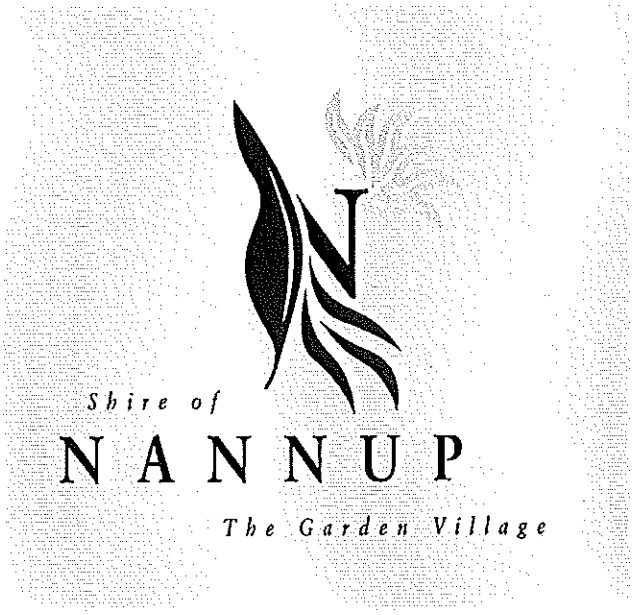


AGENDA

Council Meeting to be held
on Thursday 28 May 2009

Shire of Nannup

NOTICE OF AN ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Dear Council Member,

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Nannup Council will be held on Thursday 28 May 2009 in the Council Chambers, Nannup commencing at 4.15 pm.

Schedule for 28 May 2009:

3.15 pm	Information Session
4.15 pm	Meeting commences
7.00 pm	Dinner.

SHANE COLLIE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Agenda

1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

2. **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE (previously approved)**

3. **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

5. **APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

6. **PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

   Mr Frank Camarri wishes to make a presentation on district firebreaks.

7. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

   That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Nannup held in Council Chambers on 23 April 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

   That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the Shire of Nannup held in Council Chambers on 13 May 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

9. **REPORTS BY MEMBERS ATTENDING COMMITTEES**

10. **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

AGENDA NUMBER: 10.1
SUBJECT: Subdivision/Amalgamation Proposal WAPC 139740
LOCATION/ADDRESS: Lot 4 Kearney Street Nannup
NAME OF APPLICANT: Nannup Surveys on behalf of Nannup Winery
FILE REFERENCE: A 1191
AUTHOR: Rob Paull – Consultant Planner
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:
DATE OF REPORT: 14 May 2009

Attachments:
1. Location Plan/Aerial Photograph.
2. Plan of Subdivision.
3. Flood Prone area map.

BACKGROUND:

Lot 4 Kearney Street is occupied by 'Blackwood Winery' comprising winery bistro/cellar and shed. The proposal is to subdivide the land at Lot 4, Kearny Street Nannup into 2 land parcels. Lot 4 Kearney Street is zoned "Residential" with a R10/R15 density coding under the Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No.3 ('LPS No. 3') with 'additional use rights' (A8 – 'winery') reflecting the winery improvements that exist on the land. The land is also included within a 'Flood Risk Area' under LPS No. 3 where Clause 6.2.1.7 is relevant:

"Where land which is identified as being Flood Risk Land is proposed to be subdivided the local government, if resolving to support the application for subdivision, shall recommend to the Commission that memorials be placed on newly created titles to ensure prospective purchasers are aware that the land may be prone to flooding".

It should be noted that although not a matter directly associate with the subdivision, Clause 6.2.1.2 of LPS No. 3 also states:

"Notwithstanding sub-clause 6.2.2.1(b)(i), land identified by the Blackwood River Flood Study 1983 as being within the 1 in 25 year flood level will not be permitted to be developed for residential purposes unless such development is connected to the reticulated sewerage network".

As the majority of the land is within the 1 in 25 year flood level, any future development will need to be connected to reticulated sewer.

The land has been the subject of several applications for subdivision with the most recent being a proposal to subdivide with the lot sizes being 1100m², 1200m² and 1.035 Ha respectively (WAPC 136938). This Subdivision was approved by the WAPC on 13 June, 2008 with a condition relating to the provision of sewer. (Note: This is valid for four years and the applicant may still decide to invoke this option, however only one subdivision can be activate.)

COMMENT:

The applicant proposes to subdivide the site in accordance with the R-10 density coding with lot size being 2010m² and 1.0552 Ha respectively.
The lot size criteria for a density code of R-10 are a minimum of 875m² or an average or 1000m² per lot.

Given that land is located in a flood prone area and Clause 6.2.1.2 of LPS No. 3, sewer Council's position should be that title for lot 2 should only be released if sewer is available to service those lots.

It is understood that an ATU (Alternative Treatment Unit for effluent disposal from the winery) is located in the vicinity of the western boundary of proposed Lot 2. Should Council support the Application, it would be appropriate to recommend to the WAPC to impose a condition that adequate set back of this disposal area is provided to proposed Lot 2 prior to titles being released for the subdivision.

Flood Prone Land

The majority of the land is within the 1:100 flood prone area. As noted, LPS No. 3 has special controls for development within flood risk land. In the event that development is proposed, the controls that apply include the following:

- Setting appropriate floor levels for habitable buildings above the known flood level with survey confirmation.
- Ensuring that appropriate effluent disposal systems are installed.
- Engineering certification of the building to withstand flood forces.
- Consultation with the Department of Water with respect to assessing the impact of development in the flood risk area.

If Council support the application it would be appropriate to recommend to the WAPC to impose a condition that a memorial or notification be included that ensures that potential purchasers are aware of the potential of flood on the land.

Proximity to Council's Work Depot

Lot 4 abuts the Shire Depot at Lot 220 Kearney Street Nannup. The potential for land use conflicts with the proposed Lots and the Shire Depot is noted. Council is advised to recommend to the WAPC to impose a condition to register a Section 70A Notification advising that the land adjoins the Shire depot and impacts from the depot may arise from its operations.

In addition, ultimately should the Subdivision be approved, Lot 2 will be created and eventually sold. In this regard, it is appropriate to ensure that a new land owner is aware of the possible noise, smell and operations of the 'Blackwood Winery'. Accordingly, it would be prudent to recommend to the WAPC that a Section 70A Notification advising that the land adjoins a winery.

Crossovers

It is appropriate for Council to seek the WAPC to condition any Approval to require the developer to construct a crossover to the new lots to the satisfaction of Council.

Footpaths

It is appropriate for Council to seek the WAPC to condition any approval to require the developer to contribute to the constructing of a footpath along Kearny Street from North Street and the winery to mitigate pedestrian traffic in this street.

Additional Use Provision

As noted, under LPS No. 3, the land has an Additional Use provision associated with the winery. Under LPS No. 3, a winery is defined as:

".... premises used for the production of viticultural produce and which may include the sale of the produce".

This use is acceptable for the whole of the land but clearly, should not be supported solely on proposed Lot 2. In this regard, the following Section 70A Notification should be placed on Lot 2 stating:

"The Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No. 3 includes the land as "Additional Use No. 8 – Winery". Irrespective of the zoning, the Council is unlikely to support a winery operation on this property".

In addition, it is appropriate that should the Subdivision be approved and Lot 2 created, Council should pursue removal of the *"Additional Use No. 8 – Winery"* over Lot 2. In this regard, Council may wish to request the WAPC to include the following 'advice note' on any Approval:

"The Subdivider is advised that should title be granted for Lot 2, the Shire of Nannup will actively seek to remove the "Additional Use No. 8 – Winery" provision under the Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No. 3 over Lot 2 in a forthcoming planning scheme amendment".

Services
Scheme water, electricity and telephone will be required to be provided to all the lots and the servicing requirements will be assessed by other government agencies during the referral process. It is understood that sewer is to be made available to the site as part of the 'infill' program.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Planning and Development Act 2005 and the Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No. 3.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council advise the WAPC as follows:

A. No objection to Subdivision/Amalgamation referral 139740 subject to the inclusion of the following conditions:

1. A Section 70 A Notification being placed on all titles stating the following:

   i) "This property is within the 1:100 flood risk area as identified in the Blackwood River Flood Study and that Council's Local Planning Scheme has land use controls that ensures that development is undertaken in a way that mitigates against flood.

   The Shire of Nannup does not take any responsibility from any property damage or harm resulting from flood."

   ii) "It is acknowledged that a local government works depot is located in the vicinity of this property and land use impacts from the depot may occur from its normal operations".

2. A Section 70 A Notification being placed on Lot 2 stating the following:

   i) The Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No. 3 includes the land as "Additional Use No. 8 – Winery". Irrespective of the

zoning, the Council is unlikely to support a winery operation on this property.

ii) "It is acknowledged that a winery is located on land adjoining to the south and west of this property (Lot 1) and land use impacts from the winery may occur from its normal operations".

3. A contribution to the construction of a footpath along Kearny Street from North Street to the Winery.

4. Sewerage connection is made to Lot 2 prior to title being issued given that the land is located in a flood prone area.

5. That adequate set back of the ATU and disposal area that services the winery building is provided as per the relevant Health legislation prior to titles being released for the subdivision.

6. The subdivider to construct a crossover to Lot 2 to the satisfaction of the local government at the developer's expense.

B. Advise the WAPC that in relation to recommended condition 3, Clause 6.2.1.2 of LPS No. 3 states:

"Notwithstanding sub-clause 6.2.2.1(b)(i), land identified by the Blackwood River Flood Study 1983 as being within the 1 in 25 year flood level will not be permitted to be developed for residential purposes unless such development is connected to the reticulated sewerage network".

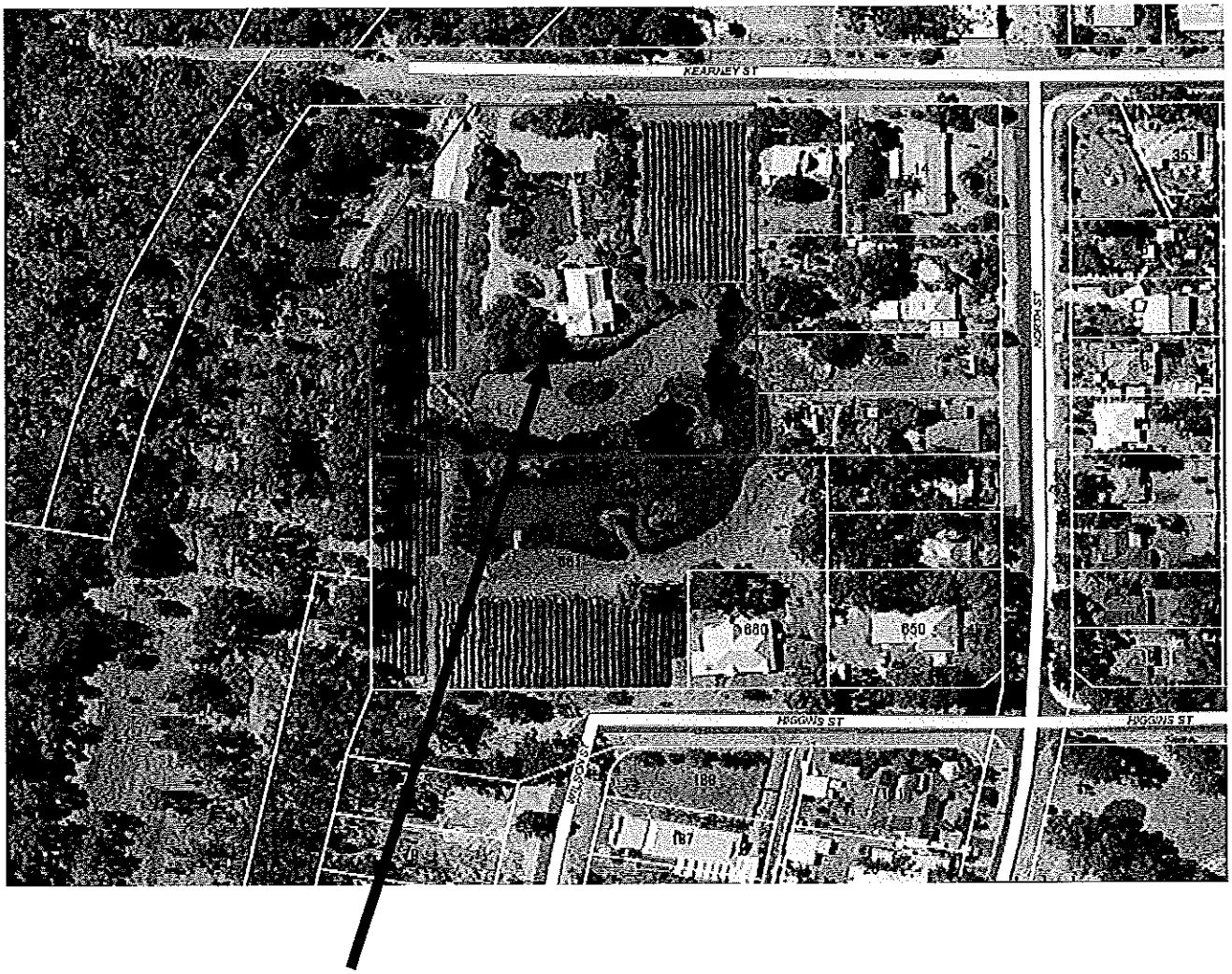
C. Request the WAPC to include the following advice note in any Subdivision Approval.

"The Subdivider is advised that should title be granted for Lot 2, the Shire of Nannup will actively seek to remove the "Additional Use No. 8 – Winery" provision under the Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No. 3 over Lot 2 in a forthcoming planning scheme amendment".

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

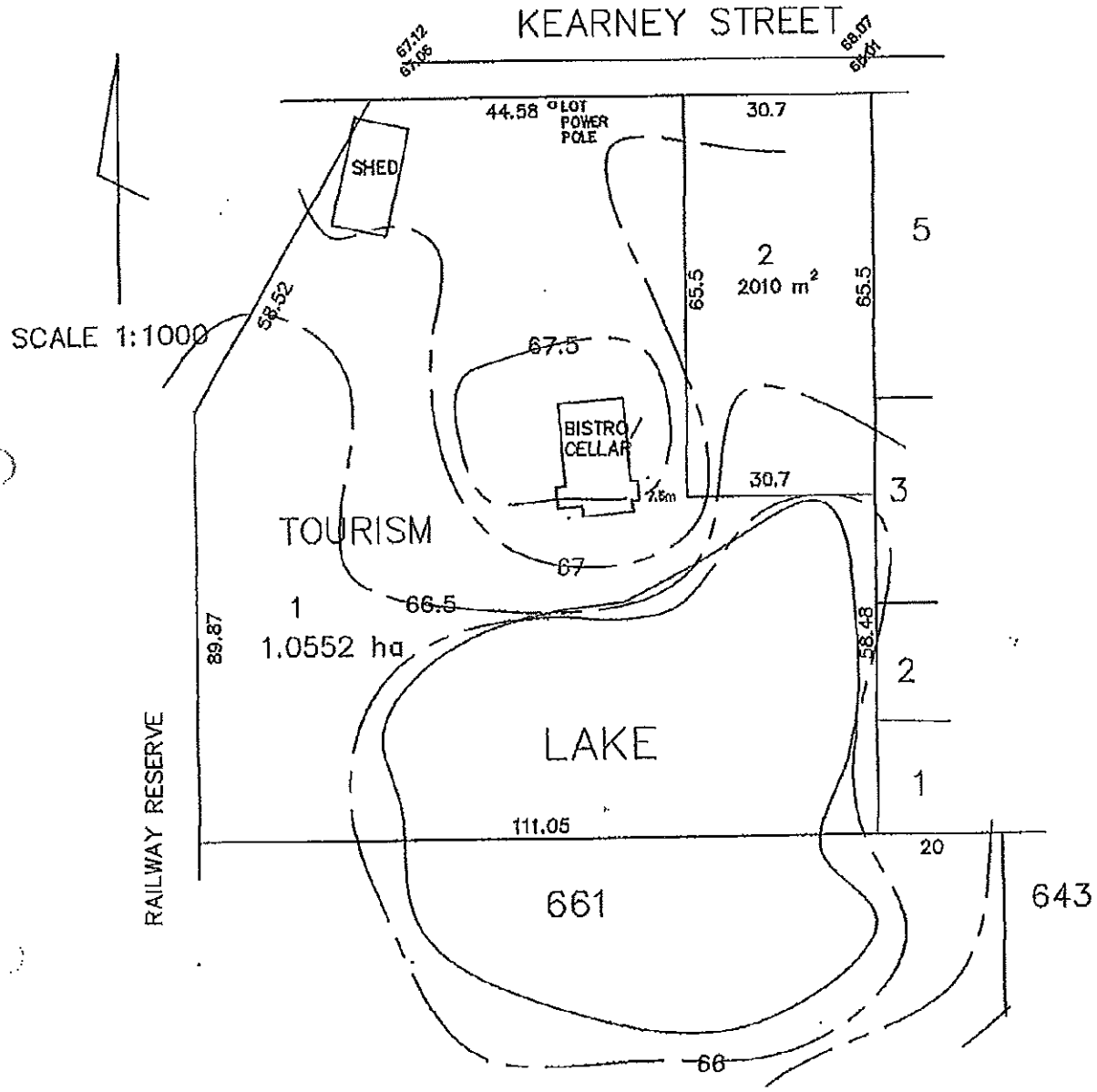
ROB PAULL
CONSULTANT PLANNER

ATTACHMENT 1 – LOCATION PLAN/AERAIL PHOTO



LOT 4 KEARNEY STREET

ATTACHMENT 2 – PLAN OF SUBDIVISION



PROPOSED SUBDIVISION
LOT 4 KEARNEY ST DIA 89503
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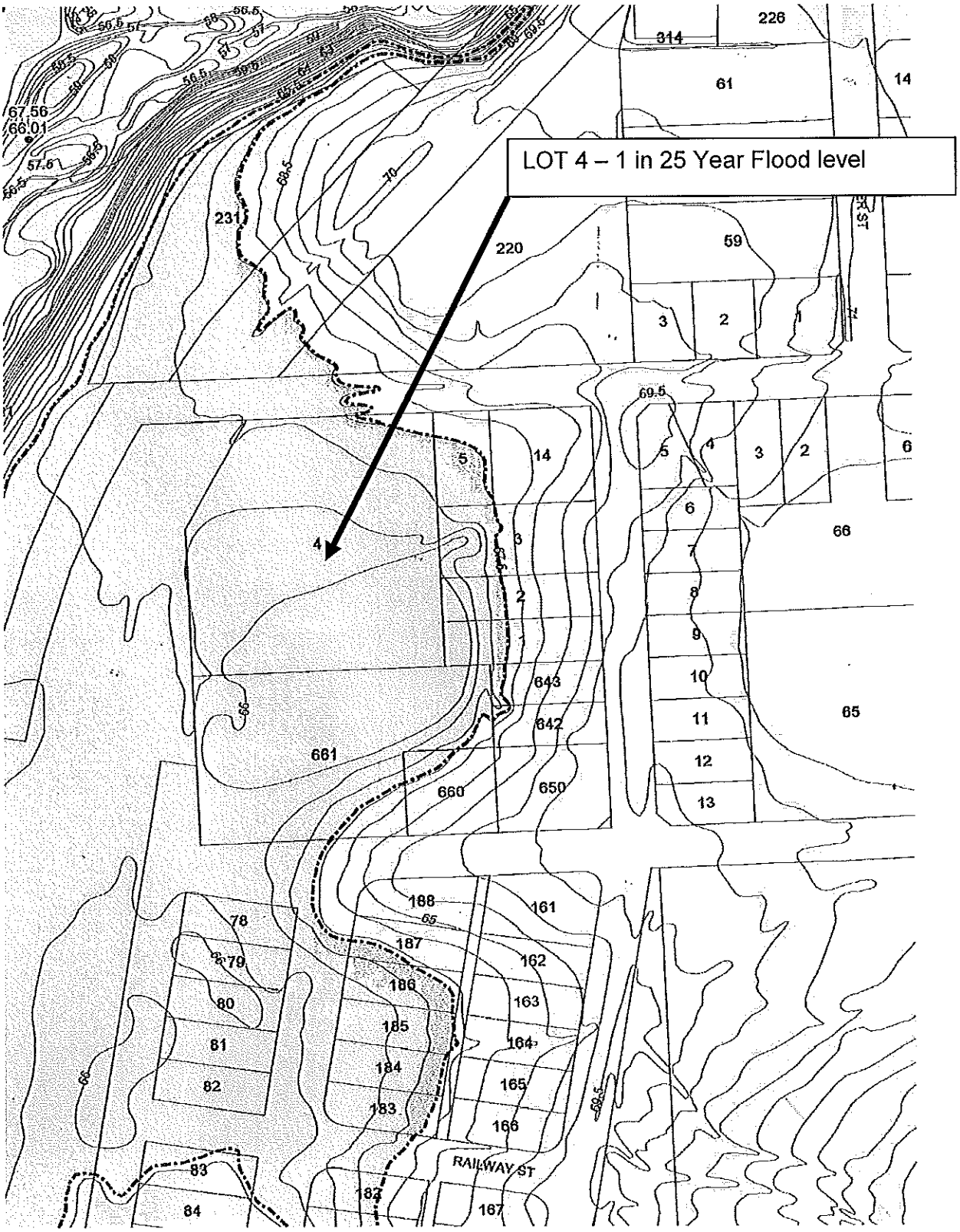
ATTACHMENT 3 – FLOOD PRONE AREA MAP



AGENDA NUMBER: 10.2
SUBJECT: Request to Adopt an Amendment to Local Planning Scheme for Community Consultation Purposes.
LOCATION/ADDRESS: Lot 1 Balingup-Nannup Road Nannup
NAME OF APPLICANT: Thompson McRobert Edgeloe on behalf of D Avery and E Molyneux
FILE REFERENCE: A 91
AUTHOR: Rob Paull – Consultant Planner
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:
DATE OF REPORT: 14 May 2009

Attachments: 1. Location Plan.
2. Development Guide Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Lot 1 Balingup-Nannup Road Nannup, ('Redgum Hill Country Retreat') is occupied by two chalets and a residence/guesthouse. The proponent seeks to construct additional 3 chalets (Note Attachment 2 - Development Guide Plan). It is proposed to have 6 strata sites that include 5 chalets sites and a strata site for the manager's residence/guesthouse.

Council resolved on 28 August 2008 as follows:

1. *That Council initiate an amendment to Local Planning Scheme # 3 for rezoning of Lot 1 Balingup – Nannup Road Nannup from 'Agriculture' to the 'Special Use' zone.*

2. *That Council request the proponent to prepare amendment documents prior to Council considering the amendment for formal adoption and incorporate the recommendations from Planning Bulletin 83 – Planning for Tourism and the Tourism Accommodation Strata Title Guidelines.*

3. *That Council deem that this amendment, is a 'Minor' amendment and $3,300 in fees be paid in accordance with Council's Schedule of fees and charges.*

(Please note that the current designation would be Amendment No. 8.)

The "tourism use" of the site is the predominant use and has been for several years as two chalets and a guesthouse have been developed on the 4.48 ha site.

The Amendment proposes to allow for the opportunity for the landowners to apply to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) to survey strata title subdivision to occur for each existing chalet, existing residence and three additional proposed chalets.

It is intended that common property access is to be provided along the area adjacent to the Balingup-Nannup Road and each created title will be the subject of a management agreement to ensure appropriate ongoing running of the whole site.

COMMENT

In preparing the Report for Council in relation to the proposed Amendment in August 2008 the (then) Manager, Development Services noted:

"Philosophically one feels a little uncertainty about tourism related proposals given that Council are receiving several requests to initiate amendments to rezone land from agriculture to special use to facilitate tourist related land uses without any strategic position on the correct locations of such developments and long term sustainability of the land uses. It is hoped to address this in time".

Little has changed in the direction of Council since that time. However, the planning consultant for the Proponent has prepared Scheme Amendment document taking into account the Council resolution of 28 August 2008.

The Amendment documentation is sound however some modification is recommended as follows:

- correctly refer to updated 'Development Guide Plan' (and not 'Subdivision Concept Plan);
- reference in the Amendment should be made to the WAPC tourist strata subdivision provisions;
- the fire management plan is recommended to be revised to ensure compliance with the legislative requirements; and
- insert the following notations on the Development Guide Plan to ensure that the following matters are attended to:

    - *The Development Guide Plan provides a framework for future subdivision and development of the Land. Actual Subdivision, which may vary from the endorsed Development Guide Plan requires the approval of the Western Australian Planning Commission.*
    - *No buildings or development should occur within the area identified as a "Vegetation Protection Area - No building" and fire hazard separation zones shall be located outside these areas.*
    - *A Fire Management Plan shall be prepared and implemented to the satisfaction of the Shire of Nannup, FESA and DEC prior to any development or subdivision. All subdivision, development and land use shall comply with the Bush Fire Management Plan.*
    - *Vegetation shall not be removed without the written permission of the Shire of Nannup.*

- *Effluent disposal shall be established and maintained to the requirements of the Shire and the Department of Health.*
- *No dams or lakes will be permitted, other than those shown on the DGP.*
- *All building floor levels shall be above 65AHD or other arrangements to the requirements of the DoW and satisfaction of the Shire of Nannup.*

In this regard, once completed to the satisfaction of the Shire, the Amendment should be referred to the EPA in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 and Town Planning Regulations.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Town Planning Scheme amendments are processed in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 and Town Planning Regulations. This allows the proponent to proceed with preparation of amendment documents with the knowledge that Council has no objections to the rezoning concept. The current Amendment is at the stage where amendment documents for the rezoning have been received and where Council determines to proceed to formal adoption for public consultation.

Should Council resolve to adopt for advertising, then the final decision on the Amendment will rest with the Minister for Planning. A determination not to proceed will essentially abandon the Amendment and no Appeal would be available to the proponent.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

POLICY / STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The Shire's Local Planning Strategy states that:

- *The minimum number of chalets permitted to be developed at a site shall be two (2);*
- *Chalet developments in excess of five (5) units will require rezoning to the Special Use Zone;*

A similar development exists at Fern Gulley - Lot 7 Balingup Road as Council amended the (then) Town Planning Scheme No. 1 to change the zoning of the land from rural to special use in order to facilitate the strata subdivision of the chalet development on the land. In addition, Amendment No. 2 to LPS No. 3 (which adjoins the subject land to the south) has recently been Gazetted which also provided for 5 chalets and strata subdivision.

The yield sought for the current Amendment before Council is 5 chalets and guesthouse on a site area of 4.48 ha. – resulting in one chalet/guesthouse per 0.746 ha. By comparison, the yield sought for Amendment No. 2 was also 5 chalets but on a site area of 3.7 ha. – resulting in one chalet per 0.740 ha.. As with similar Amendments already initiated (and approved) by Council, it is not suggested that this Amendment be significantly modified or deferred to address a yield/ratio of chalets per ha. that Council may eventually establish as Policy. However, as previously noted, it would still be appropriate for Council to establish a 'rural/tourist' policy that addresses the above.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Fees associated with the processing of Town Planning Scheme amendments are set out in Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges. The applicant has paid the relevant amendment fees of $3,300.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Council, in pursuance of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2005, adopt draft Amendment No. 8 ("Amendment") to the Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No. 3 for community consultation for the purposes of rezoning of Lot 1 Balingup – Nannup Road Nannup from 'Agriculture' to the 'Special Use' zone and subject to modifications to the Amendment documents to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer as follows:

   (i) correctly refer to updated 'Development Guide Plan' (and not 'Subdivision Concept Plan);
   (ii) insert the following notations on the Development Guide Plan:

   - *The Development Guide Plan provides a framework for future subdivision and development of the Land. Actual Subdivision, which may vary from the endorsed Development Guide Plan requires the approval of the Western Australian Planning Commission.*
   - *No buildings or development should occur within the area identified as a "Vegetation Protection Area - No building" and fire hazard separation zones shall be located outside these areas.*
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- *Vegetation shall not be removed without the written permission of the Shire of Nannup.*
- *Effluent disposal shall be established and maintained to the requirements of the Shire and the Department of Health.*
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- *All building floor levels shall be above 65 ahd or other arrangements to the requirements of the DoW and satisfaction of the Shire of Nannup*

(iii) reference in the Amendment tourist strata subdivision provisions; and

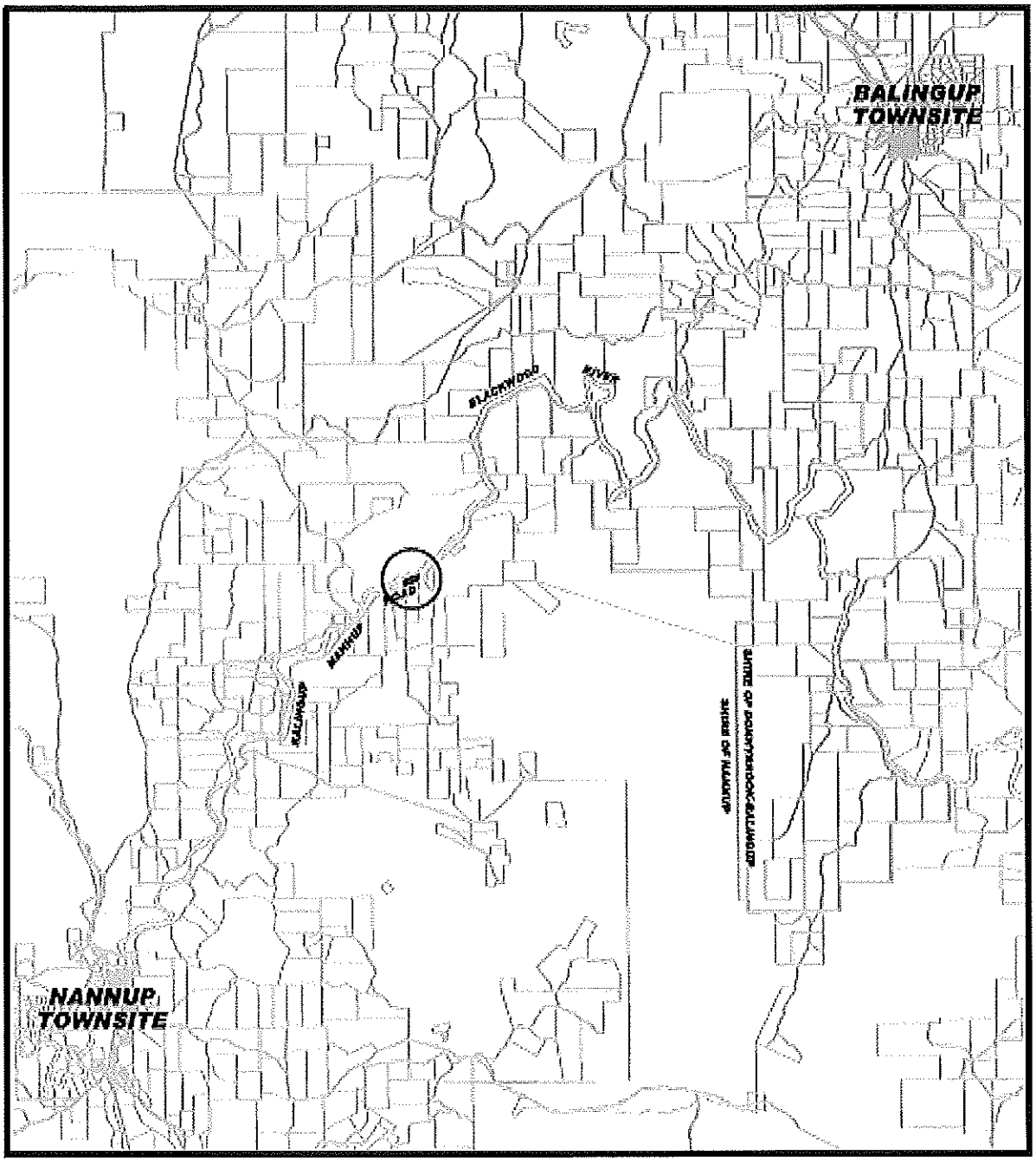
(iv) revised fire management plan.

2. That as the draft Amendment is in the opinion of the Council consistent with Part V of the Act and regulations made pursuant to the Act, that upon preparation of the necessary documentation, the draft Amendment be referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) as required by Part V of the Act and on receipt of a response from the EPA indicating that the draft Amendment is not subject to formal environmental assessment, be advertised for a period of 42 days, in accordance with the Town Planning Regulations 1967.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

ROB PAULL
CONSULTANT PLANNER

ATTACHMENT 1 LOCATION PLAN



ATTACHMENT 2 DEVELOPMENT GUIDE PLAN

AGENDA NUMBER: 10.3
SUBJECT: Alterations to EziWay
LOCATION/ADDRESS: Lot 15 Warren Road
NAME OF APPLICANT: E & W Gizzarelli
FILE REFERENCE: A427
AUTHOR: Rob Paull – Ewen Ross
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:
DATE OF REPORT: 19 May 2009

Attachment: Application for Planning Approval

BACKGROUND:

Lot 15 Warren Road is occupied by the Eziway Supermarket owned by E & W Gizzarelli. The proposal is to extend the floor area by 70 square metres to allow for a cool room. The area is zoned "Town Centre" with a R30 density coding under the Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No.3 ('LPS No. 3').

The land falls within the "draft Nannup Mainstreet Heritage Precinct Design Guidelines" and part of the Lot is also within the 'Flood Risk Area' of LPS No. 3. The applicant has requested Council to have any car parking requirements as required under LPS No. 3 and the Shire's Car Parking Policy to be waived.

The Application addresses the draft Nannup 'Mainstreet Heritage Precinct Guidelines' in that the existing façade of the premises is to be extended to maintain the Mainstreet visual effects.

Part of the lot is within the 'flood area' and under LPS No. 3, with Clause 6.2.1.4 being the relevant clause. This has been interpreted to permit an alteration or extension to a premise provided that it does not exceed 25 percent of the floor area of the existing building. In this regard, the Application complies.

COMMENT:

The Applicant proposes to extend the existing building and maintain the same shop façade to ensure the streetscape is maintained. Construction and painting is to be the same design and colour finish as the existing premises. It is considered that the visual impact would be equal to the existing premises.

As the lot is partly in the 100 year flood plain and the extension are less than 25% of the existing premises, the provision of clause 6.2.1.4 permits this level of development.

The LPS No 3 requires an acceptable provision of carparking with any use and development. The proposal will require the provision of 2 parking spaces.

The Applicant has requested that Council not apply any carparking on site or as a "cash-in-Lieu" payment on the basis that *'this requirement has never applied to any other business in the mainstreet precinct that I am aware of'.*

A review of all approvals issued in the Town Centre zone has not been undertaken to substantiate the Applicant's claim. However, LPS No. 3 clearly requires the assessment of carparking for every application be undertaken by Council. In this regard, the past decisions of Council are not considered relevant.

An inspection of the site reveals that the location of the existing shop and house allows for the opportunity to provide the additional carparking (2 spaces) on site. It is noted that Council could seek a "cash-in-Lieu" payment, however until a formalised carparking policy for the expenditure of 'cash-in-lieu' monies has been prepared and approved, "cash-in-Lieu" payments are not recommended.

It is possible for Council to waiver any car parking requirements for any application. However it is prudent to acknowledge that such decisions will have significant implications for any further developments, especially in the Town Centre zone.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Planning and Development Act 2005 and the Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No. 3.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the Application for additional development (70m2) at Lot 15 Warren Road, Nannup in accordance with the following conditions:

1. A Building Licence for the development should be obtained prior to May 28, 2010. This Planning Approval lapses if a Building Licence for the development has not been obtained by May 28, 2010. Further to this, if the development is not substantially commenced in accordance with the Building Licence by May 28, 2010, then this Planning Approval lapses at that date.

2. The land use and development shall be undertaken generally in accordance with the approved plans, in a manner that is deemed to comply with the to the satisfaction of the Shire of Nannup.

3. The design, materials and colours of both the existing and proposed development are to be matched to the satisfaction of the Shire of Nannup. Details to be submitted prior to or with the building licence application.

4. Prior to occupation of the building extension, the provision on-site of a minimum number of two (2) carparking bays shall be provided. The parking area(s), driveway(s) and point(s) of ingress and egress [including crossover(s)] to be designed, constructed, sealed, drained, marked and thereafter maintained to the specifications and satisfaction of the Shire of Nannup. Details to be submitted with the building licence application.

5. Plans shall be submitted with the building licence application are to show details of stormwater and roof run-off disposal to the satisfaction of the Shire of Nannup.

Advice Notes

1. A Building Licence application under the provisions of the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act must be submitted to and approved by the Shire prior to the demolition of existing buildings and the commencement of any on-site works whatsoever.

2. Further to this approval, the Applicant is required to submit working drawings and specifications to comply with the requirements of Part 4 of the Building Regulations, 1989 (as amended) and the Health Act, 1911 (as amended) which are to be approved by the Shire's Principal Building Surveyor and Principal Environmental Health Officer prior to the issue of the Building Licence.

3. Rights of appeal are also available to you under the Planning and Development Act 2005 (as amended) against the decision of Council, including any conditions associated with this decision. Any such appeal must be lodged within 28 days of the date of this decision to the State Administrative Tribunal (telephone 9219 3111 or 1300 306 017).

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

EWEN ROSS
MANAGER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

SCHEDULE 6 – FORM OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING APPROVAL

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING APPROVAL
SHIRE OF NANNUP

OWNER DETAILS:

Name E & W GIZZARELLI

Address 15 WARREN ROAD NANNUP W.A.
Post Code 6275

Phone (work) 0897561145 (home) 0897561610 Fax 0897561145
E-Mail N/A

Contact Person for Correspondence ERNEST GIZZARELLI.

Signature ..... Date 19/5/2009

Signature ..... Date .....

The signature of the landowner(s) is required on all applications. This application will not proceed without that signature.

APPLICANT DETAILS:

Name E & W GIZZARELLI

Address 15 WARREN ROAD NANNUP W.A.
Post Code 6275

Phone (work) 0897561145 (home) 0897561610 Fax 0897561145
E-Mail N/A

Contact Person for correspondence ERNEST GIZZARELLI

Signature ..... Date 19/5/2009

PROPERTY DETAILS:

Lot No. 15 House/Street No. ..... Location No. .....

Diagram or Plan No. .....
Certificate of Title No. ..... Folio .....

Diagram or Plan No. .....
Certificate of Title No. ..... Folio .....

Title Encumbrances (eg, easements, restrictive covenants)
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Street Name. WARREN RD
Suburb .....

Nearest Street Intersection FOREST ST

Existing Use SUPERMARKET Building/Land

Description of proposed development and/or use COOLROOM EXTENSION TO EXISTING SUPER MARKET

Nature of any existing buildings and/or use

Approximate cost of proposed development $80,000 inc GST
Estimated time of completion JULY 2009

OFFICE USE ONLY

Acceptance Officer's Initials: E.M. Rose Date Received: 19.05.09

Council Reference No: Fee $123.00. Receipt 16635.

Delegated Authority
Council Decision Required

(The content of the form of application must conform to Schedule 6 but minor variations may be permitted to the format).

May 19th 2009

CEO Shane Collie

Copy to all Councillors

Dear Shane,

As we are intending to build new cool rooms on to our supermarket in Warren Road to improve the facility we respectfully request that the Nannup Shire Council waive the requirement to supply parking or contribute monetarily .

This requirement has never applied to any other business in the mainstreet precinct that I am aware of.

E & W . GIZZARELLI


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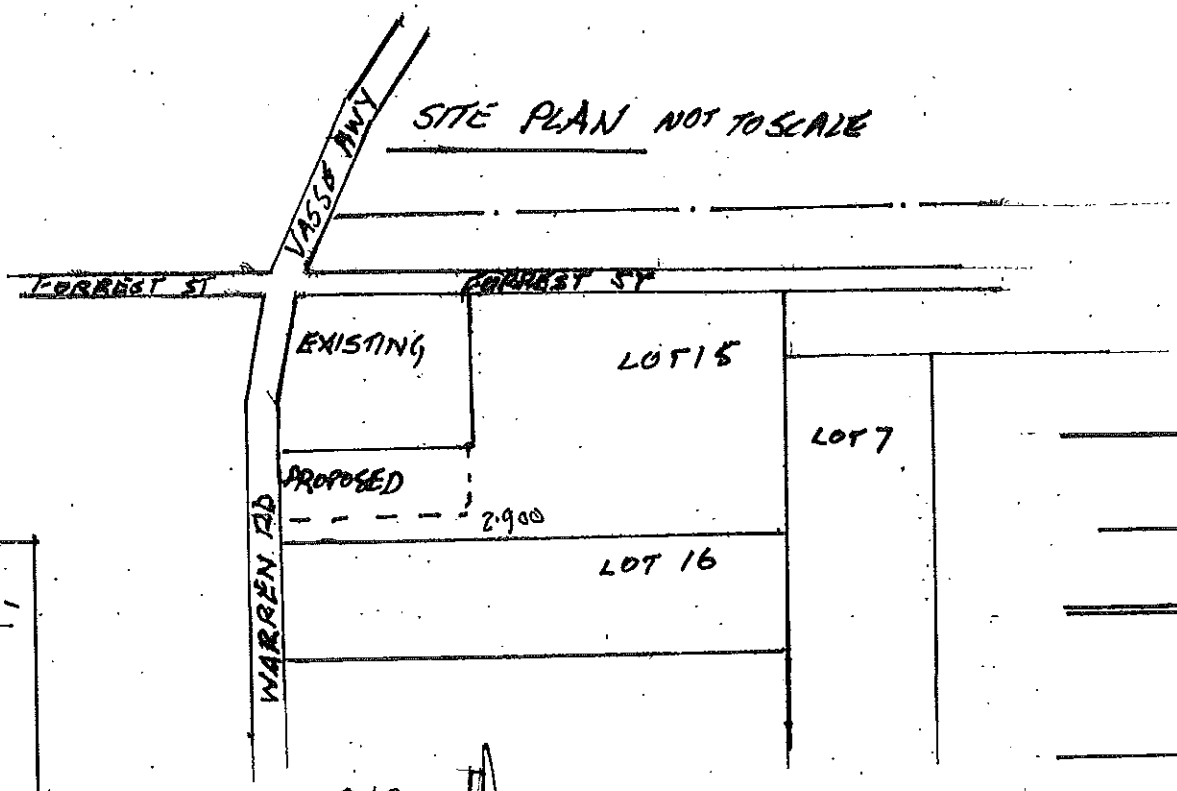

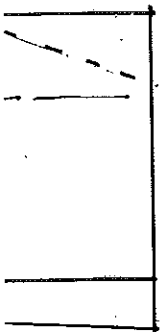

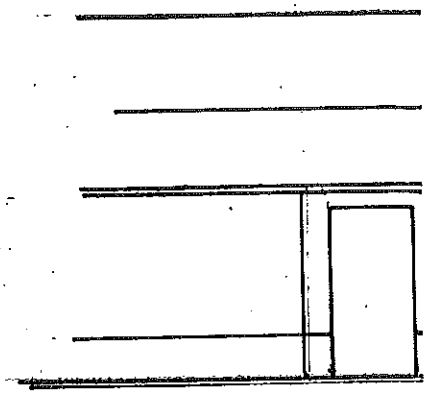

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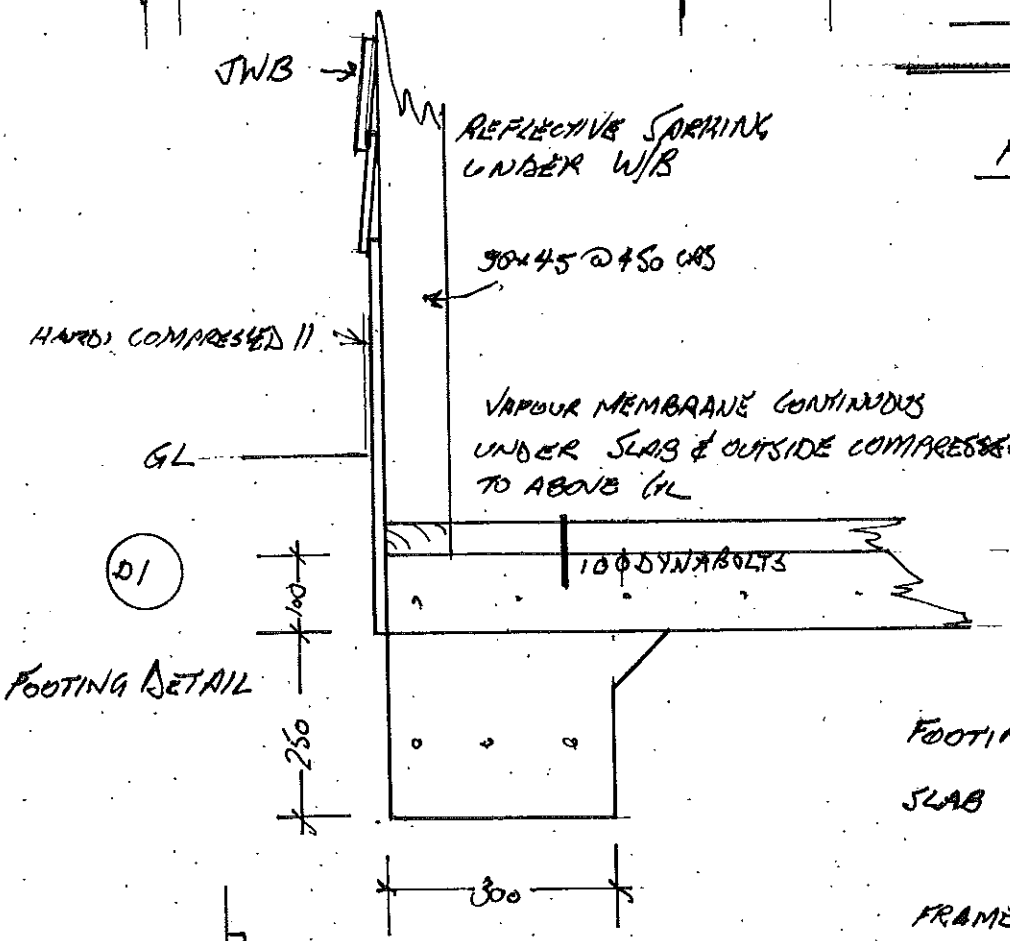

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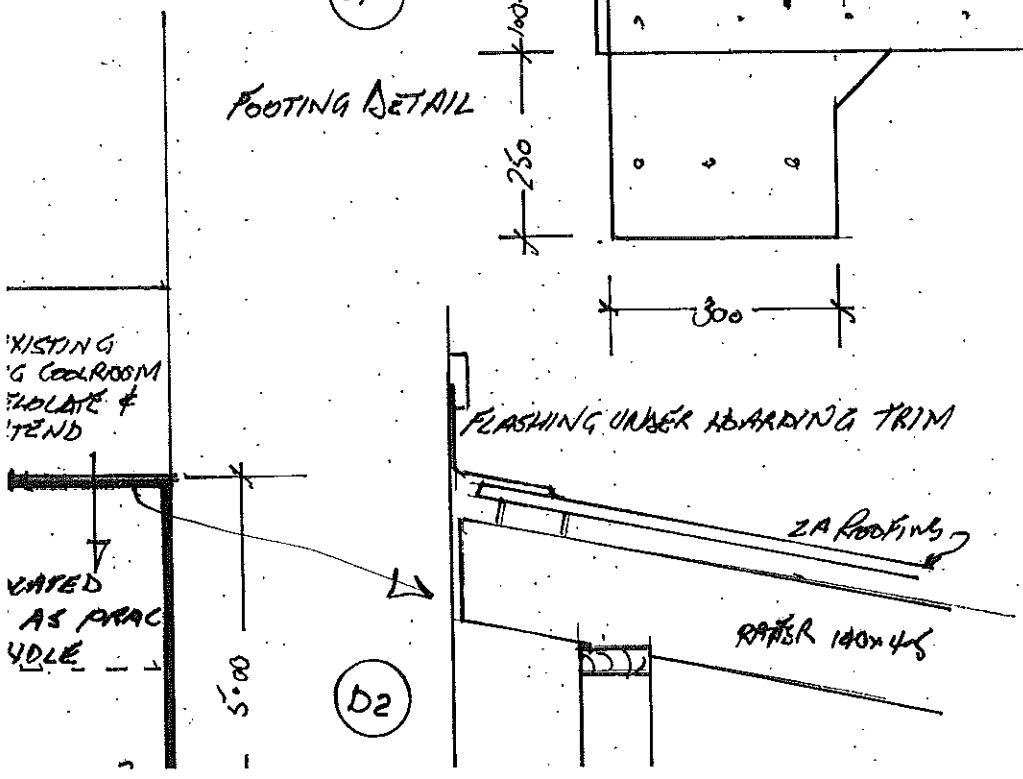

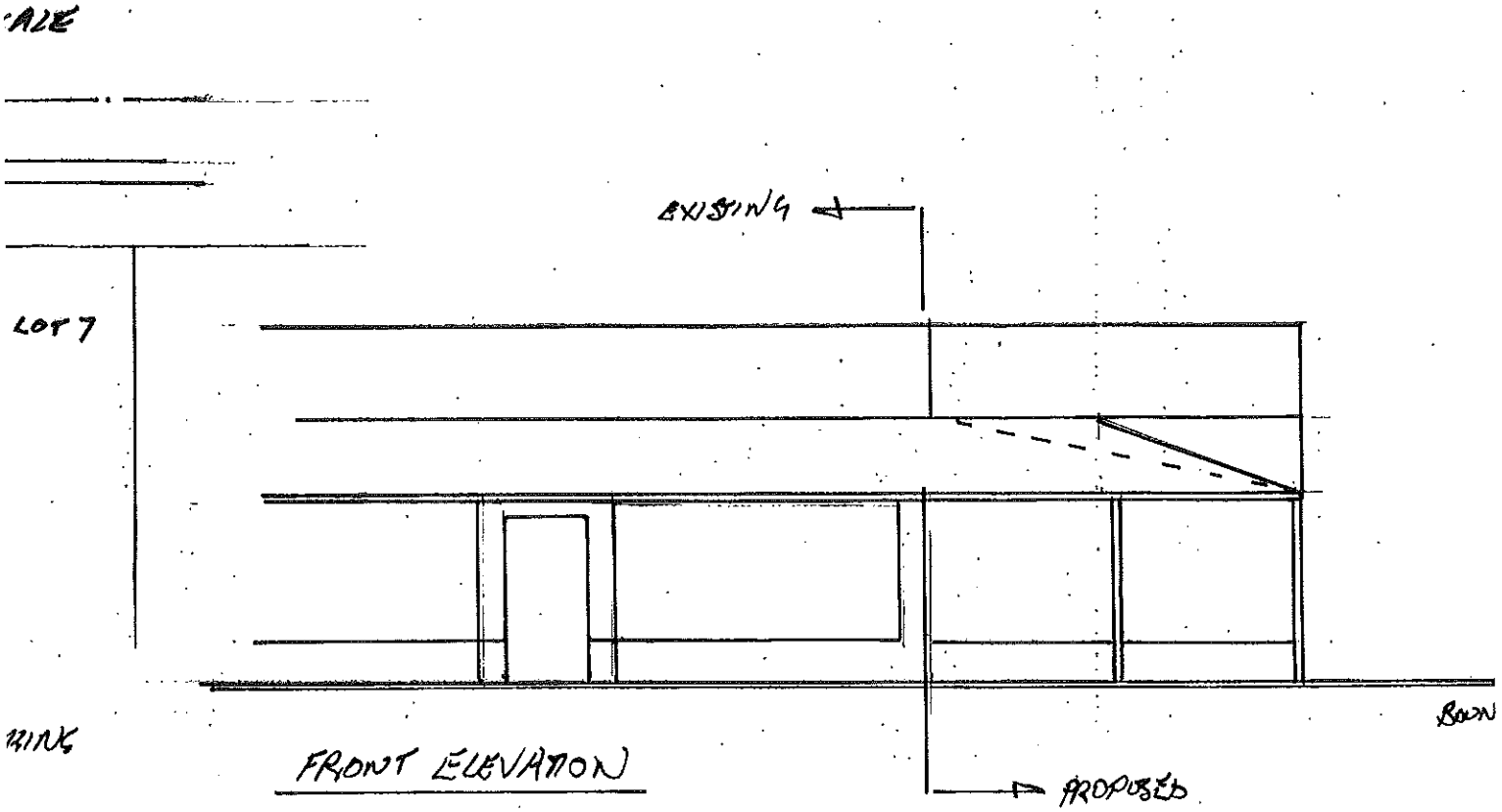

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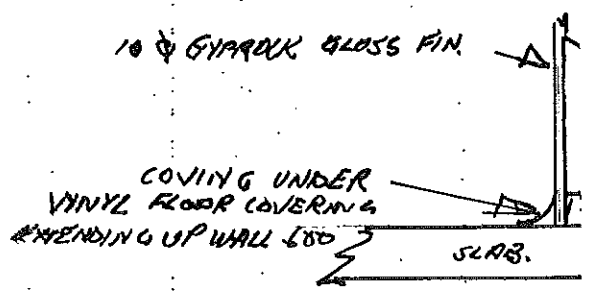

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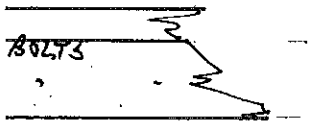

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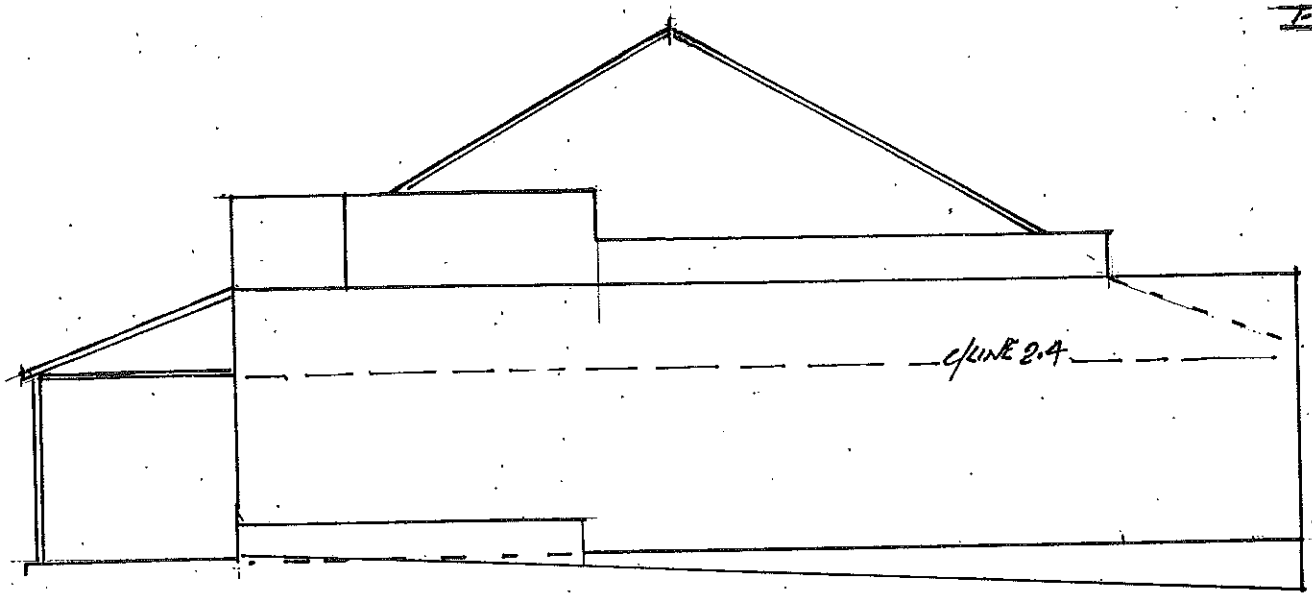

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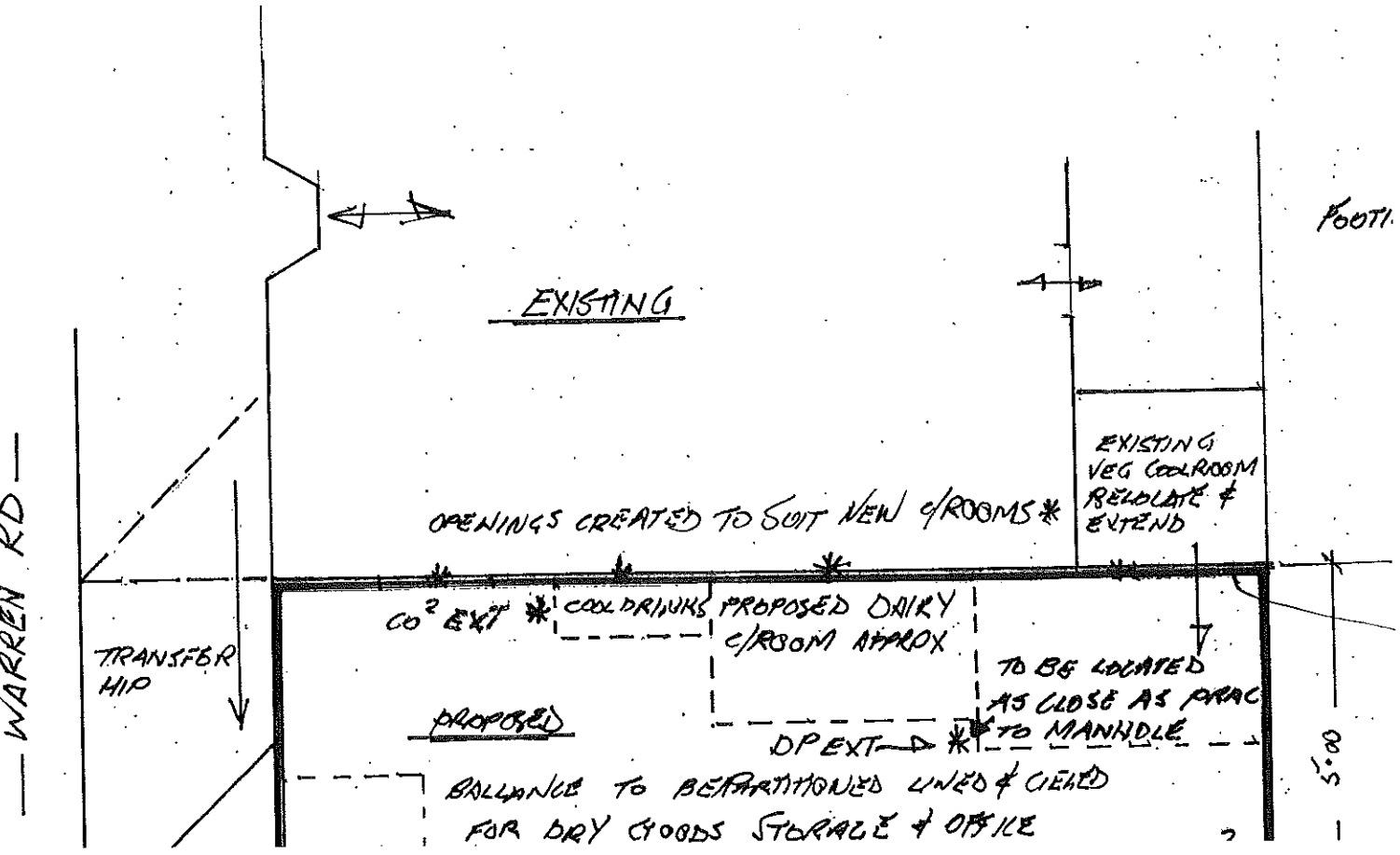

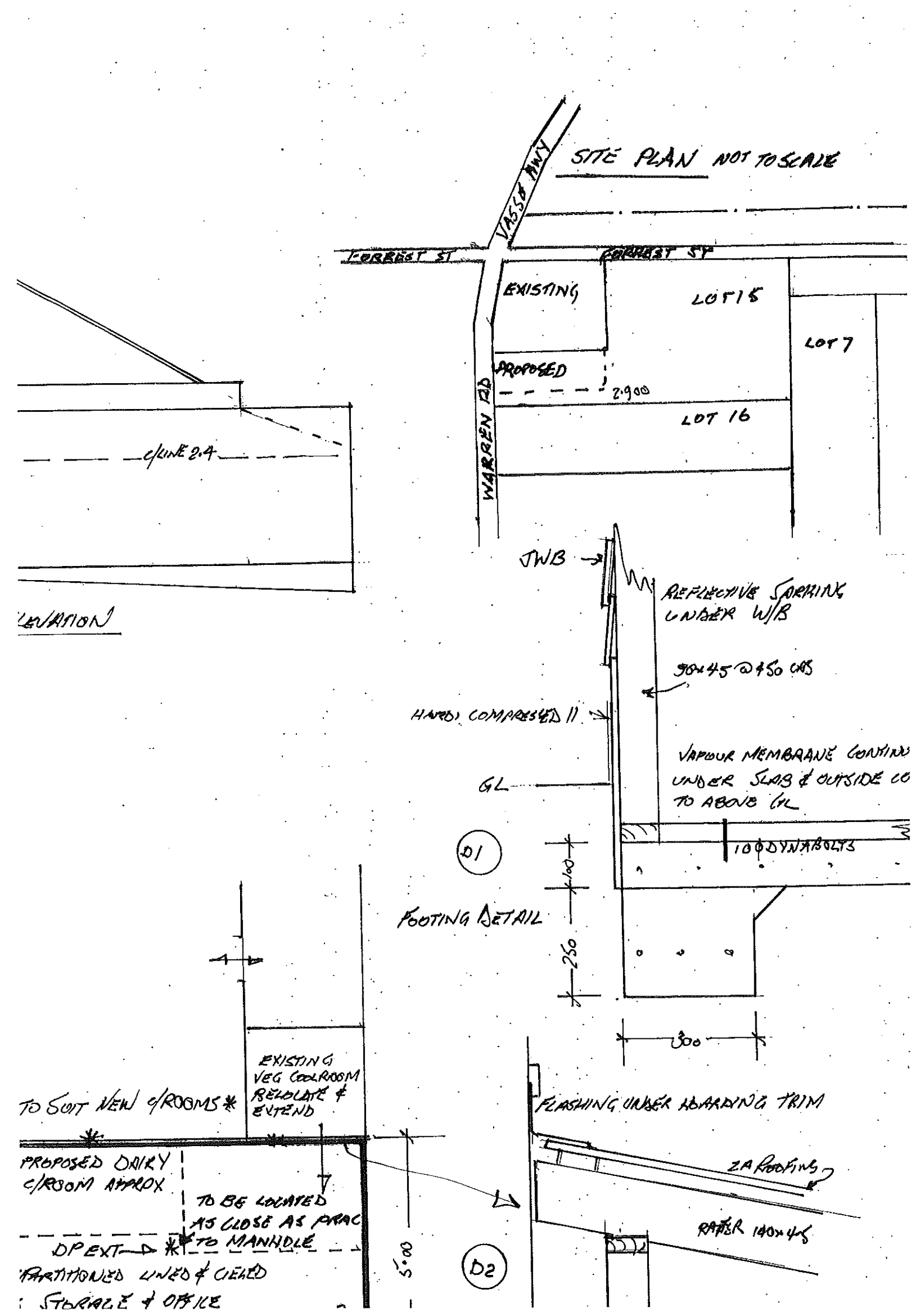
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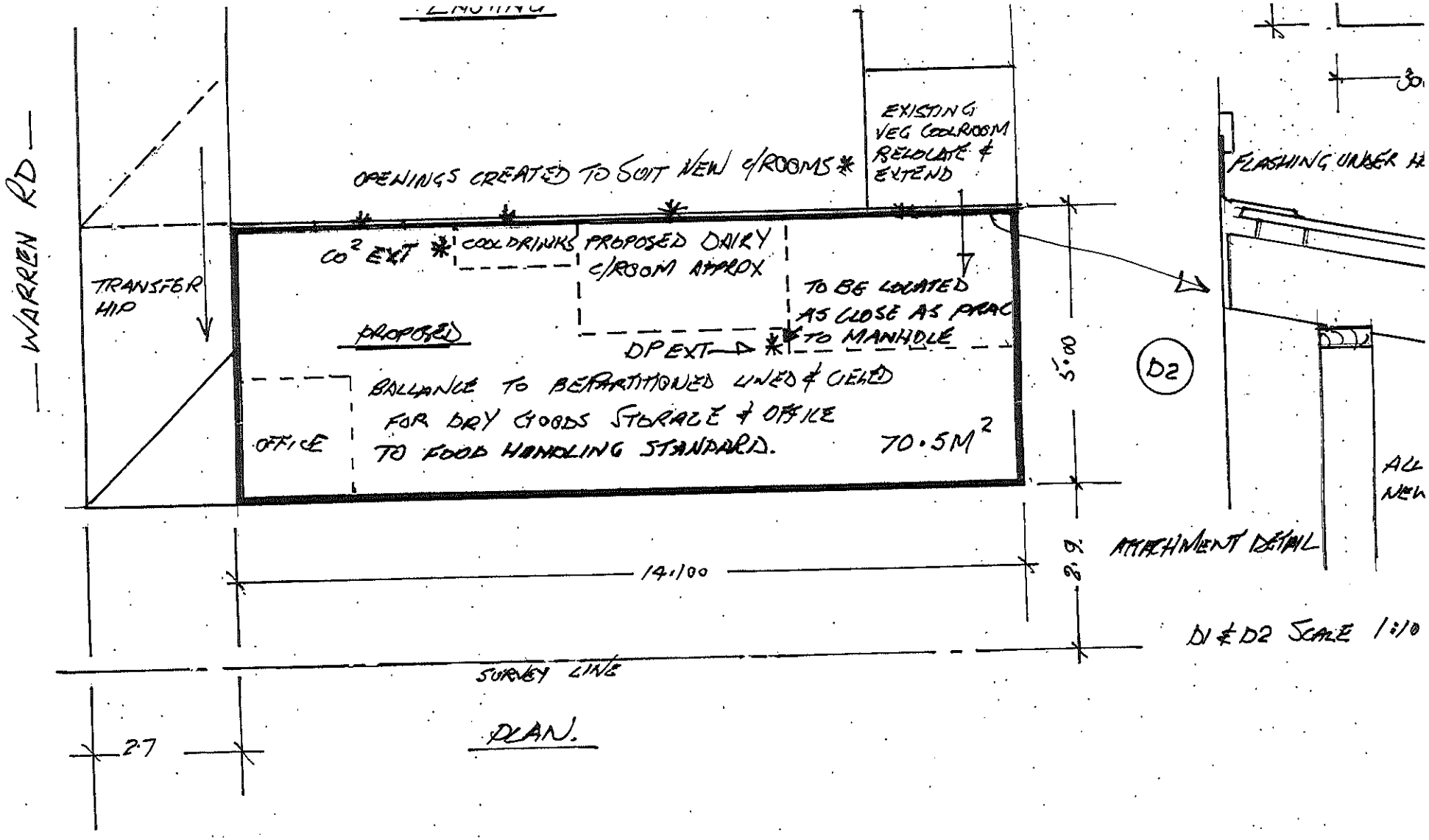
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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

The following agenda item was left on the table from Council's April 2009 meeting as Council members were scheduled to meet with the Minister for Agriculture and local MP Mr Terry Redman the day after Council's April 2009 meeting. Those discussions have now taken place.

There are additionally four more attachments to this item which are provided:

7. Letter from Minister for Agriculture Mr Terry Redman.
8. Letter from Bee Winfield - Network of Consumers for GM Free Food.
9. Letter from Lisa and Charley Cannon.
10. Letter from Paul Llewellyn Greens MLC.

These additional attachments are provided for the purposes of placing all information received in front of Council. It is however not intended to include any further information received as it is considered that there is ample detail for Council to make an informed decision on the issue.

If Council is considering a decision on the matter in respect of restricting trials of GM crops in this district the wording similar to the City of Albany contained in attachment 1 to the letter from Mr Paul Llewellyn Greens MLC (Attachment 10) is recommended.

AGENDA NUMBER: 10.4
SUBJECT: Request for Genetically Modified (GM) Free District
LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nannup District
NAME OF APPLICANT: Nannup Branch of Consumers for GM Free Food
FILE REFERENCE: ASS 5
AUTHOR: Shane Collie – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:
DATE OF REPORT: 7 April 2009

Attachments:

1. Letter from Network of Consumers for GM Free Food, Nannup Branch.
2. Petition, Request for GM Free Cropping Zone.
3. Additional Information, Ms Bee Winfield.
4. Media Statement, Paul Llewellyn, Greens MLC.
5. Information Report March 2009.
6. Letter from M and C Scott.

BACKGROUND:

An approach has been made from the Nannup Branch of Consumers for GM Free Food for Council to declare that the Shire district remain GMO free. (Attachments 1, 2, 3 and 4 provide detail).

An Information Report was submitted to Council in March 2009 on the matter which was prepared by Council's Environmental Officer. (Attachment 5).

COMMENT:

There are a number of aspects to this issue which are discussed below:

Jurisdiction:

As indicated in the Information Report undertaken by Council's Environmental Officer local governments have no jurisdiction over this issue. Authority rests with the Commonwealth Office of Gene Technology to determine if it considers the GMO safe to use and the State Minister for Agriculture (Mr Terry Redman) to determine if it can be applied in Western Australia.

Therefore Council could declare the Shire as a GMO Free Zone and notify Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA) however if that entity did not want to honour the declaration the declaration becomes meaningless. This point was confirmed by Minister Redman at a Warren Blackwood Strategic Alliance meeting in Boyup Brook earlier this year. The Minister also confirmed the approvals he has granted for trial crops are located in the far eastern wheatbelt.

A Council declaration to have a district GMO free has no legal status.

Science:

Council does not have the expertise to be making scientific decisions and judgements on GMO issues. There are many points put forward as to why an area should be declared GMO free, and without canvassing any prospective benefits of GMO the full picture is not known.

The science is not exact and Council is therefore not able to be absolutely assured of the benefits/detriments of GMO crops. This point is made in attachment 6, letter from M and C Scott where it refers to Council not having the knowledge, or expertise in either the agronomic, scientific background or marketing of agricultural crops.

The circular from the Nannup Branch of Consumers for GM Free Food points out that some products already on the supermarket shelves may contain GMOs but

as the labelling laws do not require a precise breakdown of what percentage of a product is from a GM ingredient it is impossible to know exactly what is contained in some products. There is no label requirement on meat and eggs that would tell you whether the livestock was being fed GM grains or food stocks. This fact makes it unrealistic to accurately define an area as a GMO Free Zone due to this labelling issue alone.

What the Nannup Branch of Consumers for Genetically Modified (GM) Free Food declare as the dangers of GM plants may well come to bear and the precautionary principle is strongly advised to be observed.

As of Right Land Use:

Council has long been an advocate for property owner's right to use their land as they see fit. The issue of whether blue gum plantations are an as of right land use has been the subject of vigorous debate over recent years. GMO crops could also fall into this category.

The letter from M and C Scott points out that it is a business decision for owners of agricultural properties as to whether they choose to grow a GM product, in the same manner as it is a choice to farm organically or conventionally. This argument is hard to refute.

Politics:

This is the area where Council can play a role if it so chooses.

The Shire of Manjimup made the following resolution in February 2008:

"That Council endorse the CEO to write to WA Premier expressing our concern with the introduction of Genetically Modified crops in Western Australia that may have a negative impact on the rural industries currently operating in our region."

Given the issues associated with jurisdiction, science and land use any declaration or position that Council may choose to take would send a political message and be a statement of Council's view on the issue. It is subjective whether Council wants to go down this path.

Contact has been made with Minister Redman's office (Nicole Fernandez 8/4/09) confirming the jurisdiction issue as canvassed above. Ms Fernandez indicated that the whole State is effectively a GMO free area unless the Minister declares otherwise as evidenced where the Minister has permitted trials of GMO crops in certain locations.

Hence Council should bear in mind that this district under the present circumstances is a GMO free area however there is no mechanisms other than politics for local governments to prevent GM activities within the Shire.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: State and Federal legislation is applicable.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

Should Council choose to consider a political resolution similar to that adopted by the Shire of Manjimup similar wording can be used.

"That Council endorse the CEO to write to WA Premier expressing our concern with the introduction of Genetically Modified crops in Western Australia that may have a negative impact on the rural industries currently operating in our region."

A resolution making any form of GMO free status declaration is not supported due to Council not having jurisdiction to do so, not having the scientific knowledge or expertise on the matter and its prior recognition of as of right land use in this district.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

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Attachment 1

Network of Consumers For GM Free Food

www.no-gmo.asn.au

17/02/2009

Dear Nannup Shire Council,

I wish to make a request on the behalf of the Nannup Branch of Consumers for GM Free Food to the Nannup Shire Council that our shire remains GMO Free. We feel that as information slowly leaks out about the danger of eating genetically modified foods, the demand for GM Free crops and food will surge, but unfortunately many locations will be unable to grow crops to supply the demand, as they will already be contaminated. We would urge our council to be one with the foresight to avoid this , and to join the Williams, Manjimup and Fremantle shires in declaring themselves a GM Free zone. Council could consider these issues:

* canola was noticed growing in this district last spring. Monsanto's Roundup Ready GM canola could be trialled here this year .Monsanto wiped out the Canadian non GM canola market to the UK within 2 years of the introduction of GM canola in that country, a loss to Canada of $400 million dollars annually .

*Pasture and roadsides will eventually be infested with roundup resistant canola, road verge cleanup by shire councils will have to use a more expensive chemical than roundup, and milk and meat from animals grazing on GM canola may be rejected by the marketplace.GM canola is a dominant gene, non GM canola is recessive therefore contamination will increase exponentially.

*Manjimup shire has declared itself GM free as the council has foreseen problems for potato growers arising from GM wild radish resistance to roundup.

*As certified organic farms produce has to be GM free, the 2 current organic farms in this shire stand to loose their organic certification and therefore their livelihoods. Monsanto's transgenes will eventually cross with broccoli, cabbage, Kale,turnips, radish, bokchoy, etc, indeed 60 crops that we grow will eventually be contaminated.Our eggs and pork will also be contaminated as brassica crops are grown for our poultry and pigs.

* Trials of Gm canola in England caused contamination of honey with GM pollen found in hives 3.2 kms away from the trial site.A U.K. judge declared GM contaminated honey unfit for sale .This has ramifications for apiarists in our shire .

* Members of our network met with Agriculture minister and local MP Terry Redman last week and he made it clear that he is not responsible for the health of Western Australians nor the environment. He suggested we take our concerns to Federal authorities OGTR and FSANZ.Both departments have also passed the buck between each other.Informed consumers do not share Mr Redmans confidence in our food regulating body.Neither do some sections of government ; last month the Greens party called for an enquiry into the actions of FSANZ and accused it of "placing business interests of multinational companies ahead of consumers to the point of endangering public health and compromising the safety of Australia's food supply."

*Terry did not deny that contamination of NonGm and organic growers would occur, and stated that he expects farmers to use the civil law system to deal with such issues. Can you imagine the costs to the non GM farmer of trying to remain Non GM: Frequent DNA testing to prove that ones crop is not contaminated , litigation against neighbours if it is, and the threat of being sued by Monsanto for infringing on their patents if GM canola plants are found inadvertently growing on Non GM properties? Outrageously enough, Monsanto makes a lot of money every year by suing farmers for just this in Canada and the U.S. Most farmers settle out of court for undisclosed sums.

*Monsanto stands to make money out of GM canola growers too. There is a stewardship fee payable up front annually, a royalty , and seed costs. Costs involved increased by 600 % for Canadian Canola growers in 2 years from introduction (ie once the growers had no choice but to grow GM due to contamination).

*Globally,very few independent feeding trials exploring the health of animals fed GM feeds have been conducted, but they show alarming results. Please see attached photo.Only one human feeding trial has ever been conducted, but was abruptly halted after one meal.Transferr of Gm genes to human gut bacteria was proven to occur during that experiment.Monsanto has placed gag orders on independent researchers who have attempted to warn the public of their findings, and threatened TV studios with lawsuits if they aired programs reporting of the dangers of GM products.

*GM crops are used primarily in stock feeds, and the meat, eggs and dairy products from animals so fed escapes labelling, as does oil and refined foods .There are 4 main GM crops: Soy, corn, canola and cotton. Cotton is part of the food chain....the Queensland GM cottonseed oil is found in fried food throughout Australia and residue from oil extraction is fed to livestock. GM canola oil (and stock fed the residue) from NSW and Victoria, who released GM canola last year, now joins the suspect food list.

*Independent GRDC trial results recently released from NSW and Victoria showed that there is no improvement in yield from the GM canola varieties, in fact they yielded less than non GM varieties.This reflects results all over the world, exposing claims by Biotech companies that we need GM "to feed a hungry world" as the emotional blackmail that it is.

We fear for a future where one multinational company owns all seed (they have brought out 50 seed companies worldwide, including Yates) and even the genes of farm animals. In Nannup,home gardeners and farmers should have the right to save, sell and grow seeds of natural , traditionally bred brassicas, as they always have.Val Gazolla agrees.

As a shire fairly well isolated by forest and coastline we have a chance of protecting our GM Free status and we feel we have an obligation to Nannup farmers, citizens and future generations to do all we can to protect our environment from this latest threat. We see a sustainable economic benefit to our community to build on our clean green image . The only GM produce we would like to see coming from Nannup is the Gastronomically Marvellous cheeses,milk,jams, sauces ,eggs, fruit, veg,nuts, honey and meat currently being marketed by our local producers.

We would be very happy to address a council meeting on the issue, similar to the talk we did at a recent meeting of the wellness club, or to answer any questions from councillors via email or phone.We have placed copies of 'The World According to Monsanto"and "Unjust Genes" DVDs in the video shop which are free to hire.Movies are also available on the internet by googling "You Tube :The World According to Monsanto" You could also watch "Patent for a Pig" on You Tube . For those without broadband, the Nannup telecenter provides an opportunity to view these reviews on the net.

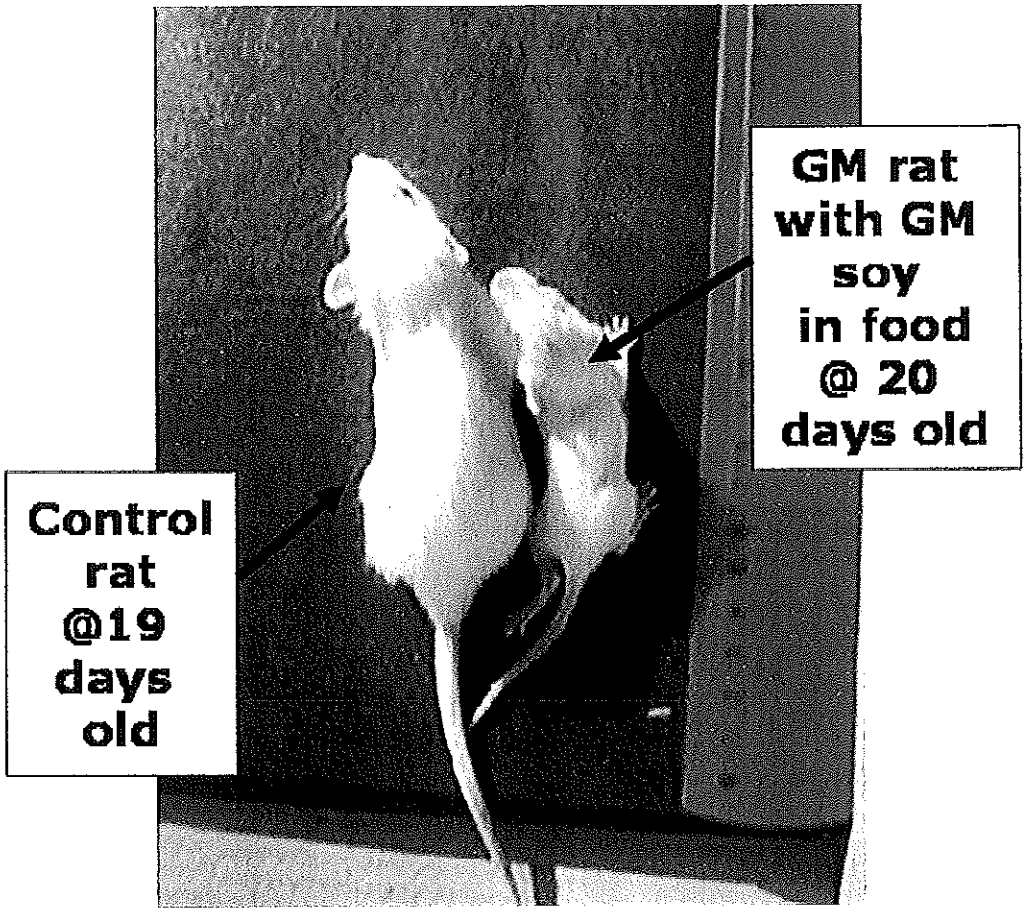
This letter has been endorsed by 45 of our members and we keenly await Nannup Shire's response to this request.

Yours sincerely,

Bee Winfield,

The Network of Consumers for GM Free Food, Nannup Branch

Dr Irina Ermakova from the Russian Academy of Sciences did a study in 2006 . She fed 3 groups of female rats 2 weeks before conception and throughout pregnancy and lactation, on a diet containing 30% non GM soy in group 1, 30% GM soy in group 2, and no soy at all in the diet of the 3rd group.



Many of the pups from GM soy group were significantly smaller than controls.In fact 56% died before 3 weeks of age, compared to 9% mortality rate in non gm soy group. Most of the survivors were sterile. Both mothers and offspring in the GM fed group were more aggressive to each other and handlers.

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Attachment 2

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Name	Address	Signature
Michael Williams	33 warren RD	M. Williams
Roy Stoekman	33B WARREN RD. NP.	R J Stoekman.
ANN WILLIAMS	33 WARREN RD NP.	Ann Williams.
Sally Minisini	warren Rd. NP	J. Minisini
Michelle Day	25 Staff St NP	MDay
Dean Clark	25 Grange ST NP	D. Clark
Steve Mobbs	25 Grange ST NP	Steve
R Goldsmith	97 East Nannup Rd	R Goldsmith.

Bee Winfield Thomas Rd Nannup 6275

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All Welcome ! Thanks

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Name	Address	Signature
Bee Winfield	Thomas Rd Nannup	Bee Winfield
LEIGH PRESCOTT	46 CAREY ST NANNUP	Lprescott
Denise Monaghan	105 Warren Road.	D Monaghan
Corinne Brown	103 Warren Rd	Corinne Brown
ARIANA HENRY	24 WARREN RD NANNUP	
Amy Myers	P.O Box 75 Nannup	
Ryan King	14 FLAT ST NANNUP	
Moi	Lot 57 Warren RD NP	
CAMERON BARKER	2 higgins street NP	
JO Kepa	P.O Box 93, Nannup.	
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Anne Wolters	Lot 4 Johnston RD	
Leanne Lucas	33 Grange Rd, Np.	
BARRY SMITH	26 TUCKER ST 6071	
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Tiana Gizzarelli	15 Warren Rd NANNUP	
Wendy Gizzarelli	15 Warren Rd Np	
Esther Mills	29 Dunnet Rd. Nannup	
Dayna Gizzarelli	15 warren Rd Nannup.	
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NATALIE HALL	2 VIEW TCE NANNUP	
Carrie Payne	18 Park RD NANNUP	
LISA MAHONEY	LOT 101 BARRABUP RD	
Jean Marlow	1 Vine Terrace	
Dianne Haun	3 Kearney Nanny	
Nikki Glynn	68 Carey St, Nannup	
Christine Edwards.	Lot 822 Brockman Hwy	
Jane Collett	6 North St Nannup	
TREVOR HAY	RIVERS RD NANNUP	

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Sonya Crane	Lot 11 Goldgully Rd	
Tanya Cole	North St. Nannup	
Elizabeth Tate-Pearse	Lot 2 Gold Gully rd	
RICHARD DENTON	LOT 11 GOLDGULLY RD	
Adrian Pearse.	Lot 2 Gold Gully Rd.	
J. Bornatici	North St.	
Kristy Icing	Middle St	
Helen Sharp.	RMB 853 Boolingup Rd, Nannup	
Wendy Kennedy.	Lot 30 Greenwood Drv Nannup	
CHRISTINE HARPER	LOKING RD NANNUP	
ANDREA WELCH	LOT 21 COCKATOO RISE NANNUP	

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Attachment 3

Shane Collie

From: Bee Winfield [beewinfield@westnet.com.au]
Sent: Monday, 6 April 2009 11:45 AM
To: Shane Collie
Subject: Keeping Nannup GM Free

Dear Shane, I would like to submit to our council the following guidelines suggested by Bob Phelps, Director of Genethics, an organisation devoted to a GM Free future:

Council can take many effective actions to keep our region GM-free, for good economic, health, environmental and social reasons. Many of the following proposals are modelled on the highly successful nuclear free zones campaign of the 1980s so they certainly are effective.
Our Council can and should, at least, pass and implement the following GM-free resolutions:
1. Declare the shire a GM-free zone:
a. Amend the council's food service contracts, to require GM-free foods for all council food services. It is a simple, quick and cost-neutral action to take. The health of the people for whom local government has responsibility needs protecting, both now and in the future. Many councils require their food services, crèches, hospitals, meals on wheels, catering, etc. to be GM-free, based on the precautionary principle (i.e. better safe than sorry). All it takes is a change in the contract as food processors are required by FSANZ to know if their foods are GM or not, even though the processors don't have to label them.
b. **Erect GM-free Zone signage** in and around the municipality to reflect the mood of local people and promote awareness that GM crops and foods pose various threats. Nuclear free zone signs posted in many council areas in the 1980s had very positive effects on state and federal government policy on nuclear proliferation. See: www.geneethics.org. An indication of the significance of GM-free is that South Australia has extended its GM ban and passed a new quarantine law to prohibit the passage of any GM canola into or across its territory. GM canola threatens SA's GM-free markets here and overseas.
c. **Publish a GM-free Zone Declaration** that could be signed by all sympathetic ratepayers and published in local media, on the council website and on notice boards. It would have positive effects similar to the nuclear free zone declarations of the 1980s. Local businesses and organisations would also support the GM-free Zone Declaration. For instance, in 2003 the Bega Shire Council became GM-free with the support of its Chamber of Commerce and the shire's major industry leader, Bega Cheese.
d. Establish a local register to record and map the location of any GM sites that may eventually come into the area, when and if this becomes necessary. A similar register could be established for those who choose to declare themselves GM-free. Also, call on the state government to establish an online register (including maps), with the locations of GM canola sites - both experimental and commercial - so GM-free producers (farmers, beekeepers, etc) can avoid those areas.
The likely impacts of GM canola are conveyed in motions passed by the NSW Apiarists 2008 State Conference, on Friday, 23 May 2008. Their resolutions were:
18. That the NSWAA be able to obtain and notify its members through the Australian Honeybee News, the locations of GM Canola crops so that the members can avoid working GM Canola if they wish.
19. That the NSWAA inform the Government that it's members will seek compensation in the event of lost honey sales and markets and bad publicity from the release of GM Canola.
20. That NSWAA request from AHBIC and FCAAA to inform the Association if there has been any discussion on the impact of the GM seed release in Australia within any Australian Government bodies. If so – What was the outcome? If not – What procedure can be put in place to protect our industry? Can the report be advised to Australian State conferences?

21. That the State Association ask RIRDC to source information from overseas on the after effects on bees that have been working GM Canola and others.
22. That the NSWAA express its utmost dissatisfaction with both State and federal Government for the lack of consultation with the bee industry over the releasing of GMs into agriculture, particularly with the ramifications for the honey and pollination industry.

2. Write to State Premier and Agriculture Minister to ask the state government to:

a. **Extend the ban** on commercial GM canola for at least another five years;

b. **Declare our municipality a GM-free Zone** by using the powers it has to create GM and GM-free areas (these state powers derive from a policy made under Section 21 of the Commonwealth Gene Technology Act 2000). State and Territory governments used these powers in 2003 to set up GM-free zones throughout the state to protect overseas food markets. States and territories (except Queensland and Northern Territory) all passed laws to ban commercial GM crops.

Declaring our local government area GM-free and asking the state to legalise it sends a strong message to State and Commonwealth Governments that there is community and official support for GM-free policies.

Declaring our shire or municipality a GM-free Zone is easy and legal. The declaration underlies a positive production and marketing strategy that makes economic and environmental sense, protects the livelihood of farming communities and sends out a public message of care for community health and the environment.

3. Write to Commonwealth and State Health and Agriculture Ministers, asking for:

a. Strict liability laws to hold GM companies fully accountable for any GM impacts, including genetic contamination. The alternative is farmers suing farmers for contamination when everyone knows it is inevitable with canola pollen and seed.

Councils will also need this protection when GM canola outcrosses to weeds and increases the cost of weed management to the council and other land managers. Canola seed can stay in the soil for at least 10 years before re-germinating (see Office of Gene Technology paper – The biology and ecology of canola) and its pollen can go up to 26 kms. Canola has weedy brassica relatives in the environment – wild radish, turnip, mustard and charlock – with which it can exchange genes. These weeds will soon tolerate being sprayed with Roundup, escalating the costs and hazards of alternative weed management strategies, in towns, cities and the country-side.

b. All foods and animal feed made using GM technology to be fully labeled. Shoppers and farmers have the right to know the source of food and feed products and unlabeled GM products take this right away.

GM canola harvested for animal feed during drought may contain some seed. Carting it through the countryside will lead to seed being spilt and germinating in any disturbed environment – roadsides, parks, farmers fields and rail sidings. GM feed must be labeled to assist those areas that want to remain GM-free to do so.

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Big corporations told us tobacco was safe.They ARGUED and LOBBIED against overwhelming evidence that smoking causes harm.They continued to make sales and get new people hooked for decades..Now biotech corporations are telling us their GM is safe,In spite of evidence that GM foods cause harm.. They argue and lobby to get new countries contaminated .But there is a difference between GM and cigarettes .People have a choice to not smoke. We must give people a choice not to eat GM. . .
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Media Statement – 25 February 2009

Declare GMO-free districts

Greens MLC for the South West Region, Paul Llewellyn, today urged local governments to declare themselves GMO free if they have any reservations about the economic and environmental impact of releasing genetically modified organisms in their districts.

"The Shire of Williams is setting a great example in responding to community concerns and considering declaring the Shire a GMO free zone," Mr Llewellyn said.

"It is very important for people to have the power to decide what happens in their local area, and it is completely understandable that shires will want to avoid the risks associated with genetically modified crops.

"The Minister for Agriculture, Terry Redman, has the power to declare particular areas GMO-free under the *Genetically Modified Crops Free Areas Act 2003.*

Many people, including from the National Party's own heartland, do not support GMO technologies", Mr Llewellyn said. "Terry Redman needs to follow the will of local communities and declare specific municipalities GM free in line with any local government declarations.

"We also urge the Western Australian Local Government Association to encourage local governments to debate the issue of GM crops and form a view on declaring themselves GMO free."

For more information contact Paul Llewellyn on 0428 317 182 or 9848 1555

Warren Blackwood Strategic Alliance

Shane Collie – Chief Executive Officer
Attachment: 1

Recent meetings were held at the Shire of Manjimup on Tuesday evening 3 March 2009 including the Annual General Meeting. Minutes are attached.

Request for Shire GMO Free Status

Shane Collie – Chief Executive Officer
Attachment: 2

On the 20 February 2009 Council received a circular (attached) from the Nannup Branch of Consumers for Genetically Modified (GM) Free Food. The circular contained a request that the Shire remain free from Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) by declaring the Shire a GM Free Zone as has the Shires of Williams and Manjimup, and the City of Fremantle.

In the early nineties a number of councils declared themselves Nuclear Free Zones (City of Belmont for one). Declaring the Shire district a GM Free Zone is similar. It is understood that there is no legislation whereby a Local Government could enforce any such declaration. The handling of nuclear material is governed by the Department of Health and the growing of GM plants is governed by the Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA).

Council has no jurisdiction over these department's operations. Therefore Council could declare the Shire as a GMO Free Zone and notify DAFWA however if that entity did not want to honour the declaration the declaration becomes meaningless. What the Nannup Branch of Consumers for Genetically Modified (GM) Free Food declare as the dangers of GM plants may well come to bear but under the current regulations and information there is no mechanisms for Local Government to stop GM activities within the Shire.

An additional attachment is also included from Greens MLC Paul Llewellyn on this matter.

The circular from the Nannup Branch of Consumers for GM Free Food points out that some products already on the supermarket shelves may contain GMOs but as the labelling laws do not require a precise breakdown of what percentage of a product is from a GM ingredient it is impossible to know exactly what is contained in some products. There is no label requirement on meat and eggs that would tell you whether the livestock was being fed GM grains or foodstocks. This fact makes it unrealistic to accurately define an area as a GMO Free Zone due to this labelling issue alone.

It is stated that the request from the Nannup Branch of Consumers for GM Free Food is endorsed by forty-five members and they await a response from the Council concerning this request. Unless Council wishes to pursue the matter via a formal resolution it is intended to respond to the group along the lines above.

The above detail was compiled with input from Council's Shared Environmental Officer.

Local Government 2009 Association Honours

Shane Collie – Chief Executive Officer
Attachment: 3

The WA Local Government Association call for on an annual basis nominations for awards that recognise local government service.

Detail is attached and Council has not put forward any nominations for a number of years. If Council would like to put forward any nominations please advise and it can be done. As a guide Crs Boulter and Dunnet both qualify for a *Long and Loyal Service Award* having served on Council for 12 or more years.

The Scott Family
P.o Box 33
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1/04/2009

Shane Collie
CEO Shire of Nannup
15 Adam St
Nannup WA 6275

Dear Shane,
As reported in the minutes of the council meeting dated the 26th of March 2009 a question was asked" if council supports the shire being GM free?."
The Scott family would like to suggest to council that the growing of GM product in the shire is solely a business decision for the owners of agricultural properties in much the same way that they might choose to farm organically/bio dynamically or conventionally.
Gm crops are simply new technology for agriculture. Like new technology in any business the owners need to decide whether the investment in the technology will be accepted by their customers or reduce their operating costs to allow them to be more efficient.
We do not believe that the shire has the knowledge or expertise in either the agronomic, scientific background or marketing of agricultural crops and for GMO's to be able to make a properly informed decision on this matter.
We believe that the Councils usual regulation of business- to ensure that it occurs in areas zoned for its use and that it complies with the other regulations set down by state and federal governments are appropriate in this matter. The fact that council approved Priority one and two agricultural areas within its Town Planning Scheme 3 would seem at odds with not supporting the use of technology to achieve the most efficient use of this land.
Should the council intend to support the shire being GM free it could have long lasting effects on agriculture in this shire. This stance would send the wrong signals to the companies that carry out the breeding of new varieties of agricultural crops – that there will not be a market for these in the high rainfall areas of the south west. This would effectively draw a line under agriculture in this shire restricting it to the markets and practises that are carried out today. Hardly an outcome that would allow business's the flexibility to change to take advantage of market conditions.
As a modern agricultural business who this year will produce 350 tonnes of fruit and vegetables and 200 slaughter animals, employing 2 full time, 3 permanent part time, numerous casual staff members and supporting two families we believe ***the council should not take a position on this matter as it does not relate to the good governance of the Shire of Nannup.***
We would like to state that we do not currently grow or intend in the near future to grow product containing GMs.
Please find attached several documents showing the regulation of GMO'S by state and federal governments.
We would like to appear before and answer any questions the council has on this matter in person.
Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions regarding this matter.
Yours Sincerely

Mark and Catherine Scott
For
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Attachment 7

Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education

Min Ref: 39-03113

Mr Shane Collie
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Nannup
PO Box 11
NANNUP WA 6275

Dear Mr Collie

As you may be aware, a number of local governments have expressed a view regarding the State Government's decision to allow limited commercial-scale trials of GM canola in 2009.

I fully understand this issue has generated much debate in the community and I am aware that local governments have been lobbied on a number of fronts to take a position on the subject.

I have listened to the opinions of local governments and it is not my intention to deliberately antagonise particular councils. However, this is ultimately an issue for the State Government and the individual farmers who have decided to take part in the safe and strictly regulated trials. The 2009 trials will proceed at the locations which were announced this month.

I strongly believe that local governments should have access to factual information on the trials and GM technology. I will ensure this continues throughout the trials.

The role of the Government is to ensure farmers have the choice to access the latest technology if they believe it will assist them in remaining competitive in a global marketplace. This is why we are committed to assessing GM technology in a cautious manner through a trial.

The Government made the decision to proceed with GM canola trials in 2009 aware of the broad range of opinions about GM crops and products amongst Western Australians. As the Minister responsible for weighing the potential benefit of GM technology, including GM canola, against the concerns, I believe the planning for the trials and the level of scrutiny under which they will be conducted will allow us to safely evaluate the technology and the segregation systems in Western Australia.

The Federal Government has authorised the growing and use of several types of GM canola (including the Roundup Ready® type involved in this trial) on the basis that they do not represent a risk to human health or the environment. I believe that our understanding of GM technology and its impact on markets is now sufficient for us to get on with assessing the segregation issues and this is central to the purpose of the trials.

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These trials are an election commitment that I believe is important to Western Australia and a commitment the Government intends to fulfil. My aim at this stage is to ensure you have access to the facts as the trials roll out. I would like to reiterate my previous offers for you, your staff and/or Council to be briefed on the trials by Senior Officers of the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Should you wish to take up this offer, please contact Mr Richard Payne, Senior Project Officer on 9368 3556

Yours sincerely

TERRY REDMAN MLA
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

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Department of Agriculture and Food

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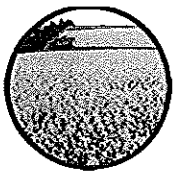
Factsheet



Dispelling the myths

MYTH: GM canola will contaminate neighbouring farms or crops

FACT: The internationally recognised standard for canola to be considered non-GM is for the canola to contain less than 0.9% of GM material. Under the conditions applied to the growing of non-GM and GM canola in Australia, contamination of neighbouring farms/crops at levels greater than the internationally recognised 0.9% threshold is not expected to occur as:

- GM canola is predominantly a self-pollinator and is not a strong cross-pollinator.
- Australian studies have shown that in canola crops planted alongside each other the rate of cross-pollination found was less than 0.1% - well below the internationally recognised 0.9% threshold.
- Gene flow to other plants like fruit trees, vegetables, wheat or weeds is virtually nil. In extremely rare cases where crossing may occur sterile hybrids can form but they can't reproduce.

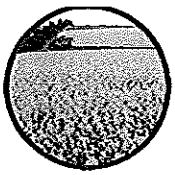
MYTH: WA risks losing premium non-GM markets

FACT: There is no premium market for non-GM canola

- *Japan* – which is often touted as an anti-GM market – imports 1.5 million tonnes of GM canola from Canada every year. Oil from non-GM and GM canola is mixed in this market.
- *Europe* - which has been importing non-GM canola, has this year announced approvals for importation of GM canola for human consumption.
- *Canada* - Studies on market premiums have shown no significant price difference between Australian non-GM canola and Canadian GM canola.

MYTH: Once GM is out there, there is no turning back

FACT: Farmers who want to grow non-GM canola or another crop after growing GM canola will be able to do so with a high degree of certainty.



This can be achieved through appropriate herbicide strategies during the pre-seeding phase of the crop or with selective herbicides in crop.

Round-up Ready® Canola is tolerant to the herbicide glyphosate. There are other herbicides currently used in the cultivation of non-GM canola that can eliminate Round-up Ready® Canola. In all other crops and pastures effective herbicide management options exist which can clean GM canola from those crops.

In addition, larger seeded crops can be effectively physically screened to remove canola seed with very high levels of efficiency.

MYTH: WA will lose our 'clean, green image'

FACT: With an effective segregation system WA would be able to grow both GM and non-GM canola, in the same way we grow organic and non-organic vegetables.

The grain handling system currently run by CBH successfully segregates all types and qualities of grains (feed barley from malt barley, hard and soft wheat varieties). In addition, testing at the point of receival for non-GM canola is now cheap, fast and reliable and can be used to assure buyers that non-GM grain will be below the 0.9% threshold level.

MYTH: Farmers will have to sue other farmers

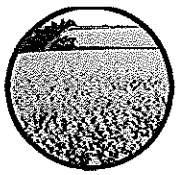
FACT: To date we are not aware of a case anywhere in the world where a farmer has been sued for accidentally contaminating a neighbour's farm.

In the unlikely situation that there was a case of contamination it would be treated in the same way as other agricultural issues like chemical spray drift, soil movement or weeds moving between properties.

MYTH: Non GM-farmers will have to pay Monsanto royalties if their crop is contaminated

FACT: It is almost impossible for accidental contamination through either pollen or seed flow to raise the presence of GM material beyond the threshold level of 0.9%.

Monsanto has stated publicly that it would not take action against farmers for accidental presence (ABC Country Hour, April 15 2009).



MYTH: Multinationals with predatory contracts want to take over food supply

FACT: It is important to point out that no farmer is being forced to grow GM canola or sign a contract against their will.

Farmers are smart business people who will weigh up the advantages and disadvantages, costs and benefits of GM technology and make their own choice as to the usefulness of the technology.

In addition, as patents on gene technology expire other companies will have the opportunity to provide alternative varieties and products in competition to the multinationals.

MYTH: GM poses a risk to human health

FACT: The Australian regulatory bodies that have the final say on these issues – the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator and Food Standards Australia New Zealand - have determined that oil from Round-up Ready® Canola is safe for human consumption and indistinguishable from oil from non-GM canola, and that meal from Round-up Ready® Canola is safe as an animal feed.

MYTH: Recent trials in Victoria/NSW failed because they showed no difference in yield

FACT: The primary claimed benefit of Round-up Ready® canola is to improve weed control and reduce the number of chemical applications. This would have environmental benefits through less chemical use and less greenhouse gas emissions.

24 April 2009

Dear Shane,

As evidenced by our petition there has been a groundswell of concern being expressed within the community on the GM issue. I notice you have received a letter from the Scott family urging the council not to get involved and describing the use of GM as " solely a business decision for the owners of agricultural properties."

The Scott's letter also states that the region will be closed to agriculture technologies in that the wrong message will be sent to plant breeding companies.

New varieties can be derived from non-GM methods as they always have been. Actually it is farmers who do most plant improvement and Gm takes seeds out of farmers hands. Obviously there is a problem with seeds developed by Agribusiness corporations. They will put a patent on any seed they develop, which necessitates farmers buying seed every year from the corporations, and paves the way for litagation against farmers. Note the case of Percy ***Schmeiser*** .

Genetic Modification should not be confused with selective breeding. Traditional or selective breeding in fact makes the fastest and best advances in plant breeding to date. More than forty years and billions of dollars of public money have been spent in trying to develop frost resistant and drought tolerant crops using gene technology but it has produced NO superior crops, NO improvement in yields and indeed NO benefits for farmers or consumers. Neither can organic and Non GM farmers co exist happily. However Monsanto claims differently. The Scotts seem to have been impressed by Monsantos P.R., and the corporation's strategy of getting to young minds at universities and Ag schools, Ag departments and via the mass media seems to be working. Monsanto has the money to do this, and their grant to the Victorian government of 2 million dollars for GM research and promotion gives us an idea of their financial resources. Anti GM groups of course have only volunteers and very little money to work with.

"The implications of opening up our agriculture production to the power of broad scale, patent driven, corporate agriculture are far reaching ones that deserve to be fully understood before GMOs are introduced" said Albany shire councillor Kim Stanton, after Albany council declared its self as a shire wishing to remain GM free on Tuesday night.

GM is not 'just another' ag tool. It is far more, and has the potential to pit farmer against farmer as it can destroy neighbouring non GM businesses.

This is an opportunity for our shire to hold firm and appreciate that it can remain a GM free area and provide the trusted foods that consumers and markets want. There are no markets or consumer groups calling out for GM foods, in fact quite the opposite: Markets are closed to GM derived produce. We can not go back to being a non GM production area once we have allowed this in.

It is important that Nannup make a commitment to building on its "green, clean and sustainable" agriculture base. We have neighbouring Pemberton and Margaret River enjoying vast marketing opportunities because they have worked on this image, and we in Nannup can tap into this also.

Mark and Catherine state in their letter that "if the council supports a GM free shire it could have long lasting effects on agriculture in this shire". I agree. My view is that those effects will only be beneficial, for the simple reason outlined above: People don't want to eat genetically modified food. As the evidence mounts that GM food is dangerous, the world will cry out for GM Free produce, and there will be few uncontaminated areas left to produce it.

I feel that the councillors haven't had time to aquaint themselves fully with the science or the marketing issues surrounding GM, I therefore propose that the council hear not only from Mr Redman, but also hear from former agriculture minister Kim Chance or shadow Agriculture Minister Mick Murray from Collie, both knowledgeable people with the opposing view.

I hope the councillors who have so far, due to time constraints, not been able to discuss GM with me, attend our film/ discussion sessions (3 have been held in Nannup), read the articles I've posted or watch the DVDs we have supplied them, please now make the time to gather information and learn all sides of this debate.

Shire President Barbara Dunnet has said that there wasn't ONE farmer on our petition, as if somehow close to 200 signatures are irrelevant. On hearing that comment at the shire meeting last Thursday, an incensed member of the public whispered, "We are only consumers!"

In fact there are at least 7 signatures on the petition belonging to people who derive at least part of their income from farming. We feel the number of constituents opposed to GM cropping in Nannup cannot be ignored. Being full time farmers ourselves, and deriving all our income from primary production, you might appreciate that we have not had time to personally gather signatures, and have only been able to leave the petitions in shops and hope people will find them.

If there had been only 50 signatures on the petition, we would have been pleased, and by the Constitution of other small towns, the issue would warrant a special public meeting called by the shire.

I would like an equal opportunity to address the council if Mark Scott is granted that chance. I welcome a debate on this issue.

Yours sincerely, Bee Winfield.

Merri Bee Organic Farm 97561408

P.S. In order to fill the page, I have attached some quotes from the Albany meeting which decided in favour of remaining a GM Free area. Kojunup Council is the latest to vote , unanimously, in the same way.

South West MLC Matt Benson-Lidholm said the government should have undertaken GM trial cropping on Department of Agriculture research stations.

"If we are to have trials, let's have meaningful and objective trials, not commercial agriculture by stealth," he said.

"There are so many unknowns that there are grave concerns contamination will occur."

Mr Benson-Lidholm said it was inevitable there would be contamination of neighbouring crops.

Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry CEO Graham Harvey :

"If it is so proven and safe, why is the total onus of responsibility on farmers during the trial," he said.

"Any business operator wouldn't be signing anything taking that on."

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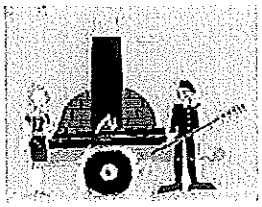

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Shane Collie
CEO Shire of Nannup
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Nannup 6275

10 May 2009

RE:GMO FREE SHIRE

Dear Shane,

As a locally owned food business we **support** Nannup Shire remaining a **GM free Shire.**

We are adamant about supporting local businesses.

As a result we only source from local producers (the furthest being Perth as no local source is available for smoked Ham at present), and organic whenever possible (please refer to our suppliers page on our website).

We do not feel that GM product has been adequately tested, and has been pushed on to farmers to make a select few corporations very profitable (none of which are Australian by the way). This is at the expense of food quality, taste, safety and ultimately farmers free choice for future crops as these corporations increase their power (as already evident in the US as they have taken upon regulatory positions to increase their influence, and stranglehold farmers).

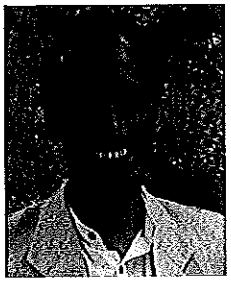
Please continue to support the traditional methods of farming and the wonderful variety of freely grown produce in the area. We are very lucky to have such a rich culinary industry in the South West, please don't let it be ruined by the pressure of powerful corporations looking to benefit a hand full of shareholders.

Please note that the German Government has blocked GM products this year, as well as a number of WA shires.

At very least, postpone a decision until 2019 when it will be evident that the testing has been grossly inadequate, and you will look like a smart Shire

Yours sincerely,

Lisa and Charley Cannon
(letter via email)



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24 April 2009

Open Letter to WA's Shire CEOs and Councillors

Re: Local government power on genetically modified crops

Trials of genetically modified (GM) crops have significant local implications and are an important local government issue. This letter explains why it is important that you raise or continue to raise this issue with your Council urgently.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food is proceeding with GM-crop trials even though 40% of the trials are in three of the 17 shires that have asked for GM-free status so far (see Attachment 1).

This runs counter to his undertaking in March that he would honour any request from a local government to retain its GM-free status. He is now taking the issue from local government hands.

We have compelling information to show that this is absolutely a local government issue.

Contamination of shire managed land with roundup resistant canola is inevitable. A government authorised quarantine inspector, who has been involved in previous GM canola trials, says:

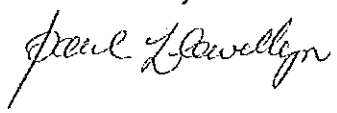
> I don't think that GM trial areas covering an area of a thousand hectares can be effectively quarantined for GM canola volunteer plants germinating from spilt seed over periods of several years after these trials have been harvested. (See Attachment 2).

Local governments will be responsible for managing Gm-canola volunteers from spilt seeds on road sides. In time, they may also have to deal with Roundup-resistant wild radish (see Attachment 2). This is on top of other significant issues with Monsanto's GM-crops.

Local governments together have the political clout to change the stance of the State government on this issue and keep WA GM-free, but it is important to act now.

I urge you to debate this issue as soon as possible with your Shire Council and to support the mainstream opposition to GM crops in Western Australia by declaring your Shire GM free.

Yours sincerely



Paul Llewellyn MLC
MEMBER FOR SOUTH WEST REGION

Attachment 1.

The following Table lists the shires that have asked for GM-free status as at 24 April 2009. Wording of Council motions are included where relevant.

Shire	Nature of GM-free status request
Boyup Brook, Plantagenet, Goomalling, Tammin, Toodjay, Wagin, Wandering, Woodanilling	Requested through WALGA survey
Carnamah	Requested through WALGA survey Also by motion 11 Feb 2009, that Council: 1. opposes the practice of growing Genetically Modified Crops within the Shire of Carnamah; and 2. opposes the transportation and storage of Genetically Modified Crops (and seeds) within the Shire of Carnamah. CARRIED 6 - 0
Manjimup	Requested through WALGA survey Also by motion 28 Feb 2009. That Council endorse the CEO to write to WA Premier expressing our concern with the introduction of Genetically Modified crops in Western Australia that may have a negative impact on the rural industries currently operating in our region. CARRIED 11 - 0 Reasons: 1. Noted in Information Bulletin and recent comments made by the Premier of WA regarding the introduction of GM crops without proper testing or labelling. 2. Could be a big issue in years to come. 3. Consequences could be dire. 4. Council's previous position supports this view. 5. Canadian delegation recommended against it, no need.
Serpentine/Jarrahdale	By resolution 9 March 2009, Sustainability Committee Meeting. That Council supports the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Minister for Agriculture stating that Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire is: 1. Opposed to the proposed trials of genetically modified canola in Western Australia. 2. Requests a public review of the proposed trial comparing the economic advantages and disadvantages to the states food industry. CARRIED 7 - 0
Williams	By motion 11 March 2009: That the Shire of Williams write to the Premier to ask the State Government to use its powers to declare that no GM canola be allowed to be grown in our municipality for the next three years. CARRIED 5 - 2
Northam	The Shire of Northam's CEO Neville Hale has written to the Minister on 14 April 2009 to register its GM policy and note its expectation that GM crops will not be trialled in its shire. The policy is: The Shire of Northam records its objections to the field trials for Genetically Modified Food and other Crops. This policy to remain in force until further information is forthcoming which may

	result in Council reviewing and modifying its policy.
Chittering	By motion 15 April 2009: That the Council declare the Shire of Chittering to be GM free zone and that the Shire write to the Premier and the Minister for Agriculture requesting that it use its powers to declare that no GM seeds be allowed to be grown or transported in the Shire of Chittering for a period of 5 years. CARRIED 5 - 1
Mukinbudin	By motion 15 April 2009: That the Shire of Mukinbudin write to the Premier and the Minister for Agriculture and Food to ask the state government to use its powers to declare that no GM canola be grown, stored or transported within the municipality of the Shire of Mukinbudin for a period of 3 years, with a review of this decision to be taken every 12 months should new information on GM technologies become available. CARRIED 9 - 0
Albany	By motion 21 April 2009: That the City of Albany write to the Premier to ask the State Government to use its powers to declare that no GM agricultural crops be allowed to be grown in the City of Albany municipality for the next five years. CARRIED 6 - 5
Kojonup	By motion 21 April 2009: That the Shire of Kojonup inform the Minister for Agriculture and Food its preference to remain Genetically Modified free with respect to the growing, storage, handling, seed cleaning and transport of Genetically Modified canola until a meeting is held with the Minister for Agriculture and Food, and his staff, on this issue. CARRIED 9 – 0
Fremantle	unconfirmed

Attachment 2.

The following information was received from a Department of Agriculture and Food employee. Some details have been removed, but only to protect that person's identity:

Subject: A possible issue facing WA shire councils from 2009: Spilt GM canola seed on the side of the road

I am employed by the Department of Agriculture and Food of Western Australia...

I'm...a government authorised quarantine inspector[1] of areas of land used to trial GM canola and [have carried out inspections to] detect and control GM canola volunteer plants germinating from trial seed that had been spilt on the ground through shedding/harvest-loss/spillages, for the period of time necessary for the area to be declared GM-free.

I wish to notify you of my concerns regarding the following quote from a 27/2/09 Countryman article[2]: "The 15-odd farmers who grow genetically modified canola this year will only be able to deliver to one receival point which will be close to Perth."

- Seed spillage between the paddock and the bin occurs when grain is transported, and I've seen plenty of roadside volunteer canola plants over the years

- ...and this raises a concern about spillage of harvested GM seed over many kilometres of wheatbelt roads between the receival point and twenty commercial-sized GM trial locations throughout the wheatbelt.

- It should be noted that a spillage doesn't have to be large to be significant: a single canola seed only weighs around 3 to 4 mg; there are about 300,000 seeds in a kilogram of canola; and a single mature plant that has germinated from a single seed will typically produce thousands of new seeds.

- Given the possibility of seed spillage during bulk transportation of GM canola seed from these trials along public roads, as well as road transport of imperfectly cleaned harvesting machinery, the following issues may be of relevance:
  - Are any of the various shires between the test sites and the receival point going to be using glyphosate to control roadside weeds after the 2009 harvest?
  - If these councils use glyphosate to control roadside weeds, then germinated roadside glyphosate-tolerant GM canola plants will be more likely to survive chemical control and multiply after 2009.

Regarding the following quote from a 3/4/09 Countryman article[3]: "The locations of the GM plantings, to cover up to 1000 hectares in total, have been decided" -

- As far as quarantine inspecting goes, there's a difference between a small (under ten hectares) pegged-off area of land, and an area totalling a thousand hectares.

- In view of the problems I've experienced with seed dormancy in spilt GM seed, I don't think that GM trial areas covering an area of a thousand hectares can be effectively quarantined for GM canola volunteer plants germinating from spilt seed over periods of several years after these trials have been harvested.

- Given the practicalities over the scale of these trials, it seems to me that the introduced GM genetic material won't be thoroughly removed from the environment after these trials have been run in 2009.

I believe it will further the public interest of Western Australians for you to share this message.

Footnotes:
1) The Government Gazette Western Australia, No. 96. 06-Jun-2006: http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/gazette/gg.nsf/SearchAll/285D34CE445D68794825718500067 2DE?openDocument
2) The Countryman, 27/2/09, Trial GM canola growers shown their obligations, Lara Ladyman- http://www.countryman.com.au/article/2260.html
3) The Countryman, 27/2/09, GM sites ready to grow, Lara Ladyman- http://www.countryman.com.au/article/2393.html"

He later adds in response to our question about gene escape of genes from roadside canola to radish:

-Radish (Raphanus raphanistrum) is a major weed in paddocks and along fencelines and roads in WA.

-Interspecies crossing between canola grade rapeseed (Brassica napus) and radish is known to occur in the field at a low level with canola as the seed parent in the first generation hybrid (see quote, below).

-I'm not sure whether further research has been done since 2001 establishing that gene escape to radish doesn't occur.

-Roadside canola volunteers are likely to be exposed to extremely large amounts of radish pollen from abundant roadside radish plants. I think this might increase the likelihood of gene escape from herbicide tolerant roadside canola volunteers to radish.

-Canola pollination was detected over distances up to 3km in a study conducted in Australia (Link- http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~umcuthb3/39.768/P1/P1.html). I would expect radish cross-pollination to occur over a similar distance.

-Radish is an obligate out-crosser, with more than 99% of radish seeds being pollinated by pollen from other radish plants.

-Therefore, if interspecies gene escape of glyphosate tolerance from canola to radish occurs, then the use of glyphosate on radish within 5km of the original gene transfer could create selective pressure for tolerance genes to be quickly spread to radish populations over large areas in ensuing generations.

Attached article (see above):
M.A. Rieger · T.D. Potter · C. Preston · S.B. Powles (2001) *"Hybridisation between Brassica napus L. and Raphanus raphanistrum L. under agronomic field conditions"*
Quote:
"Since hybridisation is more likely into B. napus, hybrid individuals are only expected to occur in the crop. Most of this seed will be harvested and therefore only a small proportion of the original seed will remain. Hybrid individuals are expected to occur intermingled with B. napus volunteers in the following year. A number of alternative herbicides are available to control both types of volunteers. Due to the high fertility of the hybrids produced,

these plants may become a bridge for gene escape into R. raphanistrum or become weedy themselves. Limited genetic variation, and hence crossing-compatibility in weed populations, may mitigate these gene escapes. If farmers concentrate on limiting volunteers for several years after growing herbicide-resistant B. napus varieties this will reduce the likelihood of gene escape via hybridisation."

AGENDA NUMBER: 10.5
SUBJECT: Local Emergency Management Advisory Committee (LEMC)
LOCATION/ADDRESS:
NAME OF APPLICANT:
FILE REFERENCE: FRC 10
AUTHOR: Shane Collie – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:
DATE OF REPORT: 12 May 2009

Attachment: LEMC Minutes 4 May 2009.

BACKGROUND:

The Local Emergency Management Advisory Committee (LEMC) met on 4 May 2009. There are two recommendations put forward by the committee which are a LEMC membership update and a proposed change to the appointment of a Recovery Co Coordinator.

COMMENT:

The proposed LEMC membership changes are an increase in representation by adding groups which would have a role in emergency management situations, in particular in the coordination and assistance of volunteers. Involvement of the Volunteer Resource Centre (Ms Katherine Waddington) and the Telecentre (Ms Cheryle Brown) in the LEMC committee is supported.

Note subsequent to the LEMC meeting and prior to finalisation of this report the Volunteer Resource Centre and the Telecentre agreed that one representative only would be preferred to be represented on the LEMC. Hence Ms Katherine Waddington has withdrawn from nominating to be on the LEMC Committee.

The second recommendation is to seek an alternative person from the Shire CEO to be the Recovery Coordinator. Experience in other districts has determined that the person in the position of Shire CEO is not the best placed to undertake this role given the demands that would be placed on the person in the CEO position anyway in an emergency event.

This advice came through Mr Lewis Winter (City of Bunbury) at the last South West Zone, WA Local Government Association meeting in Bridgetown held on 27 March 2009 and is supported by other agencies such as FESA. A good example of this in practice was the fires at Bridgetown where a competent person with extensive local knowledge performed this role and worked in conjunction with the Shire and other agencies in the recovery process. That incident saw the Recovery Coordinator spend the equivalent time of around three weeks full time active in that role.

The recommendation from the LEMC committee to seek an alternative person than the Shire CEO for this role is supported.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Emergency Management Act 2005.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Mrs Cheryle Brown from the Nannup Telecentre be confirmed as a representative on the Local Emergency Management Advisory Committee.

2. That Council seek an alternative person (other than the Shire CEO) to be the LEMC Community Recovery Coordinator.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority Vote required for committee appointments.

SHANE COLLIE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SHIRE OF NANNUP
Local Emergency Management Advisory Committee
Monday 4 May 2009
4.00pm Shire Offices

MINUTES

1 .OPENING

Cr J Lorkiewicz chaired the meeting and declared the meeting open at 4.05pm

2. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Cr J Lorkiewicz – Shire of Nannup
Ms T Levick-Godwin - Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer/FMO
Mr J Taylor – Nannup Police
Mr M Glynn – Nannup Police
Ms A Huxtable - Department for Child Protection
Mrs E West – Nannup Country Womens Association
Mrs G Millward – Nannup Country Womens Association
Mr J Stone- Nannup District High School Principal
Mr M McNamara – FESA
Mr N Hamilton – Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Ms A Huxtable - Department for Child Protection (DCP)
Mr E Ross – Manager Development Services

Apologies were received from:

Mr S Collie - Nannup Shire Chief Executive Officer
Ms P Adams - Department for Child Protection
Mr B Commins - DEC

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

J TAYLOR/G MILLWARD

That the meeting minutes of Local Emergency Management Advisory Committee meeting held 2 February 2009 be confirmed as true and correct.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Volunteer Resource Centre/Telecentre Representation (Item 5.2 refers)

Discussion ensued and a motion put:

G MILLWARD/A HUXTABLE

That Mrs Katherine Waddington from the Nannup Volunteer Resource Centre and Mrs the Cheryle Brown from the Nannup Telecentre be confirmed as representatives on the Local Emergency Management Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

4.2 Fire Preparation Meeting

T Levick-Godwin gave a brief overview of this meeting held in February 2009 including attendance which was around 140 and that points have been raised and brought to the attention of Council, the foremost of those being the Telecommunications issue.

4.3 Missing Person

Mr M Glynn provided a report. Attachment 1.

4.4 Debrief of LEMC Exercise October 2008

Mr M Glynn provided a written report on this. Attachment 2.

Other points raised were that at the commencement of the exercise, Mr Glynn was not able to contact the SES for 25 minutes because the mobile phone reception was unavailable. Discussion ensued on the upcoming WAERN radios, and the need to check the runway lights at the Nannup Airstrip on a regular basis as even when the lights were brand new, 3 were not working.

4.5 Water Bombing Refill – Nannup Airstrip

Mr C Wade was not in attendance at the meeting. This point is to be held over until the next LEMC meeting in September.

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Community Recovery Plan

Ms A Huxtable provided a copy of the Local Welfare Emergency Management Support Plan along with an email regarding transport during evacuation. DCP's Local Welfare Plan (Emergency Management Support Plan) provides a list of short and long term accommodation. This plan will be reviewed by DCP in the near future.

Ms M Jones stated the above should be attached to the Community Recovery Plan. Mr J Taylor stated that the HMA was responsible for any evacuation during an emergency. Discussion ensued regarding the appointment of a Recovery Coordinator, currently this is Shire CEO Shane Collie.

Recent fire events and best practice advice indicates that the position of CEO is not the best suited to undertake this role given the complex and demanding nature of the position particularly in an emergency situation. Advice received from Mr Lewis Winter South West Zone, WA Local Government Association meeting in Bridgetown 27 March 2009. This advice is concurred with.

Mr E Ross suggested that this matter be reviewed and a suitable other person be sought for this role. The following motion was put:

MILLWARD/TAYLOR

That Council seek an alternative person (other than the CEO) to be the Community Recovery Coordinator.

CARRIED

5.2 Nannup Water Supply

Discussion ensued regarding the Nannup Water supply during a emergency. This will be addressed in the review of the Emergency Management Arrangements.

5.3 Medical Risk Classification for Mass Gatherings

Discussion ensued regarding the types of risks in Nannup. Matrix Attachment 3.

5.4 Community Information Point Overview

T. Levick-Godwin gave an overview on this concept; discussion ensued with the recommendation that it be trialled in the Brigade areas.

5.6 Pandemic arrangement in Local Emergency Arrangements

Ms A Huxtable stated that the State Welfare Plan had been activated and she will circulate the information.

5.7 Resources Log

Mr J Taylor stated that he needs updated information for the Resources Log and that this is a multi agency log, information from the all agencies would be appreciated.

- DEC SES
- Hospital Police
- Brigades FESA
- DCP Shire

An agenda item to be to be included for the next meeting discuss the Resource Log, including work phone numbers and email addresses.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3 August 2009 at the Shire Office.

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 5.50pm.

Missing Person

On Wednesday 18th March 2009 police received a report of the location of a deceased person on the roadside of Black Point Road approximately 1Km from Vasse Highway.

The discovery was made by a DEC worker clearing the roadside for a forthcoming prescribed burn of this area of state forest.

The remains were those of Christopher MATHEWS, identified by dental records, and personal possessions were also those belonging to Chris.

He was located with two empty 1.5 litre bottles of water, a torch, bottle of sunscreen, a magazine, a beach towel and two empty large bags of Smith's chips. He was dressed in light clothing and skate style shoes. He was lying aligned with the road in the edge to the camber approximately 1 metre from the road's edge and in very close proximity to a brook at this location. He was surrounded by undergrowth.

This location was approximately 30 metres outside the designated search area established by the SARMC.

Pathology report indicates that Christopher was deceased for a significant time and demonstrated decomposition consistent with a six month period.

The toxicology report is still pending.

Debrief for LEMAC Exercise 05 November 2008

Positives

- Excellent response by all agencies upon notification.
- The persons involved were well equipped and were able to find the location with ease.
- They demonstrated experience and skills at managing the challenges of both locality and terrain.
- All persons involved were open-minded and prepared to work co-operatively with others.

Issues

- Initial contact with local SES personnel was not achieved for 25 minutes despite satisfactory communications being in place.
- The majority of persons involved were unfamiliar with the use of a unified communication channel. (Emergency Channel A and B).
- The adverse weather conditions were extremely challenging for the SES vessel when on the lake.

For review and action

- Police to review resource log currency and marine vessel options.
- Shire to facilitate access and training for use of new communications equipment to use unified Emergency Channels A and B.
- SES to review use of launch vessel in adverse conditions and alternative options.
- FESA to receive training in use of emergency communications.

Recommendations

- Future scenario based learning activities should be managed with a scenario controller rolling out the scenario step-by step to provide a more realistic challenge and greater learning environment.

Medical Risk Classification for Mass Gatherings

WA is unique in its size and geographical isolation. This makes it especially important to ensure that adequate plans are put in place to cater for the unexpected medical emergencies that may occur at any pre-planned public event, particularly those which have an anticipated number of attendees that is larger than the normal daily population at that location. The key component of this assessment is how well any casualties could be managed in the event of an incident, i.e. the goal is to reduce the severity of any injury should it occur.

WA Health resources available for care of the critically unwell are severely limited outside the metropolitan area. Whilst the Royal Flying Doctor Service and St John Ambulance provide an excellent transfer service to the Perth hospitals for anyone that is seriously injured or unwell, neither provider has any capability to transfer large number of persons at any one time. In addition, if health resources are over-whelmed in the metropolitan area, then the expected time for assistance to arrive from interstate is approximately 24 – 36 hours. These factors make it vitally important that appropriate planning is carried out prior to the event taking place and that management strategies for medical emergencies and first aid care are put in place.

These management strategies should include both singular events, where a patron or competitor of the event falls ill or injures him or herself whilst attending the event, and also the mass casualty event, where the number of casualties will overwhelm the local health resources.

Major events have the potential to result in injuries and illness in participants. An important consideration is the time for casualties to reach primary or tertiary treatment. An example of a medium risk event is provided in the last column.

- Experience shows that at least 1-2% of a crowd will require some type of first aid or medical care. Of those requiring medical attention, around 10% will need ongoing care on site and 1% will require transport to hospital by ambulance.

- These figures increase where there are high-risk activities such as crowd surfing, moshing, presence of alcohol and other related activities. In addition, external factors such as weather conditions contribute to patient presentations.

- Experience from different types of events (not just rock concerts) show that most casualties are from:
    - Heatstroke, dehydration, respiratory distress;
    - Blistered feet;
    - Fainting and exhaustion from a combination of hysteria, heat, and alcohol;
    - Cuts from broken glass and drink can ring pulls;
    - Illicit drug and alcohol abuse;
    - Trampling or crushing from crowd pressure at barriers;
    - Epilepsy attacks brought about from strobe lighting.

- First aid and ambulance support have traditionally been provided by the St John Ambulance Australia, but there are other agencies. Event organisers are responsible for ensuring that the agency providing First Aid and Ambulance services is an accredited provider.

First Aid Providers

- St John Ambulance.
- Advanced Life Ambulance Service.
- Sports Medicine Australia.
- Royal Life Saving Society of Australia.
- Surf Life Saving Association.
- First Aid Services WA (Red Cross)

Ambulance Services

- St John State-wide
- Advance Life – limited metro/outer metropolitan areas only

- Medical support needs to be considered for all phases of events, and not just the event itself.

GUIDELINES

To address the key medical and first aid issues at an event, the following issues need to be addressed in conjunction with the event organiser. These include:

4.1 The first aid provider for all large and high-risk events should develop a medical plan based on risks identified utilising the process outlined in AS 4360:2004 Risk Management. These risks should also be incorporated into the Event Risk Management Plan.

4.2 Use the Support Tools Medical Resources & Event Rating assessment tool developed by the Department of Health, to determine the events level of risk.

4.3 Ensure that the appropriate level of health input and pre-planning required for the medical and first aid response is carried out.

4.4 Service providers need to be fully conversant with event designs and not presume that conditions will be the same as previous events.

4.5 Event organiser's reputations will be dependant upon the skills of the planning team and first aid provider. Event organisers should ensure that they understand and are fully satisfied with the level of care being provided.

4.6 The number of first aid personnel and first aid posts will vary with the type of event.

4.7 First aid posts should be conspicuous and identified by an illuminated sign at night. Ideal locations are near the main entry or command post. For high risk concerts, a post should also be located behind the stage barrier in a location where patrons extracted from the mosh pit can be observed prior to rejoining the concert site.

4.8 At all events, first aid providers should have oxygen equipment, semi-automatic defibrillator and basic first aid supplies.

4.9 All first aid providers should have appropriate professional indemnity insurance for their personnel and should hold current first aid qualifications from an accredited training provider.

4.10 First aid personnel must be appropriately trained and routinely requalified.

4.11 It is **not acceptable** for staff to have dual roles e.g. a crowd controller with a first aid qualification is first and foremost a crowd controller.

If at any time you require assistance with the completion of the risk assessment tool or the health and medical planning requirements please contact the Disaster Preparedness and Management Unit staff on 08 9222 2437.

The Environmental Health Directorate can provide assistance with health messages in relation to personal health and food issues relevant for extreme weather conditions.

Acknowledgements
The Department of Health (WA) acknowledges that much of the original concept material used in the development of this Mass Gatherings Medical Risk Assessment Tool has been sourced from the following two documents:

1. St John Ambulance Australia (2005) *Guidelines for Managing First Aid Services at Major Events.* St John Ambulance Australia.

2. Emergency Management Australia (1999). *Safe and Healthy Mass Gatherings: Manual 2.* Australian Emergency Management Series, Commonwealth of Australia.

In addition to the above, the Department of Health (WA) gratefully acknowledges the assistance provided by Mr Bill Thompson (St John Ambulance WA, Perth) and Mr Jeffrey Williams (St John of God Hospital, Subiaco) in the preparation of these guidelines and this document.

MEDICAL RISK CLASSIFICATION

Category	Grouping	Allocation	Event Scoring
Event Description	Cat 1 - e.g. Classic Music / Children's concert / Youth camps	1	4
	Cat 2 - e.g. Family events & shows / local sporting events / Schoolies	2	
	Cat 3 – e.g. Festivals/ Major sporting event /	4	
	Cat 4 – e.g. Rock Concert / Extreme Sporting events	8	
Number of people	<2000	1	32
	2001-5000	2	
	5001-10,000	4	
	10,001 - 50,000	8	
	50,001 - 100,000	16	
	>100,000	32	
Type of people attending	Families	1	1
	Fan clubs / support groups	2	
	International stars / competitors / visitors	3	
	VIPs	4	
Age Group	30-65 inc family	1	1
	>65 / 0 - 12	2	
	12 - 16.	3	
	16-30	4	
Event location / confinement	Outside - open area	1	1
	Outside - confined area	2	
	Inside - space	3	
	Inside - crowded	4	
Available Health Resources	Tertiary Hospitals	1	1
	Regional / General hospitals	2	
	Integrated district health services	3	
	Small hospital	4	
	Multi purpose centre	5	
Distance to Local Health Resources	< 10 kms	1	1
	10 - 50 kms	2	
	50 - 100 kms	4	
	> 100 kms	8	

Distance to Tertiary Health Resources	< 30min	1	1
	31 – 60 mins	2	
	61 - 90 mins	4	
	91 – 120 mins	8	
	121 - 152 mins	16	
	> 153 mins	32	

Duration of event	<1 hour	1	3
	2 - 4 hours	2	
	4 – 8 hours	3	
	8 - 12 hours	4	
	12 – 24 hours	5	
Alcohol	None	1	2
	Restricted	2	
	Readily available	4	
	No controls	8	
Probability of drugs	None	1	2
	Possible	2	
	Probable	4	
Time of event	Morning	1	4
	Afternoon	2	
	Evening	3	
	All day	4	
Date of event	Spring / Autumn	1	1
	Summer / Winter	2	
	Min	Max	**This Event**
Aggregate Score	13	120	**54**

OVERALL RISK CATEGORIES

Low	< 13
Medium	14 - 49
High	50 - 85
Extreme	86 +

ACTION FOR EVENT ORGANISERS, BASED ON MEDICAL RISK SCORE

Planning required	Level of risk			
	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
Notify local SJA of event	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Notify local hospital / health care provider	Yes	Yes	No	No
Notify DPMU	No	No	Yes	Yes
Minimal notification period to all agencies	4 weeks	10 weeks	20 weeks	28 weeks
Provision of transport arrangement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provision of first aiders	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provision of first aid centre's	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provision of paramedics	No	No	Yes	Yes
Provision of adequately equipped medical centre's	No	No	Yes	Yes
Provision of on site medical teams	No	No	No	Yes
Public information and health notices	No	Yes	Yes	Yes