

SHIRE OF
WESTONIA
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Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia

Thursday 19th December 2024

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 20th February 2025 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19th December 2024.

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Cr RM Crees
Shire President

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STRATEGIC COMMUNITY

SNAPSHOT

PLAN

2018-2028

CORE DRIVERS

1. Relationships that bring us tangible benefits (to the Shire and our community)
2. Our lifestyle and strong sense of community.
3. We are prepared for opportunities and we are innovative to ensure our relevancy and destiny.

OUR VALUES

Respect – We value people and places and the contribution they make to the Shire.

Inclusiveness – Be receptive, proactive, and responsive.

Fairness and Equity – Provide services for a variety of ages and needs.

Communication – Create opportunities for consultation with the broad community.

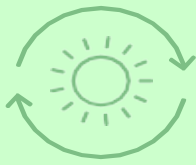
OUR VISION

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MISSION

Provide leadership and direction for the community.

ECONOMIC



Support growth and progress, locally and regionally...

Efficient transport connectivity in and around our Shire.

- Continue to utilise our Road Management Plan, which incorporates a road hierarchy, minimum service levels and maintenance policy.
- RAV Ratings and Shire boundaries are consistent across local government boundaries.
- Lobby and build enduring partnerships with key Government Departments to improve Great Eastern Hwy.
- Actively participate in the Secondary Freight Network group.
- Develop and implement a Road Asset Plan highlighting key funder and strategic partnerships to support sustainability.
- Develop a Gravel Reserve Policy which identifies future gravel reserves and recognises cost to local government.
- Educate road users about road safety and driving on gravel roads.
- Optimal and safe use of our plants and equipment assets.
- Ensure that appropriate RAV vehicles traverse correct RAV routes.
- Maintain our airport with a view to improvements to meet commercial and recreational aviation needs.

Facilitate local business retention and growth.

- Council recognises the opportunity of partnering with Westonia Progress Association, works closely and supports them to help achieve their economic development projects and our strategic goals.
- Council continue to have a role in facilitating the presence of a Co-op in our community.
- Enhance local economic activity by supporting the growth of tourism in our Shire and region including applying for funding to improve tourist facilities.
- Improve our online tourism presence.
- We forward plan to improve the economic diversity in our community.
- In partnership with Council, the mine develops long term business plans for current mine assets.
- Investigate options for multipurpose accommodation if vacancies arise in mine accommodation.

SOCIAL



Provide community facilities and promote social Interaction...

Plan for community growth and changing demographics.

- Develop the Town Planning Scheme.
- Plan and develop residential and industrial land.
- Community safety and ease of access around town is a priority.
- Our lifestyle, facilities and sense of community is promoted.
- The CEACA project continues to expand the number of universally designed dwellings in our town.
- We support our emergency services.
- We enable visiting health professionals to our community.
- The Community Resource Centre receives external funding to provide preventative health and community development initiatives to the community.
- We facilitate healthy and active ageing in place
- Our cemetery is well presented.

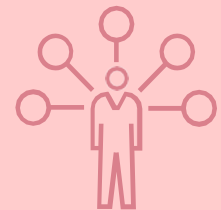
Our community has the opportunity to be active, socialised and connected.

- We collaborate and encourage active engagement in local clubs and community initiatives that support a healthy lifestyle.
- Investigate motor sport opportunities around the Shire.
- Preserve and celebrate our local history.
- Support our volunteers and clubs to remain strong, dynamic, and inclusive.
- Encourage lifelong learning.
- Children and youth have active and social opportunities.
- Continue to provide high standard and accessible shire facilities.
- Retain and expand Westonia's unique tourism experience.

Natural spaces are preserved and bring us value.

- Sustainably manage our reserves and open spaces.
- Participate in best practice waste management.
- Work collaboratively to meet legislative compliance with managing weeds and pests as well as our environmental health standards.
- Investigate renewable energy generation technologies.

GOVERNANCE



Continually enhance the Shire's organisational capacity to service the needs of a growing community...

Be progressive and capture opportunities.

- Be open to local productivity/ best practice and cost saving opportunities locally and regionally.
- Investigate joint resourcing and tendering
- Advocate and develop strong partnerships to benefit our community.
- Be prepared by forward planning our resources and focusing on continuous improvement.
- Identify risks and opportunities after the life of the mine.

The community receives services in a timely manner.

- Meet our legislative and compliance requirements.
- Work towards optimal management of our assets.
- Work to develop Councillor and staff skills and experience to provide career and succession opportunities within the Shire.
- Inside and outside staff are multi skilled to understand the business of local government and provide a seamless service to the community.
- Communicate and engage with our community regularly.

Financial resources meet the ongoing needs of the community.

- Seek external funding for significant capital improvements that deliver upon our strategic objectives.
- Investigate ways to reduce reliance on operational grants given the current State and Federal Government priorities.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President, Cr Crees welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 3.30pm.

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Cr RM Crees	<i>Shire President</i>
Cr RA Della Bosca	<i>Deputy Shire President</i>
Cr DL Geier	
Cr WJ Huxtable	
Cr A Faithfull	
Cr DL Simmonds	

Staff:

Mr. AW Price	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>
Mrs JL Geier	<i>Deputy Chief Executive Officer</i>

Members of the Public:

Nil

Apologies:

Nil

Approved Leave of Absence:

Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.35PM – 3.50PM)

NIL

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21st November 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Della Bosca	Seconded:	Cr Simmonds
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01/12-24	That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21st November 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record
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CARRIED 6/0

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the WEROC annual meeting held on Thursday 28th November 2024 be accepted.

That the minutes of the WEROC Board meeting held on Thursday 28th November 2024 be accepted.

That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2024 be accepted.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Della Bosca	Seconded:	Cr Faithfull
02/12-24	That the minutes of the WEROC annual meeting held on Thursday 28 th November 2024 be accepted.		
	That the minutes of the WEROC Board meeting held on Thursday 28 th November 2024 be accepted.		
	That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on Thursday 14 th November 2024 be accepted.		

CARRIED 6/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:

WEROC annual meeting held on Thursday 28th November 2024

WEROC Board meeting held on Thursday 28th November 2024

Seniors Sundowner held on Thursday 5th December 2024

Annual Exit Meeting with Auditor General on Tuesday 17th December 2024

Deputy President, Cr Della Bosca advised having attended the following meetings:

Nil

Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:

Medical Team annual Xmas Dinner 9th December 2024

Annual Exit Meeting with Auditor General on Tuesday 17th December 2024

Councillor Simmonds advised having attended the following meetings:

Nil

Councillor Faithfull advised having attended the following meetings:

Tidy Towns Awards November 29th November 2024

Seniors Sundowner held on Thursday 5th December 2024

Councillor Huxtable advised having attended the following meetings:

Nil

8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Financial** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **19th December 2024**.

Name/Position	
Item No./Subject	
Nature of interest	
Extent of Interest	

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Closely Association Person and Impartiality** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **19th December 2024**.

Name/Position	
Item No./Subject	
Nature of interest	
Extent of Interest	



In accordance with Section 5.60B and 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Proximity. interest** were made at the Council meeting held on **19th December 2024**.

Name/Position	
Item No./Subject	
Nature of interest	
Extent of Interest	

9. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

9.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

9.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – NOVEMBER 2024

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.1 List of Accounts
Signature:	Officer  CEO 

Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

Accounts for payment are presented to Council in the interests of accountability and provide information on Council expenditure.

Background

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. A Local Government is to develop procedures for the authorisation of, and payment of, accounts to ensure that there is effective security for, which money or other benefits July be obtained.

Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of November 2024 The credit card/ Fuel Card statements currently show: -

MasterCard Transactions

CEO November 2024 \$2,804.93 associated with the purchase of Bendigo - Card Fee, 1049451 Cloud Anti Spam Recurring1038203 Office 365 Exchange online Plan Monthly Recurring1047021 Microsoft 365 Business Basic Recurring Monthly Active8me internet service1049449 Managed Endpoint & Subscriptions Recurring1038283 - Microsoft 365 Business Std Recurring Starlink - CEO Internet - August Welding Solutions - Camlock fan spray x3 Bunnings - HD 25m Extension Cord Western Power - Power connection 41 Granite St Pelican Point -OWT - Car Wash

DCEO November 2024 \$1,668.56 associated with the purchase of Bendigo - Card Fee, Main Roads Dept - Oversize Permits Westonia Tavern - Luncheon Dropbox Subscription Westonia Shire - Licensing Mercure Hotel - Staff Training Adobe - Acrobat Pro Subscription Kmart - Senior Xmas Bonbons Interest

Fuel Card Transactions

CEO Nil
DCEO November 2024 \$179.90
Construction Supervisor November 2024 \$87.38

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulations 12 & 13 requires the list of accounts to be presented to Council. Payments are made by staff under delegated authority from the CEO and Council.



Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to payment of accounts.



Strategic Implications

Accounts for payment are presented to Council in the interests of accountability and provide information on Council expenditure.



Financial Implications

Expenditure in accordance with the 2024/2025 Annual Budget.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That November 2024 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD4331 to DD4352 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT7227 to EFT7282 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$412,438.44 be passed for payment.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Faithfull

Seconded:



Cr Huxtable

03/12-24

That November 2024 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD4331 to DD4352 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT7227 to EFT7282 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$412,438.44 be passed for payment.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY– NOVEMBER 2024

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity
Signature:	Officer  CEO 

Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is a record of Council’s activities and financial performance during the reporting period.

Background

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Comment

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending November 2024 is attached for Councillor information, and consists of:

1. Statement of Financial Activity
2. Statement of Financial Position
3. Note 1 Basis of Preparation
4. Note 2 Statement of Financial Activity Information
5. Note 3 Explanation of Material Variances
6. Supplementary information

Statutory Environment

General Financial Management of Council
Council 2024/2025 Budget
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996
Local Government Act 1995 section 6.4

Policy Implications

Council is required annually to adopt a policy on what it considers to be material as far as variances that require to be reported for Council. Council policy is that the material variation be set at \$10,000 and 15%.

Strategic Implications

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is a record of Council’s activities and financial performance during the reporting period.

Financial Implications

There is no direct financial implication in relation to this matter.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending November 2024 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Simmonds

04/12-24 That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending November 2024 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

CARRIED 6/0



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$13,694.00 for the period ending November 2024 adopted.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Geier

Seconded:

Cr Faithfull



05/12-24

That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$13,694.00 for the period ending November 2024 adopted

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.4 NEW LOAN PROCEEDS – MUSEUM EXPANSION PROJECT

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, DCEO
File Reference:	F1.7.2
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

Signature:	Officer		CEO	
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Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider approval of a new loan from Treasury for the sum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) over a ten-year term for the purposes of Museum Expansion Project..

Background

As per recommendation of the Council at the June meeting Council resolved to purchase the Antique Fuel Industry Museum Display being offered exclusively to the Council by M & M Cooper. Council also resolved as part of its Budget Adoption process to construct a purpose-built space adjacent to the Council Administration Offices to house the collection.

When adopting the budget Council were of the opinion that the project is a multi-generational project for the community and that Loan Funds be sourced to assist in its construction.

Comment

Council have already indicated in the 2024/25 financial year budget that a portion of the project will be funded by loan proceeds, so there is no requirement for the Council to give public notice of the intended borrowing.

A quotation was received from Treasury for the proposed new loan proceeds for the sum of \$ 600,000 over a ten-year term. Details for the loan schedule have been presented to the meeting.

The funds are to assist the Council in completing the Museum project as per Council’s Strategic Plan.

Statutory Environment

S6.20 of the Local Government Act and Regulation 50 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

Funds to assist in the construction of the new Museum

Financial Implications

Council budget has allowed \$ 850,000 for the Museum Expansion Project with provision of new loan proceeds of \$ 600,000 to assist in its total costs.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council proceed to draw down new loan proceeds of \$ 600,000 as per the quotation received from the WA Treasury Corporation for a term of 10 years for the purposes of the Museum Expansion Project.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Huxtable

Seconded:

Cr Simmonds


06/12-24

That Council proceed to draw down new loan proceeds of \$ 600,000 as per the quotation received from the WA Treasury Corporation for a term of 10 years for the purposes of the Museum Expansion Project

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

9.1.5 2025 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	A2.4.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	CEO



Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is to set Council meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year and provide public notice as per *Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*

Background

Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 requires a local government to at least once a year give local public notice of the dates, time and place of:

- a) Ordinary Council meetings; and
- b) Committee meetings that are required under the Act to be open to members of the public or that are proposed to be open to members of the public; that are to be held in the next twelve months.

Comment

Council's current policy on Council Meetings states that, "A Councillors forum will be held at 1.00pm before each Ordinary Council Meeting and Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held on the third Thursday of each month not including January, commencing at 3.30pm in the Shire of Westonia Council Chambers."

In accordance with the current policy ordinary meetings of Council are to be held in 2025 as follows:-

Ordinary Council meetings:	
February - Thursday 20 th	March – Thursday 20 th
April - Thursday 17 th	May – Thursday 15 th
June - Thursday 19 th	July – Thursday 17 th
August - Thursday 21 st	September–Thursday 18 th
October - Thursday 16 th	November–Thursday 20 th
December - Thursday 18 th	

with all meetings commencing at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, Wolfram Street, Westonia.

The Audit Committee meetings is at this stage proposed to be determined as required and will be duly advertised.

Statutory Environment

Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

Policy Implications

Council Policy 1.1

Strategic Implications

Nil

 **Financial Implications**

Nil

 **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the following meeting schedule for 2025 be advertised in accordance with the requirements of legislation:-

Ordinary Council meetings:

February - Thursday 20th

April - Thursday 17th

June - Thursday 19th

August - Thursday 21st

October - Thursday 16th

December - Thursday 18th

March – Thursday 20th

May – Thursday 15th

July – Thursday 17th

September–Thursday 18th

November–Thursday 20th

with all meetings commencing at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, Wolfram Street, Westonia.

The Audit Committee meeting is at this stage proposed to be determined as required and will be duly advertised.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Faithfull

Seconded:

Cr Della Bosca

07/12-24

That the following meeting schedule for 2025 be advertised in accordance with the requirements of legislation:-

Ordinary Council meetings:

February - Thursday 20th

April - Thursday 17th

June - Thursday 19th

August - Thursday 21st

October - Thursday 16th

December - Thursday 18th

March – Thursday 20th

May – Thursday 15th

July – Thursday 17th

September–Thursday 18th



November–Thursday 20th

with all meetings commencing at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, Wolfram Street, Westonia.

The Audit Committee meeting is at this stage proposed to be determined as required and will be duly advertised.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.6 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Jasmine Geier, DCEO	
File Reference:	CA1.3.2	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council adoption of the Audit Report and Management Letter for the 2023/24 financial year as per recommendation from the Audit Committee.

Background

Council adoption of the Annual Report for the 2023/2024 financial year is required as per recommendation from the Audit Committee.

The Shire of Westonia auditors have completed the Annual Audit for the financial year ending 30th June 2024 as per the Local Government Act 1995 as amended and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Comment

The 2023/24 audit timeline included field work from the 21st to 24th October 2024. An exit meeting was held on the 17th December 2024. The Auditor's Opinion was subsequently issued on 18th December 2024. Part 7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* deals with matters specific to the conduct of local government audit. Section 7.12A requires that a local government do the following amongst other things:

- Examine the audit report.
- Determine if any matters raised by the audit report, require action to be taken;
- Ensure that appropriate action is taken in respect of those matters;
- Prepare a report addressing any matters identified as significant by the auditor in the audit report, and stating what action the local government has taken or intends to take with respect to each of those matters;
- Provide a copy of that report to the Minister within 3 months after the audit report is received by the local government; and
- Within 14 days after a local government gives a report to the Minister, the CEO must publish a copy of the report on the local government's official website.

Following acceptance of the Annual Report by Council, Council is required to hold a general meeting of electors within 56 days. At least 14 days local public notice must be given of an electors meeting. The Annual Electors Meeting must be held prior to 20th February 2025, noting that the February Council meeting is the 20th February 2025.

Statutory Environment

Part 7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* applies to audit in local government.

After the annual financial report has been audited, the CEO is to sign and append to the report a declaration. A copy of the annual financial report is then to be submitted to the Departmental CEO within 30 days of the receipt by the local government's CEO of the auditor's report on that financial report.



Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter.



Strategic Implications

Nil



Financial Implications

Nil



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council accepts the recommendation from the Audit Committee, being:

1. Adopts the Annual Financial Report for the Financial Year 2023/24;
2. Adopts the Annual Report for the 2023/24 Financial Year inclusive of the above as presented.
3. Adopts the Audit Report for 2023/24 Financial Year.
4. Adopts the Management Report for the 2023/24 Financial Year; and
5. Advertises Annual Elector's Meeting be held on (Thursday 20th February 2025) commencing at (6.30pm) in the Old Miner Hall

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Della Bosca **Seconded:** Cr Geier

- 08/12-24** That That Council accepts the recommendation from the Audit Committee, being:
1. **Adopts the Annual Financial Report for the Financial Year 2023/24;**
 2. **Adopts the Annual Report for the 2023/24 Financial Year inclusive of the above as presented.**
 3. **Adopts the Audit Report for 2023/24 Financial Year.**
 4. **Adopts the Management Report for the 2023/24 Financial Year; and**
 5. **Advertises Annual Elector's Meeting be held on (Thursday 20th February 2025) commencing at (6.30pm) in the Old Miner Hall**

CARRIED 6/0

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS

9.2.1 MUSEUM ARTICLES PURCHASE – SIGNING OF CONTRACT

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Contract Between Cooper & Shire of Westonia
Signature:	Officer CEO

Bill Price

Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to authorise the Shire President & CEO to sign the Asset Sale Agreement between Council and M & M Cooper for the purchase of the Antique Fuel Industry Museum Display.

Background

Council is aware of its investigations into the opportunity of acquiring an additional Museum Collection that will complement the existing and extremely successful Hood Penn Museum. With the likelihood that the Edna May Gold Mine is going into care and maintenance, the Council are keen to ensure that Westonia remains relevant and have identified that tourism is a sustainable economic driver for the local economy.

Westonia currently is a highly regarded and desirable destination for travellers due to its excellent Tourist Park facilities, the unique townsite Facades including the Hood Penn Museum, its state-of-the-art recreational amenities and its natural rock destinations.

An expansion of our extremely rare and unique Museum collection will further promote and market Westonia and attract greater numbers of visitors to our region.

A grant application has been submitted to Lotterywest to assist in some components of the project with the balance of the funds to come from the Community Development Reserve and/or loan proceeds as the investment is considered an intergenerational project.

Comment

At the June 24 ordinary meeting, Council resolved the following

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Faithfull **Seconded:** Cr Huxtable

14/06-24 That Council resolve to purchase the Antique Fuel Industry Museum Display being offered exclusively to the Council by M & M Cooper for the sum of \$ 500,000, with an allocation to be made in the 2024/25 Financial budget with funds being sourced from either Community Development Fund and/or Loan Proceeds.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 4/0

Council has also since adopted its 24/25 Budget committing to the Museum Expansion Project.

As required a Asset Sale Agreement for the collection has been drafted and is now ready for execution by both parties.

Statutory Environment

S 3.57 Local Government Act 1995

Regulation 11(F) of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Economic – Enhance local economic activity by supporting the growth of tourism in our shire and region.

Economic - Forward plan to improve the economic diversity in our community.

Social – retain and expand Westonia’s unique tourism experience.

Financial Implications

Allocation made in the 2024/25 Financial Budget of \$ 850,000 for the total Museum Expansion Project.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council authorise for the Shire President & CEO to sign the Asset Sale Agreement between Council and M & M Cooper for the purchase of the Antique Fuel Industry Museum Display.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Della Bosca

Seconded:

Cr Simmonds


09/12-24

That Council authorise for the Shire President & CEO to sign the Asset Sale Agreement between Council and M & M Cooper for the purchase of the Antique Fuel Industry Museum Display.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

9.2.2 MAARLI RANGER SERVICES – LOCAL AREA RESERVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Local Area Reserve Management Agreement
Signature:	Officer CEO



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider entering into an agreement with Maarli Ranger Services for Local Area Reserve Management.

Background

Council is aware at the previous concept briefing having received a presentation from Michael Hayden Jnr who is Managing Director of the Maarli Services organisation.

Maarli Services have been successful in obtaining both State & Federal funding to establish a Ranger Services program that employs Njaki Njaki Noongar people providing services to the region. Council have provided previously in-principle support for their funding applications.

The Maarli Rangers have been established for a while now and have formal arrangements with DBCA but have yet to formalise agreements with the local government authorities.

The Shire of Westonia have been provided with a copy of a draft agreement for consideration. (Refer Attachment)

Comment

The purpose of the agreement is to set out what the Maarli Rangers are prepared to offer by way of ranger duties at both the Council managed Elachbutting and Baladjie Nature Reserves within the shire boundaries.

These services are offered at no cost to the Council, but Maarli Rangers are interested in being involved in any capital type projects at the sites (i.e. camp site restorations) which would be at an agreed arrangement between the parties.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Having a formal agreement with the Maarli Rangers setting out areas of responsibilities on the care of the identified shire nature reserves.

Financial Implications

No direct financial cost with the signing of the agreement.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council consider entering into an agreement with Maarli Ranger Services for Local Area Reserve Management.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Geier

Seconded:

Cr Faithfull

10/12-24


That Council consider entering into an agreement with Maarli Ranger Services for Local Area Reserve Management

CARRIED 6/0

9.3 WORKS AND SERVICES

9.3.1 SHIRE OF MUKINBUDIN – ROAD PROJECT TENDER

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	ES1.7.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	CEO



Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse the Tender submitted to the Shire of Mukinbudin's Secondary Freight Network Capital Road Project.

Background

As shared with Councillors via out of session email the Council have submitted a tender to the Shire of Mukinbudin's Secondary Freight Network Capital Road Project which involves the reconstruction of a 5.4km section of the Nungarin North Road.

Both the Construction Supervisor and I felt that the timing and content of the project would have been a good fit in conjunction with our Warralakin reconstruction project.

The tender closing date was Monday 9th December so an out of session consensus was obtained from the Council with formal endorsement of the submission at today's meeting.

Comment

Councillors have been provided a summary of the details of the submission for information.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Economic – Actively participate in the Secondary Freight Network Group.

Financial Implications

Depending on the outcome of the Tender Award.


Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

9.3.2 WALGOOLAN HALL DEMOLITION

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Letter to Walgoolan residents

Signature:	Officer	CEO
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Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to resolve to progress with the demolition of the Old Walgoolan Hall with historical signage to be placed for remembrance at the site.

Background

Council as part of its budget consideration have made an allocation for the demolition of the Old Walgoolan Hall. The building has been derelict for many years and is highly unlikely ever to be considered for restoration.

Prior to Council making its final decision on the Hall and as requested correspondence has been forwarded to the Walgoolan pioneer families requesting comments or submissions on the proposal and if there are any strong objections.

A copy of the letter written to the public is attached for Council information.

The closing date for the submissions is 13th December 2024

Comment

At the close of submissions Council has not received any written formal responses but has received several verbal responses advising that the Hall is too far gone for any recovery and support the Council's intentions to demolish and clean up the site.

All respondents favour that the Hall be remembered by some historical signage marking the site.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Council have made an allocation of \$ 15,000 for the demolition works at the site.

Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

Nil

10. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

11. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY A DECISION OF THE MEETING

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday schedule 20 February 2025 commencing at 3.30pm.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President, Cr Mark Crees wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year declared the meeting closed at 4.07pm