



SHIRE OF PEPPERMINT GROVE

AGENDA FOR THE

**WORKS AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

TO BE HELD ON

9 November 2009

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SHIRE OF PEPPERMINT GROVE

NOTICE OF WORKS & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Dear Committee Member

The next meeting of the Shire of Peppermint Grove Works and Finance Committee will be held on 9 November 2009 in the Council Chambers, 1 Leake Street, Peppermint Grove, commencing at 5.30pm

Anne Banks-McAllister
Chief Executive Officer

5 November 2009

AGENDA

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A1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

A2 DELEGATION OF VISITORS

Item FOP2 – Proposed Pedestrian Crossing on Stirling Highway

Mr Bob Niven, Director Operations Presbyterian Ladies College

A3 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

A5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

Note: The minutes of the last Works and Finance Committee meeting were confirmed by Council on 14 September 2009.

A6 PROJECT REPORT LIST

Attached as Appendix A6.

FE FINANCE CONTROL & EXPENDITURE

FE1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

File Ref: ACC3
Author: P J Howard, Manager Finance
Date: 4 November 2009

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for cheques, electronic funds payments and direct debits drawn since the last report and accounts now presented for payment.

Background

Nil

Report

Appendix 4.1 lists details of all cheques drawn since the last report and accounts now presented for payment. The following summarises the cheques, electronic fund transfers, direct debits and accounts included in the list presented for payment.

MUNICIPAL FUND	PAYMENT TYPE	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Cheque numbers 10181 – 10201 (inclusive)	
	Electronic Funds Transfers 3091 – 3177 (Inclusive)	
	Direct Debits 843 – 850 (inclusive)	
	TOTAL	\$1,269,612.31

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

Nil

Recommendation

That the payment of the cheques, electronic funds payments and direct debits drawn and accounts presented for payment be approved.

FE2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

File Ref: ACC3
Author: P J Howard, Manager Finance
Date: 4 November 2009

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the financial reports for the period ended 31 October 2009.

Background

Nil

Report

The financial reports are provided for the period ended 31 October 2009.

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

Nil

Recommendation

That the financial reports for the period ended 31 October 2009 be received and adopted.

FE3 INVESTMENTS

File Ref: INV1
Author: P J Howard, Manager Finance
Date: 4 November 2009

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide details of Council's investments as at 31 October 2009 including details of the investing authority and terms.

Background

Nil

Report

INVEST #	INVESTMENT	INVESTING AUTHORITY	DATE INVESTED	MATURITY DATE	TERMS	INTEREST RATE	AMOUNT
1	Reserve Fund	NAB	29.09.2009	29.10.2009	30 Days	3.34%	\$3,583,535.19
2	POS Fund	NAB	30.09.2009	30.10.2009	30 Days	3.42%	\$525,893.49
3	General Fund	NAB	30.09.2009	30.10.2009	30 Days	3.57%	\$532,246.26
TOTAL							\$4,641,674.94

For members information, it is advised that the Reserve Funds Investment at 31 October 2009 is comprised as follows:-

Staff Leave Reserve	\$ 31,515.63
Plant Replacement Reserve	\$ 175,203.75
Infrastructure/Building Reserve	\$3,104,720.14
Sitting Fee Reserve	\$ 30,105.67
Library Leave Reserve	\$ 43,479.05
Library Infrastructure Reserve	\$ 72,274.64
Road Reserve	\$ 126,236.32
	<u>\$ 3,583,535.19.</u>

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For Members information:

At the same period last year the reserve balances were as follows:

Staff Leave Reserve	\$ 22,222.69
Plant Replacement Reserve	\$ 168,658.69
Infrastructure/Building Reserve	\$3,949,356.96
Sitting Fee Reserve	\$ 22,161.86
Library Leave Reserve	\$ 38,633.94
Library Infrastructure Reserve	\$ 33,913.08
Road Reserve	\$ 62,332.14

\$ 4,297,279.36

For Members information:

Investment earnings for one month matured on 30 October 2009 with interest earnings of \$10,094.74.

On 13 October \$222,396 was transferred to the Municipal Operating account to cover the shire's share of the Third Progress Payment to PS Structures of \$738,845 together with other contractor payments as reported in Costs to Date agenda item.

Total amount held in Reserves as at 31 October 2009, was \$4,109,429 as shown in the Balance Sheet under heading Cash Restricted.

The amount of \$532,246.26 held in the General term deposit is included in Cash At Bank on the Balance Sheet.

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

Nil

Recommendation

That the Investment Register for 31 October 2009 be received.

FE4 LIBRARY PROJECT SUMMARY COSTS

09/10 year All figures are exclusive of GST

Cox	Davson Ward	Fundraising m/r	IBMS	Josh Byrne	Misc	PS Structures	Kooperman	J&S drilling		
Jul-09	16,131		4,676.75		4,805		6,800.00		1,480,592	
Aug-09	54,773				4,360	693,920			32,412	
Sep-09		2,500	6,346		11,250	633,188			753,053	
Oct-09	79,764				6,421	738,845	5,000		653,284	
Nbv-09									830,030	
Dec-09									-	
Jan-10									-	
Feb-10									-	
Mar-10									-	
Apr-10									-	
May-10									-	
Jun-10									-	
	150,668	2,500	-	11,023	-	26,836	2,065,953	11,800	-	\$ 3,749,371

Payments under cost sharing arrangement

Cottesloe	MP	PG	PG Office	Total		
Jul-09	11,103	12,625	2,418	6,267	1,480,592	
Aug-09	261,808	297,709	57,009	147,777	32,412	
Sep-09	219,925	250,083	47,889	124,137	764,303	
Oct-09	284,322	323,311	61,911	160,485	642,034	
Nbv-09					830,029	
Dec-09						
Jan-10						
Feb-10						
Mar-10						
Apr-10						
May-10						
Jun-10						
TOTALS	\$ 777,158	\$ 883,728	\$ 169,226	\$ 438,666	\$ -	\$ 3,749,370

b/f 08/09

19,501.82

\$ 607,892 09/10 expenditure
204,520.44 Withdrawn from reserves Aug
180,975.41 Withdrawn September
222,396.00 withdrawn October

\$ 1,228,603 \$ 1,394,067
Cott to date MP to date

PG to date \$ 944,907
3 councils contributions \$ 3,567,578
funded from reserves \$ 181,793
\$ 3,749,370

Recommendation

That the report on Library Project Summary Costs be received.

FE5 REPORT OF THE DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE OCTOBER 2009 ELECTION

File Ref: ELE10
Author: P J Howard, Deputy Returning Office
Date: 2 November 2009

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the results of the October election to council

Background

Nil

Report

The Shire recently had its first contested election since 1997.

Please note the following information on our 2009 Ordinary Election:

Roll Close 28/08/2009 5:00pm
Close of Nominations: 10/09/2009 4:00pm
Date of Election: 17/10/2009
Returning Officer: Ron van Beek

PEPPERMINT GROVE WARD			
Vacancies	(4) Councillors		
Expiry of term	19 October 2013		
Total electors	1,075		
Turnout rate	50.14%		
Candidates	Votes	Percentage	Expiry of Term
HOHNEN, Charles	329	17.78%	19 October 2013
FARLEY, Karen	352	19.03%	19 October 2013
KILPA, Paul Nicholas	270	14.59%	
PETERS, Greg	336	18.16%	19 October 2013
FLEAY, Scott Francis	333	18%	19 October 2013
RHODES, Pauline Margaret	230	12.43%	
Total valid votes	1,850	100%	

The following Candidates elected for a four year term were:

Mrs Karen Farley
Mr Scott Fleay
Mr Charles Hohnen
Mr Greg Peters

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

Nil

Recommendation

That the Deputy Returning Officer's report be received.

W WORKS

W1 PROPOSED KEANE'S POINT PLAYGROUND

File Ref: RES3
Author: Anne Banks McAllister, Chief Executive Officer
Date: 3 November 2009

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on community consultation relating to the proposed re-construction of the Keane's Point playground and to propose a simpler and more cost effective approach.

Background

The Shire of Peppermint Grove received cash in lieu of public open space (POS) from the developer as a result of the sub-division of land on the property known as the Keane Street 'superblock'. The Shire placed an amount of \$670,397 in reserve for future use in adjacent public open space in the Shire. These areas are identified as the Foreshore Reserve, Manners Hill and Keane's Point.

In November 2007 the Shire engaged Ecoscape to develop a design for the Keane's Point playground with a brief, amongst other things, to develop a design and use materials that would reduce water usage on the reserve. In July 2008 the Shire accepted a fee proposal from Ecoscape for developing the design and documentation in preparation for the construction of the playground. This proposal also included provision for Ecoscape to conduct a tender process for the construction phase.

As part of the requirement for the use of POS funds, the Shire has obtained approval from the Minister for Planning for the funds to be used for several projects across these reserves, including the upgrade of the playground. Approval has also been received from the Swan River Trust.

In November 2008 Ecoscape presented informally to Council through the Delegations section of the agenda on the proposed playground design and timelines. The minutes of the meeting noted that the designs had been changed in accordance with budget constraints and included:

- Keeping the idea of the swan river design
- Keeping a wide concrete mowing strip around the edge flush to turf
- Imprint into the concrete geographic reference points which occur along the river
- New playground equipment is included and upgrading of old equipment to regulatory standards is also allowed for in the budget
- Materials have been simplified and using recycled coloured synthetic turf will be more hardwearing. Synthetic soft fall underlay will also be added.

- Retention of the shade sails
- There will be colour coordinated yacht race markers included in the playground
- Funds have been included to install a renovated dinghy
- Less extensive planting and looking at using two groups of plants namely – shore and river type plants
- Use of stabilised gravel pave on the southern and northern ends where required

In April 2009 Council resolved:

“To exercise its discretion in accordance with the WAPC Policy DC 5.3 Use of Land Reserved for Parks and Recreation and resolve to not require the approval of the WAPC for the redevelopment of the playground at Reserve 22156 Hobbs Place, Peppermint Grove.”

A budget of \$350,000 was identified for the reconstruction, all to be funded from the POS reserve. The Shire was also successful in obtaining an additional \$100,000 Federal *Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program* (RLCIP) grant for the following components:

- New shade sails for the playground area - \$18,000
- New shade sails for the grassed area for parents and observers - \$13,000
- New fence and gates to protect the playground - \$18,000
- New seats, paving, BBQs and drinking fountains - \$25,000
- Additional playground equipment - \$26,000

This grant required the funds to be expended and the work completed by the end of September 2009. Due to concerns about proceeding with the original design, the Shire has been successful in receiving an extension to the end of November, and if necessary, a final extension is possible until the 31st December. Successful completion of this grant is necessary for the Shire to be eligible for a further \$30,000 grant for other eligible infrastructure projects.

Report

In March/April the Shire sought community feedback on the proposed playground design by placing a sign detailing the concept design at the playground and via a display at the library. Since that time a small number of comments have been received with most comments relating to:

- Concern regarding the removal of lawn and replacement with extensive areas of artificial lawn (various colours)
- Use of rubber ‘softfall’ which is considered too hot compared with lawn
- Complexity of some design components such as using the bathymetry of the river bed to contour part of the site

- Desire to retain the existing look and feel of the playground including a focus on lawns and trees with plenty of space for families, ball games and natural play
- Desire to improve the amenity for families including the provision of BBQs, table settings, seating, bins, water fountains, toilets and paths
- Desire to replace the swings as an essential component of the playground

Staff have informally received comments from residents and playground users suggesting a preference for retaining the existing look and feel of the playground with improvements to the amenity and play equipment.

As a result of feedback and concerns about the cost and scale of the proposed works, residents were invited (sign at the playground, invitations to people who have contacted the Shire, and targeted letters to relevant community groups and schools) to meet with the Chief Executive Officer and the Manager of Works at the playground on Friday 30th October. No residents attended the session; however several councillors attended and reviewed the site and plans. Three park users were approached during this time for feedback.

The general consensus from residents and discussions with Councillors shows a strong preference to take a minimalist approach by retaining the current look and feel of the playground (lawn and trees) and improve the general amenity through new seating, picnic tables, BBQs, paths and landscaping, while also upgrading the play equipment. There is a particular desire to replace the swings and generally upgrade the play equipment. Many people appear happy to retain sand rather than install softfall under the play equipment.

It is suggested that the installation of a wide path adjacent to the parking area will not only improve access for people with disabilities and families with prams, but will reduce some lawn area thereby achieving some of the intended water conservation outcomes. Furthermore, it is envisaged that a less complex playground design will result in a more effective reticulation design that will also contribute to water conservation.

Consideration can also be given to the provision of public toilets to service the playground. The Shire is separately managing a project to replace the public toilets adjacent to the kiosk and Water Corporation Pump Station and will include community consultation on design and location. One interesting suggestion is to consider the construction of a single toilet facility for use by parents which could include a child size toilet/basin and a change table adjacent to the playground. This could be considered as part of the consultation about public toilet facilities on the whole reserve.

Considering the grant constraints, the following is proposed:

1. Apply for a grant extension to the 31 December.
2. Advise Ecoscape that the Shire will not proceed with the previously proposed design for the reconstruction of the playground.
3. Proceed immediately to purchase park furniture (seats, tables, rubbish bins and BBQs) consistent with the Shire's current style (Cox Promenade Range) to ensure

- compliance with the grant timeframes and budget (examples of the Promenade Range attached)
4. Develop a concept plan for the upgrade of the Keane's Point playground which retains the existing lawn and trees, and includes new seating, picnic settings, BBQs, path, drinking fountains, landscaping, shade sails and play equipment.
 5. Write to each household advising of Council's decision regarding the Keane's Point Playground, including the Concept Plan and expected completion date.
 5. Proceed to purchase and install all other components required not funded by the grant.
 6. Coordinate installation of furniture, equipment, paving and landscaping in accordance with the Concept Plan.

In order to expedite the purchase and installation of the proposed furniture and equipment, it is proposed that the Chief Executive Officer liaises with councillors to gain approval for the concept design.

It is important that the Shire acknowledges that Ecoscape has successfully completed all requirements associated with their brief for the reconstruction of the playground. The decision to review the design is in response to a community preference to make minimal change to the look and feel of the playground, and a desire to reduce the cost in order to retain funds for other public open space projects.

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

All costs associated with the upgrade of the Keane's Point Playground will be funded from a Reserve for this purpose and additional tied grant funding.

While the final cost of the project will be determined following the development of the revised concept plan, it is anticipated that the cost will be significantly less than the previously budgeted \$450,000 (inclusive of \$100,000 grant). Unused funds will remain in the Reserve for other public open space projects.

It should be noted that this scaled back project will no longer require a tender process and the Shire will be able to purchase all furniture and equipment from the WA Local Government Association's (WALGA) preferred supplier list.

The Shire has received a final invoice of \$6,062.30 from Ecoscape for work undertaken to date. Payment of this invoice will finalise the current relationship with Ecoscape for this project.

Recommendation

That:

- (a) The Chief Executive Officer applies for an extension to 31st December 2009 for the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) grant;
- (b) The Chief Executive Office advises Ecoscape that the Shire will not be proceeding with the proposed playground reconstruction design;
- (c) A simple Concept Plan be developed for the Keane's Point Playground based on:
 - Current look and feel of the playground with a focus on existing lawn and trees
 - New park furniture in accordance with the Shire's current style (Cox Promenade range)
 - Fencing, paving and landscaping
 - New play equipment including new swings
- (d) The Chief Executive Officer be delegated responsibility for finalising the Concept Plan in consultation with councillors;
- (e) That the Chief Executive Officer write to each household advising of Council's decision to revise the project and include a copy of the concept plan and an estimated completion date;
- (f) The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to proceed with purchasing and installing all furniture, equipment, paving and landscaping in accordance with the approved Concept Plan.

W2 REPORT FOR REMOVAL OF STREET TREES

File Ref: TRE1
Author: D Norgard, Manager of Works
Date: 5 November 2009

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to remove two street trees from the verge of 45A Irvine Street and re-plant with two healthy Peppermint trees.

Background

G Robert Spadaccini of Spadaccini Homes Pty Ltd has requested that the two verge trees at 45A Irvine St be replaced with two healthy trees.

Report

Inspection of the property has shown that the two trees in question have been severely centre pruned in previous years for power line clearance and are in poor condition. Further pruning to clear the property line will result in an unsightly, unbalanced and potentially dangerous tree.

The Shire commissioned an arboricultural report by Murray Turner of 'Professional Tree Surgeons' which described both Peppermints as:

Post mature trees in senile decline. They are grossly rotted out in the centre and are structurally unsound with advanced dry rot and other fungal decay. There would be no point in pruning these trees as they are at a point of collapse. The most practicable option is to remove and replant with a healthy specimen.





Policy Implications

Nil. It has been a management practice to resist the removal of good quality trees unless they pose a hazard. Both these trees are in poor condition and are potentially dangerous, this would be an opportunity to replant with healthy specimens.

Budget Implications

Costs should be borne by the builder.

Recommendation

That Mr Spadaccini be advised the Council authorises:

- (1) The two verge trees at 45A Irvine St be removed by the Shire at the owners expense.
- (2) On completion of the building works, two healthy replacement trees be planted by the Shire at the owners expense
- (3) The resident will be expected to assist by watering these verge trees until they have become established.

FOP OPERATIONAL ISSUES

FOP1 RANGER REPORT - (October 2009)

File Ref: LAW3
Author: A Jackson, Ranger
Date: 3 November 2009

1 Activity Statistics

	PARKING	DOGS
Infringements	1	0
Written cautions	9	9
Verbal cautions	2	18
Vehicle tow notices	7	-
Impounded vehicles	0	-
Dogs Impounded	-	0
Barking complaints	-	1
Dog attacks	-	0
Dogs Returned to Owners	-	1

2 Current Issues

- 22 hours patrol
- Animal Supervision on parks and reserves
- Parking patrols in all school areas morning and evening
- Monitoring trades vehicles on building sites
- Security Patrols (Council Buildings)

Committee Recommendation

That the information be received.

FOP2 PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON STIRLING HIGHWAY

File Ref:

Author: Anne Banks McAllister, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 3 November 2009

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information about a request for support from Presbyterian Ladies College (PLC) for pedestrian lights on Stirling Highway.

Background

On 18th August 2009 the Shire received a letter from Presbyterian Ladies College (PLC) raising their concerns about the safety of pedestrians crossing Stirling Highway at the junction of McNeil Street. They advised that they are taking the matter up with the Premier and seek the support of the Shire of Peppermint Grove for the installation of pelican lights.

At present traffic wardens (employed by WA Police) patrol a crosswalk on Stirling Highway immediately south of the intersection of McNeil Street immediately before and after the standard school day during the peak AM and PM peak student pick-up and set-down periods.

The letter outlined the inadequacies of current pedestrian measures as follows:

- *Limited Hour of Operation:* PLC is committed to providing a holistic, enriched education for its students. It conducts extensive co-curricular arts and sports programs that operate both before and after standard school hours. Some students are inevitably required to cross Stirling Highway outside the crosswalk's patrolled hours of operation to make their way to and from school by foot, bus or train. As PLC seeks to optimize use of its campus and student enrolments increase, growing numbers of students will cross Stirling Highway unassisted.
- *Contradiction with Other Policy Initiatives:* PLC seeks to support a range of public policy initiatives designed to encourage students to travel by public transport, bike or by foot. Examples include establishing a *Walking to School Bus* and holding a *Walk to School Day*. The perceived lack of safety involved in crossing Stirling Highway is a disincentive for parent and students to embrace these initiatives.
- *Compromised Community Safety:* While the emphasis of our approach is on the needs of the PLC community, we also recognize that other local community organizations, groups and citizens could benefit from provision of safe means of crossing Stirling Highway at any time of the day.

PLC recommends the installation of pelican lights as currently used at Curtin Avenue, Cottesloe and other suburbs.

Pelican lights are pedestrian activated traffic lights that require traffic to stop to allow pedestrians to cross a road unobstructed by the traffic flow. They are not limited to specific times of the day and do not require traffic wardens.

In discussions between PLC and the Chief Executive Officer, PLC also raised concerns about difficulties sourcing traffic wardens which increases concerns about the sustainability of the current arrangement or any alternative that relies on human intervention for pedestrian crossing.

Report

The decision for PLC's request rests with Main Roads WA (MRWA), however PLC has approached the Shire of Peppermint Grove and the Town of Cottesloe for their support. The Town of Cottesloe considered the request at its September meeting and resolved to send a letter of support to PLC for a light controlled pedestrian crossing with a second letter to Main Roads WA to underline the Town of Cottesloe's support for the crossing.

The following provides a chronology to this issue:

- In September 2008 the Student Pedestrian Policy Unit of Main Roads WA Police coordinated a meeting of stakeholders to discuss student crossing of Stirling Highway near McNeil Street. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Town of Cottesloe, the Department of Education and Training, PLC, the Traffic Warden State Management Unit (TWMSU) and the Children's Crossing and Road Safety Committee (CC&RSCU). The Shire of Peppermint Grove was not invited to attend the meeting.

This meeting resolved to write to the Shire of Peppermint Grove regarding the possible closure of the median strip on the McNeil Street and Stirling Highway intersection.

It also resolved to investigate MRWA's recommendation to install solar powered Wig Wag lights on Stirling Highway.

Guarded crossing flashing signals (Wig Wag lights) are used to identify to motorists that there is a guarded crossing approaching. The alternating flashing lights only switch on (automatically) during the AM and PM school peak times. The signals flash continuously during those times to provide warning but do not require traffic to stop. That function remains the role of traffic wardens (crossing guards).

- In October 2008 the Shire of Peppermint Grove sought advice from traffic consultant Porter Consulting Engineers. who recommended that MRWA be requested to provide further information about traffic and crash data. They also recommended that the Children's Crossing and Road Safety Committee be asked to provide information on the following:
 - Details about safety concerns
 - Why solar powered wig wags have not been explored further

- Why the crossing was not recommended for relocation further south on Stirling Highway to alleviate congestion around the Stirling Highway/McNeil Street intersection
- In April 2009 MRWA advised that their preferred position is to fund and install Wig Wag lights but not in isolation and would be happy to work with the Shire to identify additional complementary road safety solutions.
- In July 2009 Porter Consulting Engineers provided the Shire with a Concept Plan for traffic treatments at the Stirling Highway/McNeil Street intersection which included some road widening together with installation of the Wig Wag lights proposed by MRWA.

Porters have advised the Shire that in their opinion this is the safest option for pedestrian crossing which supports the Main Roads WA position. The arguments for Wig Wag lights as opposed to Pelican Lights are:

- Wig Wags provide a high level of warning to motorists that they may be required to stop.
- They do not constantly stop traffic along Stirling Highway
- They are controlled by Traffic Wardens and therefore considered safer for school children
- Pelican signals when used infrequently are not as effective in ensuring compliance by motorists to stop
- The number of pedestrians desiring to cross Stirling Highway may not meet with the MRWA warrants to justify installation of Pelican signals

There is no further record of discussion between parties in relation to this proposal.

- In August the Shire received a request from PLC to support pelican lights rather than the proposed Wig Wag lights. The Chief Executive Officer has met with PLC's Director of Operations to discuss this issue.

PLC provides the following arguments to support their position:

- Students cross Stirling Highway outside the hours programmed for Wig Wag lights (standard school hours)
- Wig Wag lights do not stop traffic
- Wig Wag lights require traffic wardens which are becoming harder to source

SUMMARY

It is clear that all parties are committed to improve the safety of children and other pedestrians crossing Stirling Highway, particularly near McNeil Street where PLC students cross. The point of contention is the type of pedestrian control that should be implemented

with PLC wishing to stop traffic via Pelican Lights at any time that pedestrians are crossing, and Main Roads WA and the Shire of Peppermint's Engineering Consultant's recommending Wig Wag lights (and possibly some road widening at the intersection to address other road safety issues).

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

Installation of Wig Wag signals only has been agreed to be funded by Main Roads WA in their letter of 3 April 2009. Funding for any other works will need to be sought from Main Roads WA, a grant funding application, or Shire resources.

Recommendation

That:

- (a) Presbyterian Ladies College be advised that the Shire of Peppermint Grove is committed to supporting any initiatives that improve pedestrian safety on Stirling Highway;
- (b) Presbyterian Ladies College and Main Roads WA be advised that the Shire of Peppermint Grove supports road modification to the Stirling Highway/McNeil Street intersection and the installation of Wig Wag lights as recommended by the Shire's consulting traffic engineers;
- (c) Presbyterian Ladies College and Main Roads WA be advised that the Shire is willing to work collaboratively with all stakeholders in determining the safest solution for a pedestrian crossing adjacent to McNeil Street on Stirling Highway.

CLOSURE