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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Chairman Cr Lyn Baker opened the meeting at 3.00pm.

2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

President	L Baker
Deputy President	G E Downing
	D B Bolt
	G C Bushell
	D L Hickey
	G A Johnson
	N B Talbot
	M D Szczecinski
	J Bowles
Chief Executive Officer	J Murphy
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	T L Dayman
Executive Support Officer	A Stone

APOLOGIES

Environmental Health Officer	F Buise
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(7520) Moved Crs – Bowles and Talbot

That Cr Bowles be granted a Leave of Absence for the June 2010 Council Meeting

Carried 9/0

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

4 OBITUARIES

It was advised that Fraser Jamieson and Joanne Ardlie had passed away since the last meeting.

5 GUEST SPEAKERS

There were no guest speakers.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(7521) Moved Crs – Talbot and Downing

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 20 April 2010, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried 9/0

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Royalties for Regions

Staff are still waiting to hear exactly what will be available for local governments in the Royalties for Regions funding through the State Budget.

Forward Plan

Staff have been successful in gaining funding to complete our Forward Plan.

9 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

9.1 ROE TOURISM ASSOCIATION

(7522) Moved Crs – Johnson and Bowles

That the minutes of the Roe Tourism Association meeting held on 19 April 2010, be received.

Carried 9/0

9.2 WALGA STATE COUNCIL

(7523) Moved Crs – Bowles and Downing

That the minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on 7 April 2010, be received.

Carried 9/0

9.3 ROEROC

(7524) Moved Crs – Hickey and Johnson

That the minutes of the RoeROC meeting held on 22 April 2010, be received.

Carried 9/0

9.4 WGP COMMITTEE

(7525) Moved Crs – Johnson and Bowles

That the minutes of the Works & General Purpose Committee meeting held on 3 May 2010, be received.

Carried 9/0

9.5 HBP COMMITTEE

(7526) Moved Crs – Bowles and Talbot

That the minutes of the Health, Building Planning Committee meeting held on 13 May 2010, be received.

Carried 9/0

10 MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

10.1 Finance & Administration Reports

10.1.1 COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin
Location: Shire of Corrigin
Date: 18 May 2010
Reporting Officer: Heather Ives, Community Resource Centre Coordinator
Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose
File Number: CMS/005/03

COMMENT

1. APRIL 2010 Advertising:

The Windmill 12th April 2010 (3 pgs):

- Grant Writing & Project Planning Workshop – *date & details*
- Broadband For Seniors Internet Kiosk – *programme details*
- 2010 Corrigin Phonebooks - *Now Available*
- Corrigin Movie Club – *April date reminder*

MARCH 2010 Email Advertising:

- Grant Writing & Project Planning Workshop – *details to Clubs & Groups*
- Corrigin Movie Club – *April date reminder & movie selection*

2.

APR 2010 ROOM BOOKINGS	
Conference Room	8
Professional Office	3
Video Conference Room	3
Computer Training Room	0
Exam Supervisions	0

3. APRIL 2010 Courses / Workshops / Training / Information Seminars:

Grant Writing & Project Planning Workshop	- 8 participants
Corrigin Movie Club (APR) " <i>Mao's Last Dancer</i> "	- 8 people
'PPP' Seminar Series	- 9 participants
'Skill Hire' Employment Agency	- 5 appointments
'Community First' Employment Agency	- 8 appointments

4. Grants / Funding:

- Lotterywest – Applied for \$16,560 for 9 x new Public Computers x 9; 1 x Administration Computer and R/C Data Back-Up system – *Verbal phone approval 5/5/10. Awaiting official notification letter.*

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- 'Corrigin Community Resource Centre' Logo/Rebranding - Applied for \$5,000 R4R Rebranding Support Grant, for use on stationery, signage, promotion & marketing. *Approved.*
 - CRC Infrastructure & Equipment Grant – Applied for \$15,000 to establish a dedicated government information and service provision area. *Awaiting outcome.*
 - CRC Video Conferencing Equipment Grant - Applied for \$2,875 to purchase equipment to support IP Videoconferencing (Internet Protocol). *Awaiting outcome.*
5. 'Better Connections' Project (12 month pilot programme):
- Collated returned surveys and feedback from Sporting & Community Groups and followed up unreturned surveys.
 - Created Sporting & Community Groups Email Contact List
 - Updated 2010 Corrigin Phonebook "Community Organisation" (pink pages) with current Sporting & Community Group details.
 - Emailed reminder details to Sporting & Community Groups re. 'Grant Writing & Project Planning Workshop' on 29/4/10.
6. General Business:
- Obtained printing quotes for rebranded stationery and signage to incorporate new 'Corrigin Community Resource Centre' Logo
7. Resource Centre Monthly Usage: APRIL 2010

CUSTOMERS ACCESSING FEE FOR SERVICE & SALES			
COMPUTER ROOM		HIRE	
Internet Use	57	Room Hire Payments	2
Computer Use	3	Data Projector Hire	1
Wireless Hotspot	2	Laptop Hire	-
SERVICES		Folding Machine Hire	-
B&W Printing / Photocopies	38	Portable Projector Screen Hire	-
Colour Printing / Photocopies	4	White Boards	-
Photo Printing	2	Portable Pin-Up Board	-
Laminating	1	Engraver	-
Faxing	11	NLIS Wand	-
Binding	2	SALES	
Secretarial Services	7	Phonebook Sales	5
Scanning	-	Bird Book Sales	-
Desktop Publishing	-	Map Book Sales	-
Westlink Broadcast (View / Record)	-	Corrigin Book Sales	-
Computer Training (one-on-one)	4	Shire of Corrigin Polo Shirt Sales	-
Phone Calls	1	CD Sales	-
FEES		Corrigin Post Card Sales	5
Resource Centre 2010 Membership	-	Corrigin Wrapping Paper Sales	-
Corrigin Movie Club	8		
Courses	4		

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OTHER		OTHER	
		Postage	-
Digital Photography	1		
<i>Monthly People through the Door : 158</i>			
CUSTOMERS ACCESSING RESOURCE CENTRE SERVICES			
Phonebook - Enquiries	-	Dept. of Veterans' Affairs	-
Centrelink	76	Course & Educational Enquires	5
Tourism	24	General Enquiries	82
Conferences/Training/Meetings	132	Corrigin Toy Library	15
Broadband for Seniors (BBS)	26	Westlink Broadcast (Viewing)	-
Exam Supervisions	2	ATO	-
Medicare	10		
³¹ <i>Monthly People through the Door : 372</i>			

TOTAL: 524 (*Paying Customers and Customer Services provided*)

Paying Customers and Customer Services Yearly Comparison

	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	YEAR TOTAL
2008-09	479	444	581	532	501	411	417	501	575	525	543	651	6,160
2009-10	629	682	626	757	590	727	421	623	715	529			

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Corrigin Community Resource Centre's Report.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7527) Moved Crs – Bolt & Szczecinski

That Council receives the Corrigin Community Resource Centre's Report

Carried 9/0

10.1.2 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – APRIL 2010

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin Location: Shire of Corrigin Date: 18 May 2010 Reporting Officer: Karen Dickinson Finance Officer Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose File Number: FM 0036

BACKGROUND

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. A Local Government is to develop procedures for the authorisation of, and payment of, accounts to ensure that there is effective security for, which money or other benefits may be obtained.

COMMENT

The cheques and EFT payments that have been raised for the Council meeting and also during the month of April 2010 are attached.

After payment of the following cheques & EFT payments, the balance of creditors will be \$NIL

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure in accordance with the 2009/2010 Annual Budget.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse vouchers 19173 to 19187, and EFT Payments in the Municipal Fund, totalling \$424,846.69 and Cheque and EFT Payments in the Trust fund totalling \$15,199.42 and EFT Payments in the Licensing account totaling \$76,538.40

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7528) Moved Crs – Talbot and Hickey

That Council endorse vouchers 19173 to 19187, and EFT Payments in the Municipal Fund, totalling \$424,846.69 and Cheque and EFT Payments in the Trust fund totalling \$15,199.42 and EFT Payments in the Licensing account totaling \$76,538.40

Carried 9/0

10.1.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin Location: Shire of Corrigin Date: 17 May 2010 Reporting Officer: Taryn Dayman Deputy Chief Executive Officer Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose File Number: FM 0036

BACKGROUND

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 states that a local government must prepare a statement of financial activity reporting on the sources and applications of funds, as set out in the annual budget for the month.

Variances between budgeted and actual expenditure including the required Material Variances (10% with a minimum value of \$10,000 are included in the variance report.

COMMENT

A variance report is included with the monthly financial statements.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Monthly Statement of Financial Activity.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Statement of Financial Activity for the month ending 30 April 2010, as presented, and note any material variances.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7529) Moved Crs – Bowles and Bolt

That Council adopts the Statement of Financial Activity for the month ending 30 April 2010, as presented, and note any material variances.

Carried 9/0

10.1.4 DUAL FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS – SHIRE OF BROOKTON

Applicant: Shire of Brookton
Location: Shire of Brookton
Date: 11 May 2009
Reporting Officer: Anita Stone, Executive Support Officer
Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to Disclose
File Number: ES 0001

BACKGROUND

Correspondence has been received from the Shire of Brookton requesting the appointment of Dual Fire Control Officers with the Shire of Corrigin.

COMMENT

It is recommended that Council appoints Ian Eva, Darryl Turner and Paul Southam.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Bush Fires Act 1954

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy 5.1.6 – Fire Control Officers - Appointment

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Administration of Bush Fires Act with neighbouring Local Governments.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the appointment of Ian Eva, Darryl Turner and Paul Southam as the Shire of Brookton's Dual Fire Control Officers with the Shire of Corrigin.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7530) Moved Crs – Johnson and Szczecinski

That Council endorses the appointment of Ian Eva, Darryl Turner and Paul Southam as the Shire of Brookton's Dual Fire Control Officers with the Shire of Corrigin.

Carried 9/0

10.1.5 DUAL FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS – SHIRE OF PINGELLY

Applicant: Shire of Pingelly Location: Shire of Pingelly Date: 11 May 2010 Reporting Officer: Anita Stone, Executive Support Officer Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to Disclose File Number: ES 0001
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BACKGROUND

Correspondence has been received from the Shire of Pingelly requesting the appointment of Dual Fire Control Officers with the Shire of Corrigin.

COMMENT

It is recommended that Council appoints Jeff Edwards, Victor Lee, Kim Melvin, Rodney Shaddick and Neville Giles

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Bush Fires Act 1954

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy 5.1.6 – Fire Control Officers - Appointment

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Administration of Bush Fires Act with neighbouring Local Governments.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the appointment of Jeff Edwards, Victor Lee, Kim Melvin, Rodney Shaddick and Neville Giles as the Shire of Pingelly's Dual Fire Control Officers with the Shire of Corrigin.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7531) Moved Crs – Johnson and Hickey

That Council endorses the appointment of Jeff Edwards, Victor Lee, Kim Melvin, Rodney Shaddick and Neville Giles as the Shire of Pingelly's Dual Fire Control Officers with the Shire of Corrigin.

Carried 9/0

10.1.6 REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES – WALGA 2010 AGM

Applicant: WA Local Government Association
Location: West Perth
Date: 17 May 2010
Reporting Officer: Anita Stone, Executive Support Officer
Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to Disclose
File Number: GR 0008

BACKGROUND

Correspondence has been received from WALGA requesting registration of Council's voting delegates for the WALGA 2010 Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 7 August 2010.

COMMENT

In previous years the voting delegates for the Shire of Corrigin have been the President and Deputy President.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications in relation to this item

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct strategic implications in relation to this item

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoints Cr Baker and Cr Downing as the Shire of Corrigin's voting delegates for the WALGA 2010 Annual General Meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7532) Moved Crs – Bolt and Szczecinski

That Council appoints Cr Baker and Cr Downing as the Shire of Corrigin's voting delegates for the WALGA 2010 Annual General Meeting.

Carried 9/0

10.1.7 MEETING WITH AUDITOR

Applicant: Greg Godwin, UHY Haines Norton
Location: Corrigin
Date: 31 May 2010
Reporting Officer: Taryn Dayman, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose
File Number: CM 0012

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act and Audit regulations specify that a local government is required to meet with its auditor at least once in every year. If Council so resolves via a formal delegation, a meeting between the audit committee and the auditor would satisfy this requirement.

COMMENT

Council's auditor, Greg Godwin from UHY Haines Norton has suggested that he meets with Council on the 15 June 2010 via telephone, with the time to be determined. This will satisfy the requirement of meeting at least once every financial year.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 7.12A (2) Local Government Act 1995.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council delegate authority to the audit committee to meet with the auditor on the 15 June 2010.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7533) Moved Crs – Bowles and Downing

That Council delegate authority to the audit committee to meet with the auditor.

Carried by Absolute Majority 9/0

10.2 Health Building & Planning Reports

10.2.1 SPORT AND RECREATION FEASIBILITY STUDY – JILL POWELL AND ASSOCIATES

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin Location: Shire of Corrigin Date: 12 May 2010 Reporting Officer: Julian Murphy, Chief Executive Officer Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose File Number: CP0057

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Corrigin is currently developing a plan for the upgrade of recreation and community facilities at the Corrigin recreation ground. The project has included consideration of the construction of a Recreation and Events Centre, to replace existing outdated facilities at O'Shea Place in Corrigin, including the following components:

- Function Area -150 person capacity
- Toilets (with disabled facility)
- Bar/Kitchen (with coldroom and storage)
- Changerooms – x4
- Umpires/medical room
- Officials/timekeepers box
- Storage areas – equipment
- Admin area/office
- Secure playground area
- Furniture/fitout
- Car park
- Indoor multisports facility/exhibition hall
- Squash courts x2

The project has also included a study of collocating tennis and hockey facilities on an artificial surface at the location of the current hockey field.

The project commenced with a community workshop held in April 2007 at which the current facilities were evaluated and future needs considered. Since that time the Shire has worked with the Corrigin Recreation Planning Committee and the Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) to progress the project. The planning stage of the project is expected to take five years with construction planned to commence in 2012.

Preliminary architect plans have been obtained along with a certified cost estimate based on a facility similar to those at Kulin and Merredin as well as a revised model smaller in scale.

Council has received funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation undertake a feasibility study to assist in justifying the project to both state and commonwealth agencies for

funding. Jill Powell and Associates were appointed in late 2009 to prepare the feasibility study report.

The feasibility study was undertaken in the first quarter of 2010 and included community consultation with the public, and sporting and community groups. The following are the recommendations from the feasibility study report:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Shire of Corrigin acknowledges that the existing sporting facilities are ageing and poorly located.
2. That the Redevelopment of the Sporting Facilities to include the following functional components be approved in principal and be listed in the Forward Plan;
 - ⇒ Redeveloped Sportsman's Club
 - ⇒ New external playing facilities for hockey/netball, tennis and bowls
 - ⇒ New Sports hall
3. That application be made for a Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund Grant within the 20011/12-20131/14 Triennium, applications for which close in September 2010.
4. That, as outlined in Section 9.0 – Management, a Committee of Management (Corrigin Sportsman's Club Management Committee) be formed with the responsibility to manage the facility for an initial 3 year period.
5. That this report be made available for public comment.

The Feasibility Study Report has been circulated to clubs and community organizations as well as being made available on the Shire website. The public were invited to submit comments on the Report by 21 May 2010.

COMMENT

The Report supports the redevelopment of the recreation facilities at O'Shea Place in Corrigin and makes recommendations in relation to the components required in a new facility, possible funding sources and a suggested management arrangement for the new facilities.

Individual elements within the new facility will need to be discussed and negotiated with individual clubs and the community such as a collocated hockey/tennis facility and a lawn bowls facility.

The need for a new indoor sports facility with additional change rooms to accommodate a variety of sports is a key need identified within the Report.

It is recommended that Council accept the recommendations contained within the Report and proceed with sourcing funding to proceed with an upgrade of sport and recreation facilities at O'Shea Place Corrigin.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council does not have a policy in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Future costs for the redevelopment of sport and recreation facilities in the Shire of Corrigin.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Council's Plan for the Future provides for the redevelopment of sport and recreation facilities.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the recommendations of the Shire of Corrigin Sport and Recreation Feasibility Study Report prepared by Jill Powell and Associates.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7534) Moved Crs – Bolt and Szczecinski

That Council accepts the recommendations of the Shire of Corrigin Sport and Recreation Feasibility Study Report prepared by Jill Powell and Associates.

Carried 9/0

10.2.2 CORRIGIN LOT 458 RESERVE 30075

Applicant: Department of Agriculture Location: Lot 458 Walton Street Corrigin Date: 13 May 2010 Reporting Officer: Julian Murphy, Chief Executive Officer Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose File Number: PR 0020

BACKGROUND

Council has received advice from State Land Services that the Department of Agriculture has applied to dispose of Lot 458, Reserve 30075 in Walton Street Corrigin.

The land is currently zoned for "Conservation" under the Shire of Corrigin Town Planning Scheme No. 2. Before being sold the land would need to be rezoned as "Industrial" to allow for development as a single lot or subdivision into smaller lots for development.

State Land Services has also indicated that it is willing to sell the land directly to the Shire of Corrigin if Council is interested in developing the land.

State Land Services is seeking Council's comments in relation to the proposed rezoning and disposal of the land.

COMMENT

The Reserve, whilst zoned for conservation, has very little conservation value due mainly to the previous activities on the land. The land contains high numbers of declared weeds and would need to be cleared of pest plants and remnant steel and concrete from previous uses. The land is not currently used by the Department of Agriculture.

The surrounding land is zoned "Industrial" and changing the current zoning of the land from "Conservation" to "Industrial" is most appropriate. A Scheme amendment is required for the land to be rezoned.

The land is approximately 1.5ha in size and is suitable for development as a single lot or for subdivision into smaller lots for industrial development. The land is serviced by roads on two sides which would reduce costs if the land was to be subdivided.

Council has previously developed industrial land in the area however given the scarcity of larger industrial lots in Corrigin this land may be more marketable as a single large lot. State Land Services has indicated that if Council is not interested in the land then it would be sold on the open market.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council does not have a policy in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications in relation to this item

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct strategic implications in relation to this item

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports the sale of Reserve 30075 Lot 458 Walton Street Corrigin and supports in principle the proposal by State Land Services to rezone the land as "Industrial" under the Shire of Corrigin Town Planning Scheme No. 2.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7535) Moved Crs – Talbot and Hickey

That Council supports the sale of Reserve 30075 Lot 458 Walton Street Corrigin and supports in principle the proposal by State Land Services to rezone the land as "Industrial" under the Shire of Corrigin Town Planning Scheme No. 2.

Carried 9/0

10.2.3 GENETICALLY MODIFIED WHEAT AND BARLEY TRIALS

Applicant: Office of the Gene Technology Regulator
Location: Shire of Corrigin
Date: 13 May 2010
Reporting Officer: Julian Murphy, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose
File Number: ED0010

BACKGROUND

Council has received advice from the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) about two proposed trials of genetically modified (GM) wheat and barley in the Shire of Corrigin. Background information on the applications are attached.

The first application (DIR 099) is from CSIRO. The purpose of the trial is to characterise growth and yield characteristics of the GM plants when grown under field conditions. In addition, CSIRO aims to generate sufficient grain to assess changes in grain composition and how this may affect dough characteristics and end-product quality. The trial is proposed to take place in the local government areas of Narrabri (New South Wales) and Corrigin, on a maximum area of 2 ha per season, between May 2010 and June 2013. The GM wheat and barley would not be used for human food or animal feed.

The second application (DIR 102) is from the University of Adelaide. The purpose of the trial is to assess the agronomic performance of the GM wheat and barley lines for biomass production, grain weight and yield under rain-fed, drought and saline soil conditions. The trial is proposed to take place at three sites, two in the South Australian local government areas of Marion and Wakefield and one in Corrigin, on a maximum area of 0.75 ha, between June 2010 and December 2015. The GM wheat would not be used for human food or animal feed.

The Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plans for both applications have not identified any risk to human health and safety or the environment from the proposed release of the GM wheat and barley.

COMMENT

The growing of GM crops whilst having caused some concerns in the wider community have generally been accepted by the community of Corrigin. It is fair to say the amongst the rural communities in this part of Western Australia that GM cropping trials are considered by many as a valid method of developing cereal crops which are more suited to the dryland and salt affected parts of the Western Australian agricultural region.

Trials of GM canola, wheat and barley have previously been undertaken in the Shire of Corrigin. Council has previously supported GM cropping trials in the Shire.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council does not have a policy in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications in relation to this item

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct strategic implications in relation to this item

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports growing trials of genetically modified cereal crops in the Shire of Corrigin.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7536) Moved Crs – Downing and Johnson

That Council supports growing trials of genetically modified cereal crops in the Shire of Corrigin.

Carried 9/0

10.2.4 MEHBS – INFORMATION UPDATE

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin
Location: Whole of Shire
Date: 13 May 2010
Reporting Officer: Frank Buise, MEHBS
Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to Disclose
File Number: CM 0007

BACKGROUND

The following is to update Councillors on various issues within the Health & Building and Town Planning area.

COMMENT

The following information is supplied for Council's information:

AIBS Training

The MEHBS attended a training session in Northam on the changes to the Building Code of Australia (the BCA is published in May of each year). The format of the BCA has changed as well there are now three volumes of requirements (the third volume is just the variation for each state which has been published in a separate book).

New Building Act

There are to be three new Bills which will be cognate (done together) they are;

The Building Bill

(Streamlines and clarifies the building approval process, covers the whole state, enables private certification, introduces permit issuing authorities, provides exemptions for low-risk buildings and buildings incidental to mining and infrastructure, introduces mandatory inspections, nominated builder provides permit authority with Notice of Completion).

The Building Services (Registration) Bill

(Provides for the registration of building occupations: initially building surveyors, specialist certifiers, builders and painters.)

The Building Services (Administration and Dispute Resolution) Bill

Establishes the Building Commission as a single organization for administration and customer service and creates the role of Building Commissioner.

A seminar was held in Northam on the same day as the BCA seminar.

It is proposed that the new Act will come into force on 1 January 2011. There will be significant changes to the way building licenses are issued. It will also be a steep learning curve for staff. The MEHBS will also have to prepare an education program (notification in newsletters) for the public.

Building License's Issued Under Delegated Authority

Lic No. 8010
Lot No. 616 Spanney Street
Building. Dwelling
Value. \$300,000

General

As usual general advice, building and health inspection work, tip inspections, including complaints, etc have taken place.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Various

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications in relation to this item

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct strategic implications in relation to this item

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the EHO information update.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7537) Moved Crs – Bolt and Bowles

That Council receives the EHO information update.

Carried 9/0

10.2.5 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS – FOOD ACT 2008

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin
Location: Whole of Shire
Date: 11 May 2010
Reporting Officer: F Buise, MEHBS
Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose
File Number:

BACKGROUND

The Food Act makes reference to the appointment of "Authorised Officers" and does not specifically refer to "Environmental Health Officers". Section 122(1) of the Act states:

An enforcement agency may appoint a person to be an authorised officer for the purposes of this Act if —

- (a) the enforcement agency, having regard to any guidelines issued by the CEO under subsection (2), considers the person has appropriate qualifications and experience to perform the functions of an authorised officer; or*
- (b) the person holds office as an environmental health officer under the Health Act 1911.*

This means that the Shire of Corrigin, as an enforcement agency, may appoint anyone meeting the qualifications as stipulated by the Department of Health (who is the CEO as referenced in the above section of the Act) or to a person who holds office as an environmental health officer. As the Shire currently has an environmental health officer appointed under the Health Act, it is considered appropriate to appoint this officer as an "Authorised Officers". This enables the officer to conduct food premises assessments and issue improvement orders as necessary.

Where the enforceable provisions of the Health Act referred to either "environmental health officers" or "local government", the Food Act refers to "authorised officers" or "enforcement agencies". Much like the Health Act, these responsibilities are able to be delegated (under Section 118 of the Food Act).

Under Sections 65, 66, 67, 110 and 112 of the Act, enforcement agencies (ie the Shire) are responsible for carrying out functions relating to the issue and clearance of prohibition notices and for food business registration. These powers are considered to be operational and therefore considered appropriate to be delegated to the Manager of Environmental Health & Building Services.

Matters relating to the issue of infringement notices (ie Sections 126) are considered to be potentially contentious, however are still operational and often need to be dealt with expediently, rather than awaiting the outcome of a Council meeting. It is recommended that a delegation to the Chief Executive Officer from the Shire of Corrigin be issued for matters relating to infringement notices. It is also considered appropriate to include the appointment of

authorised officers, as is currently the case with environmental health officers, to be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer from the Shire of Corrigin.

COMMENT

Council must delegate its authority to the Environmental Health Officer if it wishes to control food premises within the Shire.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Food Act 2008,
Health Act 1911 (as amended)
Local Government Act 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications in relation to this item

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct strategic implications in relation to this item

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) *Delegates its authority and powers to the Chief Executive Officer the capacity to exercise and discharge all or any of the powers and functions of the enforcement agency in regard to the following sections of the Food Act 2008:*
- *Appoint authorised officers in accordance with section 122*
 - *Appoint designated officers to issue infringement notices in accordance with section 126(2)*
 - *Appoint designated officers to extend payment period for infringement notices or withdraw infringement notices in accordance with sections 126(6) and 126(7)*
- (b) *Delegates its authority and powers to the Manager of Environmental Health and Building Services the capacity to exercise and discharge all or any of the powers and functions of the enforcement agency in regard to the following sections of the Food Act 2008:*
- *Issue prohibition orders in accordance with section 65*
 - *Clear and remove a prohibition order in accordance with section 66*
 - *Provide written notification not to issue a certificate of clearance in accordance with section 67*
 - *Grant, apply conditions, refuse, vary or cancel registration of a food business in accordance with sections 110 and 112*

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7538) Moved Crs – Downing and Szczecinski

That Council:

- (a) Delegates its authority and powers to the Chief Executive Officer the capacity to exercise and discharge all or any of the powers and functions of the enforcement agency in regard to the following sections of the Food Act 2008:**
- **Appoint authorised officers in accordance with section 122**
 - **Appoint designated officers to issue infringement notices in accordance with section 126(2)**
 - **Appoint designated officers to extend payment period for infringement notices or withdraw infringement notices in accordance with sections 126(6) and 126(7)**
- (b) Delegates its authority and powers to the Manager of Environmental Health and Building Services the capacity to exercise and discharge all or any of the powers and functions of the enforcement agency in regard to the following sections of the Food Act 2008:**
- **Issue prohibition orders in accordance with section 65**
 - **Clear and remove a prohibition order in accordance with section 66**
 - **Provide written notification not to issue a certificate of clearance in accordance with section 67**
 - **Grant, apply conditions, refuse, vary or cancel registration of a food business in accordance with sections 110 and 112**

Carried 9/0

10.2.6 FOOD ACT FEES

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin Location: Whole of Shire Date: 11 May 2010 Reporting Officer: F Buise, MEHBS Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose File Number:

BACKGROUND

This matter was first raised at the RoeROC meeting on 22 April 2010. An annual fee of \$50.00 was raised as being a figure that the Department of Health has stated in its Food Act forms and information bulletins. Section 109 of the Food Act requires food premises to be registered. Part of the registration is to impose a fee on the business. Metropolitan Local Governments have imposed fees, which will also include a fee for inspecting the premises. The only fee that this Council needs to decide on, is an annual registration fee, and what amount this fee will be.

COMMENT

The Food Act provides for consideration of fees for service. Under the provisions of the Act this includes a notification and registration of food premises fees, transfer of food business fees, as well as annual assessment fees.

A random sample of surrounding Shires (RoeROC members not included) has revealed that most Shires will not impose the fee, and other Shires have yet to decide on the introduction of fees. Most city Councils have imposed significant fees for annual registration and for inspection of premises, this helps to offset the cost of the Environmental Health Service. Compared to wheat belt food premises, city premises would have significant financial gains, so that it is perceived that city food premises can afford the costs.

In terms of financial gain for Shires the returns are very minimal as there is only 7 food premises in town.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Food Act 2008, Health Act 1911 (as amended)
Local Government Act

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should Council agree to imposing fees, the financial return for this Shire is minimal.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct strategic implications in relation to this item

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council imposes a \$50.00 annual registration fee for Food Premises within the Shire of Corrigin in accordance with section 6.16, 6.17 and 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7539) Moved Crs – Bolt and Downing

That Council imposes a \$50.00 annual registration fee for Food Premises within the Shire of Corrigin in accordance with section 6.16, 6.17 and 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Carried 9/0

10.2.7 OVERVIEW OF THE FOOD ACT

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin Location: Whole of Shire Date: 23 April 2010 Reporting Officer: F Buise, EHO/BS Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose File Number:
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BACKGROUND

The *Food Act 2008* (the Act) was passed on the 8 July 2008 by the Western Australian Parliament and was implemented on the 23 October 2009. The Act will be the principal piece of legislation regulating the sale of food in Western Australia (WA) and provides food safety regulation over the entire food supply chain; a paddock to plate approach. This represents a significant shift in the direction of food regulation and management within WA. This report is to provide an overview of some of the important changes to the new food regulatory system that the Act brings into fruition.

The Act will apply to everyone involved in the sale of food in WA. Sale is defined broadly and includes activities such as:

- the supply of food as a meal to employees at the place of work in accordance with employment arrangements;
- offering of food as a prize or reward;
- the giving away of food for the purposes of advertisement;
- the supply of food under a contract together with accommodation, service or entertainment

The old food safety regulatory framework included a number of legislative instruments created under the *Health Act 1911*. These included the *Health (Food Hygiene) Regulations 1993*, the *Health (ANZ Food Standards Code Adoption) Regulations 2001*, the *Health (Meat Hygiene) Regulations 2001* and local government local laws. The Act has replaced all of these legislative instruments.

The old regulatory system was prescriptive and subsequently very inflexible. In contrast, the Act provides for an outcome based approach. In this model of food regulation, food safety outcomes are assessed which provides the food industry the opportunity to be innovative in relation to food safety management.

Furthermore, the Act clarifies that the responsibility for food safety rests on the food business.

The Act implements the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* (the Code). This means that all food safety requirements are contained within this national code. The advantage of this approach is that it provides for national consistency; a food business in WA will need to meet the same requirements as a food business operating anywhere else in Australia.

It is very important that the proprietors of all food businesses become aware of the requirements contained within Chapter 3 of the Code specifically. This chapter, known as the Food Safety Standards, contains the minimum food handling, hygiene and structural requirements for all food businesses.

It is expected that food businesses that comply with the old Health (Food Hygiene) Regulations 1993 in terms of food premises fit out and construction will comply with the standard required in the Code.

The Act makes significant changes to the way food safety is managed that proprietors need to be aware of:

Food Safety Programs

Food Safety Programs must be implemented in food businesses that are captured under *Standard 3.3.1 (Food Safety Programs for Food Service to Vulnerable Persons)* of the Code; specifically high-risk food businesses such as hospitals, nursing homes and child care centres.

Although not a legal requirement for all food businesses, food safety programs are an effective food safety management tool and assist food businesses to manage their food safety risks. In addition, they are invaluable in ensuring that food businesses are able to demonstrate that all reasonable measures are being taken to produce safe and suitable food.

Notification Requirements

All food businesses **must** notify the appropriate enforcement agency in writing that they plan to conduct a food business. The information required includes contact details, the nature of the food business and the location of all proposed food premises. The purpose of notification is so that enforcement agencies know of their existence, can contact them if required and know the sort of food business in operation. In addition, it enables them to make a decision as to whether the food business needs to apply for registration as a food business. It is an offence not to provide this information.

Registration

Section 109 of the Act specifies that *it is an offence to conduct a food business at any premises unless the food business is registered* with the relevant enforcement agency in respect of those premises. This enables the enforcement agency to be aware of all food businesses trading within its responsible area and collect information in relation to food handling so that targeted food safety education, surveillance, enforcement and awareness programs can be developed.

Enforcement

The Act provides enforcement agencies with a number of new enforcement options, designed to assist them to manage compliance with the food standards. Depending on the severity of food safety breaches, authorised officers from enforcement agencies may issue or initiate any of the following:

- formal warnings
- improvement notices;
- prohibition orders;
- infringement notices (fines)

- legal action through the Courts

It is important to be aware that the details of any successful prosecutions will be publicly listed on the Department of Health's website.

Fees

The issue of fees will be dealt with in the next report.

COMMENT

This report is an overview of the responsibilities of Local Government, and the business proprietor. If existing shops comply with the old Health (Food Hygiene) Regulations 1993, then they structurally comply with the requirements of the Food Act. However, it is the older run down premises that will suffer the most, as they need to upgrade their premises (this should have been tackled several years ago).

Shop proprietors will need to be able to show that they have sufficient knowledge to handle food. This is now being implemented by me, through the Food Safe training program (completed in Kulin and Kondinin). At the training session the proprietors and those people preparing food for sporting groups, are given basic Foodsafe training and being advised of the new Food Act, and their responsibilities. Also people attending the training are requested to fill in a form which will give them automatic notification to the local authority as part of the legal requirement to do so.

Each food premises has to be 'Risk Assessed' and classified as to their risk. If fees are to be charged, then the relevant fee must be paid, then the food premises will receive the registration certificate.

No existing food premises will receive registration until they have been certified by me as being compliant. That means that those food premises that need upgrading/repairs will need to have completed all the necessary works.

Staff do not anticipate being able to have all the local authority requirements complied with until the new year as there is so much involved.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Food Act 2008, Health Act 1911 (as amended)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications in relation to this item

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct strategic implications in relation to this item

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report of the Manager of Environmental Health and Building Services on the Food Act 2008.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7540) Moved Crs – Bowles and Talbot

That Council receives the report of the Manager of Environmental Health and Building Services on the Food Act 2008.

Carried 9/0

10.3 Works & General Purpose Reports

10.3.1 PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin Location: Shire of Corrigin Date: 23 April 2010 Reporting Officer: Taryn Dayman, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose File Number: PES 0006

BACKGROUND

Council programs capital plant replacement in its Plan for the Future and Annual Budgets. The programming of plant replacement is undertaken on a projected bases showing estimated costs and funding sources involving reserves.

A detailed plan allows Council to plan for expenditure on plant items and ensures that adequate reserves are maintained to facilitate large purchases.

A nine year plant replacement program has been developed for the period 2010/11 to 2018/19. A copy of the program is attached.

COMMENT

The draft Plant Replacement Program 2010/11 to 2018/19 is presented to Council for consideration and budget planning purposes.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Projected expenditure for future plant replacement

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nine year plan of plant replacement.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the proposed Plant Replacement Program 2010/11 to 2018/19 as presented.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr Bolt – Cr Johnson

That Council adopts the proposed Plant Replacement Program 2010/11 to 2018/19 as amended including options to replace the backhoe in 2011/12 with a skid steer loader and small excavator.

Carried 5/0

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7541) Moved Crs – Bolt and Bowles

That Council adopts the proposed Plant Replacement Program 2010/11 to 2018/19 as amended including options to replace the backhoe in 2011/12 with a skid steer loader and small excavator.

Carried 9/0

Cr Johnson left the meeting at 4.15pm and returned at 4.20pm

10.3.2 CAPITAL ROADWORKS PROGRAM

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin Location: Shire of Corrigin Date: 23 April 2010 Reporting Officer: Taryn Dayman, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose File Number: ROA 0022

BACKGROUND

Council programs capital roadworks to the value of approximately \$780,000 each year.

The programming of roadworks is undertaken during the budget process. Attached is a draft five year Capital Roadworks Program for the period 2010/11 to 2013/14.

As part of the process, Council generally undertakes a physical inspection of the roads where works are programmed for the following year.

COMMENT

The program is in draft form and is presented as a guide to Council at this early stage of planning.

It is intended that Council will review the program as well as carry out a road inspection before the program is fully costed and presented to Council for adoption as part of the 2010/11 budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Projected expenditure for capital roadworks for the next five years.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Planning for capital roadworks for the next five years.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the five (5) Year Capital Roadworks Program 2010/11 – 2015/16 as presented

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr Bolt – Cr Johnson

That Council adopts the five (5) Year Capital Roadworks Program 2010/11 – 2015/16 as amended.

Carried 5/0

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7542) Moved Crs – Downing and Talbot

That Council adopts the five (5) Year Capital Roadworks Program 2010/11 – 2015/16 as amended.

Carried 9/0

10.3.3 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE – NO. 70/3888

Applicant: Magnetic Resources N/L Location: Adamsvale Date: 12 May 2010 Reporting Officer: Julian Murphy, Chief Executive Officer Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose File Number: ED 0002

BACKGROUND

Council has received notice of an application for an exploration license from Magnetic Resources N/L for a mining exploration license over land in the Adamsvale Locality of the Shire of Corrigin.

The land subject to the application is a combination of privately owned land and reserves. A copy of the application is attached.

Council may lodge an objection to the application with the Mining Registrar within 21 days of service.

COMMENT

Council must have good grounds to raise an objection to the application. There are no apparent reasons as to why Council would wish to raise an objection to the application.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Mining Act 1978

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council does not have a policy on this matter

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Income from rates on mining tenements

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council raises no objections to the Application for Exploration License No. 70/3888 by Magnetic Resources N/L.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7543) Moved Crs – Szczecinski and Downing

That Council raises no objections to the Application for Exploration License No. 70/3888 by Magnetic Resources N/L.

Carried 9/0

10.3.4 JUBUK NORTH ROAD

Applicant: State Land Services Location: Jubuk Date: 12 May 2010 Reporting Officer: Julian Murphy, Chief Executive Officer Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose File Number: PR 0019
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BACKGROUND

State Land Services is seeking to finalise land transactions required for dedication of the Jubuk North Road through Reserve 30936. In order to facilitate the realignment of the road, the built portion of the road needs to be dedicated, and parts of the existing unconstructed road are to be closed. The proposal is shown on the attached plan.

Council previously considered accepting management of the Jubuk Reserve 30936 at its December 2009 Meeting were it resolved to accept vesting of the reserve and support the dedication and closure of portions of the road as required.

Section 58 of the Land Administration Act 1997 provides that land comprising public roads may be closed at the request of the local government.

The proposal was advertised in the 'West Australian' newspaper on 10 February 2010 with submissions closing on 20 March 2010. No submissions or objections to the proposal were received.

COMMENT

Given that no objections have been received, Council may now resolve to make a request to the Minister to permanently close the road as proposed.

Once Council has resolved to close the road, survey plans will be drawn and submitted on Council's behalf by State Land Services.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Land Administration Act 1997, section 58 – Closure of Roads

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council does not have a policy in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with advertising and preparing plans for submission to the Department of Lands.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct strategic implications in relation to this item

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council in accordance with section 58 of the Land Administration Act 1997 requests that the Minister for Lands close the unconstructed portions of the Jubuk North Road and dedicate the built portion of the Jubuk North Road in accordance with plans.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(7544) Moved Crs – Szczecinski and Downing

That Council in accordance with section 58 of the Land Administration Act 1997 requests that the Minister for Lands close the unconstructed portions of the Jubuk North Road and dedicate the built portion of the Jubuk North Road in accordance with plans.

Carried 9/0

11 NOTICE OF MOTIONS –

There were no Notice of Motions.

12 NOTICE OF MOTIONS – NEXT MEETING –

There were no Notice of Motions for the next meeting.

13 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

2010 Local Government Managers Australia National Congress

The CEO attended the LGMA National Congress held in Adelaide on 16 – 19 May 2010.

The 2010 congress themes included:

Recovery: From climatic events such as fire, storms or floods, or from the global financial crisis impacting on local industry.

Resilience: Strategies and policy developments demonstrating thinking around climate change, cultural diversity, urban growth, changes in rural industries.

Resources: Issues and solutions around aging (both for the community and the workforce), women in the workplace, skills shortages, succession planning, attracting and retaining the next generation of local government professionals, workforce health, partnerships and exploring different ways of working.

Keynote Speakers included:

Daniel Alesch, Senior Recovery Advisor and Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, USA. A leading expert on the impacts of extreme events on business and communities and for the last 30 years has been conducting policy-related disaster research and their consequences, mitigation politics and policy, and the challenges of business and community disaster recovery. He has a book scheduled for publication on guidelines for community recovery, and another on how organizations make what he calls “the hazard mitigation investment decision.” Mr Alesch talked about when events collide with communities and the outcomes and long term affects of disasters.

Christine Nixon, former Victorian Police Chief and head of the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority. Christine Nixon was the first women to become a police commissioner in Australia. Following her retirement in 2008, Ms Nixon was appointed head of the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority, which was formed as a result of the devastating Black Saturday bushfires in February 2009. Her role was to oversee and coordinate the largest recovery and rebuilding program Victorian has ever faced. Ms Nixon put a personal face to the high profile inquiry into one of Australia’s worst disasters. She described how Victoria was adjusting to the “New Normal” post Black Saturday.

Tim Costello, Chief Executive Officer, World Vision Australia. Tim Costello has long been the voice of social conscience for many Australians, having led debates on domestic issues such

as gambling, urban poverty, homelessness, reconciliation and substance abuse. In his role as Chief Executive of World Vision, he has witnessed the worst of humanitarian disasters and seen the most inspiring human responses to suffering. As expected Mr Costello was pragmatic and practical about the inequalities of the world and the issues which face many poor and disengaged people around the world including Australia's aborigines.

Cheryl Kernot, former leader of the Australian Democrats and Labour MP. Cheryl Kernot was the leader of Australian Democrats before defecting to the Australian Labour Party. Ms Kernot spent five years working in the UK as Programme Director at the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurs at the Said Business School at Oxford University and as the Director of Learning at the School for Social Entrepreneurs in London. In 2008, she joined the Centre for Social Impact at the University of New South Wales as its first Director of Teaching where she oversees the development of Masters' courses in the areas of business social responsibility, not-for-profit management and social investment. Ms Kernot outlined how social enterprises can be utilized by local governments to address some of the core social issues in communities.

Christine Healy, Former Director, ACT Bushfire Recovery Centre. Christine Healy has an extensive career in public sector management in the Victorian, NSW and ACT governments, and a long professional background and experience in community recovery after emergencies and disasters. She was the Director of the ACT Bushfire recovery centre after the devastating 2003 bushfires and a consultant to the Australian and Queensland governments on recovery services after tropical cyclone Larry. In 2007 Ms Healy toured the UK and the US where she studied recovery services after the London bombings, 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. Ms Healy gave insights into the longer term affects disasters on communities.

Sophie Morell, World transplant athlete and business woman. Sophie Morell volunteered her time and experience towards not-for-profit organisations, worked for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and was a strategic business development consultant for Australian companies focused on the Middle Eastern markets. Sophie was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL) resulting in an intensive chemotherapy program. The chemotherapy was unsuccessful and she was told she had 12 months to live. Sheer determination, courage and a sense of humour are the primary reasons why Sophie survived cancer and her bone marrow transplant. In 2005 she competed in the XV World Transplant Games in London, Canada resulting in a world record and six medals including five gold (rowing and swimming).

Congress Benefits

The opportunity to attend the National LGMA Congress was a greatly appreciated by the CEO. The opportunity to network and participate in discussions on issues at the National level brings a greater level of understanding which may be applied to local issues. The issues faced by the Shire of Corrigin are common in many instances across all local governments. The solutions to some of the issues developed by other local governments may be useful to solving local problems in Corrigin.

Some of the more valuable presentations included:

City of Adelaide – Forward planning, accountability and community consultation

City of Newcastle – ClimateCam, addressing climate change through the reduction in the use of resources.

Amongst WA delegates, structural reform was a continuing topic of conversation. Comparisons were drawn between other states and the processes experienced by WA Councils. The process in WA is far from over and there is much speculation about the next steps that the Barnett Government intends to take to further its reform agenda. Royalties for Regions and the changing nature of the funding program was also widely discussed.

14 PRESIDENTS REPORT

Farewell Dinner

The President attended a farewell dinner for Brian Young, Anne James and Wayne Gibson in Kondinin over the ANZAC weekend.

RoeROC Meeting in Kulin

Attended Meeting with the CEO on 22 April 2010.

Edna Stevenson Trust Fund

An afternoon tea was held to present the 4 winners of the Edna Stevenson Trust their certificates and congratulate them.

15 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cr Bolt – LHAG Meeting

Cr Bolt attended the LHAG Meeting. A couple of things that were mentioned were the Airstrip and the Medical Facilities.

The Shire has applied for a grant for the Airstrip for brick structure and illuminated 'wind sock'. The application came to over \$100K and was applied for after liaising with the St John Ambulance members on what was needed.

Healthy Belt – a once a week program on health, diet, exercise etc to be run in August for different age groups.

16 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

17 INFORMATION BULLETIN

There were no matters arising from the Information Bulletin.

18 WALGA & CENTRAL ZONE MOTIONS

There were no WALGA & Central Zone Motions.

19 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4.40pm.

President

Date
