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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Chairman Cr Lyn Baker opened the meeting at 3.01pm.

2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

President	L Baker
Deputy President	G E Downing
	G C Bushell
	D L Hickey
	G A Johnson
	M D Szczecinski
Chief Executive Officer	J Murphy
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	T L Dayman
Environmental Health Officer	F Buise (insert time here)
Executive Support Officer	A Stone

APOLOGIES

N B Talbot
D B Bolt

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

J Bowles

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

4 OBITUARIES

It was advised that Peter Bembridge, John Bremner, Greg Aldworth, Sheila Jordan and Emily Davis had passed away since the last meeting.

5 GUEST SPEAKERS

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(7714) Moved Crs – Bushell and Hickey

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 15 March 2011, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried 6/0

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

9 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

9.1 Corrigin Tidy Towns Committee

(7715) Moved Crs – Johnson and Szczecinski

That the minutes from the Corrigin Tidy Towns Committee meeting held on 21 March 2011, be received.

Carried 6/0

9.2 Corrigin Senior Citizens Committee

(7716) Moved Crs – Johnson and Hickey

That the minutes from the Corrigin Senior Citizens Committee meeting held on 21 March 2011, be received.

Carried 6/0

9.3 WALGA – State Council Summary Minutes

(7717) Moved Crs – Downing and Szczecinski

That the minutes from the WALGA State Council Summary meeting held on 6 April 2011, be received.

Carried 6/0

9.4 WALGA – Central Country Zone Minutes

(7718) Moved Crs – Szczecinski and Hickey

That the minutes from the WALGA Central Country Zone meeting held on 25 March 2011, be received.

Carried 6/0

10 MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

10.1 Finance & Administration Reports

10.1.1 COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE REPORT

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin
Location: Shire of Corrigin
Date: 19 April 2011
Reporting Officer: Heather Ives, Resource Centre Coordinator
Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose
File Number: CMS/005/03

COMMENT

1. MARCH 2011 Advertising:

'The Windmill' Newspaper (14 March 2011 Edition - 2pgs):

- Digital Photography Classes x 4 – *dates & details*
- 'Skype' Training Class – *date & details*
- New 'Govt. Information Access Point' – *details & funders recognition*
- Corrigin Movie Club – *Marchdate reminder*

'The Windmill' Newspaper (28 March 2011 Edition - 1pg):

- Ngala – Corrigin Community Survey
- Corrigin Movie Club – *Marchdate reminder*

E'News Advertising:

- Corrigin Movie Club – *March date reminder & movie selection*
- Ngala – Corrigin Community Survey

Corrigin CRC Website ("*News Items*") www.corrigin.crc.net.au

- 'Skype' Training Class
- Corrigin Movie Club - March

2. MARCH 2011 Room Bookings:

Conference Room	7
Professional Office	4
Video Conference Room	0
Computer Training Room	3
Exam Supervisions	0

3. MARCH 2011 Courses / Workshops / Training / Information Seminars/Meetings:

Corrigin Movie Club (MAR) " <i>Eat, Prey, Love</i> "	10 people
Forklift Training Course	7 participants
'Getting to Know Your Digital Camera' Class	10participants
'Taking a Better Digital Photo' Class	10 participants
'Digital Photo Editing' using Picasa	11 participants
'Managing Digital Photos on your Computer'	11 participants
White Card Training (Online)	4 participants

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Shire of Corrigin Council Chambers on
Tuesday 19 April 2011

Growers Group Alliance - Meeting	12 people
Skill Hire - Employment Agency	9 appointments
Community First - Employment Agency	8 appointments
Bureau of Statistics - Interviews	3 appointments
Corrigin Tidy Town - Meeting	10 people

4. CORRIGIN CRC Grants / Funding:

- FAA Support Funding: \$40,000 for period Jan-Jul 2011. *Received payment 2/3/2011.*
- CRC Professional Development & Training Support- *Heather Ives approved to attend 'CRC Business Planning Workshop' on 6/7/8 April 2011*

5. General Business:

- Working With Children Check: *Tenille Ebsary lodged WWCC Application 9/3/2011*

CUSTOMERS ACCESSING 'FEE FOR SERVICE' & SALES <i>March 2011:</i>					
COMPUTER ROOM	MTHLY	YTD	HIRE	MTHLY	YTD
Internet Use	55	681	Room Hire (payments)	3	38
Computer Use	2	15	Data Projector Hire	5	16
Wireless Hotspot	-	8	Laptop Hire	-	1
SERVICES			Folding Machine Hire	-	0
B&W Printing / Photocopies	43	282	Portable Projector Screen Hire	2	13
Colour Printing / Photocopies	17	75	White Boards Hire	-	1
Photo Printing	4	16	Portable Pin-Up Board Hire	-	0
Laminating	5	26	Engraver Hire	-	0
Faxing	14	111	NLIS Wand Hire	-	0
Binding	5	11	SALES		
Secretarial Services	9	67	Phonebook Sales	60	275
Scanning	5	5	Birds of the W/belt Book Sales	-	5
Desktop Publishing	-	0	Map Book Sales	-	0
Westlink Broadcast (View / Record)	-	2	Corrigin Book Sales	-	5
Computer Training (one-on-one)	-	1	Shire Polo Shirt Sales	-	2
Phone Calls	1	3	CD Sales	-	0
FEES			Corrigin Post Card Sales	2	21
Corrigin CRC 2011 Membership	-	15	Corrigin Wrapping Paper Sales	1	8
Corrigin Movie Club Membership	1	6	OTHER		
Training Course (payments)	13	98	Bulyee Cookbook	-	1
University Exam Invigilation	-	2	Shire Eco Bags	-	2
IP Video Conferencing	0	0	CD Burning	-	1
			Bilbarin Book Sale	-	3

Monthly People through the Door :247

CUSTOMERS ACCESSING CORRIGIN CRC SERVICES <i>March 2011:</i>					
SERVICE	MTHLY	YTD	SERVICE	MTHLY	YTD
Phonebook - Enquiries	9	55	Dept. of Veterans' Affairs	1	8
Centrelink	56	522	Courses & Education Enquiries	21	70
Tourism	17	292	General Enquiries	91	843

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Conferences/Training/Meetings	125	1091	Corrigin Toy Library	13	159
Government Info. Access Point	11	26	ATO	0	16
Broadband for Seniors (BFS)	13	129			
Medicare	7	62			
<i>Monthly People through the Door :364</i>					

- NgalaProject: Funded by Royalties for Regions Regional Grants Scheme for period 30 March 2011- 30 March 2012. *Corrigin CRC selected by WDC as one of 3 pilot CRC's, to work in partnership with Ngala. Project aim - to develop a model to enable CRC's to provide Ngala information & resources to their local communities.*

Progress Report:

- 15/3/2011 Project meeting - with Ngala Project Coordinator, Corrigin Child Health Nurse, CDO, local parent and Corrigin CRC Coordinator.
- 'Corrigin Community Survey' developed by Corrigin CRC and distributed to local community members.
- Survey results compiled by Corrigin CRC and reported to Ngala.
- Ngala Workshop topics identified from survey for developing 'Corrigin Parenting Day'
- Ngala Workshop date & suitable Corrigin venue discussed.

6. CORRIGIN CRC Monthly Usage: MARCH 2011

TOTAL: 430 (*Paying Customers and Customer Services provided for March 2011*)

Paying Customer's and Customer Services Yearly Comparison

	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	YEAR TOTAL
2009-10	629	682	626	757	590	727	421	623	715	529	491	539	7,329
2010-11	708	610	871	757	465	530	426	444	611				

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

(7719) Moved Crs – Szczecinski & Johnson

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

Carried 6/0

10.1.2 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – MARCH 2011

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin
Location: Shire of Corrigin
Date: 11 April, 2011
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 March 2011 are attached.

After payment of the following cheques and 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 2010/2011 Annual Budget.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

*That Council endorse vouchers 19335 to 19352, and EFT Payments in the Municipal Fund, totalling \$302,327.06, Cheques 3263 to 3267 and EFT Payments in the Trust fund totalling \$11,714.22, and EFT Payments in the Licensing account totaling \$64,604.90
Total payments for March \$378,646.18*

(7720) Moved Crs – Bushell and Hickey

*That Council endorse vouchers 19335 to 19352, and EFT Payments in the Municipal Fund, totalling \$302,327.06, Cheques 3263 to 3267 and EFT Payments in the Trust fund totalling \$11,714.22, and EFT Payments in the Licensing account totaling \$64,604.90
Total payments for March \$378,646.18*

Carried 6/0

10.1.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – MARCH 2011

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin
Location: Shire of Corrigin
Date: 5 April 2011
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 31 March 2011, as presented, and note any material variances.

(7721) Moved Crs – Hickey and Bushell

That Council adopts the Statement of Financial Activity for the month ending 31 March 2011, as presented, and note any material variances.

Carried 6/0

10.1.4 INTERIM AUDIT REPORT

Applicant: Greg Goodwin, UHY Haines Norton, Auditor
Location: Shire of Corrigin
Date: 4 April 2011
Reporting Officer: Taryn Dayman, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose
File Number: FM 0045

BACKGROUND

An interim audit of Council's finances and operations was undertaken by Council's auditors UHY Haines Norton in February 2011. Mr Goodwin has noted 6 matters to be raised with management during the review for Council's information.

COMMENT

The following matters and recommendations are noted. Management comments are also included addressing each note.

Compliance

Annual and Primary Returns

Observation

Our review of Annual and Primary returns of Councillors and Staff revealed 13 of 18 returns reviewed contained sections which had been left blank.

Recommendation

To help ensure compliance with Department Circular 18/2005 and to help ensure returns submitted are not at risk of being amended, we recommend all sections be completed. We note it is acceptable to record N/A, Nil or No change or to rule a clear line through a N/A Section.

Management comment

This point has previously been raised by UHY Haines Norton.

Management has provided Councilors and employees the prescribed form for Annual and Primary return for their completion and has re-enforced best practice for completing the returns. The responsibility of the completion of the prescribed form is the responsibility of the person completing the said form. Management will continue to re-enforce best practice for completing the returns and will provide assistance when requested.

Adopted Rates resolution and rating information page

Observation

Whilst comparing the rate information page of the adopted budget for the year ended 30 June 2011 to the Council resolution relevant thereto the following differences were noted:

1. The rate in the Dollar for unimproved property values per the adopted budget of 0.0101800 is different to the amount in the Council Resolution of 0.0188.
2. In the rate information page rateable values have been misclassified between GRV and UV.

Recommendation

To help ensure information in the adopted budget agrees to the resolution relating thereto we recommend the documents are reviewed prior to being finalized.

Management comments

1. A Draft budget was presented to Council for adoption at the July Ordinary meeting. Council made adjustments to the budget which resulted in a change in the rate in the dollar. As a result Council did not adopt the officer's recommendation and a new resolution, with the amendments, was adopted. Staff updated the budget documents, including the Statutory Budget accordingly. It is believed that a typo has occurred with the recording of Council's resolution. Staff will ensure that these documents are crossed referenced in the future.
2. New GRV & UV property values were obtained as at 1 July 2010 and entered into the Statutory Budget. While the total values are correct, the values for GRV and UV have been misclassified. Staff will ensure that these amounts are crossed reference in the future.

Rate Notice

Observation

Whilst reviewing the rate notice we noted that the interest rate to be charges on unpaid rates and services charges has not been disclosed on either the rate notice or accompany information

Recommendation

To help ensure compliance with FM Reg 56(4) (d) the following information should be included on or with the rate notice;

- If interest is to imposed on unpaid rates and service charges
 - (i) the circumstances in which interest will be imposed; and
 - (ii) the rate of interest; and
- If interest is accruing on unpaid rates or service charges, a statement that interest continues to accrue for each day until arrears are paid;

Management comments

The information regarding interest has been omitted from the rate stationery when ordering new stationery to suit the requirements of Synergy Soft. New stationery will be ordered and include all interest information as per FM Reg 56(4) (d), alternatively staff will investigate if this information can be printed from Synergy Soft, when printing the rate notice.

System and procedures

Manual rolling reconciliations

Observation

Our review of the rates system revealed the opening balance in the Manual Rolling Reconciliations was different to the opening balance in the GRV rolls provided by the Valuer General's Office.

Recommendation

To help ensure that rate book contains the most up to date valuations we recommend these difference be investigated as soon as is practicable.

Management Comments

Staff maintain and balance Manual Rolling Reconciliations monthly. The opening balance stated on the document refers to the balance prior to updating values from the Valuer General's Office, with the updated values being reflected as an adjustment. While it is thought that this is acceptable, UHY Haines Norton would prefer that the opening balances reconcile to the values as per the Valuer General's Office 1 July roll. The monthly Manual Rolling Reconciliation document has been amended to reflect this.

Payroll Reconciliation

Observation

During our review of Wages and Salaries, we noted that gross salaries and wages posted to the general ledger were not reconciled to the payroll summary report on a monthly basis.

Recommendation

To help ensure salaries and wages are completely and correctly posited into the general ledger, we recommend they be reconciled every pay run to the payroll summary report and document for review by a senior staff member independent of preparation. The independent review should seek to confirm the accuracy of the reconciliation and should be evidenced accordingly.

Management Comments

Monthly payroll reconciliations were being prepared and reviewed. It has appeared since the introduction of Synergy Soft that this practice has ceased. Monthly payroll reconciliations have been brought up to date and will continue to be prepared, as per UHY Haines Norton's recommendations.

Payroll records

Observation

While reviewing payroll records we noted personnel files had not been updated with change in pay rates.

Recommendation

To help ensure personnel files are up to date in all respects we recommend personnel files be updated each time pay rates are changed.

Management Comments

Pay rates are usually reviewed in March, with changes effective 1 July. Authorisation for changes in rates is given to the payroll officer by the CEO. While this document is filed, it is not filed in each of the employees files. Management will ensure letters to the employee with any changes to rates are written and filed in their personnel file.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995, Part 7 – Audit

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Priority 9 – Provide for good governance of the district

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications in relation to this matter.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on the outcomes of the Interim Audit for 2010/2011 and the report of the DCEO in relation to the audit outcomes.

(7722) Moved Crs – Johnson and Hickey

That Council receives the report on the outcomes of the Interim Audit for 2010/2011 and the report of the DCEO in relation to the audit outcomes.

Carried 6/0

10.1.5 PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin
Location: Shire of Corrigin
Date: 10 April 2010
Reporting Officer: Taryn Dayman, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose
File Number: CM 0009

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Section 5.56 of the Local Government Act 1995 Council is required to prepare a plan for the future of the district. The plan for the future must cover at least 2 financial years and is to set out the broad objectives of Council. The plan must be reviewed at least every two years and modifications made to include future years and changes to objectives.

Council must ensure that electors and ratepayers are consulted during the development of the plan. The plan is to include a description of the involvement by electors and ratepayers in the development of the plan.

COMMENT

The last Plan for the Future was adopted by Council at the April 2009 Ordinary Meeting and was for the period 2009/10 – 2013/14.

Council has recently adopted its Strategic Plan 2010-2010 and Strategic Action Plan 2010-2020. The format of the Plan for the Future compliments these plans. The new format has strong links to Council's Strategic Plan and is an expansion of the Strategic Action Plan. The Plan also reinforces Council's vision, mission, values and initiatives.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.56 Plan for the future.

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Regulation 19C Planning for the future

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Future expenditure to meet Councils Objectives

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Plan for the Future sets Council's strategic objectives for the next 10 years.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Approves the Draft Plan for the Future 2010-2020 for the purpose of consulting with the electors and ratepayers of the district; and*
- 2. Gives local public notice of the availability of the plan, inviting comment and submissions.*

(7723) Moved Crs – Downing and Johnson

That Council:

- 1. Approves the Draft Plan for the Future 2010-2020 for the purpose of consulting with the electors and ratepayers of the district; and*
- 2. Gives local public notice of the availability of the plan, inviting comment and submissions.*

Carried 6/0

Cr Szczecinski left the meeting at 3.30pm and returned with the MEHBS, Mr Frank Buise and Lauren Bosch joined the meeting at 3.31pm

10.2 Health Building & Planning Reports

10.2.1 MEHBS – INFORMATION UPDATE

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin
Location: Whole of Shire
Date: 13 April 2011
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:

Building License's Issued Under Delegated Authority

Lic No.	1011	Lic No.	03011
Lot No.	17 Lawton Way	Lot No.	29 Murphy Street
Building.	Dwelling	Building.	Dwelling
Value.	\$220,000	Value.	\$8,000

Australian Building Codes Board

The MEHBS attended a seminar in Perth on Friday 18 March 2011. These seminars are held throughout the year to update practitioners about the changes to the Building Code of Australia. There is also a name change to the BCA. It will be known as National Construction Code from 1 May 2011.

Class 10 – alterations – A new classification has been included. Class 10c will be for Private Bushfire Shelter. There is no mandatory requirement for such a shelter to be built, but there is now a standard for such a structure.

Class 1b – short term holiday accommodation, bed breakfast, hostels, any building with 4 or more people – Access for disabled persons has been introduced.

Class 1,2,3 Australian Standards for these classifications have been upgraded.

Classes 2 to 9- Multiple definitions have been inserted, and multiple changes have been included.

The biggest changes throughout the BCA are associated with disabled access provisions. This is in line with COAG requirements for more access to buildings by disabled people.

It is noted that each year more and more changes are required to be made to the BCA for the access provisions.

Regional Group Meeting – Goomalling

The MEHBS attended the Central Wheatbelt Regional Health & Building Group meeting at Goomalling on Friday 25 March 2011. The following items were discussed.

Builders Registration Board – Don Parker gave an update on the BRB operations and what will happen to the BRB once the new Building Act is gazetted.

Astec Paints and Cocoon Coatings – Barry Batiscombe gave a talk on the benefits of his companies paint which was based on NASA technology. The product can achieve up to 20degree C reduction in temperatures and is a product that has been given 'Codemark' approval under the Building Code of Australia.

Worksafe – Chris Kirwin gave a talk on asbestos removal and the Worksafe requirements.

Department of Environment and Conservation – several speakers gave a talk on the following topics:

- a. Disposal of green waste – this created a lot of discussion, and DEC will negotiate the disposal and storage of green waste conditions on any future license,
- b. height of boundary fences in landfill sites - again DEC will negotiate this requirement on any future license,
- c. Controlled waste – This created a lot of discussion and some anger as the DEC assured us when the Controlled Waste System was being implemented that Local Governments would be exempt from the licensing requirements for trucks used to pump out septic waste. When the system was implemented DEC then said that all vehicles will need to be licensed. On Friday they relented and said that they will honor the original agreement. This means that all Local Governments (provided that they have suitable vehicles) can be exempted from having the vehicle and the driver licensed by DEC.
- d. Burning/disposal of tyres- DEC are clamping down on the storage of used tyres (more than 100). This has come about following several recent fires where tyres were used for retaining and storage.
- e. Oil spills and the associated cost of clean up – this dealt with the cost of cleanups, and how expensive it has become. Delegates were told that more care is needed with storage of used oils and the use of oils on golf club grounds was not acceptable. The use of the Wren oil storage tanks was again debated as DEC has requested concrete bunding around the facility.
- f. Hazmat information – all Local Governments are now required to develop a HAZMAT plan (environmental disaster/spills) which must reference the Westplan document.

Water Corporation - John Janssen, Acting Regional Business Manager for the Agricultural and Goldfields areas discussed the following:

- i. Reuse waters - There is now going to be a new set of rules for Local Governments to adhere to, which will be over and above what the Department of Health and Economic Regulatory Authority requirements. This created much discussion. Also we were not told directly, but LG's that have reuse schemes are going to be paying for reuse water in the future.
- ii. Infill Sewerage Schemes - The lack of funding for many country towns that are affected by lack of a sewerage scheme.

- iii. Water Quality – problems associated with very low rainfall and the resultant bacterial problems.

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.

(7724) Moved Crs – Downing and Hickey

That Council receives the EHO information update.

Carried 6/0

The Frank Buise and Lauren Bosch left the meeting at 3.42pm

10.2.2 EXTENSION OF SEWERAGE TREATMENT RESERVE 27018 CORRIGIN

Applicant: Department of Regional Development and Lands
Location: Reserve 27018
Date: 13 April 2011
Reporting Officer: Julian Murphy, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose
File Number: PR0015

BACKGROUND

Council has received advice from the Department of Regional Development and Lands that the Water Corporation is seeking the extension of the Corrigin Sewerage Treatment Reserve 27018.

The Water Corporation is seeking to utilise a portion of unallocated Crown Land (UCL) adjacent to the reserve to allow access from the Dilling Railway Road. A copy of the proposal is attached.

COMMENT

The proposal does not impact on any of Council's operations and will allow the Water Corporation legal access to the sewerage treatment reserve.

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 application by the Water Corporation to expand the Corrigin Sewerage Treatment Reserve 27018 using adjacent unallocated Crown Land.

(7725) Moved Crs – Downing and Johnson

That Council supports the application by the Water Corporation to expand the Corrigin Sewerage Treatment Reserve 27018 using adjacent unallocated Crown Land.

Carried 6/0

10.2.3 LOT 458 WALTON STREET CORRIGIN – RESERVE 30075

Applicant: State Land Services Location: Lot 458 Walton Street Corrigin Date: 13 April 2011 Reporting Officer: Julian Murphy, Chief Executive Officer Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose File Number: A1089

BACKGROUND

Council has previously 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.

In May 2010, Council considered the proposal to dispose of the land where it resolved to support the sale of Reserve 30075 Lot 458 Walton Street Corrigin and support in principle the proposal by State Land Services to rezone the land as "Industrial" under the Shire of Corrigin Town Planning Scheme No. 2..

State Land Services has subsequently offered the land to the Shire of Corrigin to purchase for \$60,000. A copy of the offer from State Land Services is attached.

Should Council decide not to purchase the land, State Land Services intends to rezone the land in order to sell the lot on the open market.

COMMENT

Council has not made any provision in the current budget for the purchase of land. Council currently holds 32 residential lots at the Granite Rise Estate for resale. Council should not consider the purchase of any more land until a significant portion of the Granite Rise lots are sold.

The land in Walton Street may have value to a private business wishing to develop the land for industrial purposes. It is recommended that Council decline the offer to purchase the land so that it can be rezoned and 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 declines the offer from State Land Services to purchase Lot 458 Walton Street Corrigin.

(7726) Moved Crs – Szczecinski and Downing

That Council declines the offer from State Land Services to purchase Lot 458 Walton Street Corrigin.

Carried 6/0

10.3 Works & General Purpose Reports

10.3.1 AUSTRALIAN RURAL ROAD GROUP

Applicant: Australian Rural Road Group Location: Rural Australia Date: 13 April 2011 Reporting Officer: Julian Murphy, Chief Executive Officer Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose File Number: ROA0027
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BACKGROUND

Council has received an invitation to join the Australian Rural Road Group (ARRG). The group was formed to promote the allocation of additional federal government funding towards rural roads.

An initiative of the Gwydir Shire Council & Moree Plains Shire Council of New South Wales, the ARRG was incorporated in March 2010 and held its first meeting in June 2010 with the following objectives:

- To secure new, ongoing government funding for the rural road network, which is essential to support sustainable agricultural production for Australia.
- To collate and disseminate data that will assist agriculturally productive local government areas in Australia to obtain funding for their local rural roads networks.
- To work cooperatively with both industry and community bodies that recognize and support the importance of the local rural network to the Australian economy and lifestyle.

The ARRG was initially only open to rural-based Councils that produce over \$100 million in agricultural product per annum, however the group has now expanded its focus to include all rural local governments.

Membership of the ARRG is \$100 per annum plus the group has also requested a voluntary contribution of \$900 to support their activities.

A copy of the ARRG's invitation and supporting information is attached. The ARRG publication *Going Nowhere: The Rural Local Road Crisis its National Significance and Proposed Reforms* is available from the ARRG website austwideruralroadsgroup.com.

COMMENT

The lack of funding for rural roads has long been a problem for rural local governments. The Shire of Corrigin like many other rural Councils must balance the competing demands of the community for an increased range and level of services with spending on the rural road network.

The Roads to Recovery Program was a funding initiative implemented by the Australian Government in response to the demands of rural Councils and in particular New South Wales rural local governments through the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA). Whilst

Roads to Recovery has helped to meet the maintenance backlog on rural roads the level of funding is still a long way short of what is required to fix the problem.

Representatives from the ARRG made a presentation at the ALGA National Roads Congress in Bunbury in October 2010 which was attended by the President and CEO. Membership of the ARRG at that point was only open to Council's that produce over \$100 million in agricultural production per year.

It is recommended that the Shire of Corrigin become a member of the ARRG but decline the invitation to make a voluntary contribution of \$900 to the group.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Payment of membership fee of \$100 to the Australian Rural Road Group.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct strategic implications in relation to this item

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Shire of Corrigin becomes a member of the Australian Rural Road Group.

(7727) Moved Crs – Downing and Hickey

That the Shire of Corrigin becomes a member of the Australian Rural Road Group.

Carried 6/0

10.3.2 GRAVEL ROYALTIES

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin
Location: Shire of Corrigin
Date: 14 April 2011
Reporting Officer: Julian Murphy, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose
File Number:

BACKGROUND

Council currently pays gravel royalties of \$0.40 plus GST (\$0.44) for gravel extracted from private landholders properties for use on road works and other civil works carried out by Council. The rate has not changed for over 5 years.

Whilst sourcing gravel for upcoming road works, Shire Staff are being increasingly queried about the current royalty paid for gravel with a number landholders asking for a higher rate.

Council has always paid a nominal rate on the principle that gravel is extracted as close to the road works as possible and generally the works benefit local landholders and their neighbours.

The following is a list of gravel royalties paid by neighbouring Shires:

Shire	Per m3 Inc GST
Brookton	\$ 0.55
Corrigin	\$ 0.44
Kondinin	\$ 0.55
Narembeen	\$ 0.33
Pingelly	\$ 0.75
Quairading	\$ 1.15
Wickepin	\$ 1.00

COMMENT

Council has not increased the royalty paid to landholders for gravel for a number of years and it is recommended that Council increase the rate. A \$0.10 (ex GST) increase will represent a 25% increase in the gravel royalty.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Increased costs for future road works.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct strategic implications in relation to this item

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council pays \$0.50 (plus GST) royalty per cubic metre for gravel extracted from landholders properties for use in civil works and road works.

(7728) Moved Crs – Johnson and Hickey

That Council pays \$0.50 (plus GST) royalty per cubic metre for gravel extracted from landholders properties for use in civil works and road works.

Carried 6/0

10.3.3 GRAIN FREIGHT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Applicant: Shire of Corrigin Location: Shire of Corrigin Date: 14 April 2011 Reporting Officer: Julian Murphy, Chief Executive Officer Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose File Number: GS0061

BACKGROUND

Council has received advice from Main Roads WA regarding road funding allocations for the Grain Freight Improvement Program in response to the closure of Tier 3 railway lines in the Wheatbelt.

The Shire of Corrigin will be directly affected by the closure of the Yealering – Bruce Rock railway line which services the Yealering, Bullaring, Ainsworth and Corrigin Grain Bins. The railway line will close at the end of June 2011.

The re-routing of grain from rail onto road has necessitated the upgrade of 37 kilometres of roads along the Yealering – Bulyee Route and the 11 kilometres of the Wickepin Corrigin Road on the Bullaring to Brookton Highway section.

Council has been allocated approximately \$5,000,000 to upgrade sections of Bulyee Road, Lomos South Road and Bullaring Pingelly Road on the Yealering – Bulyee Route. Works are scheduled to commence immediately and continue until June 2014. Works on the Wickepin – Corrigin Road from the Bullaring Bin may be delayed until further funding can be sourced by Main Roads WA.

Council has previously authorized the CEO to accept the funding from Main Roads WA for the Grain Freight Improvement Program.

COMMENT

Preparations for the commencement of the project have already begun with a schedule of costs and timing developed by Staff. Gravel and water sources have been identified for the works and access to these resources have been negotiated with landholders.

No allowance has been made by Council in the current year's budget for the proposed works. The CEO has negotiated with Main Roads WA for a \$350,000 advance on the 2011/12 funding to be released immediately so that materials including, gravel, water and culvert pipes can be purchased in the current financial year. Staff have also planned to commence clearing, shoulder works and culvert works as soon as possible.

In order for the project to proceed Council is required to amend the budget to allow for expenditure on the Yealering – Bulyee Grain Freight Route in the current financial year.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Amendment to the 2010/11 Budget for capital income of \$350,000 and expenditure of \$350,000 for the Yealering – Bulyee Grain Freight Route.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The proposed upgrades to grain routes compliments the Shire of Corrigin Regional Road Group Priorities and brings forward the proposed upgrade works on specified roads.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorizes works to commence on the Yealering – Bulyee Grain Freight Route and amends the 2010/11 Budget in relation to the project to provide for Capital income of \$350,000 and Capital expenditure of \$350,000.

(7729) Moved Crs – Downing and Szczecinski

That Council authorizes works to commence on the Yealering – Bulyee Grain Freight Route and amends the 2010/11 Budget in relation to the project to provide for Capital income of \$350,000 and Capital expenditure of \$350,000.

Carried 6/0

11 NOTICE OF MOTIONS –

There were no notices of motions.

12 NOTICE OF MOTIONS – NEXT MEETING –

There were no notices of motions for the next meeting.

13 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

There was no CEO's Report.

14 PRESIDENTS REPORT

There was no President's Report.

15 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

There was no Councillors Reports.

16 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

17 INFORMATION BULLETIN

There was nothing from the Information Bulletin.

18 WALGA & CENTRAL ZONE MOTIONS

There were no WALGA or 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 3.53pm

President

Date
