



COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF MURGON

Minutes of the General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 17th April, 2007

Meeting held in the Council Chambers
42 Stephens Street West
Murgon

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COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF MURGON**GENERAL MEETING**Tuesday 17th April 2007

MINUTES

OPENING OF MEETING

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

Mayor Angel advised that Cr Dennis was delayed and would arrive shortly.

Officers

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

PRAYERS

On behalf of the Ministers Fraternal, Mr Peter Coombes of the Murgon Uniting Church gave the day's Bible reading and lead the Council in prayer.

MINUTES SILENCE

The Mayor asked those present observe a minute's silence for the passing of Shire citizens: Clara Jane Michel aged 86 years; and Blanche Pearen aged 91 years and Edna Goschnick.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**7805**

Moved Cr O'Neill seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT the minutes of the General Meeting held on the 21st March 2007, and Special Meetings held on 22nd & 27th March 2007 as circulated, be confirmed.*

CARRIED

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

1.1 Officer's Report**1.1.1 Resignations (Staff)**

The Chief Executive Officer provided a verbal report to council with respect of the resignations of Mr Mark Peddle, Mrs Rosemary Braithwaite, Mr Gavin Crawford, and Ms Vicki McClintock.

7806 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT Council endorse the responses to the various staff resignations as proposed by the Chief Executive Officer.*

CARRIED

1.2 Items for Consideration**1.2.1 Castra Board (AD 11/3)**

Author and Officer's Title:	Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services
Executive Summary: Expressions of Interest were called in January 2007 to fill the vacancy on the Castra Retirement Home Pty Ltd's Board of Directors left by the resignation of Mr Stuart Pledger. Following two months, two expressions of interest have been received.	

7807 Moved Cr Hatchett seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT this matter be deferred pending the outcome of current reviews regarding Castra Retirement Home.*

CARRIED

Cr Dennis entered the meeting at 9:39 am

1.3 Items for Information

- 1.3.1** Castra Retirement Home (AD 11/3)
- 1.3.2** Celebrate ()
- 1.3.3** BIEDO – Regional Business Program (EC 4/3)
- 1.3.4** 2007 National Awards for Local Government (GO 4/1)
- 1.3.5** WBBROC – Regional Plan Changes (LS 2/3)
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- 1.3.7** Australian Citizenship – Peter Allcock (AD 7/1)
- 1.3.8** DLGP, S&R (LG 1)

- 1.3.9 **Murgon Pastoral, Agricultural & Horticultural Society (EC 1/8)**
- 1.3.10 **NAB Volunteer Awards 2007 (RO 5/1)**
- 1.3.11 **2007 & Beyond ()**
- 1.3.13 **Summary of Circulars of News Releases (LS 2/1)**

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 the Financial Reports for year to date to 31 March 2007 to Council.

2.1.2 9 Month Budget Review (AF 2/1)

Author and Officer's Title:	Vicki McClintock, Accountant
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<p>Executive Summary: A nine (9) month Budget Review has been performed. Minor changes have been made in line with those areas discussed by Council in the Special Meeting of 27 March 2007.</p>

7808 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Burgess : *THAT Council receive the nine (9) month budget review as presented.*

CARRIED

2.1.3 Skilling Queenslanders for Work Program ()

Name of Applicant:	Local Government Association of Queensland
Author and Officer's Title:	Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services

<p>Executive Summary: Letter dated 3rd April 2007 advising of recent changes to the Breaking the Unemployment Program (now re-branded to <i>Skilling Queenslanders for Work</i>) and calling for bids for traineeships / apprenticeships in 2007/08.</p>
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7809 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT Council decline the offer by LGAQ / Department of Employment and Industrial Affairs to bid for funded traineeships or apprenticeships in the 2007/08 intake of the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program.*

CARRIED

2.2 Items for Consideration**2.2.1 Request for Prize – Goomeri Pumpkin Festival (AF 5/1)**

Name of Applicant:	Kim Knight, Secretary, Goomeri Pumpkin Festival Committee
Location/Address:	MS 652, Goomeri Qld 4601
Author and Officer's Title:	Peter Hackshaw, Chief Executive Officer
Executive Summary:	A letter has been received from the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival Committee requesting the support of Council by sponsoring the 2007 Pumpkin Festival.

7810 Moved Cr Mobbs seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council agree to provide a prize to the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival Committee of two (2) nights accommodation at Yallakool Tourist Park in the cabins to the value of \$70.00 per night for the 2007 Pumpkin Festival.*

CARRIED

2.3 Items for Information**2.3.1 Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund (AF 5/1)****2.3.2 Local Government Grant and Subsidy Programs (WO 1/1)**

*The Mayor adjourned the meeting for morning tea at 10:22 am
The Meeting reconvened at 10:50 am*

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 Health of Queenslanders 2006 (HA 1/1)**

- 3.3.2 **Building News (BU 1/ 4)**
- 3.3.3 **Queensland Development Code (BU 1/1) (IE 5/1)**

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 Extension of South Burnett Regional Tourism Development Program (TO 3/3)

Name of Applicant:	Mr J Kersnovski, Chief Executive Officer, Kingaroy Shire Council
Location/Address:	PO Box 336, Kingaroy
Author and Officer's Title:	Peter Hackshaw, Chief Executive Officer
Executive Summary: A letter has been received from Kingaroy Shire Council advising that neighbouring shires had confirmed their willingness to contribute additional funds towards the SB Regional Tourism Development Program.	
Two South Burnett Councils have already indicated that they cannot support the continuation of the program for a 12 month period, however, if the project were to extend for only 6 months, Council's contribution towards the project would be \$ 2,000.00	

7811 Moved Cr Hatchett seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council advise Mr J Kersnovski of Kingaroy Shire Council that Council is not prepared to support the continuation of the program for the 12 month or 6 month period.*

CARRIED

4.2.2 RADF (AR 6/2)

Author and Officer's Title:	Gavin Crawford, Manager Community Services
Executive Summary: A report on the RADF Committee recommendations from their meeting of the 16 April 2007.	

- 7812 **Moved Cr Hatchett seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council endorse the RADF Committee's approval of the following grants:***
1. *Graham House – Skill Development Workshop - \$ 538.00*
 2. *South Burnett Arts Group – Skill Development - \$ 532.40*
 3. *Murgon State High School Instrumental Music Program – Project - \$1050.00*
- CARRIED**

4.3 *Items for Information*

- 4.3.1 **Library Report – March 2007 (LI 1 /2)**
- 4.3.2 **Arts Queensland (AR 1/1)**
- 4.3.3 **Cerebral Palsy News (CS 7/6)**
- 4.3.4 **South Burnett Wine Signage Installation (Murgon Shire In Kind Support) (TO 3/3)**
- 4.3.5 **Reforms to the Native Title System – Issues and Implications (AB 3/1)**
- 4.3.6 **Crime and Misconduct Commission (CS 3/1)**
- 4.3.7 **Great Bunya Drive (TO 3/3)**

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 areas relative to his department.

5.2 *Items for Consideration*

5.2.1 **Pratt Agencies 8th Annual Weaner Sale (SA 4/1) (AF 5/1)**

Name of Applicant:	Paul Pratt, Pratt Agencies
Location/Address:	Lamb Street, Murgon
Author and Officer's Title:	Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services

Executive Summary: Letter dated 12th March 2007, advising that the 8th

Annual Pratt Agencies' Weaner Sale is to be held 2nd to 5th May 2007, and requesting Council consider sponsoring the sale to value of \$500.

Moved Cr Hatchett seconded Cr Dennis: ***THAT Council decline the request to sponsor the 8th Annual Pratt Agencies' Weaner Sale.***

Amendment to the MOTION

7813 ***Moved Cr Burgess seconded Cr Eisenmenger: THAT Council decline the request to sponsor the 8th Annual Pratt Agencies' Weaner Sale but provide a voucher for two (2) nights accommodation at Yallakool Tourist Park to the value of \$70.00.***

CARRIED

The AMENDMENT became the MOTION and was CARRIED

5.2.1. Request to Sell as an Agent at Murgon Saleyards (SA 1 / 2)

Name of Applicant:	Mr Lance Whitaker, Director, Noel Anderson & Co
Location/Address:	22 Edward Street, Biggenden
Author and Officer's Title:	Peter Hackshaw, Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary: A letter has been received from Mr Lance Whitaker, Director of Noel Andersen & Co. seeking authority from Murgon Shire Council to operate as an agent at Murgon Saleyards on cattle sale days.

7814 ***Moved Cr Burgess seconded Cr Dennis: THAT pursuant to Local Law No. 38 (Saleyards), Council grant a permit to Mr Lance Whitaker, Director Noel Anderson & Co. to sell stock by auction, or to consign stock at the Murgon Municipal Saleyards, subject to the following conditions: -***

- 1. Payment of the annual licence fee as set by Council by resolution from year to year;***
- 2. Adherence to the provisions of Local Law No. 38 (Saleyards),***
- 3. Compliance with all directions of Council as to how the saleyards shall be used, including those that may be issued from Council's Saleyard Superintendent from time to time,***
- 4. Development and implementation of a Workplace Health and Safety plan to mitigate your workers and members of the public risk of accident or injury associated with your use of the saleyards.***

CARRIED

5.3 Items for Information

- 5.3.1 New Stock Route Network Management Framework (RU 6/1)
- 5.3.2 National Saleyards Quality Assurance (SA 1/5)
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- 5.3.11 Access to Boat Ramp – BP Dam (TO 4/3)

6. SPORT, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT (Cr RJ Eisenmenger)**6.1 Officer’s Report**

- 6.1.1 Nil

6.2 Items for Consideration

- 6.2.1 Nil

6.3 Items for Information**6.3.1 Prospects Update (PL 5/1)**

Newsletter from the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries covering a number of interesting articles.

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

Matter held over from 21st February Meeting 2007 to be discussed at 21st March 2007 meeting, which was then to be discussed at the Special Meeting. Matter not discussed.

**7.1.1 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.

MCFS left the meeting at 12:17 pm

MCFS returned to the meeting at 12:22 pm

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:30 pm

The meeting reconvened at 1:13 pm

1:22 pm the Mayor and the CEO left the meeting for five minutes and then returned.

7815 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT Council request a contribution from the Murgon Golf Club for the amount of \$4,716.00 p/a, to be adjusted annually in line with CPI increases, for 75% of the recycled sewerage water available for supply, to assist with costs associated with electricity, and testing, and that the maintenance and replacement of any infrastructure used to supply Murgon Golf Club be the responsibility of the Murgon Golf Club commencing 2007/08 financial year.*

CARRIED

7816 Moved Cr Burgess seconded Cr Dennis: *THAT Council advise Mrs YB Rodgers that she be required to pay \$3,816.00 p/a, to be adjusted annually in line with CPI increases, for 25% of the recycled sewerage water available for supply to her property, on the basis of full cost recovery, commencing 2007/08 financial year.*

CARRIED

7.2 Items for Consideration

7.2.1 Nil

7.3 Items for Information**7.3.1 Burnett Mary Regional Group (PL 5/2)****7.3.2 Survey Supports Councils' Maintaining Control of Water (LS 2/1)
(IE 5/1)****7.3.3 Proposed Rural Fire Brigades – Murgon Shire (ES 3/ 4)**

Letter from Queensland Fire and Rescue Service advising that two (2) new vehicles (1 medium attack and 1 light attack) have been reserved, with the intention to provide the vehicles at no cost to two of the three proposed rural fire brigades within Murgon Shire. Should a third vehicle be required, then this vehicle cost will be considered in the next financial year's budget.

7817 Moved Cr Dennis seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council write to the QFRS referring to their letter dated 9th March 2007 and taking issue with the advice that only two (2) new vehicles will be provided, when we were promised three (3).*

CARRIED**7.3.4 Critical Water Supply Arrangement – Barker Barambah Water Supply Scheme (IE 5/10)****7.3.5 Emergency (ES 3/6)****7.3.6 Rural Fires (ES 3/ 4)****Closure**

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1.50 pm

Peter Angel
Mayor