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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF MULLEWA HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009.****1109.01 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

1:22pm The President declared the meeting open.

**1109.02 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE****PRESENT:**

Councillor A J (Nino) Messina – President	(West Ward)
Councillor B I N (Barbara) Thomas – Deputy President	(East Ward)
Councillor J L (Julie) Freeman	(Central Ward)
Councillor M D (Mick) Tierney	(Central Ward)
Councillor A J (Tony) Crudeli	(Central Ward)
Councillor K P (Kim) Keeffe	(South Ward)
Councillor A J (Andrew) Messina	(South Ward)

**OFFICERS:**

Mr TA (Tom) Hartman - Chief Executive Officer  
Ms NJ (Noelene) Holmes – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**APOLOGIES:**

Nil

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Nil

**VISITORS**

Our Lady of Mt Carmel School:

Teacher: Anita Krippner  
Students: Danelle Calitz  
Jaidyn Paradella  
Timothy Steele

**1109.03 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

**1109.04 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The children from Our Lady of Mt Carmel School asked the following questions:

**Danelle:** *We have noticed the pool has been done up and opened and are wondering if you are considering putting a water fountain in the pool area.*

CEO: It has not been planned, but will consider it.

**Jaidyn:** *Are you putting some new fence around the shed area of the pool?*

CEO: Yes, it should be finished soon.

**Jaidyn:** *We really liked the 'Mullewa thicker than water' programme and when Rachel got Lucy to come and do photography with us. It was a lot of fun and would like to thank the council for the opportunity to have this in our school.*

President: Thank you

**Timothy:** *Thank you for the opportunity working with Margaret Cole.*

1:26pm The visitors left the meeting.

**1109.05 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**1109.06 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Moved:** J L Freeman **Seconded:** A J Crudeli

**COUNCIL DECISION:** THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2009, AS PRINTED BE CONFIRMED.

**CARRIED 7/0**

**1109.07 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

Nil

**1109.08 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS**

Nil

**1109.09 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/MEMBERS**

Nil

**1109.10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS****10.4 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE****10.4.1 REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM 2009/10**

DATE OF MEETING:	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2009
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	
NAME OF APPLICANT:	
FILE REFERENCE:	
PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE:	
DATE AND AUTHOR:	9 November 2009, Tom Hartman, Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Author has no disclosure of interest.
SUMMARY	The Federal Government has made a further \$250 million in Round 2 of new infrastructure funding for local governments, conditional on it being spent by December 2010.
BACKGROUND:	<p>The package was announced in June 2009, to council leaders in Canberra by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. A component of the \$250 million is \$100 million by way of a non-competitive allocation. The purpose of this action is to build local infrastructure and support local economies and jobs during the global financial crisis.</p> <p>Councils must submit a proposal which meets program guidelines and funds will be allocated according to a Government formula based on factors such as expected population growth of the shire.</p>
COMMENT:	<p>Mullewa's allocation is \$30,000.</p> <p>The guidelines for our funding are attached at <b>APPENDIX A</b>.</p> <p>As can be noted in the guidelines Councils are required to provide the Department with details of projects that will be funded by <b>20 November 2009</b>. Councils will also be required to enter into an agreement prior to receipt of the payment. Funding must be expended by <b>31 December 2010</b>.</p> <p>Funding can be spent on –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• social and cultural infrastructure (e.g. art spaces, gardens);</li><li>• recreational facilities (e.g. swimming pools, sports stadiums);</li><li>• tourism infrastructure (e.g. walkways, tourism information centres);</li><li>• children, youth and seniors facilities (e.g. playgroup centres, senior citizens' centres);</li><li>• access facilities (e.g. boat ramps, footbridges); and</li><li>• environmental initiatives (e.g. drain and sewerage upgrades, recycling plants).</li></ul> <p><b>Funding will not be available</b> for activities such as ongoing costs (e.g. operational costs and maintenance); transport infrastructure, such as roads; or related infrastructure covered by the Roads to Recovery or Black Spot programs.</p>

Council will need to develop a project/s to the value of \$30,000. Council discussed this item during the 2009/10 budget deliberations and decided to allocate these funds to upgrade the play equipment adjacent to the Lions Park in Jose Street. This is a project that has been submitted to Council for consideration during the past two budget considerations

## CONSULTATION:

## STATUTORY

There are no known statutory implications at this time.

## ENVIRONMENT:

## POLICY

There are no known policy implications at this time.

## IMPLICATIONS:

## FINANCIAL

This item is a 2009/10 capital budget item.

## IMPLICATIONS:

## STRATEGIC

There are no known strategic implications at this time.

## IMPLICATIONS:

## VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple majority

## OFFICER

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL AUTHORISE THE CEO TO DEVELOP A PROJECT TO UPGRADE THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT THE LIONS PARK USING THE \$30,000 FROM THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.

**Moved:**

*J L Freeman*

**Seconded:**

*B I N Thomas*

## COUNCIL DECISION:

**THAT COUNCIL AUTHORISE THE CEO TO DEVELOP A PROJECT TO UPGRADE THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT THE LIONS PARK USING THE \$30,000 FROM THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

#### 10.4.2 FINANCE REPORT – OCTOBER 2009

## DATE OF MEETING:

18<sup>th</sup> November 2009

## LOCATION/ADDRESS:

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## NAME OF APPLICANT:

-

## FILE REFERENCE:

-

## PREVIOUS MINUTE/S &amp;

## REFERENCE:

-

## DATE AND AUTHOR:

Noelene Holmes, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

## DISCLOSURE

OF

## INTEREST:

Author has no disclosure of interest.

## SUMMARY

Report presents a bank reconciliation of Councils bank accounts.

## BACKGROUND:

A reconciliation of funds is carried out at end of each month for all of Councils bank accounts. The accounts are reconciled with the general ledger to ascertain accuracy of income and expenditure of the previous month.

## COMMENT:

**BANK RECONCILIATION**

The Bank Reconciliation for the month of October 2009 is attached at **APPENDIX B**. The CDA account is a Cash Deposit Account where

excess Municipal funds are transferred to obtain maximum interest.

## CONSULTATION:

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: There are no known statutory implications at this time.

## POLICY

IMPLICATIONS: There are no known policy implications at this time.

## FINANCIAL

IMPLICATIONS: There are no known financial implications at this time.

## STRATEGIC

IMPLICATIONS: There are no known strategic implications at this time.

## VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple majority

## OFFICER

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2009 BE RECEIVED.

**Moved:**

*Andrew J Messina*

**Seconded:**

*B I N Thomas*

## COUNCIL DECISION:

**THAT THE FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2009 BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

### 10.4.3 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

DATE OF MEETING: 18 November 2009

LOCATION/ADDRESS: -

NAME OF APPLICANT: -

FILE REFERENCE: -

PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE: -

DATE AND AUTHOR:

Noelene Holmes, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Author has no disclosure of interest.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide details of cheques drawn and direct debit entries made to Council's bank account during the month, to be passed for payment by Council.

BACKGROUND:

Clause 11 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations provides that a Local Government shall develop procedures for the authorisation of payments. Clause 12 of the Regulations requires a schedule of cheques drawn to be presented at the next Ordinary Meeting following preparations of the list.

COMMENT:

Attached to this report at **APPENDIX C** is a list detailing all cheques drawn and direct debits since the last Council meeting.

The summary of the schedule of accounts to be passed for payment totalling \$ 332,928.99 covers the following:

Municipal Account

Cheque No.	10291 - 10314	\$ 40,257.53
Electronic Fund Trans	5446 - 5508	\$ 218,283.35

Payroll & Fees	VARIOUS	\$ 74,228.11
<u>Trust Account</u>		
Cheque No.	403 - 405	\$ 160.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 332,928.99</b>

## CONSULTATION:

Nil

## STATUTORY

Local Government Act and Regulations

## ENVIRONMENT:

## POLICY

There are no known policy implications at this time.

## IMPLICATIONS:

## FINANCIAL

## IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known financial implications at this time.

## STRATEGIC

## IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known strategic implications at this time.

## VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple majority

## OFFICER

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT LISTED ON THE SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT.

Municipal Account

Cheque No	10291 - 10314	\$ 40,257.53
Electronic Fund Trans	5446 - 5508	\$ 218,283.35
Payroll & Fees	VARIOUS	\$ 74,228.11
<u>Trust Account</u>		
Cheque No.	403 - 405	\$ 160.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 332,928.99</b>

**Moved:***B I N Thomas***Seconded:***K P Keefe*

## COUNCIL DECISION:

THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT LISTED ON THE SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT.

Municipal Account

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<b>Electronic Fund Trans</b>	<b>5446 - 5508</b>	<b>\$ 218,283.35</b>
<b>Payroll &amp; Fees</b>	<b>VARIOUS</b>	<b>\$ 74,228.11</b>
<u><b>Trust Account</b></u>		
<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>403 - 405</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 332,928.99</b>

**CARRIED 7/0****10.4.4 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**DATE OF MEETING: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009

LOCATION/ADDRESS: -

NAME OF APPLICANT: -

FILE REFERENCE: -

PREVIOUS MINUTE/S &amp; REFERENCE: -

DATE AND AUTHOR: Noelene Holmes, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: OF Author has no disclosure of interest.

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND: Financial Management Regulation 34 requires a local government to

prepare a 'Statement of Financial Activity' reporting on the sources and applications of funds on a monthly basis.

COMMENT: Attached at **APPENDIX D** is the Statement of Financial Activity for October 2009.

## CONSULTATION:

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: There are no known statutory implications at this time.

## POLICY

There are no known policy implications at this time.

## IMPLICATIONS:

## FINANCIAL

There are no known financial implications at this time.

## IMPLICATIONS:

## STRATEGIC

There are no known strategic implications at this time.

## IMPLICATIONS:

## VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple majority

## OFFICER

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2009 BE RECEIVED.

**Moved:**

*B I N Thomas*

**Seconded:**

*A J Crudeli*

## COUNCIL DECISION:

**THAT THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2009 BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

#### 10.4.5 RECREATION CENTRE CHARGES – WAIVER OF

DATE OF MEETING: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009

LOCATION/ADDRESS: -

NAME OF APPLICANT: Ms Tamisha Mongoo (Papertalk)

FILE REFERENCE: 603

PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE:

DATE AND AUTHOR: 12 November 2009 – Tom Hartman, Chief Executive Officer

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

OF Author has no disclosure of interest.

BACKGROUND:

The Ceo has been approached by Tamisha Mongoo (letter attached at **APPENDIX E**) requesting consideration for her to train her two sons in basketball in the Recreation Stadium for a 1/2 hour a time for two days a week after school.

She seeks free access to the Mullewa Recreation Centre.

COMMENT:

Ms Mongoo has made application to use the Recreation Centre in order to undertake a training program for her two school age boys for ½ hour two days a week. Any arrangement will obviously need to fit around any bookings for the facility by other users.

On previous occasions Council has supported similar undertakings with the Youth of the venue provided to improve health and wellbeing

amongst young people, should approval be granted it can be under the condition that the venue is left clean at the conclusion of every hire and that Council support for the program through the use of the venue is promoted.

## CONSULTATION:

## STATUTORY

There are no known statutory implications at this time.

## ENVIRONMENT:

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known policy implications at this time.

## FINANCIAL

## IMPLICATIONS:

The cheapest hall hire rate that would be applicable to an event of this nature is \$26.70 per hour hire or part thereof.

## STRATEGIC

## IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known strategic implications at this time.

## VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple majority

## OFFICER

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT MS TAMISHA MONGOO BE PROVIDED FREE USAGE OF THE MULLEWA RECREATION CENTRE STADIUM FOR TWO DAYS PER WEEK UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR A ½ HOUR PERIOD BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:30PM AND 4:00PM SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

- THE USE IS FOR HERSELF AND HER TWO CHILDREN ONLY,
- THE VENUE IS NOT BEING USED BY ANOTHER PAYING APPLICANT,
- THAT THE VENUE IS LEFT CLEAN AND TIDY AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH HIRE,
- THAT SHE INDEMNIFIES THE COUNCIL FOR ANY ACCIDENT OR INJURY ARISING FROM THIS UNDERTAKING, AND
- THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE COUNCIL TO THIS UNDERTAKING IS PROMOTED.

**Moved:**

*J L Freeman*

**Seconded:**

*B I N Thomas*

## COUNCIL DECISION:

**THAT MS TAMISHA MONGOO BE PROVIDED FREE USAGE OF THE MULLEWA RECREATION CENTRE STADIUM FOR TWO DAYS PER WEEK UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR A ½ HOUR PERIOD BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:30PM AND 4:00PM SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:**

- **THE USE IS FOR HERSELF AND HER TWO CHILDREN ONLY,**
- **THE VENUE IS NOT BEING USED BY ANOTHER PAYING APPLICANT,**
- **THAT THE VENUE IS LEFT CLEAN AND TIDY AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH HIRE,**
- **THAT SHE INDEMNIFIES THE COUNCIL FOR ANY ACCIDENT OR INJURY ARISING FROM THIS UNDERTAKING, AND**

- **THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE COUNCIL TO THIS UNDERTAKING IS PROMOTED.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

#### **10.4.6 AUDIT REPORT – RECEIPT OF**

DATE OF MEETING:	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2009
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	-
NAME OF APPLICANT:	-
FILE REFERENCE:	204
PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE:	-
DATE AND AUTHOR:	12 November 2009, Tom Hartman, Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Author has no disclosure of interest.
SUMMARY:	Report presents the Auditors and the Annual Report for the year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2009.
BACKGROUND:	<p>UHY Haines Norton, Chartered Accountants, has completed its annual audit of the accounts of the Shire of Mullewa for the year ended 30 June 2009. Attached at <b>APPENDIX F</b> are a copy of the Audit Report and a copy of the Management Report.</p> <p>A copy of the Municipality's Audit and Management reports has been sent to the Shire President as required by the Act.</p> <p>Following receipt of the reports it is necessary to receive the Annual Report of the Municipality and to set a date for the General Meeting of Electors.</p>
COMMENT:	<p>The Audit Report for the Shire of Mullewa contains no adverse comments on the financial management of the organisation and thus indicates that all functions complied with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) and the Local Government Financial Management Regulations 1996 (as amended).</p> <p>The Council is required to accept the Annual Report of the municipality for the financial year no later than 31 December after that financial year. Upon receipt of the Annual Report, the General Meeting of Electors must be held within 56 days. Effectively, if the Annual Report is received on 18 November 2009, the last date for holding of the General Meeting of Electors would be 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010.</p> <p>Council has a break in January so it is therefore recommended that the General Meeting of Electors be set for some time in December. It is suggested that Council consider the December meeting date, similar to last year.</p>
CONSULTATION:	
STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:	Local Government Act & Regulations
POLICY:	There are no known policy implications at this time.

## IMPLICATIONS:

## FINANCIAL

There are no known financial implications at this time.

## IMPLICATIONS:

## STRATEGIC

There are no known strategic implications at this time.

## IMPLICATIONS:

## VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple majority

## OFFICER

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

- THE AUDIT REPORT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009 BE RECEIVED;
- THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPALITY BE RECEIVED ON 18 NOVEMBER 2009, AND
- THE GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS BE HELD ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2009.

**Moved:**

*J L Freeman*

**Seconded:**

*B I N Thomas*

## COUNCIL DECISION:

**THAT:**

- **THE AUDIT REPORT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009 BE RECEIVED;**
- **THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPALITY BE RECEIVED ON 18 NOVEMBER 2009, AND**
- **THE GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS BE HELD ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2009 AT 2:00PM.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

## 10.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

1:35pm The President, Cr Nino Messina left the meeting

Deputy President, Barbara Thomas, assumed the chair.

### 10.5.1 FREEMAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY – CONFERRING OF

## DATE OF MEETING:

18<sup>th</sup> November 2009

## LOCATION/ADDRESS:

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## NAME OF APPLICANT:

-

## FILE REFERENCE:

101

## PREVIOUS MINUTE/S &amp; REFERENCE:

## DATE AND AUTHOR:

9 November, 2009, Tom Hartman, Chief Executive Officer

## DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: SUMMARY

Author has no disclosure of interest.

Report advises of proposal for the nomination of Freeman of Mullewa Shire

## BACKGROUND:

Correspondence (copy attached at **APPENDIX A**) has been received

from Yvonne Messina, on behalf of the Messina family, proposing that Nino Messina be considered for the awarding of Honorary Freeman of Mullewa.

The title of Honorary Freeman is regarded as the highest acclamation a Council can bestow upon one of its citizens.

The Local Government Act 1995 does not define the criteria for conferring Freemanship on a person, nor is the title itself mentioned in the Act. The criterion for being eligible for such a title is left to the judgment of the Council.

Research has revealed that most Councils award this form of distinction and is presented in recognition of exceptional service, personal contribution and outstanding achievements and/or significant contributions both professionally and personally in pursuit of benefits for the community within the Shire. In the past that person has not necessarily served as a Council member.

Given the dedication, commitment and service to the municipality since 1974 in his roll as a local government Councillor the granting of the freedom of the Shire of Mullewa to Nino Messina may be worthy of consideration.

## COMMENT:

Nino Messina has provided significant community service to the municipality through his roll as primarily a Councillor but also to other community groups. Since his election to Council in May 1975 Nino has represented the West Ward, he has been Shire President since 1997. The length of service is in itself substantial to this municipality at the highest level.

Conferring upon him the title of honorary freeman is symbolic only but given the rarity of such awards and the formal nature under which it will be presented the significance of this event in the life of the community cannot be under estimated.

The last honorary freeman was granted to Peter Timothy Freeman in 2005.

Previous recipients have been Dr Patrick J Docherty in 2002, Mr Douglas Brenkley in 1990, Mr George Eves in 1978 and Mr J J O'Brien in 1972.

Attached also at **APPENDIX B** for Councillors information is a copy of a policy from the Shire of Wongan Hills that may assist understanding the process relating to this matter

## CONSULTATION:

Darrell Forrest – Dept Local Govt & Regional Development  
WA Local Governments

STATUTORY  
ENVIRONMENT:

There are no known statutory implications at this time.

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known policy implications at this time.

FINANCIAL  
IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known financial implications at this time.

STRATEGIC  
IMPLICATIONS:  
VOTING REQUIREMENT:  
OFFICER  
RECOMMENDATION :

There are no known strategic implications at this time.

THAT:

- IN RECOGNITION OF THE HIGH ESTEEM AND GRATITUDE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE MULLEWA SHIRE THROUGH HIS DILIGENT SERVICE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS AN ELECTED MEMBER THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF MULLEWA HAS PLEASURE IN CONFERRING UPON NINO MESSINA THE TITLE OF HONORARY FREEMAN, AND
- THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS TO UNDERTAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE AND SUITABLE GIFT TO CR MESSINA AT A FUNCTION TO BE HELD IN 2009 OF A STANDARD AND TYPE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL.

**Moved:**

*Andrew J Messina*

**Seconded:**

*M D Tierney*

COUNCIL DECISION:

THAT:

- IN RECOGNITION OF THE HIGH ESTEEM AND GRATITUDE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE MULLEWA SHIRE THROUGH HIS DILIGENT SERVICE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS AN ELECTED MEMBER THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF MULLEWA HAS PLEASURE IN CONFERRING UPON NINO MESSINA THE TITLE OF HONORARY FREEMAN, AND
- THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS TO UNDERTAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE AND SUITABLE GIFT TO CR MESSINA AT A FUNCTION TO BE HELD AT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TIME OF A STANDARD AND TYPE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL.

**CARRIED 6/0**

1:40pm

The President, Cr Nino Messina resumed the chair.

#### **10.5.2 PREMIERS AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARDS - 2010**

DATE OF MEETING: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009

LOCATION/ADDRESS: -

NAME OF APPLICANT: -

FILE REFERENCE: 611

PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE: -

DATE AND AUTHOR: 9 November 2009 – Tom Hartman, Chief Executive Officer

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Author has no disclosure of interest.

SUMMARY Report raises the Australia Day Awards for Council to invite nominations for a person, group or event for the awards.

BACKGROUND: As part of Australia Day family awards the Premiers Australia Day Active Citizen awards were introduced to be announced on Australia Day.

The awards focus on community contribution and participation rather than personal achievement:

There are three awards –

- Outstanding contributions to community by a local citizen of 25 years of age or over.
- Outstanding contributions to community by a local citizen under 25 years of age.
- Outstanding contributions to community by a local group or community event.

The nomination period normally closes towards the end of November, however, this can be flexible and it is suggested that the close off date be extended to coincide with the Councils December agenda items, Wednesday, 9 December, 2009. Council can make its decision on the applicants at the December meeting and need to advise the Australia Council by 8 January, 2010.

COMMENT: Advertising, by way of posters and nomination brochures have been displayed since mid September.

As previously advised I consider this is again a good opportunity for Council to recognise those in the community for their valuable service.

At this stage there has been one nomination for a local citizen of 25 years of age or over and there may be other persons under the age, group or event categories Council may wish to or encourage others to nominate, especially if no nominations are received from the community.

Successful functions have been held on Australia day at the Mullewa Swimming Pool and due to community interest it has been decided to hold a similar function in 2010. Council may wish again to consider presenting the awards on this day.

CONSULTATION: President, CPO

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: There are no known statutory implications at this time.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: There are no known policy implications at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: If Council conducts an event on Australia Day 2010 there will be costs.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Will have positive impacts on Council and community relationships.

VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION: THAT COUNCIL INVITE NOMINATIONS:

FOR THE PREMIERS AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR A PERSON OF 25 YEAR OR OLDER.

FOR THE PREMIERS AUSTRALIAN DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR A PERSON UNDER 25 YEARS.

FOR THE PREMIERS AUSTRALIAN DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR A LOCAL GROUP OR COMMUNITY EVENT, and

EXTEND THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS TO WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER, 9, 2009.

**Moved:** J L Freeman                      **Seconded:** B I N Thomas

**COUNCIL DECISION: THAT COUNCIL INVITE NOMINATIONS:**

**FOR THE PREMIERS AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR A PERSON OF 25 YEAR OR OLDER.**

**FOR THE PREMIERS AUSTRALIAN DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR A PERSON UNDER 25 YEARS.**

**FOR THE PREMIERS AUSTRALIAN DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR A LOCAL GROUP OR COMMUNITY EVENT, and**

**EXTEND THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS TO WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER, 9, 2009.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

### 10.5.3 MID WEST REGIONAL COUNCIL - FUTURE

DATE OF MEETING:	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2009
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	-
NAME OF APPLICANT:	-
FILE REFERENCE:	-
PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE:	-
DATE AND AUTHOR:	12 November 2009, Tom Hartman, Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Author has no disclosure of interest.
SUMMARY	Report raises a discussion item regarding the future of the Mid West Regional Council
BACKGROUND:	At the November, 2009 meeting of the MWRC an item on its future was on the agenda. A copy of the report is attached at <b>APPENDIX C</b> .
COMMENT:	The November, 2009, meeting of the MWRC resolved –  <i>“That the CEO be authorised to investigate and submit a grant application for funding to carry out a feasibility study on the options available for the Mid West Regional Council following structural reform of the current member councils. The feasibility study to commence after the announcement of the Minister’s decision on structural reform has been made in early 2010.”</i>  There is a slight difference of opinion as to what was resolved at the TAG meeting held October 23. The authors recollection is that the future

of the MWRC was discussed and the recommendation to have an agenda item submitted to the November meeting was to allow participating Councils the opportunity to consider participation in the MWRC, prior to a decision being made on its future at the MWRC February, 2010 meeting.

Since these meetings it has been raised that the Main Roads Integrated Services Arrangement has hit a substantial snag and we have been verbally advised that the joint ownership proposal is now off the books. The President is part of a delegation from the MWRC to meet with the Minister for Transport in Perth on the 25<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the situation.

As Council realises, both Carnamah and Coorow have withdrawn from the MWRC effective July 1, 2010. The Shires of Morawa, Perenjori, Three Springs and Mingenew have a submission in to amalgamate as has the Shire of Mullewa, Chapman Valley and the City of Geraldton Greenough.

This matter needs to be discussed to allow direction for Councils member to eventually resolve the issue at the MWRC.

## CONSULTATION:

## STATUTORY

There are no known statutory implications at this time.

## ENVIRONMENT:

## POLICY

There are no known policy implications at this time.

## IMPLICATIONS:

## FINANCIAL

There are no known financial implications at this time.

## IMPLICATIONS:

## STRATEGIC

There are no known strategic implications at this time.

## IMPLICATIONS:

## VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple majority

## OFFICER

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL DISCUSS THE FUTURE PARTICIPATION AS A MEMBER OF THE MID WEST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Moved:**

*B I N Thomas*

**Seconded:**

*A J Crudeli*

## COUNCIL DECISION:

**THAT COUNCIL REQUESTS AN AGENDA ITEM BE SUBMITTED TO THE MWRC DECEMBER MEETING WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PARTICIPANTS DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE MID WEST REGIONAL COUNCIL AT THEIR DECEMBER MEETINGS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO ITS APPOINTED MEMBERS TO ALLOW A DECISION BY THE MWRC ON ITS FUTURE IN EARLY 2010.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

**1109.11**

**NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING**

Nil

**1109.12 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

**1109.13 DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Nil

**1109.14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The President closed the meeting at 2:15pm.

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on 16 December 2009:

Signed:

A J Messina, President

Date: