



AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting of Council

**Wednesday, 23 May 2012
Commencing at 3pm**

**Council Chambers
28 Yougenup Road
GNOWANGERUP WA 6335**

COUNCIL'S VISION

Community and Council working together to improve the quality of life for all our people.

Shire of Gnowangerup

NOTICE OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Dear Council Member

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Gnowangerup will be held on Wednesday 23 May 2012, in the Council Chambers, 28 Yougenup Road, Gnowangerup, commencing at 3.00pm.

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V Webster
A/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

17 May 2012

Meaning of and CAUTION concerning Council's "In Principle" support:

When Council uses this expression it means that:

(a) Council is generally in favour of the proposal BUT is not yet willing to give its consent; and

(b) Importantly, Council reserves the right to (and may well) either decide against the proposal or to formally support it but with restrictive conditions or modifications.

Therefore, whilst you can take some comfort from Council's "support" you are clearly at risk if you act upon it before Council makes its actual (and binding) decision and communicates that to you in writing.

Disclaimer:

"Warning - Verbal Information & Advice:

Given the inherent unreliability and uncertainty that surrounds verbal communication, the Shire strongly recommends that, if a matter is of importance to you, then you should NOT act upon or otherwise rely upon any VERBAL information or advice you receive from the Shire unless it is first confirmed in writing."

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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**
2. **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED**
3. **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**
4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
5. **APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
6. **PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**
7. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
- 7.1 **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2012**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirms the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council held Wednesday 18 APRIL 2012

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

9. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

9.1 PLANT REPORTS

9.1.1 PLANT MAINTENANCE REPORT – MAY 2012

Date of Report: 10 May 2012
Officer: K Tomlinson - Plant Mechanic

Attachments

- AMPRO Reports

9.2 WORKS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

9.2.1 WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT – APRIL/MAY 2012

Date of Report: 8 May 2012
Officer: R Minitier – Works Supervisor

Attachments

- 2011/2012 Road Construction Program Spreadsheet

ONGOING WORKS

Leading up to the final stages of the annual budget for 2011- 2012 we are commencing private works at the Borden Water Corp catchment along with the gravel sheeting of Toompup/Magitup Roads and Holden Road. These jobs will be prioritised due to gravel cartage distances.

Construction Grader GDR8 GN0015

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Toompup Rd ➤ Magitup Rd ➤ Water Corp/Borden ➤ Holden Rd 	<p>Action</p> <p>Gravel sheeting – RC49 Flood crossing entrances seal Clearing water catchment /Private works Gravel sheeting –RC57</p>
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Borden Grader GDR7 GN005

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Magitup Rd ➤ Maileeup Rd ➤ Six Mile Rd ➤ Highdenup Rd ➤ Magitup Rd ,Gravel sheet clay patches 	<p>Action</p> <p>Maintenance graded Maintenance grade Maintenance graded Maintenance graded Construction RC58</p>
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Borden Grader will be helping out with Magitup sheeting of clay patches.RC58.
 Blowout fixing- gravel patching as damage occurs

Ongerup Grader GRD9 GN0021

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gleeson Rd ➤ Park Rd ➤ Rabbit Proof Fence Rd ➤ Coucher Rd ➤ Jones Rd 	<p>Action</p> <p>Maintenance graded Maintenance graded Maintenance graded Maintenance graded Maintenance graded</p>
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Ongerup maintenance grader will take advantage of gravel carting while construction works are being carried out in the Ongerup area. With gravel truck when they are available.
 Blowout fixing- gravel patching as damage occurs

Gnowangerup Grader GRD8 GN0015

	Action
➤ Strathaven Rd	Maintenance graded
➤ Glengarry Rd	Maintenance graded
➤ Soldiers Rd	Maintenance graded
➤ Air Port Rd	Maintenance graded

All roads in the Tieline area was graded while construction works were in process once again taking full advantage of machines and man power to Carry out valuable works.

Maintenance – Drainage Crew

- Rubbish Tip Maintenance
- Road verge spraying various roads
- Culvert cleaning/widening various roads
- Drainage Crew will also be helping out with Borden Water Corp catchment job

Drainage will also be helping out with construction works and will be installing and cleaning culverts.

Roads that are already sprayed:

Strathaven Rd	Sandalwood Rd
Hinkley Rd	Tieline Rd
Black Rd	Nightwell Rd
Old Ongerup Rd	Kwobrup Nth Rd
Tambellup Rd	Airport Rd
Kwobrup Rd	Borden-Bremer Rd
Gleeson Rd	Ongerup-Pingrup Rd
Boxwood-Ongerup Rd	New country Rd

Slashed Roads:

- Highdenup Rd
- Salt River Rd
- Black Rd
- Old Ongerup Rd
- Borden Bremer Rd

Spraying maintenance and slashing of all roads will be recorded as works have been carried out as we know we have a lot of maintenance to be done in this area of works. Due to lack of maintenance these types of works become harder and costs become higher.

9.3 BUILDING SURVEYORS REPORT

9.3.1 BUILDING SURVEYOR SERVICE REPORT – APRIL 2012

Date of Report:

Officer: D Baxter – Building Surveyor

Attachments

- Yearly Return of Building Permits

Date	Duties Carried Out	Time From	Time To	HRs	KMs
3-4-12	Answer phone call on a water problem that was discussed with T&R Homes and the Department of Housing	15.00	15.30	0.5	
18-4-12	Attend 6 Star Seminar in Perth			1.25	60
26-4-12	Shire Visit. Check on the progress of several projects in Town and keep up with the paper work for the new Building Act	7.00	16.00	9.00	348
30-4-12	Prepare BSR, Activity Statement for April 2012	9.00	10.00	1.00	
	Totals for April 2012			11.75	408

TOTALS

Hours 11.75 @ \$87.00 = \$1,022.25
 Kilometres 408 @ \$0.93 = \$379.44
 GST \$140.17
TOTAL \$1,541.86

9.4 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

**9.4.1 GREAT SOUTHERN REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REPORT
1 JULY 2011 – 31 MARCH 2012**

Location: Various
Proponent: John Appleyard – LGIS Regional Risk Coordinator
File Ref: 22.5.6
Date of Report: 15 May 2012
Officer: VN Webster – Executive Manager Corporate Services
Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments

- Great Southern Regional Occupational Safety and Health Report throughout the Great Southern Region 1 July 2011 – 31 March 2012.

Background

Comments

The attached report is compiled and updated by the Local Government Insurance Services (LGIS) Regional Risk Coordinator, Mr John Appleyard and represents regional Occupational Safety and Health data for the financial year to 31 March 2012. The report provides information regarding OSH activities within the region with regard to injury and incident levels, training, communications, workshops attended etc and is presented for Councils information and comment or discussion if desired.

Financial Implications

Nil

Statutory Environment

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Consultation

John Appleyard, LGIS Regional Risk Coordinator, Great Southern

Voting Requirements

Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

No recommendation required – Councillor information only

9.5 CLUB DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

9.5.1 CLUB DEVELOPMENT REPORT – MAY 2012

Date of Report: 16 May 2012
Officer: N Browning – Club Development Officer

Attachments

- Club Development Report MAY 2012

10 PLANT AND WORKS

11 HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT**11.1 REPORTS****11.2 RECEIVAL OF MINUTES****11.3 VIRGINIA LAND ESTATE – PROPOSED SUBDIVISION GUIDE PLAN**

Location:	Lots 3374 and 3588 Strathaven Road, Pallinup
Proponent:	Chief Executive Officer
File Ref:	
Date of Report:	28 April 2012
Officer:	C Pursey, Planning Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	

Attachments

- Attachment A - Draft Virginia Estate Subdivision Guide Plan

Background**Zoning**

The subject site is zoned "Rural Residential Area No.1" under the Shire of Gnowangerup Local Planning Scheme No.2 ('the Scheme'). The zoning provisions require Council to adopt a Subdivision Guide Plan before subdivision or development is permitted in this zone.

The subject site also falls within 'Structure Plan Area 1' (SPA1) within the Scheme. Provisions are included that require a structure plan to be adopted by the Shire and WAPC prior to subdivision of the subject site.

Previous Council decisions

Council adopted the draft Structure Plan for the Virginia Rural Residential Estate for final approval February 2012.

Council supported an application to subdivide the Virginia Estate site at the same Council meeting.

Comments

Whilst Council adopted a Structure Plan over the area and have supported a subdivision application, the Western Australian Planning Commission require that Council formally adopt a Subdivision Guide Plan for this same area.

Part 1 of Schedule 11 of the Local Planning Scheme states:

"Subdivision"

a) Subdivision and development of Rural Residential zone Area No. 1 shall be generally in accordance with a Subdivision Guide Plan endorsed by the local government and signed by the Chief Executive Officer, and shall be subject to the provisions contained in Section 5.10 of Town Planning Scheme No. 2 in addition to the specific provisions contained in this Schedule."

Earlier discussions with the Department of Planning staff led the Planning Officer to believe that the Structure Plan adopted by Council in February 2012 would satisfy the requirements of this clause. Therefore, the supporting documentation for the subdivision stated that "*Council considers that the Structure Plan constitutes the required Subdivision Guide Plan..*". However, once the subdivision was being formally assessed, the WAPC have indicated that they require a formally adopted Subdivision Guide Plan before being able to proceed with the assessment of the subdivision.

In order to satisfy this requirement it is recommended that Council adopt the Structure Plan (as shown at Attachment A) as a Subdivision Guide Plan as well. There is no net effect on the whole proposal; it is clearly a matter of semantics only.

Financial Implications

There will be administrative costs in officer time in ongoing negotiations with the WAPC and other service providers.

Statutory Environment

As described above, the Scheme requires a Subdivision Guide Plan to be adopted over the subject site prior to subdivision or development of the site.

Adoption of the plan at Attachment A as a Subdivision Guide Plan by Council and its signing by the Chief Executive Officer meets this Scheme requirement and allows the WAPC to proceed with the assessment of the proposed subdivision.

Strategic Implications

Strategically, Council initially purchased this land for the purpose of a subdivision and, as such, this would progress the intent of Council from that time of deliberation.

Section 5 – Plan for the Future – Economic Development:

5.6 – All options for the development of the Virginia Land Estate will be considered.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council,

- 1. Endorse the Subdivision Guide Plan at Attachment A of this report to guide the subdivision and development of Lots 3374 and 3588 Strathaven Road, Pallinup.**
- 2. Forward the Subdivision Guide Plan to the Western Australian Planning Commission to assist in the assessment of subdivision application 144985.**

11.4 BORDEN HALL

Location:	Corner of Stone and John Street, Borden
Proponent:	
File Ref:	5.4.3
Date of Report:	16 May 2012
Officer:	SE Davis –Executive Manager of Community Development
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Attachments

- Photographs of the Borden Hall
- Quotations from:
 - A D Contractors PTY LTD (Albany)
 - RM Smith & Sons, Rural Builders (Ongerup)

Summary

This item is being presented to Council so that Council may decide on how it wishes to manage the Borden Hall into the future.

Background

An item was brought to Council in September 2011 regarding the lease of the Borden Hall. Before that time, the Borden Hall had been leased by the Borden Group inc. whose lease expired in August 2011.

Council moved to advertise that the Borden Hall was available for lease. Council didn't receive any interest from the community for the lease of the hall. The Borden Group inc. also advised that it didn't wish to extend the lease period.

On 21 June 2000 Council moved to reaffirm its \$250,000 contribution to the Borden Pavilion project subject to:

- The effluent disposal system from the Pavilion is part of the project.
- On completion of the project, Council relinquish the maintenance of the Borden Hall and the Borden CWA Hall ensuring that the services provided by these facilities are continued in the new Borden Pavilion.
- There is \$50,000 or more voluntary works contribution included in the project.

Council also moved to conduct a survey of the Borden Ward Electors confirming their acceptance of the proposal.

At Councils 16 August 2000 meeting Council moved that the results of the Borden Survey be received and that Council support the \$1.122 million project and ask the Borden Pavilion Committee to liaise with Council to progress the project.

Comments

After no interest for the lease of the hall was received, the Author advertised a call for public submissions into the future of the Borden Hall. The submission round was extended due to deadline conflicts with local newsletter publications. In total, the submission period remained open for approximately 3 months, with no written submission being received during this period; however, the Author did take a phone call regarding the hall from a Borden local, who requested that Council, in disposing of the Borden Hall, consider using local contractors to remove the hall, and do its best to ensure that the materials stay as local as possible. The caller also suggested that Council may like to consider replacing the toilet block currently located on the lot, which is frequently used by campers at the Borden Pavilion Precinct. The Author encouraged the caller to make the submission in writing - no submission was received.

The Author has now obtained two written quotations (attached) for the demolition and removal of the Borden Hall including the decommissioning of septic tanks and disconnection of services. The quotations supplied do not include any tip fees or fees associated with the disposal of asbestos.

The Borden Hall, in its present state, is increasingly deteriorating and without maintenance will become unsafe for public use (photographs attached).

In the Authors view Council has two options in dealing with the Borden Hall:

1. That Council accepts a quotation for the demolition of the Borden Hall and makes provision in its 2012/13 budget.
2. That Council resolves to make provision in future budgets for ongoing maintenance of the Borden Hall.

Financial Implications

If Council chooses to accept a quotation and proceed with the demolition of the Borden Hall in the 2011/12 financial year, all associated expenditure will be out of budget. Alternatively Council may choose to consider this item in its 2012/13 budget deliberations.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Consultation

The Borden Community has been given the opportunity to forward written submission regarding the future of the Borden Hall.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **Accepts _____'s quotation for the demolition of the Borden Hall and makes provision in its 2012/13 budget.**

Or

2. **Resolves to make provision in future budgets for ongoing maintenance of the Borden Hall.**

12 FINANCE

12.1 REPORTS

12.1.1 APRIL 2012 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Location:

Proponent:

File Ref:

Date of Report: 15 May 2012

Officer: JA Anning – Executive Manager Finance

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments

- Statement of Financial Activity to 30 April 2012.
- Report on Material Differences
- Capital Budget Report
- Building Maintenance financial and progress report
- Bank Reconciliation Report
- Reserves Cash Balances
- Investment Register

Summary

Adoption of the April 2012 monthly financial report

Comments

Presented to Council is the financial statement to 30 April 2012. The financial report includes all budget amendments made to date, including those adopted as part of the Budget Review. A close review of Council's position will be undertaken for presentation to the finance committee and Council in June 2012.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Financial Regulations (1996) (as amended) 22, 32 and 34 apply.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

All expenditure has been approved via adoption of the 2011/2012 Annual Budget, or resulting from a Council motion for a budget amendment.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the April 2012 Monthly Financial Report be received.

12.1.2 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND AUTHORISATION – APRIL 2012

Location: Finance
Proponent: Shire of Gnowangerup
File Ref:
Date of Report: 14 May 2012
Officer: CA Shaddick - Senior Finance Officer
Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments

- April 2012 Cheque Listing

Comments

The April 2012 cheque list is attached as follows

FUND	AMOUNT
Municipal Fund	\$ 518,030.97
Trust Fund	\$ 50.00
Credit Card	\$ 2,708.27
TOTAL	\$ 520,789.24

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Schedule of Accounts: Municipal Fund Cheques 25097–25134, EFT 6121 – EFT 6208 totalling \$518030.97; Trust Fund cheques 512 totalling \$50.00 and credit card totalling \$2,708.27 be approved.

11.2 RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

12.3 INTERIM AUDIT
Location:**Proponent:****File Ref:****Date:** 15 May 2012**Officer:** JA Anning – Executive Manager Finance**Disclosure of Interest** NilAttachments

- Letter from UHY Haines Norton

Summary

Council's auditors, UHY Haines Norton, attended the administration offices in March 2012 to conduct their yearly interim audit.

Background

Each year Council auditors are required to conduct an interim audit. The interim audit is designed to review adherence to Council policies and procedures and verifies the integrity of the financial procedures that are in place in accordance with the *Local Government Act (1995)* and Financial Management Regulations.

Comments

The auditors have found two matters they wish to raise with Council. Following are details of the matters and the action taken with regards to the item:

Matter 1 – Annual Returns

Observation: Our review of the register of financial interests noted the primary returns of two Councillors contained sections which were left blank.

Comment: To help ensure compliance with Departmental Circular 18/2005 and to help ensure returns submitted are not at risk of being amended, all sections should be completed. We note it is acceptable to record N/A, Nil or No Change or to rule a clear line through a N/A section.

Officer Comment: Officers will ensure all future returns are checked over to comply and will inform Council of the standard requirements for completion of the returns when distributing the returns for completion.

Matter 2 – Reconciliation of Month End Procedures

Observation: We noted whilst month end reconciliations have been prepared for all months reviewed, for October and November 2011 there was no evidence they were reviewed by a senior officer.

In addition, from September 2011 to the date of our review, there was no evidence the manual rolling rates reconciliation had been reviewed by a senior officer.

Comment: All end of month reports should be reviewed by a person more senior than the preparer and signed and dated as evidence of review.

The reason noted for these omissions is the Executive Manager of Finance being on Maternity leave.

Officer Comment: An alternative senior officer should have been sought out for the signing off of these reports. All month end reports are now being signed off as required and as previously practiced.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives the Interim Audit management letter from UHY Haines Norton.

13 ADMINISTRATION

13.1 REPORTS

13.2 RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

13.3 ENDORSEMENT OF BUSHFIRE BRIGADE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2012 - 2013

Location:

Proponent: Fire Advisory Committee

File Ref: 9.3.1

Date of Report: 15 May 2012

Officer: VN Webster – Executive Manager Corporate Services

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments

- Minutes of Gnowangerup Fire Advisory AGM held 2 April 2012
- Minutes of Gnowangerup Fire Advisory Committee General Meeting held 2 April 2012

Background

The Shire of Gnowangerup Fire Advisory Committee held its Annual General Meeting on Monday 2 April 2012.

Comments

Council to endorse the appointment of Chief Fire Control Officer, Deputy Fire Control Officers, Brigade Fire Control Officers, Fire Weather Officers, Dual Fire Control Officers, Communications Officer and Base Radio Officer listed below for the 2012-2013 Fire Season.

Financial Implications

Nil

Statutory Environment

Bush Fires Act 1954

Strategic Implications

Nil

Consultation

Gnowangerup Fire Advisory Committee

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the following appointments by the Shire of Gnowangerup Advisory Committee for the 2012-2013 fire season:

Chief Fire Control Officer	<i>Gerald Slee</i>
Deputy Fire Control Officers	<i>Michael Lance and Graham Moir</i>
Fire Weather Officer	<i>Owen Gaze and Ian Laurie</i>
Communications Officer	<i>Wayne Davis</i>
Base Radio Operator	<i>John Campbell</i>

Gnowangerup Brigade
Michael Lance

David Wellard
Scott Winspear
Brad Kiddle
Wayne Pech
Shane Kingston
Tim Beeck
Gavin Parnell
Ian Laurie
Ross Richardson
Guy Isbister
John Owens

Ongerup Brigade
Greg Hyde
Barry Savage
Rob Cooper
Merv Hooper
Dave Osborne
Graeme Savage
Darryn Baum
John Harding
Luke Fisher

Borden Brigade
Wayne Davis
Paul Richardson
Graham Moir
Owen Gaze
Byron Bungey
Jeremy Hitsert
Brendon Barrows
John Campbell
Jason Stone
Neil Eastough
Rob Hitsert
Jeremy Bailey
Tim O'Meehan

Dual Fire Control Officers
Albany (Gnowellen) – Darryn Baum
Jerramungup – Greg Hyde
Kent - Scott Winspear
Cranbrook – Jeremy Hitsert
Katanning – Brad Kiddle
Broomehill-Tambellup – Michael Lance and Jeremy Hitsert

13.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION – WALGA AGM

Location:**Proponent:** WALGA**File Ref:** 14.4.1**Date of Report:** 15 May 2012**Officer:** VN Webster – Executive Manager Corporate Services**Disclosure of Interest:** NilAttachments

- 2012 Local Government Convention General Information

Background

The Local Government Convention will be held at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre from 1 – 3 August 2012. The convention incorporates the following events:

- Annual General Meeting WALGA
- Conference Plenary Sessions
- Special Focus Groups.

On Wednesday 1 August 2012, the Annual General Meeting will be held commencing at 1.30pm.

Comments

Members are invited to submit motions for inclusion on the agenda for consideration at the 2012 Annual General Meeting of WALGA. Motions should be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer of WALGA.

Submission of Motions

The closing date for submission of motions is **Monday 4 June 2012**. It should be noted that any motions proposing alterations or amendments to the Constitution of WALGA must be submitted by Monday 28 May 2012 in order to satisfy the sixty day notice requirements.

The following guidelines should be followed by members in the formulation of motions:

- Motions should focus on policy matters rather than issues which could be dealt with by the WALGA State Council with minimal delay;
- Due regard should be given to the relevance of the motion to the total membership and to Local Government in general. Some motions are of a localised or regional interest and might be better handled through other forums;
- Due regard should be given to the timeliness of the motion – will it still be relevant come the Local Government Convention or would the matter be handled immediately by the Association;
- The likely political impact of the motion should be carefully considered;
- Due regard should be given to the educational value to Members – ie. does awareness need to be raised on the particular matter;
- The potential media interest of the subject matter should be considered;
- Annual General Meeting motions submitted by Member Local Governments must be accompanied by fully researched and documented supporting comment.

Emergency Motions

No motion shall be acceptable for debate at the Annual General Meeting after the closing date unless the Association President determines that it is of an urgent nature, sufficient to warrant immediate debate and the member Councils resolve accordingly at the meeting. Conference Standing Orders set out the details.

Financial Implications

Provision will be made for members to attend the conference in the 2012-2013 budget.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Strategic Implications

Shire of Gnowangerup Plan for the Future – Functional Area 1

Consultation

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors put forward items that they wish to have included in the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Western Australian Local Government Association to be held on Wednesday 1 August 2012.

Reason for Change to Recommendation

13.5 VACANT POSITION ON BLACKWOOD BASIN GROUP (INC)

Location:**Proponent:** Blackwood Basin Group**File Ref:** 11.6.7**Date of Report:** 15 May 2012**Officer:** VN Webster – Executive Manager Corporate Services**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

Attachments

Nil

Background

The Blackwood Basin Group (Inc) is calling for nominations from Council for two vacant positions on the management group.

Council has been invited to nominate any interested person for the two vacant positions.

The members of the Blackwood Basin Group are Broomehill-Tambellup, Dumbleyung, Gnowangerup, Katanning, Kent, Kojonup, Kulin, Narrogin, Wagin, West Arthur, Wickepin, Williams and Woodanilling.

Comments

In the past Council has not nominated anyone to fill the vacant position on this committee. Unless Councillors are interested themselves or definitely know of a member of the community who is prepared to be nominated, members should advise the Blackwood Basin Group that they will not be making a nomination.

For Council consideration and comment.

Financial Implications

Nil

Statutory Environment

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council does not make a nomination for the two vacant positions on the Blackwood Basin Group committee.

13.6 FIRE BREAK ORDER 2012-2013

Location: Shire of Gnowangerup
Proponent: Fire Advisory Committee
File Ref:
Date of Report: 17 May 2012
Officer: VN Webster – Executive Manager Corporate Services
Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments

- Proposed 2012-2013 Fire Break Order

Summary

Presented for Councils consideration is the 2012-2013 Fire Break Order as proposed by the Shire of Gnowangerup Bush Fire Advisory Committee.

Background

Comments

The Fire Break Order 2012-2013 will be sent to landowners with the annual rate mail out in the same format as it was produced for the 2011-2012 fire season.

Financial Implications

The cost of producing the Fire Break Order Booklet has been allowed for in the budget.

Statutory Environment

Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Consultation

Shire of Gnowangerup Bush Fire Advisory Committee

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the 2012-2013 Fire Break Order as presented.

13.7 METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW
Location:**Proponent:****File Ref:** 14.4.1**Date of Report:** 17 May 2012**Officer:** VN Webster – Executive Manager Corporate Services**Disclosure of Interest:** NilAttachments

- WALGA Indicative Response to Metropolitan Local Government Review Draft Findings.

Summary

The Draft Findings of the Metropolitan Local Government Review have been released. Submissions on the Draft Findings are due by Friday 25 May 2012.

Background

The Local Government Review Panel commenced work in July 2011. The introduction of the draft findings document advises that the findings are indication of the Panels thoughts on the future of Local Government in metropolitan Perth and should be viewed as a progress report, not a final position. The Panel will continue its deliberations for several months before it comes to a conclusion.

The Panel was appointed to examine the social, economic and environmental challenges facing metropolitan Perth. The Panel was charged with recommending appropriate boundaries and governance models for local government in the metropolitan area.

The Review's terms of reference are to:

- Identify current and anticipated specific regional, social, environmental and economic issues affecting, or likely to affect, the growth of metropolitan Perth in the next fifty years,
- Identify current and anticipated national and international factors likely to impact in the next fifty years;
- Research improved local government structures and governance models and structures for the Perth metropolitan area, drawing on national and international experience and examining key issues relating to community representation, engagement, accountability and State imperatives among other things the Panel may identify during the course of the review;
- Identify new local government boundaries and a resultant reduction in the overall number of local governments to better meet the needs of the community;
- Prepare options to establish the most effective local government structures and governance models that take into account matters identified through the review including, but not limited to, community engagement, patterns of demographic change, regional and State growth and international factors which are likely to impact; and
- Present a limited list of achievable options together with a recommendation on the preferred option.

The Panel has presented the following twenty three key findings

1. *Enhanced strategic thinking and leadership across the State and Local Government sector and the wider community will be required to manage the extraordinary growth of metropolitan Perth over the next fifty years.*
2. *The current local government arrangements will not provide the best outcomes for the community into the future. The status quo cannot and should not remain.*
3. *There is a need for significant change in Perth's local government, including changes in local government structures, boundaries and governance.*
4. *The Panel envisages the outcome of the Review to be a stronger, more effective, more capable local government sector, with an enhanced role and greater authority.*
5. *Uncertainty about the future needs to be addressed by prompt and decisive government decision making.*

6. *A shared vision for the future of Perth should be developed by the State government, together with local government, stakeholder and community groups.*
7. *A sense of place and local identity can be maintained through appropriate governance regardless of the size of the local government.*
8. *The primary benefits to be achieved by the proposed reforms of Perth's local government arrangements include:*
 - a. *Increase strategic capacity across the local government sector;*
 - b. *More equitable spread of resources across metropolitan Perth and more equitable delivery of services to all residents;*
 - c. *Reduced duplication and better use of infrastructure;*
 - d. *A streamlined regulatory environment with greater transparency, simplicity, consistency and certainty with attendant costs savings for all sectors of the community;*
 - e. *Potential to achieve greater economies of scale;*
 - f. *Increased influence with State and Commonwealth governments reflected in improved funding for community projects;*
 - g. *The achievement of metropolitan-wide social, economic and environmental goals.*
9. *The structure and governance arrangements for local government in Perth cannot be considered in isolation from the role and function of local government and from the relationship between State government and local governments.*
10. *Some functions need to be managed from a metropolitan-wide perspective, including waste disposal and treatment, transport and planning. A shift in responsibility to the State government may be warranted.*
11. *Consideration should be given to establishing a Local Government Commission, comprising an Independent chair and persons with significant State and local government experience, to manage the relationship between State and local government and to oversee implementation of the reform process.*
12. *A redefined local government would have its role enhanced including re-empowerment in local planning.*
13. *The most appropriate options for local government in metropolitan Perth are:*
 - a. *10 to 12 councils centred on strategic activity centres*
 - b. *Five councils based on the central area and sub regions*
 - c. *One single metropolitan council*
14. *In any future model, the size of the City of Perth should be increased and its role enhanced.*
15. *It is important to make significant change and create a new structure with robust boundaries to minimise the need for further debate and change in the short to medium term.*
16. *Once a new structure is settled, there should be periodic boundary reviews undertaken by an independent body to ensure the local government structure is optimal for meeting the changing needs of a growing metropolitan region.*
17. *The creation of larger local governments alone will not address all the shortcomings of the present system.*
18. *Local government's ability to connect to the community is an important asset. In any new local government structure for metropolitan Perth, community engagement must be strengthened to improve accountability and reduce the power of special interest groups.*
19. *Local government must invest in mechanisms that encourage the whole community to participate. Consideration must be given to the development of formal community engagement networks, which may include the adoption of new institutional arrangements and structures to ensure adequate community engagement and access to council.*
20. *If the new local government structure for metropolitan Perth comprises more than one local government, a Forum or Council of Perth Mayors should be created, chaired by the Lord Mayor.*
21. *The role of elected members should be reshaped to enhance their capacity for strategic leadership and reduce their involvement in operational matters.*
22. *The potential for council controlled organisations / local government enterprises should be further considered.*
23. *Amendments to governance arrangements for local government in metropolitan Perth should include the following:*
 - a. *Introduction of compulsory voting at local government elections;*
 - b. *Recognition of the leadership role of elected members;*
 - c. *Election of Mayors by community*
 - d. *Increased remuneration of elected members*

- e. *Training for elected members*
- f. *Clarification of the role of CEO and elected members.*

Comments

A complete copy of the Panel's report is included in the Councillors Information Bulletin – week ending 11 May 2012. A copy of the West Australian Local Government Associations (WALGA) indicative response is included as an attachment to this report.

For Council discussion and consideration.

Financial Implications

Nil

Statutory Environment

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council does / does not provide any comment to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel on the Draft Findings report.

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PROPOSED RENOVATIONS TO OLD ONGERUP POLICE STATION

Location: Vaux Street, Ongerup
Proponent:
File Ref: 14.2.5
Date of Report: 17 May 2012
Officer: VN Webster – Executive Manager Corporate Services
Disclosure of Interest: Nil

The details of this item have been omitted due to their confidential nature

- 14 ELECTED MEMBER MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

- 15 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING OR PRESIDING OFFICER**

- 16 CLOSURE**