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SHIRE OF BUSSELTON

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2009

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SHIRE OF BUSSELTON**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD AT THE BUSSELTON BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTRE, CNR QUEEN ELIZABETH AVENUE AND RECREATION DRIVE, BUSSELTON, ON WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7:00 PM**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7.00p.m.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Presiding Member:	Cr Wes Hartley	Shire President
Members:	Cr Bethwyn Hastie Cr David Binks Cr Ian Stubbs Cr Ross Bromell Cr Anne Ryan Cr Tom Tuffin Cr Jackie Emery Cr Bernie Masters Cr Bev Clarke Cr Rob Underdown Cr Don Hanran-Smith Cr David Reid	
Officers:	Mr Matthew Smith Miss Lynley Rich	Acting Chief Executive Officer Governance Manager
Apologies:	Nil	
Leave of Absence:	Nil	
Media:	"Busselton-Dunsborough Times" "Busselton-Dunsborough Mail"	
Public:	68	

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**2.1 SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

In accordance with the 2007-08 Annual Report.

Given no questions regarding the Shire President's report were forthcoming, the Shire President asked for a motion that the report be received.

MOTION

Moved Mr Keith Cramer, seconded Ms Geraldine Gamble:

That the Shire President's report be received.

**CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE
NO DISSENTING VOTERS, SEVERAL ELECTORS ABSTAINED**

2.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

In accordance with the 2007-08 Annual Report.

Given no questions regarding the Chief Executive Officer's report were forthcoming, the Shire President asked for a motion that the report be received.

MOTION

Moved Ms Jenny Sheehan, seconded Mr Len Falkiner:

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

**CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE
ONE DISSENTING VOTER, SEVERAL ELECTORS ABSTAINED**

2.3 FINANCIAL REPORTS - INCLUDING PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

In accordance with the 2007-08 Annual Report.

MOTION

Moved Mr Bill Gillbard, seconded Mrs Joan Forward:

That the Financial Reports including Principal Activities be received.

Questions were taken from meeting attendees prior to the motion being put to the vote of the meeting.

2.3.1 Mr Len Boyling:

Mr Boyling referred to the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June, 2008. He stated there had been a realised loss for investments of \$518,000 and the investments were worth \$234,000 less than they were purchased for, equating to \$753,000 worth of losses. He described them as speculative investments outside of the traditional banking system.

The section of the financial report referred to by Mr Boyling was derived from the financial information reproduced below.

Investments	
Opening balance at 1 July	28,717,610
Add: Deposit of funds	8,222,789
Less: Withdrawal of funds	(17,822,789)
	19,177,610
Add: Distributions	1,614,706
Less: Management fees paid to Grove	(37,377)
Less: Realised losses incurred in redemption of units	(518,598)
Less: Unrealised losses incurred on revaluation to fair value	(234,554)
Closing balance at 30 June	19,941,787

Further, Mr Boyling stated that an additional \$409,000 had been lost, a total of more than \$1 million of ratepayers' money. The section of the financial report referred to for this figure is reproduced below.

Subsequent events

There were no events subsequent to reporting date that materially impact on this financial report, with the exception that investments disclosed are subject to fluctuations in market value. The fluctuations in market value from 1 July 2008 to 31 October 2008 are as follows:

Opening balance at 1 July 2008	19,941,787
Add: Deposit of funds	653,690
Less: Withdrawal of funds	(2,309,971)
	18,285,506
Add: Distributions	462,913
Less: Management fees paid to Grove	(6,838)
Less: Realised losses incurred in redemption of units	(135)
Less: Unrealised losses incurred on revaluation to fair value	(409,456)
Closing balance at 31 October 2008	18,331,990

He asked:

- * Who is responsible for this situation?
- * What controls were in place?

Response - Shire President:

The Council receives advice in relation to financial matters and is then the decision-maker. The Council therefore accepts the responsibility for accepting, or not, any recommendations.

As to your specific questions, they will be taken on notice and a response provided, such as who the adviser was and the detail of the investments. If the questions had been put in writing, as your other questions have for presentation later in this meeting, then you would have had a response now.

2.3.2 Mr Michael Cassanet:

Mr Cassanet stated that in the event of an apparent loss of around \$1 million whoever was asked to invest the Shire's funds would have been paid a fee. **He asked: How much was the fee?**

Response - Shire President:

The question will be taken on notice and a response provided. However, the investment policy had been rigorously followed and the Shire recently received the highest award for financial management from the Local Government Minister. Who would be better off in the current economic climate? Losses, if any, were minimal compared to other local governments. There have been monthly reports about the state of investments and any identified as potentially at risk were removed. Further, a very conservative investment policy going forward will mean minimal exposure.

2.3.3 Mr John Geary:

Asked: Were these realised or unrealised losses?

Response - Acting Chief Executive Officer:

Some were realised and some were unrealised, as identified in the financial report.

MOTION (as moved)

That the Financial Reports including Principal Activities be received.

NOT CARRIED
ONE VOTE IN FAVOUR, FOUR AGAINST, ALL OTHERS ABSTAINED

2.4 AUDITOR'S REPORT

In accordance with the 2007-08 Annual Report.

Given no questions regarding the Auditor's report were forthcoming, the Shire President asked for a motion that the report be received.

MOTION

Moved Mr Angus Smith, seconded Mr Keith Cramer:

That the Auditor's report be received.

CARRIED

12 VOTES IN FAVOUR, NO DISSENTING VOTERS, ALL OTHERS ABSTAINED

2.5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Questions that had been submitted in writing prior to the meeting and associated responses were presented by the Shire President.

2.5.1 **Mr John Cannam:**

2.5.1.1 The lock on the disabled toilet downstairs at the Shire Offices has been broken for many months. **Mr Cannam asked: When will it be fixed?**

Response - Community Infrastructure Directorate:

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The appropriate officer will have this fixed and will endeavour to ensure it is completed by 13 February, 2009.

2.5.1.2 The public toilets in Mitchell Park are in urgent need of upgrade or rebuild. **Mr Cannam asked: Is there any consideration?**

Response - Community Infrastructure Directorate:

This is being reviewed as part of the budget process for 09/10 financial year, with other prioritised works.

2.5.1.3 The cycleway surface is uneven due to root growth at Georgette Street boat ramp.

Response - Community Infrastructure Directorate:

This has been investigated by the Shire maintenance supervisor and has been listed for repair before April 2009.

- 2.5.1.4 The playing surfaces in Churchill Park are in a shocking and dangerous condition due to lack of top dressing and adequate water. There needs to be some work done very quickly before winter sports start.

Response - Community Infrastructure Directorate:

Routine maintenance will be taking place to ensure the oval is suitable for use for the winter playing season. This will be in line with budget restraints.

Currently we are coring and fertilizing the ovals for the winter playing season. Unfortunately, the reticulation this summer has been problematic as there have been a number of major failures. These have been repaired, however, this has contributed to its current state.

- 2.5.1.5 The Railway market site and the Marine Terrace market site need to be kept watered to reduce dust and improve the appearance on the entrance to town.

Response - Community Infrastructure Directorate:

With regard to the Railway market site, the area will need to be reticulated using scheme water. At this point in time this would be a very low priority with a high cost. This would also be a non sustainable use of scheme water. A reticulation system in this area would have high maintenance costs associated with it due to the high vehicle usage in the area.

The Marine Terrace site is reticulated and is at its water usage capacity.

- 2.5.1.6 The beach side grass from Scout Road to Ford Road needs to be irrigated in summer to give the area an improved appearance. The next section of Barnard Park needs to be watered and sown with grass ready for use as playing fields as the need arises.

Response - Community Infrastructure Directorate:

Bore water allocation throughout the Shire is reaching its capacity and the Scout Road bore which provides water for this area is at capacity. In order to provide additional water and irrigation in this area an additional artesian bore would be required. Subject to DOW approval a new artesian bore would cost in the region of \$800,000 which excludes the new reticulation infrastructure that would be required. This is currently not a high priority, in particular when we are looking throughout the shire into sustainable water usage. Water has in recent years become a valuable resource and we are now looking at preserving it rather than using more.

- 2.5.1.7 **Mr Cannam asked: What is planned for the vacant site between the Senior Citizens' Centre and the Child Health building? Who owns this land?**

Response - Community and Organisational Development Directorate:

It is freehold owned by the Shire. The whole of Lot (73) encompasses the Senior Citizens Centre, GBTA, Child Care Centre and old YMCA (formerly 'The Nest') and a large area of wetland. (See area identified on the attached plan - Attachment B).

Staff are currently preparing a structure plan for the entire lot with the objective of creating a site for the Wetlands Interpretive Centre. This will by its nature attempt to address what occurs with the remainder of the lot including the land referred to in the question.

Staff expect to be able to start workshopping this structure plan with the Council in February.

- 2.5.1.8 **Mr Cannam asked: How much money has the Shire Council put into the Community Garden in Strelly Street in the last year?**

Response - Community Infrastructure Directorate:

\$3,280 for the maintenance of the toilet block.

- 2.5.1.9 When leaving a Shire reception recently, I noticed that there is no lighting in the carpark. This is an unsafe situation for older people.

Response - Community Infrastructure Directorate:

Lighting is provided in the carpark however we will review its suitability for all patrons.

- 2.5.2 **Mr VS Barker:**

- 2.5.2.1 **Mr Barker asked: Will the Shire advise ratepayers of last financial year's total costs and total cash returns (to the Shire's coffers) of all sporting facilities/activities in which the Shire is/was involved? Costs to include all direct and indirect expenses such as loan repayments - interest on loans (if any) - grants to clubs - renovations - cost of allocated Shire staff time, office space including rent, phones, computers, Shire equipment such as machinery, vehicles etc. Total returns to be the actual cash receipts credited to ratepayers' funds with the Shire.**

Response - (as provided by) the Community and Organisational Development Directorate:

(The information was read out at the meeting and is provided as an attachment {Attachment C refers} to these minutes).

2.5.2.2 Bearing in mind the foregoing costing requirements and on the same basis, **Mr Barker asked: Would the Shire please advise total cost and total cash revenue of:-**

- (a) the 2006/07 also 2007/07 Triathlons (separately);
- (b) the Geographe Leisure Centre for the same financial years;
- (c) the 2006-08 South Bound concert and an estimate for the 2008-9 concert?

Response - (as provided by) the Community and Organisational Development Directorate:

(The information was read out at the meeting and is provided as an attachment {Attachment D refers} to these minutes).

2.5.2.3 **Mr Barker asked: Could I please be advised which roads in the CBD belong to the Shire and which to Main Roads?**

Response - Community Infrastructure Directorate:

There are no roads controlled by Main Roads within the CBD. The nearest road controlled by Main Roads is the Busselton Bypass. All roads within the CBD fall under Shire control for maintenance and safety standards and improvements.

2.5.3 **Mr Bob Evans:**

2.5.3.1 **Mr Evans asked: What is the Council doing in regard to the economic situation we are now experiencing?**

Response - Shire President:

This Shire is one of the most financially responsible and this has been recognised by the Minister for Local Government with an award for excellence. The stewardship and accountability of the finance staff was recognised with the award which was won against strong competition. This is an expression of thanks to the staff involved.

Compared to other local governments, this organisation has a low debt servicing ratio and low borrowings ratio below the industry recommended standards.

- 2.5.3.2 **Mr Evans asked: Will the Council be considering what effect it will have on the residents and businesses in the Shire and if the answer is yes will the residents be informed and not kept confidential?**

Response - Shire President:

There is nothing in relation to the local government's finances and financial accountability that is confidential, as evidenced by these reports presented here tonight. The local government is open and accountable to any member of the public.

- 2.5.3.3 **Mr Evans asked: Will the Council be borrowing more money or will the Council be tightening its belt on spending on things that are not necessary for the population as a whole? In other words "users pay".**

Response - Shire President:

All government authorities, whether Federal, State or Local are under the same encouragement to be leaders in stimulating the economy, including undertaking major capital works. This is a role of government, to provide stimulus and employment drivers. The Council will be making decisions in relation to these matters on advice from officers.

- 2.5.4. **Mr Len Boyling:**

- 2.5.4.1 In respect to the acquisition and installation of the "Technology One" computer system, **Mr Boyling asked: can you please advise ratepayers what is the expenditure to date on this project, and what is the forecast total expenditure for this project?** This expenditure is to include all external costs of hardware and software whether leased, rented or purchased, consultants fees and charges, training costs, cabling and any costs in modification of premises and structures, and to also include internal costs such as staff time and overheads, accommodation of technicians on site, replacement stationery and other incidental on-costs.

Response - (as provided by) the Systems and Information Directorate:

(The information is provided as an attachment {Attachment A refers} to these minutes).

Response - Shire President:

While the whole financial statement will not be read in its entirety but provided in the minutes, the bottom line figures are for operating expenses \$253,081 in 2007/08 and \$188,211 of a budgeted \$437,050 in 2008/09. Further, capital expenses were \$603,208 in 2007/08 and \$510,597 in 2008/09 and in 2008/09 \$112,461 was brought forward from 2009/10 for purchase of SAN.

- 2.5.4.2 In respect to the five week delay in the issue of the annual rate notices occasioned by the failure of the Technology One computer system to be fully functional, **Mr Boyling asked: Can you please advise how much investment earnings were lost as a direct result of the delay in the receipt of rate revenue and how much bank interest was paid on any bank overdraft facility provided to facilitate the discharge of Council's financial obligations prior to the receipt of the first instalment of rates monies?**

Response - Systems and Information Directorate:

It is difficult to provide any accurate estimate of the interest foregone. Reasons for this include:

- *How can we confirm that, should rates have gone out earlier, that ratepayers would make their payment in the same manner as that eventually paid;*
- *The impact of having staff hold off expenditures pending the receipt of rates income could have otherwise affected interest income;*
- *The interest rate cuts during and around the time that the rates were issued (drop of 1.75% between 8 Oct and 3 Dec 2008) may have affected ratepayers payment options (instalments or full payment), and obviously the Shire's investment decisions/ returns;*
- *We will not know the full impact of the later than expected receipt of rates revenue until the end of the year. Programs/ projects may have been delayed sufficiently such that other projects are not commenced in 2008/09 (thus reducing overall expenditure for the year).*

Interest Lost

As per the Council's adopted budget, the first instalment date for the payment of rates in 2008/09 was originally set at 28th October 2008. However, due to unforeseen delays, at its meeting of 24 September 2008, the Council endorsed that the first instalment payment date be amended to 25 November 2008, some 28 days later than originally anticipated.

Based on a review of the rates debtors account, an amount of approximately \$13.4M was paid in rates by the first instalment date (including both rates paid in full and first instalment payments).

It is not feasible (due to the large number of assumptions that would need to be considered) to apply daily interest on the value of rates payments received each day (from issue date to payment date), to attempt to obtain an estimate of investment earnings lost due to the delay.

As such, for the purposes of calculating an estimate of the same, a simple calculation has been used as a guide, as follows;

<i>Number of days:</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Interest Rate (cash rate at 28/10/08):</i>	<i>6%</i>
<i>Amount:</i>	<i>\$13.4M</i>

Based on the above figures, interest foregone equates to \$61.7K.

Overdraft Facility

In order to fund the Shire's operations pending the receipt of rates income, the Shire was required to utilise an overdraft facility of up to \$4M. Upon its establishment and during its term, the following fees and interest charges were incurred:

Overdraft Facility Establishment Fee: \$10K
Overdraft Interest and line fees: \$36.3K
\$46.3K

Whilst the above factors equate to a cost/loss of income in the vicinity of \$108K, it must be acknowledged that this figure is an estimate only, and other matters preceding and subsequent to the levying and receipt of rates revenue will impact on the level of investment earnings in 2008/09.

- 2.5.4.3 **Mr Boyling asked: Is the Technology One computer system now fully functional and meeting 100% of your original expectations, and if not, when will the system be fully functional and up to 100% of your expectations?**

Response - Systems and Information Directorate:

The Shire has yet to implement a number of modules within the TechnologyOne system these include (with their associated proposed "go live" dates):

<i>Planning, Building and Health</i>	<i>April 2009</i>
<i>Leasing</i>	<i>May 2009</i>
<i>Customer Request Management</i>	<i>May 2009</i>
<i>Works and Assets Management</i>	<i>June 2009</i>

The following modules have also been identified but not as yet scheduled:

- * Budgeting and forecasting (anticipate implementation prior to 2010/11 budget development)*
- * Business Intelligence*
- * eServices*

Following the presentation of the responses to all questions as asked prior to the meeting, the Shire President called for questions from members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

- 2.5.5 **Mr Michael Cassanet:**

- 2.5.5.1 I refer to an article in the "Busselton-Dunsborough Mail" of 17 December by Rob Bennett, concerning the selection of Rotary Park by the Shire Council as the site for a new administration building. In the article the Shire President is quoted as saying, and I quote, "the Council has engaged in a rigorous process and arrived at a democratically-made decision". End of quote.

Considering that previously, when the Council proposed the CBD site, the President conceded that there had been no public input into the site selection, therefore I ask:

- (a) In what way was the selection of Rotary Park different from the way the Council selected the CBD site?
- (b) Would the President explain what the "rigorous process" entailed?
- (c) What input did the public have to this decision?
- (d) If none, how could this decision be stated to be "democratically-made".

Response - Shire President:

The Rotary Park site was identified following opposition to the CBD site that was voiced during the consultation. The rigorous process included significant public consultation and detailed financial management modelling over a very extensive period. The results of the submissions showed that the CBD site was not acceptable and therefore alternative sites were pursued. The community had a great deal of input into this decision as it was made in response to its opposition to the previously identified site in the CBD.

In receipt of all of the submissions on the matter, an alternative site was pursued, being Rotary Park which was particularly suitable in relation to cost due to its freehold status.

Mr Cassanet stated therefore the Council had no input.

The Shire President advised that the Council had every input.

Mr Cassanet corrected the statement in that he meant that the community had no input.

The Shire President advised that the civic building project was outlined over a great number of weeks. Mr Cassanet may be of the view that there was no consultation, however, the Council resolved on Rotary Park in response to the consultation.

Councillor Ian Stubbs stated that the public has had no input to the decision on Rotary Park.

The Shire President advised that while that may be the view of Councillor Stubbs, he did not hold the same view.

Mr Cassanet stated therefore there has been no input from the public to this decision.

- 2.5.5.2 **Mr Cassanet asked: How can this decision have been stated to be democratically made?**

Response - Shire President:

The Council is elected to make decisions, that is the democratic process. The Council makes its decisions in the best interests of its ratepayers. The Council resolved on Rotary Park and officers will report back to Council along at least five separate stages of the project, should it proceed.

- 2.5.5.3 A letter in today's "Busselton-Dunsborough Mail" implies that the Council has spent some \$200,000 to date selecting a site for a new administration building. **Mr Cassanet asked: Is this a fair estimate? If not, what would a more correct figure be?**

Response - Shire President:

The question will be taken on notice and a response will be provided such that any figures presented shall be accurate.

- 2.5.5.4 The Council has allowed the children's playground in Yoganup Park to fall into disuse due to neglect. Now that the Council's intent to build on this site has been overruled, **Mr Cassanet asked: will the Council take steps to renew this facility and turn it into a first class venue?**

Response - Shire President:

The foreshore proposals will be considered in due course, however, if any Councillor strongly supports the concept outlined then they could be encouraged to bring forward a notice of motion on the matter.

- 2.5.6 **Mr Laurie Uren:**

- 2.5.6.1 A Title search reveals that the Shire of Busselton owns freehold Lot 42 Causeway Road, Busselton. This is the location of the proposed new Civic Precinct. An examination of the Shire of Busselton Town Planning Scheme No. 20 Map 23 clearly shows that the land forms part of the Local Scheme Reserves and is reserved solely for "Recreation". It is not reserved for "Public Purposes", which would allow the construction of Council Offices.

Part 6 - Scheme Proposals: Zones and Areas : 6.1 Entitled "Reserves" states:

"The reservation is also applied to private land that has been identified under the Shire of Busselton Master Recreation Plan as required to meet the future recreation needs of the community and the land that is proposed to be ceded by developers as part of the subdivisional development of their landholding."

Town Planning Scheme 20 Clause 19 (2) states:

“(1) No person shall on a Scheme Reserve, without the approval of Council - (e) construct extend or alter any building or structure, other than a boundary fence.”

It has been stated by Shire Council representatives that the Council is exempt from applying for planning consent. **Mr Uren asked: Why does the Council believe that it is exempt from applying for planning consent and why as a developer under the Scheme is it not required to cede the land for recreation as stated?**

Response - Shire President:

There is no question that the land does not require rezoning. However, what applies to private citizens will apply to the local government rather than any assumption that the matter will be dealt with in a carte blanche manner. There is established policy whereby the local government treats itself consistently with ratepayers.

2.5.7 **Mr Brian Blum:**

2.5.7.1 Map 23 of Town Planning Scheme 20 shows that a good proportion of Lot 42 Causeway Road is within the Landscape Value Area. Clause 27 of TPS20 sets out specific elements the Council must observe to allow clearing or development in that area. **Mr Blum asked: Will the Council observe those requirements in respect of its own development applications? The same is asked in respect to the fact that the land is within flood prone area and subject to requirements of Clause 37 of TPS20.**

Response - Shire President:

The Shire will be subject to the same requirements for approvals should the project proceed.

2.5.8 **Mr Rob Griffiths:**

2.5.8.1 Mr Griffiths stated that at a Council meeting it was advised that the building could commence while the Council was awaiting rezoning approval, that is you don't need the approval. You have stated the opposite to the Director of Lifestyle Development at that meeting.

Response - Shire President:

Technically that is correct, however, what I am saying is that the Council as a matter of policy consistently applies to the local government the same requirements that ratepayers must adhere to. That is a declared inclination not what otherwise might be able to legally occur.

- 2.5.8.2 **Mr Griffiths asked: Is it a fact that whatever is discussed at this meeting must go to Council?**

Response - Shire President:

The minutes of this meeting will be presented to and confirmed by the Council.

Response - Acting Chief Executive Officer:

Any motions that are carried at this meeting are required to be submitted to the Council for consideration.

Response - Shire President:

Councillors may also wish to bring forward notices of motion based on outcomes of this meeting.

Mr Griffiths stated that it was his intention to move motions at a later time.

- 2.5.9 **Mrs Margaret Strong:**

- 2.5.9.1 Lot 42 Causeway Road is presently developed for recreation purposes including public amenities. **Mrs Strong asked: Who paid for these and is the Council allowed to remove or shift them?**

Response - Shire President:

I don't know who paid for them. These matters are often a combination of community-based fundraising efforts, grants and local government funding. However, any facilities disturbed will be returned in a greater state.

- 2.5.9.2 **Mrs Strong asked: Given the current economic climate, why does the Shire Council spend money on seemingly unwise staff projects like the "Team Building Exercise", complete with facilitator?**

Response - Shire President:

Education processes for staff are important and are identified in various budgets. I do not have any other detail for this specific matter.

Mrs Strong stated that in such an economic climate the Shire should be expected to cut down like everyone else and to find more appropriate uses for its money.

- 2.5.10 **Mrs Terry:**

- 2.5.10.1 At the Special Council Meeting on 2 December 2008, consultant Caroline Walker presented the outcomes of submissions made by residents on the Civic Precinct.

From the submissions it was quite clear that residents voiced opposition to this Civic Precinct - major objections being site chosen, cost - which in turn meant higher rates.

At this Special Meeting a Mr Murray Johns - Architect of James Christou and Partners, then proceeded to make a presentation explaining plans for alternative sites and costs, these being:

- * Rotary Park;
- * Demolish in sections the existing Shire Offices and rebuild over a period of time;
- * Do nothing

Clearly considerable planning and investigation over a period of time had gone into these alternate options.

Mrs Terry asked: Why were residents not given the opportunity in the first instance to make a submission covering all four proposals? i.e.

- * Civic Precinct;
- * Rotary Park;
- * Demolish and rebuild in stages;
- * Do nothing.

Response - Shire President:

Councils, and I emphasise various Councils, over a number of years have made a variety of decisions in relation to this matter. There had been decisions in favour of the Vasse site and detailed assessment over two years. Three sites were identified during the assessment of the Vasse site, being Vasse which was ultimately rejected by the Council of the day, the existing site and the CBD site. Those were the options, and the Rotary Park site was identified because of the community opposition to the Council's selected CBD site.

2.5.10.2 Mrs Terry asked: Why, over the two years, were residents not invited to make submissions on all of the options?

Response - Shire President:

When the Council resolved to put out the business plan for public consultation it was on the basis that it would be a Civic presence in the CBD in conjunction with the current library and community facilities. It considered a financial plan, sources of funding and borrowing.

What came back from that consultation, while opposed to the site, was not opposition to the proposal for new facilities. It was therefore a determination of the Council not to proceed with the CBD site, but instead to separate the options regarding the library and investigate with government agencies the potential for land swaps for the current site.

The decision in December initiates an investigative program considering all of the environmental and other issues surrounding the Rotary Park site, including whether it is feasible or not. If this proceeds, then many other factors also kick in, in a staged process approved by the Council.

It has clearly been identified for 8 years that doing nothing is not an option and around 4000sqm is required to make provision for the future of this local government.

Mrs Terry stated that the community had not been given any options.

2.5.11 **Mr VS Barker:**

- 2.5.11.1 Mr Barker stated that the response regarding his earlier questions about profits to the Shire from SouthBound had been answered very quickly. **Mr Barker asked: Can the figures be read out again?**

The Shire President re-presented the information to the meeting.

- 2.5.11.2 Mr Barker stated that 20,000 people attended SouthBound with prices of tickets starting at \$115 which resulted in more than \$2 million to the promoters. The Shire received less than \$1 per head. **Mr Barker asked: Can it be taken on board for future events that a more reasonable profit for the Shire would a minimum of \$5 per head.**

Response - Acting Chief Executive Officer:

This needs to be considered in the context of the rights of the Shire to levy fees and charges. It is wrong to consider the fees charged for such events in terms of profit to the Shire. The Shire is entitled to fees that are in accordance with the cost of undertaking local government services linked to such an event. This may entail services such as food safety inspections and noise management among others.

The charges levied on the organisers of events are required to be on the basis of recovery of costs, not making a profit. We have to levy the fee in accordance with the actual cost of providing the service. While it may appear there was a small profit, the Shire has no entitlement to profit from such events. The fees and charges continue to be reviewed to ensure that the Shire recovers its full costs from the provision of services for such events.

- 2.5.11.3 Mr Barker stated that he had raised the same matter at five annual general meetings of making the central business district more pedestrian friendly, considering the use of zebra crossings, flashing lights etc. **Mr Barker asked: Will a Councillor finally say "Yes, we are seriously going to look at this"?**

MOTION

Moved Mr VS Barker, seconded Mr Graham Edwards;

That the Council give urgent consideration to the needs of pedestrians in the CBD, particularly those with disabilities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.5.12 Ms Clare Dean:

- 2.5.12.1 Mrs Dean asked: Why has the land opposite the Shire offices, on the corner of Causeway Road and Southern Drive, not been investigated to build the hub?**

MOTION

Moved Ms Clare Dean, seconded Cr Anne Ryan;

That the land opposite the Shire offices on the corner of Causeway Road and Southern Drive currently for sale be considered for purchase by the Shire and offices be built to accommodate staff for the next several decades and with the view to later constructing other offices as suggested in the current proposal for the community hub.

**CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE
NO DISSENTING VOTERS, SOME ELECTORS ABSTAINED**

2.5.13 Miss Jocelyn Elphick:

- 2.5.13.1 Miss Elphick stated she wished to follow up regarding the issues raised with the new computer system. She said a friend of hers had paid his rates upfront and then received a follow up account requiring a further \$26 to be paid due to an error. However, further examination revealed that in fact only an additional \$16 was required, not \$26 due to a computer glitch. It may be the case that everyone hasn't checked their notices in such detail and if everyone overpaid by \$10 this amounts to quite a lot of money. Miss Elphick asked: Will you please make sure that this issue is immediately resolved so that we are all left with no doubt as to where our money is going?**

Response - Shire President:

Yes.

- 2.5.13.2 Miss Elphick referred to pictures published of a 1986 dig in Rotary Park and the Shire's request for people to provide anecdotal evidence of a tip on that site. Miss Elphick asked: Why weren't Shire records consulted? Are there records regarding the tip site and if so where can they be accessed?**

Response - Shire President:

This will be investigated and the request to access any records will be acceded to.

2.5.14 Mr John Geary:

- 2.5.14.1 Mr Geary asked: Why did the Council give the go ahead to proceed with the next stage of Port Geographe before progressing to finding a permanent solution to the seagrass wrack issue rather than the very costly annual attempted fix that the Council will inherit? How can the special rates levy for maintenance to the marina be justified when it is open to all, especially when the leisure centre is supported by ratepayers of the entire Shire?**

Response - Acting Chief Executive Officer:

The Port Geographe development was approved in totality in the late 1980s. The recent approval was in relation to a development guide plan for variations to the second stage. Given the existing approvals, it would have been very difficult not to approve the variations. There are conditions on the development that require work to be undertaken to ensure the canals function effectively and these conditions are yet to be fully satisfied.

The genesis of the Specified Area Rate (SAR) was from the approval of the development. The area to which the SAR was to apply was identified at that time. Later, the Council resolved that only 75% of the costs of managing the waterways would be derived from the SAR and 25% would come from general rate revenue as there was obviously also a benefit to the general public of having these facilities. These proportions are for the Council to determine when it determines its budget each year.

2.5.15 Mrs Joan Forward:

- 2.5.15.1 Mrs Forward stated that there were problems for people with disabilities created by the lack of disabled parking facilities at the Uniting Church in Kent Street. She stated that the Shire President had informed her that the requirements to provide disabled bays were not in force when the Church was built and there was therefore no requirement for them to be provided.**

Response - Shire President:

This is not a matter for the Shire of Busselton but a matter for the Uniting Church. The Church is surrounded by Shire and private parking, however, that is not a matter for this meeting.

- 2.5.15.2 Mrs Forward asked: When I write to the Shire do I expect a reply? Is it required under the Local Government Act? Mrs Forward said she had written to the Shire about the difficulty with disabled parking at Caves House.**

Shire President:

Did you not receive a reply?

Mrs Forward stated that she had not.

Shire President:

This will be followed up.

2.5.15.3 **Mrs Forward asked: Why is there not disabled parking bays at the consulting rooms in Prince Street, near Dome?**

Response - Shire President:

You will be advised.

2.5.16 **Mr Vernon Bussell:**

2.5.16.1 Mr Bussell advised that the descendents of Alfred and Ellen Bussell, Pioneers of Busselton and Margaret River, have contributed almost \$9000 for a Heritage-approved replacement of Alfred and Ellen's grave and headstone in the Pioneer Cemetery at historic St Mary's Church in Busselton. We are hoping the replica memorial will be built to coincide with Busselton's official 175th Anniversary in April of this year. **Mr Bussell asked: Does the Busselton Shire have plans to celebrate Busselton's 175th Anniversary?**

Response - Shire President:

This will be considered.

2.5.16.2 Mr Bussell stated a few years ago, for some mysterious reason, the Busselton Shire decided to make it illegal even in winter for farmers and rural landowners to carry out fuel reduction burns on road verges adjoining their properties. As a direct consequence, fuel levels on most rural road verges are now dangerously high. Many serious fires have already occurred in our Shire this summer and the unburnt road verges have the potential to lead to a major loss of life and property. **Mr Bussell asked: What does our Shire intend to do about this rapidly worsening situation and will our Council please consider reversing their current negative stance and at least allow farmers the right to carry out winter road verge burning before the major disaster that is just waiting to happen occurs?**

Response - Shire President:

Your concern is noted. Enquiries will be made.

- 2.5.16.3 In regard to the Busselton Shire's perceived need for a brand new, state of the art Civic Admin Centre on Rotary Park or any other location, **Mr Bussell asked: Can our Shire CEO, Andrew Macnish, please explain his quite emphatic statements on at least two occasions at the Special Council Meeting on 2 December, where he justified the huge expense in these tough economic times on the basis that our Shire, in his words, now has 20,000 ratepayers?** My understanding is that our current population is around 28,000 and about 35% of these are children and a further 25% are renting. It's a while since I left school but my calculations leave me, on this basis, with the remaining 40% to pay the rates. i.e. At very most then we have 12,000 ratepayers not 20,000 as claimed by Andrew and at a proposed outlay of around \$40 million for the new centre, this calculates to over \$3,000 for each ratepayer in the Shire.

Response - Shire President:

As the question is of the CEO, it will be taken on notice and referred for a response. However, it must be noted that population does not equate to ratepayers, when occupancy rates in Eagle Bay are approximately 13% and 49% in Dunsborough.

Mr Bussell added that it also needed to be considered there may be, for example, an individual ratepayer who was paying half a dozen sets of rates.

2.5.17 **Mrs Marion Boyling:**

- 2.5.17.1 Mrs Boyling stated that Janet Charlton from the Department of Environment has confirmed that on 15 December 2008, the Department received a Form 1 (Submission Report of Known or Suspected Contaminated Site) from the Shire of Busselton in respect to 42 Causeway Road, the proposed new office complex site. The 45 day classification period ended on 29 January 2009. At the conclusion of a 10 day notification period, the findings of the assessment by Mr Steven Clohessy of the Department are to be sent to the Shire, WA Planning Department and Department of Health and other interested parties. **Mrs Boyling asked:**

- (a) **Has the report from the Department been received by the Council and if so, will the Council make available a full and unabridged copy of the report to the general public?**
- (b) **If not, when do you anticipate receiving the report and making the full and unabridged copy of the report available to the general public?**

Response - Shire President:

To my knowledge it has not yet been received. When the matter comes before the Council the relevant information will be made available.

2.5.18 Mr Dick Shore:

- 2.5.18.1 Mr Shore stated that his questions related to the footpath and cycleway between Busselton and Dunsborough, particularly the Siesta Park and Quindalup area. **Mr Shore asked: How much has been added this year, how far is there to go and what is the estimated time of completion?**

Response - Shire President:

A similar question was asked at the Dunsborough meeting on Monday night and a copy of the information provided to that meeting can be provided.

Response - Acting Chief Executive Officer:

Sections at the Dunsborough end have been completed this year in accordance with the available budget. There are some issues to be considered and a report will be presented to the Council before the end of the financial year regarding the completion of the dual use path. The Council will need to consider whether to pursue a foreshore alignment or a Caves Road alignment for sections around Siesta Park. However, there are funds identified in draft budget projections and grants available in order to continue construction of the path. The proposed time of completion will be discussed in that report.

Mr Shore asked: Can the issues that you mention be identified?

Response - Acting Chief Executive Officer:

The issues relate to the alignment of sections of the path. There are two matters to consider, one being physical issues, such as landform and erosion, however these are minimal, and there are also land ownership issues. There is private land in the form of rights of way that are impacted by the desired foreshore alignment. Advice has been sought in relation to these matters to enable a final determination on the alignment in those areas.

2.5.19 Mr Stuart Anderson:

- 2.5.19.1 Mr Anderson referred to a lack of consultation on the Rotary Park site. **Mr Anderson asked: Are you aware that when the Shire of Bridgetown redeveloped its Shire offices the system of consultation used involved the community being presented with seven proposals to comment on?**

Response - Shire President:

That is the approach that they took to public consultation, however, this Council adopted a different approach. The Council has resolved to determine a location and address any issues arising from that location. This will continue to be considered by the Council and if at any stage the proposal does not clear requirements or address the issues, then it can be

reconsidered. Each local government, for a variety of reasons, adopts different procedures. This is what this Council has resolved.

- 2.5.19.2 Mr Anderson stated that during the consultation, 75% of respondents said develop the existing building.

Response - Shire President:

There is no dispute about what came back as a result of the consultation. However, the economic modelling for the costs of starting afresh or redeveloping needs to be considered. There were three models for existing and alternative sites and it was very clear that a greenfield site is a far cheaper proposition.

Further, right now, government borrowings are at a record low. There has never been a better opportunity than now. Cost of borrowing is low, the cost of building is low, the cost of delaying is high and the competitiveness of the current industry can only be favourable when going out to tender.

- 2.5.19.3 Mr Anderson stated that local governments such as Melville and Stirling have satellite facilities. **He asked: Has it been considered that services that have no front office requirement can be conducted from such facilities?**

Response - Shire President:

This was explored. However, the expression of the Council was that one location was preferable. We have had conversations with Wanneroo, Mandurah and Stirling who all commenced such projects post 2000 and occupied around 2005. All of them have said they did it wrong, they sold it short as they underestimated the growth. If they could have developed on a fresh site they would have done so. This is part of the information and advice that the Council has used in its decision-making.

Further, it has been shown that it would be more expensive to redevelop the current site. The Council will decide what it is to do. All of these matters are to be before the Council for further decision-making. In accordance with Council decisions, officers are advancing site surveys for Rotary Park to be reported back to the Council.

- 2.5.20 **Ms Kath McKittrick:**

- 2.5.20.1 **Ms McKittrick asked: Why has only the first section of Fairbairn Road been bitumised?** The middle is full of bumps and holes with no kerbing, no path and inadequate drainage. There has been no satisfactory response to this for six years.

Response - Shire President:

Your concerns are noted. The question will be taken on notice.

- 2.5.20.2 Ms McKittrick stated that near 49 and 51 Fairbairn Road there are three peppi trees in an area of about two square metres. They are on a verge and under the power lines and they obstruct sight when reversing. **She asked: If someone backs out and has an accident in 10 years, who is responsible?**

Response - Shire President:

The question will be taken on notice.

- 2.5.21 **Ms Pauline Edwards:**

- 2.5.21.1 Ms Edwards stated that there are two playgrounds in Abbey Waters and in summer time the equipment is so hot it cannot be used. She stated that all playgrounds should be shaded for the summer as it has been too hot to touch the ground or the equipment at these two playgrounds. **She asked: Is this the responsibility of the Shire or the developer?**

Response - Shire President:

The question will be taken on notice.

MOTION

Moved Ms Pauline Edwards, seconded Mr Stuart Anderson;

That shade be provided in all public playgrounds.

**CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE
NO DISSENTING VOTERS, SOME ELECTORS ABSTAINED**

- 2.5.21.2 Ms Edwards stated that she was a volunteer for leavers week. At 11.30pm when the volunteers were trying to get the leavers to wind down their celebrations and to stop their drunken behaviour there was someone still selling tickets for people to come into the area. Ms Edwards stated that the person advised that they were employed by the Council. **Ms Edwards asked: Why would they still be selling tickets to get in at 11.30pm?**

Response - Shire President:

They were not tickets but the wrist bands that the leavers required to be in the area.

Response - Acting Chief Executive Officer:

The Shire's involvement in leavers is for the purposes of risk management and mitigation. It is about taking proactive measures that reduce the risks for the community and for the leavers themselves. It is considered that even if the leavers are drunk, it is better to have them contained within a venue than wandering the streets where they can be a risk to themselves and to others. It is about the leavers being looked after and managed rather than leaving them to look after themselves.

Ms Edwards asked: Is the venue adequate as there was not enough room for all of these drunken and drugged kids?

Response - Shire President:

There will be an assessment of this via the debriefing process.

Ms Edwards stated: It needs a major review as I don't believe it is safe.

Councillor Anne Ryan stated: Planning for leavers starts in April. I encourage you to come along to these meetings.

2.5.22 Ms Julia Avery:

2.5.22.1 Ms Avery advised of a recently formed group, Busselton and Districts Residents Association (BaDRA). Its objective is to provide a public voice and links to the Council. **Ms Avery asked: Can the organisation be registered on the Shire records as a new organisation to be consulted?**

Response - Shire President:

If you wish for this to occur then you can write to the Shire and request this, providing details of the office bearers.

2.5.23 Mr Greg Fleay:

2.5.23.1 Mr Fleay stated that he was concerned about the Civic precinct and the considerable \$1 million loss. **He asked: What is the Shire going to do at this time?** He stated that employment is dropping off dramatically and people are moving away to find jobs. The precinct is a massive building and the Shire needs to thin staff and consultants just like everyone else has to. There has been a drop off in applications to the Shire and there is no justification for the size of this building during a major downturn.

Response - Shire President:

As I outlined earlier economic stimulus from government at this time is critical. If we do nothing then it will all pass us by. This is an opportunity to provide major employment drivers and will assist businesses to maintain employment opportunities for their employees.

Mr Fleay stated that people were already struggling and did not need more rate increases. He said that already people were having to move away. The Shire is looking for more money to pay for something that is not required. The money would be better spent on other facilities, not the precinct.

2.5.24 Mr Michael Cassanet:

- 2.5.24.1 Mr Cassanet stated that the Shire probably had not had a reply regarding the contaminated sites issues as this is administered by the Department of Environment and Conservation and not the Department of Planning.

No reply.

2.5.25 Mr John Cannam:

- 2.5.25.1 Mr Cannam stated that he was disappointed with the responses to his previous questions. He was led to believe there was a beautification plan in process for Causeway Road and into town to green the town. Now the word is that the money tap has been turned off and that is very disappointing.

No reply.

- 2.5.25.2 Mr Cannam stated that at an informal gathering of dairy farmers he was asked to pass on grateful thanks to the Shire of Busselton for the speed with which Jindong-Treeton Road was completed.

Noted.

- 2.5.25.3 Mr Cannam stated that disabled people must receive equal opportunities and there were significant access issues for people with disabilities at the tourist bureau. The Shire is a great financial contributor to the tourist bureau and the previous manager was adamant that there would be no disabled access ramp at the front of the building. **Mr Cannam asked: Can the Shire enforce the requirement for a ramp with the tourist bureau.**

Response - Shire President:

The matter will be looked into.

- 2.5.25.4 Mr Cannam stated that Churchill Park was not adequately watered and needs a lot of work done to it. He also stated that cars parking on the oval were not in the best interests of the grassed area. The Shire needs to increase the money it spends on the upkeep of its sporting facilities. If the money is increased it will reduce vandalism and increase community awareness.

No reply.

2.5.26 Mr Frank Elliott:

- 2.5.26.1 Mr Elliott stated that he wanted to correct a statement made by the Shire President. There was never a decision made by a previous Council to go to Vasse. It investigated the option of going to Vasse. The decision was made by a previous Council NOT to go to Vasse.

Noted.

- 2.5.26.2 Mr Elliott requested a public apology from Councillor Masters who had stated that the Council had been dominated by people seeking political office. The Council was never affected by this and Cr Masters must apologise for these idiotic remarks. That is a formal request. He has cast aspersions on the integrity of all former Councillors.

Response - Councillor Masters:

I will repeat my thoughts. This Council has had a history of Shire Presidents who sought higher office. That is no reflection on Frank Elliott and none on any of the other Councillors. I think you all know who I mean.

Mr Elliott stated that there was never any doubt that Cr Masters was referring to Councillor Morgan and Councillor Buswell. Maybe the newspaper got it wrong, but it read like the former Councillors were influenced by those two people. I don't believe so - it was never an issue.

Response - Shire President:

There was no distinction made. There are a number of former Shire Presidents and some of them may have taken exception to these comments, but everyone is entitled to their own opinion.

Cr Anne Ryan stated that like all others she was one of 13 Councillors and her decisions were not influenced by any other Councillor.

- 2.5.27 **Mr Laurie Uren:**

- 2.5.27.1 **Mr Uren asked:** In light of the responses to Greg Fleay regarding the economic situation and the employment situation, if the project goes ahead, can we be assured that this contract will be let to local builders not outside of this Shire?

Response - Shire President:

The tender process cannot be influenced in that way. However, the Council does have a 10% preference policy for local suppliers. This can be a consideration at the time of letting the contract, but in the meantime no potential tenderer can be discriminated against in what will be required to be an open process.

- 2.5.28 **Mr Rob Griffiths:**

- 2.5.28.1 **Mr Griffiths asked:** Who is responsible for signs on verges or roads? A sign with a car for sale was taken and an \$80 fine issued, yet how come Port Geographe can put up big hoardings and these are not dealt with?

Response - Acting Chief Executive Officer:

They are different types of signage with different requirements. Some of the hoarding style signs are not permitted and their removal is required, however, some are permitted. The Shire's signage laws allow a certain amount of signage, whereas anything beyond that allowance needs to be removed.

- 2.5.28.2 **Mr Griffiths asked: Can the potential for poisoning the weeds in the drain along Layman Road be reinvestigated?**

Response - Shire President:

This will be considered.

- 2.5.28.3 **Mr Griffiths asked: When a request is made by an organisation, does it get to Council or is it dealt with by the Shire?**

Response - Shire President:

It depends.

Mr Griffiths stated that vehicle dealerships have been told by their distributors that their sites are not big enough. Dealerships are begging for new sites and Causeway Road should be considered.

Response - Shire President:

This matter has been to the Council and the Council approved it. However, the Western Australian Planning Commission rejected the resolution of the Council.

MOTION

Moved Mr Rob Griffiths, seconded Ms Wendy Chatfield;

That Council debate the use of the Causeway land to relocate the car dealerships of Busselton.

LOST

ONE VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION

- 2.5.28.4 Mr Griffiths stated that he wanted to support Matthew Smith with his efforts at Port Geographe in relation to the attempt to dump silt on the other side of Layman Road. The Shire was right onto it. He said if the developer comes back with pipes and machines and continues with the current method of seagrass and sand bypassing, the residents have had enough and it will all be pushed into a heap and burnt.

MOTION

Moved Mr Rob Griffths, seconded Ms Geraldine Gamble;

That the Shire President and Deputy Shire President stand down from those positions at the next Council meeting and not seek re-election to those positions.

**CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE
48 VOTES IN FAVOUR; 9 AGAINST; 11 PEOPLE ABSTAINED**

2.5.29 Mr Len Falkiner:

2.5.29.1 Mr Falkiner stated that he wished to congratulate the engineers. This is for the move at the foreshore, the Equinox trial. This is the first time that the Council has erected groynes in the proper manner. Thanks a lot.

Noted.

2.5.30 Ms Jenny Sheehan:

2.5.30.1 Ms Sheehan advised that the \$200,000 referred to and questioned earlier in the meeting, as having been spent on site investigations for the Civic Precinct, was actually included in a Shire advertisement.

Noted.

2.5.30.2 Ms Sheehan advised that she wanted to offer a bouquet to the Shire workers who had responded so quickly to a request she had made. She had been walking her dog and come across a dead sheep near the yacht club at about 10am. By about 1pm when she was later driving past the sheep had already been removed.

Noted.

2.5.30.3 **Ms Sheehan asked: Can you please advise what the consultation process will be with relation to foreshore development?**

Response - Shire President:

This is still to come before the Council but every bit of input will be welcomed.

Response - Acting Chief Executive Officer:

There will likely be a community committee of some kind to conduct the consultation process.

2.5.31 Ms Geraldine Gamble:**2.5.31.1 Ms Gamble asked: Why don't we compromise and construct just the Shire office requirements and not all of the add ons?*****Response - Shire President:***

The current proposal does just that. The first part is just the Shire offices, the library will be a subsequent consideration and the requirements of any other groups a third part. That is where it is heading.

Ms Gamble asked: What is the value?***Response - Shire President:***

It is in the vicinity of \$31 million. However, with the current downturn and lower borrowing rates, the economic modelling is likely to have been overstated.

2.5.32 Mrs Joan Forward:**2.5.32.1 Mrs Forward stated that the Access for the Disabled Advisory Committee had inspected some of the disability access matters raised during this meeting. Despite assurances, still nothing has been done.*****Response - Shire President:***

This will be followed up.

2.5.33 Mr Don Henderson:**2.5.33.1 Mr Henderson asked: What is the total amount of rate income that has been lost or spent with no advantage to the ratepayers? Such as money spent on the airport, the ridiculous fibreglass cows - what else is there?*****Response - Shire President:***

You may have a specific view of what has been wasted.

2.5.33.2 Mr Henderson asked: Can we be provided with the details of the firm that lost the investment money and the exact figure?***Response - Acting Chief Executive Officer:***

Additional details of the Shire's investment portfolio can be provided.

3. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

THESE MINUTES CONSISTING OF PAGES 1 TO 31 WERE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE
AND CORRECT RECORD ON _____

DATE: _____

CHAIRMAN: _____

Attachment A
Question 2.5.4.1 refers

Corporate Software Implementation

	2007/08	2008/09	2008/09
	Actual	YTD Actual	Budget
Operating Expenses (non Capital)			0
Salaries	99,928	91,865	211,800
Employee Recruitment Expenses		1,031	0
Employee Related Insurance Expenses		994	1,150
Other Employee Costs	3,365	81	0
Maintenance of Buildings	2,395	1,743	3,000
Administration		518	0
Professional Fees & Charges		4	2,300
Consultancy		37,375	0
Contractors	23,017	16,807	0
Computing		10,320	0
Non Capitalised Assets Acquisitions		181	1,500
Travel	42,442	27,199	0
Electricity		94	15,000
Telephones		0	0
Plant Charges / Recovery		0	200
Annual Maintenance Costs	81,934		0
	<u>253,081</u>	<u>188,211</u>	<u>437,050</u>

Capital Expenses

Software Implementation Expenses (includes consultancy costs, travel and accommodation)

357,872 510,597

License Costs

245,336

603,208 510,597

Other associated costs

Purchase of SAN (within IT Infrastructure budget)

112,461

(please note that this purchase (originally identified for 2009/10 was brought forward as a consequence of the new corporate software system)

Attachment B
Question 2.5.1.7 refers



Attachment C
(Question 2.5.2.1 refers)**Response:****2007/08 Expenditure****Sub Areas Requested:****Grants and Sponsorship -****320,502**

\$

(includes Minor Sport and Recreation Grants, sponsorship, donations and event assistance)

Facilities and other sporting amenities-**2,689,165**

\$

(Ongoing routine maintenance, mowing, repairs and facility upgrades)

Recreation Administration-**82,227**

\$

(Costs for Recreation Officer and associated program delivery)

Total:

\$3,091,894**2007/08 Income****Sub Areas Requested:****Facilities and other sporting amenities-****1,304,997**

\$

(includes Ground Hire fees, utility payments and team levies)

Event Application Fees**37,344**

\$

(Fees related to staging approved events such as application and compliance fees and payments for special services provided)

Total:

\$1,342,341

Attachment D
(Question 2.5.2.2 refers)

Response:**IMWA:**

	2006	2007
Total cost	\$ 205,844	\$227,804
Total revenue	\$ 84,588	\$ 9,549*

(* The 2007 event was the first of the current three event contract where no direct local sponsorship return was secured by the Shire as part of the contract with the event organisers. As such the revenue identified relates to Ground Hire and special works requests only)

Geographe Leisure Centre:

	2006/07	2007/08
Total cost	\$1,189,825.94	\$1,362,834.42
Total revenue	\$ 986,791.98	\$1,074,062.71

Southbound:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total cost	\$13,608	\$14,828	\$35,580	\$24,130
Total revenue*	\$15,000	\$19,551	\$33,671	\$34,147

(* Revenue above consists of Event Licence Fees, Ground Hire and payment the event organisers for specific works requests. No compensation or off set for staff time to progress the event is included)