

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at the
Wandering Community Centre
on Thursday 15 November 2012**

1. Declaration of Opening/Announcement of Visitors

1:30pm – The President welcomed all present and declared the meeting open.

2. Record of Attendance/Apologies/Leave of Absence

Attendance:

GG Kerr	President
BE Dowsett	Deputy President
JR Mcneil	Councillor
J Price	Councillor
JC Schorer	Councillor
KJ Barge	Councillor
C Ferguson	Councillor
M Whitely	CEO
J Hobson	Works Supervisor (4:51pm – close)
P Haas	EHO/BS (1:30pm – 2:15pm)

Apologies:

3. Public Question Time

Nil

4. Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Shire of Wandering Ordinary Meeting held 18 October 2012

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Moved Cr McNeil, Seconded Cr Dowsett that the minutes of the Shire of Wandering Ordinary Meeting held 18 October 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Ferguson

Questions Without Notice

Road Maintenance - Young Road

Councillor McNeil

Questions Without Notice

Various road signs need attention

Line marking on North Bannister Wandering Rd

Codjatotine Bridge

Crossing near Terrill Fergusons

Gravel sheeting completed as part of the flood damage works has held up well

Councillor Price

Questions Without Notice

Road signs need fixing Carabin Rd

Pumphreys Bridge toilets

Information bays at Pumphreys Bridge

7. MATTERS REQUIRING COUNCIL DECISION

7.1 C&J Caldwell - Lot 25 Knight Road, Wandering Downs

NAME OF APPLICANT: C & J Caldwell
FILE REFERENCE: A399
AUTHOR: EHO/BS

SUMMARY:

An Application for Planning Approval has been received from C & J Caldwell for their Lot located at 25 Knight Road in Wandering Downs. Planning approval is required for all development including a single house is required for the area which is zoned Rural Residential under the Town Planning Scheme. The applicants wish to build a residence and two sheds on the property to be staged over an 18 month period.

The size of the residence has not been nominated, the size of the Lot is 2.05 hectares and the sheds are 108m² and 54m² in area, which is a total of 162m² with a height of 2.4 metres.

COMMENT

The applicant has stated that they will use one shed for hay & machinery storage and for animals. The other shed is intended to be used for storage and a drive through carport.

The applicant currently has 5 animals on the lot consisting of 4 sheep and one head of cattle. If Council has concerns regards the number of animals Council could look at limiting the numbers. Further, the area is zoned Rural Residential under the Town Planning Scheme and as such any commercial keeping of animals needs Planning Approval. I understand that the animals are kept to keep the grass down on the property and as pets.

All setbacks nominated comply with the requirements of the Town Planning Scheme and this Lot does not have a building envelope.

Council's Town Planning Policy – Outbuildings; Residential and Rural Residential states the following:

Lot size 2ha – 10ha;

- (i) Zinalume construction, where the total outbuilding does not exceed 85m² in total floor area;
- (ii) Colorbond construction, where the total outbuilding does not exceed 150m² in total floor area.

The total area of outbuilding exceeds the area nominated by the policy and as such Planning Approval is required.

The applicant's also intends building a residence on the property and as such this also needs Planning Approval, as a consequence I suggested that the applicants make one application for the whole development proposed.

The applicants will need to apply for building permits for these buildings so should there be any items in the construction that Council need to be aware of or are out of the ordinary these can be sorted out when these applications are made.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council discussion & consideration

[Attachment 2](#)

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Moved Cr McNeil, Seconded Cr Ferguson that Council allow the two sheds with a combined space of 162m² and that the residence, sheds and water tank are all located within an area of 1600m² as agreed with Council.

CARRIED 7-0

7.2 Temporary Accommodation - Lot 84 Moramocking Road Blackboy Springs

NAME OF APPLICANT: B & J Orford
FILE REFERENCE: A 443
AUTHOR: EHO/BS

SUMMARY:

It has been alleged that the shed located on the above mentioned site is being lived in by the owner. During investigation the owner revealed that he is staying on site occasionally and that he needed a place to store all of his gear and gym equipment. He also stated that he was going to build a residence once his father had sold his house.

He also enquired what he would have to do if he wished to live on site in the intervening time until his father's house had been sold and building commenced on the Lot. As a consequence I advised the legislative requirements under the Health and Caravans & Camping Grounds Acts in a letter dated 31 October 2012 shown at **Attachment 4**.

COMMENT:

The owner has sent a letter dated 5 November 2012 in which he has applied to live on site in a caravan as per the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Caravan Parks & Camping Grounds Regulations.

Regulation 11 reads as follows:

- (1) A person may camp —
 - (a) for up to 3 nights in any period of 28 consecutive days on land which he or she owns or has a legal right to occupy, and may camp for longer than 3 nights on such land if he or she has written approval under subregulation (2) and is complying with that approval
- (2) Written approval may be given for a person to camp on land referred to in subregulation (1)(a) for a period specified in the approval which is longer than 3 nights —
 - (a) by the local government of the district where the land is situated, if such approval will not result in the land being camped on for longer than 3 months in any period of 12 months;
 - (b) by the Minister, if such approval will result in the land being camped on for longer than 3 months in any period of 12 months; or
 - (c) despite paragraph (b), by the local government of the district where the land is situated —
 - (i) if such approval will not result in the land being camped on for longer than 12 consecutive months; and
 - (ii) if the person owns or has a legal right to occupy the land and is to camp in a caravan on the land while a building licence issued to that person in respect of the land is in force.

A septic system with a shower, toilet and laundry trough would need to be installed on the property before I could recommend approval under this legislation. I have also discussed with the owner applying to Council to reside in the shed whilst building his residence under the provisions of Section 144 of the Health Act. I have also spoken to him regards the sea containers on the site. He has advised that one of them will be removed in three weeks time and he intends placing the other one behind the shed and re cladding it with a colour similar to the shed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the camping on Lot 84 Moramocking Road for a period of three (3) months subject to:

1. Sewerage disposal system and sanitary appliance installed to the satisfaction of the Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor
2. Camping on the land for a period of more than 3 nights in any period of 28 consecutive days is not permitted until item 1 has been satisfied

[Attachment 3](#)

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Moved Cr McNeil, Seconded Cr Price that Council approve the camping on Lot 84 Moramocking Road for a period of three (3) months subject to;

1. Sewerage disposal system and sanitary appliance installed to the satisfaction of the Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor or
2. Camping on the land for a period of more than 3 nights in any period of 28 consecutive days is not permitted until item 1 has been satisfied

CARRIED 7-0

7.3 Temporary Accommodation - Lot 10 Mellows Rd, Wandering Downs

NAME OF APPLICANT: B & L Rose
FILE REFERENCE: A 385
AUTHOR: EHO/BS

SUMMARY:

A letter has been received from B & L Rose seeking permission to camp on their Lot in a caravan whilst finishing off their house located at 10 Mellows place. I have spoken to Mr Rose and have advised of items that need to be completed under the requirements of the Health act before I could recommend to Council to approve camping on the land.

COMMENT:

Regulation 11 (2) of the Caravan Parks & Camping Grounds Regulations as outlined in the previous agenda item above covers this situation.

Should Council approve camping on the land in a caravan then a functioning septic system, toilet, laundry and shower be installed. These facilities will be located in the house and approval be granted subject to these items being completed to the satisfaction of the EHO/BS

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the camping on land for a period of three (3) months subject to a sewerage system and sanitary appliances being installed to the satisfaction of the Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor.

[Attachment 4](#)

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Moved Cr McNeil, Seconded Cr Schorer that Council approve the camping on land for a period of three (3) months subject to a sewerage system and sanitary appliances being installed to the satisfaction of the Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor.

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7.4 Temporary Accommodation - 14 Cheetaning Street

NAME OF APPLICANT: Ken & Linda Barge
FILE REFERENCE: A1
AUTHOR: EHO/BS

SUMMARY:

The approval to reside in a shed under the provisions of Section 144 of the Health Act on the above mentioned property expires on 16 November 2012. I inspected the premises on 31 October to gauge progress on the building. I also took photos of the interior of the house.

From that inspection I found that one bedroom had been fully completed, the kitchen needed to be clad, tap ware installed in the sink and electrical work to be completed throughout. Taps and sink waste to be installed in the laundry, tap ware to be installed in the bathroom, toilet pan to be installed in the w/c cubicle, ensuite door and exhaust fan to be installed.

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It should be noted that the exterior of the residence has been completed but works internally need to be finished as outlined above. A letter was received on Wednesday 8 November from Ken and Linda Barge requesting a further 6 month extension of the existing temporary dwelling and the letter is shown at **Attachment 5**.

I spoke to Mrs Barge and advised that if an extension using the shed as a temporary residence was required so that the residence can be completed then an application would need to be made to Council

COMMENT:

A search of the file has revealed that a building licence may have been issued for the residence on 26/11/1996. The file is somewhat confusing regards this date, because I found a set of plans for the residence stamped with two dates 26/11/96 & 29/1/98. It is surmised that approval for the residence may have been granted in 1996 because I have located Council minutes from 28 March 1996 giving approval to vary the set back to 6 metres from Cheetaning Street and that the second date is an extension to the building licence.

There is also a set of plans for the residence stamped as being approved on 18/9/2000 with a permit number 12/00. This may have been another extension to the building licence. On 12 July 2002 the then CEO wrote to Mr Barge outlining the impending expiration of the building licence issued in 2000 and requiring the building to be completed on 4 October 2002.

There is no other correspondence in the file until a letter dated 23 November 2011 advising Mr Barge of Council's resolution to allow the shed to be used for accommodation under the provisions of the Health Act giving approval to do so until 16 November 2012.

Since the original building licence was issued there has been a change in legislation with the promulgation of the Building Act on 2 April 2012. One of the major changes in the Act was the requirement of the builder to issue a Notice of Completion when a building was finished. I suspect this was brought in to combat similar circumstance as the above where the external of the building had been constructed but the internal fit out had not been completed.

From my reading of the current legislation a building permit would still be required because building work is being undertaken and a permit would be needed until the builder has submitted a Notice of Completion. The other issue regards living in the shed is covered under Section 144 of the Health Act and it is up to Council if it wishes to extend the approval to do so or not.

Should Council not extend the approval then Mr & Mrs Barge would be required to not use the shed in such a manner.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council;

1. Grant an extension for six (6) months to K&L Barge to use the shed located on Lot 102 Cheetaning Street for residential purposes
2. The extension is subject an extension to the Building Permit issued 26/1/1996 being applied for and the requisite fees paid.
3. No further extensions will be granted and if the house is not completed by the end of the 6 month period K&L Barge will be required to vacate the temporary dwelling
4. At the completion of the six month period the temporary dwelling reverts back to a non residential dwelling
5. No further applications will be accepted by Council for the existing temporary dwelling to be used for any other purpose than a non residential dwelling

[Attachment 5](#)

Cr Barge declared an interest in Agenda Item 6.4 and left the meeting at 2:00pm and returned to the meeting at 2:15pm

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Moved Cr McNeil, Seconded Cr Ferguson that Council;

1. Grant an extension for three (3) months to K&L Barge to use the shed located on Lot 102 Cheetaning Street for residential purposes
2. The extension is subject an extension to the Building Permit issued 26/1/1996 being applied for and the requisite fees paid.
3. No further extensions will be granted and if the house is not completed by the end of the 3 month period K&L Barge will be required to vacate the temporary dwelling.
4. At the completion of the three month period the temporary dwelling reverts back to a non residential dwelling
5. No further applications will be accepted by Council for the existing temporary dwelling to be used for any other purpose than a non residential dwelling.

CARRIED 6-0

Council's resolution to reduce the extension to three months opposed to the recommendation extension period of six months was the result of discussions that a period of twelve months had previously been granted in November 2011 and a further three months was adequate for the remaining works to be completed.

7.5 Proposed Construction of New Dwelling

NAME OF APPLICANT: CEO
FILE REFERENCE: 8.1.1
AUTHOR: CEO

SUMMARY:

At the October Meeting the CEO informed Council that there had been discussions with the Department of Housing looking at the opportunity to lease the 4x2 dwelling being constructed at Lot 110 Humes Way to the Department of Education.

Further discussions with Tony Mastrangelo from the Department of Housing indicate that the Department of Education are keen to lease housing off the Shire of Wandering, however the Department are only interested in leasing a 3x2 dwelling from the Shire.

The final documents for the 4x2 residence to be constructed on Humes Way have already been signed and processed so the option to amend this dwelling is no longer an option.

COMMENT

Discussions with Tony Mastrangelo are that the Department of Education are happy to enter into a lease agreement as follows;

1. Lease agreement of 5 years with a further 5 year option
2. Initial rental of \$600 week to be increased by 3% or CPI per annum as per agreement on signing
3. The house to be constructed must be a 3x2 dwelling
4. Further to any commitment from the Shire of Wandering to start construction of the 3x2 dwelling an agreement will be signed by parties detailing the leasing arrangements

The proposed construction of a new 3x2 dwelling is an unbudgeted item and would need to be endorsed by Council. It is suggested that funds for the construction of the 3x2 dwelling be taken from the Land & Building Reserve.

The proposed dwelling would be constructed at Lot 128 Dunmall Drive.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council;

1. Call for tenders for the construction of a 3x2 dwelling at Lot 128 Dunmall Drive
2. Subject to confirmation on the leasing arrangements with the Department of Education that Council proceed with the construction of a 3x2 dwelling at Lot 128 Dunmall Drive
3. Council adopt a budget amendment to use funds set aside in the Land & Building Reserve for the construction of the 3x2 dwelling

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Moved Cr Schorer, Seconded Cr McNeil that Council;

1. Council call for tenders for the construction of a 3x2 dwelling at Lot 128 Dunmall Drive
2. Subject to confirmation on the leasing arrangements with the Department of Education that Council proceed with the construction of a 3x2 dwelling at Lot 128 Dunmall Drive
3. Council adopt a budget amendment to use funds set aside in the Land & Building Reserve for the construction of the 3x2 dwelling

CARRIED 7-0

7.6 SuperTowns Program – Economic Development

NAME OF APPLICANT: Shire of Boddington
FILE REFERENCE: 12.1.9
AUTHOR: Terry Pearson, Director Special Projects

SUMMARY:

The Shire of Boddington has received funding of \$1,173,298 under the first round of SuperTowns funding, to “assist in diversifying Boddington’s local economy, building capacity in businesses and facilitating new enterprises in accordance with the “Economic Development Implementation in the Boddington District” business case.

COMMENT

At the Shire of Boddington Ordinary Meeting on 17 July 2012 Council approved a draft Economic Development Governance Model (at attachment 8.2.1A) and authorised the Chief Executive Officer to discuss the model with the Shires of Wandering and Williams, and if there is no objection to the model, to commence to implement the model.

Informal discussions have been held with the Chief Executive Officers from the Shires of Boddington, Williams and Wandering in regard to the model. As all CEO’s supported the model, it was agreed that a report would be presented to each Council at its next meeting, to adopt the model.

The model provides for an overarching body called, say, the Hotham/Williams Economic Development Alliance (“HWEDA”), whose role would be to set and monitor strategic objectives, set policy, provide advice to the person/unit charged with implementation and to be the champion for economic development in the district of Boddington, Wandering and Williams.

It is proposed that the representation on HWEDA would be:

- one person from each of the three Local Government Authorities (“LGA”) – either the Chief Executive Officer or a Councillor – with each having a proxy member;
- six business representatives from the three LGAs (who are not CEOs or Councillors), with two from each LGA, but with the flexibility of three from one of the LGAs and one from one of the others, so retaining the total of six; and
- the new Shire of Boddington position of Director Economic Development (“DED”), which would be an employee of the Shire of Boddington, reporting to the Shire’s CEO.

It is recommended that HWEDA be set up as an incorporated association, as having such a formal entity would assist in seeking grant funds and give the body a higher status.

It is anticipated that HWEDA would meet on a monthly basis for an initial period of about four months (commencing in January 2013 when the DED commences employment), and then about bi-monthly or as required.

The next part of the model is the Hotham/Williams Economic Development Unit (“EDU”). The EDU would be the “doing” part of the structure, whose primary task would be the implementation of the EDS. It would comprise the DED and possibly a 0.5 Full Time Equivalent ED Officer, to assist the DED with the administration of the unit and the HWEDA, and to assist to implement the lower-level tasks.

It is also proposed that a Chief Executive Officer Review Group be established, that would comprise the CEO of each of the LGAs, and the DED. This group would meet quarterly and would review the outputs

of the EDU. It would also give the CEOs of the Wandering and Williams Shires the opportunity to provide feedback to the Shire of Boddington CEO on the performance of the EDU and the DED.

It is anticipated that the costs of setting up HWEDA and its on-going administration costs would be minimal and would be funded from the SuperTowns grant. The expenditure budget for the overall economic development implementation project will be reviewed as one of the first tasks of the DED and the HWEDA. This SuperTowns project will facilitate the economic growth of Boddington and the sub-region to occur quicker than it otherwise would, bringing with it numerous benefits to the whole community in the form of increased and better-quality services and facilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Approves the draft Economic Development Governance Model (at attachment 8.2.1A) and the formation of an incorporated association, tasked with the oversight of the strategic management of the Hotham/Williams Economic Development Unit;
2. Appoints Cr _____ as the Shire of Wandering representative for the proposed Hotham/Williams Economic Development Alliance, and
3. Council authorise the CEO to find up to two suitable business representatives from the Shire of Wandering for the proposed Hotham/Williams Economic Development Alliance

[Attachment 6](#)

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Moved Cr Dowsett, Seconded Cr Barge that Council;

1. Approves the draft Economic Development Governance Model (at attachment 8.2.1A) and the formation of an incorporated association, tasked with the oversight of the strategic management of the Hotham/Williams Economic Development Unit;
2. Appoints Cr Schorer as the Shire of Wandering representative and Cr Price as the proxy for the proposed Hotham/Williams Economic Development Alliance, and
3. Council authorise the CEO to approach Julie Ferguson and Toni Gelissen as business representatives from the Shire of Wandering for the proposed Hotham/Williams Economic Development Alliance

CARRIED 7-0

CEO declared an interest in Agenda Items 7.7 and 7.8 and left the meeting at 3:15pm and returned to the meeting after the break for afternoon tea at 4:51pm

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 4:32pm

Council returned from afternoon tea at 4:51pm

7.7 CEO Contract Review

NAME OF APPLICANT: CEO
FILE REFERENCE: 1.2.1.21
AUTHOR: CEO

SUMMARY:

Section 5.38 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires the performance of all employees, including the Chief Executive Officer, to be reviewed on an annual basis. Further, the existing 3 year contract is due to expire on 18 January 2013.

COMMENT

Council have the option to either;

1. Offer a further 3 year contract, or
2. Offer a further 5 year contract, or
3. Not renew the contract and start the advertising process for a new CEO

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Further the Contract of Employment between the Shire of Wandering and the current Chief Executive Officer requires an annual appraisal or on a more frequent basis if the Council or the Chief Executive Officer perceives a need for such. The appraisal is to be conducted addressing the performance criteria under section 7 of the contractual agreement outlined as follows;

- provide accurate and timely advice to the Council
- work in collaboration with the Council
- provide innovative and visionary leadership
- establish effective networks
- maintain a work environment that facilitates the development of people and encourages them to perform at a high level
- ensure the effective and accountable application of financial and physical resources
- develop and implements change management strategies to enhance service delivery
- initiate the development, implementation and review of effective policies.

In addition to the above criteria the performance criteria may be varied and any other criteria may be included by agreement between the parties at any time during the term of the contract.

The CEO has a direct interest in this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

Following a review of the CEO by Council, the President and Deputy President be authorised to commence discussions with the CEO in relation to the CEO's annual performance appraisal and negotiation of any further contract.

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Moved Cr Schorer, Seconded Cr Price following the review of the CEO completed by Council that the President and Deputy President be authorised to commence discussions with the CEO in relation to the CEO's annual performance appraisal and negotiation of any further contract within the next two weeks.

CARRIED 7-0

7.8 13 Dunmall Drive – Installation of Pool

NAME OF APPLICANT: CEO
FILE REFERENCE: A303
AUTHOR: CEO

SUMMARY:

After much consideration I would like to request the permission of Council to install a fibreglass pool at the CEO residence located at 13 Dunmall Drive. The intention is to install a pre-owned pool at the rear of the property on the eastern side of the house and erect suitable fencing to meet the statutory requirements. As the property is owned by Council permission would need to be obtained prior for the installation.

COMMENT

The purpose of installing a pool at the CEO house is a lifestyle choice to improve the quality of lifestyle for my family.

The proposal would be that all costs of the pool installation are to be paid up front by the CEO and at the end of the CEO tenure Council would have the option to purchase the pool.

The estimated cost of the pool installation is \$15,000.

Should Council decide at the end of the current CEO's tenure that they do not wish to proceed with the purchase of the pool then the CEO would have one of two options;

1. Leave the pool at the property, or
2. Relocate the pool and associated equipment and fill the void

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As per the existing Council policy, any use of Shire plant and equipment would be charged at the rate of 50% of the private works costs. It is also proposed that any labour costs would be reimbursed back to the Shire of Wandering at cost. This is not a Council policy rather a proposal from the CEO as part of the project. It is not envisaged that there will be many labour costs from a Council perspective.

Any costs associated with building permits and planning applications will be paid by the CEO.

All establishment and ongoing running costs associated with the pool including the replacement of equipment would be the responsibility of the current CEO during his tenure.

If the installation of the pool was to be approved by Council then the lawn area would be relocated to the southern side of the rear of the property. Costs for this would be minimal and there is provision in the CEO housing budget for this to be implemented.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council discussion and consideration.

700:2011/12

Moved Cr Dowsett, Seconded Cr Price that Council give the CEO permission to install a pool on the basis that;

- 1. All costs associated with the installation of the pool in the first instance are paid by the CEO**
- 2. All establishment and ongoing running costs associated with the pool including the replacement of equipment would be the responsibility of the current CEO during his tenure**
- 3. Council to discuss at the end of the current CEO's tenure the decision to either purchase the pool at cost from the CEO or request that the pool is removed.**

CARRIED 7-0

7.9 Hotham Ridge Winery

NAME OF APPLICANT: CEO
FILE REFERENCE: A306
AUTHOR: CEO

SUMMARY:

A Notice of Hearing by the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) will be held on 6 December 2012 and details of the orders required for the meeting are shown at **Attachment 7**.

COMMENT

The Statement of Issues, Facts and Contentions along with the Section 24 Bundle were prepared and lodged with SAT by Mr Joe Douglas on Friday 2 November 2012. Due to the nature of this item and the fact that the matter is being heard at the State Administration Tribunal some general information for Council will be included under separate cover.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council discussion and consideration.

[Attachment 7](#)

Resolved by Council that the information tabled be received

7.10 Community Resource Centre Traineeship

NAME OF APPLICANT: CEO
FILE REFERENCE: 7.1.6
AUTHOR: CEO

SUMMARY:

With the Christmas period rapidly approaching and the Shire Offices expected to be operating prior to the Christmas break now would be an opportune time to advertise for the trainee position. If the position is not advertised prior to the Christmas period then the next best time to call for advertising would be after the New Year in February 2013.

COMMENT

There is provision in the budget for a trainee and funding of \$20,000 per annum is provided through the Department of Regional Development and Lands.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorise the CEO to start the advertising process for a trainee within the budget scope adopted for the 2012/13 financial year.

701:2011/12

Moved Cr Schorer, Seconded Cr Ferguson that Council authorise the CEO to start the advertising process for a trainee within the budget scope adopted for the 2012/13 financial year.

CARRIED 7-0

7.11 Bushfire Prevention and Control Local Law 2012

NAME OF APPLICANT: CEO
FILE REFERENCE: 11.1.2
AUTHOR: CEO

SUMMARY:

At the September 2012 Meeting Council resolved to introduce a new local law named Bushfire Prevention and Control Law 2012 to enforce landowners to establish and maintain firebreaks on land owned or occupied by them.

COMMENT

The advertising period and period for comment closes on Monday 19 November and to date there has been only the ratepayer provide feedback to the CEO.

The feedback received was from Mr Ian Turton. While Mr Turton was supportive of the proposed law he did raise a valid point that the wording in the current Fire Control Notice issued by the Shire of Wandering is a little open to interpretation. His main concern was the wording in section 2. On further review I also noticed that certain properties in the Blackboy Springs area may be precluded from adhering to the current Fire Notice from the way the information is currently read.

Given that the proposed law will take effect shortly after the closing date of 19 November 2012 and in all likelihood prior to the December 2012 Ordinary Meeting now would seem to be an opportune time to make any necessary adjustments prior to adopting the new ruling.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council consideration and action.

[Attachment 8](#)

AGREED by Council that the CEO be authorised to make any wording amendments necessary to the current Fire Control Notice for adoption at the December meeting.

7.11 List of Accounts – October 2012

NAME OF APPLICANT: Finance Officer
FILE REFERENCE: N/A
AUTHOR: Finance Officer

SUMMARY:

Attached is a list of accounts for Council consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

That all Cheque, EFT, wages, transport payments, transfers to investments, credit card payments, creditor payments and other vouchers from the Municipal and Trust Fund totalling \$481,763.65 be passed for payment.

[Attachment 9](#)

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Moved Cr Dowsett, Seconded Cr Ferguson that all Cheque, EFT, wages, transport payments, transfers to investments, credit card payments, creditor payments and other vouchers from the Municipal and Trust Fund totalling \$481,763.65 be passed for payment.

CARRIED 7-0

7.12 Financial Reports – October 2012

NAME OF APPLICANT: CEO

FILE REFERENCE: N/A

AUTHOR: CEO

SUMMARY:

Separately attached are the monthly Financial Statements for the period 31 October 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the monthly Financial Statements for the period ending 31 October 2012.

[Attachment 10](#)

703:2011/12

Moved Cr Schorer, Seconded Cr McNeil that Council endorse the monthly Financial Statements for the period ending 31 October 2012.

CARRIED 7-0

8. NEXT MEETING

Next Ordinary Council meeting to be held on Thursday 20 December 2012 commencing at 1:30pm

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:05pm

**These Minutes were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting
on Thursday 20 December 2012.**

CR G G KERR, President