

## **SHIRE OF WILLIAMS**

### **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2007**

#### **1.0 OPENING**

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

The President declared the meeting open at 1:00pm

##### **1.2 ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

Jeanette Liddelow will be attending at public question time to present to Council a proposal from Williams Landcare Inc to continue the employment of a Natural Resource Management Officer for the Shires of Williams and Narrogin.

#### **2.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

##### **2.1 PRESENT**

Cr John Cowcher	President
Cr Ashley Stone	Deputy President
Cr Gary Cowcher	
Cr Greg Cavanagh	
Cr Robert Bowden	
Cr Richard Johnstone	
Cr Moya Carne	
Cr David Earnshaw	
Cr Graham Prowse	

V Epiro	Chief Executive Officer
HJ Cowcher	Minutes secretary
K Shaw	Works Supervisor (3:30-3:40pm)

##### **2.2 APOLOGIES**

Nil

#### **3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Jeanette Liddelow attended as Chairperson of Williams Landcare Inc. with proposal from Williams-Narrogin NRMO Management Committee.

#### **4.0 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

#### **5.0 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

## **6.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **6.1 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

#### ***Earnshaw/Prowse***

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 21 March 2007 as circulated (with amendments as listed below) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Amendments:

- Page 7: “Cr J Cowcher and Cr Stone.....”
- Page 7: 8.1.11 background information missing
- Page 8: 8.1.12 background and information and recommendation missing
- Page 10: Resolution 176/07 should read “Carried 9/0”
- Page 13: 8.2.3 Resolution 180/07: delete “Wesfarmers”

**Carried 9/0  
Resolution 184/07**

## **7.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

Cr J Cowcher has received a letter from Cr R Bowden tendering his resignation due to health reasons after eight (8) years of service as a Councillor (effective at the end of the April 07 meeting).

#### ***Johnstone/Carne***

That the resignation of Cr R Bowden be accepted with regret and that he be sincerely thanked for his contribution to the Shire as a Councillor over the last eight years.

**Carried 8/0  
Resolution 185/07**

#### ***Cavanagh/Earnshaw***

That the vacancy remains unfilled until the October 2007 election with approval granted from the Electoral Commissioner.

**Carried 9/0  
Resolution 186/07**

## **8.0 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/OFFICERS AND COUNCILLORS**

### **8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

<b>Report Reference:</b>	<b>8.1.1</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>WA Local Government Association – Agenda Items for Annual General Meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2007</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	<b>4.12.00</b>
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Author &amp; Date:</b>	<b>V. Epiro 4<sup>th</sup> April 2007</b>

**Background:**

Councils are invited to submit agenda items prior to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2007 for the WALGA annual general meeting to be held in the Burswood Convention Centre on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

**Recommendation:**

*For Council's consideration.*

Consideration be given and any items of discussion be offered at the May 2007 meeting of Council.

<b>Report Reference:</b>	<b>8.1.2</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Annual Review of Senior Employees (Chief Executive Officer and Deputy, Works Supervisor)</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	4.20.25
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	Section 5.38 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
<b>Author &amp; Date:</b>	V. Epiro 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2007

**Background:**

Council has resolved to review all senior employees, which must be done annually. The review was last carried out in April 2006.

**Recommendation:**

*That a date be allocated for review of senior employees.*

**Johnstone/Prowse**

That a performance review be undertaken of the senior staff (Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Works Supervisor) on Monday 21 May at 7:00pm.

**Carried 9/0  
Resolution 187/07**

<b>Report Reference:</b>	<b>8.1.3</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Planning for the Future (Principal Activities Plan)</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	4.21.40
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	Sections 5.53 & 5.56 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
<b>Author &amp; Date:</b>	V. Epiro 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2007

**Background:**

Council is required to prepare a Plan for the Future for at least 2 years annually. Williams has opted for a five (5) year plan for which the review is usually done in May each year.

**Recommendation:**

*That a review of the Plan for the Future (2007/08 – 2011/12) be carried out prior to the May meeting.*

**Johnstone/Prowse**

That a review of the Plan for the Future (2007/08 to 2011/12) be undertaken on Monday 21 May 2007 at 7:00pm.

**Carried 9/0  
Resolution 188/07**

<b>Report Reference:</b>	<b>8.1.4</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment to Local Laws on Firebreaks (see Appendix 1)</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	5.10.20
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	Section 3.12 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
<b>Author &amp; Date:</b>	V. Epiro 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2007

**Background:**

At the ordinary meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2007, Council resolved to amend the Local Laws relating to Firebreaks, primarily to remove the requirement for firebreaks on rural holdings.

Following adoption of the above, the proposed amendment was advertised and advice forwarded to the relevant ministers for Local Government and Emergency Services for comment (as required under the Act).

The Department of Local Government have responded and advised that the current local law should be repealed and a new local law adopted containing the proposed amendments (see appendix).

As the Department must vet the final draft of the local law, Council needs to heed their advice, which regrettably means starting the process again.

**Recommendation:**

*That the Shire of Williams Local Laws relating to Firebreaks published in the Government Gazette on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1997 and the Shire of Williams Firebreak Amendment Local Laws 2001 published in the Government Gazette on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2002 be repealed and the following Local Law adopted.:*

**BUSH FIRES ACT 1954**

**Shire of Williams  
Firebreaks Local Law 2007**

Under the powers conferred by the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of Williams resolved on 18 April 2007 to make the following local law.

**1. Citation**

This local law may be cited as the *Shire of Williams Firebreaks Local Law 2007*.

**2. Commencement**

This local law will come into operation on the fourteenth day after the day on which it is published in the *Government Gazette*.

**3. Repeal**

The Shire of Williams Local Laws relating to Firebreaks published in the *Government Gazette* on 24 October 1997 and the *Shire of Williams Firebreaks Amendment Local Laws 2001* published in the *Government Gazette* on 8 February 2002 are repealed.

**4. Interpretation**

In this local law unless the context otherwise requires —

“**building protection zone**” means a low fuel area immediately surrounding a habitable building and is designed to minimise the likelihood of flame contact with other buildings, and must fulfil the following conditions:

- (i) bush fire fuels must be maintained below 10 centimetres in height;
- (ii) trees and branches that may fall onto a house must be removed; and

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- (iii) lower branches of the remaining trees must be trimmed;
- “**district**” means the whole local government area of the Shire of Williams;
- “**firebreak**” means ground from which flammable material is to be removed and on which no flammable material is permitted during the firebreak period;
- “**firebreak period**” means the period from the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November to the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April in the following year within the district;
- “**flammable material**” means dead grass and timber, boxes, cartons, paper and any combustible material or rubbish, but does not include green standing trees, growing bushes and plants in gardens or lawns;
- “**townsite land**” means all the land within the boundaries of townsites in the district; and
- “**rural land**” means all the land not defined as townsites within the district.

**5. Provision of firebreaks**

All owners or occupiers of land within the district shall have firebreaks during the firebreak period of the dimensions prescribed in this local law.

**6. Rural land**

- (1) Firebreaks of at least 20 metres in width shall be constructed for each building, haystack and fuel dump.
- (2) During the conduct of any harvesting/straw baling operations, stone raking and slashing activities, an operational independent fire fighting unit containing not less than 450 litres of water with a motorised pump and at least 15 metres of 19 millimetres diameter hose is to be provided in the same paddock or within 50 metres of that paddock.
- (3) All flammable material is to be removed from around buildings and stacks in hay and straw processing plants to a width of 20 metres.
- (4) All habitable buildings are to include a building protection zone of 20 metres in width.

**7. Townsite land**

- (1) Where the area of land is 2024 square metres (or half an acre) or less, all flammable material is to be removed except living standing trees.
- (2) Where the area of land exceeds 2024 square metres (or half an acre), all flammable material likely to be conducive to an outbreak, spread or extension of fire is to be removed, and the grass is to be maintained to a height no greater than 10 centimetres.
- (3) All flammable material is to be removed from around buildings, fuel dumps and liquid fuel containers to a width of 20 metres.
- (4) All habitable buildings are to include a building protection zone of 20 metres in width.

**8. Non compliance**

Failure to comply with this local law shall be an offence and shall subject the offender to the penalties prescribed in the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2007.

The Common Seal of the Shire of Williams was affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of—

J E S COWCHER, Shire President  
V EPIRO, Chief Executive Officer

***Johnstone/Cavanagh***

That the Shire of Williams Local Laws relating to Firebreaks published in the Government Gazette on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1997 and the Shire of Williams Firebreak Amendment Local Laws 2001 published in the Government Gazette on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2002 be repealed and the following Local Law adopted (as listed above)

**Carried 9/0  
Resolution 189/07**

Cr G Cowcher declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at 1:45pm

<b>Report Reference:</b>	<b>8.1.5</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>WA Planning Commission – Application for Subdivision / Amalgamation of Locations 3467, ptn 3978, 3969, 4119 &amp; 10713 (see Appendix 2)</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	10.64.20
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	<i>Planning &amp; Development Act 2005.</i>
<b>Author &amp; Date:</b>	V. Epiro 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2007

**Background:**

The proponents (BN & KM Cowcher) are seeking to subdivide / amalgamate five (5) existing locations into five (5) new lots as follows:

Existing:

Location 3467 – 60.18ha  
Ptn 3978 – 67.43ha  
3969 – 29.87ha  
4119 – 64.75ha  
10713 – 161.90ha

Proposed:

Lots 1 – 82.24ha  
2 – 45.37ha  
3 – 94.62ha  
4 – 80.95ha  
5 – 80.95ha

Council's policy relating to the Rural Zone (Policy Statement 4.7(3)) states a general presumption against subdivision in the Rural Zone unless certain exceptions exist including the following one which is relevant to the application:

Policy Statement – Rural Zone

4.7 (3) (c)

The Council will favourably consider applications for adjustment of lot boundaries where the application if approved will not result in the creation of one or more additional lots.

***Recommendation:***

*That the application for subdivision / amalgamation of location 3467, ptn 3978, 3969, 4119 & 10713 be supported.*

**Stone/Carne**

That the application for subdivision / amalgamation of location 3467, ptn 3978, 4119 & 10713 be supported.

**Carried 8/0  
Resolution 190/07**

Cr G Cowcher returned to the meeting at 1:48pm.

<b>Report Reference:</b>	<b>8.1.6</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Peter Webb &amp; Associates – Proposed Amendment No.13 to Williams Town Planning Scheme No. 2 (see Appendix 3)</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	14.25.26
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	<i>Planning &amp; Development Act 2005 (Section 75)</i>
<b>Author &amp; Date:</b>	V. Epiro 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2007

**Background:**

Peter Webb & Associates have submitted proposed amendment No.13 in connection with the Munthoola subdivision (Lots 51 & 52 Eddington Road, Williams).

Council's Planner David Gray has examined the Scheme Amendment Documents (to be tabled) and has recommended the following modifications:

**MODIFICATIONS TO TOWN PLANNING SCHEME 2 AMENDMENT 13.**

**Report Pages 8 and 10:** delete references to 2,000 m<sup>2</sup> lot sizes. These lot sizes are not proposed in the subdivision guide plan and are not permissible under the R2.5 density code proposed for the land.

**Report Page 10;** third bullet point referring to water supply to Rural Residential lots; suggest substitute "... *and is required to be connected to reticulated water supply.*" with "... *and may be connected to reticulated water supply in accordance with Western Australian Planning Commission policy.*" The reason is that the Commission's policy with respect to water supply may be changing.

**Scheme Amendment Map:** The Scheme does not contain a Local Scheme Reserve for Parks and Recreation. This should be deleted from the Legend and the Scheme Amendment Map. The proposed Public Open Space within the subdivision will be identified on the subdivision guide plan and provided as a Condition of subdivision. It is not necessary that it be identified in the Scheme Amendment.

**Amendment Text:** In Schedule 4 "Requirements of the Zone" in item 1 substitute "...*or any variation to the SGP, which has been approved by the WA Planning Commission (WAPC)*" with "...*or any variation to the SGP which has been approved by the Council and endorsed by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC)*"

**Amendment Text:** In Schedule 4 "Requirements of the Zone" in item 2 insert "... *of the lots created by subdivision in accordance with the SGP*" after "...*further subdivision ...*"

**Amendment Text:** In Schedule 4 "Requirements of the Zone" delete item 3 and re-number remaining items. The reason is that the WAPC is considering modifications to its policy which may affect the provision of a water supply to Rural Residential lots.

Assuming that Council agrees with the above modifications, then Council should adopt the following recommendation.

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**Recommendation:**

1. That the Council resolves under section 75 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 to initiate an amendment to Town Planning Scheme 2, subject to modifications resulting from consideration of the attached list.

*The Amendment is to:*

- (i) rezone Lots 51 and 52 Eddington Road, Williams, from “Rural”, to “Residential” with density codes R2.5 and R12.5; “Rural Residential”; and “Special Use” for farm stay;
  - (ii) include provisions in Schedule 4 relating to the Rural Residential Zone; and
  - (ii) include provisions in Schedule 6 relating to the Special Use Zone.
2. That subject to the documents being modified as set out above, the President and Chief Executive Officer are authorised to certify ADOPTION of the Amendment for referral to the Environmental Protection Authority and Western Australian Planning Commission.

**Earnshaw/Stone**

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2. That subject to the documents being modified as set out above, the President and Chief Executive Officer are authorised to certify ADOPTION of the Amendment for referral to the Environmental Protection Authority and Western Australian Planning Commission.

**Carried 9/0  
Resolution 191/07**

<b>Report Reference:</b>	<b>8.1.7</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Council Residence – 13 Fry Street, Williams</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	9.10.20
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	N/A
<b>Author &amp; Date:</b>	V. Epiro          11 <sup>th</sup> April 2007

**Background:**

An appraisal from Ray White was faxed to all Councillors together with a questionnaire seeking a response regarding selling or retention of the residence at 13 Fry Street, Williams.

Ray White valued the house at between \$140,000 - \$170,000 and the lot value of between \$75,000 - \$85,000. Regrettably the engineer’s report has not been received at the time of writing, however it is essential that Council make a decision regarding selling or keeping the house.

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At the time of writing this report only 6 responses had been received as follows:

5 supported selling (3 for \$175,000, 2 suggested a higher list price)

1 supported retention

***Recommendation:***

*That Council make a final decision to either sell or retain the residence at 13 Fry Street, Williams for rental.*

***Stone/Johnstone***

That Council contract Ray White Narrogin to list 13 Fry Street, Williams for \$180,000.

**Lost 3/6  
Resolution 192/07**

***Bowden/Prowse***

That Council contract Ray White Narrogin to list 13 Fry Street, Williams for \$195,000.

**Carried 6/3  
Resolution 193/07**

***Carne/Prowse***

That the following late items be accepted as urgent items for discussion

**Carried 8/1  
Resolution 194/07**

**8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – LATE ITEMS**

<b>Report Reference:</b>	<b>8.1.8</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Standing Committee on Environment &amp; Public Affairs – Report on Local Government Amendment Bill (No 2) 2006</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	4.1.40
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	Local Government Act 1995
<b>Author &amp; Date:</b>	V. Epiro 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2007

**Background:**

Council would be aware that the State Government attempted to change the local government voting from 'first past the post' to a 'proportional preferential' system in conjunction with changing the election date from May to October. Only the part of the amendment bill changing the election date was passed in late 2006 because of significant opposition from local governments.

The issue relating to the change of voting was referred to the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs which comprises five members (2 labour, 1 green and 2 liberal). An inquiry was conducted by the committee with public hearings held and submissions (116) being received. Despite the majority of submissions (78 or 67%) supporting retention of the 'first past the post' system, the majority of the committee (2 labour, 1 green) resolved that the amendment should proceed with indications that 'proportional preferential' voting will be used in the 2007 elections.

Minister Ljilianna Ravlich has confidently stated that the Department of Local Government will be able to train officers, councillors and electors in understanding the new voting system prior to October.

***Recommendation:***

*For Council's information.*

<b>Report Reference:</b>	<b>8.1.9</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Excavator Tenders (See Item 8.2.3 in Agenda)</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	12.37.00
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	N/A
<b>Author &amp; Date:</b>	V. Epiro 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2007

**Background:**

Following the close of tenders the Works & Plant Committee met with Works Supervisor Keith Shaw and organised a visit to Perth to follow up on the tenders received.

In addition to inspecting some of the excavator tenders, the committee also visited SFM Engineering to discuss and obtain a quote for a tri-axle low loader, as it was considered that this could be purchased together with the excavator.

Following is the recommendation of the Works & Plant Committee regarding the excavator with further recommendations relating to the tri-axle low loader and financing of both items of plant.

**Recommendation:**

*(1) Excavator Tenders - That Council accept the tender from CJD Equipment Pty Ltd as follows:*

	Net	GST	Total
Supply and deliver Volvo EC 210 BLC excavator with AHWIFM 500H-1100 mulcher head	250,000	25,000	275,000
Plus optional equipment: 1.5 metre batter bucket	6,355	635	6,990
Less trade Samsung loader WL499			
Plus single trade bonus	67,000	6,700	73,700
	\$189,355	\$18,935	\$208,290

*(2) Tri-Axle Low Loader - That Council accept the quotation from SFM Engineering as follows:*

<i>Tri-Axle Low Loader</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>74,000</i>
	<i>GST</i>	<i>7,400</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$81,400</i>

*(3) Loan No 63 (\$263,500) - That Council seek quotations to borrow \$263,500 for a period of seven (7) years to be funded on 2 July 2007. Purpose: Purchase of excavator and tri-axle low loader.*

**Stone/Johnstone**

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Supply and deliver Volvo EC 210 BLC excavator with AHWIFM 500H-1100 mulcher head	250,000	25,000	275,000
Plus optional equipment: 1.5 metre batter bucket	6,355	635	6,990
Less trade Samsung loader WL499			
Plus single trade bonus	67,000	6,700	73,700
	\$189,355	\$18,935	\$208,290

*(2) Tri-Axle Low Loader - That Council accept the quotation from SFM Engineering as follows:*

<i>Tri-Axle Low Loader</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>74,000</i>
	<i>GST</i>	<i>7,400</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$81,400</i>

**Carried 9/0  
Resolution 196/07**

***Stone/Cavanagh***

Loan No 63 (\$190,000) - That Council seek quotations to borrow \$190,000 to finance the purchasing of the Volvo EC 210 BLC excavator over a period of seven (7) years to be funded on 2 July 2007.

**Carried 9/0  
Resolution 197/07**

***Johnstone/Earnshaw***

That the funding for the tri-axle trailer be considered at the 2007/08 Draft Budget meeting.

**Carried 9/0  
Resolution 198/07**

**Afternoon Tea**

**Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:00pm and resumed the meeting at 3:30pm**

**Works Supervisor Keith Shaw attended the meeting at 3:30pm to discuss his report.**

**8.3 WORKS SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Maintenance Grading

Hurley Rd, Hillman Rd, Quindanning-Darkan Rd, York-Williams Rd, Narrakine Rd, Lyon Rd, Congelin-Narrogin Rd,

Maintenance Works

Dig out and stabilize soft spot Williams-Collie Rd, plus reseal.

Construction

Gravel sheeting and warning signs, Quindanning-Darkan Rd.

Finished sealing programme on Carne Rd, Williams-Collie Rd shoulder widening, Elders laneway, Curteis Rd, the 2006/07 sealing programme is finished.

Private Works

Rework gravel section Collie-Williams Rd at water main patch.

Traffic Counter Counts

Narrakine Rd	273 vehicles
Marradong Rd	492 vehicles
Hurley Rd	255 vehicles
Wangelling Gully Rd	274 vehicles

**Keith Shaw**

**Work Supervisor**

**10<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

**Earnshaw/G Cowcher**

That the Works Supervisor's Report be received.

**Carried 9/0  
Resolution 195/07**

Works Supervisor Keith Shaw left the meeting at 3:40pm

<b>Report Reference:</b>	<b>8.1.10</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Natural Resource Management Officer</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	11.51.10
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	N/A
<b>Author &amp; Date:</b>	V. Epiro 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2007

**Background:**

Following advice from the Williams / Narrogin NRMC, Council agreed at the February 2007 meeting for the scheme to go into recess for 12 months. However since then the Williams Landcare Inc. and Narrogin Landcare Land Conservation District Committees have held meetings which have endorsed support for the continuation of the Williams / Narrogin joint scheme.

I attended a meeting of the Williams / Narrogin Management Committee held in Narrogin on April 16<sup>th</sup> at which it was resolved that both Narrogin and Williams Councils now be asked to support the continuation of the scheme with the appointment of another Natural Resource Management Officer. All the representatives at the meeting (Narrogin – Geoff McKeown, Bill Warren, Williams – Jeanette Liddelow, Alex Anderson) indicated that there was landholder support for the scheme to continue. Williams Landcare Chairperson Jeanette Liddelow will be attending the Council meeting at 1.00pm to seek support from Council for the appointment of another Natural Resource Management Officer.

**Recommendation:**

*For Council's consideration.*

**Prowse/Bowden**

That Council supports the Williams-Narrogin NRMO Management Committee in the re-establishment of the Natural Resource Management Officer for the Shires of Williams and Narrogin, subject to the officer being based at the Williams Community Resource Centre in the Landcare office, and the position being advertised.

**Carried 8/1  
Resolution 199/07**

**Stone/Prowse**

That Council advise the NRMO Management Committee that due to the 15% administration component available through successfully funded Envirofunds projects (funds for which could be used for the lease/purchase of vehicle and other administration expenses associated with project management) that the Williams Shire withdraw vehicle support for the NRMO project position. Council is aware that the Management Committee has funds that have been accumulated from Envirofunds projects over the last 5 years, and these funds potentially can now be used to fund the purchase/lease of a vehicle.

**Carried 9/0  
Resolution 200/01**

## **8.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **8.2.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

#### ***Johnstone/Earnshaw***

That Municipal Fund cheques 100614-100623 totalling \$67,519.98 approved for payment by the Chief Executive Officer be endorsed and the Municipal Fund cheques 100624-100685 totalling \$91,739.10 be approved for payment.

**Carried 9/0  
Resolution 201/07**

### **8.2.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### ***Cavanagh/Earnshaw***

That the financial statements presented for the period ending 31 March 2007 be received.

**Carried 9/0  
Resolution 202/07**

## **8.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER / BUILDING SURVEYOR'S REPORT**

### **Building Permits**

#188 N Higgins & N Kett Lot 10 Frewer Place, Williams Zinc carport

Building inspections ongoing.

### **Food Premises Inspections**

The Perfect Stop Café:  
Almost completed the upgrade.

### **Environmental Health Inspections**

Millbrook:  
Upgrades almost completed.

### **Other**

Local complaint concerning number of vehicles on premises:  
Liaised with residents – dispute resolved in pending.

**Steve Friend  
Environmental Health Officer / Building Surveyor  
10<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

***G Cowcher/Stone***

That the Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor's Report be received.

**Carried 9/0  
Resolution 203/07**

## **8.5 COUNCILLORS**

### **8.5.1 Art Acquisition Committee**

Cr Prowse reported that the Art Acquisition committee met recently and decided to purchase two (2) artworks by long term resident Mary Nunn in recognition of her contribution to the Williams community. The committee's main aim is to raise funds to establish a suitable sculpture at the Williams Community Resource Centre. The committee plans to meet and review artworks both hanging and in storage and determine the future of all artworks that Council owns.

## **9.0 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

## **10.0 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING**

### **10.1 ELECTED MEMBERS**

Nil

### **10.2 STAFF**

Nil

## **11.0 INFORMATION SESSION**

Cr G Cowcher queried the CEO in regards to the proposed Landcorp development and how it is progressing. No further correspondence has been received from Landcorp at this stage.

Cr Stone queried the status of the negotiations in regards to the Communications Tower on Bates Road. The Department of Planning and Infrastructure are progressing the resumption on behalf of the Shire.

Cr Prowse advised Council that the Williams Lions Club will be hosting an Anzac Day Service in front of the Shire offices at 8am on Wednesday 25 April 2007. All invited to attend. Council is sponsoring the morning tea to be provided.

Cr Johnstone reported that he will be taking delivery of the mobile standpipe on behalf of the Shire Bush Fire Brigades.

Cr G Cowcher reported that the new barbeque installed at the Pavillion needs to be looked at due to potential danger to small children.

## **12.0 MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business for discussion the President declared the meeting closed at 5:15pm