

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS

Councillors advised of their attendance at the following meetings and functions:

1. Cr Sieber attended a Dryandra Country Visitor Centre Workshop and the meeting with the WA Local Government Grants Commission.
2. Cr D Wiese attended the meeting with the WA Local Government Grants Commission.
3. Cr T Wiese attended a Narrogin Cottage Home Committee Meeting and the meeting with the WA Local Government Grants Commission.

The President reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

1. Regional Transition Group Board Meeting.
2. Wheatbelt South Regional Road Group Meeting

CR ANDREW BORTHWICK ATTENDED AT 9.42AM

- 4 Cr Borthwick attended the Regional Transition Group Board Meeting and the meeting with the WA Local Government Grants Commission.

7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Information Report

The Chief Executive Officer presented his Information Report.

MR GARY RASMUSSEN ATTENDED AT 9.58AM

Gary Rasmussen presented a verbal report on the activities of the Narrogin Works Unit. He advised that the Works Crew had been working on the seal widening project between Narrogin and Highbury for Main Roads WA. This project is likely to be finished before the Easter break. The Works Crew will then move to the intersection upgrading project in the Cuballing Townsite.

Maintenance grading is ongoing but only where a need arises. Three local contractors have been asked to price works associated with reinstatement of gravel sheeting that was impacted by the storm events that occurred in December 2011 and December 2012. Subject to the quotes being acceptable, the works will commence in the coming months.

MR GARY RASMUSSEN LEFT THE MEETING AT 10.40AM.

9. MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE DECISIONS

9.F FINANCE

9.F.223 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Moved Cr Hardie
That Council:

Seconded Cr Borthwick

1. Endorse cheques numbered; 19696, 19704, 19706, 19744 to 19756, (inclusive) as paid under delegated authority, totalling \$193,706.02;
2. Approve cheques numbered; 19757 to 19811 (inclusive) as creditors to be paid, totalling \$359,545.30;
3. Endorse electronic transaction payments for other expenses totalling \$5,685.92;
4. Endorse electronic transaction payments for salaries and wages expenses totalling \$61,342.93; and
5. Adopt the Financial Statement to the 28th February, 2013 as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

9.F.224 FINANCIAL SUPPORT – ARTS NARROGIN

Moved Cr Sieber

Seconded Cr Hardie

The Shire of Narrogin agrees to provide \$100 to Arts Narrogin to assist with the promotion of the Dryandra Country Art, Food & Wine Trail to be held on the weekend of the 11th and 12th May 2013.

CARRIED 7/0

9.F.225 FINANCIAL SUPPORT – SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

Moved Cr Borthwick

Seconded Cr T Wiese

The Shire of Narrogin agrees to contribute \$200 to the Small Business Centre – Wheatbelt South to support a category award in the 2013 Wheatbelt South Small Business Awards.

CARRIED 7/0

9.F.226 FINANCIAL SUPPORT – VISITOR CENTRE

Moved Cr Sieber

Seconded Cr D Wiese

The Dryandra Country Visitor Centre be advised that the Shire of Narrogin supports the continued operation of the Centre and it will include the following contributions in its draft Budget for 2013/14:

1. \$14,500 to assist with the employment of the Visitor Centre Manager; and
2. \$5,000 for the proposed Marketing Plan.

Further the Dryandra Visitor Centre be advised that whilst the amounts will be included in the draft Budget, confirmation that the contributions will be forthcoming will be subject to the Budget's final adoption.

CARRIED 7/0

9.A ADMINISTRATION

9.A.254 REGIONAL TRANSITION GROUP MATTERS

Moved Cr Hardie

Seconded Cr T Wiese

That Council adopt the following position on the matters arising from the Regional Transition Group Meeting held on the 12th March 2013;

- 1. Endorses the Memorandum of Understanding that identifies the issues that have been discussed leading up to the potential amalgamation on the 1st July 2013;**
- 2. Agrees to the inclusion of an additional Town of Narrogin delegate on the Regional Transition Group Board;**
- 3. Nominates Cr Chadwick as the preferred Shire of Narrogin representative to be a Commissioner for the new local government from the 1st July 2013; and**
- 4. Endorses the Joint Reform Policy Schedule 1 – Reserve Accounts to be the recommended method of dealing with reserve funds held by the new local government from the 1st July 2013.**

CARRIED 7/0

The motion differed from the recommendation with the inclusion of Cr Chadwick as Council's preferred representative as a Commissioner for the new local government.

LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT FROM 12.28 TO 1.10 PM

9.A.255 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN

Moved Cr Hardie

Seconded Cr Ballard

A meeting of the Audit Committee be held to consider the outcome of the Auditor's Report from the 2011/12 financial year and a report on the Compliance Audit Return for the period 1st January 2012 to 31st December 2012.

CARRIED 7/0

9. B&TP BUILDING AND TOWN PLANNING

9.B&TP.164 ACCOMMODATION UNITS – Highbury Tavern

Moved Cr Borthwick

Seconded Cr Hardie

The application for planning approval to install four (4) additional accommodation units on the site of the Highbury Tavern be deferred to allow for property owners adjacent to the Lot 7 Scott Street to make submissions on the proposal in accordance with the Shire of Narrogin Town Planning Scheme No.2.

CARRIED 7/0

9.B&TP.165 HOMESTEAD LOT SUBDIVISION – LOCATION 2672 GREAT SOUTHERN HIGHWAY, HIGHBURY

Moved Cr T Wiese

Seconded Cr D Wiese

That Council advise the Western Australian Planning Commission that it supports the application submitted by Gray & Lewis, Land Use Planners, on behalf of the current landowners John Robert Garlick and Gaye Veronica Garlick, seeking approval to subdivide Location 2672 Great Southern Highway, Highbury into two (2) new separately titled lots in accordance with the details of the plan submitted in support of the application.

CARRIED 7/0

LATE ITEM

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

Cr Sieber expressed disappointment that the draft Strategic Community Plan, adopted by Council at its last meeting, contained a number of basic errors and that the Consultant engaged to prepare the document had overlooked.

The Chief Executive Officer was requested address this matter with the consultant.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE PRESIDENT THANKED COUNCILLORS FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AND CLOSED THE MEETING AT 1.49PM.