, the Blue Light Disco program addresses this issue and enables the local Police and key community stakeholders to develop and gain the trust of the youth within the community.

Environment – (Impact on environments sustainability)

Nil

Governance/Risk Statement – (Policy Implication/Level of Risk)

This proposal is not expected to generate negative community comment.

Strategic Outcomes

Murray 2023 Strategic Community Plan

Theme 1 <i>Community Wellbeing</i>	
Objective 1.2 <i>Promote a harmonious community</i>	Strategy 1.2.2 <i>Provide programs that encourage community participation, cohesion and build capacity.</i>

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 – Part 6 Financial Management

Options

Council has the following options available:

1. Approve the full waiver;
2. Approve a waiver of a lesser amount; or
3. Not approve any waiver.

Resource Implications

Financial

Approval of the recommendation will result in a loss in revenue of \$56.50 per event, being a total of \$282.50.

Workforce

Nil

Conclusion/Justification of Officer Recommendation

Officers do not ordinarily recommend the waiver of fees for community groups because it is difficult to substantiate why one community group should receive this benefit over another. Many community groups provide services that are beneficial to the community, and this includes the Association.

While a full waiver of fees is not recommended, the application of the fee under the ‘school function’ would allow the Association to allocate its funds to additional youth services rather than solely on hire fees of a facility. It is therefore recommended that for 2015, the fee category of a school function be applied.

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

<p>OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION: OCM15/075 Moved: Cr B Beacham Seconded: Cr S Lee</p> <p>That Council by Absolute Majority approves that the Dwellingup Blue Light Association be charged at the school function rate of \$58.50 per event for the 2015 events.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0</p>

Technical Services

12.6 Project Management of Multi-use hard courts at the Pinjarra Senior High School

File Ref: 7/7944
Previous Items: Nil
Proponent: Department of Education
Author and Title: Alan Smith, Director Technical Services

Introduction

Council is being requested to delegate responsibility to project manage the private works for the Department of Education (DoE) to the Chief Executive Officer to enable the development of Multi-use hard courts at the Pinjarra Senior High School (PSHS) to be undertaken.

Background/Proposal

The Shire of Murray have been liaising with the DoE regarding improved facilities at the PSHS to improve the school site while improving opportunities at the Murray Leisure Centre to maximise both sites.

The Shire of Murray provided costs for the DoE in mid-2013 to locate four multi-use hard courts on the site of the PSHS. Due to funding being unavailable at the time the project was placed on hold pending availability of funds.

Recently the DoE approached the Shire of Murray as the funds had become available. Meetings have been coordinated with the DoE and relevant personnel at the PSHS to establish the scope and location of the required works.

Consultation

- Department of Education
- Pinjarra Senior High School
- Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA)

Sustainability Implications

Economic - (Financial impact to the community)

There is no financial impact to the community as the works will be fully funded and maintained by the DoE.

Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

The placement of multi-use hard courts on the site of the PSHS will avail more opportunities for the students to utilise the courts during school hours. Outside of school hours the courts should be available for public use to encourage increase in activity opportunities.

Environment – (Impact on environment's sustainability)

The final design has not been completed and there is potential of tree removal to enable the courts to be established. Unfortunately the school site is very restrictive and every effort will be made to minimise or negate removal of vegetation.

Governance/Risk Statement – (Policy implications/level of risk)

The project is being fully funded by the DoE with full project involvement to ensure the overarching management responsibility rests with the Department.

Strategic Outcomes

Murray 2023 – Strategic Community Plan

Theme 1 <i>Community Wellbeing</i>	
Objective 1.3 <i>Encourage a healthy and active lifestyle</i>	Strategy 1.3.2 <i>Promote activities that support recreation</i>
Theme 4 <i>Infrastructure and Asset Management</i>	
Objective 4.1 <i>Build and maintain infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing population</i>	Strategy 4.1.3 <i>Ensure the effective use of current facilities</i> Strategy 4.1.4 <i>Provide community facilities to meet future population needs</i>

Statutory Environment

Nil

Options

Council has the option of:

1. delegating the responsibility to project manage the private works for the Department of Education to the Chief Executive Officer for the development of the multi-use hard courts at the Pinjarra Senior High School; or
2. not delegating the responsibility to project manage the private works for the Department of Education to the Chief Executive Officer for the development of the multi-use hard courts at the Pinjarra Senior High School.

Resource Implications

Financial

Nil – the project is being fully funded by the DoE

Workforce

Technical Services will oversee the tender and contractor works with ongoing liaison with the Department of Education, there is no long term impact on staff resources.

Conclusion/Justification of Officer Recommendation

The development of multi-use hard courts on the PSHS site enables opportunities for the school and community to have access to improved facilities, this will enable a review of the existing outside courts at the MLC to further develop as potential future parking. The outside courts are located adjacent to Camp Road and can be removed and aligned to the existing parking area as the MLC progresses and once the new courts are developed at the PSHS.

Following liaison with WALGA to ascertain the responsibility of tender specification and selection criteria which typically is referred to Council for works in areas under our responsibility. In this case the Department of Education have a vested interest in both the tender specification, selection criteria as well as the appointment of the successful contractor as they are the manager of the land and are fully funding the works.

The recommendation from WALGA was to delegate responsibility to the Chief Executive Officer to project manage the private works that involve the establishment of the new multi-use hard courts at the Pinjarra Senior High School. This will give flexibility to call for tenders and undertake tender evaluation in consultation with the DoE without the need to report back to Council regarding the tender evaluation and appointment.

The timelines to achieve tender outcomes are very tight and need to be resolved prior to 1 June 2015 to enable funding to be finalised. This is a limited opportunity and a very exciting outcome for the PSHS, the MLC and the community as a whole. The delegation to the Chief Executive Officer will enable the decisions and liaison with the DoE to be fast tracked to achieve the required outcomes.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:

OCM15/076

Moved: Cr C Thompson

Seconded: Cr M Reid

That Council:

- 1. accepts the offer from the Department of Education to coordinate the development of multi-use hard courts at the Pinjarra Senior High School; and**
- 2. delegates responsibility to the Chief Executive Officer to project manage and coordinate the tender selection criteria and tender selection in consultation with the Department of Education to enable the development of the multi-use hard courts at the Pinjarra Senior High School.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0

12.7 Tender Selection Criteria – Tree Management – Pruning, Stump Removal and Powerline Clearance Pruning

File Ref: T15/02 and T15/03
 Previous Items: Nil
 Author and Title: Chris Pretorius, Manager Operations

Introduction

This report is presented to Council to determine the tender selection criteria for Tree Management – Pruning, Stump Removal and Powerline Clearance Pruning when invited from time to time.

Background/Proposal

Tree Management tenders are invited and advertised periodically to ensure satisfactory cost effective arrangements are in place for annual management services.

It is proposed that Tenders be invited in April/May 2015 to provide tree management services for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2017 together with an option for a further two extension periods (being one year each) and the following qualitative selection criteria is proposed -

Description of Qualitative Selection Criteria	Weighting
Price and Price Structure/Financial Capacity to perform services	60%
Technical and Physical Capacity	20%
Previous experience or past performance with similar works	20%
TOTAL	100%

Consultation

Internal discussion

Sustainability Implications

Economic - (Financial impact to the community)

The proposal to determine the tender criteria will not financially impact the community.

Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Not Applicable

Environment – (Impact on environment's sustainability)

Not Applicable

Governance/Risk Statement – (Policy implications/level of risk)

Council policies are not affected by this proposal and the level of negative community comment is considered to be low, as the process required by Regulation to determine the criteria for a tender is being supported.

Strategic Outcomes

Murray 2023 – Strategic Community Plan

Theme 6	
Governance and Leadership	
Objective 6.2 <i>Ensure high level governance</i>	Strategy 6.2.2 <i>Provide an effective corporate governance service that meets legislative requirements.</i>

Statutory Environment

Regulation 14 of the *Local Government Functions and General Regulations 1996* provides the following in relation to inviting tenders.

14. Publicly inviting tenders, requirements for
 - (1) When regulation 11(1), 12 or 13 requires tenders to be publicly invited, State-wide public notice of the invitation is to be given.
 - (2) If the Chief Executive Officer has, under regulation 23(4), prepared a list of acceptable tenderers, instead of giving State-wide public notice the Chief Executive Officer is required to give notice of the invitation to each acceptable tenderer listed.
 - (2a) If a local government —
 - (a) is required to invite a tender; or
 - (b) not being required to invite a tender, decides to invite a tender,

the local government must, before tenders are publicly invited, determine in writing the criteria for deciding which tender should be accepted.

Options

Council has the option of:

1. approving the selection criteria; or
2. not approving the selection criteria.

Resource Implications

Financial

The cost of the new tender will be incorporated into annual budgets as part of the operational budget.

Workforce

Nil

Conclusion/Justification of Officer Recommendation

Determining the selection criteria before inviting a tender is a requirement of legislation and it is recommended that the proposed criteria be accepted.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:
OCM15/077
Moved: Cr C Thompson
Seconded: Cr M Reid

That Council approves the following selection criteria for Tenders T15/06 being Tree Management – Pruning, Stump Removal and Powerline Clearance Pruning:

Price and Price Structure/Financial Capacity to perform services	60%
Technical and Physical Capacity	20%
Previous experience or past performance with similar works	20%

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0

12.8 Tender Selection Criteria – Vegetation Control by Spraying

File Ref: T15/02 and T15/03
 Previous Items: Nil
 Author and Title: Chris Pretorius, Manager Operations

Introduction

This report is presented to Council to determine the tender selection criteria for Vegetation Control by Spraying when invited from time to time.

Background/Proposal

Tree Management tenders are invited and advertised periodically to ensure satisfactory cost effective arrangements are in place for annual management services.

It is proposed that Tenders be invited in April/May 2015 to provide vegetation control services for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2017 together with an option for a further two extension periods (being one year each) and the following qualitative selection criteria is proposed -

Description of Qualitative Selection Criteria	Weighting
Price and Price Structure/Financial Capacity to perform services	50%
Technical and Physical Capacity	20%
Experience of Key personnel	10%
Previous experience or past performance with similar works	20%
TOTAL	100%

Consultation

Internal discussion

Sustainability Implications

Economic - (Financial impact to the community)

The proposal to determine the tender criteria will not financially impact the community.

Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Not Applicable

Environment – (Impact on environment's sustainability)

Not Applicable

Governance/Risk Statement – (Policy implications/level of risk)

Council policies are not affected by this proposal and the level of negative community comment is considered to be low, as the process required by Regulation to determine the criteria for a tender is being supported.

Strategic Outcomes

Murray 2023 – Strategic Community Plan

Theme 6	
Governance and Leadership	
Objective 6.2 <i>Ensure high level governance</i>	Strategy 6.2.2 <i>Provide an effective corporate governance service that meets legislative requirements.</i>

Statutory Environment

Regulation 14 of the *Local Government Functions and General Regulations 1996* provides the following in relation to inviting tenders.

14. Publicly inviting tenders, requirements for

(1) When regulation 11(1), 12 or 13 requires tenders to be publicly invited, State-wide public notice of the invitation is to be given.

(2) If the Chief Executive Officer has, under regulation 23(4), prepared a list of acceptable tenderers, instead of giving State-wide public notice the Chief Executive Officer is required to give notice of the invitation to each acceptable tenderer listed.

(2a) If a local government —

(a) is required to invite a tender; or

(b) not being required to invite a tender, decides to invite a tender,

the local government must, before tenders are publicly invited, determine in writing the criteria for deciding which tender should be accepted.

Options

Council has the option of:

1. approving the selection criteria, or
2. not approving the selection criteria

Resource Implications

Financial

The cost of the new tender will be incorporated into annual budgets as part of the operational budget.

Workforce

Nil

Conclusion/Justification of Officer Recommendation

Determining the selection criteria before inviting a tender is a requirement of legislation and it is recommended that the proposed criteria be accepted. As part of the tender process alternative options will be explored to provide select spraying to better manage infestations within the rural areas, especially in road reserves as well as lineal spraying of table drains and spraying within urban areas.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:**OCM15/078****Moved: Cr A Black****Seconded: Cr B Beacham****That Council approves the following selection criteria for Tenders T15/07 being Vegetation Control by Spraying:**

Price and Price Structure/Financial Capacity to perform services	50%
Technical and Physical Capacity	20%
Experience of Key Personnel	10%
Previous experience or past performance with similar works	20%

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0

12.9 Ten (10) Year Plant Replacement Program

File Ref: 6101-06
Previous Items: OCM Dec 13 Item 11.4 (OCM13/253)
Author and Title: Chris Pretorius, Manager Operations

Appendix 6

Introduction

The Ten (10) Year Plant Replacement Program is based on the current (2014/15) usage rates/hours for each item of plant/vehicle.

Background/Proposal

The Ten (10) Year Plant Replacement Program is presented annually to Council to allow for budget planning and detail the level of expenditure versus the Plant Replacement Reserve.

A Plant Replacement Reserve is in place to allow for the replacement of plant that contributes to the reserve through operational requirements. Where additional plant is required that cannot be funded via the reserve these will be listed separately and must be funded utilising Municipal Fund. A copy of the program is attached (**Appendix 6**).

The 2015/16 financial year includes the following items for changeovers:

- Multi Roller
- Small Loader
- 7T Patching Truck
- Patching Unit
- Townsite Maintenance Truck and Hiab
- Zero Turn Mower
- 360 Multipurpose Diesel Mower
- Turn Mower
- 7 Gang Reel Mower
- Multi Mower Trailer
- Small Trailers
- Light Fleet

Consultation

- Relevant Staff Input
- 10 Year Plant Replacement Program
- Suppliers and Second hand dealers
- Site visits and networking with other Shires
- Vehicle Working Group

Sustainability Implications

Economic - (Financial impact to the community)

Optimum changeover of the plant and fleet will ensure cost effective outcomes.

Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Not Applicable

Environment – (Impact on environment's sustainability)

Not Applicable

Governance/Risk Statement – (Policy implications/level of risk)

It is essential that effective changeover of plant items is undertaken to best manage fleet standards.

Strategic Outcomes

Murray 2023 – Strategic Community Plan

Theme 4	
Infrastructure and Asset Management	
Objective 4.1 <i>Build and Maintain Infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing population</i>	Strategy 4.1.1 <i>Efficiently plan and manage assets throughout their lifecycle</i>

Statutory Environment

Not Applicable

Options

Council has the option of:

1. Approving the Ten (10) Year Plant Replacement Program with Year One (1) being listed for consideration in the 2015/16 financial budget.
2. Amending the Ten (10) Year Plant Replacement Program.

Resource Implications

Financial

The program shows that a net figure of \$785,991 is required for the Plant and Light Fleet Replacement Program in the 2015/16 financial year. The Long Term Financial Plan provides for a fully funded asset renewal program with \$825,000 being allocated from municipal funds each year to fund the Plant and Light Fleet Replacement Program.

Workforce

Nil

Conclusion/Justification of Officer Recommendation

Each year all plant is reassessed and prioritised for replacement, the first year of the program is then listed for consideration in the next draft budget.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Cr C Thompson

Seconded: Cr P Briggs

That Council adopts the Ten (10) Year Plant Replacement and Trailer Refurbishment Programs (2015/16-2024/25) and Year One (1) be listed for consideration in the 2015/16 draft budget as shown in Appendix 6.

The Officer Recommendation moved by **Cr C Thompson** and seconded by **Cr P Briggs** was

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Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION:

OCM15/079

Moved: Cr B Thomson

Seconded: Cr S Lee

That Council consideration of the Ten (10) Year Plant Replacement and Trailer Refurbishment Programs (2015/16-2024/25) be deferred pending a meeting of the Vehicle Working Group.

CARRIED 8:1

Following the result of voting, names are recorded as follows:

For: Cr B Thomson, Cr W Barrett, Cr e Menara, Cr S Lee, Cr A Black, Cr P Briggs and Cr B Beacham

Against: Cr M Reid

Reason for change

Council changed the officer recommendation pending discussion on the Ten Year Plant Replacement and Trailer Refurbishment Programs (2015/16-2024/25) at a meeting of the Vehicle Working Group with a further report being provided to a future Council meeting for consideration.

12.10 Ten (10) Year Civil Works Program

File Ref: 6101-06
 Previous Items: PPS. Dec 2013 Item 10.4 (OCM13/253)
 Author and Title: Martin Harrop, Manager Engineering

Appendix 7

Introduction

Council is requested to review and adopt the Ten (10) Year Civil Works Program (2015/16-2024/25) and Year One (1) be listed for consideration in the 2015/16 budget as appended as **Appendix 7**.

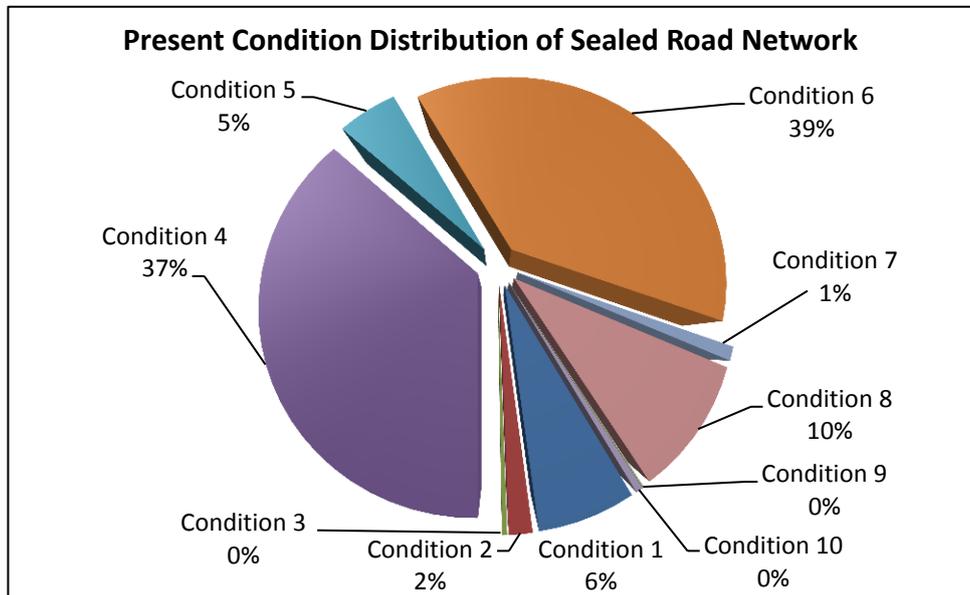
Background/Proposal

Annually the Ten (10) Year Civil Works Programs that incorporates roads, drainage and kerbing is reviewed and presented to Council to allow for budget planning enabling consideration in the forthcoming budget.

The Ten (10) Year Civil Works Program incorporates all funding avenues from works funded by Municipal funds to works funded from Roads to Recovery, Regional Road Grants and Black Spot funds.

Seals and Reseals

Asset condition is assessed on a 0-10 scale with the adopted intervention (treatment) level for seals being Condition 7. The following chart shows a summary of the base condition data for hot bitumen and asphalt seals assessed in 2011.



This pie chart shows that approximately 11% of the seal network is at or above the set intervention level of 7 which is composed of 6% asphalt and 94% chip seal. The current assessment management planning highlights the ongoing improvement and renewal of the network to provide roads of good condition. To provide roads in good condition in the long term it necessary to direct expenditure towards renewal versus discretionary expenditure to maintain the network over the long term in good condition.

Road asset condition data is scheduled for a new assessment in late 2015 to coincide with the fair value of road infrastructure required as part of the local government financial regulations and the long term financial reporting. This exercise will provide more current data for future review of the civil works program.

Other projects listed in the program for the first year (2015/16) are listed below:

Rehabilitation or Improvements (Reconstruction) Projects

- Balanada Way – (present condition 6 - Improvement works to urban standard including kerb, drainage and asphalt)
- Tatham Road – (present condition 8 - Reconstruction of damaged paving and kerb to new kerb and asphalt between roundabout and carpark)
- Coolup Road South - (present condition 8 - Improvement works to urban standard including kerb, drainage and asphalt)
- Murray Bend (Service Road) -(present condition 8 - Improvement works to urban standard including kerb, drainage and asphalt)
- Murray Street, Pinjarra – (present condition 6 – Improvement works kerb, paving and asphalt on the western verge)

The revised Ten (10) Year Civil Works Program has deferred works on particular roads including Harts Road and Curtis Lane until detailed design and land acquisition has progressed to stage to enable works to proceed.

Regional Road Network

The Shire of Murray have a rolling 5 year construction plan which is detailed in the 10 year civil works program and shows the priority of the following roads:

- Del Park Road (present condition 6)
- East Coolup Road (present condition 6)
- Lakes Road (present condition various 4-8)
- Mills Road (present condition 1 –second coat seal)
- Hopelands Road (present condition various 4-6)

Roads to Recovery

This program has been extended to the 2018/19 financial year and continues to be utilised for significant construction works, projects proposed include:

- Fishermans Road (present condition 1 –second coat seal)
- Brownes Lane (present condition various 6-8)
- Resheeting projects (present condition various 7-8)

Black Spot Program

These roads have been identified and approved for funding in the 2015-16 program and include:

- Lakes Road (State Program) (present condition 5)
- Forrest Street (State Program) (present condition various 4-8)
- Paterson Road (Federal Program) (present condition 6)

A copy of the program is attached at **Appendix 7**.

Consultation

- Internal review

Sustainability Implications

Economic - (Financial impact to the community)

There are significant financial implications to fund ongoing 10 year programs that are considered at the annual budget deliberations.

Decisions around the replacement of assets will have an effect on rate increases. It is generally accepted that the costs of assets should be spread over their lifecycle and that the current generation should fund their part of the consumption. This would support any recommendation not to fully fund the backlog of renewal in a short period. Asset management promotes the most efficient use of an asset with the lowest possible cost. Proactive treatment of seals is the most economic method of maintaining road pavement and avoiding the requirement of full reconstructions.

Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Road networks provide an integral link for the community and require ongoing maintenance, rehabilitation and improvement to manage the infrastructure.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

Where road projects impact on environmental sensitive areas due consideration is given to minimise or eliminate those impacts.

Governance/Risk Statement – (Policy implications/level of risk)

This program lists various projects that have policy and risk management requirements, through design the policy implications are managed and through construction managing associated responsibilities through Job Safety Analysis awareness.

Strategic Outcomes

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Theme 4 <i>Infrastructure and Asset Management</i>	
Objective 4.1 <i>Build and Maintain Infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing population.</i>	Strategy 4.1.1 <i>Efficiently plan and manage assets throughout their lifecycle.</i> Strategy 4.1.5 <i>Continue to develop and implement best practice asset management</i>
Objective 4.2 <i>Facilitate roads, paths and waterways for inter-connectivity</i>	Strategy 4.2.2 <i>Ensure an effective future road network.</i>

Statutory Environment

Nil

Options

Council has the option of:

1. Approving the Ten (10) Year Civil Works Program and Year One (1) be listed for consideration in the 2015/16 financial budget.

2. Amending the Ten (10) Year Civil Program.

Resource Implications

Financial

The development of the 10 Year plans run in parallel with the ongoing review of the 10 year finance plan to provide improved planning of infrastructure.

Workforce

Road upgrade works will be maintained utilising the Shire's Operation Staff and funding budgeted for as part of the Shire's annual budget.

Conclusion/Justification of Officer Recommendation

The program has been formulated using Council's road standard policies and data from the Asset Management database. Condition assessments were undertaken in October 2011 and are scheduled to be undertaken in 2015 to update the road condition database.

Updated asset management programs have enabled increased assessment and information review to better manage our road infrastructure to prioritise road condition and more importantly maintenance programs.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:

OCM15/080

Moved: Cr B Beacham

Seconded: Cr C Thompson

That Council adopts the Ten (10) Year Civil Works Program (2015/16-2024/25) and Year One (1) be listed for consideration in the 2015/16 draft budget as shown in Appendix 7.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0

12.11 Ten (10) Year Parks Program

File Ref: 8102-02
 Previous Items: OCM Dec13 Item 10.1 (OCM13/253)
 Author and Title: Grant Bilton, Coordinator Parks and Waterways

Appendix 8

Introduction

Council is requested to review and adopt the Ten (10) Year Park Program (2015/16-2024/25) and Year One (1) be listed for consideration in the 2015/2016 draft budget as appended as **Appendix 8**.

Background/Proposal

The provision of quality open space that incorporates both active space and interactive playground equipment within residential areas is an important function of local government, quality open space is vital for healthy communities and vibrant suburbs.

As part of the annual budget process the Technical Services Department submits a Ten (10) Year Parks Program for Council consideration. Each year this program is reviewed and updated to be considered by Council as a building block for the formulation of the following financial year's budget.

To assist Councillors in the process a short précis of some of the main projects listed in year (1) is set out below:

- **Cantwell Park** Continue with the staged implementation of the playspace master plan.
- **Pinjarra Cemetery** Staged implementation of landscape master plan and infrastructure upgrade.
- **York Park** Continue with the staged implementation of the landscape master plan.
- **Don Spark Park** Finalise the install of the adult exercise equipment
- **Sandy Cove** Continue to develop masterplans of key park areas to assist in funding for upgrades; works will be focused on BBQ and Shelter facilities to suit the current use of the facility.

Consultation

Internal Review

Sustainability Implications

Economic - (Financial impact to the community)

There are significant financial implications to fund ongoing ten (10) year programs that are considered at the annual budget deliberations.

Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Parks and Development provides an integral recreation outcome for the community and requires ongoing rehabilitation and improvement to suit the needs of the community.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

Where park development projects impact on environmentally sensitive areas due consideration is given to minimise or eliminate those impacts.

Governance/Risk Statement – (Policy implications/level of risk)

All playgrounds and sporting grounds have ongoing inspections to ensure relevant standards are being maintained and the risk is being managed.

Strategic Outcomes

Murray 2023 – Strategic Community Plan

Theme 3 <i>Community Wellbeing</i>	
Objective 1.3 <i>Encourage a healthy and active lifestyle.</i>	Strategy 1.3.1 <i>Provide sporting facilities, parks and open spaces that encourage community participation.</i>

Statutory Environment

Nil

Options

Council has the option of:

1. Approving the Ten (10) Year Parks Program and Year One (1) is listed for consideration in the 2015/16 financial budget.
2. Amending the Ten (10) Year Parks Program.

Resource Implications

Financial

The development of the 10 Year plans run in parallel with the ongoing review of the 10 year finance plan to provide improved planning of infrastructure.

Workforce

Park upgrade works will be maintained utilising the Shires Operation Staff and funding budgeted for as part of the Shires maintenance budget.

Conclusion/Justification of Officer Recommendation

Public open space is one of the many components that give suburbs and towns character and identity and helps create healthy communities. As a Local Government it is one of our key responsibilities to provide and maintain quality open space.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:

OCM15/081

Moved: Cr S Lee

Seconded: Cr P Briggs

That Council adopts the Ten (10) Year Park Program (2015/16-2024/25) and Year One (1) be listed for consideration in the 2015/2016 draft budget as shown in Appendix 8.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0

12.12 Ten (10) Year Pathway Program

File Ref: 6507
Previous Items: OCM. Dec13 Item 10.5 (OCM13/253)
Author and Title: Martin Harrop, Manager Engineering

Appendix 9

Introduction

Council is requested to review and adopt the Ten (10) Year Pathway Program (2015/16-2024/25) and Year One (1) be listed for consideration in the 2015/16 draft budget deliberations as shown in **Appendix 9**.

Background/Proposal

The Shire reviews the Path Plan annually. With development pressures and community expectation an improved path network is paramount. The cycling fraternity wanting direct access to the shared paths within the Freeway system requires an emphasis on a growing path and cycle network.

The program has incorporated suggestions from the new Bike Plan Report and details ongoing path development with the priority on establishing a cycle network that will provide strategic direction when considering future development to ensure both path and cyclists are at the forefront of development activities.

A copy of the program is attached at **Appendix 9**.

Consultation

- Assessment of existing infrastructure
- Future development within the Shire of Murray
- Mapping of strategic locations and routes
- Footpath risk assessment carried out by the Shire
- Long Term Bike Plan prepared by Donald Veal Consultants.

Sustainability Implications

Economic - (Financial impact to the community)

The ongoing development of the path network will be considered during budget deliberations, each year a priority cycling project is identified for funding.

Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Walking and cycling contributes greatly to levels of community wellness. By linking areas with pathways the community is more likely to leave their vehicles at home and use these paths as pedestrians or cyclists. This has benefits for the community in creating a healthier lifestyle, a more interactive community as a whole and increased passive surveillance of residential areas which, in turn, assist in the reduction of crime rates.

Environment – (Impact on environment's sustainability)

By encouraging residents to leave their motor vehicle at home the environment will benefit from the reduction in Greenhouse Gases and develop increased environmental benefits for the community.

Governance/Risk Statement – (Policy implications/level of risk)

Appropriately installed pathways will reduce the risk of pedestrians and cyclists being injured with incidents less likely to happen than when using the road.

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Theme 4 <i>Infrastructure and Asset Management</i>	
Objective 4.1 <i>Build and Maintain Infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing population.</i>	Strategy 4.1.1 <i>Efficiently plan and manage assets throughout their lifecycle.</i> Strategy 4.1.5 <i>Continue to develop and implement best practice asset management.</i>
Objective 4.2 <i>Facilitate roads, paths and waterways for inter-connectivity</i>	Strategy 4.2.1 <i>Plan and Develop a network of cycleways, paths and trails to meet community needs.</i>

Statutory Environment

Nil

Options

Council has the option of:

1. Approving the Ten (10) Year Path Program and Year One (1) be listed for consideration in the 2015/16 budget deliberations.
2. Amending the Ten (10) Year Path Program and Year One (1) be listed for consideration in the 2015/16 budget deliberations.

Resource Implications

Financial

The development of the 10 Year plans run in parallel with the ongoing review of the 10 year finance plan to provide improved planning of infrastructure.

Workforce

The majority of work will be carried out by external contractors.

Conclusion/Justification of Officer Recommendation

The current focus on where the extension of the network is being proposed is to better service park and/or community activity sites while providing improved pedestrian safety. A further priority will be to establish a formal cycle network that will provide long term direction for cycling planning while working to secure increased funding opportunities.

Maintenance and renewal of existing path networks should be the priority in the interim as shown through the Path Asset Management Plan where a high investment into rehabilitation is warranted to ensure an improved path network and reduce risk within the public path network.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:

OCM15/082

Moved: Cr S Lee

Seconded: Cr C Thompson

That Council adopts the Ten (10) Year Pathway Program (2015/16-2024/25) and Year One (1) be listed for consideration in the 2015/16 draft budget deliberations as shown in Appendix 9.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0

12.13 Council Resolution/Outstanding Items

Register attached – **Appendix 10**

12.14 Delegated Decisions of Development Applications for March 2015

Delegated Decisions attached – **Appendix 11**

13. BUSINESS LEFT OVER FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND ANY BUSINESS THAT THE PRESIDING MEMBER MAY THINK DESIRABLE TO BRING UNDER THE NOTICE OF THE COUNCIL AND MAY HAVE DIRECTED TO BE ENTERED AS AN ORDER OF THE DAY

Nil

14. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

14.1 Request for Provision of Sponsorship

File Ref: 7200
Author and Title: Julie Burton, Director Corporate and Community Development

Appendix 12

Introduction

Council is requested to consider a request by the Watercolour Society of WA to sponsor a local artist to attend the 'Big Watercolour Paint-Out' event.

Background/Proposal

Correspondence has been received from the Watercolour Society of WA requesting the Shire of Murray allocates \$150 towards the sponsorship of a local artist as a part contribution towards the full cost of attending the 'Big Watercolour Paint-Out' event.

The event provides a unique opportunity for Western Australian artists to experience international standard training in watercolour techniques through masterclasses, demonstrations and workshops by internationally renowned artists.

Council currently provides three levels of funding to the community. The Community Assistance Fund is most closely matched to this request and is aimed to assist community groups to build and strengthen their organisational capacity, develop skills, or to host an event. These criteria support the endeavor to deliver services within the Shire of Murray that effectively contribute to building vibrant, inclusive and healthy communities.

The request for sponsorship does not align with the requirements or outcomes of the Community Assistance Fund Policy, however Council may wish to consider funding this outside the current Policy guidelines.

The Watercolour Society has confirmed that its preference is that a local artist is nominated by Council to ensure a fair approach, as the Watercolour Society's knowledge of artists in the region is limited.

Consultation

WA Watercolour Society

Sustainability Implications

Economic – (Financial Impact to the Community)

Nil

Social – (quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

It is unlikely that the sponsorship will assist in enhancing the quality of life to the community overall, however it may bring some additional experience in this art form to the region.

Environment – (Impact on environments sustainability)

Nil

Governance/Risk Statement – (Policy Implication/Level of Risk)

The key risk is that a precedent may be set around funding this type of activity at an individual level.

Strategic Outcomes

The application does not support the Strategic Community Plan strategies, however the closest alignment is:

Murray 2023 Strategic Community Plan

Theme 1 <i>Community Wellbeing</i>	
Objective 1.2 <i>Promote a harmonious community</i>	Strategy 1.2.2 <i>Provide programs that encourage community participation, cohesion and build capacity.</i>

Statutory Environment

Not Applicable

Options

Council has the following options available:

1. Approve the sponsorship request.
2. Not approve the request.

Resource Implications

Financial

Approval of the recommendation will have no financial impact. If the sponsorship request is approved, \$150 could be allocated from the Community Assistance Fund balance which would reduce the amount available in round 4 from \$2220 to \$2070.

Workforce

Nil

Conclusion/Justification of Officer Recommendation

The 'Big Watercolour Paint-Out' event offers a unique and exciting opportunity for artists in Western Australia to participate in international standard education in this field. There are many events within WA that would benefit individuals, and potentially the community as a whole, if the opportunity to attend such events arises.

As this type of sponsorship is not currently within Council's normal scope of funding to the community, the approval of this request may set a precedent which would allow community members to request individual attendance at events, both in the field of art, and other areas.

It is Council's core business to enhance and contribute to vibrant, inclusive and healthy communities. Support of this objective is provided through funding at the community group level to assist in the delivery of community wellbeing outcomes. It is not suggested that this practice be commenced at an individual level without clear guidelines, scope and demonstrated community benefit. Therefore it is recommended that Council does not support this request.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:**OCM15/083****Moved: Cr S Lee****Seconded: Cr B Thomson**

That Council does not approve the sponsorship of \$150 for a local artist to attend the 'Big Watercolour Paint-Out' event, hosted by the Watercolour Society of Western Australia.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0

15. NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING

Nil

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE RECEPTION OF WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT OR COUNCIL

Nil

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed, the time being 9.34am.