

SHIRE OF LEONORA

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING**



LEONORA
Star of the West

**HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
LEONORA ON TUESDAY,
15th NOVEMBER, 2005**

SHIRE OF LEONORA

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Shire Chambers, Leonora on Tuesday 15th November, 2005 commencing at 9. 30 am.

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VISITORS / FINANCIAL INTEREST DISCLOSURES

- 1.1 Cr Dawes declared the meeting open at 9. 31am
- 1.2 Mr Phillip Wharren and Mr Sam Rice from Minara Resources will attend at 11.00am.
- 1.3 Financial Interests Disclosure – Nil

2.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE (previously approved)

2.1 PRESENT

President	GR Dawes
Deputy President	BSD Taylor
Councillors	NG Johnson
	L Petersen
	TC Demasson
	GR Kemp
	D Grills
Chief Executive Officer	JG Epis
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	JF Rowe

2.2 APOLOGIES Cr PJ Craig and Cr JF Carter

2.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.0 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5.0 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6.0 PETTITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

moved Cr Kemp **seconded** Cr Demasson that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th October, 2005 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION Nil

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (A) ROAD ACQUISITION

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 15th November, 2005

AGENDA REFERENCE: 9.1 (A) NOV05

SUBJECT: Road Acquisition

LOCATION / ADDRESS: Leonora

NAME OF APPLICANT: Not applicable

FILE REFERENCE: Road Dedication – 7.7

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

NAME: James Gregory Epis

OFFICER: Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 24th October, 2005

BACKGROUND

In August, 2005 I did meet with Mr Colin Woolard, Environmental Consultant to St Barbara Mines Limited in regards their mining tenement holding in the region, in particular Miscellaneous Licences for roads.

Since 2001, the Red October and Butcher Well Gold Projects have been on care and maintenance pending further exploration success. It has since been determined by St Barbara Mines that they no longer require a number of good quality haul roads within the Shire.

- Miscellaneous Licence 39/48 – 12.5 kilometres.
Commences on the Leonora-Laverton Shire boundary north of the old Yundamindra townsite and continues south to a point 4 kilometres east of the townsite.
- Miscellaneous Licence 39/49 – 7.5 kilometres.
Commences from the main Yundamindra/Linden Road and continues easterly to the Butchers Well Gold Mine.
- Miscellaneous Licence 39/118 – 5.8 kilometres.
Commences just east of Butchers Well Gold Mine and ends in the south west area of Lake Carey approximately 7 kms north of the abandoned Linden Townsite. Even though the licence ends at Lake Carey the road continues on to the Red October Gold Mine.

Miscellaneous Licence 39/48 is important because it does form part of the road from the Laverton-Leonora Highway (sealed road) to the old Yundamindra and Linden Townsites and to a connecting road to both Laverton and Kalgoorlie.

Miscellaneous Licences 39/49 and 39/118 are not so important however they do provide good access to remote areas for mining companies, prospectors and tourists.

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9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (A) ROAD ACQUISITION (continued)

The surface of the roads are constructed to be a dry weather surface suitable for heavy haulage road trains and plant equipment. The construction consists of

- (a) A cleared road corridor which varies from 12 to 20 metres along the length of the road;
- (b) Formation of a 8m to 16m wide pavement and 2 to 4m shoulder, such that natural landform drainage is not significantly impeded and drainage shadows are not developed down gradient;
- (c) Importation of base material where required, utilising ROM rock and clay from historic stockpiles and local borrows;
- (d) Spreading trimming, profiling, water binding and traffic compacting to produce a suitable running surface;
- (e) Establishment of graded floodways (no culverts) across any small ephemeral drainage lines to minimize impacts from seasonal runoff; and
- (f) Installation of appropriate signage.

St Barbara Mines consider that the roads may be attractive to the Shire of Leonora for the following reasons:

1. The roads will expand the local road network infrastructure and compliment the growing mining and exploration activity in the region. Mining and exploration in the Shire continues to grow, with many mining companies active in exploration in the area.
2. One of the larger attractions for the region is the Golden Quest Discovery Trail, which was launched in March 2003. It is a social and economic development initiative with a tourism focus, providing ongoing benefits to the communities and the Goldfields and Western Australia incorporating a 965km drive trail that traces the gold-rushes of the 1890s and explores their impact. The Trail encompasses the towns of Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie-Boulder in the south, extends north through Menzies and Kookynie to Gwalia and Leonora and east to Laverton. The roads would complement the Discovery Trail in the south providing the opportunity to access the West Lake Carey region, explore little known wildflower localities and visit historic townships such as Linden and Yundamindra.
3. Mining and exploration companies, pastoral stations and aboriginal communities will all benefit by the addition of the roads to the existing public road network. The Shire serves as a vital link and thoroughfare in the northern goldfields, via the Goldfields Highway, which links Kalgoorlie-Boulder to Wiluna and Meekatharra in the north, the Laverton-Leonora road, the Leinster-Sandstone road and via the large unsealed dirt road infrastructure. The Shire is heavily reliant upon its large unsealed dirt road infrastructure, which is required for the sustainability of the pastoral, mining, conservation and tourism industries and for the conveyance of essential goods and emergency services. The roads would be a direct and useful addition to the important existing road network.
4. The roads if converted to public roads would provide alternate routes for people wishing to access the tourism, pastoral and mining locations should other roads and tracks be unavailable due to maintenance requirements or damage from flooding, rain or vehicles.

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9.1 (A) ROAD ACQUISITION (continued)

5. The roads also provide flexibility and promote greater efficiency in traffic and freight management for the mining and pastoral industries beyond the Shire boundary.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

In accordance with Section 56 of the Land Administration Act, Council may request the dedication of land to become a public road reserve. This may involve excision of land from Crown Land or reserves or taking under the Act of leasehold and freehold estates.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Normal annual road maintenance costs would be expected.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- I. Provide additional access to those living in the area.
- II. Reduce travel distances and transport costs.
- III. Provide alternative routes for commuters.
- IV. Increase visitors to and from the region.
- V. Reduce the risk of accidents.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to accept responsibility for roads contained within Miscellaneous License 39/48, 39/49 and 39/118 and that the additions be incorporated into the local government road inventory.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute majority required.

moved Cr Demasson

seconded Cr Grills

That Council resolve to accept responsibility for roads contained within Miscellaneous License 39/48, 39/49 and 39/118 and that the additions be incorporated into the local government road inventory.

CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS
9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
9.1 (B) COMMUNITY GRANTS

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 15th November, 2005

AGENDA REFERENCE: 9.1 (B) NOV05

SUBJECT: Community Grants

LOCATION / ADDRESS: Not Applicable

NAME OF APPLICANT: Not Applicable

FILE REFERENCE: Grants – Leonora/Leinster 11.16

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

NAME: James Gregory Epis

OFFICER: Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 1st November, 2005.

BACKGROUND

In the past, the Shire of Leonora has made an annual financial contribution of \$40,000 directly to the Leinster Sports Association for distribution to community and sporting groups in Leinster to further develop their own projects. During the 2004/2005 financial year Council resolved that the Shire of Leonora would allocate funding to various groups on a needs basis. Furthermore, Council resolved this year to allocate a similar amount of \$40,000.00 to the Leonora Community. The following flyer was distributed within both the Leonora and Leinster Communities during August, 2005.



COMMUNITY GRANTS - LEONORA / LEINSTER

GRANT: Assisting Your Community

PROVIDER: Shire of Leonora

CLOSES: 28th October, 2005

FUNDING POOL: \$40,000.00 - Leinster
\$40,000.00 - Leonora

FUNDING ALLOCATION: Maximum \$10,000 - Minimum \$500.00

PURPOSE: To provide the additional resources often needed by community groups to develop their own projects and find their own ways of getting people to work together for the common goal of promoting and benefiting the whole community.

ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED

- Development Projects
 - Talent identification and development.
 - Developing sport and recreation within the community.
 - Creating school - community links.
 - Skill development clinics.
 - Coaches/ officials courses.

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9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (B) COMMUNITY GRANTS (continued)

- Participation Projects
 - Outdoor and indoor recreation.
 - Community participation events.
 - Annual events at local level.
 - Introduction of new competitions.
- Community Service Groups

WHO CAN APPLY:

To be eligible for funding, organisations must be:

- Not for profit.
- Incorporated.
- Community based.

Community organisations which are not incorporated should approach an incorporated community based organisation to auspice the project.

When applications for funding closed on the 28th October, 2005 the following community groups and sporting organisations had expressed an interest in the available funding.

LEINSTER

Leinster P & C Association	\$10,000.00
Leinster Community Day Care Centre	\$10,000.00
Leinster Drive In	\$10,000.00
Leinster Race Club	\$10,000.00
Leinster Playgroup Inc	\$ 8,455.00
Leinster Telecentre	\$ 8,000.00
Leinster Community Library	\$ 6,450.00
Leinster Toy Library	\$ 5,000.00
Leinster Sports & Recreation Association	<u>\$ 4,100.00</u>
	<u>\$72,005.00</u>

Unfortunately the total amount sought exceeds the funding pool by \$32,005.00.

Of the above organisations, the following received funding during the 2004/2005 financial year

Leinster Drive In	\$ 9,021.00
Leinster Community Day Care Centre	\$ 6,435.00
Leinster P & C Association	\$ 9,023.00

I think it fair that those organisations be excluded from this years funding allocation. Those organisations not to have received funding previously should be given priority.

LEONORA

Leonora Clay Target Group	\$10,000.00
Leonora Race Club	\$10,000.00
Leonora St John Ambulance	\$10,000.00
Walkatjorra Cultural Centre	\$ 5,400.00
Leonora Police Rangers	\$ 5,000.00
Leonora Junior Lifeguard Club	\$ 2,000.00
Leonora Auskick Program	\$ 1,500.00
Leonora Playgroup	\$ 1,000.00
	<u>\$44,900.00</u>

Unfortunately the total amount sought exceeds the funding pool by \$4,900.00

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9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (B) COMMUNITY GRANTS (continued)

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 states that “The general function of a local government is to provide for the good government of persons in its district”.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An amount of \$80,000.00 is contained within the current budget for expenditure as detailed.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

To provide the additional resources often needed by community groups and sporting organisations to develop their own projects and to find ways of getting people to work together for the common goal of promoting and benefiting the whole community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the allocation of funding to the following sporting groups/organisations:

LEINSTER

Leinster Race Club	\$8,000.00
Leinster Playgroup Inc	\$8,450.00
Leinster Telecentre	\$8,000.00
Leinster Community Library	\$6,450.00
Leinster Toy Library	\$5,000.00
Leinster Sports & Recreation Association	\$4,100.00
	<u>\$40,000.00</u>

LEONORA

Leonora Clay Target Group	\$8,300.00
Leonora Race Club	\$8,300.00
Leonora St John Ambulance	\$8,500.00
Walkatjorra Cultural Centre	\$5,400.00
Leonora Police Rangers	\$5,000.00
Leonora Junior Lifeguard Club	\$2,000.00
Leonora Auskick Program	\$1,500.00
Leonora Playgroup	\$1,000.00
	<u>\$40,000.00</u>

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

moved Cr Kemp

seconded Cr Johnson

That Council approve the allocation of funding to the following sporting groups/organisations:

LEINSTER

<i>Leinster Race Club</i>	<i>\$8,000.00</i>
<i>Leinster Playgroup Inc</i>	<i>\$8,450.00</i>
<i>Leinster Telecentre</i>	<i>\$8,000.00</i>
<i>Leinster Community Library</i>	<i>\$6,450.00</i>
<i>Leinster Toy Library</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Leinster Sports & Recreation Association</i>	<i>\$4,100.00</i>
	<u>\$40,000.00</u>

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9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (B) COMMUNITY GRANTS (continued)

LEONORA

<i>Leonora Clay Target Group</i>	<i>\$8,300.00</i>
<i>Leonora Race Club</i>	<i>\$8,300.00</i>
<i>Leonora St John Ambulance</i>	<i>\$8,500.00</i>
<i>Walkatjorra Cultural Centre</i>	<i>\$5,400.00</i>
<i>Leonora Police Rangers</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Leonora Junior Lifeguard Club</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>Leonora Auskick Program</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
<i>Leonora Playgroup</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
	<u>\$40,000.00</u>

CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (C) SHARED SERVICES / BACKEND – PROCESSING

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 15th November, 2005

AGENDA REFERENCE: 9.1 (C) NOV05

SUBJECT: Shared Services / Backend - Processing

LOCATION / ADDRESS: Not Applicable

NAME OF APPLICANT: Not Applicable

FILE REFERENCE: Telecommunications 5.44

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

NAME: James Gregory Epis

OFFICER: Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 2nd November, 2005.

BACKGROUND

The establishment of the shared service/backend-processing Working Group (the Group) was the main outcome from the joint Goldfields-Esperance Country Zone (GECZ) and Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) forum that was held in Kalgoorlie-Boulder on 31 May 2005. The Group was charged with the responsibility of further investigating the potential of shared service agreements and backend processing within the GECZ, and also including the Shires of Ravensthorpe and Yilgarn.

The Group is facilitated by Ms Karen Caple, Project Manager with the WA Government's Office of Shared Services (OSS) within the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC). Ms Caple's services have been generously offered to the Group by the State Treasurer, the Hon Eric Ripper MLA, who along with the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development, the Hon John Bowler MLA, have expressed a keen desire for the shared service/backend-processing to become implemented within the GECZ. Ms Caple has had extensive experience in implementing a shared service model, when the WA Government's Functional Review Implementation Team (FRIT), conducted a similar exercise some 4 years ago. As a member of FRIT, Ms Caple has indicated that all intellectual property that was gathered by the WA Government for this purpose will be made available to the Group to help develop our proposed model.

Work conducted by the Group has progressed to the point where all but two local governments within the GECZ, namely the Shires of Esperance and Laverton, have expressed a desire to become involved in a shared service/backend-processing model. Incidentally, 2 local governments from outside the GECZ, namely the Shires of Ravensthorpe and Yilgarn, have also expressed a desire to become involved.

The Group has submitted a proposal to the Department of Local Government and Regional Development (DLGRD) for matching funding to purchase and implement a suitable financial system within the GECZ for participating local governments. Officers from the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder have already received presentations from 3 potential software vendors, being IT Vision, Civica and Technology One, and these same organisations will need to present to other members local governments prior to a decision being made. A common financial platform is essential to ensure the success of the project, and the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development has given a strong indication that the WA Government will provide financial assistance for the purchase and implementation of financial software, which will be used as part of the shared service/backend-processing model.

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9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (C) SHARED SERVICES / BACKEND – PROCESSING (continued)

The other imperative for the project is connectivity, and, more specifically, the availability of broadband for each local government within the GECZ. The City's Demand Aggregation Broker (DAB), Ms Marlene Atiyeh received 5 responses to the DAB Business Case that was released to telecommunication providers in August of this year. Each of these were assessed individually and within the context of the Business Case by the DAB, as well as being assessed by an independent IT specialist, being Mr Jeff Beale of Beale Telecommunications.

The DAB presented to the Group an overview of the 5 submissions that were received in response to the Business Case, as well as allowing the Group to hear from Mr Jeff Beale via teleconference. Following group discussion and the recommendation by Mr Beale, BroadbandNet/Comdek were nominated by the Group as the preferred telecommunications provider for the GECZ.

A similar item will be tabled at the next GECZ meeting scheduled for 17 November 2005, to allow the GECZ in its entirety to also consider the recommendation. Each participating Council will also consider this recommendation on an individual basis.

Access to broadband technology underpins the proposal to implement a shared service/backend-processing model, and is equally important as a common financial platform, as without high-speed broadband connectivity between participating local governments, the proposal becomes unworkable.

Having a preferred provider within the GECZ is a culmination of the work that has been done by the City's DAB over the past 12 months. Having another telecommunications provider enter the market in the Goldfields region will have a positive effect on the price of broadband in our region, as well as provide broadband to towns within the GECZ that previously had no access. This was one of the main stipulations within the DAB Business Case.

Nominating BroadbandNet/Comdek as the preferred provider within the GECZ will get the ball rolling in terms of infrastructure roll out in the region, and help strengthen the case for a shared service/backend-processing model in our application to the WA Government, as it will allow all participating local governments within the GECZ to have access to broadband – a key component of the model.

It is important to note that this recommendation is by no means a mandate that only allows BroadbandNet/Comdek to be the sole providers (other than Telstra) in our region, nor does it expose any local government who endorses BroadbandNet/Comdek as the preferred provider in any legal sense whatsoever. It is simply an endorsement based on the responses that were received to the DAB Business Case, and which have also been independently assessed.

As part of the shared service/backend-processing model, consideration is also being given to the creation of a Virtual Private Network (VPN) within the GECZ, including the Shires of Ravensthorpe and Yilgarn, and would be established on the back of the Eastern Goldfields Regional Reference Site (EGRRS) project. A VPN would complement the shared service/backend-processing proposal in terms of sustainability, that is, providing content to traverse "the pipes" that will already be in place.

With EGRRS, a VPN already exists for the GP's that are practicing within the region, with the infrastructure in place having been paid for by the Australian Department of Health and Ageing (approximately \$2million). The benefits of a VPN across the region (approximately 1million square kilometres) are free local calls across the whole area, and significantly reduced STD calls to the rest of Australia.

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9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (C) SHARED SERVICES / BACKEND – PROCESSING (continued)

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no statutory implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive the updated information relating to the progress of the Goldfields-Esperance Country Zone Shared Service/Backend-Processing project.
2. Support the recommendation by Beale Telecommunications and that of the Shared Service/Backend Processing Working Group for BroadbandNet/Comdek to be the preferred telecommunications provider within the Goldfields-Esperance Country Zone.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

moved Cr Taylor seconded Cr Demasson

That Council:

3. *Receive the updated information relating to the progress of the Goldfields-Esperance Country Zone Shared Service/Backend-Processing project.*
4. *Support the recommendation by Beale Telecommunications and that of the Shared Service/Backend Processing Working Group for BroadbandNet/Comdek to be the preferred telecommunications provider within the Goldfields-Esperance Country Zone.*

CARRIED (VOTES TO 0)

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (D) KURRAJONG TOWNSITE

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 15th November, 2005

AGENDA REFERENCE: 9.1 (D) NOV05

SUBJECT: Kurrajong Townsite

LOCATION / ADDRESS: Not applicable

NAME OF APPLICANT: Not applicable

FILE REFERENCE: Lands Department Reserves 6.6

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

NAME: James Gregory Epis

OFFICER: Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 24th October, 2005

BACKGROUND

The Department for Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) has received a submission over the reserves shown below and unallocated Crown land (UCL) from the Goldfields Land and Sea Council on behalf of the Aboriginal Traditional Owners. DPI has been advised the area was used by Aboriginal people. The stock route and the old townsite area was a place where they were able to hunt and camp.

The land sought comprises the following:

Reserve 6012, which includes 6 separate parcels of land, currently set aside for the purpose of "Townsite" contains approximately 71.2247(ha) and is vested in Department for Planning and Infrastructure.

Reserve 6023 (Kurrajong Town Lot 13 & 14) currently set aside for the purpose of "Public Utility" contains approximately 0.2023(ha) and is vested in Department for Planning and Infrastructure.

Reserve 6024 (Kurrajong Town Lot 21, 22, 23 & 24) currently set aside for the purpose of "Public Utility" contains approximately 0.4047(ha) and is vested in Department for Planning and Infrastructure.

Reserve 6025 (Kurrajong Town Lot 27 & 28) currently set aside for the purpose of "Public Utility" contains approximately 0.2023(ha) and is vested in Department for Planning and Infrastructure.

Reserve 6026 (Kurrajong Town Lot 33 & 34) currently set aside for the purpose of "Public Utility" contains approximately 0.2023(ha) and is vested in Department for Planning and Infrastructure.

Reserve 6027 (Kurrajong Town Lot 54) currently set aside for the purpose of "Public Utility" contains approximately 1.7199(ha) and is vested in Department for Planning and Infrastructure.

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (D) KURRAJONG TOWNSITE (continued)

Reserve 6976 (Kurrajong Town Lot 15) currently set aside for the purpose of "Church Site Presbyterian" contains approximately 0.1012(ha) and is vested in Department for Planning and Infrastructure.

UCL which includes Kurrajong Town Lot 1 - 7, 9 - 12, 16 - 20, 25, 26, 29 - 32, 35 - 52, 114, 116 & 117 all of which contain 0.1012(ha) in area, except Lot 114 which is 0.4047(ha).

It is proposed that the reserves and UCL be set aside for a reserve for "Use and Benefit of Aboriginal People and Cultural Heritage Protection". A Management Order is not being sought initially but would be considered over time.

If the "Use and Benefit of Aboriginal People" means the establishment of an aboriginal community, then Council should strongly oppose the application for the following reasons:

Health Care

The provision of health care in the outback is under serious threat. Medical Practitioners are most reluctant to move into country areas. Hospitals are under threat of funding cuts. Isolated communities are relying more and more on the already overloaded services of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The situation ought not be exacerbated by creating more isolated communities.

Education

Council's understanding is that education is compulsory for all children at least up to the end of primary school.

Isolated communities create specific problems by either endeavouring to obtain schooling facilities and staff in situ or transporting children to the nearest school.

It is not known if children form part of the proponent group.

It is somehow difficult to envisage that the community would grow to a size to warrant a school with its attendant staff. The alternative then will have to be a school bus to take the children to the nearest school, in this case Leonora.

Economic Viability

The likelihood of any community members obtaining gainful employment in any isolated area is virtually nil. It follows that such an isolated community will for evermore be dependant on welfare provided out of tax revenue, as indeed any other provisions of infrastructive and services.

General Comment

It is degrading for the recipients and burdensome to the donor, the donor being the taxpayer. It does nothing to enhance the lifestyle of the people.

Irrespective of the wishes of the proponents, all efforts ought to be expended to persuade the group to become part of the greater community.

Releasing the land has other complications in regard the Pastoral and Mining Industries.

To the Pastoralist in matter of:

- stock control
- vermin control
- unauthorised squatting
- fences and watering points
- unauthorised vehicular traffic

To the Miners in matters of:

- delays in approval for mining tenements
- unreasonable conditions imposed for the protection of the land
- adjoining mining tenements subject to unauthorised traffic, and or squatting

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (D) KURRAJONG TOWNSITE (continued)

During the 1980's an area at Wilson's Patch was set aside for the use and benefit of aboriginal people. The land was occupied by a group of Aboriginals for amongst other things, an alcohol free environment.

The area at that time was reasonably well established including water and power supply as well as phone and television satellite reception.

Today the land is not occupied and is most unsightly, with abandoned buildings and disused material scattered throughout the property.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no statutory implications resulting from the recommendation of this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendation of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendation of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications resulting from the recommendation of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That if the "Use and Benefit of Aboriginal People" means the establishment of an aboriginal community, then Council strongly opposes the submission of the Goldfields Land and Sea Council.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

moved Cr Taylor

seconded Cr Johnson

That if the "Use and Benefit of Aboriginal People" means the establishment of an aboriginal community, then Council strongly opposes the submission of the Goldfields Land and Sea Council.

CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

The meeting adjourned at 10.00am for morning tea and resumed at 10.20am with attendance identical to that at Item 2.1.

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.2(A) MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – OCTOBER, 2005

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 15th November, 2005

AGENDA REFERENCE: 9.2(A) NOV05

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Statements –October, 2005

AUTHOR: John Francis Rowe

POSITION: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 8th November, 2005

COMMENT: Monthly Financial Statements submitted for adoption include:

- (a) Financial Position as at 8th November, 2005
- (b) Statement of Financial Activity – 31st October, 2005
- (c) Notes 1,2,3,4 forming part of the Statement of Financial Activity - 31st October, 2005
- (d) Operating Statement - Detailed 31st October, 2005
- (e) Statement of Outstanding Debtors - 31st October, 2005

RECOMMENDATION

The Monthly Financial Statements for the month ended 31st October, 2005 consisting of Statement of Financial Activity, Notes 1 to 10 forming part of the Statement of Financial Activity, Operating Statement, Statement of outstanding Debtors and the Financial Position as at 8th November, 2005 showing balances of:-

	\$	
Municipal	\$247,727.39	Credit
Long Service Leave Reserve	\$62,887.88	Credit
Fire Disaster Reserve	\$5,703.80	Credit
Building Reserve	Nil	Credit
Plant Replacement Reserve	Nil	Credit
Community Amenities Reserve	Nil	Credit
Municipal Investment	\$1,004,578.09	Credit

be adopted.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

moved Cr Kemp

seconded Cr Taylor

The Monthly Financial Statements for the month ended 31st October, 2005 consisting of Statement of Financial Activity, Notes 1 to 10 forming part of the Statement of Financial Activity, Operating Statement, Statement of outstanding Debtors and the Financial Position as at 8th November, 2005 showing balances of:-

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.2(A) MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – OCTOBER, 2005 (cont.)

	\$	
<i>Municipal</i>	<i>\$247,727.39</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Long Service Leave Reserve</i>	<i>\$62,887.88</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Fire Disaster Reserve</i>	<i>\$5,703.80</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Building Reserve</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Plant Replacement Reserve</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Community Amenities Reserve</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Municipal Investment</i>	<i>\$1,004,578.09</i>	<i>Credit</i>

be adopted.

CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

SHIRE OF LEONORA		
FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 8th November, 2005		
	MUNICIPAL	
	\$	
Balance as at 31 st October, 2005	\$ 201,588.18cr	
Receipts to 8 th November, 2005	\$102,499.48	
Balance	\$ 304,087.66cr	
Less Accounts since 31 st October, 2005	\$56,815.27	
Balance 8th November, 2005	\$ 247,727.39cr	
AMOUNT HELD ON TERM DEPOSIT - NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK		
		\$
A) PLANT REPLACEMENT RESERVE	Nil	CREDIT
B) LONG SERVICE LEAVE	\$62,887.88	CREDIT
C) FIRE DISASTER RESERVE	\$5,703.80	CREDIT
D) BUILDING RESERVE	Nil	CREDIT
E) COMMUNITY AMENITIES RESERVE	Nil	CREDIT
F) MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT	1,004,578.09	CREDIT

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.2 (B) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – OCTOBER, 2005

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 15th November, 2005

AGENDA REFERENCE: 9.2(B) NOV05

SUBJECT: Accounts for Payment

AUTHOR: John Francis Rowe

OFFICER: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 9th November, 2005

COMMENT:

Attached statement consists of Vouchers **363 to 474 plus Direct Bank Transactions** and totalling **\$ 448,662.10** attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That accounts as represented by Vouchers **363 to 474 plus Direct Bank Transactions** and totalling **\$ 448,662.10** attached be authorised for payment.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

moved Cr Taylor seconded Cr Johnson

That accounts as represented by Vouchers 363 to 474 plus Direct Bank Transactions and totalling \$ 448,662.10 attached be authorised for payment.

CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

At 10.50am standing orders were suspended to receive visitors Mr Phillip Wharren and Mr Sam Rigg representing Minara Resources.

Mr Wharren and Mr Rigg delivered a presentation on developments at Murrin Murrin.

Following a question and answer session Cr Dawes thanked both gentlemen for their informative report.

The visitors departed at 11.30am when standing orders were resumed.

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

A. ELECTED MEMBERS

Nil

B. OFFICERS

Nil

11.0 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20th December in the Council Chambers, Leonora commencing at 1pm.

12.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING

Cr Dawes declared the meeting closed at 11.45am.