



BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

11 March 2008

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Burke Shire Council held in the Council Chamber, Burketown Tuesday 11 March 2008.

Present:- Cr Annie Clarke (Mayor), Cr Ernie Camp (Deputy Mayor), Cr Ken Booth, Cr Irene Marshall, Cr Bill Olive, Cr Murrandoo Yanner, Mr Craig Turnour (Chief Executive Officer)

The meeting opened at 9:08am.

1.0 PRAYER

Cr Marshall led Council in Prayer.

2.0 LEAVE OF ABSENCE/CONDOLENCES

No leave of absence/condolences were provided. It was noted that Cr Yanner was absent (Cr Yanner subsequently arrived late).

3.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

Cr Clarke provided a verbal report. Items raised included:- NQACC matter; discussions with and possible visit by Peter Lindsay MP; discussions with Bob Katter; architects re Gregory area (to send a master plan for consideration); proposed DPI grazing industry forum/session in Burketown 15 & 16 May 2008; FarmBiz issues; discussions with Southern Gulf Catchments; discussions with Edwin Jacobs; review of the Gulf Communities Agreement; discussion with Barry Rittiford & Linda Appelt; and alcohol management matters.

4.0 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cr Camp provided a report on the visit to Burketown on 26 February 2008 by the Mount Isa Community Helicopter.

Cr Oliver raised that should be allow to transport cattle direct to Katherine and not having to go through Cloncurry – to raise this with Agforce first and then possible support from Council).

5.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Council meeting of 21 February 2008

Moved: Cr Camp	Seconded: Cr Booth
That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 21 February 2008 be confirmed.	
CARRIED 01.080311	

5.2 Matters arising from the minutes

The Chief Executive Officer took Council through the action sheet from the 11 March 2008 meeting.

6.0 DEPUTATIONS

There were no formal deputations to the meeting.

7.0 ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No report provided.

8.0 BUILDING REPORT

8.1 Council Building Works

BUI03

Attached is a status report on Council related building work being undertaken.

Noted by Council.

8.2 Tender 07/16 – Transportable Accommodation Units

TEN01.07/16

As advised at the last meeting, these units are currently being constructed by Ausco Building Systems and it is planned to have them installed in May 2008. Working in conjunction with their timeframe, all the Council supplied items will be progressed as much as possible. Council's Works Manager will be handling this project from our perspective.

Council Policy

Resolution 09.071219 applies.

Financial Implications

The funding for this project will be funded from the extra investment interest income to budget being generated in 2007/08.

Noted by Council.

9.0 DEVELOPMENT REPORT

9.1 Development Applications

DAP01

The attached report provides the current status of building development applications received by Council.

Follow-up (letters, approvals and final certificates) is still being actioned following the visit by the contract Building Surveyor in October 2007. The firm used (GMA) is also assessing applications that are still to be assessed. A meeting was held with them on 6 March 2008 re ongoing management of development applications for Council. This is to be formalised. Additionally a site visit is being planned for late May/early June 2008.

Council Policy

To resolve offences by explanation/assistance rather than by prosecution.

Legal Implications

Development work without a permit is an offence under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.

Noted by Council.

10.0 HEALTH REPORT

10.1 Environmental Health Report

HEA02; LIC05; WAS11

⇒ Environmental relevant activities – Burketown WTP, Burketown STP, refuse tips and Workshop

The matters raised in the Environment Protection Agency's (Mount Isa) report from their visit to Burketown in October 2007 to undertake an annual inspection of these facilities as part of the annual renewal of the licences, is in the process of being addressed. As previously reported, there were no substantial items raised or identified during the visit.

⇒ Waste Management Plan

This Plan was adopted at the February 2008 meeting. Arrangements are to be made in respect of its implementation. To do this an internal committee consisting of interested employees will be formed and then tasked with progressing the plan.

⇒ 2007/08 conduct of food business licences and requirement to have a Food Safety Supervisor

There are still two food premises in the Shire that have yet to register their food premises/businesses for a licence to conduct a food business in 2007/08 (as required by the *Food Act 2006* and the *Food Regulations 2006*). Reminder letters are to be sent.

Noted by Council.

10.2 Burketown Home and Community Care (HACC) Program Report

FAM06

There is no HACC Coordinator's report available for the past month.

Financial Implications

Expenditure YTD 29 February 2008 is \$22,081 of the total 2007/08 budget allocation of \$119,178, being the 2007/08 allocation of \$73,133 plus unexpended from 2006/07 of \$46,045, which is funded by a Federal/State Government grant. It is noted that the program is funded for 15 clients (i.e. the approved funding of \$119,178 is for expenditure on 15 clients). Given the average attendance YTD has only been 3 clients, the actual expenditure on a pro-rata basis (3/15 clients) is running 39% above the approved funding (\$22,081 versus \$15,890).

Noted by Council.

11.0 ENGINEERING (WORKS) REPORT

Deferred until later in the meeting.

12.0 TOURISM, RECREATION & CULTURE REPORT

12.1 Ranger's Report

RAN01

Attached is the Ranger's Report as at 10 March 2008.

Noted by Council.

12.2 Burketown Aquatic Facility (including Tender 06/18)

SPO06; TEN01.06/18

Given that the automatic turnstile is now completed this project is completed. In respect of an official opening, whilst it was hoped to do this on Tuesday 11 March 2008, due to a funding requirement the Minister for Sport must be invited and also as a matter of courtesy the local Member for Mount Isa should be invited. As Parliament is sitting in the week inclusive of 11 March 2008, they were unable to attend. Alternative dates of have been proposed and we are currently waiting on feedback as to the most suitable. Once this is known a firm date will be set and the formal official opening progressed. In

the meantime the facility will be opened to the public in accordance with the management plan adopted at Council's February 2008 meeting.

Council Policy

Resolutions 08.051117, 11.060316, 04.060622, 10.061024, 01.061214, 02.061214; 13.070118; 03.071018 and 11.080221 apply.

Financial Implications

As previously advised.

Moved: Cr Clarke

Seconded: Cr Booth

That a refundable deposit for the cards be set at \$20.00.

CARRIED 02.080311

13.0 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

13.1 Workplace Health & Safety Officer

STA13.09

Section 93 of the Workplace Health & Safety Act 1995 requires that "*an employer must appoint a qualified person as workplace health and safety officer for a workplace prescribed under a regulation if 30 or more workers are normally employed at the workplace*". Given that we fall within this requirement steps have been undertaken to comply with this requirement (and general good workplace health and safety management).

Council's Ranger, Russell Cunningham, has accepted the approach to assume the responsibility of Council's Workplace Health & Safety Officer and this has now been put into place. As a fulltime Workplace Health & Safety Officer cannot be justified, the duties should be able to be coordinated with his other responsibilities.

Legal Implications

Part 8 of the *Workplace Health & Safety Act 1995* applies.

Noted by Council.

13.2 Mount Isa Community Helicopter

EME18

Attached are details of the Mount Isa Community Helicopter. Further details can be obtained from their website:- www.mountisacommunityhelicopter.com.au

The helicopter was in Burketown on 26 February 2008 on a promotional visit and myself and the Deputy Mayor met the deputation. A verbal report will be provided at the meeting. Subsequent to this visit a letter of support was done up and sent to them and a copy of this is attached for Council's information.

In respect of ongoing financial support this is best left for the new Council to consider. One idea could be to allocate say 50% of the interest accrued on the Emergency Fund Trust balance each year – this would equate to around \$3,000.

Noted by Council.

13.3 Vacant Department of Housing land in Burketown

PRO02; COH02

Following the visit to Burketown on 6 November 2007 by the Minister for Housing and his Director

General, and their discussions with Council's Deputy Mayor, the attached letter has been sent to the Director General of the Department of Housing seeking access to some of their vacant blocks in Burketown. Once a reply is received this will be brought back to Council for their information.

Noted by Council.

13.4 Variation of licence conditions of the Burketown Pub and Gregory Downs Hotel LIC07

Following the resolution at the December 2007 Council meeting in respect of this matter, the attached letter has been formally sent to Liquor Licensing Queensland with a copy to the Minister responsible for Liquor Licensing matters, the Member for Mount Isa and the owners of the Burketown Pub and the Gregory Downs Hotel. To date no reply has been received

Noted by Council.

The Works Manager, John Reeves, and the Works Coordinator, Don McEvoy, entered the Chamber at 9:59am to provide the Engineering (Works) report.

11.0 ENGINEERING (WORKS) REPORT

11.1 Works Report - General

1. Works by Council Workforce:- Works Foreman, Rural Foreman, Town Works Manager and Utilities Manager Burketown

(i) Roadworks/Maintenance Crews:- Works Foreman

⇒ Flood damage Repairs, Road Maintenance and Private Works

<u>Location</u>	<u>Works Carried Out</u>
Wills Developmental Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor road condition. • Slashing to the Brookdale and Planet bitumen sections has been completed. • Some guide posts have been replaced. <p><u>Future Intentions:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor road conditions and document problem areas. • Clean three grids on Beames Brook • Replace missing guide posts • Undertake light and heavy grading as soon as conditions are suitable.
Camooweal Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor road condition. <p><u>Future Intentions:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor road conditions and document problem areas. • Continue to highlight to Main Roads areas requiring attention. • Obtain direction from Main Roads as to the status/condition and their intentions concerning the grid on the Mount Isa City Council /Burke Shire boundary (by June 2008). • Discuss and possibly obtain commitment as to further resheeting works on the Camooweal Road (by June 2008) • Undertake light and heavy grading as soon as conditions are suitable.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Works Carried Out</u>
Doomadgee Road East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road is being monitored <u>Future Intentions:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further upgrade & sealing re available TIDS & Council funding. Continue to monitor road conditions and replace missing guide posts (on going). Undertake light and heavy grading as soon as conditions are suitable.
Doomadgee Road West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently monitoring road condition <u>Future Intentions:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor the condition of the road. Undertake the scour repairs at Walford Creek as soon as conditions allow. Undertake light and heavy grading as soon as conditions are suitable.
Floraville Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor road condition. Undertake some minor flood damage repairs to inverts by January 2008. <u>Future Intentions:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake Capping of Harris Creek and Millar's Creek Causeway as soon as conditions allow. Undertake the clearing works at Millars Creek causeway as soon as conditions allow.
Escott Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repairs to boggy flood ways and formation reshaping being undertaken. Continue monitoring conditions <u>Future Intentions:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake flood damage repairs
Truganini Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently monitoring road condition. Bill of Quantities and concept estimate for the works have been completed for China Wall repairs. <u>Future Intentions:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress permanent repair to "China Wall"
Gregory - Lawn Hill Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zinifex have been maintaining the road up to the mine access. Currently monitoring road condition <u>Future Intentions:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seal some unsealed sections once confirmed with Zinifex. (Refer item 11.2). Fit elastomeric pads to both grids at West Sandy Creek
Lawn Hill National Park Access Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently monitoring road condition
Riversleigh (Zinc Hills Deviation) Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently monitoring road condition
Punjab Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently monitoring road condition <u>Future Intentions:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor conditions and plan for further works as required.
Bowthorn Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently monitoring road condition

<u>Location</u>	<u>Works Carried Out</u>
Lawn Hill-Doomadgee Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently monitoring road condition
Nugaburra Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently monitoring road condition
Morella Rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further works planned for this road until after “wet”.
(ii) Roadworks, Utility Services and Town Maintenance - Works Foreman, Town Works Supervisor, Utilities Manager Burketown	

<u>Location</u>	<u>Works Carried Out</u>
Burketown Streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor and inspect the condition of the town streets. <p><u>Future Intentions:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a full report of the entire short to medium term roadworks requirements for Council’s endorsement. • Undertake edge break repairs. • Investigate drainage problems at Beames St/Firefly St intersection.
Burketown Water Supply Reticulation, Water Treatment Plant, Nicholson River Pump Station and Rising Main	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine monitoring and maintenance continues • the “Burketown Water Consumption” report is provided as attachment 11.1 (a) • Routine maintenance & operations of system continue. • Remedial works at the NRPS have been completed. • Rectification of the switch over system for the back up generator at the WTP has been completed. <p><u>Future Intentions:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desludge the eastern pond • Completing upgrade works including: - Refurbish switchboards including integrated flow meters at Water Treatment Plant. • Undertake the preparatory works for the new WTP.
Burketown Refuse Tip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine weekly maintenance continues. <p><u>Future Intentions:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement plan to improve management of the tip
Truganini Wharf and Boat Ramp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No works carried out. <p><u>Future Intentions:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove old steelwork (when excavator available) and undertake jetty works for Queensland Transport. These works are planned to commence week commencing 10/3/08 with installation of solar powered light to jetty, an attempt to remove the old steel piles and the installation of the new aluminium balustrade. • Bringing the current boat ramp and jetty structure “up to scratch”. • Queensland Transport is currently working on the upgrades to the boat ramp.
Burketown Airport Access Road	<p><u>Future Intentions:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific works planned

<u>Location</u>	<u>Works Carried Out</u>
Drainage	<p><u>Future Intentions:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor this drainage system and assess road damage. Prepare report on improvements to drainage around town for Council's consideration
Burketown Airport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular checks of the runway. • Routine maintenance. • Adapt the switchboard to allow for the connection of a 3 phase generator to run the airport light in the event of a power failure. This work has been completed. <p><u>Future Intentions:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the scope of works and estimate for long term mitigation of the scouring at the western end of the airfield. • Upgrade the windsock lights and install additional runway light to comply with the Safety Inspection. These works are due to commence during the week commencing 10/3 – 17/3/08.
Parks and Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General daily/weekly maintenance and mowing to parks and Council building lawns including nature strips and approaches to town. <p><u>Future Intentions:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance
Sewerage System and Lagoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily/weekly inspections and cleaning to sewer pump stations, Blivet BL4000, and sewer lagoon. • Visit by Kelvin Fahey of Water Recyclers Group occurred 22/2/08 and maintenance and further training was undertaken. <p><u>Future Intentions:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the STP upgrading (refer item 11.4) • Add 100mm pipe to the discharge line of the Blivet Unit. • Clean out the existing lagoon and modify to allow the "clean" discharge water to be stored for future use, whilst allowing an overflow from the anaerobic chamber in event of a failure in the Blivet unit.
Burketown Cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General maintenance, vegetation control & fence check

(iii) Workshop – Workshop Supervisor:

Overall performance of plant has been good over the last month. Annual wet season maintenance has been undertaken on many items of plant. Additionally we have recently called for expressions of interest for the position of apprentice Diesel Fitter/Mechanic – this closes on 28 March 2008 (a copy of the advert is attached).

<u>Plant Item</u>	<u>Works Carried Out</u>
Plant #20 Ingersoll Rand Roller	⇒ Repair braking system and electrical system.
Plant #71 Kubota ride on	⇒ Repairing PTO clutch
Plant # 427 Sidetipper	⇒ Replace brake shoes, hydraulic hoses & springs etc
Plant # 480 Western Star	⇒ Replacing rear suspension bushes
Plant # 430 Freightliner	⇒ Replacing PTO
Plant # 453 Cat Grader	⇒ Service and adjusted circle

<u>Plant Item</u>	<u>Works Carried Out</u>
Plant # 56 Cat Grader	⇒ Service and adjust circle.
Gregory Gensets	⇒ Service and repairs
Plant # 457 10 tonne Truck	⇒ Repair differential
Plant # 429 Dolly	⇒ Replace brake shoes, repack wheel bearings etc
Plant # 481 Tristar Water Tank	⇒ Repair ring feeder
Plant #493 Kubota Ride On Mower	⇒ Major repair on mower deck
Plant #483 Isuzu (Workshop Truck)	⇒ Replaced batteries
Plant #498 Hilux Ute (TWM)	⇒ 15,000 km Service

2. Gregory Report - Gregory Caretaker and Works Manager

<u>Location/Item</u>	<u>Works Carried Out</u>
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of tourism has decreased during the last month
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “Gregory Water Consumption” report is provided as attachment 11.1 (b) • Contractors have completed the outstanding work. • Mains flushing continue. <p><u>Future Intentions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue a mains flushing and quality testing program to eliminate odour and colour problems. • Complete the extensions to the shed and associated roadworks.
Animal and Stock Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring fence line and public areas. <p><u>Future Intention</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor all fence lines to ensure that there are no areas for stock to enter the town area.
Airport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slashing of the airstrip has been undertaken. <p><u>Future Intentions.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor strip and fences
Parks and Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance is continuing. <p><u>Future Intentions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of simple reticulation watering system for trees.
Rubbish Dump and Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works continue as scheduled.

Look at recognition of prior learning of the Workshop Manager.

Noted by Council.

11.2 Burke Shire Council/Zinifex Century Mine “Roads Partnership”

PAS01

A Pre-start meeting for the upgrade of the Gregory - Lawn Hill Road was held at Gregory on 3 March 2008. The meeting addressed many of the practical issues regarding this project and the repairs of the grids. A copy of the minutes/notes of the meeting is attached for Council’s information.

Council Policy

Resolution 02.070321 applies.

Financial Implications

The 2007/08 budget incorporates \$1,150,000 (\$660,000 Council funds and \$490,000 TIDS funds) allocated to the sealing of the first sections of the road between Gregory and the Mine Access Road. This funding is to be used for the bitumen seal whilst the gravel works are to be done by Zinifex.

Noted by Council.

11.3 Gregory Water Supply and Tender 02/14 – Gregory Water Supply and Reticulation WAT30; TEN01.02/14

The contractor returned to site during the week of 25 February and completed the outstanding works on the treatment plant. During this the inlet was found to have been heavily silted up due to the high levels of silt in the water and run off from the banks. This was rectified. Subsequent testing of the quality of the water around town was good.

An order has been placed for a plumber to undertake the water connections to all occupied properties and this work is due to commence on 11 March 2008.

Council Policy

Resolutions 14.020718, 02.030527 and 13.050217 apply.

Legal Implications

The works are to be carried out in accordance with Contract 02/14.

Financial Implications

As previously reported.

Noted by Council.

Moved: Cr Clarke

Seconded: Cr Booth

That thanks be expressed to Don McEvoy and Elvee Portch for the progressing of the completion of the Gregory Water Supply matters.

CARRIED 03.080311

11.4 Burketown Sewerage Treatments Plant Upgrade

SEW11

During the past month there has been no progress in completing those outstanding items of this project as previously reported to Council. These include:-

- ⇒ Pond modification
- ⇒ Finalise procedures & checklists
- ⇒ Most of the onsite works will be actioned once the excavator
- ⇒ Complete outlet pipe work

The visit by Kelvin Fahey of Water Recycle Group to undertake an inspection of the unit and undertake some maintenance repairs has occurred. General comments from Kelvin were that the plant has been well maintained. Once his inspection report has been made available to us it will be provided to Council for their information. A sample of the outflow was sent away for analysis and the result was acceptable. (The next sample will need more care in its extraction from the system to avoid extra oxygen being added).

Council Policy

Resolutions 08.041216 and 05.050317 apply.

Financial Implications

As previously reported.

Noted by Council.

11.5 Main Roads (MRD), RoadTek & Burke Shire “Partnership”; North West Queensland Regional Road Group (NWQRRG); & works on Wills Development Road (WDR) & Camooweal Road
ROA96; ROA14; ROA71

Due to the wet weather no grading has been undertaken on the Wills Development Road or the Camooweal Roads. Slashing has been completed on the bitumen sections of the road in the vicinity of Gregory Downs Station and Brookdale sections to remove high vegetation growing on the shoulders.

Council plans to commence maintenance grading of the Wills Development Rd between Burketown and Gregory after Easter. This will be funded from RMPC and Flood Damage.

The contract for the supply of gravel for the next bitumen stage of the Wills Development Rd has been let and Main Roads are expecting production to commence shortly. RoadTek are presently negotiating with land holders in the area to set up a camp for the duration of this job. The project is planned to commence immediately after Easter weather permitting.

Noted by Council.

11.6 Proposed replacement of the Albert River Bridge BRI08; TEN01.07/08

The current status of this project is that the Works Coordinator is currently assessing the concrete mix designs.

Cultural heritage is the only major outstanding matter to be addressed before formal approval in the form of a purchase order can be given. This process has begun with the Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation.

We have also instructed our solicitors to draft a contract in accordance with AS 4000 – 1997, General Conditions of Contract and AS 5100 – 2004, Design and Construct.

Ausnorth Surveyors will be undertaking the survey work for the bridge alignment and abutment construction in the week commencing 17 March 2008.

Council’s civil works are planned to commence once the Cultural Heritage Clearances are received and the survey has been completed.

Council Policy

Resolutions 18.050915, 04.050721, 06.060216, 03.060817, 05.070215 and 02.080124 apply.

Financial Implications

Council has allocated funding of \$4,200,000 (excl. GST) towards this project.

Noted by Council.

The Works Coordinator left the Chamber at 10:38am.

11.7 Barramundi Fingerling Growout Facility FIS09

The shed and some of the equipment for the facility have now been ordered. Quotes are currently being sourced for the other materials. It is anticipated that the earthworks for the shed will be undertaken concurrently with the earthworks for the Water Treatment Plant. Additionally a visit was made on 6 March to the Tablelands Fish Restocking Group's facility in Atherton for final information gathering and design purposes. Whilst there Council's contribution of \$500 was presented to the group and they expressed their thanks for this.

Council Policy

Resolution 16.080124 applies.

Financial Implications

The total cost of this project is estimated at \$75,000. This is being funded through a \$50,000 grant from the Federal Government's Recreational Fishing Community Grants Program and \$25,000 in Council funds. Expenditure to date totals \$378. The 2007/08 budget includes an allocation of \$74,622.

Noted by Council.

11.8 Repair of "China Wall" on Truganini Road

CAU11

At the September 2007 Council meeting it was noted that the repair/rehabilitation works on the China Wall Causeway will not be undertaken until after the upcoming wet season. The Bill of Quantities and a concept estimate have been completed for this project. It is now anticipated that Council will include this project in the tender for concrete works to be called in March 2008. Final quote for the pipe and geotextile fabric and grids are being obtained.

Council Policy

Resolutions 09.060316, 03.060720 and 03.070620 apply.

Financial Implications

An allocation of \$225,000 has been approved in the funding provided for flood damage repairs arising from the 2006 flooding events. \$13,658 of this has been spent to date on the temporary repair undertaken in August 2006.

Noted by Council.

11.9 2008 Construction Programme

STA23

A works program for the 2008 season is currently being put together and this will be provided at the next Council meeting.

Noted by Council.

11.10 Tender 07/14 - New Packaged Water Treatment Plant Burketown

TEN01.07/14

The preliminary works are progressing with the aim to have the ring beam and associated site works completed by mid April. The successful tenderer (T. D. Hatrick and Co) has advised that they anticipate that the treatment plant will be installed prior to or during the early phases of the erection of the tank to ensure that the hydrostatic testing of the tank is undertaken using clean water.

Council Policy

Resolutions 03.071219 and 15.080124 apply.

Financial Implications

Council has allocated funding of \$600,000 (excl. GST) towards this project.

*Noted by Council.*11.11 Annual Airport Inspection and Recertification of Burketown Airport for MacAir SAAB Aircraft
AIR02

The recertification process for the Burketown airport is continuing with:-

- Preparation of the updated Airport Manual has commenced
- Installation of an AFRU unit and order has been raised for the supply and installation of this unit along with the electrical works including the installation of 200 watt lights on the windsock and installation of a flush mount light on the taxi way.
- Line marking on the apron and taxiway will be completed as soon as the design has been completed; staff anticipates that all this work will be completed by mid April.

Attached are copies of letters sent to MacAir, Queensland Transport, Queensland Airport Consultants and CASA in respect of this matter.

*Noted by Council.*11.12 Construction of Concrete Footpaths in Burketown (Stage 5) and Gregory (Stage 3)
BUR08; GRE04

Council at their meeting on 21 February 2008 resolved that the footpath works as proposed in the report be endorsed (resolution 06.080221).

This project will be advertised as part of the Concrete Tender towards the end of March 2008.

Council Policy

Resolution 06.080221 applies.

Financial Implications

The 2007/08 budget incorporates \$45,000 for Footpaths (Stage 5) Burketown and \$30,000 for Footpaths (Stage 3) in Gregory.

*Noted by Council.*11.13 Tender 08/01 New Self Propelled Vibrating Roller TEN01/08.01

Council recently called tenders for the supply of a new vibrating self propelled vibrating roller. Five companies supplied tenders and the report will be provided to the next Council meeting.

Council Policy

Council's Purchasing Policy applies.

Legal Implications

Chapter 6 Part 3 Contracts & Tendering of the Local Government Act 1993 applies.

Financial Implications

The 2007/08 budget doesn't incorporate any allocation for the changeover of Council's current rollers, although \$175,000 is included in the plant replacement program for the changeover of plant no. 20 (the Ingersoll Rand Vibrating Roller) in 2008/09.

Noted by Council.

General Business (Engineering):-

⇒ Cr Clarke – anticipated start date of light grading WDR; & when next NWQRRG meeting?

The Works Manager left the Chamber at 10:45am.

15.0 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

15.1 Inward Correspondence – February 2008 n/a

The attached schedule lists items of inward correspondence that have not been addressed elsewhere. Councillors are requested to review this list and note any items they wish to peruse.

Noted by Council.

Cr Yanner entered the Chamber at 10:47am.

15.2 Outward Correspondence – February 2008 n/a

The attached schedule lists items of outward correspondence that have not been addressed elsewhere. Councillors are requested to review this list and note any items they wish to peruse.

Noted by Council.

15.3 LGAQ, 4 March 2008 & Department of Local Government, 22 February 2008 - Expenses & facilities for Councillors COU01

Providing details of the Department of Local Government's guidelines for reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities for Councillors following the 15 March 2008 election.

Once a new Council is elected this matter as well as remuneration must be formally addressed.

Noted by Council.

15.4 "The Right Mind", 27 February 2008 – Gulf Communities Agreement consultation meetings PAS01

Advising of meetings being held in respect of the review of the Zinifex Century Mine's Gulf Communities Agreement.

"The Right Mind" are the consultants handling this matter for Zinifex. Arrangements will be made with them to meet in respect of Council's specific issues.

Noted by Council.

15.5 Department of Natural Resources & Water, 18 February 2008 – Water Resources (Gulf) Plan 2007 WAT36

Providing details of newly introduced requirements under the Water Resources (Gulf) Plan 2007 relating to:- the take of overland flow water; and the take of groundwater within one kilometre of stated watercourses.

Noted by Council.15.6 XLNT Communications, 8 February 2008 – Report on Burketown Radio & Television transmission TEL16

Providing a report on their visit to Burketown in February 2008 re inspection and maintenance of the television and radio transmission. This visit was coordinated with the removal of the water tank and lowering of the tank stand.

Some of the recommendations raised are worth consideration. The Finance Manager, Oliver Pring, has a good understanding of these and is more than capable of running with them.

15.7 LGAQ, 3 March 2008 - Thanks LGA01

Providing a letter of thanks re service to the Council and the community.

Noted by Council.15.8 Zinifex Century Mine, 25 February 2008 – 2007 Reports PAS01

Providing a letter of introduction and also copies of their latest operational and financial reports.

The original will be tabled at the meeting for Council's information.

Noted by Council.15.9 Minister for Local Government, 11 February 2008 – Estimated cost of the 15 March 2008 election ELE10

Providing an estimate of the cost of the 15 March 2008 election to Council.

It is understood that the estimated cost provided is only the share of the Department's costs incurred and that further costs will be charged by the Electoral Commission of Queensland. As previously reported it is expected that the cost will be far in excess of the usual costs of an election when Council was running them.

Financial Implications

The 2007/08 budget incorporates an allocation of \$13,000 for the 2008 election.

Noted by Council.15.10 NQLGA, 6 February 2008 - Next conference 8 & 9 May 2008 LGA02

Advising that their next biannual conference is to be held in Richmond on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 May 2008.

After the 15 March 2008 election, Council should consider attendance and also agenda items to be provided. These close on 28 March 2008.

Noted by Council.15.11 Minister for Local Government, 13 February 2008 – Review of current model local laws LOC01

Advising of a review being undertaken on the Department's current model local laws and seeking input on the set of draft model local laws which were released in February 2008.

Noted by Council.**15.12 Local Government Grants Commission, 14 February 2008 – Queensland Local Government Grants Commission GRA01**

Advising information of the new Chairperson and the new Commissioners that were recently appointed to the QLGGC.

Noted by Council.**15.13 Queensland State Archives, 13 February 2008 – Recordkeeping advice on elected members' diaries REC03**

Providing advice on the recordkeeping requirements of the diaries of elected members.

Legal Implications

The *Public Records Act 2002* applies.

Noted by Council.**15.14 Queensland Rugby League, 26 February 2008 – Centenary of Rugby League support letter SPO01**

Seeking a letter of support for their proposal to hold an event in Mount Isa to celebrate the centenary of rugby league.

Given the closing date of 29 February 2008, a letter of support has been sent and a copy of this is also attached for Council's information.

Noted by Council.**15.15 Gene Ethics, 8 February 2008 – Issues re genetically manipulated crops & foods REG35**

Providing details of their issues re genetically manipulated crops & foods

Seek further information so as to be able to make an informed decision.

Noted by Council.**16.0 IN COMMITTEE MATTERS**

**Moved: Cr Camp
That Council move into Committee.
CARRIED 04.080311**

Seconded: Cr Marshall

Council moved into Committee at 10:57am to discuss item 16.1.

The Chief Executive Officer left the Chamber at 10:59am.

**Moved: Cr Yanner
That Council move out of Committee.
CARRIED 05.080311**

Seconded: Cr Booth

Council moved out of Committee at 11:07am.

The Chief Executive Officer reentered the Chamber at 11:07am

16.1 Recruitment of new Chief Executive Officer/Appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer
STA11.70

Noted by Council.

Moved: Cr Yanner	Seconded: Cr Camp
That the prorata payment of the Chief Executive Officer's continuation of employment bonus be approved.	
CARRIED 06.080311	

Moved: Cr Marshall	Seconded: Cr Booth
That the departure gift for the Chief Executive officer be approved.	
CARRIED 07.080311	

The opening of the Burketown Aquatic facility is to be held at 3:00pm on Thursday 13 March 2008.

14.0 FINANCE REPORT

14.1 Schedule of Payments – February 2008 ACC01

The schedule of payments to be noted cover operating fund account cheques and direct debits as per the attached cheque & direct debits register, totalling \$414,122.17, for the period 1 February 2008 to 29 February 2008.

Moved: Cr Camp	Seconded: Cr Olive
That the payments as listed on the cheque & direct debits register for the period 1 February 2008 to 29 February 2008 be noted.	
CARRIED 08.080311	

14.2 Financial Reports to 29 February 2008 ACC01

The following financial reports for the eight months ended 29 February 2008 are attached under separate cover:-

1. Income Statement
2. Balance Sheet
3. Revenue and Expenditure Statement (Operating) - Summary
4. Revenue and Expenditure Statement (Operating) - Detail
5. Capital Expenditure – Detail
6. Significant Variances
7. Plant Operating Costs (year & life to date)
8. Summary of Cash Receipts (for the month of February 2008)

Legal Implications

Section 528 of Part 6, Chapter 7 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government Finance Standard 2005* apply.

Moved: Cr Marshall	Seconded: Cr Olive
That the financial reports for the eight months ended 29 February 2008 as provided be received.	
CARRIED 09.080311	

14.3 Financial Matters Report as at 29 February 2008

ACC01

The attached report summarises some main financial matters as at 29 February 2008.

Financial Implications

As discussed in the report.

Noted by Council.**14.4 Queensland Treasury Corporation Cash Fund Account Statement February 2008**

QTC01

Attached is a copy of the February 2008 statement of Council's QTC Cash Fund Account. The statement provides a summary of transactions for the month plus details of the interest rate earned.

As at 29 February 2008 Council had \$9,158,126 in investments with the QTC. Of this, \$4,926,558 relates to Reserves funds for 2007/08 and future capital works, \$317,213 relates to fully funded employee entitlements and \$73,476 relates to creditors owing as at 29 February 2008.

Net interest income from the QTC Cash Fund Account for the eight months ended 29 February 2008 is \$363,976, which compares favourably with the budget of \$200,000 for the same period.

Financial Implications

As discussed in the report.

Noted by Council.

The Finance Manager left the Chamber at 11:29am.

17.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**17.1 Cr Camp**

⇒ *thanks to the Councillors and their spouses and families for the support and tolerance during the last term.*

17.2 Cr Clarke

⇒ *formally welcomed the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr Paul Maberly; and*
⇒ *thanks to the departing Chief Executive Officer, Mr Craig Turnour, who leaves us on 13 March 2008.*

The meeting finished at 11:37am.