



TOWN OF CLAREMONT

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER, 2015

Les Crichton

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date:

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

His Worship the Mayor, Mr Jock Barker, welcomed members of the public, staff and Councillors and declared the meeting open at 7:00 PM.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Barker

Cr Karen Wood

West Ward

Cr Peter Edwards

West Ward

Cr Peter Browne

West Ward

Cr Jill Goetze

South Ward

Cr Paul Kelly

South Ward

Cr Chris Mews

South Ward

Cr Bruce Haynes

East Ward

Cr Alastair Tulloch

East Ward

Cr Kate Main

East Ward

Mr Stephen Goode (Chief Executive Officer)

Mr Les Crichton (Executive Manager Corporate Governance)

Mr Saba Kirupanather (Executive Manager Infrastructure)

Ms Katie Bovell (Governance Officer)

One member of the public

Two members of the press

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

NIL

4 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

NIL

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

NIL

6 PUBLIC STATEMENT TIME

NIL

7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Cr Main, seconded Cr Wood

That Cr Main be granted Leave of Absence for the Ordinary Council Meetings of 15 March 2016 and 16 August 2016.

**CARRIED(199/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

8 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

NIL

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Moved Cr Browne, seconded Cr Wood

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 3 November 2015 be confirmed.

**CARRIED(200/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

10 ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Item 17.1.1, 331 - 333 Stirling Highway, Claremont – Deed Of Variation To Lease.

11 BUSINESS NOT DEALT WITH FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

NIL

12 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

NIL

13 REPORTS OF THE CEO

13.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

13.1.1 CLAREMONT WAR MEMORIAL PROPOSED RELOCATION CONSULTATION

File Reference	CRD/00026
Responsible Officer:	Stephen Goode Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Liz Ledger Executive Manager People and Places
Proposed Meeting Date:	17 November 2015

Purpose

To present to Council the outcome of the Claremont War Memorial Proposed Relocation Consultation.

Background

Following the outcome of the OCM on 15 September 2015, the Town's officers implemented the approved Consultation Plan below, to gauge the community's feedback on the proposed relocation of the War Memorial into Claremont Park.

Objective	To gauge the community of the Town of Claremont's support of the relocation of the War Memorial into Claremont Park
Level of Engagement	Consult – to obtain community feedback on a proposal
Method	Survey (Online and hard copy)
Target	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents (distributed to every household) and Ratepayers (posted to those not living in the Town)

The consultation asked respondents if they supported the move of the War Memorial from its current location to tick YES, and if they did not support the relocation of the Memorial to tick NO. The survey also provided opportunity to comment.

The consultation period ran from 12 October to 2 November 2015.

Discussion

The Town received a total of 426 responses to the survey during the submission period. The majority of respondents (83%) supported the relocation with the remainder not in favour.

A number of comments were made by the respondents which can be found in *Attachment 1- Uncensored Comments from the 2015 Community Consultation – Proposed Relocation of the Claremont War Memorial*.

The sentiment for maintaining a visible memorial on the current site is acknowledged. Officers hope to achieve this to a small extent by placing a plaque to recognise the original location of the memorial and by planting a pine tree near the location which is being propagated from the same genus as the famous Lone Pine.

Past Resolutions

Ordinary Council Meeting 15 September 2015, resolution 160/15;
That Council

- 1. Confirms the intention of resolution 134/15 was to provide a specific opportunity for the Claremont community to be informed about the proposal to relocate the memorial and an invitation to provide direct feedback.*
- 2. Approves the recommended Community Consultation Plan for Relocation of the War Memorial to achieve the intention of resolution 134/15.*

*CARRIED
(NO DISSENT)*

Ordinary Council Meeting 4 August 2015, Resolution 134/15:
That Council:

- 1. Having reviewed the Strategic Community Plan – ‘Claremont Ahead 2023’, as shown in Attachment 001, ENDORSES it without amendment; and*
- 2. ENDORSES the Corporate Business Plan 2015-16 to 2018-19, as shown in Attachment 002, and approve Item 1.2.3 subject to any proposal to move the War Memorial needs to be subject to a full referendum of all Claremont Ratepayers.*

*CARRIED
(NO DISSENT)*

Ordinary Council Meeting 19 November 2013, Resolution 343/13:

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the proposed Claremont Park Master Plan for implementation in stages over the coming years commencing in 2013-14 financial year, and*
- 2. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the location of the facilities.*

*CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY
(NO DISSENT)*

Financial and Staff Implications

Resource requirements for this consultation plan are in accordance with existing budgetary allocation. Funding for the relocation of the War Memorial will need to be accommodated through a mix of external funding and cash reserves.

Policy and Statutory Implications

This relates to the Town's Community Consultation Policy LG524. Where Council's decision making is involved, the Town's administration is to recommend the appropriate level of consultation, determining the methodology, and where necessary, reporting to Council on the outcomes of the process.

Publicity

The feedback gathered from this community consultation contributes to other forms of stakeholder engagement, which includes working with the Claremont and state RSL representatives.

Strategic Community Plan

Governance and Leadership

We are an open and accountable local government that encourages community involvement and strives to keep its community well informed.

- Focus on improved customer service, communication and consultation.

Urgency

There is some urgency with this decision in order to progress the Claremont Park Master Plan Project, and to seek external funding for the relocation of the War Memorial.

Voting Requirements

Simple majority decision of Council required.

Moved Cr Goetze, seconded Cr Wood

The Mayor agreed to a request that each item be considered separately.

That Council

- 1. Acknowledges the strong community support to relocate the Claremont War Memorial into Claremont Park.**

CARRIED(201/15)

For the Motion: Mayor Barker, and Crs Goetze, Browne, Main, Wood, Tulloch, Haynes, Edwards, and Kelly.

Against the Motion: Cr Mews.

- 2. Supports the relocation of the Claremont War Memorial through the Claremont Park Master Plan process.**

EQUALITY

CASTING VOTE AGAINST

LOST

For the Motion: Mayor Barker, and Crs Goetze, Browne, Main, and Wood.

Against the Motion: Crs Tulloch, Haynes, Edwards, Mews and Kelly.

13.1.2 REPORT OF THE LAKE CLAREMONT PARK RECREATION WORKING PARTY

File Ref: GOV/00051
Attachments: [Working Party's proposed plan](#)
Responsible Officer: Stephen Goode
Chief Executive Officer
Author: Stephen Goode
Chief Executive Officer
Proposed Meeting Date: 17 November 2015

Item 13.1.2 was withdrawn by the CEO.

13.2 CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE

Items 13.2.1 to 13.2.2 were carried en bloc.

13.2.1 LIST OF PAYMENTS 1-31 OCTOBER 2015

File Ref:	FIM00062
Attachments:	List of Payments NAB Purchase Card Statement
Responsible Officer:	Les Crichton Executive Manager Corporate and Governance
Author:	Edwin Kwan Finance Officer
Proposed Meeting Date:	17 November 2015

Purpose

For Council to note the payments made in October 2015.

Background

Council has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the Municipal Fund or Trust Fund. The CEO is then required to prepare a list of accounts, for recording in the Minutes, detailing those payments made since the last list was presented.

Discussion

Attached is the list of all accounts paid totalling \$1,966,441.85 during the month of October 2015.

The attached schedule covers:

• Municipal Funds electronic funds transfers (EFT)	\$	1,494,667.39
• Municipal Fund vouchers (39408-39421)	\$	50,936.42
• Municipal Fund direct debits	\$	386,831.98
• Trust Fund electronic funds transfer (EFT)	\$	34,006.06
• Trust Fund vouchers	\$	0.00.

All invoices have been verified, and all payments have been duly authorised in accordance with Council's procedures.

Past Resolutions

Ordinary Council Meeting 20 October 2015, Resolution 181/15:

THAT Council notes all payments made for September 2015 totalling \$2,097,841.48 comprising;

The attached schedule covers:

• <i>Municipal Funds electronic funds transfers (EFT)</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>1,547,339.91</i>
• <i>Municipal Fund vouchers (39390-39407)</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>62,302.50</i>
• <i>Municipal Fund direct debits</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>436,810.37</i>
• <i>Trust Fund electronic funds transfer (EFT)</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>51,388.70</i>
• <i>Trust Fund vouchers</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>0.00.</i>

Financial and Staff Implication

Resource requirements are in accordance with existing budgetary allocation.

Policy and Statutory Implications

Regulations 12- 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Town of Claremont Delegation Register Item 37.

Publicity

N/A

Urgency

N/A

Voting Requirements

Simple majority decision of Council required.

Moved Cr Haynes, seconded Cr Edwards

THAT Council notes all payments made for October 2015 totalling \$1,966,441.85 comprising;

Municipal Funds electronic funds transfers (EFT)	\$	1,494,667.39
Municipal Fund vouchers (39398-39421)	\$	50,936.42
Municipal Fund direct debits	\$	386,831.98
Trust Fund electronic funds transfer (EFT)	\$	34,006.06
Trust Fund vouchers	\$	0.00

**CARRIED(202/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

13.2.2 2014-15 ANNUAL REPORT

File Ref:	COM/00035
Attachments:	Town of Claremont Annual Report 2014-15
Responsible Officer:	Les Crichton Executive Manager Corporate and Governance
Proposed Meeting Date:	17 November 2015

Purpose

Report presents for adoption, the Annual Report for the Town of Claremont for the year ended 30 June 2015 incorporating the Annual Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report. The report also recommends the proposed date for the Electors' General Meeting be confirmed.

Background

Section 5.54 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires that a local government accept its annual report for each financial year by 31 December of the year, or within two months of receipt of the Auditor's Report.

The Independent Auditor's Report was received on 22 October 2015 and, together with the Auditor's Management Report and 2014-15 Annual Financial Report, was reviewed by Council's Audit & Risk Management Committee at its meeting held on 6 November 2015.

Officer Recommendation & Audit Committee Resolution

That the Audit & Risk Management Committee

1. Notes the findings of the Independent Auditor's Report, Auditor's Management Report, and management's response to these findings, and
2. Recommends Council receive the audited Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2015, Independent Auditor's Report, and Auditor's Management Report.

Council is also required to hold an Electors' General Meeting to present the Annual Report within 56 days of accepting the Annual Report. Public notice of proposed Electors' General Meeting and availability of the Annual Report is also required.

Discussion

The 2014-15 Annual Report is provided as a separate attachment and contains the statutory requirements under s. 5.53(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* including;

- Mayor's Report;
 - Chief Executive Officer's Report;
 - Annual Financial Statements; and
 - Independent Auditor's Report.
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Copies of the Annual Report will be produced and will be made available at Council Offices, Claremont Community Hub, and online prior to the Electors' General Meeting.

It is proposed that the Electors' General Meeting be held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 8 December 2015.

Past Resolutions

Ordinary Council Meeting 9 December 2014, Resolution 214/14:

THAT Council:

1. *Adopts the Town of Claremont 2013-14 Annual Report incorporating the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2014; and*
2. *Hold the General Meeting of Electors be held on 16 December 2014.*

Financial and Staff Implications

As discussed with the body of the Annual Report.

Policy and Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995 - sections. 5.27,5.29,5.53,5.54,5.55

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 - clauses. 36 -51

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 - cl. 19(B)

Publicity

Notice of the proposed Electors' General Meeting will be published in the local papers and on Council's website on 18 November 2015.

Strategic Community Plan

Governance and Leadership

We are an open and accountable local government that encourages community involvement and strives to keep its community well informed.

- Provide and maintain a high standard of governance, accountability, management and strategic planning.
- Focus on improved customer service, communication and consultation.
- Maintain long term financial stability and growth.

Urgency

Adoption of the 2014-15 Annual Report will enable the Town to conduct the Annual Electors' General meeting.

Voting Requirements

Simple majority decision of Council required.

Moved Cr Haynes, seconded Cr Edwards

THAT Council

- 1. Adopts the Town of Claremont 2014-15 Annual Report incorporating the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2015; and**
- 2. Hold the Annual Electors' General Meeting on Tuesday 8 December 2015 at 6.00PM.**

**CARRIED(202/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

13.3 INFRASTRUCTURE

13.3.1 GUGERI STREET/LOCH STREET/RAILWAY ROAD INTERSECTION MODIFICATION – CITY OF NEDLANDS – FEDERAL BLACK SPOT SUBMISSION

File Ref:	RDS/00263
Attachments:	Intersection Road Layout Car park Layout (existing and proposed)
Responsible Officer:	Saba Kirupanather Executive Manager Infrastructure
Author:	Nicholas King Manager Engineering Services
Proposed Meeting Date:	17 November 2015

Purpose

Report recommends Council endorse the concept design for the Gugeri Street, Loch Street and Railway Road modifications.

Background

On 6 August 2013, Council supported City of Nedlands Blackspot application to modify the intersection of Gugeri Street, Loch Street and Railway Road.

The basis of the proposal was the City of Nedlands obtaining Federal Government black spot grant to fully fund (\$553,500) a more efficient and safer intersection for vehicles and pedestrians.

The creation of the right turn pocket from Gugeri Street to Loch Street in addition to existing lanes in both directions is an expensive option. However, this treatment will benefit all road users in the long term and allows the drivers in Gugeri Street to use both the Chancellor Street and Loch Street intersections for turning right. The space in the middle will also allow the vehicles turning right from Loch Street to Railway Road to do the turn in two steps, much safer manoeuvring across a busy street.

To further improve the intersection of Gugeri Street, Loch Street and Railway Road. City of Nedlands are also proposing a signalised pedestrian crossing to accommodate pedestrians and public transport users across Gugeri Street and Loch Street station. This is included in the above funding.

In addition, it is proposed to have the right turn green arrow from Gugeri Street to Chancellor Street and ban the right turn from Gugeri St to Ashton Ave during peak times. This is not part of the above funding.

Discussion

The option to install the right turn lane on Gugeri Street (to turn to Loch Street) was originally rejected by the two affected businesses being Diamond Hire and McCarthy Panel and paint, mainly due to the change in the verge parking arrangement outside

their properties. Council deferred the item at the meeting on 4 August 2015 until the businesses obtained their own professional traffic advice.

Following a site meeting with both the businesses on 7 August 2015 and their traffic consultant on 18 September 2015, the proposed design of the parking layout outside their premises has been amended as shown in Attachment 2. The modified proposal includes removal of an existing verge tree, planted by the owners of the property several years ago in memory of their dog.

The modified design accommodates the needs of the two affected businesses, however it would change the way their customers enter and exit their property including the long delivery trucks, mainly carrying damaged vehicles. The officers of the City of Nedlands have endorsed the modified design.

The proposed road layout as shown in the attachment is the considered best outcome for all parties.

In 2013, the Town installed high mast signals at the intersection of Guger Street, Chancellor Street and Ashton Avenue, with black spot grant funding. The right turn arrow treatment from Guger Street to Chancellor Street and right turn ban from Guger Street to Ashton Avenue (both during peak times only) would further reduce the crashes.

Past Resolutions

Ordinary Council Meeting 4 August 2015, Resolution 145/15,

That the item be DEFERRED, to allow the owners of Diamond Hire and McCarthy Car Craft to obtain their own professional traffic advice.

PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED

Ordinary Council Meeting 6 August 2013, Resolution 239/13,

That Council:

1. *Supports Black Spot application by the City of Nedlands to;*
 - a) *add a right turn pocket from Guger St to Loch St without impacting the existing through lanes in both directions*
 - b) *modify the traffic signal at the intersection of Guger Street, Ashton Avenue and Chancellor Street subject to the approval of Main Roads WA to –*
 - i) *Introduce of green arrow with a green filter during peak times and green filter at other times to turn right from Guger Street to Chancellor Street without impacting the existing traffic lanes/ road layout,*
 - ii) *Ban right turn from Guger Street to Ashton Avenue during peak times only,*
 2. *If successful,*
 - a) *makes provision in the 2014-15 Budget for 50% share of the cost above grant funding*
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- b) Inform immediately affected properties by a letter and public via the local media and advanced on road notices (to remain at least for three months).*
3. *Supports pedestrian signal on the east side of the Railway Road, Guger Street, Loch Street intersection.*

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Financial and Staff Implications

The City of Nedlands is resubmitting their revised design for Federal Black Spot funding for the road layout modification to include a right turn pocket for vehicles to turn right from Guger Street to Loch Street, still maintaining two lanes in each direction. If the application is successful it will be 100% grant funded.

The pedestrian signal on the east side of the intersection is yet to be approved by MRWA. If it is approved by MRWA in time it will also be included in the Federal funding submission. The total funding amount is \$553,500.

There is no funding available for the traffic signal modification at the intersection of Guger Street, Chancellor Street and Ashton Avenue. If MRWA approves the proposed modifications it will be a separate funding application in the future. The detail assessment and the impact on level service will be done before an approval is given by MRWA. This could be accommodated as part of the Ashton Avenue bridge replacement design.

Policy and Statutory Implications

Main Roads WA design guidelines and Austroads design guidelines

Publicity

Inform the nearby businesses of the Council decision.

Strategic Community Plan

Liveability

We are an accessible community, with well maintained and managed assets, and our heritage preserved for the enjoyment of the community.

- Clean, usable, attractive, accessible streetscapes and public open spaces.
- Balancing the Town's historical character with complementary, well designed development.
- Maintain and upgrade infrastructure for seamless day to day usage.
- Provide a responsible and well managed urban environment, with sustainable development outcomes.

Urgency

The City of Nedlands will be advised of Council's decision in support of the Blackspot funding application.

Voting Requirements

Simple majority decision of Council required.

Moved Cr Haynes, seconded Cr Kelly**That Council**

1. Reaffirms its the support for the Federal Black Spot application by the City of Nedlands to add a right turn pocket from Guger Street to Loch Street, still maintaining two lanes in each direction of Guger Street and Railway Road.
2. Supports pedestrian signal on the east side of the Railway Road, Guger Street, Loch Street intersection.
3. Supports the removal of the street tree planted by the owners of McCarthy Panel and Paint.
4. Informs immediately affected properties by a letter and public via the local media and advanced on road notices (to remain at least for three months) after the Federal funding approval of item 1.
5. Approves the modification of the traffic signals at the intersection of Guger Street, Ashton Avenue and Chancellor Street subject to the approval of Main Roads WA and future funding to –
 - i) Introduce green arrow with a green filter during peak times and green filter at other times to turn right from Guger Street to Chancellor Street without impacting the existing traffic lanes/ road layout,
 - ii) Ban right turn from Guger Street to Ashton Avenue during peak times only.

**CARRIED(203/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

**13.3.2 QUEENSLEA DRIVE BICYCLE LANES BETWEEN CHRIST CHURCH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND VICTORIA AVENUE**

File Ref: RDS/00234
Attachments: [Drawing](#)
Responsible Officer: Saba Kirupanather
Executive Manager Infrastructure
Author: Nicholas King
Manager Engineering Services
Proposed Meeting Date: 17 November 2015

Purpose

Report recommends Council withdraw the Queenslea Drive bicycle lanes project between Christ Church Grammar (CCGS) and Victoria Avenue from the budget.

Background

In the 2014-15 budget, the Council approved \$167,000 for the Queenslea Drive bicycle lane project. Due to the project being submitted for the Department of Transport (Bike funding) funding contribution, the funding was carried to the 2015-16 financial year.

In addition to the Council approved budget allocation, Bethesda Hospital agreed to contribute \$20,000 to include parking bays on the southern side of Queenslea Drive as part of the works. Christ Church Grammar School also agreed to contribute 10% of the project cost, with an estimated amount of \$20,500.

The bicycle counts for Victoria Avenue in early 2015 showed that bicycles heading both east and west, entering and exiting Queenslea Drive were higher than the Principal Shared Path (PSP) along the railway line. This further justified the proposal of the Queenslea Drive bicycle lanes, to create a safer environment for pedestrians using the footpath, cyclists using the proposed on road cycle lanes and vehicles not having to slow for the on road cyclists, especially in the uphill direction.

A report regarding this proposal was included in the agenda for the Ordinary Council Meeting on 15 September 2015. The Council deferred the item, to enable clarification on the design aspects of the work and consultation with affected residents

Discussion

When initially designed in early 2014, the design included an on road 1.5m wide bicycle lane eastbound (northern side) on Queenslea Drive, and a 2.5m wide shared path westbound (southern side) along the property boundaries. This proposal was then amended at Main Roads WA (MRWA) recommendation, to two 1.5m wide on road bicycle lanes for cyclists heading east and west. They argued that if there is only one cycle lane possible on road it should be on the uphill side.

After further investigation and design review, six possible options are proposed to cater for all users along Queenslea Drive, as outlined below:

1. Shared paths on both sides of Queenslea Drive: with a proposed 2.5m wide path eastbound (verge-north side) and a proposed 2.0m wide path westbound (verge-south side).

The advantage of this option is that it provides a safe way for cyclists to use a path without being on the road adjacent to vehicles.

A disadvantage of this option is that the ideal width for a shared path is 2.5m wide, which cannot be achieved on the south side due to trees and other constraints. This will therefore create conflict or squeeze points for cyclists and pedestrians using the path.

Also, this option does not provide opportunity for an extra six parking bays in the area.

2. Two on road 1.5m bicycle lanes: eastbound and westbound on Queenslea Drive, with the addition of six parallel parking bays on the south side verge.

This option creates a wide enough lane for cyclists to safely ride both in the easterly and westerly directions without hindering pedestrians on the footpath. In addition, providing six parking bays in the close proximity to the hospital and the school is beneficial.

It however may cause conflict between vehicles entering or exiting the proposed parking bays and on road cyclists. It is a very slow speed environment especially during school

3. Two on road 1.5m bicycle lanes: both eastbound and westbound on Queenslea Drive, without parking bays.

Similar to option two, however removes possible conflict with cyclists and vehicles entering or exiting parking bays.

Opportunity to provide an extra six parking bays in the area, with parking at a premium in the area is lost.

4. Westbound 1.5m on road bicycle path and eastbound 2.5m shared path: along the property line, with the addition of six parking bays on the southern verge.

Option provides a safer environment for cyclists and pedestrians westbound, due to the on road cycle lane giving pedestrian more room on the westbound footpath. Increasing the width of the eastbound path to 2.5m will adequately cater for both cyclists and pedestrians.

Disadvantage may be that some cyclists attempting to use the south side bicycle lane to go in the wrong direction, which will create conflict and confusion.

5. Westbound 1.5m on road bicycle path and eastbound 2.5m shared path: along the property lines, without parking bays.

Advantages are the safer environment for cyclists and pedestrians westbound, due to the on road cycle lane giving pedestrian more room on the westbound footpath. Increasing the width of the eastbound path to 2.5m will adequately cater for both cyclists and pedestrians.

Disadvantages would be the lost opportunity to provide an extra six parking bays in the area, and also may be that some cyclists attempting to use the south side bicycle lane to go in the wrong direction, which will create conflict and confusion.

6. Council withdraw the project from the budget: and moving the funds to the Town of Claremont Reserve Fund.

This option suggests there is no clear option available which addresses all competing requirements.

This option however does not improve or reduce safety for all users or provide additional parking for Claremont residents and visitors.

Most of these options were discussed in the recent elected member forum with no definite preference identified. Issues of traffic congestion, verge parking, driver behaviour, horizontal/vertical road geometry and design standards were also considered.

Adequate separation between cycle lane and vehicle lane cannot be achieved due to horizontal road geometry and limited road width. In addition, with parallel parking not favoured due to traffic congestion near the school during peak times, Option 6 is therefore recommended.

Past Resolutions

Ordinary Council Meeting 15 September 2015, Resolution 166/15:

That Council:

- 1. The design and construction of two on road bicycle lanes for the section of Queenslea Drive as shown in attached plan 14027, and*
- 2. The construction of five new on street car bays, at the Bethesda Hospital's cost, as part of the construction.*

MOTION TO DEFER

Moved Cr Kelly, seconded Cr Lorenz

That the item be deferred.

Reason: To enable clarification on the design aspects of the work and consultation with affected residents.

CARRIED

Financial and Staff Implications

Funds of \$167,000 to be transferred to the Reserve Fund.

Policy and Statutory Implications

Main Roads WA design guidelines and Austroads design guidelines.

Publicity

None.

Strategic Community Plan**Liveability**

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Urgency

Nil.

Voting Requirements

Absolute majority decision of Council required.

Moved Cr Mews,

That Council

1. Withdraws the budget item Queenslea Drive bicycle lanes of \$167,000 (Activity no 51218), and moving the funds to the Town's Reserve Fund;
2. Informs Bethesda Hospital and the Christ Church Grammar School that the above project has been withdrawn from the budget.

LAPSED

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

ALTERNATIVE MOTION**Moved Cr Tulloch, seconded Cr Haynes****THAT**

1. **Council not adopt the officer recommendation**
2. **Council approve the implementation of a dedicated cycle lane 1.5 metre wide west bound only (uphill) at an approved budget of \$60,000, and**
3. **A decision about the use of the remainder of the funds budgeted for the cycleway project be considered at the mid-year budget review.**

REASONS

1. The most important cycle way is the uphill section of Queenslea Road to provide a safe cycling environment where cyclists slow down and are most vulnerable to following vehicles.

2. Separating bicycles from vehicles will improve safety for cyclists and improve traffic flow for vehicles which are now held up if caught behind slowing cyclists.
3. MRWA prefer cycle ways on both sides of the road but indicate if there is to be one on only one side it should be this uphill cycleway.
4. This proposal can be accomplished within the budgeted funds.
5. Council can consider at the time of the budget review how or if the remaining funds should be expended.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY(204/15)

For the Motion: Crs Goetze, Browne, Main, Wood, Tulloch, Haynes, Edwards, and Kelly.

Against the Motion: Mayor Barker, and Cr Mews.

13.3.3 BORE UPGRADE CRESWELL PARK

File Ref:	PRK00119
Responsible Officer:	Saba Kirupanather Executive Manager Infrastructure
Author:	Andrew Head Manager Parks and Environment
Proposed Meeting Date:	17 November 2015

Purpose

For Council to consider a proposal to upgrade the bore and irrigation system at Creswell Park.

Background

The current bore and water quality is significantly impacting turf performance and as a result the associated workload for the groundsman has increased due to the following:

- Salty water is slowing and burning turf in warmer weather which is resulting in the need to hand water with scheme supply at times with a particular focus on the clay wicket block which is burnt off if watered with the current groundwater supply.
- Turf weeds which love salt are colonising the oval making maintenance of the cooch near impossible as these weeds grow much faster than the surrounding turf. As they are removed the areas left bare take considerably longer to recover.
- Turf repairs and renovation require additional water as the quality of it doesn't allow fast recovery; this is resulting in excessive application to compensate.
- Fertiliser application is higher and less effective due to the lower ability of the fertilisers to become soluble and additional additives such as gypsum are used to strip excess salt out of the soil.

The additional costs in maintaining the grounds are attributed to these greater demands.

Discussion

The bore and pump is now due for replacement, the condition in the asset management plan (AMP) is 5 (very poor) for the pump, it has now reached twenty years of age which is the expected life for this type of infrastructure and the current bore construction is twenty four years old with a maximum life of around 30 years.

One of the concerns is that the slotted section of bore hole (screen) is at the wrong depth and this is allowing the salty water to be abstracted for irrigation. This is an opportune time to replace the aged infrastructure and replace with new equipment at the correct depth to access good quality water.

Options to overcome this problem include increasing bore size and reducing the depth of the bore and another involves multiple low production bores spread over a larger area. Discussions regarding the options available are occurring with a hydro

geologist from the Department of Water as part of the vegetation and groundwater study.

Advantages in undertaking this work would include; lower labour demand, lower water needs, lower nutrient needs and all of these lesser needs would help reduce operating costs.

The current lease provides the Town to seek one half of the cost of replacement bore and pump from Nedlands Claremont Cricket Club (NCCC) and Westside Wolves Hockey Club (WWHC). To reduce the impact the NCCC and WWHC, the Town could apply for a Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) grant to cover one third of the project cost. Applications are to be received by DSR in February for assessment in March. These grants will be awarded and applicants advised in June 2016.

The project could include two alternatives for the upgrade of this irrigation system. The first is to replace the bore, pump, controller and cabinet so that the water supply is improved. This would cost approximately \$50,000 to complete.

The second option is to replace the entire irrigation system with more appropriate sprinkler design and layout. This would improve cover with even and efficient water distribution which would reduce water application rates. The cost to undertake this upgrade of the oval, practice wickets and surrounds would add an additional \$90,000.

When replacing the bore with a different configuration it is best to replace the existing sprinkler system to ensure correct spacing of nozzles. Many of the existing sprinklers are at the wrong spacing which impacts turf quality and consistency for sports and increases turf maintenance costs. This system was installed in 1995 and has an expected life of 20 years; the condition of the pipe network is now at the end of its useful life and should be replaced.

It is recommended the entire irrigation system be replaced

Past Resolutions

Nil

Financial and Staff Implications

There are no current resources allocated, will need to be considered as part of next budgetary process.

The cost will be \$50,000 for bore, pump and electrical and \$90,000 for the distribution pipe/sprinkler network.

Policy and Statutory Implications

Bush Forever site.

Endorsed Waterwise Council.

Water Operating Strategy.

Local Government Act 1995.

Publicity

Town Talk.

Strategic Community Plan

Liveability

We are an accessible community, with well maintained and managed assets, and our heritage preserved for the enjoyment of the community.

- Clean, usable, attractive, accessible streetscapes and public open spaces.
- Maintain and upgrade infrastructure for seamless day to day usage.

People

We live in an accessible and safe community that welcomes diversity, enjoys being active and has a strong sense of belonging.

- Maintain, effectively manage and enhance the Town's community facilities in response to a growing community.
- Improve the capacity of local community groups.

Environment

We are a leader in responsibly managing the build and natural environment for the enjoyment of the community and continue to provide sustainable, leafy green parks, streets and outdoor spaces.

- Constantly seek and implement best options for waste management and water usage.
- Provide education and communication on leading practices to the community.
- Implement sound environmental practices as reflected in the WESROC Climate Change Risk Assessment Project.

Governance and Leadership

We are an open and accountable local government that encourages community involvement and strives to keep its community well informed.

- Identify strategic partnerships that align with the Town's vision.
- Provide responsive and responsible leadership.

Urgency

High, this is due to the current condition of the reticulation system.

Voting Requirements

Simple majority decision of Council required.

Moved Cr Wood, seconded Cr Kelly

That Council

- 1. Approves administration to develop the detailed irrigation design for budgeting and grant application purposes in consultation with the Department of Water.**
- 2. Requests the Claremont Nedlands Cricket Club and Westside Wolves Hockey Club, with assistance from the Town, develop an application for grant with Department of Sports and Recreation for the upgrade and replacement of the bore and irrigation system.**
- 3. Includes for consideration in the 2016-17 budget, upgrade of the Creswell Park bore and irrigation system at an estimated cost of \$150,000 to be funded by either:**
 - One third contribution by the Department of Sport and Recreation grant**
 - One third contribution by the Nedlands Claremont Cricket Club and Westside Wolves Hockey Club**
 - One third by the Town of Claremont; or****If the grant application is not successful:**
 - Half contribution by Nedlands Claremont Cricket Club and Westside Wolves Hockey Club, and**
 - Half contribution by Town of Claremont.**

**CARRIED(204/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

14 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON

Mayor Barker and Crs Goetze and Browne reported on their attendance at the Remembrance Day ceremony.

Mayor Barker and Crs Browne, Mews, Wood, and Kelly commended staff on the success of Night on Bay View event.

Cr Browne reported on his attendance at State Administrative Tribunal hearing and the Twilight River Cruise event.

Crs Main, Kelly and Wood reported on their attendance to the FORM launch held recently at the Goods Shed.

Cr Haynes reported on the recent bird walk at Lake Claremont and attended a presentation about fish in the Swan River.

15 ELECTED MEMBERS' MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**15.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR HAYNES****15.1.1 PAY OUT OF LOAN 2 ON MATURITY****Author: Cr Bruce Haynes****Proposed Meeting Date: 17 November 2015**

Moved Cr Haynes,

That Council at maturity of the loan (Loan 2) taken to assist funding of acquisition of 331-333 Stirling Highway property , pay out the loan in full rather than the \$2M reduction provided by the 2015-16 Budget.

Reason: Interest on Reserve Funds is no longer sufficient to cover the cost of interest on this loan so it is prudent to pay out the loan in full rather than a partial reduction.

LAPSED

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Officer Comment:

Council approved Loan 2 on 19 October 2010. At the time interest rate payable on the short term market through Treasury was at or less than interest earnings achievable on own funds. Council will recall at the time there was some discussion at the concept of an arbitrage opportunity in borrowing money to invest in this environment. This advantage diminishes however if there is a mismatch in borrowing/ investing periods, and/or a drop in interest rates.

The cash rate increased 0.25% during the first 12 months of the loan which effectively ensured borrowings remained at or better than holding cash. However from December 2011, and while the loan rate remained fixed at 2010 level, the cash rate has steadily reduced from 4.75% to its current 2.00% level. This removed all arbitrage advantage.

The loan matures in December this year and Council have allocated reserve funding to reduce debt by \$2M with the balance to be rolled over for a further term. This action remains the recommended strategy.

As in 2010, treasury borrowing rates remain at similar levels to investing rates. This has been eroded somewhat by the State Government's increase in the Loan Guarantee Fee from 0.1% to 0.7%. Unlike 2010 however, these rates are at historical lows and are unlikely (while unable to suggest improbable) to fall much further, if at all. The loan maturity and rollover will nominally return cash vs loan to a neutral position.

In addition to recognising the scheduled revenues from the property will exceed the interest expense (self sufficient) this strategy also continues to spread the cost of a long term asset over future budgets.

**16 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY THE PERSON
PRESIDING OR BY DECISION OF MEETING**

NIL.

17 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**MOTION TO CLOSE DOORS**

Moved Cr Browne, seconded Cr Wood

That in accordance with Section 5.23 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* the meeting is closed to members of the public with the following aspects of the Act being applicable to this matter:

(c) A contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting.

**CARRIED(205/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

Mayor Barker adjourned the meeting at 8:01PM.

Mayor Barker reconvened the meeting at 8:01PM.

Mayor Barker**Cr Karen Wood****Cr Peter Edwards****Cr Peter Browne****Cr Jill Goetze****Cr Paul Kelly****Cr Chris Mews****Cr Bruce Haynes****Cr Alastair Tulloch****Cr Kate Main****West Ward****West Ward****West Ward****South Ward****South Ward****South Ward****East Ward****East Ward****East Ward****Mr Stephen Goode (Chief Executive Officer)****Mr Les Crichton (Executive Manager Corporate Governance)****Ms Katie Bovell (Governance Officer)**

17.1 CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE**17.1.1 331 - 333 STIRLING HIGHWAY, CLAREMONT – DEED OF VARIATION TO LEASE**

File Ref: COP/00034-02
Responsible Officer: Les Crichton
Executive Manager Corporate and Governance
Author: Les Crichton
Executive Manager Corporate and Governance
Peter Scasserra
Coordinator Property and Leasing
Proposed Meeting Date 17 November 2015

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

The following item was considered in closed session.

Moved Cr Haynes, seconded Cr Edwards

This report and recommendation remain confidential pursuant to section 5.23(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

**CARRIED(207/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

MOTION TO OPEN DOORS

Moved Cr Haynes, seconded Cr Edwards

That the doors be opened.

**CARRIED(208/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

The doors opened at 8:03PM.

THE MAYOR READ ALOUD THE RESOLUTIONS MADE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

18 FUTURE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Ordinary Council Meeting, 1 December 2015 at 7:00PM.
Annual Electors' General Meeting, 8 December 2015 at 6:00PM.

19 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the presiding member declared the meeting closed at 8:06 PM.

Confirmed this day of 2015.

PRESIDING MEMBER