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Council Minutes

Shire of Pingelly

Special Council Meeting

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Risk Framework

Consequence Rating

Impact	Health	Financial	Service Interruption	Compliance	Reputational	Property	Environment
Insignificant	Negligible injuries	Less than \$2,000	No material service interruption	No noticeable regulatory / statutory impact	Low impact, single complaint, low profile or 'no news' item	Inconsequential or no damage	Contained, reversible impact managed on site response
Minor	First aid injuries	\$2,001 - \$10,000	Short term temporary interruption – backlog cleared < 1 day	Some temporary non-compliance	Low impact, a small number of complaints	Localised damage rectified by routine internal procedures	Contained, reversible impact managed by internal response
Moderate	Medical type injuries <5 days	\$10,001 - \$50,000	Medium term temporary interruption – backlog cleared by additional resources < 1 week	Short term non-compliance but with significant regulatory requirements imposed	Public embarrassment, moderate impact, low or moderate news profile	Localised damage requiring external resources to rectify	Contained, reversible impact managed by external agencies
Major	Lost time injury >5 days	\$50,001 - \$200,000	Prolonged interruption of services – additional resources; performance affected < 1 month	Non-compliance results in termination of services or imposed penalties	Public embarrassment, high impact, high news profile, third party actions	Significant damage requiring internal & external resources to rectify	Uncontained, reversible impact managed by a coordinated response from external agencies
Catastrophic	Fatality, permanent disability	More than \$200,000	Indeterminate prolonged interruption – non-performance > 1 month	Non-compliance results in litigation, criminal charges or significant damages	Public embarrassment, very high multiple impacts, high widespread multiple news profile, third party actions	Extensive damage requiring prolonged period of restitution. Complete loss of property	Uncontained, irreversible impact

Likelihood Rating

	Description
Almost Certain	The event is expected to occur in most circumstances > once per year > 90% chance of occurring
Likely	The event will probably occur in most circumstances At least once per year 60% - 90% chance of occurring
Possible	The event should occur at some time At least once in 3 years 40% - 60% chance of occurring
Unlikely	The event could occur at some time At least once in 3 years 10% - 40% chance of occurring
Rare	The event may only occur in exceptional circumstances Less than once in 15 years < 10% chance of occurring

Risk Matrix

Consequence Likelihood	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Almost Certain	M (5)	H (10)	H (15)	E (20)	E (25)
Likely	L (4)	M (8)	H (12)	H (16)	E (20)
Possible	L (3)	M (6)	M (9)	H (12)	H (15)
Unlikely	L (2)	L (4)	M (6)	M (8)	H (10)
Rare	L (1)	L (2)	L (4)	L (4)	M (5)

Risk Acceptance Criteria

	Description	Criteria	Responsibility
Low (L)	Acceptable	Acceptable with adequate controls, managed by routine procedures and subject to annual monitoring	Staff Member
Moderate (M)	Monitor	Acceptable with adequate controls, managed by specific procedures, subject to semi-annual monitoring	Senior Manager
High (H)	Urgent action	Acceptable with effective controls, managed by senior management, subject to monthly monitoring	Senior Manager
Extreme (E)	Unacceptable	Only acceptable with excellent controls and all treatment plans to be explored and implemented where possible, managed by the CEO and subject to continuous monitoring	CEO

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 6.10pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Willman Noongar people of this area and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Please turn your mobile phones to silent, any calls are to be taken outside of the Chambers.
Thank you.

P.N has resigned. Media statement to follow

4. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members Present

Cr J McBurney	President
Cr P Wood	Deputy President
Cr B Hotham	
Cr K Singh	
Cr A Trethewey	

Staff in Attendance

Mr A Dover	Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Hudson	Executive Manager Works
Ms Z Macdonald	Executive Manager Customer Services
Mrs S Nyssen	Governance and Executive Officer

Apologies

Cr C Cheney

Public Members

Leona Ebsworth
Lee Steel
Helen Dennerley
Evan Hodges
Jacob Sounness
Sheree Blechynden
Adrian Fairhead
E. Smith
Merv Beard
Robert Howell
Karen Howell

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Please see Public Question Time Information on page 3.

President welcomes Ms Lee Steel to the podium.

Q1: I commend the shire on looking at the upkeep of the oval. However, I am concerned about the garden around the PRACC. I am asking Council to consider extending the use of the water to include the continued upkeep of the current garden beds around the PRACC.

Shire president asks the Executive Manager Works to answer to question.

EMW R:

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

8. OFFICER'S REPORTS

8.1 Town Oval Back-up Water Supply

File Reference:	ADM0040
Location:	Town Oval
Applicant:	Not Applicable
Author:	Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil
Previous Reference:	Nil

Summary

Council is requested to consider the installation of a water connection and metre at the town oval to provide a potable water back up system to maintain the oval to a standard that meets community expectations.

Background

The town oval is used for AFL, hockey, cricket as well as a variety of other recreational uses. These sports are significant part of our vibrant community. As such, it is an important piece of infrastructure for our community. In addition, the town oval has hosted a WAFL game attended by many visitors and locals. It is the Shire's ambition that future WAFL games are hosted at the town oval.

The PRACC Oval irrigation system is essential for maintaining healthy and vibrant grass. One of the primary weather factors influencing this system is rainfall, but other elements such as temperature, wind, humidity and evaporation also play crucial roles in its efficiency and water consumption.

The oval's water supply comes from two main sources: recycled water from the sewage system and rainwater collected during precipitation events. However, the irrigation water sourced from the dam carries fine sediments that lead to soil surface sealing, resulting in hydrophobic (water-repellent) soils that hinder water infiltration. These sediments can also impair sprinkler performance, leading to costly maintenance and replacement requirements.

During the summer months, Pingelly experiences significant water loss due to evaporation—approximately 1359 mm from November to March and around 2004 mm annually—while rain events are often insufficient to replenish the dam. Without an additional water supply, the rising sediment levels in the water will further escalate maintenance costs and compromise grass quality.

Comment

Given the importance of the oval to the community, it is proposed to install a water connection and metre to provide a potable water back up system to maintain the oval to a standard that meets community expectations. This back up will provide a safety net in the event that the other sources of water are not sufficient. In addition, the potable water will flush out both the irrigation systems and the soils reducing maintenance and improving water infiltration in the soils.

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications

The capital cost of this work has been quoted by Water Corporation as \$22,000. In addition, there is an annual connection charge.

Water use is also in addition not these costs. Water currently costs \$2.939/m³. Weekly, 602.25 m³ of water is required (including 10% loss allowance) to irrigate the 2.19 ha at 25 mm of water per week. This is a weekly cost of \$1,770. It would be highly unusual if for more than 6 weeks of potable water was required at a cost of \$10,620.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Risk Implications

Risk:	Risk of not providing sufficient water for the oval in dry years causing complaints and property damage		
Consequence Theme:	Reputational, Property	Impact:	Minor
Consequence:	Low impact, small number of complaints. Localised damage rectified by routine internal procedures		
Likelihood Rating:	Possible	Risk Matrix:	Moderate (6)
Action Plan:	Develop a back up plan for watering the town oval, regardless of drought conditions.		

13516 Cr Bryan Hotham moved, Cr Peter Wood seconded

Voting Requirements:

Absolute Majority

Recommendation and Council Decision:

That Council approves the following expenditure:

- \$22,000 in capital funding for the installation of a water connection and metre to supply back up water to irrigate the town oval;**
- \$11,000 in operational funding to purchase potable water to irrigate the town oval;**

and that this expenditure is to be allocated appropriately in the mid-year budget review.

Carried Unanimously 5 votes to 0

For:	President Jackie McBurney, Deputy President Peter Wood, Cr Bryan Hotham, Cr K Singh and Cr Angela Trethewey
Against:	

9. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 06.24pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the
Ordinary Council Meeting held on

Signed.....
Presiding Person at the meeting at which the minutes were
confirmed.