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- NOTE:**
- a) The Council Committee Minutes Item numbers may be out of sequence. Please refer to Section 10 of the Agenda – Information Report - Committee Decisions Under Delegated Authority for these items.
  - b) Declaration of Councillors and Officers Interest is made at the time the item is discussed.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
6 PATERSON STREET, MUNDIJONG ON TUESDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009. THE  
PRESIDING MEMBER DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 2.00PM AND WELCOMED  
COUNCILLORS AND STAFF.

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**1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES:**

IN ATTENDANCE:

**COUNCILLORS:** S Twine ..... Presiding Member  
M Harris  
WJ Kirkpatrick  
K Murphy  
MJ Geurds  
T Hoyer  
E Brown  
C Randall

**OFFICERS:** Ms J Abbiss ..... Chief Executive Officer  
Mr A Hart ..... Director Corporate Services  
Mrs S van Aswegen ..... Director Strategic Community Planning  
Mr B Gleeson ..... Director Development Services  
Mr R Gorbunow ..... Director Engineering  
Mrs L Fletcher ..... Minute Secretary

**APOLOGIES:** C Buttfeld  
A Lowry

**GALLERY:** Nil

**2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

Nil

**2.1 Response To Previous Public Questions Taken On Notice**

Nil

**3. PUBLIC STATEMENT TIME:**

Nil

**4. PETITIONS & DEPUTATIONS:**

Nil

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The Shire President advised that the Youth Activity Group (YAG) presented the Shire with a certificate of thanks for our support and assistance.

The Shire President advised that the Director Corporate Services is investigating the feasibility of installing a system in the Reception area of the Administration Centre which can be used as a promotional tool to advertise / promote the Shire's achievements and other seasonal messages.

**6. DECLARATION OF COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS INTEREST:**

Nil

**7. RECEIPTS OF MINUTES OR REPORTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Nil

## 8. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

SCM015/11/09 REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING PROGRAM (A1597)		
Proponent:	Joanne Abbiss – Chief Executive Officer	In Brief  Through recent Federal Government policy decisions the Shire has been offered the opportunity to apply for \$112,000 in funds to undertake infrastructure construction and improvement projects. The purpose of this report is to consider making an application to utilise the funds to commence the Byford Beautification Project.
Owner:	Not applicable	
Officer:	Joanne Abbiss – Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures Author:		
Senior Officer:		
Date of Report	13 November 2009	
Previously		
Disclosure of Interest	No officer involved in the preparation of this report is required to declare an interest in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act	
Delegation	Council	

### **Background**

#### **Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP)**

The Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program was announced by the Prime Minister at the Australian Council of Local Government inaugural meeting on 18 November 2008 as part of the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan. Since its inception, the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program has made more than \$1 billion available to local government authorities to build and modernise community infrastructure.

On the 25th June 2009, the Australian Government made an additional \$220 million available to boost the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP). This investment is intended to support local jobs during the global economic recession and provide long-term benefits to communities by assisting councils to build and modernise local infrastructure. Under the RLCIP there are two components: a non-competitive, direct allocation of \$100 million shared amongst all local governments; and a competitive component where \$120 million will be made available for a limited number of large strategic projects seeking a minimum Commonwealth contribution of \$1 million. This report considers Council's application under the non-competitive, direct allocation of \$100 million shared between local governments of which Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire's portion is \$112,000.

Funds under the RLCIP \$100 million will be provided directly to councils as a one-off payment. The funding will be administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (the Department). Eligible projects must be additional, ready to proceed, or additional stages of current projects. Additional projects are those which have not been included in the local government's financial budget for 2009/10 and can be brought forward as a result of RLCIP funding. Projects that are ready to proceed are those that will begin construction within three months of signing the Funding Agreement (contract).

***A copy of the RLCIP program guidelines released on 9 October 2009 is with attachments marked SCM015.1/11/09.***

***A copy of frequently asked questions in relation to the RLCIP program is with attachments marked SCM015.2/11/09.***

Applications for Round Two of the RLCIP (\$100 million) opened on 9 October 2009 and close on 20 November 2009. Applications for the RLCIP - Strategic Projects (\$120 million) opened on 2 November 2009 and will close on 15 January 2010.

**Statutory Environment:**

Various approvals will be required in order to progress works within the South Western Highway Road Reserve. The guidelines applicable to the funding program must be adhered to and in effect form part of the statutory environment.

**Policy/Work Procedure Implications:**

There are no work procedures/policy implications directly related to this application/issue.

**Financial Implications:**

The financial implications are addressed within the comment section of this report.

**Strategic Implications:**

This proposal relates to the following Key Sustainability Result Areas:-

**1. People and Community**

*Objective 1: Good quality of life for all residents*

Strategies:

5. Value and enhance the heritage character, arts and culture of the Shire.

*Objective 2: Plan and develop towns and communities based on principles of sustainability*

Strategies:

4. Foster a strong sense of community, place and belonging.
5. Protect built and natural heritage for economic and cultural benefits.

*Objective 3: High level of social commitment*

Strategies:

1. Encourage social commitment and self determination by the SJ community.
2. Build key community partnerships.

**3. Economic**

*Objective 1: A vibrant local community*

Strategies:

3. Develop tourism potential.
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*Objective 3: Effective management of Shire growth*

Strategies:

1. Enhance economic futures for Shire communities.

**4. Governance**

*Objective 1: An effective continuous improvement program*

Strategies:

1. Identify and implement best practice in all areas of operation.
2. Promote best practice through demonstration and innovation.
4. Balance resource allocation to support sustainable outcomes.
5. Harness community resources to build social capital within the Shire.

*Objective 2: Formation of Active Partnerships to progress key programs and projects*

Strategies

1. Improve coordination between Shire, community and other partners.
2. Improve customer relations service.
3. Develop specific partnerships to effectively use and leverage additional resources.

*Objective 3: Compliance to necessary legislation*

Strategies:

1. Ensure development and use of infrastructure and land complies with required standards.
3. Comply with State and Federal policies and Legislation and the Local Government Act in the most cost-effective way.

**Community Consultation:**

Required: No

Given the tight timeline for submission of the grant community consultation has not been undertaken.

**Comment:**

The Shire has limited projects that are “ready to go”, fit the funding guidelines and are in addition to works budgeted in 2009/2010. The Byford Beautification Project is a priority project considered worthy of recommendation for the RLCIP funding.

The Byford Beautification Project consists of four sub-projects being the:

- Verge Tree Sub-Project (for St Thomas Estate and Sunrays Estate)
- Road Verge Revegetation Sub-Project (for Thomas Road and South Western Highway)
- George Street Revegetation and Rock Chute Sub-project (George Street)
- Byford Entry Statement Sub-project

***A detailed analysis of the costs of the Byford Beautification Project is with the attachments at SCM015.3/11/09.***

***Concept Plans for the various sub projects are attached at SCM015.4/11/09, SCM015.4a/11/09, SCM015.4b/11/09, SCM015.4c/11/09, SCM015.4d/11/09, SCM015.4e/11/09, SCM015.4f/11/09 and SCM015.4g/11/09.***

Discussions are also occurring with LWP regarding contributions to the South Western Highway/Thomas Road and Entry Statement subprojects.

**Conclusion**

It is acknowledged that there are many competing infrastructure needs and valid arguments could be mounted for them all. However given the significant population growth in Byford it is critical that the entrance to the town sets the tone for development that is to occur throughout the rest of the urban cell. The community of Byford, and particularly the residents of St Thomas and Sunrays Estates, will benefit from an improved level of amenity and visitors will gain a better appreciation of the values and rural character of the Shire as expressed by the nature of the materials and plants used in the entry statement and revegetation works.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple Majority

**SCM015/11/09 COUNCIL DECISION/Officer Recommended Resolution:**

**Moved Cr Randall, seconded Cr Harris  
That Council:**

- 1. Apply to the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program for \$112,000 towards the Byford Beautification Project.**
- 2. Require, where possible, every effort to be made to utilise the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program to attract additional grants.**
- 3. Advise residents of Council's decision in the Council News and SJ Update.**

**CARRIED 8/0**

**9. URGENT BUSINESS:**

Nil

**10. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:**

Nil

**11. CLOSURE:**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.12pm.

I certify that these minutes were confirmed at the  
Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 November 2009

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Presiding Member

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Date