



COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF MURGON

Minutes of the General Meeting

Held on Wednesday 16th May 2007

Meeting held in the Council Chambers
42 Stephens Street West
Murgon

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COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF MURGON**GENERAL MEETING**16th May 2007**MINUTES**

OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:03 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

PRAYERS

On behalf of the Ministers Fraternal, Mr Rod Foster of the Anglican Church gave the day's Bible reading and lead the Council in prayer.

MINUTES SILENCE

The Mayor asked those present to observe a minute's silence for the passing of Shire citizens: Joyce Edna Ruddell aged 84 years, Gregory John Wilson aged 59 years, Charles Edward Heidemann aged 96 years; and Stanley John Krebs.

RECISSION MOTION

As foreshadowed at the Special Meeting of 2nd May 2007, it is proposed to carry an appropriate recission motion overturning Council's decision at the Special Meeting of 27th March 2007, resolution no 7799.

7810 **Moved Cr O'Neill seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT resolution number 7799 of the Special Meeting held on 27th March 2007 which states, "THAT Council close the Murgon Caravan Park" now be rescinded.***

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7811 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr O'Neill : *THAT the minutes of the General Meeting held on the 17th April 2007 and the Special Meeting held on 2nd May 2007 as circulated, be confirmed.*

CARRIED

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

1.1 Officer's Report

7812 Moved Cr Hatchet seconded Cr Burgess: *THAT Council move into closed meeting 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

Cr Dennis entered the meeting at 9:20 am

1.1.1 Castra Retirement Home Pty Ltd (AD 11/3)

SUBJECT HEADING:	Castra Retirement Home Pty Ltd
Author and Officer's Title:	Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services

Executive Summary: Email dated 1st May 2007 from Spiritus attaching the final report on their review of the finances and operation of Castra Retirement Home Pty Ltd. A copy of the Report is attached for Councillors' information.

7813 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Dennis: *THAT Council move out of committee.*

CARRIED

7814 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Hatchett: *THAT the Report be received and the contents noted.*

CARRIED

*The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am for morning tea.
The meeting reconvened at 11:00 am*

The Mayor welcomed Mr Ken Rewald to the meeting and wished him well in his future retirement, today being his last day.

MCFS left the meeting at 11:04 am

1.1.2 Yallakool Tourist Park (TO 4/1) (IE 5/14)

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

Executive Summary: The water supply to Yallakool Tourist Park is fast approaching a point where it is difficult to source water from waterholes along Barambah Creek to supply the Park; the supply is estimated to run out completely in one to two weeks. At the current rate of consumption, it will cost approximately \$7,500 per month to transport water to the park.

MCFS returned to the meeting at 11:07 am

MCFS left the meeting at 11:13 am

MCFS returned to the meeting at 11:18 am

7815 Moved Cr O'Neill seconded Cr Hatchett: *THAT in view of the critical water position and the cost of providing water, that Council approach Sunwater Pty Ltd regarding the possible need to close the Yallakool Tourist Park and all other facilities, and request immediate assistance; and further that the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to liaise with Sunwater Pty Ltd and take whatever other steps are necessary to maintain the facility at a minimum cost.*

CARRIED

1.1.3 Submission to Local Government Reform Commission (AD 5/1)

Author and Officer's Title: Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services

Executive Summary: In response to the Beattie Government's proposed reform of the Queensland Local Government industry, the Local Government Reform Commission has invited submissions on future Local Government boundaries. Submissions must be received by Friday 25th May 2007. A draft submission has been prepared for Council's consideration (attached).

7816 Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Dennis: *That Council endorse the draft submission with proposed changes and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to forward it to the Local Government Reform Commission.*

CARRIED

1.2 Items for Consideration

1.2.1 LGAQ Annual Conference 27th – 30th August 2007 (LS 2/1)

Name of Applicant:	Local Government Association of Qld
Location/Address:	25 Evelyn Street, Newstead
Author and Officer's Title:	Peter Hackshaw, Chief Executive Officer
Executive Summary: The LGAQ each year has an annual conference. This year's conference is to be in the Gold Coast at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre on 27 th – 30 th August 2007.	

- 7817** Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Burgess: *THAT The Mayor and Deputy Mayor, be authorised to attend the LGAQ Annual Conference to be held on the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, from the 27th to 30th August 2007, with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor being Council's delegates and any other Councillor interested in attending be authorised to attend, but meeting their own cost.*
- CARRIED**

1.3 Items for Information

- 1.3.1 Castra Retirement Home (AD 11/3)
- 1.3.2 Local Government Reform Forum (AD 5/1)
- 1.3.3 Bush Blueprint in Tatters as Council's Withdraw (EC 2/1)
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(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 a report to Council on financials, rate arrears and the budget.

2.2 Items for Consideration

2.2.1 Funding Application for 2007 (AF 5/1 (EC 4/2))

Name of Applicant:	Murgon Business & Development Association
Location/Address:	PO Box 166, Murgon Qld 4605
Author and Officer's Title:	Peter Hackshaw, Chief Executive Officer
Executive Summary:	A request has been received from MBDA for funding for projects in 2007.

Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Burgess: *THAT in view of Council's current critical financial situation, and its resolve to take the necessary difficult steps to turn around the crisis, Council is unable to offer any financial support to the Murgon Business & Development Association and advises this regrettable decision to the Association forthwith.*

AMENDMENT to the MOTION

7818 Moved Cr Dennis seconded Cr Mobbs: *THAT in view of Council's current critical financial situation, and its resolve to take the necessary difficult steps to turn around the crisis, Council is unable to offer full financial support as requested, but would offer \$650.00 per month for two (2) full pages in the publication of the Murgon Moments, to the Murgon Business & Development Association, to be reviewed on a monthly basis.*

The AMENDMENT was CARRIED and became the motion

The Motion was PUT to a vote and was *CARRIED*

***The Mayor adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:32 pm
The meeting reconvened at 1:20 pm***

2.2.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report ()

The Chief Executive Officer presented a report to Council on the auction of council property held on Saturday 28th April 2007. Five (5) residential allotments were sold for a gross value of \$226,500.

2.2.3 Waiving Interest and Application of Discounts (56/-) (AF 4/2)

Name of Applicant:	Erwin Thies and Elinor Cunningham
Location/Address:	6 Bond Street, Moffatdale
Author and Officer's Title:	Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services

Executive Summary: An incorrect postal address has resulted in Rate Levies being returned to Council and rates and charges remaining outstanding.

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Moved Cr Mobbs seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council write-off the interest as accrued, being \$28.47, and apply discounts to levies issued as from Supplementary Levy issued 12/04/2006, being total discount of \$72.20.*

CARRIED

2.2.4 Write off Small Debts – Rates Assessments (85/- 299/- 400/- 1241/- AF 13/4

Name of Applicant: N/A
Author and Officer's Title: Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services

Executive Summary: The rates and charges on these assessments have been paid, however, small amounts of interest remain outstanding.

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Moved Cr Mobbs seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT Council write-off the remaining interest outstanding, as follows:*

Assessment	Interest
85/-	\$10.68
400/-	\$22.99
1241/9/-	\$12.09
299/-	\$16.83
530/-	\$7.61
Total Write-Off	\$70.20

CARRIED

2.2.5 Objection to Differential Rating Category (1590/3)

Name of Applicant: BL & PV Markwell
Location/Address: Roses Road, Moffatdale (PTC L11/SP104382:Parish Barambah
Author and Officer's Title: Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services

Executive Summary: Letter dated 23rd March 2007, requesting that Council waive the Minimum General Rate on this property.

7821 **Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Burgess: *THAT Council change the Differential Rate Category from Category 3 – Rural to Category 7 – Rural – Exempt from Minimum.***

CARRIED

2.2.6 **DataWave Internet and Computers (AD 9/2)**

Name of Applicant:	Mr Luke Radunz, Manager, DataWave.
Location/Address:	63 Haly Street, Wondai
Author and Officer's Title:	Andrew McKenzie, Manager Corporate and Financial Services

Executive Summary: Letter received 16th April 2007, advising of DataWave Internet and Computers' plan to develop a Broadband Internet Service in the South Burnett Region, and requesting financial assistance of \$5,000 and access to Boat Mountain and Cobbs Hill telecommunication towers.

7822 **Moved Cr Mobbs seconded Cr O'Neill: *THAT Council advise Mr Radunz that it cannot justify a financial contribution to DataWave Internet and Computers' proposal to develop Broadband Infrastructure in the South Burnett, but offers no objection to them accessing Boat Mountain and Cobbs Hill subject to the owners consent, and subject to landowner's permission and compliance with a duly issued Carriers Licence.***

CARRIED

2.3 **Items for Information**

- 2.3.1 **Auditor General of Queensland (LG 4/1)**
- 2.3.2 **Road and Drainage Grant 2006/07 (AF 8/1) (IE 3/2)**
- 2.3.3 **Sport and Recreation Funding Programs (AF 8/1)**
- 2.3.4 **Q150 Legacy Infrastructure Program (LA 3/2) (AF 8/1)**
- 2.3.5 **Employment Security for Local Government Employees (AD 5/1)**
- 2.3.6 **Councils "Meat in the Sandwich" with IR Reforms**
- 2.3.7 **Skilling Queenslanders for Work (PE 10/1)**

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 Reconfiguration of a Lot – Parkside Estate (Ass 676/16) (LA 7/4) (DA 36/07)

Name of Applicant:	Murgon Shire Council
Location/Address:	Wright Way - McMahon Park, Murgon
Author and Officer's Title:	Gavin Crawford, Manager Community Services
Executive Summary: Report to Council on creating 19 residential allotments in the Parkview Estate in McMahon Park.	

7823 Moved Cr O'Neill seconded Cr Burgess: ***THAT Council approve the reconfiguration of a Lot at McMahon Park as detailed on Development Application No. 36/07 on land described as Lot 37 on RP842815, Parish of Murgon for the creation of nineteen (19) urban allotments.***

CARRIED

3.2.2 Reconfiguration of a Lot – Realignment of a Boundary (DA 33/07) (Ass 296/-)

Name of Applicant:	P Lawson & M Rossi
Location/Address:	C/- PO Box 896, Kingaroy Qld 4610
Author and Officer's Title:	Gavin Crawford, Manager Community Services
Executive Summary: A development application for a reconfiguration of Lot, boundary realignment at 174 Macalister Street, Murgon described as Lot 2 & 3 on RP95121, Parish Murgon has been received from Phil Lawson and Marianna Rossi of Goomeri.	

7824 Moved Cr O'Neill seconded Cr Hatchett: ***THAT having considered the application, Council resolves to approve the application for the Realignment of a Boundary with the following conditions:***

1. ***That the development, the subject of this approval, must generally comply with the facts and circumstances set out in Development Application No. 33/07 and the proposed plan for reconfiguring a Lot, boundary realignment on Lots 2 & 3 on RP95121, Parish of Murgon, located at 174 Macalister Street, Murgon in accordance with the Plan of Proposed Boundary Realignment No. 3380P/1 dated 9 March 2007;***
2. ***That extension to the sewerage mains to the vacant allotment be***

undertaken as per Option A, at a cost of \$5,523.00 with relevant CPI increases.

CARRIED

3.3 *Items for Information*

- 3.3.1 **Funding Update 2007 (AF 8/1)**
- 3.3.2 **Murgon / Wondai - Family Medical Practice (CS 7/8)**
- 3.3.3 **Health Matters (HA 1/1)**
- 3.3.4 **Building Statistics (BU 1/9)**

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 **Rotary Art Festival (CS 7/14) (SR 6/1)**

Name of Applicant:	The Rotary Club of Murgon Inc.
Location/Address:	PO Box 131, Murgon Qld 4605
Author and Officer's Title:	Peter Hackshaw, Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:	A letter has been received from the Rotary Club of Murgon Inc requesting approval to hold the Art Festival at the Pulse in September 2008.
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Moved Cr Hatchett seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council donate the use of The Pulse as sponsorship to the Rotary Club of Murgon for the purposes of undertaking the Rotary Art Show with the following conditions:*

1. ***That the Rotary Art Show be held in the School Holidays commencing end of September 2008; and***
2. ***That The Rotary Club of Murgon liaise with the Manager of the Pulse regarding the use of facilities.***

CARRIED

4.3 *Items for Information*

4.3.1 Library Report (LI 1 /2)

4.3.2 Friends of Murgon ()

Cr Burgess left the meeting at 2:04 pm
Cr Burgess returned to the meeting at 2:05 pm

4.3.3 Haunted Heritage ()

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 projects undertaken since the previous meeting.

MWS left the meeting at 2:37 pm
MWS returned to the meeting at 2:38 pm

7826 Moved Cr Mobbs seconded Cr Burgess: *THAT Council invite expressions of interest for the sale of the undeveloped allotments located in Industrial Area being Lot 1, 2, 3 & 4 on SP183100, in Sommerville Street, as soon as possible.*

CARRIED

5.2 Items for Consideration

5.2.1 Barambah Ministers Association – Request to Erect Satellite Dish (IE 1/9) (173/-)

Name of Applicant:	Barambah Ministers Association
Location/Address:	PO Box 122, Murgon Qld 4605
Author and Officer's Title:	Gavin Crawford, Manager Community Services

Executive Summary: A letter has been received from Glen Vonhoff, Vice President of the Barambah Ministers Association requesting permission to erect a satellite dish on the Water Tower near the Murgon Hospital.

7827 Moved Cr Burgess seconded Cr Eisenmenger: *THAT Council offer no objection to the Barambah Ministers Association engaging the United Christian Broadcasters (UCB) to erect a satellite dish and related equipment on the Murgon Water Supply Tower located near the Murgon*

Hospital with the following conditions:**THAT**

- 1. Barambah Ministers Association and/or the United Christian Broadcasters (UCB) provide a Certificate indemnifying Council against structural damage and personal injury;**
- 2. Barambah Ministers Association provide a copy of the United Christian Broadcasters insurance cover;**
- 3. Fastenings for the fitting of equipment into concrete be stainless steel;**
- 4. Barambah Ministers Association and/or the united Christian Broadcasters (UCB) provide the power outlet for the operation of the equipment at their own cost, with a separate meter to be located outside the tower;**
- 5. A bond of \$200.00 be provided to Council to cover costs should the equipment not be removed by the applicants; and**
- 6. No interference be made to the helicopter light located on the tower, and that the installers liaise with Council's Manager Works and Services prior to installing the dish.**

CARRIED**5.2.2 Murgon Municipal Saleyards (SA)*****The Mayor adjourned the meeting for afternoon tea at 3:14 pm******The meeting resumed at 3:30 pm***

7828 Moved Cr Burgess seconded Cr Eisenmenger: ***THAT the sale process of the Murgon Municipal Saleyards as previously agreed by Council be put on hold for a period of 21 days from the date of notification in which to receive a proposal by a Consortium of Local Agents to operate the Saleyards under a Management / Operational Lease, and if no proposal is forthcoming the Chief Executive Officer continue with Resolution No. 7807 from the General Meeting held on 2nd May 2007.***

CARRIED**5.3 Items for Information**

- 5.3.1 iConnect (RA 5/1)**
- 5.3.2 Infrastructure Association of Queensland ()**
- 5.3.3 322 Paul Holznagel Road (Ass 1244/-) (RA 6/6)**

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 Active Aussies Project (SR 6/1)

6.3.2 Guideline for Activities in a Watercourse, Lake or Spring (PL 1/1)

6.3.3 Rural News ()

6.3.4 Burnett May State of Region Reporting Pilot Project (PL 5/2) (RU 1/1)

6.3.5 Barambah Garden Club (SR 6/1) (SR 2/3)

Cr Dennis declared a material personal interest and left the meeting at 3:44 pm

6.3.6 Murgon Apex Club (CS 7/14) (PA 2/1)

Letter received from the Apex Club of Murgon Inc regarding the damage that occurred to the power cable at the Murgon Showgrounds.

Moved Cr Eisenmenger seconded Cr Burgess: THAT Council write off 50% of the invoice sent to Murgon Apex Club for damage done to underground cabling at the Murgon Show Grounds being \$1,319.20.

AMENDMENT

7829 Moved Cr Mobbs seconded Cr Hatchett: THAT Council write off the total amount of \$2,638.40 being the invoice sent to Murgon Apex Club for damage done to underground cabling at the Murgon Show Grounds, in view of the organization being a service club in the community.

The AMENDMENT was PUT and CARRIED

The AMENDMENT became the MOTION, was PUT to a vote and was CARRIED

Cr Dennis returned to the meeting at 3:55 pm

7. WATER, WASTE MANAGEMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES (Cr RJ Dennis)

7.1 Officer's Report

7.1.1 Nil

7.2 Items for Consideration

7.2.1 Nil

7.3 Items for Information

7.3.1 Emergency (ES 3/6)

7.3.2 Fire Australia (ES 3/ 4)

Closure

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:11 pm

Peter Angel
Mayor