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## MINUTES

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

THE MEETING WAS OPENED AT 9.41 AM.

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

**ATTENDANCE**

CR. HUTCHINSON (PRESIDENT)

CR. BAIN

CR. BURROWS

CR. HUNT

CR. VAN DEN OEVER

CR. TRENFIELD

CR. NICHOLS

T.A. HARTMAN ( C.E.O.)

**APOLOGIES**

CR. O'DWYER (DEPUTY PRESIDENT)

CR. HOWDEN

N. J. HOLMES (DEPUTY C.E.O.)

**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 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2003.

**Council Resolution**

**RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Van den Oever Seconded by Cr. Burrows)**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2003 BE CONFIRMED.**

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**CARRIED 7.0**

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

Nil.

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

- President advised meeting of visit from Dr. Anton Rossouw, University of Western Australia, who gave a presentation on Community Development.
- President advised of meeting with Tom Stephens, Minister for Local Government.

**9. REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS:**

- Cr. Nichols reported attending the last MRVC meeting in Cue.
- Cr. Van den Oever reported attending the last Safer WA meeting.

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT  
SUBMITTED TO THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING  
TO BE HELD JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> 2003.

### 10.1.1 Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC)

**File Ref:** V/5

**Reporting Officer:** Tom Hartman CEO.

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil.

**Date of Report:** 10<sup>th</sup> June 2003

**Summary:** Report outlines the establishment of a VROC in the Murchison Region and recommends Councils initial involvement.

**Background:** The following letter from the Murchison Zone of WALGA outlines the proposal to establish a VROC in the Murchison Region.

*"Further to the regional workshop held in Cue on 23 may 2003, and the resolve expressed thereat to work towards establishment of a voluntary regional organisation of councils in the Murchison Region.*

*I will send you Neil Drew's report on the workshop, as soon as it is to hand.*

*In summary the workshop identified a number of opportunities and threats associated with the proposal. Overall, the group felt that, notwithstanding the threats, there was sufficient impetus for moving ahead with the development of the VROC proposal. It was also agreed that there was a strong community of interest that would provide the critical mass for moving the process forward.*

*A clear goal for the attending the workshop was to produce a tangible outcome. Participants felt that this had been achieved with the development of a clear and achievable process for developing and implementing the VROC proposal. Most participants felt as a result of the workshop they had clear idea of what might be achieve by a Voluntary Organisation of Councils and this was confirmed by a show of hands that unanimously supported the outcomes of the workshop and the decision to progress the development of a VROC in the Murchison zone.*

*To progress the development of the VROC, the workshop participants:*

- *Agreed upon a process and timeframe for developing a detailed VROC porposal.*
- *Agreed to establish a steering committee comprising the CEO and an elected member appointed by the Council of each Local Government of the Murchison Zone.*

***My purpose in writing is to formally invite your Council to participate in the Steering Committee and ask it to appoint a representative.***

*In communicating this invitation, I reiterate the following points that were discussed at the workshop:*

- *The VROC will essentially be voluntary, but has considerable potential to boost the Cue Parliament and enhance the work of the WALGA Zone.*

- *Participation in the steering committee does not commit any Council to participating in the VROC when the detailed proposal is ultimately presented, but offers the opportunity for participation in tackling the VROC project.*
- *While there will eventually have to be some resource commitment by those Shires who ultimately decide to commit to the VROC proposal, at this stage we only ask that each Shire bears its own costs in attending and/or hosting the meetings.*

*There will be a Steering Committee meeting Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July in Sandstone (in conjunction with the CEO's meeting), so please have your Council appoint its elected member representative at the June Council meeting.*

*The agenda will include the following items:*

- *Beefing up the Cue Parliament*
- *Resisting Local Government amalgamation in the Murchison Region.*
- *Education - because it is a regional issue of critical importance. What can we do to make our schools more effective and stop the system from continuing to entrench disadvantage in our communities? Lets get an action plan!!!!*
- *Tourism (as this was one of the main 'shared goals' identified, and we already have a grant for a tourism project).*
- *Youth offending, because it is rife in many of our communities and it is a complex problem requiring a change of perspective across a number of agencies. This can best be achieved on a regional basis.*
- *Regional economic development, because to be successful in the long term we need to plan to implement some longer term goals and strategies. Getting runs on the board, but not just picking the lowest fruit.*

*Of course, the Steering Committee will also need to consider some organisational issues about the proposed VROC, so that we can develop the detailed proposal.*

*I should be pleased if you would advise the outcome of your Council's deliberation, at your earliest convenience".*

**Comment:** The CEO attended the meeting in Cue on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and considered that a VROC could be a vehicle through which Councils in the region make representations on issues that effect each area, thereby strengthening the call for action, e.g. education, law and order, etc.

The involvement from each Council will be voluntary and it is envisaged that only proposals that concern all members will be pursued.

**Consultation:** There has been talk of the formation of a VROC for a number of years.

**Statutory Environment:** Division 4 of the Local Act provides the requirements for Regional Councils.

**Policy Implications:** Nil.

**Financial Implications:** There will eventually be a commitment from participating Councils. There is also funding available for VROC's to operate.

**Strategic Implications:** Involvement may have positive impacts on Council through 'weight of numbers'.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple

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**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STEERING COMMITTEE AND ELECT CR. TRENFIELD ALONG WITH THE CEO AS ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Hunt Seconded by Cr. Nichols)**

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THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STEERING COMMITTEE AND ELECT CR. TRENFIELD ALONG WITH THE CEO AS ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.

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**CARRIED 7.0**

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**10.1.2****Meekatharra Youth Centre****File Ref:**

Y/15

**Reporting Officer:**

Tom Hartman CEO.

**Disclosure of Interest:**

Nil.

**Date of Report:**

11<sup>th</sup> June, 2003

**Summary:**

Report advises Council of the proposal to administer the funding and other matters relating to the Youth Centre.

**Background:**

The Meekatharra Youth and Social Centre Committee receives funding from the Federal Department of Family and Children Services and the State Department of Community Development to provide youth services in Meekatharra. The two programs under the Federal Department total \$22,131 and the State funding is \$55,000.

There has been an ongoing issue between the Federal Department and the Committee over insurance whereby due to non compliance by the Committee, the funding has been suspended, and will be redirected to another town/area if the insurance requirement is not resolved by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The State funding is not threatened, however, it is only a matter of time before the requirements may change.

An approach has been made to Council to take on the sponsorship of the services in Meekatharra.

**Comment:**

The Meekatharra Youth and Social Centre Committee have resolved to agree for Council to take on the sponsorship role for funding of the Youth Centre. This will ensure that Meekatharra will continue to receive a total of \$77,131 towards the operation of the Centre.

If Council agrees to take on this role, the Youth Centre will form part of the Recreation - Community Development Officer's function. The administration and employment for the operation of the centre will come

under the control of Council. Council's insurers have confirmed that the necessary insurance coverage is available under the current policies as Council owns the buildings, etc. There is no increase in premiums. The existing Meekatharra Youth and Social Centre Committee and other persons would become an Advisory Committee of Council and meet monthly with the CEO and Recreation - Community Development Officer. I assume that Cr Hunt would also represent Council on this committee. When the members of the committee are finalised the names will be put forward to Council for the necessary appointment. The minutes of that meeting would be included in Council's information bulletin or agenda depending upon what is reported.

**Consultation:** Cr. Hunt  
Cr. Hutchinson  
Meekatharra Youth and Social Committee  
Department representatives both State and Federal

**Statutory Environment:** The Advisory Committee would need to be established and members appointed under Section 5.8 and 5.10 of the Local Government Act.

**Policy Implications:** Nil.

**Financial Implications:** The funding for operating the Youth Centre is provided by grants from both the State and Federal Department Programs. This funding totals at present \$77131.

**Strategic Implications:** This partnership should have a positive impact on Council's relationship with its community.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL AGREE TO SPONSORSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY CHILDRENS SERVICES "*YOUTH ACTIVITY SERVICE*" (YAS) AND "*OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE*"(OSHC) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT "*MEEKATHARRA YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAM*" TO PROVIDE YOUTH SERVICES IN MEEKATHARRA , AND,

THAT COUNCIL ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNDER SECTION PART 5, SUBDIVISION 2 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Van Den Oever Seconded by Cr. Burrows)**

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THAT COUNCIL AGREE TO SPONSORSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY CHILDRENS SERVICES "*YOUTH ACTIVITY SERVICE*" (YAS) AND "*OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE*"(OSHC) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT "*MEEKATHARRA YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAM*" TO PROVIDE YOUTH SERVICES IN MEEKATHARRA , AND,

THAT COUNCIL ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNDER SECTION PART 5, SUBDIVISION 2 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT.

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**CARRIED 7.0**



**10.1.3**                      **Superannuation of Employees****File Ref:**                      S/25/21**Reporting Officer:**              Tom Hartman CEO.**Disclosure of Interest:**      Writer of report is a full member of Council's Superannuation Scheme.**Date of Report:**                11<sup>th</sup> June, 2003**Summary:**                      Report advises Council of some discrepancies in the scheme and recommends adoption of a policy clarifying the situation.**Background:**                  The Local Government Act requires Local Government to provide such superannuation and other benefits for its employees as are required by law to be provided by employers.

The WA Local Government Superannuation Plan consists of two parts - the award / superannuation guarantee component (compulsory) and the contributory component.

Prior to the compulsory component being introduced in early 1980's, superannuation consisted only of a contributing arrangement. Local Governments resolved to contribute between 5% and 9% of the employee's salary if the employee contributed at least 5 % of his or her salary. The Shire of Meekatharra resolved in 1996 that their contributing rate would be 6%. This meant that employees would have to contribute 5% of their salary to attract the 6%.

The introduction of the compulsory superannuation started at 4% and gradually increased to the existing 9% per annum of an employee's salary. As the compulsory super increased Councils were permitted to reduce the contributing component if they wished. Only 20% of Local Governments in WA have elected to do this. There is now no restriction, apart from the minimum 9% compulsory contribution on the contribution rates from the employer. The employee can also contribute unlimited voluntary amounts, however to attract extra contributions from the employer there must be agreement between both parties.

**Comment:**                      A recent review of salary and wages for the 2003/04 budget reveals that there is no policy implementation in relation to the contributing component. All employees receive the correct compulsory component, however, the contributing component is not being administered correctly. Some employees contribute various percentages and do not receive the matching contribution from Council, some employees salary sacrifice and there has not been the necessary negotiation or agreement reached for a matching contribution. One employee contributes 5% of his wages but has not triggered the Council's share.

This matter needs to be clarified. Council's contribution, as resolved in 1996 is 6% and appears that there has been no further resolution to alter that percentage.

It is suggested that Council consider the following policy in relation to superannuation:

- That in addition to the award and superannuation guarantee component of 9%, Council will contribute up to a further 5% on a matching basis. Salary sacrifice may be used for the employee's contribution.
- That Council will consider further superannuation contributions in future salary negotiations with selected staff, as part of the salary package.

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<b>Consultation:</b>	Nil.
<b>Statutory Environment:</b>	Local Government Act Section 5.47
<b>Policy Implications.</b>	Council has no policy.
<b>Financial Implications:</b>	Will have slight impact on Council's resources.
<b>Strategic Implications:</b>	Should have positive impact on Council's future employment packages.
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE FOLLOWING IN RELATION TO SUPERANNUATION BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES:

- IN ADDITION TO THE AWARD AND SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE COMPONENT OF 9%, COUNCIL WILL CONTRIBUTE UP TO A FURTHER 5% ON A MATCHING CONTRIBUTION. SALARY SACRIFICE MAY BE USED FOR THE EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTION.
- THAT COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER FURTHER SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS IN FUTURE SALARY NEGOTIATIONS WITH SELECTED STAFF, AS PART OF THE SALARY PACKAGE.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved By Cr. Trenfield Seconded by Cr. Bain)**

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THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE FOLLOWING IN RELATION TO SUPERANNUATION BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES:

- IN ADDITION TO THE AWARD AND SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE COMPONENT OF 9%, COUNCIL WILL CONTRIBUTE UP TO A FURTHER 5% ON A MATCHING CONTRIBUTION. SALARY SACRIFICE MAY BE USED FOR THE EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTION.
  - THAT COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER FURTHER SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS IN FUTURE SALARY NEGOTIATIONS WITH SELECTED STAFF, AS PART OF THE SALARY PACKAGE.
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**CARRIED 7.0**

**10.1.4**                      **Meekatharra Swimming Pool - Stage 2 Upgrade Tenders****File Ref:**                      S/65**Reporting Officer:**        Tom Hartman CEO.**Disclosure of Interest:**   Nil.**Date of Report:**            12<sup>th</sup> June 2003

**Summary**                      This report follows the report submitted to the May 17, 2003, meeting, advising Council of tenders for the upgrade and recommending acceptance of Tender.

**Background:**                In June 2000 the Department of Sport and Recreation was requested to assess the status of the pool, plant and equipment. A report was finalised in November 2000 and made recommendations for an upgrade to overcome the deficiencies that were noted.

On the 2nd December 2001 an application was made under the Community Sports and Recreation Facilities Fund for the Stage 1 upgrade of the Pool. The application was successful and Council carried out the work at the start of the 2002/03 season. Work consisted of a new plant room, filtration and chemical injection equipment.

In October 2002 Council resolved to continue with the Stage 2 upgrade, subject to a successful application from the CSRFF Program.

Council were recently advised that the application was successful and were allocated \$122,154 plus GST. The funding was based upon an estimated project cost of \$366,462 plus GST.

**Comment:**                      Tenders were now called due the timeline for the work to be completed prior to the opening of the pool season. The work required generally consists of:

- Prepare and seal internal surface of balance tank, provide lid and hatch.
- Install new centre return line and associated pipework.
- Upgrade main pool - refurbish gutters, new starting blocks, prepare surface, etc.
- Upgrade small pool and refurbish gutters, prepare surface, etc, improve water circulation.

Tenders closed 4.00 pm Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Due to the lack of time prior to the May meeting Council resolved to hold over the decision to allow further evaluation of the tenders. Following the May meeting Councillors inspected the pool and become familiar with the work that was being proposed. There was discussion on the merits of some aspects of the work and this has been clarified with the tenderers.

There is work that Council must do in stage 2 to ensure that the stage 1 development operates efficiently. This includes an upgrade to the filtered water return pipe to the pools and repairs to the scum gutters and upgrading the return pipe from the pools back to the balance tank and filters. The work to the scum gutters will consist of removing the over hang and installing a level wet deck. The surface of the pool bottom will be treated to provide a smooth finish and repairs carried out to the expansion joints. The balance tank will require an impervious finish and a cover. The height of the tank will be raised to exclude runoff water and the surrounding area paved. Work may be carried out to seal and smarten up the appearance of the concourse surrounding the pools.

The tenders received have been evaluated and are attached.

There are various options that have been included in the tenders, eg, improvements to the small pools, filling in the deep end of the main pool and disabled access.

The disabled access is included due to Council resolving that this item be considered following a request from a number of residents a few months ago. This access could be via a hoist or as one tenderer has included entry steps with a hand rail at the shallow end of the pool.

There was a suggestion that the deep end of the pool be filled in and the floor of the pool graded to one level. This idea has merit but would limit any future use that a deep end could provide. There is an argument that there is cost savings by doing this work, however, it may need further discussion before a decision is made.

The prices have been listed to include GST. The grant is allocated on a 1/3 basis, \$134369, which provides for an estimated project cost of \$403108.

The recommendation is for Council to carryout only the necessary work required to compliment stage 1. Any further works is suggested to be held over until the pool season closure in April 2004. In the meantime other funding sources may be investigated.

When Council selects the tender that represents the most advantageous proposal, it may negotiate minor variations to the tender prior to entering into a contract.

The tender received from Monadelphous is in excess of the budget estimate and would be difficult to justify. The tender from Poly Pools and ACS is competitive on price and other factors may need to be considered. ACS have worked in the area, through their principal, and are very keen on doing the job.

**Consultation:** Discussions with prospective tenderers, local operators, councillors.

**Statutory Environment:** Local Government Act Section 3.57  
Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996

**Policy Implications:** Nil.

<b>Financial Implications:</b>	Total project estimate is	\$403108
	Grant approved is	<u>\$134639</u>
	Deficient required to be funded in 2003/04 Budget	\$268469

If Council selects the lowest tender, \$263100, the grant would be \$87700, leaving \$17400 required to be funded in the 2003/04 budget.

**Strategic Implications:** Should have positive impact on Council's facilities, appearance and operating efficiency.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE TENDER RECEIVED FROM: ACS (AQUATIC CONSTRUCTION SERVICES) FOR \$266750, SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE TENDER DOCUMENTS AND ANY MINOR VARIATIONS AS NEGOTIATED WITH THE CEO

**Council Resolution:**

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

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**THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE TENDER RECEIVED FROM: ACS (AQUATIC CONSTRUCTION SERVICES) FOR \$266750, SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE TENDER DOCUMENTS AND ANY MINOR VARIATIONS AS NEGOTIATED WITH THE CEO**

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**CARRIED 7.0**

10.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT SUBMITTED TO  
THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> 2003

**10.2.1** **Accounts to be paid**

**File Ref:** F/6

**Reporting Officer:** Noelene Holmes, Deputy C.E.O.

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil.

**Date of Report:** 12<sup>th</sup> June 2003.

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

Municipal Account	Voucher No.s 18071 - 18165	Amount: \$271,680.25
Trust Account	Voucher No.s 100710 - 100717	Amount: \$720.00
Air BP Account	Voucher No.s VARIOUS	Amount: \$10,719.30

**Voting Requirements:** Simple majority.

**Recommendation:**

THAT THE ACCOUNTS AS DETAILED BE PAID.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved By Cr. Hunt Seconded by Cr. Van den Oever)**

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

**CARRIED 7.0**

10.2.2

Schedule 26

**File Ref:** F/6

**Reporting Officer:** Noelene Holmes, Deputy C.E.O.

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil.

**Date of Report:** 12<sup>th</sup> June 2003.

**Summary:** Schedule 26 summarising the Shire's cash position will be presented at the meeting.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple majority

**Recommendation:**

THAT SCHEDULE 26 BE RECEIVED.

**Council Resolution:**  
**RESOLVED: (Moved By Cr. Hunt Seconded by Cr. Bain)**

THAT SCHEDULE 26 BE RECEIVED.

**CARRIED 7.0**

10.2.03

Proposed Write Offs

**File Ref:** R/20/11

**Reporting Officer:** Noelene Holmes Deputy CEO.

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil.

**Date of Report:** 26<sup>th</sup> May 2003

**Summary** Proposed Write Offs.

**Background:** Each year a list of unrecoverable debts are presented to Council for approval to be written off.

**Comment:** This year the list of proposed write offs is made up of rate debtors. The attached list details the amounts of each debtor and the reason for proposing the write off.

SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA  
PROPOSED LIST OF WRITE-OFF'S

2002/2003

RATE DEBTORS								
OWNER	ASST NO.	TOTAL	RATES CURRENT	RATES ARREARS	INTEREST CURRENT	INTEREST ARREARS	LEGAL FEES	REASON
KINGSTREAM STEEL LTD	A3493	264.84	120.00	120.00	15.64	9.20		IN THE HANDS OF CREDITORS 28.08.02
AUSTRALIAN GOLD RESOURCES	A5176	2.19	2.19					IN THE HANDS OF CREDITORS
	A5177	5.06	5.06					
	A5179	93.80	-	79.23	7.90	6.67		
CONSOLIDATED GOLDFIELDS AUSTRALIA	A5345	54.81	-	52.48	1.54	0.79		TENEMENT DIED IN 1988
SKYLINE ASIA LTD	A3311	53.19		36.71	13.99	2.49		TENEMENT DIED IN 1998 ANGLICAN PARISH OF THE MURCHISON
THE PERTH DIOCESAN TRUSTEES	A4738	82.36		21.52	60.84			
CROWN LAND	A198	134.13		100.00	2.93	31.21		REVERTED BACK TO CROWN LAND 570 QUEEN RD
CROWN LAND	A254	1,145.75		565.00	44.42	300.13	236.20	REVERTED BACK TO CROWN LAND 265 HILL ST
CROWN LAND	A4694	1,064.58	403.84	550.00	71.92	38.82		REVERTED BACK TO CROWN LAND - PASTORAL - WRIGHT
TOTALS		2,900.71	531.09	1,524.94	219.18	389.31	236.20	

TOTAL:	\$ 2,900.71
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Consultation: Nil.

Statutory Environment: Local Government Act Section 6.12

Policy Implications: Nil.



**Financial Implications:** Will reduce the amount of debtors outstanding.

**Strategic Implications:** Nil

**Voting Requirements:** Absolute majority

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE LIST OF RATES TOTALLING \$2,900.71 BE WRITTEN OFF.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved By Cr. Burrows Seconded by Cr. Van den Oever)**

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE LIST OF RATES TOTALLING \$2,900.71 BE WRITTEN OFF.

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7.0**

**10.2.4**

**Principal Activities Plan**

**File Ref:** P/50

**Reporting Officer:** Noelene Holmes Deputy CEO.

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil.

**Date of Report:** 13th June 2003.

**Summary** Principal Activities Plan 2003-2007

**Background:** The Local Government Act 1995 requires the Shire to prepare a Plan of its principal activities for the next four years. The Plan must be developed and the Ratepayers and Residents given an opportunity to make submissions on the Plan. The Council is required to consider these submissions, prior to the adoption of the Principal Activities Plan. This Principal Activity Plan is an overview of the financial resources allocated to significant programs and activities proposed by the Council over the next four years.

Public advertisement was placed inviting submissions in respect of the plan for a period of 42 days expiring on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2003.

**Comment:** At the time of writing this report, no submissions on the plan had been received. By Council accepting the Principal Activities Plan 2003-2007 ratepayers can reasonably expect Council and officers to pursue delivery of the activities outlined in the plan.

**Consultation:** Nil.

**Statutory Environment:** Local Government Act Section 5.58 – Acceptance of Plan for Principal Activities.

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**Policy Implications:** Nil.

**Financial Implications:** Preparation of the annual budget is to have regard to the principal activities accepted by the Council.

**Strategic Implications:** Nil.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple majority

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES PLAN 2003 – 2007 AS ADVERTISED.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved By Cr. Bain Seconded by Cr. Nichols)**

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**THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES PLAN 2003 – 2007 AS ADVERTISED.**

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**CARRIED 7.0**

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

Nil.

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

**RESOLVED: (MOVED CR. VAN DEN OEVER SECONDED CR. BURROWS)**

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**THAT THE REQUEST FROM THE MEEKATHARRA HIGH SCHOOL FOR A DONATION TOWARDS COUNTRY WEEK ATTENDANCE BE DECLARED NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE.**

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**CARRIED 7.0**

**RESOLVED: (MOVED CR. VAN DEN OEVER SECONDED CR. BURROWS.)**

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**THAT COUNCIL DONATE \$1,000 TO THE MEEKATHARRA HIGH SCHOOL TO ASSIST WITH THE COST OF ATTENDANCE OF STUDENTS AT COUNTRY WEEK IN PERTH.**

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**CARRIED 7.0**

**13. CLOSURE OF MEETING:**

10.29 AM.