

SHIRE OF GOOMALLING**Minutes of the Goomalling Shire Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th December 2015
at the Goomalling Shire Council Chambers commencing at 1. 04 pm**

PRESENT: Shire President Councillor BJ Haywood (*Presided*)
Councillor R Van Gelderen
Councillor K J Ryan
Councillor G A Romero
Councillor JM Chester
Councillor CL Kingston
Councillor R Sheen
Councillor DT Phillips
Councillor RJ Bowen

STAFF: The Chief Executive Officer (CCJ Kerp) and the Finance Manager (NM Bird) were in attendance.

The Shire President declared the Meeting opened 1.04 pm

ORDER OF BUSINESS1. **QUESTION TIME - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Nil

2. **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**3.1 **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2015**

Resolution: Moved Cr Kingston, seconded Cr Ryan that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 18th November 2015 as read, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings with the following change to Item No 13. To delete "above document for the annual audit for the year ended 30 June 15 be received" and replaced with the letter from Auditor be received and the CEO to ensures the Audited Financial Statements are provided to Councillors as soon as possible"

And that in accordance with sections 13 and 14 (1) of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* under the *Local Government Act 1995*:

13. Unconfirmed minutes, public inspection of (Act s. 5.25(1)(i))

A local government is to ensure that unconfirmed minutes of each council and committee meeting are available for inspection by members of the public —

(a) in the case of a council meeting, within 10 business days after the meeting; and

(b) in the case of a committee meeting, within 5 business days after the meeting.

14. Notice papers, agenda etc., public inspection of (Act s. 5.25(1)(j))

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(1) A local government is to ensure that notice papers and agenda relating to any council or committee meeting and reports and other documents which

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- (a) are to be tabled at the meeting; or
 - (b) have been produced by the local government or a committee for presentation at the meeting,

and which have been made available to members of the council or committee for the meeting are available for inspection by members of the public from the time the notice papers, agenda or documents were made available to the members of the council or committee.

That:

from now on all unconfirmed minutes, notice papers and agendas with reports and other documents are made available for public inspection within the times required by the regulations.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/4

The CEO informed Council of the following:-

- The Audited Financial Statements are always provided to Councillors as soon as possible when the Statements are received from the Auditors. This practice will continue.
- Council Minutes are always available within the 10 days' timeframe for public inspection and this practice will also continue to be the case.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Nil

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SHIRE PRESIDENT**

- Cr Chester attended the Mens Shed Christmas party
- Cr Chester and Cr Phillips attended a new Councillors training
- Cr Ryan attended the Neighbourhood Watch, LEMAC and Aged Friendly Focus Group
- Cr Kingston attended the Climate Change picnic at the Slater Homestead
- Shire President and CEO attended AROC meeting
- Shire President attended the Mortlock Sports Council
- Shire President attended the schools presentation evenings.

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Kingston that the Reports be received.

CARRIED

6. **MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

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Nil

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Motion: Moved Cr Kingston, seconded Cr Ryan that correspondence not be received. That the CEO refrain from presenting correspondence in meetings unless it is a necessary part of supporting documentation for a decision required by council that has been presented in the form of an officer's report and recommendation.

MOTION PUT LOST 4/51. N. CARTER RE: CONGRATULATORY LETTER (43)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence congratulating Council on the presentation of the main street, town surrounds and rest room facilities be received..

CARRIED2. BENDIGO BANK RE: SCHEDULED REVIEW OF BANKING RELATIONSHIP (20)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence advising that the scheduled review of Councils banking facilities has been complete and the next review is scheduled for 31 October 2016 be received.

CARRIED3. LOTTERYWEST RE: COMPLETED ACQUITTAL, APPLICATION 421007351 (74)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence confirming that the above grant is now complete and obligations have been fulfilled be received.

CARRIED4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSURANCE SERVICES RE: 2015 LGIS SCHEME MEMBER DIVIDEND (89)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence regarding the 2015 LGIS Scheme Member Dividend be received.

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Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence regarding the upgrades planned for Goomalling Hospital be received.

CARRIED

6. MELISSA PRICE MP RE: MEDIA RELEASE: INDEPENDENT REPORT FINDS WORK FOR THE DOLE EFFECTIVE (129)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above Media Release regarding the Work for the Dole program be received..

CARRIED

7. MAIN ROADS WA RE: ILLEGAL CLEARING ON NORTHAM-PITHARA ROAD (58-2)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence advising that the matter of the Illegal vegetation clearing has been referred to the Department of Environment Regulation for investigation be received.

CARRIED

8. AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION RE: 2015 LOCAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS (34)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence regarding the 2015 Local Roads and Transport Congress held in Ballarat be received.

CARRIED

9. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PLANNING COMMISSION RE: GAZETTAL OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (LOCAL PLANNING SCHEMES) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2015; STATE PLANNING POLICY 3.7: PLANNING IN BUSHFIRE PRONE AREAS (SPP 3.7)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence informing Council of the gazettal and publication of key bushfire related landuse planning documents be received.

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10. GREG WILLIS, MAIN ROADS WA RE: WHEATBELT NORTH REGIONAL ROAD GROUP COUNCILS – ASSET PRESERVATION VALUES (APV) AND POPULATION FIGURES (105-5)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence regarding asset preservation values and population figures used since 2004 for the current 24 Councils be received.

CARRIED

11. GREG WILLIS, MAIN ROADS WA RE: WANDRRA COMMUNIQUE: UNDERGROUND WATER-BORING (69)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence regarding underwater boring versus water cartage be received.

CARRIED

12. GARY MARTIN, SHIRE OF DOWERIN RE: AROC MEETING FINANCIAL REPORT (144)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence seeking Councils assistance with preparing a financial report for the AROC Meeting be received.

CARRIED

13. NATIONAL HEAVY VEHICLE REGULATOR RE: MEDIA STATEMENT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT KEY TO REGIONAL PRODUCTIVITY (150)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above Media Statement be received.

CARRIED

14. OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL DISTRIBUTION COMMISSIONERS, ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES WA RE: 2015 REVIEW OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES – FINAL BOUNDARIES BY REGION AND DISTRICT (57)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence regarding the final boundaries as published in the Government Gazette on 27 November 2015 be received.

CARRIED

15. GREG WILLIS, MAIN ROADS WA RE: 2015/16 WHEATBELT NORTH REGIONAL ROAD GROUP FUNDING AND RECOUP REGISTER (105-5)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above WBN RRG Funding & Recoup Register be received.

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16. AVON TOURISM INC RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 NOVEMBER 2015 (186-1)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above Minutes of Avon Tourism Inc Meeting held be received.

CARRIED

17. AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE WALGA RE: WALGA STATE COUNCIL REGIONAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 2016 (196-5)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence inviting Councils to submit expressions of interest in hosting the WALGA Regional State Council Meeting 8-9 September 2016 be received.

CARRIED

18. NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK RE: NBN COUNCIL SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION & ENGAGEMENT CHARTER (184-1)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence regarding supporting Council and National Broadband Network in communicating the latest information to the community be received.

CARRIED

19. AVON REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7 DECEMBER 2015 (144)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above Minutes of AROC Meeting held 7 December 2015 be received.

CARRIED

20. LE VIET DUYEN, CONSUL GENERAL SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAME PERTH – AUSTRALIA RE: UPDATE ON TRADE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN VIET NAM & WESTERN AUSTRALIA – AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS (43)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence regarding the comprehensive relationship between Viet Nam and Western Australia be received.

CARRIED

21. ROBERT KOCH, COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER, SHIRE OF GOOMALLING RE: LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (LEMC) MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD 19 NOVEMBER 2015 (69-6)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above minutes for LEMC meeting held 19 November 2015 be received.

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22. TIM MURRAY RE: FIREARMS DEALERS LICENCE (65)

Resolution: Moved Cr Kingston, seconded Cr Chester that the above correspondence seeking Council support/approval for a Firearms Dealers Licence be received and that matter be deferred to the February 2016 Ordinary Council meeting and the recommendation from CEO will be provided in his report.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED23. LANDCORP RE: 2015 LOCAL RDAP APPLICATION ROUND – GOOMALLING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (97-4)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence advising that Landcorp's Planning Development and Communications Committee (PDCC) has endorsed the recommendation that Council's project is now subject to a Detailed Business Case review be received.

CARRIED

Cr Van Gelderen declared an interest in the below item and then left the meeting at 2.00 pm

24. MICHAEL BUBA, CHIEF OF STAFF, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT RE: HR AND HC PRACTICAL DRIVING ASSESSMENT TESTS (101-3)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Sheen that the above correspondence advising Council that the Department does not intend on rescinding its decision be received and Council write to Department stating its disappointment in their decision.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

Cr Van Gelderen entered the meeting at 2.05 pm

25. DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES RE: REVIEW OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (RULES OF CONDUCT) REGULATIONS 2007 (102-1)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence regarding the Departments review of the *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007* with the release of a consultation paper be received and .

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26. IAN MCCABE, SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM RE: CENSUS OF LOCAL COUNCILLORS (33)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence regarding the planned Census of Elected Members following the WALGA Zone Meeting on 26 November 2015 be received.

CARRIED

27. SHAUN RIGBY, BENDIGO BANK RE: BENDIGO BUSINESS FLEXI LOANS (94-2)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above correspondence advising Council of the disbursement of Councils Business Flexi Loans be received and noted.

CARRIED

28. ALLISON HAILES, EXECUTIVE MANAGER, PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, WESTERN AUSTRALIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) RE: WALGA EMERGENCY SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR SHIRE OF ESPERENACE (196)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above WALGA Infopage regarding the emergency management support program and assistance for the Shire of Esperance be received and Council donate to the Emergency Support program for Shire of Esperance for \$1,000.00.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

29. DARREN FRIEND, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SHIRE OF BROOKTON RE: FEASIBILITY STUDY – WHEATBELT EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE (ECEC) GOVERNANCE MODEL (37-2)

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the above Shire of Brookton's proposed application for a project to develop and assess the feasibility of a new structural and governance model for community bases ECED services in the Wheatbelt Region be received.

CARRIED

- 10 LATE CORRESPONDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 2.8 OF STANDING ORDERS

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Sheen that Council now deal with Late Correspondence.

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30. MARK BROCKHURST RE: TYNDALL ROAD REPAIRS (138)

Resolution: Moved Cr Romero, seconded Cr Chester that the above correspondence thanking Council for the prompt repairs of Tyndall Road be received and acknowledged.

CARRIED31. DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING RE: APPROVED WAPC APPLICATION 152123 FOR LOTS 121-124 GOOMALLING-MECKERING ROAD (170)

Resolution: Moved Cr Romero, seconded Cr Chester that the above correspondence advising Council of the approval of WAPC Application 152123 be received and noted.

CARRIED32. GOOMALLING ABORIGINAL COMMITTEE RE: GOOMALLING NATIVE RESERVE PROJECT (43/7-3)

Resolution: Moved Cr Romero, seconded Cr Chester that the above correspondence thanking Council for enthusiastically progressing the Goomalling Native Reserve project be received and acknowledged.

CARRIED33. AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION RE: ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS (102)

Resolution: Moved Cr Romero, seconded Cr Chester that the above correspondence regarding Asset Management and the 2015 State of the Assets report be received.

CARRIED34. WATER CORPORATION RE: FURTHER TENDERS FOR FARMLANDS PROJECT (198)

Resolution: Moved Cr Romero, seconded Cr Chester hat the above correspondence regarding new tenders for pipeline works be received and noted.

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Shire President left the meeting at 2.31 pm after declaring an interest in following Item 35.

35. JASON & DELINA HAYWOOD RE: STATE INDOOR HOCKEY REPRESENTATION SHANAE HAYWOOD (48)

Resolution: Moved Cr Romero, seconded Cr Chester hat the above correspondence seeking support for Shanae Haywood who has been selected in the WA State Indoor Hockey Team be received and as per Council Policy, a donation of \$250.00 is hereby approved and authorised.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

Shire President entered the meeting at 2.32 pm

11. REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

11.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER 2015

Resolution: Moved Cr Romero, seconded Cr Chester that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 16th December 2015 be received and Items 1 to 6 inclusive are hereby adopted as decisions of Council and that it be reiterated that Municipal Fund Cheques number 11146 to 11205 and EFT 873 to EFT 899 and 11206 to 11274 and DD 8471 and DD 8520 inclusive totalling \$752,157.06 be passed for payment and the items contained therein be declared as authorised expenditures and authorised decisions of Council. That the committee invites the Department of Local Government to come to the Finance/Audit Committee to discuss the Local Government Operational Guidelines Number 09 – Revised September 2013, Audit in Local Government the appointment, function and responsibilities of Audit Committees.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Gloria Robinson, Rural Rangers Services entered the meeting at 3.08 pm.

Gloria presented the Council a report on her statistic for the Shire.

Chief Executive Officer, Clem Kerp left the meeting at 3.10 pm

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Chief Executive Officer, Clem Kerp entered the meeting at 3.14 pm

Gloria Robinson, Rural Rangers Services left the meeting at 3.22 pm

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Resolution: Moved Cr Van Gelderen, seconded Cr Chester that the Chief Executive Officer's Report, be now dealt with.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

12.1.1 NATIVE TITLE CLAIMS

Reference No. and Subject	12.1.1 South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) and Department of Premier and Cabinet Parcels of Land proposed to be transferred to the Noongar Boodja Trust
File Reference No.	7-2
Proponent	South West Settlement – Department of Lands
Authors Name & Position	Clem Kerp - Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Nature of Council's Role in the Matter	Executive: As part of all Native Title Claims in the South West, the South West Settlement Agency through the Department of Lands and the Department of Premier and Cabinet is seeking Council's views of the submitted 24 parcels of land in the Goomalling Townsite and within the Shire of Goomalling District.
Purpose of Report	The department is seeking Council's comments as to the land assembly process where Council may consider that three (3) parcels of land could remain in Council's vesture as custodian of the Reserves for Recreation and Vegetation.
Background	The proposed 24 parcels of land are to be transferred to the Noongar Boodja Trust as part of the South West Settlement Land Base Package. Then it is intended that post settlement the land will be transferred as Freehold, however, SWALSC/Noongar Boodja Trust will have the opportunity to select the land at a lesser tenure, being Reserve WPL, Reserve or Lease hold as the process moves forward.

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Council has been requested to review the document and provide any relevant comments with respect to the following:

1. Any future proposals for the land identified. If so, in what timeframe?
2. Any known land management issued (contamination, vermin etc.)
3. Any other relevant comments.

As mentioned in the above Purpose of Report, Council should consider the three (3) parcels of land: One in White Street as part of the Recreation Reserve, one located previously as a Vegetation Reserve south of the Caravan Park land and one on 75 Throssell Street (Cnr Eaton). The three areas are highlighted in yellow;

Lot 500 White Street

Lot 500-133 Slater Street.

The land in White Street formed part of the Recreation Reserve and the land in Slater Street was part of the Vegetation Reserve where the Red Orchid plants are found.

75 Throssell Street is currently a residential block, Council has submitted an application to Department of Land to change the area to a recreation space for the development of a Natureplay® Playground to incorporate an aboriginal community art installation and noongar welcome statement. **Refer to Attachment No. 2**

Naturally it would be beneficial all three (3) areas of land are retained by Council as part of the three mentioned purposes "Recreation" and "Vegetation".

Council may view my input as intrusion for these three (3) lots but looking at the big picture the retention of the three (3) lots would be beneficial for all sectors of our community to remain as detailed purposes. The SWLS acquisition of said reserve means the possibility of development which could disrupt the natural environment, it's in Council's and the community's interest to preserve the reserves and ensure conservation of the natural environment. Aboriginal peoples are able to freely wander and utilise the reserve and wouldn't be implicated by Council's retention of the land.

Implications to consider

There are no financial implications, there is potential for implication to the environment should the areas be developed. This issue but could be construed as

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invasive but as I have said it is not but is detailed what is best for all sectors of the community.

Voting Requirements

To be resolved by Simple Majority/

Officer's Recommendation Item

That Council raise no objection to the remaining 21 parcels of land being transferred to the Noongar Boodja Trust with the three (3) mentioned lots in White and Slater Streets Goomalling remaining as Reserves vested in Council for the purpose of Recreation and Vegetation.

Moved Cr Romero, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that Council adopt the Officer's Recommendation.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

Chief Executive Officer left the meeting at 3.43 pm

Chief Executive Officer entered the meeting at 3.45 pm

12.1.4 **SIGNING UNDER THE COMMON SEAL**

Resolution: Moved Cr Van Gelderen, seconded Cr Sheen the Council hereby authorise the signing under the common seal by the Chief Executive Officer and Shire President the following documents Appreciation Certificates for Retiring Councillors Sewell and Davey.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

12.2 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Resolution: Moved Cr Sheen, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the Chief Executive Officer's Report, be received.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

Mr Rob Koch, Community Emergency Services Manager entered the meeting at 3.48 pm

12.3 **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER REPORT**

Resolution: Moved Cr Romero, seconded Cr Bowen that the Community Emergency Services Manager Report be now dealt with.

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12.4 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER REPORT

Resolution: Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Romero that the Community Development Officer's Report, be received.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

Mr Rob Koch, Community Emergency Services Manager left the meeting at 4.04 pm

AFTERNOON TEA ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: Moved Cr Van Gelderen, seconded Cr Sheen that Council do now adjourn for afternoon tea. Time 4.04 pm.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

Resumed at 4.38 pm

Calum Cooper, Goomalling Police entered the meeting at 4.38 pm

Mrs Joanna Bywaters, Sport & Recreation Coordinator entered the meeting at 4.38 pm

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Resolution: Moved Cr Romero, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that standing orders be now suspended. Time 4.38 pm.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

Calum Cooper presented the monthly statistical report.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Resolution: Moved Cr Romero, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the standing orders be now resumed. Time 4.47 pm

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY /0

Calum Cooper, Goomalling Police left the meeting at 4.47 pm

12.5 SPORT & RECREATION COORDINATOR REPORT

Resolution: Moved Cr Kingston, seconded Cr Bowen that the Sport & Recreation Coordinator's Report, be now dealt with.

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temperature over land in the Australian region. Anomalies are the departures from the 1961–1990 average climatological period. Sea-surface temperature values are provided for a region around Australia (from 4°S to 46°S and from 94°E to 174°E). SOURCE: State of the Climate, 2014. SOURCE: Bureau of Meteorology and CSIRO

Very warm months that occurred just over 2 per cent of the time during the period 1951 to 1980 occurred nearly 7 per cent of the time during 1981 to 2010, and around 10 per cent of the time over the past 15 years. At the same time the frequency of very cool months has declined by around a third since the earlier period.

The duration, frequency and intensity of heatwaves have increased across large parts of Australia since 1950. There has been an increase in extreme fire weather, and a longer fire season, across large parts of Australia since the 1970s.

Rainfall averaged across Australia has slightly increased since 1900, with a large increase in north-west Australia since 1970. A declining trend in winter rainfall persists in south-west Australia. Autumn and early winter rainfall has mostly been below average in the south-east since 1990.

Extracted from <http://www.climatechangeinaustralia.gov.au/en/climate-campus/australian-climate-change/australian-trends/>

Council signed the WALGA Climate Change Declaration acknowledging the need to take immediate Climate Action; therefore it is imperative Council commence the process in order to reduce their impact on the environment.

Carbon Neutral

Carbon Neutral is a Western Australian company that has worked with over 1000 organisations around Australia to reduce their carbon footprint; their tree farms are located at Morawa and Perenjori in Biodiversity Hotspots that are protected for a minimum of 100 years.

I have been in contact with Carbon Neutral to complete a Greenhouse Gas Inventory over a twelve (12) month period followed by a Carbon Reduction Plan which incorporates an energy and waste audit. The idea is that we minimise our carbon production where possible and offset the rest in order to be carbon neutral.

The cost for their services is \$4500.00 excluding GST for the monitoring over the 12 month period and developing the plan. Additional it will require time investment from Council staff to assist with relevant data collection.

NOTE: Council staff has investigated other organisations that offer similar advisory services, of the three (3) companies contacted Carbon Neutral are the only one who have supplied a quote. Their service has been prompt and reflective of our goals. The following Councils have utilised their services City of Perth, City of Joondalup, City of Rockingham, City of South Perth, City of Fremantle and other iconic business such as Water Corporation, Toyota and ECU.

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Financial Implications

These services are not budgeted for 2015/16 and will therefore require an amendment, 20% or \$990.00 is due in the 2015/16 financial year whilst the remaining \$3960.00 is due in the 2016/17 financial year. Long term the services will assist Council to reduce its ongoing costs and reduce our local carbon emissions in line with Australia's 2030 Emission Reduction Target.

Strategic & Policy Implications

An entire strategic objective is dedicated to the 'Natural Environment' – N1 Enhance the health and integrity of the natural environment outlining the significance of the natural environment to the community.

N1.2 Encourage the investigation of renewable energy generation technologies in the Shire of Goomalling.

N1.6 Encourage the use of recycled materials to create a zero waste culture amongst the community

N1.10 Promote and support initiatives to reduce water consumption

Voting Requirements

Decision by *absolute majority*

Officer Recommendation

That Council amend the 2015/16 budget to include \$990.00 (20% total fee) to engage Carbon Neutral to complete a carbon emissions audit and carbon reduction plan and include the remaining \$3960.00 in the 2016/17 Budget.

Resolution: Moved Cr Kingston, seconded Cr Romero that the Council adopt the Officers Recommendation.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

12.9 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Resolution: Moved Cr Sheen, seconded Cr Romero that the Community Development Officer's Report, be received.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

Mrs Andrea Hardingham, Community Development Officer left the meeting at 5.09 pm

Miss Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer left the meeting at 5.09 pm

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SHIRE OF GOOMALLING**Minutes of the Goomalling Shire Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th December 2015
at the Goomalling Shire Council Chambers commencing at 1. 04 pm**

Mr Linton Thomas, Environment Health Officer/Building Surveyor entered the meeting at 5.10 pm

12.10 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER/BUILDING SURVEYOR REPORT

Resolution: Moved Cr Van Gelderen, seconded Cr Chester that the Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor's Report be now dealt with.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

12.11 BUILDING

Resolution: Moved Cr Sheen, seconded Cr Romero that Council endorse the Building Surveyors actions in approving applications 1526 to 1527.

REFERENCE: BP = Building Permit TPA = Town Planning Application R = Record only

1526 BP M. Bohling of Lot 2 (81) Railway Terrace for a 6 x 3m garden shed.
(Owner Builder)

1527 BP R. Andersen & J.Thygesen of Lot 242 (8) Throssell Street, for a 6 X 9m storage shed.
(Builder E.D. Hall)

Valuation:	\$14,100	Building/Planning App' Fees	\$190.00
		Financial Year to date	\$2,850.22
Year to Date	\$4,016,296.80	Budget Estimate 2015-16	\$5,000

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

Chief Executive Officer, Clem Kerp left the meeting at 5.30 pm

Chief Executive Officer, Clem Kerp entered the meeting at 5.31 pm

12.12 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER/BUILDING SURVEYOR REPORT

Resolution: Moved Cr Romero, seconded Cr Van Gelderen that the Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor's Report, be received.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

Mr Linton Thomas, Environment Health Officer/Building Surveyor left the meeting at 5.42 pm

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13 NOTICE OF MOTION FOR NEXT MEETING

Moved Cr Haywood that Council amend its composition structure of the number of Councillors from 9 to 7 to commence after the October 2017 Council Elections.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was reconfirmed that the next Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 17th February 2016 in the Goomalling Shire Council Chambers commencing at 1.00pm.

16 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Shire President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 6.12 pm.

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