



***HEALTH, BUILDING & TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING***

***AGENDA***

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Dear Elected Member

The next Health, Building & Town Planning Meeting of the Shire of Meekatharra will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 in the Council Chambers, Main Street Meekatharra commencing at 1.00pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roy McClymont', is positioned above the typed name.

Roy McClymont  
Chief Executive Officer  
10<sup>th</sup> December, 2012



## ***AGENDA***

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

#### ***1.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING***

#### ***1.2 DISCLAIMER READING***

*No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Meekatharra for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this Meeting.*

*It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this Meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council's decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this Meeting*

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

#### **Members**

#### **Staff**

#### **Apologies**

#### **Approved Leave of Absence**

#### **Observers**

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

### **4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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**5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**6.1 HEALTH, BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2012.**

**Committee Resolution:**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**That the minutes from the Health, Building and Town Planning Committee held  
Wednesday November 7, 2012 be confirmed.**

**7. PETITION/ DEPUTATIONS/ PRESENTATION/ SUBMISSIONS**

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

## **9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS**

### **9.1 OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORTS**

#### **9.1.1 PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER/BUILDING SURVEYOR'S REPORT**

##### **Principal Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor's Report**

##### **Meekatharra Health, Building, Town Planning Committee**

**W.V. Atyeo**

**November and December 2012**

I was in attendance at the Shire from the 5<sup>th</sup> November to the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and also the 3<sup>rd</sup> December to the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

This is a joint report as we are now trying to adjust to having our HBTP Committee meetings on the same dates as the Ordinary Meetings of Council at 8.30 am.

#### **BUILDING LICENSES:**

There were Nil (1) Building License processed or issued during this time.

I have been informed by Yulella that the renovations approved for the Yulella Vision store will soon be actioned. Not before time.

#### **Occupation Permits**

Occupation Permits were applied for and issued for the completed works at Capricorn Roadhouse, trading as Outback Travel Centre. There was some confusion in the issuing of these, as I had previously issued them to the Builders who had not forwarded them onto the owners as is required.

An Occupation Permit was also issued to the builders and owners of the Bluebird Mine facilities for their office and kitchen.

#### **Building License Statistics:**

The statistics as required by the ABS and WorkSafe, and others were dispatched accordingly within the required framework as laid down by WorkSafe. Monthly reporting is required.

#### **DEMOLITION LICENSES:**

There were Nil (0) Demolition License issued during this time.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

**KUMARINA ROADHOUSE/TAVERN – GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY:**

I have had further discussions with the owner of the premises and after a late start he is now attempting to address the issues I raised with him through an Email and also through various phone calls. He is confident that he will be able to fix the sewerage problems, but we will need further discussions in the New Year as to his proposed works program for the premises.

I was to have inspected the premises this December, but with all of the other issues taking up time through discussions, and the urgency of an agenda item, this was achievable as the round trip would have taken nearly two days out of this week which was not possible.

This matter is ongoing.

**•MEEKATHARRA CARAVAN PARK:**

I have inspected the works taking place at the Meekatharra Caravan Park and am impressed with it. However, there are times when the renovations are causing excessive dust and disruption to the kitchen side of things.

When I inspected the kitchen it was very clean and I feel the improvements will benefit the shop and the customers. Very impressed, but I have stated that there are works required to be carried out on the ablution blocks to the park, and I will expect to see vast improvements (possible demolition) of at least one of the blocks. This is understood and works will progress in this direction in the New Year I was informed.

**•DORAY ACCOMMODATION VILLAGE – LOT 1017 MEEHAN STREET:**

There have been many discussions with the Department of Health in regards to the sewerage ponds to which Doray will be disposing of a portion of the effluent generated by the camp, with the major portion being disposed of to the gardens etc as water re-use. The treated water will be 3polished to a Class B/A standard.

The Department thought that it was the Shire applying to set-up an effluent re-use system which meant we would have had to have licenses etc etc from the relevant Departments. They were therefore not going to process the application from the people installing the system for the camp.

After I finally pointed out to them that the Shire applied for nothing, the effluent is not being re-used by the Shire (just evaporation ponds only), and they understood that it was Doray applying for this they agreed to process it. I have not yet had word on whether or not the approval has been granted, but I am sure with what was presented to the Department that it would have to be approved.

Following this the Dept rang me and said that it will be approved but they are awaiting final submissions.

**•DEMOLITION OF LOT 254 DARLOT**

I am having difficulty finding the owner of this Lot and the condemned house. I have approached Landgate on the matter and they are currently trying to assist me. The land as I discovered by searching Landgate is a lease and it is leased to the now deceased Mr Christie. Mr Hill does not have any legal claim to the land as I understand it at the moment, so any direction or authority for the Shire to demolish it could not be seen as legal or binding on Mr Hill.

I am awaiting further assistance from Landgate.

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•**DOGGER INSPECTION – GRAHAM DENSLEY:**

I carried out an inspection of the vehicle a used by Graham Densley for the purposes of baiting dogs with 1080 and Strychnine. This is required by the Department of Health in order for the person to be fully licensed under the Poisons Act, which is issued by the Department.

The report was sent to the Department and a copy of the report to Mr Densley.

•**AMDEL REVITALISATION – LOT 923 RAILWAY STREET - MEEKATHARRA:**

I have had discussions with a representative of AMDEL in regards to them re-activating their business at the Lot owned by them. It was indicated that they have had it tested for contaminants and the land is free of any.

I requested that they put a Development Application before Council as the time drew closer for them to start processing the ore sample etc, as it has been some years since they closed the premises and there may be new requirements since then when dealing with chemical workings etc etc.

This they are more than willing to do. It was also stated that there would be no new buildings as they intend to renovate that which is there along with all the machinery and equipment present. Their processes have not altered substantially and they can operate with re-vitalised premises.

They will however be cleaning up the site and fixing fences etc and replacing all broken windows, doors and the like.

•**ADVERTISING SIGN – LOT 748 CONNAUGHTON STREET:**

Paramount Australia Outdoor Media has applied under the Town Planning Scheme for the erection of an Advertising sign on Lot 748 Connaughton Street. All the information is contained in the agenda item I have drawn up and submitted to Council for a decision.

This application has been with the Shire since August and has been delayed awaiting comments from Main Roads.

•**REQUEST TO REMOVE PORTION OF CENTRE ISLAND ON MAIN STREET ADJACENT TO YULELLA VISION:**

Council received a request from Yulella to remove part of the centre island on Main Street in order to facilitate ease of movement of vehicle to and out of Yulella. I responded as stated below in an Email to them:

*Your email to John Watson Bates has been referred to me for comment in regards to you requesting removal of a section of the centre island adjacent to Yulella Vision and Coates Hire (Main Street) - Meekatharra.*

*The purpose of the central island on Main Street is one of safety by restricting the movement of vehicles across the centre line of the major highway which travels through the centre of the main shopping centre of Meekatharra. large vehicles, road trains, and wide loads must go through the centre of town to continue along the Great Northern Highway either South or North. If smaller vehicles and even larger vehicles were able to turn in the middle of the centre then there would be major safety issues for all users of the road, which would include pedestrians.*

*Therefore, at this point in time if you were to make a formal request to Council I feel that your proposal would not be supported.*

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*Further to this, Main Roads and I feel the Police would need to be fully consulted before a decision could be reached and I am very confident that it would not be approved given the many safety concerns that would be raised.*

*You are advised that Council is currently surveying the Community so that a strategic plan for Meekatharra can be drawn up which may include the beautification and re-vitalisation of the Main Street and other strategic matters. At this point you may wish to contribute to this survey and put your points forward so that they can be considered during the consultation process and the drawing up of the Strategic Plan.*

*I trust I have answered your inquiry. Please contact me further should you wish to discuss the matter further.*

● **SALINITY TEST – BORE THAT FEEDS THE OVAL:**

It is a requirement that the Shire submits quarterly Salinity test results to the DEP. A sample was taken and tested which showed that the salinity of the water is a very credible 1.18 ppt (parts per thousand). These results were sent to the Department. The next samples will be tested in March 2013.

● **DEMOLITION OF HOUSE ON LOT 200 HILL STREET (PINK HOUSE):**

After speaking with the person responsible for the partial demolition of the house on this Lot I sent the following letter to them:

***Non- Compliance with Demolition Licence DP12-001 - Lot 200 Hill Street***

*Some time ago while discussing with you the requirements for the disposal of the asbestos that was removed from the dwelling located at Lot 200 Hill Street, I emphasised the importance of clearing the block of all debris and materials that can be dislodged during times of high winds.*

*Your Demolition Permit states that the complete block should be cleared within 30 days of the demolition of the house. This time frame has well and truly elapsed and the metal and other material are not secured and could quite easily become airborne and a risk to health.*

*You are hereby directed to comply with the conditions placed on your Demolition Permit within 14 days of this directive being issued to you. If you fail to meet this deadline and comply with this directive, then Council has indicated that they may carry out the works required, and invoice you all costs associated with this action.*

*If you wanted Council to do this on your behalf then you can request a quote for the works from the Works Manager. High winds are expected and we know from experience that the season for large “willy willies” is upon us which increases the risks to the Community from flying debris.*

This was only posted last week and I am yet to have a response from the owners, but it will be followed up.

● **OTHER ISSUES:**

➤ **ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS – PADDYS FLAT**

This has been a very demanding issue over the past two weeks and there has been much discussion over it, and I am sure it will continue until resolved. My CEO and CDSM are handling the legal issues as it appeared that there were conflicting reports being issued with too many people involved.



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➤ **COMMUNICATION TOWER**

Again there has been much discussion in regards to legal issues in regards to the placement of such on Shire owned/controlled land. It appears that the proponents have settled on the St John Ambulance land but I am yet to receive any official application from the proponents. I will process when and if it is forwarded to the Shire.

➤ **CONTAMINATION OF THE POTABLE WATER AT BUTTAH WINDEE COMMUNITY**

I was informed by the Health Department that the potable water supply at Buttah Windee was contaminated with Uranium and that there could be major issues arising from this. The Community members have had urine and blood tests conducted and it appears that the results of 7 members have had very good results.

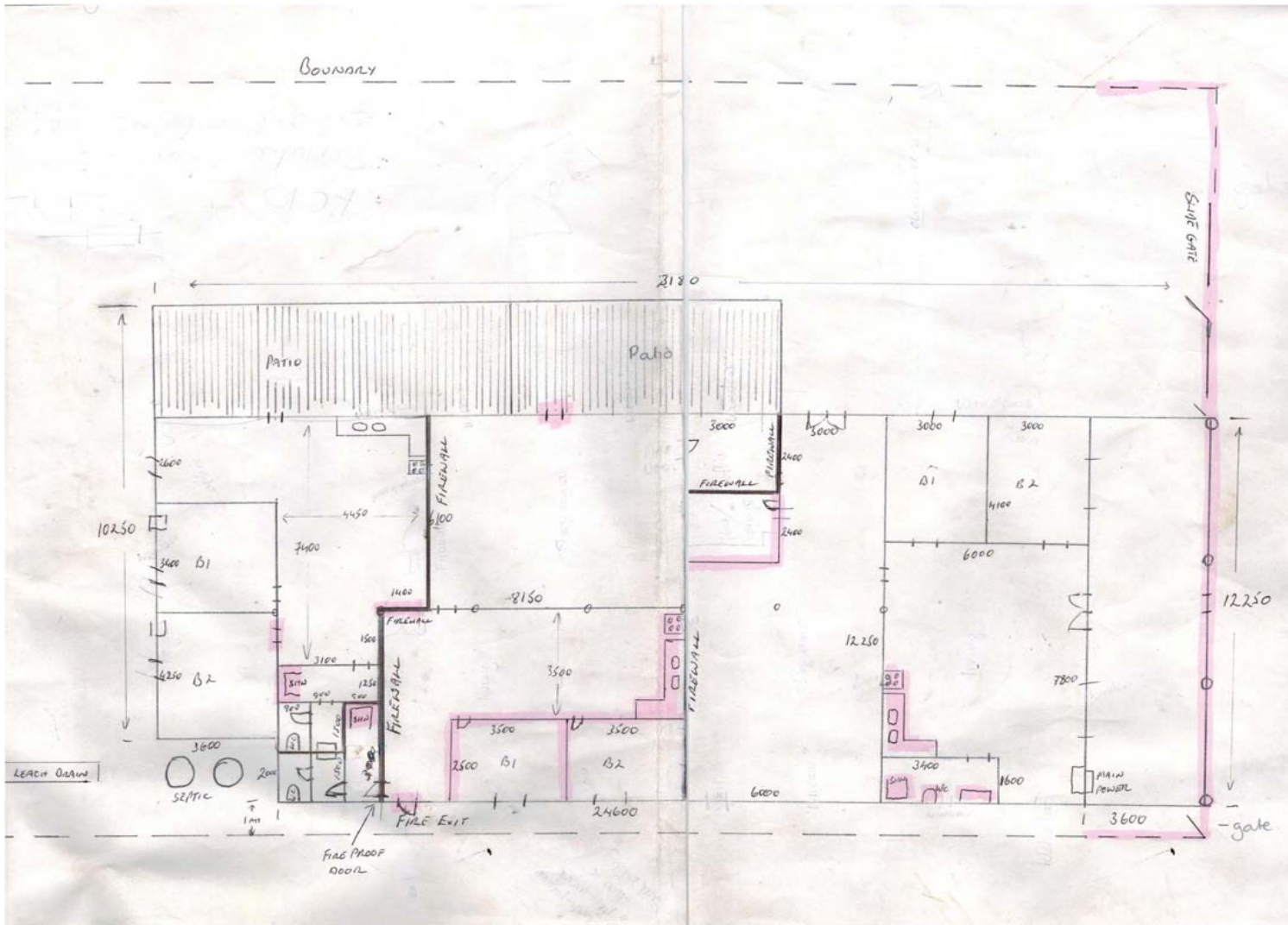
However, the effects on long term consumption of such water has the same ill effects as any heavy metals consumption which are kidney malfunction and possible organ damage.

I have emailed the Ministers for Health, Housing, and Indigenous Affairs and requested that they all combine to sort this out as the solution will require all the players to be involved which includes the Community.

I will monitor this situation and report further when we know what is going on and what action the State Government will take. The Community are currently drinking bottled water that has been carted in from Geraldton.



Principal Environmental Health Officer  
Building Surveyor



**LOT 2/43 MAIN ST MEEKATHARRA – MICK AND HELEN CLANCY**

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**9.2 STATUS REPORT**

DATE	SUBJECT	PROPERTY	ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	STATUS	ACTION TAKEN	DATE
June 2011	Staff Housing	Lot 208 Hill St	Council at Ordinary Council Meeting resolved to engage designer to draw up plans and specifications for renovations to Lot 208 Hill St for conversion of existing dwelling into two self contained 1 bedroom units	CDSM	Ongoing	Contacted Architect re quote for design	20.06.11
						Quote accepted.	
						Draft design presented to Councillors at Ordinary Council meeting held 19.08.11 for comments/suggestions/alterations	19.08.11
						Architect commenced preparation of tender documents on agreed draft plan.	31.10.11
						CDSM prepared tender documents and tender has been called with closing date 24.08.12	27.07.12
						Tenders have closed and an agenda item will be presented at the September Ordinary Council Meeting	28.08.12
						Tender awarded to Murchison Carpentry	15.09.12
Commencement of works by Murchison Carpentry	20.09.12						

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**Committee Resolution:**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**That the Status Report for September 2012 be received.**

**1. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE – INTRODUCED BY  
RESOLUTION OF THE MEETING**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**That the following item be included as an item of an urgent nature introduced by  
Resolution of the Committee.**

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

**13. CLOSURE OF MEETING**