



COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF MURGON

Minutes of the General Meeting

Held on Wednesday 21st March 2007

Meeting held in the Council Chambers
42 Stephens Street West
Murgon

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COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF MURGON
GENERAL MEETING
21st MARCH 2007
MINUTES

GUESTS

Mr Peter Allcock and his family were in attendance for an Australian Citizenship Ceremony to be carried out at 9:00 am.

OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8:58 am

ATTENDANCE***Councillors***

PW Angel, Mayor
RJ Dennis, Deputy Mayor
RJ Eisenmenger
CL Hatchett
GL Burgess
BD Mobbs
RQ O'Neill

Officers

Chief Executive Officer, Peter Hackshaw
Manager Corporate and Financial Services, Andrew McKenzie
Manager Works and Services, Steve Turner
Manager Community Services, Gavin Crawford
Relief Officer, Dan Phillips

PRAYERS

On behalf of the Ministers Fraternal, Father Dan Redhead from the Murgon Catholic Church gave the day's Bible reading and lead the Council in prayer.

MINUTES SILENCE

The meeting observed a minute's silence in respect of the passing of shire citizen, Madeline Mona Rice.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7774 **Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Burgess: *THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 23rd February 2007 and the minutes of the General Meeting held on the 21st February as circulated, be confirmed.***
CARRIED

1. GOVERNANCE, CONTROLLED ENTITIES, ENTERPRISES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Cr PW Angel)

1.1 Officer's Report

1.1.1 Elected Member Update (AD 14/5)

Name of Applicant:	LGAQ
Location/Address:	25 Evelyn Street, Newstead
Author and Officer's Title:	Andrew McKenzie, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Executive Summary: The Local Government Association of Queensland has advised that their annual Elected Member Update 2007 being a one-day program has been scheduled for our region at Kingaroy on Tuesday 5 th June 2007.	

MCS left the meeting at 9:17 am

MCS returned to the meeting at 9:18 am

7775 Moved Cr Dennis seconded Cr Burgess: *THAT Councillor Angel and the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to attend the LGAQ's Elected Member Update 2007 to be held in Kingaroy on Tuesday 5th June 2007.*
CARRIED

1.1.2 Appointment of Peter Hackshaw to the Castra Board (AD 11/3)

Author and Officer's Title:	Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services
Executive Summary: With the resignation of former CEO, Scott Greensill, a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors for Castra Retirement Home Ltd for both a Director and Company Secretary. In discussions with the incoming CEO, Mr Peter Hackshaw, he has indicated a willingness to assume the position of Director / Company Secretary. According to the Constitution of Castra Retirement Home Ltd, Council must appoint persons to the Board of Directors.	

7776 Moved Cr O'Neill seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT in accordance with the Constitution of Castra Retirement Home Ltd, Council appoint Mr Peter Hackshaw to the Board of Directors as a Director and Company Secretary.*
CARRIED

1.2 Items for Consideration

The Mayor declared a Material Personal Interest vacated the chair and left the Chambers at 9:21 am, whereupon Deputy Mayor, Raelene Dennis assumed the chair.

1.2.1 Sale of Land – Public Auction 31 March 2007 (LA 9/1) + Assessments

Author and Officer's Title:	Peter Angel, Mayor of Murgon
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Executive Summary:	I intend to bid for one of the parcels of land deemed surplus to council's requirements and up for public auction on Saturday 31 st March 2007 at 10:00 am, and as such, I feel I need to remove myself from the process.
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7777 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Hatchett: *THAT resolution 7706 be amended to read Cr R O'Neill in lieu of the Mayor in dealing with all matters pertaining to the forthcoming auction.*

CARRIED

The Deputy Mayor vacated the chair, and the Mayor returned to the meeting at 9:28 am

1.3 Items for Information

- 1.3.1 Castra Retirement Home (AD 11/3)
- 1.3.2 Dr Scott Prasser – Behave or Else (LS 2/1)
- 1.3.3 WBBROC (LS 2/3)
- 1.3.4 Size Shape and Sustainability – Timelines for 2007 (AD 5/1)
- 1.3.5 Size Shape and Sustainability – Rob Carter (AD 5/1)

9.33 am

7778 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Dennis: *THAT Council move into Committee to discuss other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage pursuant to s.463(1)(h) of the Local Government Act.*

CARRIED

- 1.3.6 Sale of Murgon Medical Centre and Library (LA 13/2) (LA 9/1)
(Ass 611/5)
Letter from King and Company providing advice on the sale of the Murgon Medical Centre and Library.

7779 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT Council move out of closed meeting.*

CARRIED

10:14 am

7780 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT a special meeting be called on Tuesday 27th March 2007*

Purpose

To consider:

1. *the future of the Medical Centre / Library;*
2. *to define Council's core business in relation to its 9 monthly review and budgetary planning for 2007/08, to commence preparation of the 2007/08 budget in response to the QTC Financial Sustainability Report.*

CARRIED

1.3.7 Kevin Mahoney (AD 12/2)

1.3.8 Summary of Circulars and News Releases (LS 2/5)

1.3.9 2007 Queensland Greats Awards (CS 1/3)

1.3.10 Qld Councils could be forced to Amalgamate (AD 5/1)

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for morning tea at 10:22 am

The meeting reconvened at 10:43 am

2. ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES & FINANCE (Cr BD Mobbs)

2.1 Officer's Report

2.1.1 Manager Corporate & Financial Services Report ()

The Manager Corporate & Financial Services presented a report to Council on the financials, rate levy, rate arrears, Friends of Murgon, and the Castra Retirement Home.

2.2 Items for Consideration

2.2.1 Queensland 150th Legacy Infrastructure Program (AF 8/10 (LA 3/2))

Author and Officer's Title:	Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services
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Executive Summary: Council resolved at its February Meeting to contact the Premier seeking his consideration to fund to the same level a smaller project at the Dairy Museum under the Q150 LIP.

7781 Moved Cr Mobbs seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council thank the Premier for the grant under the Q150 LIP, but decline the offer as it is insufficient for the project to proceed.*

CARRIED

2.2.2 Application for Term Lease No. 215331 (Ass 1136/-)

Name of Applicant:	Douglas G & Sandra J Farrowell
Location/Address:	Lot 1 on Administrative Plan 2769 (Section of Piggery Road adjoining Lot 148 on FY268
Author and Officer's Title:	Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services

Executive Summary: Letter dated 20th February 2007 from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines advising that following Douglas G & Sandra J Farrowell's purchase of Lot 148/FY268 from Jambili Pastoral Company, Farrowell has made application for a Permit to Occupy as was previously held under Permit to Occupy 215331 in the name of Jambili Pastoral Company.

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Moved Cr Mobbs seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT Council offer no objection to the grant of a Permit to Occupy over the section of Piggery Road that was previously held under Permit to Occupy 215331 (being Lot 1 on Administrative Plan 2769, Parish of Barambah).*

CARRIED**2.2.3 Sale of Land for Arrears of Rates (AF 13/4) + Assessment Files**

Author and Officer's Title:	Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services
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Executive Summary: Following the closing of the discount period on 23rd February 2007, the rate assessments on the attached schedule are now more than 3 years in arrears, thus becoming eligible for Council to initiate sale proceedings in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

MCS left the meeting at 11:00 am

MCS returned to the meeting at 11:01 am

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Moved Cr Mobbs seconded Cr Burgess: *THAT*

- 1. Pursuant with Division 3, Part 7 Chapter 14 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council resolve to commence sale proceedings for arrears of rates for the properties on the attached schedule;***
- 2. Council set the reserve price at the higher of outstanding rates, or the unimproved capital value of the land; and***
- 3. Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to carry out the sale for arrears of rates actions.***

CARRIED

2.2.4 Letterhead for Murgon Shire Council (AD 19/1)

Author and Officer's Title:	Peter Hackshaw, Chief Executive Officer
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Executive Summary:	It has been brought to my attention that a decision has to be made regarding the acceptable style and page colour for Council's correspondence.
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7784 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT Council agree not to change the design of the Murgon Shire Council letterhead, and to use basic white paper for all correspondence, rather than shades of other colours.*

CARRIED

2.3 Items for Information

- 2.3.1 Gambling Community Benefit Fund's Annual Allocations Report 2005/06
- 2.3.2 Local Government Playing it Straight on Workplace Challenge (PE 2/3)
- 2.3.3 Murgon Shire Police Community Liaison Committee (CS 7/12)

3. HEALTH, BUILDING, HOUSING & PLANNING (Cr RQ O'Neill)

3.1 Officer's Report

- 3.1.1 Nil

3.2 Items for Consideration

- 3.2.1 Nil

3.3 Items for Information

- 3.3.1 Building Statistics (BU 1/9)
- 3.3.2 News Release - Developers Lining up for Bigger Public Handouts (LS 2/1)
- 3.3.3 Go for 2&5 (HA 2/1)

4. TOURISM, COMMUNITY SUPPORT & CULTURE (Cr CL Hatchett)

4.1 Officer's Report

- 4.1.1 Nil

4.2 Items for Consideration

4.2.1 Nil

4.3 *Items for Information*

- 4.3.1 Library Report - February 2007 (LI 1 /2)
- 4.3.2 Visitor Information Centre Report (TO 5 /2)
- 4.3.3 Compliance with BCA Requirements in Heritage Listed Buildings (AR 4/1)
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- 4.3.9 Queensland Arts Council (AR 1/1)
- 4.3.10 2007 Queensland Youth Mental Health Summit (CS 7/18) (HA 2/3)
- 4.3.11 Disability Services (CS 7/16)

5. WORKS, PLANT & RURAL SERVICES (Cr GL Burgess)

5.1 *Officer's Report*

- 5.1.1 **Manager Works and Services Report (WO 4/1)**
The Manager Works and Services presented a report to Council on items under his section of Council.

5.1.2 **Murgon Shire Pest Management Plan (RU 1/1)**

Author and Officer's Title:	Gavin Crawford, Manager Community Services
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Executive Summary:	Early in 2006 the Murgon Shire Council Pest Management Plan was sent to the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Water for Ministerial endorsement.
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	The Minister advised that in accordance with s30 of the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002, the Plan will receive Ministerial endorsement subject to the inclusion of some minor amendments recommended by the Panel.
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7785 Moved Cr Burgess seconded Cr Dennis: ***THAT Council endorse the actions of the Pest Management Committee in amending the Murgon Shire Pest Management Plan to comply with the Minister's requests, and that a letter be sent to the Minister advising of the amendments.***

CARRIED

5.2 *Items for Consideration*

5.2.1 2007 Saleyards Conference (SA 1/5)

Name of Applicant:	R Brittain, CEO Roma Bungil Saleyards (Host Saleyards)
Author and Officer's Title:	Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services

Executive Summary: Letter dated 27th February 2007 advising that the Roma – Bungil Saleyards is hosting the 2007 Saleyards' Association of Queensland Conference in Roma on 22nd & 23rd May 2007.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in conjunction with the Conference. Nominations for executive positions on the Association are currently being called.

7786 **Moved Cr Burgess seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Mr Earl Pratt be authorised to represent Council at the 2007 Saleyards Conference in Roma on the 22nd & 23rd May 2007, and that only the registration fee be paid by Council.***

CARRIED

7787 **Moved Cr Burgess seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council formally nominate Mr Earl Pratt for an executive position on the Saleyards Association of Queensland.***

CARRIED

5.2.2 Disposal of Land – Sommerville Street (1128/-) (LA 9/1)

Author and Officer's Title:	Dan Phillips, acting Manager Corporate & Financial Services
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Executive Summary: Industrial land located in Sommerville Street, Murgon described as Lots 1 – 4 on SP183100 is currently approved for Expressions of Interest to be called subject to suitable presentation, this will allow sale of the allotments at public auction.

7788 **Moved Cr Burgess seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT the land described as Lots 1 – 4 on SP183100***

1. *be subject of a special report from Council's Manager of Works and Services on cost estimates to allow infrastructure for the necessary services to be provided; and*
2. *this matter be referred to the 2007/08 budget deliberations.*

CARRIED

5.2.3 Local Speed Zone (RA 8/4) (RA 5/3)

Name of Applicant:	Department of Main Roads
Location/Address:	PO Box 645, Toowoomba Qld 4350
Author and Officer's Title:	Peter Hackshaw, Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary: Representatives from Main Roads recently visited Council and during discussions, the speed limit on the Bunya Highway in the vicinity of the Meat Works was raised.

MCS left the meeting at 11:33 am

MCS returned to the meeting at 11:34 am

7789 Moved Cr Burgess seconded Cr Dennis: *THAT the Manager Works and Services reassess the speed limit on the Bunya Highway at Murgon, and if necessary, make recommendation to Council for a proposed change.*
CARRIED

5.3 Items for Information

5.3.1 \$5B Federal Funds needed for Roads, Water Infrastructure (RA 1/1)

5.3.2 National Saleyards Quality Assurance (NSQA) (SA 1/5)

5.3.3 WBB Regional Road Group (RA 1/1)

6. SPORT, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT (Cr RJ Eisenmenger)**6.1 Officer's Report****6.1.1 Swimming Pool Entry Fees – 2007/08 (SR 5/1) (AF 16/2)**

Author and Officer's Title:	Gavin Crawford, Manager Community Services
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Executive Summary: Council is in the process of calling for a Management Agreement for the Murgon Jubilee Swimming Pool 2007/08 Season.

As part of the draft agreement, the successful candidates would receive all gate takings and season pass payments. Therefore, Council needs to resolve its swimming pool entry fees for 2007/08 to allow prospective applicants to assess the financial viability of the agreement.

7790 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Burgess : *THAT Council adopt the following fees and charges for the Murgon Jubilee Swimming Pool for the 2007/08 season.*

<i>Adult</i>	<i>\$ 3.00</i>
<i>Adult – Supervisor only</i>	<i>\$ 1.50</i>
<i>Child (any age < 18 years swimming)</i>	<i>\$ 2.00</i>
<i>Child (non swimming < 3 years)</i>	<i>\$ 0.50</i>
<i>School Groups</i>	<i>\$ 2.00</i>
<i>Season pass – child</i>	<i>\$ 95.00</i>
<i>Season pass – adult</i>	<i>\$ 130.00</i>
<i>Season pass - family</i>	<i>\$ 250.00</i>

CARRIED

6.2 Items for Consideration

6.2.1 Nil

6.3 Items for Information

6.3.1 Energy Consumer Protection Office Performance Report 2005 / 06 (PL 1/1)

6.3.2 Changed safety conditions for BP Dam (IE 5/10)

Cr O'Neill declared a Material Personal Interest and left the meeting at 11:48 am

6.3.3 Murgon Pastoral, Agricultural & Horticultural Society (EC 1/7) (SR 6/1)
Letter from Carol Watters, Secretary of the MPA&H Society in response to Council's letter of 21 February 2007.

7791 Moved Cr Hatchett seconded Cr Mobbs: *THAT Council organise the formation of a committee of representatives of the various user groups of the Murgon Show Grounds with a view to forming a Management Plan for the Murgon Show Grounds, and that Council be represented by Cr Eisenmenger, Chief Executive Officer, Manager Community Services and the Manager Works and Services.*

CARRIED

Cr O'Neill returned to the meeting at noon.

6.3.4 Murgon Swim Centre (SR 5/2)

6.3.5 Queensland Volleyball State Championship Tournament (SR 6/1)
(SC 2/2)

7. WATER, WASTE MANAGEMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES (Cr RJ Dennis)
7.1 Officer's Report

7.1.1 Location of Moffatdale Volunteer Fire Brigade ()

Author and Officer's Title:	Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services
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<p>Executive Summary: Since QFRS' presentation to Council some months ago concerning the establishment of Volunteer Rural Fire Brigades throughout the Shire, the Mayor and CEO / ACEO have been in discussions about the potential location of the volunteer brigades. To date the locations for the Tablelands and Cloyna Brigades have been identified, and negotiations are underway to confer tenure to QFRS. On Thursday 8th March 2007, an inspection of Yallakool Tourist Park occurred, and a possible site was found. Council now needs to ratify the proposal to sub-lease the identified area to QFRS.</p>
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7792 Moved Cr Dennis seconded Cr Burgess: **THAT Council: -**

1. **Confirm the Mayor's and A/CEO's proposal to sub-lease an area of land (as shown on the attached map), to QFRS for the establishment of a Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade, subject to QFRS meeting all costs associated with the survey, lease preparation and registration.**
2. **Delegate authority to the Mayor and CEO to finalise arrangements with QFRS to lease the subject area.**

CARRIED

7.1.2 Natural Disaster Management Committee (ES 1 /2)

Name of Applicant:	David Carmichael, NDM Coordinator
Location/Address:	42 Stephens Street, Murgon
Author and Officer's Title:	NDM Coordinator, David Carmichael

<p>Executive Summary: A meeting was held on Thursday 8th March 2007 with the Natural Disaster Management Committee and Consultant, David Sargent.</p>

7793 Moved Cr Dennis seconded Cr Burgess: **THAT Council endorse the actions of the Natural Disaster Management Committee.**

CARRIED

**The Mayor adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:15 pm
The meeting reconvened at 12:56 pm**

7.1.3 Report on Sewage Effluent Recycling (IE 3/1) (Ass 1144/-) (175/-) (PL 4/4)

Author and Officer's Title: Steve Turner, Manager of Works and Services

Executive Summary Murgon Shire Council currently holds an Environmental Authority no CM0017, which permits discharge of sewage effluent into Murgon Creek, provided it meets the guidelines set out in the authority.

Council has been recycling partly treated effluent to Ms Rodgers and the Murgon Golf Club in the past; this practice contravenes Environment Protection Agency guidelines and they are now insistent that the effluent is treated to the required standard.

MCS left the meeting at 1:17 pm

MCS returned to the meeting at 1:20 pm

Moved Cr Hatchett seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT Council consider a full cost recovery option.*

Amendment to the MOTION

7794 Moved Cr Dennis seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT the matter lay on the table to be discussed at the Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday 27rd March 2007, in conjunction with the QTC Report.*

CARRIED

Amendment becomes the MOTION

CARRIED

7.2 Items for Consideration

7.2.1 Cardboard and Paper Recycling Bulk Bins (IE 2/3)

Name of Applicant: JJ Richards / Murgon Shire Council
Author and Officer's Title: Gavin Crawford, Manager Community Services

Executive Summary: A copy of the formal response to JJ Richards from Council with respect to changes to recycling bins.

7795 Moved Cr Dennis seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT the Acting Chief Executive Officers actions be endorsed.*

CARRIED

7.3 Items for Information

7.3.1 Emergency (ES 3/6)

7.3.2 Sewage Waste Water – YB Rodgers (1144/- IE 3/1 PL 4/4)

CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1:32 pm

Peter Angel
Mayor

Schedule 1.
Land three (3) or more years in Arrears.

Ass	Ratepayer	Property Address	Years in Arrears	Balance as at 1st March 2007 (Including Interest)
5/-	The Cloyna Tennis Club	49 Cloyna Road West, Cloyna	5+ years	\$1436.09
413/-	Melody J PRATT	50 Perkins Street, Murgon	3 years	\$5650.85
599/-	Melody J PRATT	13 Stephens Street East, Murgon	3 years	\$4850.79
634/-	Melody J PRATT	72 Stephens Street West, Murgon	3 years	\$5448.58
1277/ -	Gordon J & Myrtle M STIMPSON	610 Friebergs Road, Warnung	3 years	\$4023.69
			Total	\$21410.00