

**Shire of Bruce Rock**  
**Works and Services Committee Meeting held in**  
**Bruce Rock Shire Council Chambers**  
**on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020, commencing at 4.00pm**

**AGENDA**

**1. Meeting Opened**

The Shire President, Cr Stephen Strange, opened the meeting at 4.05pm

**2. Attendance**

Cr SA Strange	Shire President
Cr R Rajagopalan	Deputy President
Cr IS Dolton	Councillor
Cr BJ Waight	Councillor
Cr K Foss	Councillor
Cr A Crooks	Councillor
Darren Mollenoyux	Chief Executive Officer
M Schilling	Executive Support Officer
Glenn Casley	Manager of Works & Services

**Apologies**

**3. Minutes**

That the minutes of the Roads Committee held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**COMMITTEE DECISION**

**Resolution WSCM Jul 19 -3.1**

**Moved:** Cr Dolton  
**Seconded:** Cr Rajagopalan

**That the minutes of the Works and Services Committee held the Tuesday 4 July 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**Carried 6/0**

**4. General Business**

**4.1 Regional Road Group Program**

- **RRG Program 2019/20**  
Bruce Rock-Narembeen Rd is now complete

**DISCUSSION**

*Boral have been sent a sample from the MOWS along with pictures to ask for an explanation regarding parts of the road chipping where road trains are turning out of paddocks. A second coat will be sprayed on in September 2020.*

*Discussion around if a one-coat-seal is still appropriate or if a double coat should be re-investigated.*

#### **4.2 Roads to Recovery Program 2019/20**

- Belka East Rd - reseal complete
- Bruce Rock East Rd - reseal complete
- Lawrie Rd - re-sheet complete
- Erikin Sth Rd - reseal complete
- Bruce Rock - Corrigin Rd – re-seal complete
- Yerrapin Boundary Rd - re-sheet complete
- The Kwolyin Sth Rd and McGellin Rd re-sheets will be completed by the end of March 2020

#### **4.3 Roads Maintenance Program 2019/20 - Update**

Maintenance grading will start as soon as we have sufficient rain.

#### **4.4 WANDRRA**

##### **- WANDRRA Program 2019/20 – Update**

All work is finished, now waiting for Core Business to finalize and a Report will be presented to Council once this is done.

#### **4.5 Townsite Footpaths**

##### **- Footpath Program 2019/20 – Update**

There are no footpath works allocated in this year's budget

#### **4.6 Drainage Works**

The following drainage works will be completed this financial year:

- Storm water drain cleaned out and section concreted to stop the continuing maintenance costs in fixing erosion and weeds.
- Another section will be done before following this.

#### **4.7 Bridges**

##### **2019/20 Bridges**

Belka West Rd - \$ 87,242

Cole Rd - \$ 71,491 – work completed, awaiting a price for rails

Old Beverly Rd - Shire Funded (\$49,412) will start next week

#### **4.8 Blackspot Funding**

The status of Blackspot funded projects for the 2019/20 year is:

- Site works finished, some new signage to be erected
- 2020/21 Cumminin Rd might be delayed as the Shire has to have the intersection inspected in spring for rare flora. NRM says there should not be anything to worry about.

#### **4.9 Future Works and Funding**

A list of budget items will be brought to the next meeting for discussion for the 2020/21 budget.

#### **4.10 Machinery and Vehicle Renewals 2019/20**

- The Deputy CEO's car has been ordered
- WFSN Project Manager's dual cab utility has been ordered
- Would like to reconsider the purchase of a new loader, as it has become clear that the quote received for a budget figure was not high enough. Therefore, we would not be able to obtain quotes within the budgeted

parameters. Council may wish to either reconsider this as part of the Budget Review and allocate additional funds, or alternatively to utilise the funds to undertake the asphaltting of the Recreation Centre carpark.

**DISCUSSION**

*Re-assess at the budget review in March as to if there is additional funds to use to purchase a loader, or if the funds are to be re-allocated to another project.*

**4.11 Recreation Centre Drainage**

After a major let down by the original contractor, another crew from Mandurah has been engaged to complete the work. The main pipe and bubble up tank has been in for two weeks and the footpath laid. The area by the Squash Courts will have synthetic lawn laid instead of concrete for a more professional finish.

This will be completed by 14<sup>th</sup> February. Another 5 sumps have been added to the area to make sure the water will not be an issue for people walking up to the District Club from the car park.

Asphaltting of the car park was removed from the budget for balancing purposes, but the Manager of Finance now has costings for this to be reconsidered at the Budget Review. The area will be cleaned up and ready for the Community Sundowner on the Friday night.

**DISCUSSION**

*MOWS advised that the rain event that occurred on Friday 14 February where the drainage failed. The paving company have been sent pictures and are seeking them to rectify. The paving will be lifted to create a V-Drain. Cr Dolton raised concern of the position of the grids, and type of grid being used.*

**ACTION**

*Investigate why the drainage failed and prepare a report to rectify.*

**4.12 Water Report and Update**

Please find below a report on our dam water situation, water usage and the costs of purchasing if the Shire needs to utilise Scheme water.

**Remaining Water in Dams** (1kl = 1000 litres)

- |                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. WaterCorp Dam                | - 15,000 kl      |
| 2. Negri Dam                    | - 6000 kl        |
| 3. Rec Centre Dam               | - 9000 kl        |
| <b>Total Litres remaining =</b> | <b>30,000 kl</b> |

**Current Usage** (per week)

- |                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Oval                   | - 440kl                        |
| 2. Pool and Town Gardens  | - 110 kl                       |
| <b>Total Weekly Usage</b> | <b>= 550 kl during summer.</b> |

This means that without rainfall the Shire has nearly 6 weeks before the dams will be empty.

If the Shire needs to use Scheme water, Water Corp will charge the Shire:

1. Upfront Fee \$ 35,933 and then \$ 4.06 per kilolitre used per week, allocated amount of 100kl per day. This will give the Shire ample water.  
The rate for excess usage is \$ 18.46 per kl

**\$ 406.00 per day 7 days a week = \$ 2842.00 and for 12 weeks equals = \$ 34,104 plus upfront fee is a total of \$ 70,037 for the 12 week period.**

### **Town Oval**

During January the oval was doing quite well until the Shire was hit with the 4 to 5 days of over 40-degree days and the 47 degree day, which caused the grass to deteriorate quickly and has since struggled to recover. The issue has not been lack of water or staff error, but the grass being burnt and being deficient in nutrients and minerals.

Soil tests were done, and the oval is lacking Phosphorous, Calcium and Gypsum along with a high salt level. Also, the oval is very hard under foot.

To rectify this, it has been recommended that the Shire aerate the oval then spread amino Fert and Wettasoil granules to help bring the oval back. Along with this is a program to help keep the nutrients and minerals in the ground and have it ready for winter sports. This will be spread on a watering day so that no extra water is needed. Costings for this work have been given to the MOF for budget review.

Regarding staff over the break, it was in my diary that Tysen was to go on leave from the 17<sup>th</sup> Jan but it was actually the 7<sup>th</sup> of Jan. Once I realised this I spoke to Gemma and Peter and the oval became top priority and if anything else was needed to be done around town we had staff to cover this.

#### *DISCUSSION*

*Following on from soil testing, it will cost approx. 8k for contractors to come aerate the oval, spread amino Fert and Wettasoil granules to bring it back up.  
Cr Dolton suggested a second opinion from a more localized agronomist.  
Cr Foss suggested water testing the dams to ensure the salt levels are not too high for oval watering.*

#### *ACTION*

*Scheme water needs to be used on the oval asap. MOWS to seek clarification and perhaps negotiate the upfront fee and how that fee is calculated from Water Corporation by the Council Meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020.*

### **Drought Funding**

The Chief Executive Officer will present a report, potential projects and relevant grant information to the committee for consideration. The aim will be to have a preliminary list of potential projects to be funded under the Federal Government's \$500,000 Drought Funding for Bruce Rock Shire.

Following the meeting and input from the Works and Services Committee the CEO will prepare a report and listing of projects for consideration by the full Council on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

*RECOMMENDED LISTING*

*Cr Dolton – Water catchment system improvements, upgrade reticulation, pumping systems, evaporation technology, enlarging storage capacity.  
MOWS suggesting of putting a bore down.*

*Carpark Drainage and Water Capture Improvement \*Priority\*  
Lawn Reduction Program.*

*Water Evaporation Reduction Project*

*Water Catchment Improvement*

*Upgrade of Recreation Centre Reticulation*

*Kerb Replacement Program*

*Carpark Drainage and Water Capture Improvement*

*Water infrastructure audit for drought proofing*

**5. Meeting Closure**

The Shire President, Cr Stephen Strange thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.23pm.

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on

---

Cr Stephen Strange  
Shire President