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**AGENDA**

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS:**

THE PRESIDENT CR HUTCHINSON DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 10.00 AM

**2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/ APOLOGIES/ APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

**ATTENDANCE**

CR HUTCHINSON (PRESIDENT)  
CR O'DWYER  
CR BAIN  
CR SMITH  
CR BURROWS  
CR BAJRAI  
CR TRENFIELD  
CR NICHOLS  
TA HARTMAN CEO  
NATALIE HOPE DEPUTY CEO

**APOLOGIES**

CR HOWDEN

**APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

NIL

**3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE:**

NIL

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

NIL

**5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

NIL

**6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING HELD 16<sup>th</sup> July 2005.

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**Council Resolution**

**RESOLVED:(Moved by Cr Trenfield Seconded by Cr Nichols)**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 16<sup>th</sup> JULY BE CONFIRMED**

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**7. PETITION/ DEPUTATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS/ SUBMISSIONS:**

NIL

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION:**

NIL

**9. REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS:**

CR NICHOLS REPORTED ON MRVC MEETING IN CUE.

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD 20th AUGUST 2005.

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**10.1.1** PASTORAL RATES

**File Ref:** R/20/3

**Reporting Officer:** Tom Hartman - CEO.

**Date of Report:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005

**Summary:** Reports raises Councils attention to the change in the rateable value used to impose rates on pastoral leases and recommends amending the rate in the dollar for UV Rural General Rates.

**Background:** Pastoral rates are based on the annual rent paid by the land lessor to the Pastoral Board. The annual rent is times by 20 by the valuer general to give the valuation that is used by Local Government to impose their rate in the dollar. Annual rents were increased by approximately 100% during 2004/05.

**Comment:** The annual rents on Pastoral leases were increased following the imposition of the 2004/05 rates and was not picked up in our system when the rate modelling was carried out to determine the rate in the dollar for the 2005/06 budget.

It was only after the Council had adopted the budget and the values from the valuer general were loaded into our system was the increase in valuation noticed.

The increased valuation effectively doubled the rates to be paid by pastoralists, using the rate in the dollar imposed by Council at its budget adoption meeting.

This report recommends that Council reassess the rates payable and amend the rate in the dollar to raise the revenue originally proposed.

To achieve this, the required rate will change from 5.9688 to 3.1300 cents in the dollar.

**Consultation:** President  
Keith Anderson - Financial Consultant  
Natalie Hope - Deputy CEO

**Statutory Environment:** Land Government Act Sections - 6.33 (4)  
6.39 (2)  
6.40 (1) (a)

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Voting Requirements:** Absolute Majority

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL AMENDS THE RURAL RATE IN THE DOLLAR FROM 5.9688 TO 3.1300 CENTS IN THE DOLLAR TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW UNIMPROVED VALUES FOR THE 2005/06 FINANCIAL YEAR

**Council Resolution:**  
**RESOLVED:(Moved by Cr Bain Seconded by Cr Smith)**

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**THAT COUNCIL AMENDS THE RURAL RATE IN THE DOLLAR FROM 5.9688 TO 3.1300 CENTS IN THE DOLLAR TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW UNIMPROVED VALUES FOR THE 2005/06 FINANCIAL YEAR**

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**10.1.2** **REGIONAL ROAD GROUP-2006/07 PROJECT GRANTS-  
CARNARVON - MEEKATHARRA ROAD**

**File Ref:** R/40/2

**Reporting Officer:** Tom Hartman CEO.

**Date of Report:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil.

**Summary:** Report raises matter for Council to again endorse the Carnarvon/Meekatharra road for project grant consideration.

- Background:** Regional Road Group Project Grants were approved for 2005/06 to be spent on the Carnarvon/ Meekatharra road. Council received \$133,333 for 05/06. Applications for funding for the 2006/07 year are now being called and Council will need to decide on what road (outside townsites) is to be submitted. Applications for Blackspot funding are also being called.
- Comment:** The Landor Road is becoming more significant to Council following the launch of the Gascoyne - Murchison Outback Pathways Project, access to Mt Augustus and the resurgence of interest from the Upper Gascoyne Shire of the importance of the road.
- Consultation:** Nil
- Statutory Environment:** Nil
- Policy Implications:** Nil.
- Financial Implications:** Council has indicated expenditure of \$523, 000 in the 2005/06 budget to be spent on the Landor Road, consisting of Council, RRG and Roads to Recovery Funding.
- Strategic Implications:** Council needs to progressively upgrade this road that links with the tourist icon of Mt. Augustus and encourage traffic to and from Meekatharra.
- Voting Requirements:** Simple majority.

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL SUBMIT THE CARNARVON - MEEKATHARRA ROAD FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE 2006/07 PROJECT GRANT FROM THE REGIONAL ROAD GROUP, AND THAT COUNCIL SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR FURTHER BLACKSPOT FUNDING FOR THE MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED:(Moved by Cr Bajrai Seconded by Cr Bain)**

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**THAT COUNCIL SUBMIT THE CARNARVON - MEEKATHARRA ROAD FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE 2006/07 PROJECT GRANT FROM THE REGIONAL ROAD GROUP, AND THAT COUNCIL SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR FURTHER BLACKSPOT FUNDING FOR THE MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

**10.1.3**

**TENDERS - PLANT**

**File Ref:** T/35

**Reporting Officer:** Tom Hartman CEO.

**Date of Report:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Summary:** Report raises plant items listed for consideration in the 2005/06 Budget to be replaced and suggesting approval to call tenders where necessary.

**Background:** Council have listed on the 2005/06 budget the following plant items to be considered for replacement.

\*1999 Cat 12 H Grader Approximate hours: 11,500

\*1998 Inter Acco 2350g/25 approximate kilometres: 168,317

**Comment:** Council should consider the above items in relation to replacement as both there items were held over from October 2003. It is suggested that the tender for the Cat grader and Inter Acco be called ASAP.

If agreed, tenders can be called and those received will be considered at a future meeting. Council is not required to accept any tender.

**Consultation:** Works Staff.

**Statutory Environment:** Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

**Policy Implications:** Nil.

**Financial Implications:** Estimates have been provided in the 2005/06 budget.

**Strategic Implications:** Nil.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple Majority.

**Recommendation:**

THAT TENDERS BE INVITED TO REPLACE P328, CAT GRADER AND P320 INTER ACCO WITH SIMILAR VEHICLES.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED:(Moved by Cr Nichols Seconded by Cr Trenfield)**

**THAT TENDERS BE INVITED TO REPLACE P328, CAT GRADER AND P320 INTER ACCO WITH SIMILAR VEHICLES.**

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**10.1.4 WALGA POLICY - DEFENCE RESERVES LEAVE**

**File Ref:** P/22

**Reporting Officer:** Tom Hartman - CEO.

**Date of Report:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005

**Summary:** Information provided by WALGA for Councils consideration of their approach to Shire agreements for employees involved in defence force activities.

**Background:** The attached letter and draft policy from WALGA is self explanatory.

**Comment:** Council can consider adopting the draft policy or note its contents.

At present Council have no Staff involved in defence reserve activities.

**Consultation:** Nil

**Statutory Environment:** The Defence Reserve Service (Protection) Act 2004.

**Policy Implications:** Will be a new policy

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Implications:** Will have positive impact in showing support to those who serve their community.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple

**Recommendation:**



- Financial Implications:** Nil.
- Strategic Implications:** Nil.
- Voting Requirements:** Simple majority.

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL RAISE NO OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTING WITH ALL ADJOINING OWNERS OR OCCUPIERS.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED:(Moved by Cr Trenfield Seconded by Cr Nichols)**

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**THAT COUNCIL RAISE NO OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTING WITH ALL ADJOINING OWNERS OR OCCUPIERS.**

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**10.1.6** **TOURISM PLAN**

- File Ref:** R/40/2
- Reporting Officer:** Tom Hartman - CEO.
- Date of Report:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005
- Summary:** Report raises matter of developing a Tourism plan for Meekatharra and informs Council of future progress.
- Background:** The Meeka Rangeland Discovery Trail, the Gascoyne/Murchison Outback Pathways project and the Canyon and Heritage Drive Trails are seen as providing opportunities for communities like Meekatharra to benefit from the increased visitors that are forecast to visit the area in the future. Tourism is seen as a potential growth industry which could bring substantial economic improvements, however, any increase in visitors will require suitable infrastructure, services and information systems to ensure a safe, enjoyable journey.
- Comment:** A report was endorsed by Council at its meeting August 21, 2004 to develop a plan and appoint a suitable consultant to prepare a strategic framework involving a critical assessment of the current situation, tourism potential, tourism infrastructure and a management plan.

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Market Creations have been requested to submit a proposal to implement this project.

**Consultation:** Previous process as per report August 21, 2004.

**Statutory Environment:** Nil.

**Policy Implications:** Nil.

**Financial Implications:** Council has funds in the 2005/06 budget for consultancy and "seed" funding.

**Strategic Implications:** Will have positive impact on Meekatharra.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple majority.

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL NOTE THE CONTACT MADE WITH MARKET CREATIONS AND SUPPORT THE APPOINTMENT IF AND WHEN AGREEMENT IS REACHED.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED:(Moved by Cr Burrows Seconded by Cr Trenfield)**

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**THAT COUNCIL NOTE THE CONTACT MADE WITH MARKET CREATIONS AND SUPPORT THE APPOINTMENT IF AND WHEN AGREEMENT IS REACHED.**

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**10.2** DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD 20<sup>h</sup> AUGUST 2005

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**10.2.1** ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

**File Ref:** F/6

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**Reporting Officer:** Natalie Hope - Deputy CEO

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date of Report:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005

**Summary:** The following accounts are presented to Council for payment:

Municipal	Voucher No.s 20914 - 21045	Amount:
\$578438.99		
Trust Account	Voucher No.s 100777	Amount:
\$16.00		
Air BP Account	Voucher No.s Various	Amount:
\$12701.32		

**Voting Requirements:** Simple majority

**Recommendation:**

THAT THE ACCOUNTS AS DETAILED BE PAID.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED:(Moved by Cr Bajrai Seconded by Cr Smith)**

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**THAT THE ACCOUNTS AS DETAILED BE PAID.**

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**10.2.2**                      **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD TO 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2005**

**File Ref:** F/6

**Reporting Officer:** Natalie Hope - Deputy CEO

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date of Report:** 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005

**Summary:** Monthly Report

**Background:** A monthly financial report is to be presented to Council at the next ordinary meeting following the end of the reporting period.

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<b>Comment:</b>	Nil
<b>Consultant:</b>	Nil
<b>Statutory Environment:</b>	Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.4 Financial Management Regulations 34 & 35
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>Financial Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>Strategic Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple majority

**Recommendation:**

THAT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2005 BE RECEIVED.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED:(Moved by Cr Burrows Seconded by Cr O'Dwyer)**

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**THAT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2005 BE RECEIVED AND THAT THE QUARTERLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2005 BE RECEIVED.**

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**11. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:**

NIL

**12. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING:**

NIL

**13. CLOSURE OF MEETING:**

THE PRESIDENT CR HUTCHINSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.20 AM.