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Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia
Thursday 20th June 2024

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 18th July 2024 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 20th June 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.

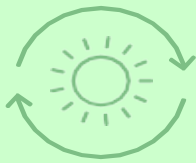
OUR VISION

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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.

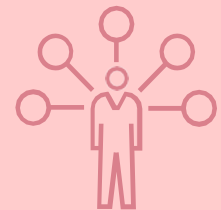
Our community has the opportunity to be active, socialised and connected.

- 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.

A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for the following persons who have recently passed away:

- Mr Kevin Lindley
- Miss Pauline Daddow

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Cr RM Crees *Shire President*
Cr DL Geier
Cr WJ Huxtable
Cr A Faithfull

Staff:

Mr.AW Price *Chief Executive Officer*
Mrs JL Geier *Deputy Chief Executive Officer*

Members of the Public:

Apologies: Cr DL Simmonds

Approved Leave of Absence: Cr RA Della Bosca

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 16th May 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier **Seconded:** Cr Faithfull

01/06-24 That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16th May 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 4/0

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the WEROC CEO Committee meeting held Monday 11th June 2024 be accepted.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Huxtable

02/06-24 That the minutes of the WEROC CEO Committee meeting held Monday 11th June 2024 be accepted.

CARRIED 4/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:

- RDA Board meeting held on 12th June 2024
- Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held 13th June 2024
- Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG) Board Meeting held 4th June at 4 PM.

Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:

- WNE SRRG meeting held in Mukinbudin on Tuesday 23rd April.

Councillor Faithfull advised having attended the following meetings:

- Warm Water Pool Fund Raising Committee Meeting held 19th June 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 **20th June 2024**.

Name/Position	Mr Bill Price - CEO
Item No./Subject	9.1.11 Chief Executive Officer Appraisal
Nature of interest	Financial Interest
Extent of Interest	CEO is the officer in question

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 **20th June 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 **20th June 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 – MAY 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 June be obtained.

Comment

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

MasterCard Transactions

CEO May 2024 \$1,781.53 associated with the purchase Medical Supplies, Blood Letting Bag 8 pack and Freight, WT0456 Change of Plate, Semi Trailer Transfer, Donga Unit Fit out, Cutlery, Crockery, Utensils, Glassware for Units and Dongas @ Westonia School site, Computer Support, 1047021 - Microsoft 365 Business Basic Recurring, Computer Support, 1038203 - Office 365 Exchange Online Plan Recurring WT111 Change of Plate, Cloud Anti Spam, 1049451 - Cloud Anti Spam Recurring, CEO Internet, Starlink Internet Service Permit, Application for new permit to clear native vegetation fee770WT License, Interim License 1m 12d Internet, Activ8me Internet service Feb - June, Donga Fitout, Northam Betta Home Living - 2 x Sunbeam Multi function oven & air fryer, Red Dot - Grip liner non slip mat Uniforms, Cadds Fashions - Uniform CEO IT Support, 1038283 - Microsoft 365 Business Std NCE recurring - Feb-Jun Server support, 1049449 - MBAM Managed Endpoint & Subs recurring - Feb-Jun, 1049450 - MBAM Managed Endpoint & subscriptions Recurring and Card Fee & Interest Charges.

DCEO May2024 \$2448.49 associated with the purchase of Caravan Park Manchester, Shower Curtain (Big W), Donga Manchester, 4 x Queen Quilt cover sets Donga Manchester, 6 x Queen Sheet sets, WT111 License, 12 Month Registration for new Hilux, Donga Fitout, Four Compartment Satchet Holder Donga Fitouts, 1.7L SS Kettles, 25L SS Microwaves, Refund Vacuum Spot – Vacuum Cleaner Bags and Card Fee & Interest Charges.

Fuel Card Transactions

CEO May 2024 \$0.00

DCEO May 2024 \$238.40 associated with the purchase Diesel Fuel

Construction Supervisor May 2024 \$ 280.42 associated with the purchase Diesel Fuel

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 2023/2024 Annual Budget.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That May 2024 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers from DD4126 to DD4153 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT6878 to EFT6943 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$455,164.78 be passed for payment.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Faithfull

Seconded:



Cr Huxtable

03/06-24

That May 2024 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers from DD4126 to DD4153 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT6878 to EFT6943 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$455,164.78 be passed for payment.

CARRIED 4/0

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY– MAY 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 May 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 2023/2024 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

9.1.4 POLICY MANUAL REVIEW

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, DCEO
File Reference:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	9.1.6 Policy Manual

Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The Purpose of the Report is that Council reviews the current Human Resources/Staff policies, makes changes and adopts the policies contained within the Policy Manual.

Background

Council consideration in adopting Council’s Policy Manual last reviewed in April 2022. To complete an annual review and update the Council Policy Manual. Each Quarter Council will review a different Section of our Current Policy Manual in question for March being **Human Resources/ Staff** policies

Comment

Council’s Policy Manual was last reviewed in April 2022. The objectives of the Policy Manual are:

- to provide Council with a formal written record of all policy decisions;
- to provide staff with precise guidelines in which to act in accordance with Council’s wishes;
- to enable staff to act promptly in accordance with Council’s requirements bur without continual reference to Council;
- to enable Councillors to adequately handle enquiries from electors without undue reference to the staff or Council;
- to enable Council to maintain a continual review of Council policy decisions and to ensure they are in keeping with community expectations, current trends and circumstances; and
- to enable ratepayers to obtain immediate advice on matters of Council Policy.

A copy of the Policy Manual is attached which includes any new policies adopted by Council since the last review.

The Chief Executive Officer will provide comment on existing and future policies prior to the meeting.

Councillors are requested to also review the policies and advise the CEO of any requested changes.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 2.7(2)(b) Role of Council.

A key role of Council is to determine the local government’s policies.

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 5.42 Delegation of some powers and duties to CEO.

In order for the CEO to carry out the duties and tasks contained within the policy, appropriate delegations need to be in place.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Regulations 5 and 11.

Policy Implications

Review of Council Policies

Strategic Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications in relation to his item

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council reviews the current Human Resources/Staff policies, makes changes and adopts the policies contained within the Policy Manual.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Faithfull **Seconded:** Cr Geier


06/06-24 That Council reviews the current Human Resources/Staff policies, makes changes and adopts the policies contained within the Policy Manual.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 4/0

9.1.5 WALGA CONVENTION & AGM 2024

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	A2.8.5
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

Signature:	Officer	CEO
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Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

Advice from WALGA of the 2024 Annual General Meeting and Local Government Week 2024 Conference. Council is to resolve who will be attending the conference.

Background

Details have been received (attached to the agenda) from WALGA for the 2024 Local Government Week Convention and the Annual General Meeting.

The conference is to be held at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre. The format for 2024 is summarised as per the following

Tuesday, 8 October 2024

Mayors and Presidents Forum 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Welcome Drinks - Hosted in Exhibition Pavilion 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Wednesday, 9 October 2024

Heads of Agency Breakfast 6:30am - 8:45am

Opening Segment/Welcome to Country 9:00am

Premier's Address TBC 9:20am

President's Address - Cr Karen Chappel AM JP 9:50am

Convention Keynote Speaker 10:05am

Morning Tea - Served in Exhibition Pavilion 11:00am

Minister's Address TBC 11:30am

State of Play - Facilitated by Gareth Parker 11:45am

Supporting Keynote Speaker 12:45pm

Lunch - Served in Exhibition Pavilion 1:30pm

WALGA Annual General Meeting 2:30pm

Cocktail Gala - Venue to be announced soon 6:30pm - 10:30pm

Thursday, 10 October 2024

Icons Breakfast 7:00am - 8:45am

Federal Minister's Address TBC 9:30am

Collaborative Panel Session 10:00am

Opposition Leader's Address TBC 11:00am

Morning Tea - Served in Exhibition Pavilion 11:15am

Breakout Sessions 11:45am

Lunch - Served in Exhibition Pavilion 1:15pm

ALGA President's Address 2:15pm

Closing Keynote Speaker 2:30pm

Registrations close 1 September 2024.

Council requires delegates with voting entitlements for the WALGA Annual General Meeting, generally the President and Deputy if they attend.

In addition to the convention WALGA have provided formal notice of the Annual General Meeting and are seeking member motions.

This year there are also opportunities for professional development throughout the whole week of the conference. Elected Members can enrol for courses on the attached forms.

Comment

It is recommended that a firm commitment be obtained from Councillors of who wishes to attend the convention either at the June meeting or in the week following the meeting to allow early registration. All registrations will be undertaken by Management, Councillors are requested not to progress with registration on line as indicated within the brochure.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

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

Strategic Implications

Financial Implications

A committed provision within the 2024/2025 budget must be made for all costs associated with attendance to the conference.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That

1. Cr's Geier, Faithfull, Crees, DellaBosca and the DCEO attend the 2024 WA Local Government Convention.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Huxtable

Seconded: Cr Faithfull


07/06-24 That

1. **Cr's Geier, Faithfull, Crees, DellaBosca and the DCEO attend the 2024 WA Local Government Convention**

CARRIED 4/0

9.1.6 LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS WA INQUIRY SUBMISSION

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Copy of Submission
Signature:	Officer CEO



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's endorsement of its signatory to the Inquiry into the Export Control Amendment (Ending Live Sheep Exports by Sea) Bill 2024.

Background

An Inquiry into the Export Control Amendment (Ending Live Sheep Exports by Sea) Bill 2024 was announced on 04 June 2024. The Bill would amend the Act to:

- prohibit absolutely the export from Australia of live sheep by sea on and after 1 May 2028;
- ensure that offences and civil penalties apply to a failure to comply with the prohibition on the export of live sheep by sea;
- allow the export of live sheep by air to continue;
- allow the export of all other livestock, by sea or by air, to continue (including the export of live cattle); and
- provide authority for Commonwealth spending to assist individuals, businesses and communities in relation to preparing for, or adapting or responding to the phasing out of the export of live sheep by sea, including sheep producers and sheep supply chain businesses.

Comment

The deadline for submissions to the Inquiry are required by 11 June 2024. Due to the short timeframe to prepare submission, the Shire of Pingelly has taken leadership to prepare a comprehensive submission at a statewide scale. (Please see this submission attached).

To add weight to this submission, and as directed by the Council out of session, Council has agreed to be a signatory to the submission as an affected Council.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications

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

Strategic Implications

Sound Financial management practises by reserving funds for future project initiatives.

Financial Implications

Nil.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council endorse its signatory to the Inquiry into the Export Control Amendment (Ending Live Sheep Exports by Sea) Bill 2024.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Geier

Seconded:

Cr Huxtable

08/06-24


That Council endorse its signatory to the Inquiry into the Export Control Amendment (Ending Live Sheep Exports by Sea) Bill 2024.

CARRIED 4/0

9.1.7 RESERVE TRANSFERS

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

Signature:	Officer	CEO
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Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council’s endorsement for the transfer of funds from the Reserve account to the Municipal Fund which are financing current and future projects.

Background

Council in its annual budget makes considerations for the transfer of funds to and from the Reserve account depending on the immediate and/or long-term needs of the Municipal budget or projects at hand.

The 2023/24 budget made recommendation for the following net transfers between accounts.

Plant Reserve	\$ 110,000 from Reserve to Muni
Swimming Pool Reserve	\$ 400,000 from Reserve to Muni
Building Reserve	\$ 600,000 from Reserve to Muni
Community Dev Reserve	\$ 150,000 from Reserve to Muni.

Comment

These figures were set at the commencement of last year’s budget and with a full year of operations I am recommending that the following transfers between accounts take place. Plant Reserve and Community Dev Reserve has already been processed in December 2023 to the Muni Fund Account when we transferred our funds from Bankwest to Bendigo Bank. It is recommended that the other 2 budget transfers be processed being

Swimming Pool Reserve	\$ 400,000 from Reserve to Muni
Building Reserve	\$ 600,000 from Reserve to Muni

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications

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

Strategic Implications

Sound Financial management practises by reserving funds for future project initiatives.

Financial Implications

Transfer of \$ 1,000,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Municipal Fund accounts which are financing a current capital project.



Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council make the following transfers between the Municipal Fund and the Reserve Fund

Swimming Pool Reserve \$ 400,000 from Reserve to Muni

Building Reserve \$ 600,000 from Reserve to Muni

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Huxtable

09/06-24 That Council make the following transfers between the Municipal Fund and the Reserve Fund


Swimming Pool Reserve \$ 400,000 from Reserve to Muni

Building Reserve \$ 600,000 from Reserve to Muni

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 4/0

9.1.8 COMMUNITY BANK MUKINBUDIN - GRANT

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



Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council’s acceptance of the Community Bank Mukinbudin grant of \$ 35,000 towards the Warm Water Pool project.

Background

The Community Bendigo Bank Mukinbudin contributes funds annually to community groups for a variety of projects that have a wide benefit to the local community.

The Council made an application for funds to assist in the construction of the Warm Water Pool Project at the Leisure Hub at the Old Primary School.

The Community Bank have advised that the application was successful for the amount of \$ 35,000.

Comment

The Community Bank have provided a grant agreement for signature and I recommend that Council accept the grant offer and conditions.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

Social – provide community facilities and promote social interaction.

Financial Implications

\$ 35,000 income towards the Warm Water Pool Project proposed for the 1024/25 financial year.

Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

9.1.9 SALE OF LAND LOT 112 GRANITE STREET – REFUND P LANE

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	
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 consider refunding the purchase price for prior sale of Lot 112 Granite Street to Mr Peter (Bill) Lane.

Background

Council have been selling land via a Conditional Land Release arrangement to help promote population growth and development within the townsite.

Council, at its February 23 meeting resolved to sell lot 112 Granite Street Westonia to Mr P (Bill) Lane with the intention to construct a light industrial shed minimum of 150m² as primary purpose with a small caretaker's residence as secondary use.

Below is a map illustrating the lot in question.



Comment

Since the conditional sale of Lot 112 Granite Street, Mr Lane has subsequently purchased two (2) other properties within the Westonia townsite and does not intend to develop the said lot.

Normally the conditional land release sales are non-refundable to the purchaser if they have not met their condition of developing the lot within the required timeframe, but as Mr Lane has invested in other properties within the townsite, it is recommended that a refund be granted to Mr Lane and that the lot be made available for future prospective developers.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

A refund of \$ 5,000 from the conditional land release program.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve refunding the purchase price for prior sale of Lot 112 Granite Street to Mr Peter (Bill) Lane.

RESOLUTION



Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Faithfull

11/06-24 That Council approve refunding the purchase price for prior sale of Lot 112 Granite Street to Mr Peter (Bill) Lane.

CARRIED 4/0

9.1.10 DIFFERENTIAL RATES 2024/2025

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, DCEO
File Reference:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.7 Differential Rates Submission Received
Signature:	Officer  CEO 

Purpose of the Report

For Council to consider the submissions received following advertising of the proposed differential rates for 2024/2025 financial year.

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

Background

Council supported the differential rates in the dollar and minimums proposed for the 2024/2025 financial year and advertised the proposed rates for a 21 day comment period closing on Friday 7th June 2024. Council are then required to seek Ministerial approval for proposing to impose a Mining GRV differential rate that is more than twice the lowest rate.

May 2024 Resolution:

RESOLUTION

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- | | | | |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Moved: | Cr Faithfull | Seconded: | Cr Huxtable |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|
- 07/05-24** **That Council:**
- Reviews and adopts the statements in relation to**
 - Objects and Reasons for implementing a Differential Rate 2024-25**
 - Statement of Rating Information 2024-25**
 - Support the following differential rates in the dollar and minimum payments for the GRV and UV rated properties, subject to finalisation of the 2024-25 draft budget:**

Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$
GRV General	8.3833	370.00
GRV Mining	23.538	370.00

- Seek the Minister for Local Government’s approval to impose differential general rates more than twice the lowest rate; and**
- That Council publicly advertises its intention to impose differential rates, pursuant to section 6.36 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995 and invites public submissions for a period of twenty-one days; and**
- That Council consider any submissions in respect of imposition of differential rates as part of the 2024-25 Budget deliberations.**

CARRIED by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

Community/Stakeholder Consultation

An advertisement on the 17th May 2024 was included in the public notice section of the Newspaper circulated in the district as well as being located on the public notice board at the Shire office and the Shire website. The community will have 21 days to make submissions. (5.00pm on Friday 7th June 2024)

Comment

The Local Government Act 1995 provides for Councils to levy rates to fund the estimated annual budget deficiency for the forthcoming financial year.

The estimated budget deficit for the 2024/2025 financial year has not yet been finalised, as the detailed budget estimates covering various expense and revenue items are currently being prepared. At present, the amount required from rates to fund the outcomes of the draft budget is in excess of the rate increase proposed of 5%. Staff is revising the draft budget and service levels and are looking at all avenues to reduce the gap, including alternative revenue sources.

In the past Council has adopted rates that are more than twice the minimum differential rate and must therefore seek Ministerial approval, as required by the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995. The Department of Local Government has been scrutinising Council's differential rating strategy each year and may request modifications to be made, if they are not satisfied that the rating strategy is fair and equitable.

It must be understood the purpose of this Agenda Item is to set an estimated Differential Rate so a request can be sent to the Minister after advertising and seeking submissions from the electorate. Invariable the actual rate amount set may differ from the estimate once the valuations have been received from Landgate for the next financial year. However the legislations allows these rate in dollar amounts to be adjusted to reflect the actual valuations by making notation in the Shires Adopted Budget and on the Rate Notices sent out. Such notation is to explain the reason for the difference between the advertise Differential Rate and that impose being due to valuation adjustments from Landgate. The actual Rate Revenue raised will not differ significantly.

The table below shows the rate categories for 2024/2024 and the rate in cents and minimum amounts; GRV Rate Category

Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$
GRV General	8.3833	370.00
GRV Mining	23.538	370.00

Statutory Environment

Under section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council is required to give local public notice of the intention of Council to impose differential rates, or a minimum payment under a differential rate category. Local public notice includes publishing in a newspaper circulating in the district, exhibiting on the notice board of the local government office, and exhibiting on the notice board of the library inviting submissions in respect of the following information, for a minimum of 21 days;

- Details of each rate or minimum payment the local government intends to impose,
- Invitation for submissions to be made in respect of the proposed rate or minimum payment and any related matters.

Policy Implications

There are no policies relating to this matter.

Strategic Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

The Shire's principle source of income is through rates. It is an essential part of the budget process that the Council consider the level of rates that need to be raised in the context of funding the annual budget. It must also be noted that as other income, such as fees and charges are fixed by external legislation, there is very little scope for the Shire to increase this revenue source to keep up with the rising costs of service provision, therefore, these increasing costs must be borne by increases in rates.

The Shire has until 31 August each year to adopt the Annual Budget, as the Shire is a growing organisation and as such we are heavily reliant on receiving rates income to fund our operations, including salaries. With this in mind, setting the level of rates for advertising and allowing the adoption of the annual budget in June, after the close of the advertising period, is a very high priority to enable rates notices to be issued. The Shire prepares its cash flow based on starting to receive rate payments in late August each year.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council

1. Acknowledge the submissions received in regards to the proposed “Rate in the Dollar” for the 2024/2025 financial year. (Nil Submissions Received)
2. Advise that the Council has reviewed the expenditure requirements and considered efficiency measures during budget deliberations (Long Term Financial Plan Review) and consider that the rates as advertised are required.
3. Request the CEO to seek Ministerial approval to raise rates under Section 6.33 of the *Local Government Act 1995* no more than the “Rate in the Dollar” that was advertised except for the amended mining rate category.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Geier

Seconded:

Cr Huxtable

12/06-24

That Council

1. **Acknowledge the submissions received in regards to the proposed “Rate in the Dollar” for the 2024/2025 financial year. (Nil Submissions Received)**
2. **Advise that the Council has reviewed the expenditure requirements and considered efficiency measures during budget deliberations (Long Term Financial Plan Review) and consider that the rates as advertised are required.**
3. **Request the CEO to seek Ministerial approval to raise rates under Section 6.33 of the *Local Government Act 1995* no more than the “Rate in the Dollar” that was advertised except for the amended mining rate category.**

CARRIED 4/0


In accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, the meeting is closed to the members of the public for this item as the following sub-section applied:

a) a matter affecting an employee or employees

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995 the following disclosures of Financial interest are to be made by Bill Price -CEO

Bill Price declared an Financial Interest in item 9.1.11 CEO is the officer in question and left the meeting at 4.11pm

9.1.11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPRAISAL

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

Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to review and endorse the CEO's performance review as per the requirements of S 5.38 & 5.39 of the Local Government Act, 1995 as well as establish the next reporting period KPI's.

Background

The CEO was appointed to his position in January 2022. Annual Performance Reviews are required to be conducted in June of each year. As endorsed previously the CEO Performance Evaluation template was shared with Councillors for consideration and evaluation.

As the matter deals with the Personal Affairs of the CEO, Council will meet behind closed doors to discuss the review outcomes which has been conducted by survey monkey by all Councillors. The President and Councillors will then present the outcomes of the review and provide comment to the Chief Executive Officer.

As part of the review, it is a requirement that Council give consideration to the following contract items.

- Leadership
- Councillor Relations
- External Relations, including customers and stakeholders
- Organisation Management
- Planning
- Financial Management.

Comment

Council has carried out the performance review of the Chief Executive Officer and Council is now required to resolve any amendments to the contract.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995, section 5.38 – Council is required to review the performance of the CEO at least once each year.

Policy Implications

The CEO Performance Review is undertaken in accordance with the Council’s Policy.

Strategic Implications

Effective Staff Performance

Civic Leadership - Manage the organisation in a responsible and accountable manner.

Financial Implications

Negotiation of contract Remuneration package.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council adopt the 2023/24 Annual Review of the CEO as per the requirements of Section 5.38 and 5.39 of the Local Government Act 1995 and that Council endorse the Key Performance Criteria for the ensuing 2024/25 period as presented.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Faithfull

Seconded:

Cr Geier

13/06-24

That the Council adopt the 2023/24 Annual Review of the CEO as per the requirements of Section 5.38 and 5.39 of the Local Government Act 1995 and that the Key Performance Criteria for the ensuing 2024/25 period be adopted after budget considerations and endorsed at the next meeting.

CARRIED 4/0

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS

9.2.1 MUSEUM ARTICLES PURCHASE

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Call for Submissions - Advert
Signature:	Officer CEO



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to resolve to purchase the Antique Fuel Industry Museum Display being offered exclusively to the Council by M & M Cooper.

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.

Council has recently undertaken a community survey titled 'Shaping our Future' with results and feedback overwhelmingly supportive of Tourism promotion initiatives, particularly a museum expansion. The results of the survey have previously been analysed by the Council.

It is estimated that the total cost of the redevelopment project will be in the vicinity of \$ 800,000. This will include the extension and full make for purpose renovation of the Carport façade, connectivity to the administration building, installation of electrical, CCTV security and air conditioning and the procurement of the proposed museum articles for the space.

It is intended that a grant application be 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

As resolved at the last ordinary meeting, Council advertised the proposed Museum Expansion and Procurement Project calling for public submissions closing 12 June to be considered at today's meeting.


At the close of submissions Council has not received any written responses although there has been numerous verbal positive feedback on the proposal.

M & M Cooper have offered exclusively the Antique Fuel Bowser Collection to the Council for a sum of \$ 500,000 which is considered a significant concessional price in comparison to its estimated actual value.

Council does not consider the purchase will be contravening the Tender Legislation with purchases over \$ 250,000, as the collection is considered to be of a unique nature with only one potential supplier as per Regulation 11(F).

9.2.2 BRENDA NEWBEY – COLLECTION OF SEED AUTHORITY

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



Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is to consider providing permission for Brenda Newbey to collect Native Flora within the Town Common managed by the shire.

Background

Brenda Newbey, local resident, is seeking Council's permission to collect native seed from the Town Common under management order to the Shire of Westonia.

Her intentions are

'Since living part time in Westonia I have become interested in the native flora and have taken photos of many of the flowering plants. I have worked on identifying them using various references and finally checking each ID in the State Herbarium in Kensington. There are likely to be at least 300 species. So far I have completed identifying about 110 species but I have not begun to compile an index as a resource.

My plan: I would like to make a publicly available (online) photo index of the flowering plants of the Westonia Common.

There is an elaborate blog of Esperance and surrounds flora species with photos and detailed text. Merredin has a comprehensive list of plants of the Merredin Shire with only a few photos. Many WA plant species have a small range so each shire has a flora which partly overlaps with its neighbours but is also distinctive. The index I have in mind could possibly be a blog with photos and text but on a smaller scale than the Esperance one.

It is not always possible to make an ID with photos alone and comparing dried specimens would be better. Sometimes it would be necessary to pick a plant specimen as it's too windy to photograph it successfully where it grows. I would not always be able to ID a plant and would need to consult a professional botanist for which a specimen would be necessary. I have a digital microscope which also takes photos. I'll be able to make more use of it for identifications if I am able to pick plant parts.

If specimens are duplicated for the Westonia collection, then this collection could be updated and expanded and perhaps made more accessible to interested residents and visitors.

I am not a qualified botanist but studied Botany for a year at UWA and was married to a field botanist from whom I learnt how to manage plant specimens. I had a licence to take flora for about 3 years about 25 years ago, at that time I was employed to collect and identify plants as part of projects on rare birds.'

The Council has granted this organization permission in the past under normal conditions.

Comment

Council has granted permission before to several entities with the following conditions.

- All persons collecting native seed are licenced according to the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and will abide by the conditions of this licence.
- Permission is for a twelve-month period, commencing June 2024.
- Appropriate hygiene measures will be followed at all times to prevent the spread of plant disease and weeds.

- All care will be taken to avoid the disturbance of fauna habitat.
- All care will be taken to avoid any disturbance that may lead to soil degradation; and
- That a database of the flowering plants of the Westonia Common be made available to the Council for public information.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

There are no policies relating to this matter.

Strategic Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

N/A

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council authorise Brenda Newbey to collect native seed from the Town Common under management order to the Shire of Westonia in accordance with the conditions set out below.

- All persons collecting native seed are licenced according to the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and will abide by the conditions of this licence.
- Permission is for a twelve-month period, commencing June 2024.
- Appropriate hygiene measures will be followed at all times to prevent the spread of plant disease and weeds.
- All care will be taken to avoid the disturbance of fauna habitat.
- All care will be taken to avoid any disturbance that may lead to soil degradation; and
- That a database of the flowering plants of the Westonia Common be made available to the Council for public information.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier **Seconded:** Cr Faithfull


15/06-24 That Council authorise Brenda Newbey to collect native seed from the Town Common under management order to the Shire of Westonia in accordance with the conditions set out below.

- All persons collecting native seed are licenced according to the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and will abide by the conditions of this licence.
- Permission is for a twelve-month period, commencing June 2024.
- Appropriate hygiene measures will be followed at all times to prevent the spread of plant disease and weeds.
- All care will be taken to avoid the disturbance of fauna habitat.
- All care will be taken to avoid any disturbance that may lead to soil degradation; and
- That a database of the flowering plants of the Westonia Common be made available to the Council for public information.

CARRIED 4/0

9.2.3 E-SCAPES ENVIRONMENTAL – COLLECTION OF SEED AUTHORITY

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



Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is to consider providing permission for E-Scapes Environmental to collect Native Flora within the shire boundaries.

Background

E-Scapes Environmental is seeking Council’s permission to collect native seed from Reserves under management order to the Shire of Westonia.

The Council has granted this organization permission in the past under normal conditions.

Comment

Council has granted permission before to several entities with the following conditions.

- All persons collecting native seed are licenced according to the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and will abide by the conditions of this licence.
- Permission is for a twelve-month period, commencing June 2024.
- Appropriate hygiene measures will be followed at all times to prevent the spread of plant disease and weeds.
- All care will be taken to avoid the disturbance of fauna habitat.
- All care will be taken to avoid any disturbance that may lead to soil degradation; and
- There be a requirement to donate to the Shire of Westonia, 10% of all seed from each species collected within the shire. This will go towards rehabilitation projects in the shire.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

There are no policies relating to this matter.

Strategic Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

N/A

Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council authorise E-Scapes Environmental to collect native seed from reserves under management order to the Shire of Westonia in accordance with the conditions set out below.

- All persons collecting native seed are licenced according to the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and will abide by the conditions of this licence.
- Permission is for a twelve-month period, commencing June 2024.
- Appropriate hygiene measures will be followed at all times to prevent the spread of plant disease and weeds.
- All care will be taken to avoid the disturbance of fauna habitat.
- All care will be taken to avoid any disturbance that may lead to soil degradation; and
- There be a requirement to donate to the Shire of Westonia, 10% of all seed from each species collected within the shire. This will go towards rehabilitation projects in the shire

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Huxtable

16/06-24

That Council authorise E-Scapes Environmental to collect native seed from reserves under management order to the Shire of Westonia in accordance with the conditions set out below.


- **All persons collecting native seed are licenced according to the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and will abide by the conditions of this licence.**
- **Permission is for a twelve-month period, commencing June 2024.**
- **Appropriate hygiene measures will be followed at all times to prevent the spread of plant disease and weeds.**
- **All care will be taken to avoid the disturbance of fauna habitat.**
- **All care will be taken to avoid any disturbance that may lead to soil degradation; and**
- **There be a requirement to donate to the Shire of Westonia, 10% of all seed from each species collected within the shire. This will go towards rehabilitation projects in the shire**

CARRIED 4/0

9.3 WORKS AND SERVICES

9.3.1 DISPOSAL OF ASSETS SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS

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



Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the sale of the 2019 Stonestar Water Tanker and 2014 Freightliner Prime Mover that were surplus to Council needs.

Background

Council has several assets that are surplus to requirements and were advertised for public sale through the usual channels over the last few months.

- 2014 Freightliner Coronado Prime Mover. (this item has had 3 public tender advertisements previously with no interest shown)
- 2019 Stonestar Semi steel water tanker.

Comment

Both items of plant were advertised extensively with little interest originally shown. Last week Council has received an offer for each item being

Freightliner - \$ 65,000 plus GST

Stonestar - \$ 67,500 plus GST

After discussion with Councillors out of session these offers have since been accepted.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Funds from the proceeds of the sale of assets.


Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

9.4.1 SURRENDER MANAGEMENT RESERVE 2168 – WARRACHUPPIN TANK

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	ES1.5.7.2 Warrachuppin Water Tank
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil
Signature:	Officer CEO



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's resolution to indemnify the State of Western Australia in relation to the proposed management order of Reserve 2168 Warrachuppin Water Catchment & Tank.

Background

Council would be aware of their earlier resolution in December 2023 to accept the management control of Reserve 2168 Warrachuppin Water Catchment & Tank from the Water Corporation on an as is basis

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage has been reviewing a request relating to the proposed grant of a Management Order in favour of the Shire of Westonia over Reserve 2168, being Lot 345 on Deposited Plan 203241. Water Corporation will be removed as the Responsible Agency and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage will be appointed.

Reserve 2168 is within the Marlinyu Ghoorlie native title claim area. Native title continues to exist but be made subject to the Management Order by operation of the non-extinguishment principle pursuant to subsection 24KA(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993*. A memorial will be placed on the Crown land title stating that native title has been suppressed. Any future change to the use or any request to add power to lease will require an ILUA.

The current purpose of Reserve 2168 is 'Watering Place' however 24KA of the NTA lists specific uses for the land in order for 24KA to apply. In order to ensure compliance 'Well' may be a more appropriate purpose for the Reserve. The letter from Water Corporation refers to a pioneer well that is located near the tank.

Comment

Prior to issuing the management order the Department also requires the Council resolve to indemnify the Department against compensation liability. Suggested wording for the indemnity is as follows:

The Shire of Westonia agrees that it will indemnify and keep indemnified the State of Western Australia, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Minister for Lands and hold them harmless from and against all liabilities, obligations, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind including, without limitation, compensation payable to any party under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) which may be imposed on, or incurred by the Indemnified Parties relating to or arising by directly or indirectly from the grant of a management order over Reserve 2168 for the purpose of 'Well'.

Statutory Environment

S24KA(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

Policy Implications

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

Strategic Implications

Strategic water source in Warrachuppin for land user and Council use.

Financial Implications

Future maintenance costs of the Warrachuppin Water Tank in future budgets.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council agrees that it will indemnify and keep indemnified the State of Western Australia, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Minister for Lands and hold them harmless from and against all liabilities, obligations, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind including, without limitation, compensation payable to any party under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) which may be imposed on, or incurred by the Indemnified Parties relating to or arising by directly or indirectly from the grant of a management order over Reserve 2168 for the purpose of 'Well'.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Huxtable

18/06-24

That this agenda item lay on the table until further investigations and information is provided and reviewed.

CARRIED 4/0

Social – provide community facilities and promote social interaction.

Financial Implications

\$ 10,000 income towards the construction /Enclosure of the Roofed Basketball at the Leisure Hub at the Old Primary School Project proposed for the 2024/25 financial year.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council accept the Australian Men’s Shed Association (AMSA) grant of \$ 10,000 to assist in the construction /Enclosure of the Roofed Basketball at the Leisure Hub at the Old Primary School and authorise the signing of the agreement.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Huxtable

20/06-24

That Council accept the Australian Men’s Shed Association (AMSA) grant of \$ 10,000 to assist in the construction /Enclosure of the Roofed Basketball at the Leisure Hub at the Old Primary School and authorise the signing of the agreement.

CARRIED 4/0

11.1.2 VALUATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS FOR 30 JUNE 2024

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	F1.10.4
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 receive the report from Asset Infrastructure Management (AIM) who have prepared a valuation for its infrastructure assets. The project included the inspection of a number of asset classes to update and/or verify the Shire's recorded inventory and condition data.

Background

The purpose of this valuation is to provide appropriate information for financial reporting and asset management purposes. The project also compares the valuation with the immediate previous one (where available) and discusses the reasons for any change.

The valuation has been prepared exclusively by Mr Ben Symmons from Asset Infrastructure Management (AIM). AIM is a specialist Asset Management consultancy who are also currently a WALGA preferred supplier.

The valuation was prepared at logical component levels for each asset. All inventory data used for the valuation has been sourced from the Shire's asset databases, with AIM validating the accuracy of this data in May 2024. As such, the data represents the most accurate available.

Comment

It is recommended that Council reviews the received version of the infrastructure valuation as drafted by the Shire's consultants Ben Symmons in preparation for infrastructure Revaluation on 30 June 2024.

Statutory Environment

Regulation 17A(4)(a) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment and AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement.

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Governance – work towards optimal management of our assets

Financial Implications

This will impact the Revaluation Surplus on Council's Infrastructure Assets in the Annual Financial Report.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council receive the report from Asset Infrastructure Management (AIM) on infrastructure Revaluation at 30 June 2024 and adjust our financial reports accordingly

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Faithfull

Seconded: Cr Huxtable

21/06-24 That Council receive the report from Asset Infrastructure Management (AIM) on infrastructure Revaluation at 30 June 2024 and adjust our financial reports accordingly.

CARRIED 4/0

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday schedule 18th July 2024 commencing at 3.30pm.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President, Cr Mark Crees declared the meeting closed at 5.01pm