



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

To be held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia

Thursday 16th May 2024

Commencing 3.30pm

Dear Councillors,

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Westonia will be held on 16th May 2024 the Council Chambers, Wolfram Street, Westonia.

Lunch – 1.00pm

Concept Meeting – 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Afternoon Tea – 3.00 pm –3.30 pm

Council Meeting – 3.30 pm

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

14 May 2024



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SHIRE OF WESTONIA
A vibrant community lifestyle

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.

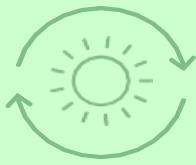
OUR VISION

A vibrant community lifestyle

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.

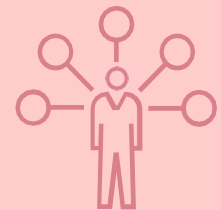
Our community has the opportunity to be active, socialised and connected.

- 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.

Shire of Westonia: -
A vibrant community lifestyle.



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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 Simmonds	
Cr DL Geier	
Cr WJ Huxtable	
Cr A Faithfull	

Staff:

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

Members of the Public:

Apologies:

Approved Leave of Absence:

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 18th April 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the WEROC CEO Committee meeting held Monday 15th April 2024 be accepted.

That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held Thursday 11th April 2024 be accepted.

That the minutes of the WEROC Board meeting held Thursday 9th May 2024 be accepted.



WEROC Inc. CEO Committee Meeting

Monday 15 April 2024

Merredin Shire Council Chambers

MINUTES

WEROC | Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils

Incorporating the Shires of Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Westonia, Tammin and Yilgarn

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WEROC Inc.

Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc.

Shires of Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Tammin, Westonia, Yilgarn

Minutes of the CEO Committee Meeting held in Merredin on Monday 15 April 2024.

MINUTES

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As per item 1.6.3 of the WEROC Inc. CEO Committee Terms of Reference, *the CEO of the WEROC Inc. Member Council corresponding with the incumbent Chair of the WEROC Inc. Board, will be the Chair of the Committee.*

The Shire of Merredin is currently the Chair of the WEROC Inc. Board and therefore also the Chair of the CEO Committee. Mr. John Merrick who is acting in the position of CEO of the Shire of Merredin is not an elected Member of the WEROC Inc. Board, and therefore deferred to one of the others CEO's present to Chair the meeting.

Mr. Raymond Griffiths was nominated to Chair the meeting.

Mr. Griffiths welcomed Members and opened the meeting at 9.10am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2.1 Attendance

Mr Raymond Griffiths, CEO Shire of Kellerberrin

Mr. John Merrick, Acting CEO Shire of Merredin

Mr Darren Mollenoyux, CEO Shire of Bruce Rock

Mr Bill Price, CEO Shire of Westonia

Ms Joanne Soderlund, CEO Shire of Tammin

Mr Nic Warren, CEO Shire of Yilgarn

Ms Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer WEROC Inc.

2.2 Apologies

Nil

2.3 Guests

Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As per Clause 42 of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015, *"a member of the management committee of an incorporated association who has a material personal interest in a matter being considered at a management committee meeting must, as soon as the member becomes aware of the interest, disclose the nature and extent of the interest to the management committee"*.

Name	Agenda Item / Initiative	Disclosure
Mr. Darren Mollenoyux	General disclosure	Mr. Mollenoyux advised that his wife works for REED so any discussion on childcare

		<p>services could present a potential conflict. Mr. Mollenoyux also advised that he will be joining 150 Square consulting when he leaves the Shire of Bruce Rock and therefore any discussion regarding the engagement of a consulting service could present a potential conflict.</p>
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4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Attachment 1. WEROC Inc. CEO Committee Meeting Minutes 13102022

The Minutes of the previous WEROC Inc. CEO Committee Meeting held in Kellerberrin on Thursday 13 October 2022, were presented at the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on 21 November 2022 and confirmed as a true and correct record as per the below resolution:

RESOLUTION: **Moved:** Mr. Darren Mollenoyux **Seconded:** Mr. Bill Price

That the Minutes of the WEROC Inc. CEO Committee Meeting held in Kellerberrin on Thursday 13 October 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 WEROC Futures Discussion

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 1 April 2024

Attachments: *Attachment 2. WEROC Futures Discussion Summary Report*
Attachment 3: Funding Map

Financial Implications: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

At the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held on 29 November 2023, a staged approach to the discussion on future priorities for WEROC was agreed and is outlined below:

Activity	Timeframe
Initial discussion with all WEROC Board Members to identify expectations of WEROC and to discuss what has been working well to date and what can be improved in future.	29 November 2023
Shire survey to identify social, economic, and operational priorities and challenges.	January - February 2024
WEROC CEO Committee meeting to discuss common pain points and opportunities for collective action.	22 February 2024 (deferred to 15 April 2024)
WEROC Inc. Board to agree on priorities and actions for WEROC over the next 1 – 5 years.	Board Meeting on 6 March 2024 (deferred to 8 May 2024)

Executive Officer Comment:

A summary of the input provided through the initial discussion and Shire survey is provided as an attachment.

The purpose of today’s discussion is to delve deeper into some of the common challenges and discuss potential resolutions and opportunities for collaborative action. The input provided will help guide the Board in determining the priorities and actions for WEROC over the near to medium term.

Some questions to consider in advance of the meeting and to prompt discussion during the meeting are provided below:

- 1) What other (i.e., not already captured in the survey) operational constraints or challenges are limiting progress for your Shire?
- 2) What other contextual constraints or challenges are limiting progress (economic, social, environmental) in the region?
- 3) What are the strengths or assets of the WEROC region that we should be trying to leverage?
- 4) What are the most impactful things WEROC can do to tackle these challenges or capitalize on these strengths/assets?
- 5) What current funding opportunities could WEROC collectively or individual Local Governments look to capitalise on (refer to Attachment 3)?

Recommendation:

That the CEO Committee discuss and agree on recommended future focus areas and actions for consideration by the WEROC Inc. Board.

Comments from the meeting:

Operational constraints/challenges and possible focus areas for WEROC:

- The cost of financial management software used by Local Governments is escalating. There may be an opportunity to save on costs through joint tendering.
 - The 4WDL group of councils undertook a joint tendering process recently. Ms. Joanne Soderlund offered to investigate their approach further and report back to the group.
 - Mr. Darren Mollenoyux advised that he may be able to get an example of a tender for financial software from the Midwest.
 - In order to proceed with this initiative, it would be necessary to first establish what joint functions are required and then create a working group to set up a common chart of accounts.
 - It was suggested that a meeting of finance officers from the respective Shires would be a good first step and the Shire of Merredin would be happy to host.
- Shire resources are stretched and attracting and retaining staff is a continual challenge.
 - It was discussed that while some functions can be outsourced, others (e.g., Governance and Compliance) are becoming increasingly important in-house.
 - A regional compliance officer that supports staff in each of the Shire’s may be worth considering.
 - Progression of a pro forma template for Public Health Plans to support WEROC Local Governments in meeting this requirement is recommended. The Shire of Bruce Rock have already completed theirs and can provide insight into the process.

Economic constraints/challenges and possible focus areas for WEROC:

- Leveraging large-scale development projects in the region (e.g., mining and windfarms) could be a focus for WEROC.
- WEROC could campaign/advocate for a mandate that any new large-scale developments must contribute to a community investment fund. There are examples from other States (e.g., NSW and QLD) that could be followed.

- It may be worthwhile paying a consultant to develop a local planning policy for differential land use rating for wind farms, etc.
- Housing remains one of the biggest challenges. The outcome of the application to the Growing Regions Program for the joint housing project involving some of the WEROC shires is still not known. If this is not successful there are not many other funding avenues available.
- There may be merit in proposing a model whereby the State Government fund Local Governments to build housing on an agreement that for a defined term it is guaranteed for GROH and then released back to the Local Government for general rental.
- WEROC could invite the Minister for Planning, Lands, Housing and Homelessness (the Hon. John Carey) out to the region to discuss the above-mentioned housing and planning considerations.

Social constraints/challenges and possible focus areas for WEROC:

- The sustainability of childcare services in the region is tenuous. REED, who currently provide childcare services in Southern Cross, Merredin and Bruce Rock are constrained in their ability to expand, and some services are at risk, due to challenges in finding suitably qualified staff. Kellerberrin (which has a family daycare service at present) have tried to engage in a discussion with REED but they are not in a position to take on any additional towns.
 - There may be merit in exploring what models have been adopted in other regions.
 - WEROC could invite REED to a meeting to present on their future plans and current constraints.
- WEROC have an opportunity to capitalize on the Town Team funding and support available through our existing partnership.
 - Could potentially use the money allocated for a “Do-Over” event to activate the new Eastern Wheatbelt drive trail. For example, create an additional visitor attraction at each point on the trail (mural or other artwork), host a self-drive tour of the trail, or use the money for more promotional activities.

General comments:

- It was suggested that more frequent meetings of the CEO’s would help to identify and discuss common issues/concerns and enable better informed decision making at the whole of Board level.

6. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

NIL

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the WEROC Inc. Board will take place in Kellerberrin on Wednesday 8 May 2024. There are no further scheduled meetings of the WEROC Inc. CEO Committee at this time.

8. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.20am.

Great Eastern Country Zone Minutes

11 April 2024

Hosted by the Shire of Kellerberrin
Recreation and Leisure Centre
110 Massingham Street, Kellerberrin

Meeting commenced at 9.33am

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The following are provided as attachments to the Minutes

1. Item 5.1.1 Lotterywest presentation
2. Item 7.5 Water Corporation presentation

1 OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1 OPENING

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.33am.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

Shire of Bruce Rock

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

President Cr Ram Rajagopalan

Cr Stephen Strange (**State Council Representative**)

Shire of Cunderdin

President Cr Alison Harris

Mr Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Dowerin

President Cr Robert Trepp

Cr Darrel Hudson

Mr Aaron Wooldridge, A/Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Kellerberrin

Deputy President Cr Emily Ryan

Mr Raymond Griffiths, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Kondinin

Mr David Burton, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Koorda

President Cr Jannah Stratford

Mr Zac Donovan, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Merredin

President Cr Mark McKenzie

Deputy President Cr Renee Manning

Mr John Merrick, A/Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Mount Marshall

President Cr Tony Sachse (**Zone Chair**)

Mr Ben McKay, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Narembeen

President Cr Scott Stirrat

Cr Michael Currie (observer)

Shire of Nungarin

President Cr Pippa de Lacy

Mr Ric Halse, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Tammin

Deputy President Cr Tanya Nicholls

Ms Joanne Soderlund, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Trayning

President Cr Melanie Brown

Cr Mark Leslie (observer)

Ms Leanne Parola, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Westonia	President Cr Mark Crees Deputy President Cr Ross Della Bosca
Shire of Wyalkatchem	President Cr Owen Garner Cr Rod Lawson Kerr Cr Christopher Loton (observer) Cr Mischa Stratford (observer) Ms Sabine Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Yilgarn	President Cr Wayne Della Bosca Mr Nic Warren, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
GUESTS	
Water Corporation	Ms Rebecca Bowler, Manager Customer & Stakeholder – Goldfields & Agricultural Region
Wheatbelt Development Commission	Ms Renee Manning, Principal Regional Development Officer – Central East
Lotterywest	Lisa Jackson, Grants Development Manager
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT	Hon Steve Martin MLC, Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Mia Davies MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt
WALGA	James McGovern, Manager Governance & Procurement Meghan Dwyer, Executive Officer Governance

1.3 APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Shire of Bruce Rock	Mr Darren Mollenoyux, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Dowerin	Deputy President Cr Nadine McMorran
Shire of Mount Marshall	Deputy President Cr Nick Gillett
Shire of Mukinbudin	President Cr Gary Shadbolt Mr Dirk Sellenger, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Narembeen	Ms Rebecca McCall, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Nungarin	Deputy President Cr Gary Coumbe
Shire of Tammin	Cr Nick Caffell
Shire of Westonia	Mr Bill Price, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Yilgarn	Deputy President Cr Bryan Close
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT	Hon Martin Aldridge MLC, Member for Agricultural Region Hon Colin de Grussa MLC, Member for Agricultural Region

GUESTS

Main Roads WA
Regional Development
Australia WA

Department of Local
Government, Sport and Cultural
Industries

Mr Mohammad Siddiqui, Regional Manager Wheatbelt
Mr Josh Pomykala, Director Regional Development

Ms Samantha Cornthwaite, Regional Director Wheatbelt

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We, the Great Eastern Country Zone of WALGA acknowledge the continuing connection of Aboriginal people to Country, culture and community, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

5 GUEST SPEAKERS / DEPUTATIONS

5.1 SPEAKERS FOR THE APRIL ZONE MEETING

5.1.1 Lotterywest

Lisa Jackson, Grants Development Manager, made a presentation to the Zone on funding processes and any potential areas of support Lotterywest can offer to the Great Eastern Country Zone region.

The presentation is attached (Attachment 1)

Noted

6 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Members of the State Government in attendance were invited to provide a brief update on matters relevant to the Zone.

- Hon Steve Martin MLC, Member for the Agricultural Region
- Hon Mia Davies MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt

Noted

7 AGENCY REPORTS

7.1 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SPORT AND CULTURAL INDUSTRIES

Samanta Cornthwaite, Regional Director Wheatbelt, was an apology for the meeting.

The DLGSC report was submitted for the Zone.

Executive Officer comment:

WALGA has contacted the Department and are working with them to allocate attendance at some Zone meetings. The Zone requested if an officer from the Department is attending, they would prefer an officer from the Local Government portfolio.

Noted

7.2 WHEATBELT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Renee Manning, Principal Regional Development Officer

The Wheatbelt Development Commission report was submitted for information.

Noted

7.3 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA WHEATBELT

Josh Pomykala, Director Regional Development was an apology for the meeting.

The Regional Development report was submitted for the Zone.

The Zone expressed its congratulations to Ms Mandy Walker who was awarded the 2024 AgriFutures Rural Women's Award for her project to help Wheatbelt businesses participate in the defence industry supply chain. The Zone requested the Executive Officer send a letter of congratulations to Ms Walker.

Noted

7.4 MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Mohammad Siddiqui, Regional Manager Wheatbelt is an apology for the meeting.

The Main Road Western Australia report was submitted for the Zone.

Shire of Westonia informed that the Carrabin Roadhouse intersection with Great Eastern Highway, the condition of which was discussed at previous meetings, has been repaired.

Noted

7.5 WATER CORPORATION

Rebecca Bowler, Manager Customer and Stakeholder

A short presentation was given to the Zone (Attachment 2).

Ms Bowler informed that the Water Corporation Board is due to consider an internal review of the serious storm event of February 2024 with information likely to be provided to the next Zone meeting.

Noted

**The Zone adjourned for a short break at 11.18am.
The meeting recommenced at approximately 11.30am.**

8 MINUTES

8.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE MEETING HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2024

The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on 22 February 2024 have previously been circulated to Member Councils.

RESOLUTION

**Moved: Shire of Westonia
Seconded: Shire of Yilgarn**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone held on 22 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

8.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FROM THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE MEETING HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2024

8.2.1 Carriage Lighting – Rail Network

Background:

At the February Zone meeting, it was resolved that:

That the Zone Executive Officer request a comment from WALGA on their capacity to advocate for change, with an item to be prepared for the next Great Eastern Zone meeting.

Comment

The following comment has been provided by WALGA's Executive Manager Infrastructure:

WALGA is a stakeholder, but not leading advocacy to improve the conspicuity of trains. Further to the advice to the November Zone meeting the following activities have been undertaken:

- WALGA participated in a workshop and safety review of a trial installation of LED headlights, additional side and brow lighting to the existing locomotive fleet owned by CBH and operated by Aurizon. The workshop noted that this lighting is additional to required rail standards and focussed on potential risks of moving beyond current standards and risk mitigation actions.
- ALGA, representing the Local Government sector nationally, participated in the rail crossing safety roundtable in Brisbane in early March. Advocacy highlighted that with more than 20,000 level crossings intersecting roads and paths across the country, the safe system needs to deliver significantly more than public education and enforcement.

The Office of National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) is currently consulting on a draft [Code of Practice – Level Crossings and Train Visibility](#) as requested by the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers. This code of practice will set out best practice to the industry and is intended to be admissible in a proceeding as evidence of whether or not a rail operator has complied with a duty or obligation under the *Rail Safety National Law*. Consultation is open until Thursday 11 April.

WALGA does not have sufficient resources to prioritise development of a submission in the four week consultation period.

Noted

8.2.2 Medicare Rebate

Background

At the February Zone meeting, it was resolved that:

That the Zone Executive Officer write to Medicare / Services Australia and inform that the WALGA Great Eastern Country Zone is opposed to any change to the Medicare rebate for initial telehealth consultations with specialist doctors.

The Zone Executive Officer sent correspondence to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Committee (MRAC).

Comment

The MRAC acknowledged the Zone's correspondence and advised the following:

As the consultation process closed on 6 November 2023 your submission will be considered more broadly by the department and we thank you for taking the time to provide feedback.

For future updates on the progress of this and other MRAC reviews, please monitor the [MRAC Webpage](#) on the Department of Health and Aged Care website.

Noted

8.2.3 Great Eastern Country Zone Conference 2025

Background:

At the February Zone meeting, a Zone Conference Planning Subcommittee was established. Members of the committee are Cr Melanie Brown, Cr Jannah Stratford, Cr

Ram Rajagopalan, Cr Gary Shadbolt, Cr Tony Sachse, Cr Stephen Strange and Cr Mark Crees.

Comment:

The Zone secretariat will meet in early April with WALGA's Senior Adviser Events Michelle Dayman to initiate development of priority actions as agenda items for the initial meeting of the subcommittee.

Executive Officer comment

WALGA staff have met. An agenda for a meeting of the Subcommittee (TBC) will be prepared and distributed. An update and proposals for the Conference will be provide at the next Zone meeting.

Noted

8.3 MINUTES OF THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 2024

The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee meeting held on 2 April 2024 were submitted for the Zone.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Shire of Nungarin

Seconded: Shire of Cunderdin

That the Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee meeting held on 2 April 2024 be received.

CARRIED

8.4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 2024

8.4.1 WoWem Sundowner

Background

On March 15, Cr Alison Harris in partnership with other Members of the Great Eastern Country Zone, hosted a Sundowner for female councillors in the region; "Women of the Wheatbelt Elected Members Sundowner". At the February meeting of the Zone, it was resolved that a contribution up to the value of \$1,000 could be made to this event. No invoice has been received to date.

WALGA's communication team will be highlighting this event to the sector.

President Cr Harris provided the following update:

- Approximately 25 elected members attended.
- Positive feedback was received.
- There was interest in a meeting of the group at the LG Convention.
- Thanked the Hon Mia Davies, the Zone, and others, for their contributions to the event.

The Zone Executive Officer confirmed an invoice for \$625.00 is being processed for payment.

Noted

9 ZONE BUSINESS

9.1.1 Enhanced and Alternative Education Opportunities for Regional WA

The WALGA Secretariat requests consideration of the following item from the Great Southern Country Zone.

Background

The Great Southern Country Zone has written to the Minister for Education, Hon. Tony Buti MLA seeking support to prioritise increased State Government investment to improve regional education, including:

- Increased access to alternative programs for students disaffected by main-stream education, those at risk or who have specific learning needs, who may be disruptive, falling behind and at risk of failing to learn; providing these students with intensive support, active, empathic, and practical instruction, combined with health and other services to enable their success.
- Increased secondary education distance ATAR, VET and other WACE subject courses, if necessary supplemented by private providers, with qualified teacher mentoring and support provided in schools closest to students, supplemented with online access to subject specialist teachers to enable student success.
- Implement strategies to attract and retain quality teachers and subject specialists in remote communities, including:
 - Subsidised high standard GROH housing.
 - Increased financial bonuses, for remote locations and to encourage longer term retention.
- Providing sufficient GROH housing for State Government employees to reduce pressure on regional private rental availability and improve housing security for teachers and all Government service staff when transferring to regional locations.

The Great Southern Country Zone's call to action from State Government, seeks to reduce disadvantage for students living in regional Western Australia, so they can access the same quality educational opportunities available in metropolitan and regional centres, without need to attend boarding schools. In addition, these strategies will also deliver substantial economic and social benefit for regional communities.

Comment

If your region also experiences disadvantage in educational opportunities, the Great Southern Country Zone now seeks your consideration of the below recommendations and if the Great Eastern Country Zone accepts the recommendations below, then your Zone may use the above content to assist in developing your submissions.

The Great Southern Country Zone communicated with the Minister on the following matters:

- Supports the call to action to reduce regional disadvantage in educational opportunities;
- Agrees to write to the Minister for Education requesting action; and
- Requests the WALGA Secretariat to advocate to State Government on this matter.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Shire of Bruce Rock

Seconded: Shire of Kellerberrin

That the Great Eastern Country Zone:

- 1. Supports the call to action to reduce regional disadvantage in educational opportunities;**
- 2. Agrees to write to the Minister for Education requesting action; and**
- 3. Requests the WALGA Secretariat to advocate to State Government on this matter.**

CARRIED

9.1.2 Agricultural Land Use

WALGA has received a request from WEROC for a motion be presented to the GECZ for consideration.

Background

The Wheatbelt region is becoming an increasingly attractive place for investors seeking to decarbonise their operations and meet their environmental, sustainable and governance (ESG) obligations.

Project proponents are active in the region, seeking to develop projects across renewable energy (wind and solar farms), tree planting (for carbon offsets, biodiversity or nature repair credits, clearing offsets) and biofuel production. All are at various stages of development.

Without a coordinated or considered approach to settlement of those investments into the current predominantly agricultural landscape, there is a risk that poor outcomes may result for Wheatbelt communities, the economy and the environment.

Current Situation

This issue is not new and has been raised in zone meetings across the Wheatbelt region.

The 2023 WALGA State Council Annual General Meeting included a resolution that included referral to the WALGA People and Place Policy team for further work to be undertaken on:

5.2 Land Use Policy - that WALGA establish and promote policies to protect and prioritise the preservation of agricultural land against its displacement by non-agricultural activities that lead to a net reduction of the State's productive agricultural land.

In November 2023, the Avon Midland Zone resolved:

That the Zone recommends to the WA Local Government Association that in considering land use policy WALGA establish policies that provide local governments options to protect and prioritise the preservation of agricultural land against its displacement by non-agricultural activities that lead to a net reduction of the State's productive agricultural land.

At the February 2024 GECZ meeting, Cr. Crees spoke to item 9.4.1, where "Agricultural land use" was endorsed as a new strategic priority for the Zone. He noted concern about the impact of large scale land use change such as trees for carbon offsets on communities and the local economy.

Local government authorities in the Zone, including WEROC members are actively grappling with proponents seeking to undertake projects that will result in significant land use change across their Shires. Many of these land uses are driven by private and public decarbonisation ambitions.

Rather than individual local governments tackling this issue, WEROC proposes the Great Eastern Country Zone request WALGA to undertake investigation and provide advice to assist local governments in preparing to engage with proponents that helps minimise negative impacts and maximises positive outcomes for communities and the region.

Recommendation

That WEROC recommend to GECZ that WALGA;

1. In considering Agricultural Land Use, establishes and promotes policy templates to guide Local Governments for their individual adoption to protect and prioritise the preservation of agricultural land against its displacement by non-agricultural activities that lead to a net reduction of the State's productive agricultural land.
2. Within the Policy includes such uses but not limited to tree planting for offsets or carbon, renewable energy generation and transmission.
3. Investigates potential impacts to local government rates on rural land, that has approved long term tree planting for different purposes, for example but not limited to planting for carbon offsets, planting for clearing offsets, or planting for renewable fuels; and renewable energy investments.
4. Provides advice to local government on what Policies or Special Area Rates should be considered for the land affected.

Clarifying comments

As part of its investigation WALGA would consider:

- a) Land use change that relates to farmland where the primary purpose remains farming, but a portion of the land is used for renewable energy generation or tree planning,
- b) Land use changes that relate to farmland where the primary purpose becomes renewable energy generation or tree planting.

It is assumed for the purposes of this investigation that all rural land used for agriculture is considered "productive".

As part of its investigation WALGA will engage with Local Governments and landowners and work closely with agencies such as Department of Planning, Lands & Heritage, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Shire of Merredin

Seconded: Shire Westonia

That the Great Eastern Country Zone recommend that WALGA

1. In considering Agricultural Land Use, establishes and promotes policy templates to guide Local Governments for their individual adoption to protect and prioritise the preservation of agricultural land against its displacement by non-agricultural activities that lead to a net reduction of the State's productive agricultural land.
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4. Provides advice to local government on what Policies or Special Area Rates should be considered for the land affected.

CARRIED

9.1.3 Adoption of Policy and Advocacy Prioritisation Framework

By Kathy Robertson, Manager Association and Corporate Governance

Background

State Council uses a Policy and Advocacy Prioritisation Framework to guide discussion and decision-making on policy and advocacy issues. The Framework was developed in 2020 on the request of State Council to assist State Councillors in determining the priority of a particular issue relative to existing (and competing) policy and advocacy priorities.

The Framework (included below) utilises 11 criteria to sharpen thinking (e.g. the impact on the Local Government sector, the number of Member Local Governments affected, the level of support amongst the public or other stakeholders, etc.), and encourage decision-makers to consider the wider context and impacts of the issue before settling on a pathway forward.

The Great Southern Country Zone also adopted the Prioritisation Framework not long after it was developed in 2020.

Comment

It is proposed that all Zones consider adopting the Policy and Advocacy Prioritisation Framework as included below.

If the Zone were to adopt the Prioritisation Framework, Zone Delegates could use it to guide their decision-making when determining whether or not to request action or advocacy from WALGA on a particular issue (that is, sector-wide issues). Issues that are not sufficiently prioritised (that is, regional issues) could instead be dealt with at the Zone level (e.g. through direct advocacy efforts on behalf of the Zone).

The Prioritisation Framework could also be used by Zone Delegates when drafting Agenda items and motions on policy or advocacy issues, using the criteria as prompts for what kind of information to include.

The Prioritisation Framework does not remove the need for judgements to be made and is intended to *guide*, not replace, decision-making.

How to use the Framework:

- If the majority of the factors are towards the left column, the issue is a high priority.
- If the majority of the factors are towards the middle, the issue requires action, but is not a high priority.
- If the majority of the factors are towards the right column, the issue is a low priority.

Following prioritisation, an appropriate and proportionate policy and advocacy approach can be determined.

Impact on Local Government Sector Impact on Local Government sector without intervention	High	Medium	Low
Reach Number of member Local Governments affected	Sector-wide	Significant (multiple regions, Zones, or bands)	Few
Influence Capacity to influence decision makers	High	Medium	Low
Principles Alignment to core principles such as autonomy, funding, general competence	Strong	Partial	Peripheral
Clarity Policy change needed is clear and well-defined	Clear	Partial	Unclear
Decision-maker support Level of support among decision-makers (political and administrative)	High	Medium	Low
Public support Level of support among the public or other stakeholders	High	Medium	Low
Positive consequences for WALGA Prospect of positive consequences for WALGA. E.g. enhanced standing among members or leverage for other issues.	High	Medium	Low

Negative consequences for WALGA Prospect of negative consequences for WALGA for not undertaking the advocacy effort. E.g. diminished standing among members or other stakeholders.	High	Medium	Low
Partnerships Potential for partnerships with other stakeholders	Yes (3+)	Possibly (1-2)	No (0)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Great Eastern Country Zone adopt the Policy and Advocacy Prioritisation Framework to determine the priority of a particular policy or advocacy issue, and guide future decision-making.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Shire of Bruce Rock

Seconded: Shire of Wyalkatchem

That the Great Eastern Country Zone acknowledge the Policy and Advocacy Prioritisation Framework to determine the priority of a particular policy or advocacy issue, and guide future decision-making.

CARRIED

9.1.4 Consultation Opportunities

The following consultations are currently open and Zone Local Governments may consider providing a response or formal submission:

Standardised Meeting Procedures

Meeting Procedures (Standing Orders) Local Laws have been the foundation for facilitating efficient and effective Council and Committee meetings.

State Government's Local Government Reform includes the proposal for replacing local laws with Standard Meeting Procedures Regulation. [The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries is consulting](#) on proposals, with feedback required to the Department by 29 May 2024.

WALGA has prepared a [Discussion Paper](#) that combines the Department's Consultation Paper with comment and is seeking feedback from Local Governments.

This feedback will be utilised to develop a sector-wide advocacy position for submission to the Department.

Feedback on the WALGA Discussion Paper must be submitted to James McGovern, Manager Governance and Procurement by Monday, 29 April 2024.

For more information, [click here](#).

National Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport will inquire into and report on Local Government sustainability.

Local Governments are encouraged to make a submission by the due date of Friday, 3 May 2024 and provide recommendations relating to any or all of the inquiry's terms of reference.

WALGA is seeking an extension for this deadline for Local Governments until 31 May 2024. Further communications will be provided if this deadline extension is approved.

For more information, [click here](#).

2024 Regional Telecommunications Review

The 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review has now commenced.

The Committee has been asked to examine the adequacy of regional Australia's telecommunications, including hearing from people in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia. You can find out more about how the Committee will do this in the [Terms of Reference](#).

For more information, [click here](#).

The WALGA Executive Officer will invite a Committee representative to attend an upcoming Zone meeting (June or August) as a guest speaker.

Noted

10 ZONE REPORTS

10.1 CHAIR REPORT

President Cr Tony Sachse

The Zone Executive met on Tuesday, 2 April 2024. A range of items were discussed many of which form part of the agenda today. The emerging issue of Agricultural Land Use was added as a new strategic priority and there is some follow up regarding that today.

Thanks to the WALGA staff for their contribution in preparing today's agenda, especially James McGovern and our new GECZ Executive Assistant Meghan Dwyer. Meghan is an Executive Office with Governance at WALGA. Welcome Meghan.

Special thanks to our former Executive Assistant Naoimh Donaghy for her time and considerable effort over recent years.

Thanks also to the Shire of Kellerberrin for hosting us today.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Shire of Wyalkatchem

Seconded: Shire of Koorda

That the Zone Chair's report be received.

CARRIED

10.2 WHEATBELT DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (DEMC)

President Cr Tony Sachse

The last Wheatbelt DEMC met on 13 March 2024. The minutes have not yet been distributed.

There were presentations from:

- Red Cross
- Neville Ellis – Emergency Management Sector Adaptation Plan Discussion Paper

Agenda Items included:

- 8.1. Gingin Bushfire Debrief – Availability of traffic management contractors.
- 8.2. January Storms Electricity Supply Disruption Debrief
 - 8.2.1. Identification of Critical Infrastructure and its Interdependencies
 - 8.2.2. Vulnerable people register/database/list information sharing
 - 8.2.3. Reliance on 000 in emergencies
 - 8.2.4. Accommodation for operational staff in emergencies
 - 8.2.5. Generator usage during Total Fire Bans in emergencies
- 8.3. DEMC strategic activities
 - 8.3.1. District strategic plans
 - 8.3.2. Trainings and engagement
 - 8.3.3. District Level Exercises

The Wheatbelt Operational Area Support Group (OASG)/ISG is now meeting on an as needed basis.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Shire of Yilgarn

Seconded: Shire of Cunderdin

That the Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee Report be received.

CARRIED

10.3 REGIONAL HEALTH ADVOCACY GROUP

President Cr Alison Harris

The Regional Health Advocacy Group report was submitted for the Zone.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Bruce Rock

Seconded: Nungarin

That the Regional Health Advocacy Report be received.

CARRIED

10.4 WALGA ROADWISE

Position currently vacant.

On behalf of the Zone, President Cr Tony Sachse expressed thanks to Cliff Simpson for his services to the Zone over many years.

11 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

11.1 STATE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cr Stephen Strange

Cr Strange provided a verbal report to the meeting.

- At the Strategic Forum held on 6 March, the new Minister for Local Government, Hon Hannah Beazley addressed State Council and took questions.
- A Election Priorities workshop was held with State Councillors on 7 March.
- Encourage all Local Governments to make submission to both the State and Federal Telecommunications Reviews being conducted. A review of the Universal Services Obligations Agreement is also under review. Encourage this to be reference in any submission.
- The Salaries and Allowance Tribunal determination was recently issues. There has been an increase in the Band 4 allowances. The Regional/Isolation Allowance was not reviewed, a request made in the WALGA submission.
- Encourage Local Government to undertake training to prepare for the recording of meetings and new standardised meeting procedures.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Shire of Wyalkatchem

Seconded: Shire of Narembeen

That the State Councillor Report be received.

CARRIED

11.2 STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS – 1 MAY 2024

Background

WALGA State Council meets five times each year and as part of the consultation process with Member Councils circulates the State Council Agenda for input through the Zone structure.

Zone delegates to consider the Matters for Decision contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council.

The full [State Council Agenda can be found on the WALGA website](#).

11.2.1 Matters for Decision

71 Waste Levy Advocacy Position

By Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste and Environment

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council:

- 1. Replace the existing WALGA *Waste Levy Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 7.4 Waste Management Funding*.**

Local Government considers that:

- 1. Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy funds should be hypothecated to strategic waste management activities in line with the State Waste Strategy and strongly opposes the application of the Levy to non-waste management related activities, such as funding State Government core activities; and**
- 2. The Levy should not be applied to licensed landfills outside the metropolitan area.**

- 2. Endorse a new Waste Levy Advocacy Position as follows:**

The Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy (the Levy) was established in WA to fund programs relating to the management, reduction, reuse, recycling, monitoring or measurement of waste and administering the fund. The current Levy is applied to waste generated, or landfilled, in the Perth metropolitan area.

Currently, only 25% of the collected funds are retained for strategic waste management activities, 75% are allocated to the ongoing operations of the Department responsible for administration of the Levy.

Local Government considers that:

- 1. The Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy funds must be fully hypothecated to strategic waste management activities in line with the State Waste Strategy and not be used for non-waste management related activities, such as funding State Government core activities.**

2. **Strategic waste management activities funded by the State Government should:**
 - a. **Provide adequate funding and support for Regional Councils, non-metropolitan and metropolitan Local Governments;**
 - b. **Reflect the targets and priorities within the Waste Strategy;**
 - c. **Fully fund and acknowledge the life cycle costs of infrastructure and services; and**
 - d. **Facilitate the development, implementation and ongoing operation of Product Stewardship Schemes.**
3. **The Levy should not be applied to waste generated in the non-metropolitan area as it is not feasible, or appropriate, to implement the Levy in areas with a limited rate base, access to markets for recycled materials, economic growth and resources to manage such a change.**
4. **The Levy should not be applied to waste received at premises undertaking licensed activities whose primary purpose is resource recovery.**
5. **The Levy must be supported by a clear, evidence-based rationale to demonstrate the suitability of how charges are set, how and where funds are allocated, and the extent to which it is delivering on its objectives.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Waste Levy and Strategic Waste Funding Policy Statement was first endorsed in 2008 and was amended in 2018.
- The Statement outlines the Local Government position on levies charged on the weight or volume of waste received at licensed premises and the application of those funds to waste management activities.
- In 2023, the WA Government published the findings of a Review of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (WARR) Levy. The consultation summary report and supporting consultant report can be accessed on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) [website](#).
- Key outcomes of the Levy Review included a five-year schedule of increases and a commitment to investigate extending the levy boundary to regional areas.
- The new Waste Levy Advocacy Position uses contemporary language emphasises:
 - Full hypothecation of the Levy;
 - The key areas of expenditure for the Levy;
 - Opposition to the expansion of the Levy's geographic application;
 - Opposition to the application of the Levy to resource recovery activities; and
 - The need for a clear evidence-based rationale for setting and expending the Levy.
- The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) endorsed the new Advocacy Position in February 2024.

11.2.2 Policy Team and Committee Reports

- 8.1 Environment Policy Team Report
- 8.2 Governance Policy Team Report
- 8.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report
- 8.4 People and Place Policy Team Report
- 8.5 Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) Report

11.2.3 Matters for Noting/Information

- 9.1 WALGA 2023 Emergency Management Survey
- 9.2 Tree Retention Model Local Planning Policy
- 9.3 Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Improvement Plan Implementation
- 9.4 Planning and Building Performance Monitoring Project
- 9.5 2024 WALGA Aboriginal Engagement Forum

RESOLUTION

Moved: Shire of Merredin
Seconded: Shire of Yilgarn

That the Great Eastern Country Zone:

1. **Supports all Matters for Decision listed above in the May 2024 State Council Agenda, and**
2. **Notes all other Policy Team and Committee Reports and Organisational Reports as listed in the May 2024 State Council Agenda.**

CARRIED

11.3 WALGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The WALGA President's report was submitted for the Zone.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Shire of Bruce Rock
Seconded: Shire of Cunderdin

That the WALGA's President's Report be received.

CARRIED

12 EMERGING ISSUES

12.1.1 Invitations to attend a Zone Meeting

MOTION

Moved: Shire of Bruce Rock
Seconded: Shire of Westonia

That the Great Eastern Country Zone invite all State Government Ministers to attend an upcoming Zone meeting.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Shire of Trayning

Seconded: Shire of Merredin

That the Great Eastern Country Zone invite the Minister for Local Government to attend an upcoming Zone meeting, followed by invitations to Minister's whose portfolio aligns with the Zone's Strategic Priorities.

LOST

RESOLUTION

The substantive motion was put to the vote.

CARRIED

12.1.2 2024 WALGA Convention

The 2024 WALGA Convention will be held from Tuesday, 8 to Thursday, 10 October. The Convention returns to the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

13 NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 June 2024 commencing at 8.00am, via MSTeams.

The next Great Eastern Country Zone meeting will be held on Thursday, 13 June 2024 commencing at 9.30am. This meeting will be hosted by the Shire of Merredin.

14 CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 12.25pm.



WEROC Inc. Board Meeting MINUTES

Thursday 9 May 2024

Shire of Kellerberrin Council Chambers

WEROC Inc. | Incorporating the Shires of Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Tammin, Westonia and Yilgarn

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WEROC Inc.

Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc.

Shires of Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Tammin, Westonia, Yilgarn

MINUTES

Minutes of the Board Meeting held in Kellerberrin on Thursday 9 May 2024.

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Renee Manning as Chair of WEROC Inc. welcomed Members of the Board, thanked the Shire of Kellerberrin for hosting and opened the meeting at 1.45pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2.1 Attendance

Ms. Emily Ryan

Mr. Mark Crees

Mr. Wayne Della Bosca

Mr. Raymond Griffiths

Ms. Renee Manning (Chair)

Mr. Darren Mollenoyux

Mr. Bill Price

Mr. Ramesh Rajagopalan

Ms. Joanne Soderlund

Ms. Charmaine Thomson (Deputy Chair)

Mr. Nic Warren

Ms. Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

2.2 Apologies

Nil

2.3 Guests

Mr. John Merrick, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Merredin

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As per Clause 42 of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015, "a member of the management committee of an incorporated association who has a material personal interest in a matter being considered at a management committee meeting must, as soon as the member becomes aware of the interest, disclose the nature and extent of the interest to the management committee".

Name	Agenda Item / Initiative	Disclosure
Mr. Darren Mollenoyux	General disclosure	Mr. Mollenoyux advised that his wife works for REED so any discussion on childcare services could present a potential conflict.

		Mr. Mollenoyux also advised that he will be joining 150 Square consulting when he leaves the Shire of Bruce Rock and therefore any discussion regarding the engagement of a consulting service could present a potential conflict.
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4. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

5. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

5.1 Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on Wednesday 6 March 2024

Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held in Westonia on Wednesday 6 March 2024 have previously been circulated.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Meeting held in Westonia on Wednesday 6 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Ram Rajagopalan

Seconded: Mr. Wayne Della Bosca

That the Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Meeting held in Westonia on Wednesday 6 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5.2 Business Arising – Status Report

Actions Arising from the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on 6 March 2024

Agenda Item	Action(s)	Status
7.1 WEROC Futures Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Re-schedule CEO Committee meeting that was originally planned for February. 2) Request Kellerberrin and Yilgarn complete the online survey 	The CEO Committee meeting was rescheduled for 15 April 2024. The survey has been completed by all Shires. Please refer to Agenda item 7.1 for further detail.
7.2 Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre MoU renewal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Advise Shire of Merredin that the WEROC shires intend to extend the agreement for a further 3 years. 2) Request that amendments be made to acknowledge WEROC’s financial contribution separate to that of the Shire’s individually 	The requested amendments to the MoU were sent to the Shire of Merredin for their consideration. Robyn McCarthy responded with some additional minor modifications and advised that the requested changes from both WEROC and the Shire of Merredin have been sent to the Shire of Cunderdin for their consideration.
7.3 Discussion & decisions arising from	Request that Ms. King contact Shire’s individually to coordinate a meeting with established community groups to discuss the Town Team concept and benefits.	Ms. King has contacted all Shire CEOs to request a meeting. The Executive Officer met with Ms. King and Town Team Movement

presentation by Ms. Vanessa King		Founder, Jimmy Murphy on 26 April 2024 to discuss alternative options to a traditional “do-over” event. Ms. King advised that Bruce Rock are eager to progress with the first do-over.
7.4 Discussion and Decisions Arising from the Presentation by Ms. Jacquie Lucas	Request that Wheatbelt NRM coordinate a face to face meeting of all project funding partners as soon as possible, as per the original Stakeholder Engagement Plan.	A request for a stakeholder meeting was sent to Ms. Jaquie Lucas on 8 March 2024. Ms. Lucas advised on Monday 29 April that the meeting will be held in Northam on 15 May.
7.4 Discussion and Decisions Arising from the Presentation by Mr. Alex MacKenzie	Request that Alex MacKenzie provide a brief summary of his verbal presentation outlining what the Shire’s will get for their financial commitment and what can be done with the information already gathered.	An email was sent to Mr. Alex MacKenzie on 26 March 2024. No response was received.
10.2 McCusker Centre Internship Program	Look at the potential for this internship program to support the Corella Management project.	The Executive Officer met with representatives from the McCusker Centre on Monday 22 April 2024. Please refer to Agenda item 7.3 for further detail.

Recommendation:
That the status report be received.

Comments from the meeting:

- Mr. Alex McKenzie provided a proposal for a WEROC worker housing investigation just prior to the meeting, which the Executive Officer circulated via email. Given the lateness of the submission Members had not had sufficient time to review it. Furthermore, the WEROC Shires involved in the Growing Regions housing project have still not been advised of the outcome, so discussion on the proposal will be put on hold for now.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Ms. Emily Ryan

Seconded: Mr. Nic Warren

That the status report be received.

CARRIED

5.3 Decisions made out of session.

5.4.1 WEROC Request for Motion to the Great Eastern Country Zone

Attachment 2: WEROC request for motion – GECZ April Meeting

On Wednesday 27 March 2024, Board Members received an email from the Executive Officer advising that the WEROC Inc. Chair, Ms. Renee Manning was requesting that the Board consider and endorse a motion out of session. The details are summarised in the attached request for motion. It was requested that Board Members respond via email and advise if they were supportive of WEROC taking this request to the Zone.

Support for the recommendation was provided by the Shire of Yilgarn, Shire of Westonia, Shire of Kellerberrin, and Shire of Bruce Rock. As this constituted a majority, the recommendation was accepted.

For recording purposes, the decision is presented for endorsement.

Recommendation:

That the decision made by the WEROC Inc. Board out of session be endorsed.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Bill Price

Seconded: Mr. Wayne Della Bosca

That the decision made by the WEROC Inc. Board out of session be endorsed.

CARRIED

5.4.2 WEROC Expression of Interest in a McCusker Centre Intern

Attachment 3: McCusker Centre Student Learning Service Agreement

Attachment 4: Host Organisation Travel Proposal

On Monday 22 April 2024, Board Members received an email from the Executive Officer advising that a meeting had taken place with representatives from the McCusker Centre and that there is an opportunity for WEROC to host an intern. Members were asked to respond and advise if they were supportive of WEROC progressing with an intern for the winter intake (mid-June to mid-July) and would be willing to host the intern, if they were supportive but not able to host the intern or if they believed further discussion is required before making a decision. It was also noted that the cost to WEROC for hosting an intern would likely be between \$3,500 to \$4,000 and that this would be taken from the consultancy budget.

Unanimous support was received from all six WEROC Local Governments. As such the Executive Officer signed the student learning service agreement and completed the host organisation travel proposal (provided as Attachments 3 and 4) and both documents have been returned to the McCusker Centre.

For recording purposes, the decision is presented for endorsement.

Recommendation:

That:

- 1) The decision made by the WEROC Inc. Board out of session be endorsed.
- 2) The signing of the learning service agreement by the Executive Officer be ratified.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Ram Rajagopalan

Seconded: Ms. Emily Ryan

That:

- 1) The decision made by the WEROC Inc. Board out of session be endorsed.
- 2) The signing of the learning service agreement by the Executive Officer be ratified.

CARRIED

6. WEROC INC. FINANCE

6.1 WEROC Inc. Financial Report as of 30 April 2024

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Date: 1 May 2024

Attachments: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

At the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on 26 April 2023 the budget for the financial year commencing 1 July 2023 and ending 30 June 2024 was adopted. The approved Budget 2023-24 is used as the basis for the financial report.

An explanation for each of the notations on the financial report is provided below.

Note 1	Annual Financial contributions paid by Member Local Governments.
Note 2	GST received
Note 3	GST refund for Q4 BAS 2022-23, Q2 BAS 2023-24, and Q3 BAS 2023-24
Note 4	Executive Officer services
Note 5	Executive Officer travel to Board and other meetings
Note 6	Monthly subscription fee for Xero accounting software
Note 7	Payment to Audit Partners Australia for completing the audit of WEROC finances for the 2022-23 financial year
Note 8	Payments to the Shire of Merredin for the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre mail out service, Flat Earth Mapping for the design of the WEROC Drive Trail map, Strike Point Graphic design for the WEROC drive trail informational sign, Seed Studio for the graphic design of the WEROC drive trail marker sign, Australia's Golden Outback for co-operative marketing activities in 2023-24, Vanguard Publishing for advertisement in the AGO 2024 Holiday Planner and Vanessa King for Town Team Builder services.
Note 9	Payments to PWD for the 12-month website hosting fee and SSL certificate for website
Note 10	Payments to Local Community Insurance Services for insurances for WEROC Inc. including workers compensation, Cyber insurance, Public and Products Liability, Associations and Officials Liability and Personal Accident – Volunteer Workers.
Note 11	Transfer to Term Deposit.
Note 12	GST paid
Note 13	GST paid for Q1 BAS 2023-24
Note 14	Actual expenditure exceeds total budgeted expenditure for the financial year because of the unbudgeted transfer of funds to a Term Deposit.

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	Budget 2023/2024	Actual to 30/04/2024	Notes	
INCOME				
0501	General Subscriptions	\$72,000.00	\$72,000.00	1
504.01	Consultancy & Project Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	
0575	Interest received	\$0.00	\$0.00	
584	Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	GST Output Tax	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	2
	GST Refunds	\$5,083.15	\$5,156.00	3
	Total Receipts	\$84,283.15	\$84,356.00	
EXPENSES				

1545	Bank Fees & Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1661.01	WEROC Inc. Executive Services	\$34,500.00	\$27,410.44	4
1661.02	Executive Officer Travel and Accommodation	\$1,000.00	\$1,041.90	5
1661.03	WEROC Executive Officer Recruitment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
1687	WEROC Financial Services Accounting	\$1,000.00	\$749.98	6
1687.03	WEROC Financial Services Audit	\$1,050.00	\$982.00	7
1585	WEROC Consultant Expenses	\$60,000.00	\$29,213.33	8
1850	WEROC Management of WEROC App & Website	\$420.00	\$685.00	9
1801	WEROC Meeting Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	
1851	WEROC Insurance	\$6,300.00	\$5,953.61	10
1852	WEROC Legal Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
1853	WEROC Incorporation Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1854	Transfer to Term Deposit	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	11
1930	WEROC Sundry	\$300.00	\$0.00	
3384	GST Input Tax	\$10,807.00	\$6,150.56	12
	ATO Payments	\$2,393.33	\$5,908.00	13
	Total Payments	\$121,270.33	\$178,094.82	14
	Net Position	-\$36,987.18	-\$93,738.82	
	OPENING CASH 1 July	\$181,216.58	\$181,083.80	
	CASH BALANCE	\$144,229.39	\$87,344.98	

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. financial report for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 April 2024, be received.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Ram Rajagopalan

Seconded: Mr. Bill Price

That the WEROC Inc. financial report for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 April 2024, be received.

CARRIED

6.2 Income, Expenditure & Balance Sheet

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Date: 1 May 2024

Attachments: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

A summary of income and expenditure for the period 1 February to 30 April 2024 is provided below.

Date	Description	Credit	Debit	Running Balance
Opening Balance		100,664.34		
09 Feb 2024	150 Square Pty Ltd	0.00	2,731.50	97,932.84
05 Mar 2024	150 Square Pty Ltd	0.00	2,938.50	94,994.34

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07 Mar 2024	JV King Family Trust	0.00	1,375.00	93,619.34
23 Mar 2024	Australia's Golden Outback	0.00	357.50	93,261.84
03 Apr 2024	JV King Family Trust	0.00	1,576.96	91,684.88
03 Apr 2024	150 Square Pty Ltd	0.00	5,554.90	86,129.98
08 Apr 2024	ATO	1,215.00	0.00	87,344.98
Total		3,946.50	14,534.36	
Closing Balance		87,344.98		

Balance Sheet

Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc
As at 30 April 2024

30 Apr 2024

Assets	
Bank	
Term Deposit	100,000.00
Westpac Community Solution One	87,344.98
Total Bank	187,344.98
Total Assets	187,344.98
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
GST	(689.57)
Total Current Liabilities	(689.57)
Non-current Liabilities	
GST Clearing	61.00
Total Non-current Liabilities	61.00
Total Liabilities	(628.57)
Net Assets	187,973.55
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	5,963.74
Retained Earnings	182,009.81
Total Equity	187,973.55

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. summary of income and expenditure for the period 1 February to 30 April 2024 be received.
That the Accounts Paid by WEROC Inc. for the period 1 February to 30 April 2024 totalling \$14,534.36 be approved.
That the Balance Sheet as of 30 April 2024 be noted.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Wayne Della Bosca

Seconded: Ms. Emily Ryan

That the WEROC Inc. summary of income and expenditure for the period 1 February to 30 April 2024 be received.
That the Accounts Paid by WEROC Inc. for the period 1 February to 30 April 2024 totalling \$14,534.36 be approved.
That the Balance Sheet as of 30 April 2024 be noted.

CARRIED

7. MATTERS FOR DECISION

7.1 WEROC Futures Discussion

Author:	Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose.
Date:	22 April 2024
Attachments:	<i>Attachment 5: WEROC Futures Discussion Summary Report</i>
Consultation:	WEROC Board Members
Financial Implications:	NA
Voting Requirement:	Simple Majority

Background:

At the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held on 29 November 2023, a staged approach to the discussion on future priorities for WEROC was agreed and is outlined below:

Activity	Timeframe
Initial discussion with all WEROC Board Members to identify expectations of WEROC and to discuss what has been working well to date and what can be improved in future.	29 November 2023
Shire survey to identify social, economic, and operational priorities and challenges.	January - February 2024
WEROC CEO Committee meeting to discuss common pain points and opportunities for collective action.	22 February 2024 (deferred to 15 April)
WEROC Inc. Board to agree on priorities and actions for WEROC over the next 1 – 5 years.	Board Meeting on 6 March 2024 (deferred to 9 May)

Executive Officer Comment:

A summary of the input provided at the WEROC meeting held in November 2023 and the Shire survey is provided as Attachment 5. The WEROC CEO Committee meeting planned for 22 February 2024 did not proceed due to availability of members but was rescheduled for Monday 15 April and all CEOs were in attendance. The purpose of that meeting was to delve deeper into some of the common challenges and discuss potential resolutions and opportunities for collaborative action, which would then help in determining the priorities and actions for WEROC over the near to medium term. Detail of the discussion is provided in the WEROC Inc. CEO Committee Meeting minutes, provided as Attachment 1. A brief summary of the recommendations arising from this meeting are summarised below:

Constraints/Challenges	Possible Focus for WEROC
Operational	
Escalating cost of accounting software.	Joint tender process for accounting software as per 4WDL approach.
Shire resourcing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate feasibility and scope of work for a regional compliance officer. Progression of a pro-forma template for Public Health Plans.
Economic	

No flow on benefit from large scale developments (e.g., mining & renewable energy) in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign/advocate for a mandate that any new, large scale developments must contribute to a community investment fund. • Engage a consultant to develop a regional planning policy to support differential land use rating.
Lack of housing is a significant barrier to growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate potential funding model for GROH to take to State Government • Invite the Minister for Planning, Lands, Housing and Homelessness (the Hon. John Carey) out to the region to discuss housing and planning.
Social	
Sustainability of childcare services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite REED to present to the WEROC Board on future plans and current constraints. • Investigate childcare service delivery models that have been successful in other regions.
Activate tourism through Town Team Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the option of an art trail along the Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail.

Recommendation:

That the Board consider the summary report and input from the WEROC CEOs and agree on future priorities for WEROC Inc.

Comments from the meeting:

Operational Priorities:

- With the rationalisation of Synergy there is a need for Shires to look at the most appropriate financial software platform going forward. Bringing the finance officers from each Shire together to discuss common requirements is an important first step. The Executive Officer will coordinate a meeting of the finance officers to coincide with the next WEROC CEO Committee Meeting.
- There has been an escalation in compliance requirements which are particularly onerous on small Local Governments. It is almost at a point where each Shire needs a dedicated compliance officer to manage the growing requirements, which is not financially feasible for small Councils. There are also certain matters that arise that existing staff do not have the expertise to deal with.
- It was suggested that WEROC could explore a shared governance resource (1 FTE) that looks after the six WEROC Shires. It would need to be clear what the requirements of each Local Government are to ensure that there is enough work to justify a full-time shared resource. As an alternative a consultant could be engaged to provide this service on an as needs basis. This will be added to the agenda for the next CEO Committee meeting for further discussion.

Economic Priorities:

- There does not seem to be the same social conscious of companies undertaking large scale development in our area compared to other regions.
- The government is pushing for green energy but there is no backing policy or structure from the State, which means that Local Councils are negotiating agreements with developers ad hoc, often resulting in little to no flow on benefits to the community.
- It was suggested that WEROC look to developing a common planning policy with a clause relating to a social enhancement fund for any major developments (extractable or renewable). It was noted that there

is a fine line between a policy that deters investment and gains benefit for the region. The policy cannot be too onerous but needs to ensure ongoing benefit to the Council.

- Mr. Nic Warren mentioned that Narrogin have just developed a policy that could be used as the basis for a WEROC policy and is happy to draft something for consideration at the next WEROC CEO Committee Meeting.
- Mr. John Merrick suggested that it might be worth the CEO's travelling to one of the areas that have already been through this process to hear first hand what they have put in place and the challenges that they encountered.
- The housing supply shortage is an issue being faced across the nation. There have been countless studies done and there are a lot of players looking for funding to undertake housing projects. If WEROC is to have any success in this area, we need to take a different approach. We need to formulate a solution and then take it to the State. At the next meeting of the WEROC CEO Committee this will be added to the agenda for further discussion to see what shape this could take.

Social Priorities:

- The lack of childcare places and the limitations on days/hours of operation are a barrier to accessing workers. There are people in our region who could fill roles, but they are restricted because of the limited care options for their children.
- The idea of a "flying squad" that moves around the region to fill gaps was suggested. This would allow centres to open for longer hours and more days per week and cover absences for leave, sickness, etc.
- It was suggested that a representative from REED be invited to present at a WEROC meeting to discuss their future plans and constraints to growth.
- The focus for tourism should be promotion of the Eastern Wheatbelt Self-Drive Trail. To assist with this, we need to develop a marketing plan and branding guide. The Executive Officer will get quotes from graphic designers to assist with this work.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Ram Rajagopalan

Seconded: Mr. Nic Warren

That the summary report be accepted and the future focus areas for WEROC will be as discussed.

CARRIED

7.2 WEROC Inc. Budget 2024-25

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Date: 22 April 2024

Attachments: Nil

Consultation: Nil

Financial Implications: As per budget

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

The WEROC Inc. Constitution states that:

17.3 The Board will prepare and approve the annual budget at least 1 month before the end of the financial year.

As there are no further scheduled meetings of the WEROC Inc. Board before the end of the financial year, to adhere to the rules of our Association, a draft budget for WEROC Inc. for the financial year commencing 1 July 2024 and ending 30 June 2025 has been prepared and is presented for the Board's consideration.

The proposed budget assumes that the \$12,000 (Ex. GST) annual subscription per Member Council will remain consistent with previous years. On the matter of subscriptions, the WEROC Inc. Constitution does not specify the amount of the annual subscription rather it states:

10.1 Annual Subscriptions: Members are not required to pay a membership fee or annual subscription but may be required to pay an annual financial contribution as determined by the Association with such contributions to be in equal shares.

Under the proposed budget, it is anticipated that WEROC Inc. will have a cash balance of \$27,000.93 on 30 June 2025. This assumes that the \$100,000 plus interest earned on the term deposit will be reinvested at maturity.

BUDGET NOTES

Income

- A. The draft budget assumes that the annual subscription amount will be retained at \$12,000 (Ex. GST) per Member Council.
- B. The Consultancy and Project Reserve is now incorporated into the General Subscription.
- C. Based on the interest rate on the Westpac Term Deposit of 4.85%.
- D. GST on General Subscriptions.
- E. GST refunds have been calculated based on estimates of GST Input and Output Tax for each quarter.

Expenditure

1. The Westpac Community Solution One Account does not incur any fees and therefore no fees have been budgeted for.
2. Proposed budget is based on the Executive Officer's estimated hours (38 hours per month standard plus additional hours for attending meetings and WMSIP) and rate of pay (\$63.64 Ex. GST).
3. Budget based on anticipated travel for the Executive Officer to attend six meetings (one in each WEROC Shire) at the contracted rate of 0.85c per km.
4. Current contract expires on 1 March 2026 therefore no provision has been made for recruitment of an Executive Officer.
5. The proposed budget for Financial Services includes the monthly subscription fee for Xero accounting software (\$68.18 Ex. GST) and a small allocation for any miscellaneous financial assistance required from an Accountant.
6. The financial services audit allocation is based on the accepted quote of Audit Partners Australia for \$950+GST and an allowance for disbursements.
7. This allocation enables WEROC Inc. to engage consultants and to undertake special projects. Co-operative marketing initiatives are also allocated to this budget line item. The budgeted amount includes \$7,000 for tourism/marketing initiatives, \$22,000 for Town Teams (\$15,000 for wages, \$2,000 for travel and \$5,000 for events) and \$25,000 for the co-contribution toward the Corella Management Coordinator. This assumes that the Town Team Builder will be retained beyond their current term expiring in January 2025 and that WEROC will continue to support the Corella Management project. The remaining allocation is an allowance for new projects and to cover the costs of the McCusker Centre internship.
8. The allocation for the management of the WEROC Inc. website is based on the Code Research Australia hosting fee of \$35 (Ex. GST) per month. The hosting fee is currently paid up until October 2024. The WEROC domain name was renewed in March 2022 and is paid up until 8 June 2025.
9. Host Council's will generally cover all meeting expenses. A small allocation is provided for any unforeseen meeting costs.
10. The proposed budget allocation for insurance is based on previous years quote from Local Community Insurance, with an allowance for premium increases for the following forms of insurance cover:
 - Public & Products Liability
 - Associations and Officials Liability
 - Workers Compensation

- Personal Accident – Volunteers
 - Cyber Insurance
11. A small allocation is made for legal expenses to cover any eventuality.
 12. A small allocation is made for any miscellaneous items.
 13. GST Input Tax is calculated on budgeted expenditure items subject to GST.
 14. ATO payments have been calculated based on estimates of GST Input and Output Tax for each quarter.

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DRAFT BUDGET 2024-2025

		Budget 2023/2024	Actual to 30/04/2024	Estimated Total Income/Exp enditure to 30 June	Proposed Budget 2024-2025	Notes
INCOME						
0501	General Subscriptions	\$72,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$72,000.00	A
504.01	Consultancy & Project Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	B
0575	Interest received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,863.29	C
584	Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	GST Output Tax	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	D
	GST Refunds	\$5,083.15	\$5,156.00	\$5,156.00	\$6,184.00	E
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EXPENSES						
1545	Bank Fees & Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1
1661.01	WEROC Inc. Executive Services	\$34,500.00	\$27,410.44	\$32,883.48	\$35,383.84	2
1661.02	Executive Officer Travel and Accommodation	\$1,000.00	\$1,041.90	\$1,409.10	\$1,400.00	3
1661.03	WEROC Executive Officer Recruitment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	4
1687	WEROC Financial Services Accounting	\$1,000.00	\$749.98	\$886.34	\$1,000.00	5
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1853	WEROC Incorporation Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
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	TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$121,270.33	\$178,094.82	\$201,169.08	\$127,517.09	
	Net Position	-\$36,987.18	-\$93,738.82	-\$116,813.08	-\$37,269.79	
	OPENING CASH 1 July	\$181,216.58	\$181,083.80	\$181,083.80	\$64,270.72	
	CASH BALANCE	\$144,229.40	\$87,344.98	\$64,270.72	\$27,000.93	

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. draft budget for the year ending 30 June 2025, as presented, with a general subscription for each Member Council set at \$12,000 (Ex. GST), be adopted.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Ms. Emily Ryan

Seconded: Mr. Bill Price

That the WEROC Inc. draft budget for the year ending 30 June 2025, as presented, with a general subscription for each Member Council set at \$12,000 (Ex. GST), be adopted.

CARRIED

7.3 McCusker Centre Internship

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Date: 22 April

Attachments: Attachment 6. McCusker Centre Internship Opportunity for WEROC (email)

Consultation: Ms. Amy Howell, Adviser Internships, and Ms. Barbara Goodwin, Industry Partnerships Manager, McCusker Centre for Citizenship

Financial Implications: Up to \$4,000 from the consultancy budget in the 2024-25 financial year

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

At the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on 6 March 2024, information on the McCusker Centre internship program was presented for noting. After a brief discussion on the possibility of hosting an intern Ms. Joanne Soderlund suggested that WEROC could look at an intern to support the Corella Management project. It was requested that the Executive Officer look into the possibilities and report back at the next meeting.

Executive officer comment:

On 22 April 2024, the Executive Officer met with Ms. Amy Howell Internship Adviser, and Ms. Barbara Goodwin, Industry Partnerships Manager from the McCusker Centre for Citizenship to discuss a possible intern for WEROC. A list of potential projects was sent to the McCusker Centre for consideration prior to the meeting. Ms. Howell and Ms. Goodwin advised that all projects were suitable for the program, and it was requested that the list be narrowed down to a top two preferences so that they can refine their search for a suitable student to match.

As per Agenda 5.4.2 the decision to proceed with an intern for the winter intake was made out of session. The Board now need to decide on where the intern is best located (Bruce Rock or Merredin) and which two projects they would like to select for the intern.

The five projects presented were:

1. *Pest bird control and management* – This project would involve extensive research to investigate pest bird management practices globally, constraints to identified management methods (e.g., environmental regulations) and a comprehensive assessment of the corella habits, numbers and economic impact at a local level.
2. *Social impact assessment of large scale developments in the region, particularly mining and renewable energy projects* - This would involve the identification, analysis, assessment, and recommended management of the potential social impacts of these projects during all stages of the project lifecycle. The social impact assessment would consider matters such as engagement with the community, workforce management, housing/accommodation, local business and industry procurement and community health and well-being.
3. *Regional worker housing analysis* – This project would involve identifying suitable lots for development across the six WEROC Shires, investigate site specific constraints/opportunities for development, a review of regional housing models to identify appropriate design/construction parameters, and consider investment and tenure models.
4. *Tourism activation* – assist with development of a marketing plan and branding guide for our eastern wheatbelt self-drive trail.
5. *Public health plan* – assist with the development of a public health plan for the WEROC Shires. This would involve the collection and review of key demographic and health data for each Shire, development and analysis of a community health survey and identification of strategies/actions to address priority risk factors and priority populations.

Recommendation:

That the Board consider and agree on the two priority projects and the preferred location for the McCusker Centre Intern.

Comments from the meeting:

- Discussion was held over the merits of each project. It was agreed that the top two priorities should be public health planning followed by the social impact assessment. The next priority, if these two projects are unable to be matched to a student, is tourism.
- The Shire of Merredin will host the intern.
- If the project ends up being the public health planning, the Shire of Bruce Rock are happy to meet with the intern when they first start to give them an overview of the process.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Wayne Della Bosca

Seconded: Ms. Renee Manning

That:

- 1) The priority projects are the public health plan and social impact assessment; and
- 2) The intern will be hosted by the Shire of Merredin.

CARRIED

7.4 Eastern Wheatbelt Self-Drive Trail Promotional Opportunities

Author:	Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose.
Date:	30 April 2024
Attachments:	<i>Attachment 7:</i> Central Wheatbelt Collaborative Proposal <i>Attachment 8:</i> Taylormadefortravel Media Kit <i>Attachment 9:</i> Small Town Spotlight Proposal <i>Attachment 10:</i> Great Aussie Road Trips Synopsis

Consultation: Lee Lorraine, Visage Productions
Robyn McCarthy, Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre

Financial Implications: \$1,000 plus travel and accommodation expenses for Taylormadefortravel proposal. \$40,000-\$45,000 for Great Aussie Road Trip production

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

On 15 April 2024 Ms. Robyn McCarthy, Manager Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre forwarded a Central Wheatbelt Collaborative Proposal from Ms. Carol Taylor of Taylormadefortravel and suggested it may be a useful marketing tool to promote the Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail. The proposal is for Ms. Taylor to travel to various locations around the region and post content on her social media accounts. The Wheatbelt Way and Australia’s Golden Outback are existing clients.

On Tuesday 30 April 2024, Mr. Lee Lorraine of Visage Productions, emailed the Executive Officer to enquire as to whether there would be interest from WEROC Shires in participating in a Great Aussie Road Trips TV series. Mr. Lorraine’s pitch is for Shire’s along the Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail to contribute toward the production of an episode featuring sites on the trail. Mr. Lorraine is open to the idea of just working with WEROC and producing an episode on the Eastern Wheatbelt Self-Drive trail as an alternative.

Executive Officer Comment:

The cost to engage the services of Taylormadefortravel will be \$1,000 plus travel and accommodation. There is also the option to have “small town spotlights” which will cost \$400 per location.

The cost to participate in the production of the Great Aussie Road Trips series will be between \$40,000 and \$45,000 ex. GST. Mr. Lorraine has indicated that he needs to get as close to \$40,000 as possible to make it viable. As an add-on Visage Productions will edit a 60-second video package montage/vignette to music which all participating Shire’s can use for their own marketing purposes.

Just to note, in the 2023/24 financial year to date a total of \$4,817.70 has been spent on marketing.

Recommendation:

That the proposals be considered, and the matter discussed.

Comments from the meeting:

- The Great Aussie Road Trip proposal is very expensive, and it is not entirely clear what they are going to deliver. Social media marketing might be better value for money and more impactful.
- It was queried whether WEROC are able to share/use the content created by Taylormadefortravel in other marketing. It was also queried how much control WEROC would have over what is featured in the coverage of the drive trail. The Executive Officer will contact Ms. Taylor for clarification.

RESOLUTION: **Moved:** Mr. Ram Rajagopalan **Seconded:** Mr. Mark Crees

That WEROC engage Taylormadefortravel at a cost of \$1,000 plus travel and accommodation.

CARRIED

8. PROJECT UPDATES

8.1 Corella Management Project

On Wednesday 15 May 2024 a face-to-face stakeholder meeting will be held in Northam from 12.00pm. The invitation to this meeting was forwarded to Board Members on 29 April.

Discussion on WEROC’s formal position on the project may be warranted to ensure the views of the collective group are represented by those able to attend this forum.

Comments from the meeting:

- Mr. John Merrick, Mr. Raymond Griffiths and Ms. Emily Ryan will attend the meeting via Zoom. Ms. Renee Manning, Ms. Joanna Soderlund and the Executive Officer will attend in person.
- The general view of the Board is that if Wheatbelt NRM cannot convince us that what they are doing is worthwhile and that they can deliver the proposed eradication strategies within the agreed timeframe, WEROC will withdraw from the project.

8.2 Town Team Movement

The following written update was provided by Ms. Vanessa King:

- **Streets Alive Funding**
 - funding for LGA's, CRC's, Town Teams as well as other eligible community groups up to \$5k open 22 May 2024 – 5 June 2024 for projects delivered between 1 July 2024 and 31 March 2025 (to receive an invitation to apply for a seed grant, must register project on website)
 - Funding Objectives
 - To build capability and capacity of local communities to deliver traffic calming and road safety initiatives in local streets and neighbourhoods
 - To change attitudes and behaviours around speed to emphasise streets for people over cars
 - To improve safety of our town centres and make them more vibrant and people friendly.
 - more information is on the Streets Alive website <https://streetsalive.org.au/>
- **Town Team Movement Conference in Northam**
 - Town Team Movement Placemaking Conference is coming to the Wheatbelt this September.
 - The 2024 People, Places and Planet Conference theme is Take a Chance and the event will focus on creating successful places with the community.
 - event is scheduled to take place on 12 + 13 September 2024 in Northam
 - WEROC board and staff members encouraged to attend, each Shire will receive one complimentary ticket.
- **REMINDER Free Placemaking Education for LGA's**
 - sponsored by the Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries (email sent to WEROC members on 16/04/2024) – closes 30/6.
- **2024 Do-Over**
 - Bruce Rock is interested to host Do-Over, communication with Bruce Rock Shire and Progress Association – we can look at ways we can ensure how the Bruce Rock Do-Over engages the other WEROC councils to see what a do over is like and how it could work in their towns moving forward.
 - seeking WEROC support to proceed with planning.
- **Wheatbelt Town Team Tour for LGA's**
 - Co-Founder & Team of Education Dean Cracknell and Wheatbelt Town Team Builder Alyce Smith will travel to Merredin to deliver placemaking education specific to LGA's on Wed, 22/5
 - at least one staff member or Councillor of each WEROC community encouraged to attend – further information to follow soon.
- **WEROC Trail Activation Art Project**
 - Rebekah will provide update.
 - Town Team Movement can assist in funding submission over the next 6-12 months.
- **FRRR funding**
 - Funding available for Town Teams in WEROC Shires (approx. \$8k for 3 different projects - \$3k awarded to Bruce Rock for Supermarket Mural)
- **Meetings with WEROC CEO's & Councillors**
 - Successful Meetings with Bruce Rock, Yilgarn & Kellerberrin.

In addition to the above summary, an invitation has been extended to the WEROC Board to attend an information session with Dean Cracknell (Co-Founder and Executive Director of Town Team Movement) on 22 May 2024. Mr. Cracknell is going to be in Western Australia for a limited time and is willing to meet with

WEROC representatives to share information on the Town Team Movement approach and opportunities for the WEROC communities as part of our partnership.

The location for the meeting is flexible but the date is not. The suggested time for the meeting is 11.00am to 1.00pm and the invitation is open to all Councillors and staff from WEROC Shires not just WEROC Board Members.

Recommendation:

That the Board:

- 1) Confirm that they are happy to support a “do-over” in Bruce Rock and contribute up to \$5,000 toward the event.
- 2) Confirm they are interested in hosting an information session with Town Team Movement Co-Founder Mr. Dean Cracknell on 22 May.

Comments from the meeting:

- The Board are not supportive of progressing with the proposed Bruce Rock Do-Over. It is felt that the initial focus still needs to be on establishing the town teams and we can look at a do-over at a later stage.
- One of the key deliverables of the role is to work with Local Governments to educate communities about community led placemaking and supporting local action. The Board would like the town team builder to organise information sessions in each town to build interest and engagement in the concept.
- If, once the education/information sessions have been held, there is no further engagement from a town then Ms. King should focus her attention on the ones that are interested.
- In relation to the proposed information session with the Town Team Movement Co-Founder on 22 May, there is support for this to proceed. The meeting will be held in the Shire of Merredin Council Chambers.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Wayne Della Bosca

Seconded: Mr. Ram Rajagopalan

That the WEROC Town Team builder be asked to:

- 1) Focus on the deliverables around supporting existing and establishing new town teams and on educating the community about the placemaking philosophy. This includes working with Shires to deliver community information sessions.
- 2) Report back to the Board on how the engagement goes and work forward from there.

CARRIED

8.3 Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program 2024

The Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program for 2024 took place during the week of 12 to 15 March 2024. A debrief for WEROC Board Members with Rural Health West and the University of Notre Dame was held on Thursday 28 March. The meeting was attended by the WEROC Executive Officer, Mr. John Merrick, Mr. Raymond Griffiths, Mr. Darren Mollenoyux, Mr. Ram Rajagopalan, Professor Donna Mak (University of Notre Dame), Dr. Paul Noakes (University of Notre Dame), and Ms. Betony Dawson (Rural Health West). Mr. Nic Warren provided input via email prior to the meeting. The feedback provided in this meeting is summarized below:

- Bruce Rock:
 - This year’s itinerary was an improvement on last year as it allowed more time to explore and experience the town.
 - The take up of host families is a concern for the program’s longevity. This year there were only four families that billeted students. In the past families were told that they could not host if they lived a certain distance from town. Rural Health West advised this is not the case, the hosts just need to be able to ensure the students have transport to and from town.

- There was evidently a communication breakdown on some matters. When the students presented for one of the activities they were not expected. There was some uncertainty over whether drinks at the thank you dinner were to be paid for by the Shire.
- Kellerberrin:
 - In general, everything ran well.
 - There were some communication issues between Rural Health West and the Shire, in particular there was a double up in organizing one of the activities. In future years it would be preferable if the Shire had more control over the itinerary.
- Merredin:
 - On the first day of the program three town groups were scheduled to participate in a cultural engagement activity with Michael Hayden. The groups were meant to be rotated through three activities but because of the volume of students and issues with transportation this did not occur. The activity also ran significantly over time which meant that the Shire welcome and town tour was cut short.
 - It is recommended that in future years the Merredin students do the town tour/Shire welcome while the Westonia and Southern Cross students do the cultural engagement activities and then do the cultural engagement either later that day or another day.
 - There are no social/community activities included in the schedule.
- Yilgarn:
 - The planned farm visit was cancelled but the museum was a good substitute activity.
 - The salt mine visit was well received.
 - One local pensioner said that they would like to host students but cannot afford to so asked if there could be any funding support provided to help cover the cost of meals.
 - There were comments (not complaints) about the lack of local Aboriginal content. There is however no one locally that is suitable to conduct a cultural engagement activity.
 - Dr. Paul Noakes, who was the academic accompanying the students in Southern Cross advised that the hospital didn't know they were coming but they were very accommodating regardless. Dr. Noakes also advised that the caterer didn't deliver cool drinks/water to the thank you dinner, but they were able to resolve this by purchasing them from the IGA.

Feedback from UND/ Rural Health West:

- It would be good if we could have greater diversity in the types of families that host students (e.g., people of different ages, cultural backgrounds, etc.). If there are any families closer in age to the students, it would be particularly beneficial so that it is more relatable. It would be ok for single people to host as well.
- There are going to be more students in future years so more host families in general are going to be needed. May have to look at adding another town (e.g., Tammin) to keep the number of students per town manageable.
- If the cost of hosting is a deterrent, then students could be asked to contribute to food costs and/or be asked to bring food for breakfast and lunch. The students already provide one dinner, and the thank you dinner is catered for.
- From an organizing perspective the approach taken by the Shire of Westonia is desirable. The Shire provides a suggested itinerary to Rural Health West at the outset, and they work around that. If other Shire's can do this in future it would ensure that there is more local control of the itinerary and help to avoid miscommunication errors.

- There was some feedback from the community that the wording of the advertising is confusing so Rural Health West will try to simplify this for future years.
- The Club Hotel in Southern Cross advised the academics staying in that town that they would be willing to host students in future years, but they would be staying upstairs at the Hotel. The University needs to consider the appropriateness of this.

Comments from the meeting:

- There need to be clear lines of responsibility to prevent the issues that arose this year. The Shire's will coordinate the social/community aspects of the visit and the hospital, GP visits, etc. will be left with emerging issues

8.4 Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport will inquire into and report on Local Government Sustainability and submissions on the inquiry are due by 31 May 2024. WALGA have prepared a submission which has been circulated to Local Governments and are encouraging Local Governments to make their own submissions.

The WALGA submission focuses on funding challenges (particularly for small regional Local Governments that have lower capacity to raise rate revenue), increasing cost pressures that make it difficult to provide local infrastructure, facilities and services and staffing challenges.

Comments from the meeting:

- In addition to Councils making their own submission a WEROC submission to this inquiry is warranted. The basis for the submission should be the WALGA submission with WEROC content added.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Ram Rajagopalan

Seconded: Mr. Darren Mollenoyux

That WEROC make a submission to the inquiry into Local Government Sustainability

CARRIED

9. OTHER MATTERS (FOR NOTING)

9.1 Stage 5 of the Public Health Act 2016

Attachment 11: Stage 5 of the Public Health Act 2016, Information Sheet

At the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held on 27 August 2020 it was resolved that WEROC Inc. would progress with the development of an overarching Health Plan that can be used as a proforma for the Member Councils to develop individual Public Health Plans, once Stage 5 of the Public Health Act commenced.

The approach to Stage 5 of the *Public Health Act 2016* has been announced. From 4 June 2024, Stage 5 will be implemented in several phases which are outlined in Attachment 9. The first phase, 5A will include:

- Some low-risk public health regulations will be replaced with guidelines.
- Improvement notices and enforcement orders will be introduced, allowing enforcement agencies options for non-compliance. Under the change, when a person or business breaches a public health provision, the enforcement agency can issue an improvement notice. Where a person or business does not comply with an improvement notice, an enforcement order may be issued. Where a person or business does not comply with an enforcement order, the person or business can be prosecuted.
- The Department of Health will begin to prepare its new State public health plan. This must be finalised and published by 4 June 2025.
- Local governments will need to create a local public health plan that is consistent with the State public health plan. These must be prepared and published by 4 June 2026.

If the public health plan is not chosen as one of the priority projects for the McCusker Centre internship then the Executive Officer recommends that WEROC Inc. look to the development of a proforma Public Health Plan in June 2025, once the State public health plan has been completed.

10. FUTURE MEETINGS

The schedule of meeting dates and locations for 2024 is as follows:

Date	Time	Host Council
Wednesday 6 March 2024	1.30pm	Westonia
Wednesday 8 May 2024	1.30pm	Kellerberrin
Wednesday 31 July 2024	1.30pm	Yilgarn
Wednesday 11 September 2024	9.30am	Bruce Rock
Wednesday 28 November 2024	9.30am	Tammin

The next meeting will be held in Southern Cross on 31 July 2024. The meeting start time will be 1.30pm.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 3.40pm.

DECLARATION

These minutes were confirmed by the WEROC Inc. Board at the meeting held _____

Signed _____

Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:

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

Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:

Councillor Simmonds advised having attended the following meetings:

Councillor Faithfull advised having attended the following meetings:

Councillor Huxtable advised having attended the following meetings:

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 **16th May 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 **16th May 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 **16th May 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 – APRIL 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 April 2024 The credit card/ Fuel Card statements currently show: -

MasterCard Transactions

CEO April 2024 \$1,781.53 associated with the purchase Starlink Internet Service – CEO, 1049451 - Cloud Anti Spam Recurring, 1038203 - Office 365 Exchange Online Plan Recurring, 1047021 - Microsoft 365 Business Basic Recurring, Microsoft 365 Business Standard Recurring, MBAM Managed Endpoint & Subs recurring March-April, Activ8me Internet service Feb – June, Parade Hotel Meals and Drinks for Museum Objective and Card Fee & Interest Charges.

DCEO April 2024 \$1,568.48 associated with the purchase of Morning Melodies Tickets, Police Clearance for Phil Read, Australian National Character Check, KOGAN - Medical Reception 2nd Screen, Telstra prepaid Broadband, Ebay - 5 Gallon Insulated drink Dispenser, CANVA Pro Subscription, World of Books - Scrabble Dictionary, Surgical House - Medical Supplies, Vacuum Spot – Vacuum Cleaner Bags and Card Fee & Interest Charges.

Fuel Card Transactions

CEO April 2024 \$298.96 associated with the purchase of Diesel 17/04/24 OWT Fuel Distributors Palmer Crescent Bunbury

DCEO April 2024 \$ Nil

Construction Supervisor April 2024 \$ Nil

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 April 2024 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers from DD4103 to DD4120 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT6833 to EFT6877 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$528,035.71 be passed for payment.

List of Accounts Due & Submitted to Council April 2024

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
897	03/04/2024	FEE - BANK FEES	BANK FEES	-240.79	1	FEE
DD4103.1	07/04/2024	Aware Super - Accumulation	Payroll deductions	-5592.53	1	CSH
DD4103.2	07/04/2024	BT Panorama Super	Superannuation contributions	-276.49	1	CSH
DD4103.3	07/04/2024	C-Bus	Superannuation contributions	-1238.98	1	CSH
DD4103.4	07/04/2024	MLC Masterkey	Superannuation contributions	-296.28	1	CSH
DD4103.5	07/04/2024	AUSTRALIANSUPER	Superannuation contributions	-888.30	1	CSH
DD4103.6	07/04/2024	MLC Navigator Retirement Plan	Superannuation contributions	-55.77	1	CSH
DD4103.7	07/04/2024	HESTA	Superannuation contributions	-117.71	1	CSH
DD4103.8	07/04/2024	Australian Retirement Trust	Superannuation contributions	-296.19	1	CSH
DD4103.9	07/04/2024	Amp Flexible Lifetime Super	Superannuation contributions	-111.76	1	CSH
0	09/04/2024	Payroll	Salaries & Wages	-38778.85	1	CSH
EFT6833	09/04/2024	Services Australia Child Support	Payroll deductions	-787.65	1	CSH
EFT6834	11/04/2024	Karin M LOVE	HACC Products	-53.97	1	CSH
EFT6835	11/04/2024	Landgate	Rural Valuations	-325.35	1	CSH
EFT6836	11/04/2024	Westonia Progress Association Inc.	Fuel Purchases	-14867.71	1	CSH
EFT6837	11/04/2024	Copier Support	Copier Support	-1171.63	1	CSH
EFT6838	11/04/2024	Ron Bateman & Co	April Purchases	-184.98	1	CSH
EFT6839	11/04/2024	Two Dogs Home Hardware	Engel	-2100.91	1	CSH
EFT6840	11/04/2024	Itvision	Server Migration	-2633.40	1	CSH
EFT6841	11/04/2024	Benara Nurseries	Street trees	-3437.28	1	CSH
EFT6842	11/04/2024	Great Southern Fuel Supplies	Fuel Purchased	-142.43	1	CSH
EFT6843	11/04/2024	Westonia Community Cooperative Limited	March Purchases	-1971.06	1	CSH
EFT6844	11/04/2024	Australia Post	Postage	-25.09	1	CSH
EFT6845	11/04/2024	Ramsay Construction Pty Ltd	EH Services	-2079.00	1	CSH
EFT6846	11/04/2024	Wessie Pty Ltd Atf: The Geier Family Trust	Truck Hire	-16907.00	1	CSH
EFT6847	11/04/2024	Repco	Conumables	-51.63	1	CSH
EFT6848	11/04/2024	Damien Angelo & Fiona Hird	Reimbursement	-119.97	1	CSH
EFT6849	11/04/2024	Flight Plan Digital Pty Ltd /ta Live Life Alarms	HACC Product	-1094.00	1	CSH
EFT6850	11/04/2024	Lite n'Easy	HACC Meals	-272.74	1	CSH
EFT6851	11/04/2024	Russell Building Approvals Pty Ltd	Building Approval	-660.00	1	CSH
DD4111.1	12/04/2024	Bendigo Business Mastercard	Position Vacancy Advertising	-3096.79	1	CSH
DD4113.1	16/04/2024	TELSTRA CORPORATION LIMITED	Telephone Usage	-2479.93	1	CSH
EFT6852	19/04/2024	V & LL CUTRI	Gravel Supply	-18975.00	1	CSH
EFT6853	19/04/2024	Avon Waste	Waste Removal	-1822.79	1	CSH

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Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
EFT6854	19/04/2024	Toll Transport Pty Ltd	Freight Books	-71.23	1	CSH
EFT6855	19/04/2024	Local Pest Control	Pest Treatment	-938.50	1	CSH
EFT6856	19/04/2024	HI-LO CONSTRUCTION	Building Maintenance	-4197.60	1	CSH
EFT6857	19/04/2024	Bitutek Pty Ltd	Warralakin Road Seal	-265870.11	1	CSH
EFT6858	19/04/2024	Newtravel INC	Contribution	-470.00	1	CSH
EFT6859	19/04/2024	Westonia Bowling/tennis Club's Bar Account	Christmas Function	-3680.00	1	CSH
EFT6860	19/04/2024	Dylan Copeland	NRM Project Mgmt	-957.00	1	CSH
EFT6861	19/04/2024	Daily Living Products	Medical Rooms Furniture	-1950.00	1	CSH
EFT6862	19/04/2024	Satellite Television & Radio Australia Pty Ltd	Radio Remote Monitoring	-2970.00	1	CSH
EFT6863	19/04/2024	Brownley's Plumbing & Gas	Watermain Fix	-514.80	1	CSH
EFT6864	19/04/2024	Merredin Panel & Paint	O2WT Repair Excess	-300.00	1	CSH
EFT6865	19/04/2024	Ancor Electrical	Pool Demolition	-3617.95	1	CSH
EFT6866	19/04/2024	Wessie Pty Ltd Atf: The Geier Family Trust	School Site Cleanup	-2227.50	1	CSH
EFT6867	19/04/2024	Fullworks Fire Safety	Freight	-70.00	1	CSH
EFT6868	19/04/2024	CORSIGN WA PTY LTD	Signs	-148.50	1	CSH
EFT6869	19/04/2024	Apache Investments Australia Pty Ltd	Gravel	-6413.00	1	CSH
EFT6870	19/04/2024	Out West Mechanical	Roller Repairs	-10057.21	1	CSH
EFT6871	19/04/2024	Alchemy Technology	HACC support	-653.40	1	CSH
EFT6872	19/04/2024	MACE Services Pty Ltd	Tyres WT0270	-2218.41	1	CSH
EFT6873	19/04/2024	Unicare	HACC Product	-220.80	1	CSH
EFT6874	19/04/2024	Lite n'Easy	HACC Meals	-522.75	1	CSH
EFT6875	19/04/2024	Russell Building Approvals Pty Ltd	Building approval	-330.00	1	CSH
EFT6876	19/04/2024	Northam Discount Drugstore	HACC Products	-195.30	1	CSH
DD4120.1	21/04/2024	Aware Super - Accumulation	Payroll deductions	-5469.52	1	CSH
DD4120.2	21/04/2024	BT Panorama Super	Superannuation contributions	-228.57	1	CSH
DD4120.3	21/04/2024	C-Bus	Superannuation contributions	-1238.98	1	CSH
DD4120.4	21/04/2024	MLC Masterkey	Superannuation contributions	-296.28	1	CSH
DD4120.5	21/04/2024	AUSTRALIANSUPER	Superannuation contributions	-810.81	1	CSH
DD4120.6	21/04/2024	MLC Navigator Retirement Plan	Superannuation contributions	-113.69	1	CSH
DD4120.7	21/04/2024	HESTA	Superannuation contributions	-99.67	1	CSH
DD4120.8	21/04/2024	Australian Retirement Trust	Superannuation contributions	-364.40	1	CSH
DD4120.9	21/04/2024	Amp Flexible Lifetime Super	Superannuation contributions	-170.00	1	CSH
DD4115.1	22/04/2024	Deputy Commissioner of Taxation	March BAS 2024	-20069.32	1	CSH
0	23/04/2024	Payroll	Salaries & Wages	-39180.59	1	CSH

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Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
EFT6877	23/04/2024	Services Australia Child Support	Payroll deductions	-787.65	1	CSH
DD4118.1	23/04/2024	Synergy	Streetlights	-1743.39	1	CSH
897	24/04/2024	2VNET - 2VNET MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FEE	2VNET MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FEE	-578.95	1	FEE
897	30/04/2024	TPORT - DEPT TRANSPORT LICENSING	DEPT TRANSPORT LICENSING	-25086.95	1	FEE
897	30/04/2024	FEE - BANK FEES	BANK FEES	-48.92	1	FEE
				-528035.71		

The above list of accounts has been paid under delegation, by the Chief Executive Officer, since the previous list of accounts. Municipal D/Debits from DD4103 to DD4120 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT6833 to EFT6877 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$528,035.71 submitted to each member of the Council on Thursday 16th May 2024, have been checked and are fully supported by vouchers and duly certified invoices with checks being carried out as to prices, computations and costing.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY– APRIL 2024

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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 April 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

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

SHIRE OF WESTONIA

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

(Containing the required statement of financial activity and statement of financial position)

For the period ended 30 April 2024

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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SHIRE OF WESTONIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

	Supplementary Information	Adopted Budget Estimates (a) \$	YTD Budget Estimates (b) \$	YTD Actual (c) \$	Variance* \$ (c) - (b)	Variance* % ((c) - (b))/(b)	Var.
OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Revenue from operating activities							
General rates	9	1,169,900	1,169,900	1,169,450	(450)	(0.04%)	
Grants, subsidies and contributions	11	1,190,700	995,727	817,666	(178,061)	(17.88%)	▼
Fees and charges		1,108,250	1,026,428	1,123,911	97,483	9.50%	▲
Interest revenue		224,800	129,080	138,120	(9,040)	(7.00%)	▲
Other revenue		64,550	59,000	61,814	2,814	4.77%	
Profit on asset disposals	6	23,000	8,000	17,128	9,128	114.10%	▲
		3,781,200	3,388,135	3,328,089	(60,046)	(1.77%)	
Expenditure from operating activities							
Employee costs		(1,348,918)	(853,476)	(912,877)	(59,401)	(6.96%)	▼
Materials and contracts		(1,165,264)	(1,230,615)	(1,231,799)	(1,184)	(0.10%)	
Utility charges		(309,059)	(245,074)	(274,643)	(29,569)	(12.07%)	▼
Depreciation		(1,832,250)	(1,828,420)	(1,400,023)	428,397	23.43%	▲
Insurance		(165,100)	(154,431)	(146,526)	7,905	5.12%	▲
Other expenditure		(61,500)	(37,770)	(31,986)	5,784	15.31%	▲
Loss on asset disposals	6	(362,000)	0	0	0	0.00%	
		(5,244,091)	(4,349,786)	(3,997,854)	351,932	8.09%	
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	Note 2(b)	2,171,250	1,980,878	1,382,895	(597,983)	(30.19%)	▼
Amount attributable to operating activities		708,359	1,019,227	713,130	(306,097)	(30.03%)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Inflows from investing activities							
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	12	931,500	713,920	711,308	(2,612)	(0.37%)	
Proceeds from disposal of assets	6	0	0	93,000	93,000	0.00%	▲
		931,500	713,920	804,308	90,388	12.66%	
Outflows from investing activities							
Payments for property, plant and equipment	5	(2,819,500)	(856,600)	(905,562)	(48,962)	(5.72%)	▼
Payments for construction of infrastructure	5	(2,114,000)	(1,934,970)	(1,413,993)	520,977	26.92%	▲
Amount attributable to investing activities		(4,002,000)	(2,077,650)	(1,515,246)	562,404	27.07%	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Inflows from financing activities							
Transfer from reserves	4	1,260,000	260,000	260,000	0	0.00%	
		1,260,000	260,000	260,000	0	0.00%	
Outflows from financing activities							
Transfer to reserves	4	(110,500)	(92,601)	(92,601)	0	0.00%	
		(110,500)	(92,601)	(92,601)	0	0.00%	
Amount attributable to financing activities		1,149,500	167,399	167,399	0	0.00%	
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT							
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year		2,068,210	2,068,210	2,068,210	0	0.00%	
Amount attributable to operating activities		708,359	1,019,227	713,130	(306,097)	(30.03%)	▼
Amount attributable to investing activities		(4,002,000)	(2,077,650)	(1,515,246)	562,404	27.07%	▲
Amount attributable to financing activities		1,149,500	167,399	167,399	0	0.00%	
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates		(75,931)	1,177,186	1,433,493	256,307	21.77%	▲

KEY INFORMATION

▲▼ Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data as per the adopted materiality threshold.

* Refer to Note 3 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Financial Statements and Notes.

SHIRE OF WESTONIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

	Supplementary Information	30 June 2024	30 April 2024
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	6,407,298	5,557,987
Trade and other receivables		374,268	386,019
Inventories	7	19,308	(27,709)
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		6,800,874	5,916,297
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories		40,339	40,339
Property, plant and equipment		13,360,027	13,664,055
Infrastructure		43,562,879	44,093,509
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		56,963,245	57,797,903
TOTAL ASSETS		63,764,119	63,714,200
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	8	245,390	145,332
Employee related provisions	10	201,888	221,846
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		447,278	367,178
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee related provisions		55,211	55,211
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		55,211	55,211
TOTAL LIABILITIES		502,489	422,389
NET ASSETS		63,261,630	63,291,809
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		21,776,326	21,973,904
Reserve accounts	4	4,397,554	4,230,156
Revaluation surplus		37,087,750	37,087,749
TOTAL EQUITY		63,261,630	63,291,809

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

This prescribed financial report has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying regulations.

Local Government Act 1995 requirements

Section 6.4(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* read with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, prescribe that the financial report be prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, the Australian Accounting Standards. The Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities) and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board were applied where no inconsistencies exist.

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* specify that vested land is a right-of-use asset to be measured at cost, and is considered a zero cost concessionary lease. All right-of-use assets under zero cost concessionary leases are measured at zero cost rather than at fair value, except for vested improvements on concessionary land leases such as roads, buildings or other infrastructure which continue to be reported at fair value, as opposed to the vested land which is measured at zero cost. The measurement of vested improvements at fair value is a departure from AASB 16 which would have required the Shire to measure any vested improvements at zero cost.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, regulation 34 prescribes contents of the financial report. Supporting information does not form part of the financial report.

Accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the financial report has been prepared on the accrual basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and liabilities.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING ENTITY

All funds through which the Shire controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements. A separate statement of those monies appears at Note 13 to these financial statements.

Judgements and estimates

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The balances, transactions and disclosures impacted by accounting estimates are as follows:

- estimated fair value of certain financial assets
- impairment of financial assets
- estimation of fair values of land and buildings, infrastructure and investment property
- estimation uncertainties made in relation to lease accounting
- estimated useful life of intangible assets

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES

Significant accounting policies utilised in the preparation of these statements are as described within the 2023-24 Annual Budget. Please refer to the adopted budget document for details of these policies.

PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 30 April 2024

SHIRE OF WESTONIA
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

2 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION

(a) Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity	Supplementary Information	Adopted Budget Opening 30 June 2023	Last Year Closing 30 June 2023	Year to Date 30 April 2024
		\$	\$	\$
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	3	2,008,873	6,407,298	5,557,987
Trade and other receivables		368,120	374,268	386,019
Other financial assets		4,397,554	0	0
Inventories	7	19,308	19,308	(27,709)
		6,793,855	6,800,874	5,916,297
Less: current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	8	(240,276)	(245,390)	(145,332)
Employee related provisions	10	(201,888)	(201,888)	(221,846)
		(442,164)	(447,278)	(367,178)
Net current assets		6,351,691	6,353,597	5,549,119
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	Note 2(c)	(4,285,387)	(4,285,387)	(4,115,626)
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)		2,066,304	2,068,210	1,433,493

(b) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities

The following non-cash revenue and expenditure has been excluded from operating activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 32*.

Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)
		\$	\$	\$
Adjustments to operating activities				
Less: Profit on asset disposals	6	(23,000)	151,421	(17,128)
Add: Loss on asset disposals	6	362,000	1,037	0
Add: Depreciation		1,832,250	1,828,420	1,400,023
Total non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		2,171,250	1,980,878	1,382,895

(c) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency

The following current assets and liabilities have been excluded from the net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 32* to agree to the surplus/(deficit) after imposition of general rates.

Adjustments to net current assets		Adopted Budget Opening 30 June 2023	Last Year Closing 30 June 2023	Year to Date 30 April 2024
		\$	\$	\$
Less: Reserve accounts	4	(4,397,555)	(4,397,555)	(4,230,156)
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at the end of the year:				
- Current portion of employee benefit provisions held in reserve	4	112,168	112,168	114,530
Total adjustments to net current assets	Note 2(a)	(4,285,387)	(4,285,387)	(4,115,626)

CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. Unless otherwise stated assets or liabilities are classified as current if expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Council's operational cycle.

SHIRE OF WESTONIA
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

3 EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

The material variance thresholds are adopted annually by Council as an indicator of whether the actual expenditure or revenue varies from the year to date actual materially.

The material variance adopted by Council for the 2023-24 year is \$10,000 or 5.00% whichever is the greater.

Description	Var. \$	Var. %	
	\$	%	
Revenue from operating activities			
Grants, subsidies and contributions	(178,061)	(17.88%)	▼
Fees and charges	97,483	9.50%	▲
Interest revenue	9,040	7.00%	▲
Profit on asset disposals	9,128	114.10%	▲
Expenditure from operating activities			
Employee costs	(59,401)	(6.96%)	▼
Utility charges	(29,569)	(12.07%)	▼
Depreciation	428,397	23.43%	▲
Insurance	7,905	5.12%	▲
Other expenditure	5,784	15.31%	▲
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	(597,983)	(30.19%)	▼
Inflows from investing activities			
Proceeds from disposal of assets	93,000	0.00%	▲
Outflows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(48,962)	(5.72%)	▼
Payments for construction of infrastructure	520,977	26.92%	▲
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	256,307	21.77%	▲
Due to variances described above			

Timing Variance
Material Variance

Schedule 03 General Purpose Funding

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Rates Income								
Operating Expense								
03	03100	ABC Costs- Rate Revenue	32,000	20,500	18,689	(1,812)	(9)%	
03	03101	Rate Notice Stationery expense	500	500	273	(227)	(45)%	
03	03102	Rates Recovery - Legal Expenses	1,500	100	92	(9)	(9)%	
03	03103	Valuation Expenses and Title Searches E	4,000	530	879	349	66%	
03	03107	Rates Written-off	500	320	335	15	5%	
			38,500	21,950	20,267	(1,683)		
Operating Income								
03	03104	General Rates Levied	(1,165,000)	(1,165,000)	(1,164,518)	482	(0)%	
03	03105	Ex-Gratia Rates Received	(4,900)	(4,900)	(4,931)	(31)	1%	
03	03106	Penalty Interest Raised on Rates	(2,800)	(12,080)	(15,882)	(3,802)	31%	Penalty Interest Raised Monthly
03	03109	Instalment Interest Received	(2,000)	(2,000)	(1,887)	113	(6)%	
03	03110	Rates Administration Fee Received	(1,000)	(1,000)	(948)	52	(5)%	
03	03112	Other Revenue	(500)	(500)	(740)	(240)	48%	
			(1,176,200)	(1,185,480)	(1,188,906)	(3,426)		
Other General Purpose Funding								
Operating Expense								
03	03210	Bank Fees Expense	5,000	5,000	5,230	230	5%	
			5,000	5,000	5,230	230		
Operating Income								
03	03201	Grants Commission Grant Received - Ge	(40,000)	(37,000)	(37,251)	(251)	1%	
03	03202	Grants Commission Grant Received- Roa	(250,000)	(26,660)	(24,014)	2,647	(10)%	
03	03204	Interest Received	(220,000)	(115,000)	(120,351)	(5,351)	5%	
03	03205	Other General Purpose funding received	(250)	0	(0)	(0)		
			(510,250)	(178,660)	(181,616)	(2,956)		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			43,500	26,950	25,497	(1,453)		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(1,686,450)	(1,364,140)	(1,370,522)	(6,382)		

Schedule 04 Governance

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Members Of Council								
Operating Expense								
04	04100	Members Travelling Expenses paid	1,000	500	248	(252)	(50)%	
04	04101	Members Conference Expenses	15,000	13,500	13,330	(170)	(1)%	
04	04102	Council Election Expenses	2,500	0	0	0		
04	04103	President's Allowance paid	5,600	2,800	2,300	(500)	(18)%	
04	04104	Members Refreshments & Receptions E:	17,500	18,330	22,123	3,793	21%	
04	04105	Members - Insurance	15,000	15,000	15,000	(0)	(0)%	
04	04106	Members - Subscriptions	73,000	60,810	59,882	(928)	(2)%	
04	04107	Members - Donation & Gifts	3,000	2,500	1,338	(1,162)	(46)%	
04	04108	Members Telephone Subsidy Paid	1,200	1,200	1,707	507	42%	
04	04109	Members Sitting Fees Paid	23,400	11,700	11,705	5	0%	
04	04110	Consultant Fees Expense	40,000	10,000	10,757	757	8%	
04	04111	Training Expenses of Members	3,000	3,000	5,542	2,542	85%	
04	04112	Maintenance - Council Chambers	3,200	2,650	1,239	(1,411)	(53)%	
04	04113	ABC Costs- Relating to Members	80,200	47,910	45,771	(2,139)	(4)%	
04	04114	Audit Fees expense	27,000	27,000	29,090	2,090	8%	
04	04118	Advertising	3,000	1,000	1,048	48	5%	
04	04120	Public Relations/ Promotions	2,500	0	0	0		
04	04199	Depreciation - Members of Council	50	0	0	0		
			316,150	217,900	221,079	3,179		
Operating Income								
04	04121	Contributions, Reimbursements	(1,000)	0	0	0		
04	04122	Photocopying	(100)	0	0	0		
04	04124	Sale of Electoral Rolls	(50)	0	0	0		
			(1,150)	0	0	0		
		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	316,150	217,900	221,079	3,179		
		TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	(1,150)	0	0	0		

Schedule 05 Law, Order & Public Safety

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Fire Prevention								
Operating Expense								
05	05100	ABC Costs- Fire Prevention	24,000	22,000	21,367	(633)	(3)%	
05	05101	Bush Fire Control Maintenance Plant & I	10,000	10,000	9,972	(28)	(0)%	
05	05102	Bush Fire Control Maintenance Land & E	1,500	1,400	1,306	(94)	(7)%	
05	05103	Bush Fire Control	1,000	0	0	0		
05	05104	Bush Fire Control Insurance	16,500	16,500	18,902	2,402	15%	
05	05112	Bush Fire Clothing, Training & Accs.	3,200	0	0	0		
05	05113	Utilities Communication & Power	7,000	2,895	3,733	838	29%	
05	05114	Other Goods & Services	1,000	830	642	(188)	(23)%	
05	05199	Depreciation - Fire Prevention	15,500	14,292	17,723	3,431	24%	
			79,700	67,917	73,646	5,729		
Operating Income								
05	05106	Bush Fire Reimbursements	0	0	0	0		
05	05107	FESA Operating Grant	(35,000)	(35,000)	(33,180)	1,820	(5)%	
05	05108	Edna May MOU Emergency Services	(13,500)	(10,125)	(10,227)	(102)	1%	
05	05111	FESA ESL Admin Fee	(4,000)	(4,000)	(4,400)	(400)	10%	
			(52,500)	(49,125)	(47,807)	1,318		
Capital Expense								
05	5110	Purchase Plant Fire Prevention	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Animal Control								
Operating Expense								
05	05200	Expenses Relating to Animal Control	0	0	0	0		
05	05201	Animal Control - Ranger Expense	5,000	2,500	2,850	350	14%	
			5,000	2,500	2,850	350		
Operating Income								
05	05202	Fines and Penalties - Animal Control	(100)	0	0	0		
05	05203	Dog Registration Fees	(750)	(750)	(736)	14	(2)%	
05	05301	Income Relating to Other Law	(50)	0	0	0		
			(900)	(750)	(736)	14		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			84,700	70,417	76,496	6,079		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(53,400)	(49,875)	(48,543)	1,332		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			0	0	0	0		

Schedule 07 Health

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Health-HACC								
Operating Expense								
07	07110	HCS -Salaries	50,000	50,000	52,449	2,449	5%	
07	07112	Expenses Relating to Health HCS	50,000	46,670	47,207	537	1%	
07	07114	HCS - ABC Costs	64,000	35,000	35,589	589	2%	
			164,000	131,670	135,245	3,575		
Operating Income								
07	07101	Service Fee	(160,000)	(160,000)	(176,624)	(16,624)	10%	
			(160,000)	(160,000)	(176,624)	(16,624)		
Preventative Services - Administration & Inspections								
Operating Expense								
07	07400	ABC Costs- Preventative Services - Adm	16,000	12,330	9,344	(2,986)	(24)%	
07	07404	Analytical Expenses	400	360	360	0	0%	
07	07406	Contract - EHO Expense	8,000	6,660	6,130	(530)	(8)%	
			24,400	19,350	15,834	(3,516)		
Operating Income								
07	07401	Income Relating to Preventative Service:	0	0	0	0		
07	07407	Reimbursement	(100)	0	0	0		
			(100)	0	0	0		
Preventative Services - Pest Control								
Operating Expense								
07	07500	Mosquito Control Preventative Services	2,500	1,875	1,805	(70)	(4)%	
			2,500	1,875	1,805	(70)		
Preventative Services -Other								
Operating Expense								
07	07600	Ambulance Services - Other	2,000	1,830	1,231	(599)	(33)%	
07	07601	Medical Rooms & Dr Expense - Other	9,000	9,000	13,826	4,826	54%	
08	08600	ABC Costs- Other Welfare	56,000	18,644	19,344	700	4%	
			67,000	29,474	34,401	4,927		
Operating Income								
07	07602	Reimbursement Rural Health West	(9,500)	(9,500)	(11,838)	(2,338)	25%	
			(9,500)	(9,500)	(11,838)	(2,338)		
Other Health								
Operating Expense								
07	07700	Nurse Practitioner Clinic	43,800	30,490	25,739	(4,751)	(16)%	
07	07799	Depreciation - Health	2,100	1,750	1,699	(51)	(3)%	
			45,900	32,240	27,438	(4,802)		
Operating Income								
07	07701	WAPHA /Other Funding	(45,000)	0	0	0		
07	07703	User Pay Fee Nurse Practitioner Services	(20,000)	(8,330)	(8,871)	(541)	6%	
07	07704	Medicare Benefits	(10,000)	(6,000)	(5,380)	620	(10)%	
			(75,000)	(14,330)	(14,251)	79		
Capital Expense								
07	07702	Purchase Buildings - Medical Centre Upg	25,000	0	0	0		
			25,000	0	0	0		
Capital Income								
07	07603	WAPHA - Medical Centre Upgrades Inco	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	0	0%	
			(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	0		
		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	303,800	214,609	214,723	114		
		TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	(244,600)	(183,830)	(202,713)	(18,883)		
		TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	0		
		TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		

Schedule 08 Education & Welfare

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Pre-Schools								
Operating Expense								
08	08100	Expenses Relating to Schools	16,000	16,000	33,370	17,370	109%	
08	08101	Westonia Primary School	75,000	75,000	86,945	11,945	16%	Increase in Allocation for Cleaning Kerry Lyne French, New Purchase of Beds
08	08199	Depreciation - School	14,000	11,670	11,412	(258)	(2)%	
			105,000	102,670	131,727	29,057		
Operating Income								
08	08103	Income School Facility/Main Building	(22,000)	(22,000)	(22,276)	(276)	1%	Hire of Units to Highway Construction/Main Roads
08	08105	Income Unit Accomodation	(135,000)	(135,000)	(151,668)	(16,668)	12%	
08	08107	LotteryWest /Menshed	(200,000)	0	0	0		
			(357,000)	(157,000)	(173,944)	(16,944)		
Capital Expense								
08	08104	Purchase Land & Buildings- Seniors civic	200,000	8,000	8,036	36	0%	
			200,000	8,000	8,036	36		
Other Education								
Capital Expense								
08	08203	Purchase Furniture & Equipment	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Aged & Disabled - Senior Citizens								
Operating Expense								
08	08401	Seniors Activities	7,500	400	426	26	6%	
08	08402	Wheatbelt Agcare	500	500	500	0	0%	
			8,000	900	926	26		
Operating Income								
08	08403	Income Relating to Aged & Disabled - Se	(5,000)	0	0	0		
			(5,000)	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			113,000	103,570	132,653	29,083		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(362,000)	(157,000)	(173,944)	(16,944)		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			200,000	8,000	8,036	36		

Schedule 09 Housing

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Staff Housing								
Operating Expense								
09	09100	Staff Housing - ABC Costs	24,000	17,000	14,301	(2,699)	(16)%	
09	09101	Maintenance 20 Diorite St -Rental	4,850	4,020	3,026	(994)	(25)%	
09	09102	Maintenance 11 Quartz St - Swimming P	7,800	6,460	4,982	(1,478)	(23)%	
09	09104	Maintenance 37 Diorite St - Rental	4,500	3,730	3,241	(489)	(13)%	
09	09105	Maintenance 7 Quartz St - Plant Operatr	6,500	5,400	2,045	(3,355)	(62)%	
09	09107	Staff House Costs Allocated to Works	0	0	3,055	3,055		
09	09108	Depreciation - Staff Housing	53,000	43,753	42,600	(1,153)	(3)%	
09	09109	Maintenance 13 Pyrite Street -Plant Op	7,450	6,180	3,542	(2,638)	(43)%	
09	09201	Maintenance 4 Quartz St - Plant Operatr	8,300	6,890	2,473	(4,417)	(64)%	
09	09211	Maintenance 301 Pyrite Street - CEO	25,300	6,230	5,604	(626)	(10)%	
			141,700	99,663	84,871	(14,792)		
Operating Income								
09	09121	Income 20 Diorite St -Rental	(10,000)	(9,163)	(10,500)	(1,337)	15%	
09	09122	Income 11 Quartz St - Senior Finance	(2,100)	(1,750)	(1,970)	(220)	13%	
09	09124	Income 37 Diorite St - Rental	(4,400)	(3,660)	(3,740)	(80)	2%	
09	09125	Income 7 Quartz St - Plant Operator	(2,100)	(1,750)	(1,680)	70	(4)%	
09	09129	Reimbursements	0	0	0	0		
09	09130	Income 13 Pyrite Street -Plant Operator	(2,100)	(1,750)	(2,000)	(250)	14%	
09	09220	Income 4 Quartz St - Plant Operator	(2,100)	(1,750)	(2,100)	(350)	20%	
09	09230	Income 301 Pyrite Street - CEO	0	0	(720)	(720)		
			(22,800)	(19,823)	(22,710)	(2,887)		
Other Housing								
Operating Expense								
09	09200	Other Housing - ABC Costs	24,000	17,900	14,301	(3,599)	(20)%	
09	09202	Maintenance 55 Wolfram St -Ramelius F	800	660	1,686	1,026	155%	
09	09203	Maintenance - Lifestyle	19,500	16,160	7,683	(8,477)	(52)%	
09	09206	Maintenance Quartz Street Age Units	12,150	10,040	4,687	(5,353)	(53)%	
09	09208	Maintenance - 17 Pyrite Street JV Units	13,350	11,040	9,271	(1,769)	(16)%	
09	09212	Rental Lifestyle Village - Westonia Progr	18,100	18,330	18,096	(234)	(1)%	
09	09236	Depreciation Other Housing	60,500	51,378	46,270	(5,108)	(10)%	
			148,400	125,508	101,994	(23,514)		
Other Housing								
Operating Income								
09	09221	Income 55 Wolfram St -Ramelius Resour	(20,000)	(20,000)	(19,191)	809	(4)%	
09	09222	Income - Lifestyle	(86,500)	(86,500)	(88,128)	(1,628)	2%	
09	09227	Income 17Pyrite St - JV Units	(9,200)	(9,200)	(9,310)	(110)	1%	
09	09231	Income - Ramelius Resources Lease Carr	(24,000)	(24,000)	(24,176)	(176)	1%	
09	09238	Income -Age Units Quartz Street	(17,600)	(17,600)	(19,550)	(1,950)	11%	
09	09298	Profit on Sale of Asset	0	0	0	0		
			(157,300)	(157,300)	(160,356)	(3,056)		
Capital Expense								
09	09127	Purchase - Staff Housing - Shed 4 Quart	40,000	0	0	0		
09	09128	Purchase Land & Buildings - New Staff H	160,000	0	0	0		
			200,000	0	0	0		
Capital Income								
09	09237	Income -Sale of 37 Diorite St, Westonia	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	290,100	225,171	186,865	(38,306)		
		TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	(180,100)	(177,123)	(180,506)	(3,383)		
		TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	0	0	0	0		
		TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	200,000	0	0	0		

Schedule 10 Community Amenities

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Sanitation - Household Refuse								
Operating Expense								
10	10100	ABC Costs- Household Refuse	24,000	19,000	14,016	(4,984)	(26)%	
10	10103	Domestic Refuse Collection	13,000	9,747	11,064	1,317	14%	
10	10105	Refuse Collection Public Bins	10,000	8,330	10,049	1,719	21%	
10	10106	Refuse Maintenance	26,469	16,931	12,922	(4,009)	(24)%	
10	10107	Waste Oil Recycling	500	0	0	0		
10	10108	Containers for Change Recycling Bins	5,500	5,500	7,182	1,682	31%	
			79,469	59,508	55,234	(4,274)		
Operating Income								
10	10120	Income Relating to Sanitation - Househc	(14,000)	(14,000)	(14,197)	(197)	1%	
10	10122	Drum-Muster	0	0	0	0		
			(14,000)	(14,000)	(14,197)	(197)		
Other Community Amenities								
Operating Expense								
10	10704	Maintenance - Public Conveniences	9,000	7,199	5,929	(1,270)	(18)%	
10	10706	Maintenance - Grave Digging	11,000	9,150	4,261	(4,889)	(53)%	
10	10799	Depreciation - Community Services	19,400	16,160	16,074	(86)	(1)%	
			39,400	32,509	26,264	(6,245)		
Operating Income								
10	10701	Income Relating to Other Community Ar	0	0	0	0		
10	10708	Cemetery Fees	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,929)	(929)	93%	
			(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,929)	(929)		
Capital Expenditure								
10	10702	Purchase Land & Buildings - Niche Wall (15,000	0	0	0		
			15,000	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			118,869	92,017	81,498	(10,519)		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,929)	(929)		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			15,000	0	0	0		

Schedule 11 Recreation & Culture

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Public Halls & Civic Centres								
Operating Expense								
11	11100	ABC Costs- Public Halls & Civic Centres	80,200	55,147	46,246	(8,901)	(16)%	
11	11104	Maintenance - Public Halls	19,750	16,430	16,706	276	2%	
11	11105	Maintenance - Complex/ Gym	38,000	31,650	23,250	(8,400)	(27)%	
11	11106	Maintenance - Wanderers Stadium	22,700	24,980	24,290	(690)	(3)%	
11	11107	MOU Westonia Progress Payment	30,000	50,000	53,240	3,240	6%	Missed Payment to Progress MOU Q2 21/22
11	11199	Depreciation - Public Halls	67,500	56,250	56,311	61	0%	
			258,150	234,457	220,042	(14,415)		
Operating Income								
11	11110	Income Relating to Public Halls & Civic C	(200)	(100)	(100)	0	0%	
11	11111	Income Edna May MOU 33%	(17,500)	(18,330)	(18,533)	(203)	1%	
11	11112	Income Charges Stadium	(700)	0	(100)	(100)		
11	11114	Income Edna May MOU WPA 67%	(30,000)	(35,000)	(37,622)	(2,622)	7%	Increase in contribution received via MOU- Edna May
			(48,400)	(53,430)	(56,356)	(2,926)		
Capital Expense								
11	11102	Purchase Land & Buildings - Sun Deck	20,000	0	0	0		
11	11103	Purchase Furniture & Equipment -Gener	12,500	0	0	0		
			32,500	0	0	0		
Swimming Pool								
Operating Expense								
11	11207	Maintenance Westonia Swimming Pool	31,000	31,000	41,345	10,345	33%	
11	11208	Chlorine Expenses	2,000	2,000	3,534	1,534	77%	
11	11209	Management Contract Charges	75,000	71,000	71,486	486	1%	
11	11210	Water Charges	7,000	5,500	5,409	(91)	(2)%	
11	11299	Depreciaton - Swimming Pool	44,700	25,451	23,113	(2,338)	(9)%	
			159,700	134,951	144,886	9,935		
Capital Expense								
11	11204	Purchase Land & Buildings -Kiosk/Abluti	1,350,000	18,000	18,277	277	2%	
11	11205	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - Swim	0	0	0	0		
			1,350,000	18,000	18,277	277		
Other Recreation & Sport								
Operating Expense								
11	11307	Maintenance - Playground, Tennis & Bo	289,559	171,370	172,988	1,618	1%	
11	11308	Maintenance - Recreation Oval	21,809	21,809	43,370	21,561	99%	Increase Water Charges to Recreation Oval
11	11399	Depreciation - Other Rec & Sport	35,800	35,800	49,052	13,252	37%	
			347,168	228,979	265,410	36,431		
Operating Income								
11	11302	Marquee Hire Charges	(100)	(100)	(1,100)	(1,000)	1,000%	
			(100)	(100)	(1,100)	(1,000)		
Capital Income								
11	11301	DFES Grant	(12,500)	0	0	0		
11	11310	Bowling Green Redevelopment - LRCIP T	(722,000)	(492,000)	(492,589)	(589)	0%	
11	11211	LRCIP - Round 3	(361,000)	(311,000)	(310,690)	310	(0)%	
			(1,095,500)	(803,000)	(803,279)	(279)		
Capital Expense								
11	11303	Purchase Land & Buildings - Bowling Gre	0	0	0	0		
11	11304	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - Other	0	0	0	0		
11	11309	Bowling Green Redevelopment - CAPITA	200,000	200,000	220,103	20,103	10%	Overspend On Bowling Green Redevelopment project
			200,000	200,000	220,103	20,103		
Television and Rebroadcasting								
Operating Expense								
11	11401	Maintenance - Television and Rebroadc	1,000	750	3,755	3,005	401%	
11	11499	Depreciation - TV & Radio	5,500	4,580	4,528	(52)	(1)%	
			6,500	5,330	8,283	2,953		
Capital Expense								
11	11404	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - Telev	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		

Schedule 11 Recreation & Culture

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Other Recreation & Sport								
Operating Expense								
11	11504	Library Salaries	19,500	16,240	16,368	128	1%	
11	11505	Library Expenses	3,500	3,110	2,134	(976)	(31)%	
			23,000	19,350	18,502	(848)		
Operating Income								
11	11501	Income Relating to Libraries	0	0	0	0		
11	11502	Fines & Penalties Charged	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Capital Expense								
11	11503	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - Librai	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Other Culture								
Operating Expense								
11	11605	Nature Reserve Management	20,000	17,466	17,337	(129)	(1)%	
11	11606	Maintenance Walgoolan Gazebo	600	580	591	11	2%	
			20,600	18,046	17,928	(118)		
Operating Income								
11	11602	Income Charges History Books	(200)	(100)	(136)	(36)	36%	
11	11604	Ramelius Common Management - Incoi	0	0	0	0		
			(200)	(100)	(136)	(36)		
Capital Expense								
11	11603	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - PlayG	5,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	
11	11609	Projector Upgrades- Old Hall Movie The:	0	0	12,047	12,047		Grant Received in 22/23
			5,000	1,000	13,047	12,047		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			815,118	641,113	675,052	33,939		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(48,600)	(53,530)	(56,492)	(2,962)		
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME			(1,095,500)	(803,000)	(803,279)	(279)		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			1,587,500	219,000	251,427	32,427		

Schedule 12 Transport

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Streets Roads Bridges & Depot Construction								
Capital Expense								
12	12101	Roads Construction Council	1,129,500	337,000	336,905	(95)	(0)%	
12	12103	MRWA Project Construction	609,500	609,500	617,963	8,463	1%	
12	12104	Roads to Recovery Construction	325,000	245,830	245,661	(169)	(0)%	
12	12108	Footpath Construction	50,000	3,000	2,613	(387)	(13)%	
			2,114,000	1,195,330	1,203,142	7,812		
Streets Roads Bridges & Depot Maintenance								
Operating Expense								
12	12202	Power - Street Lighting	8,500	7,080	5,720	(1,360)	(19)%	
12	12203	Maintenance - GRM	674,504	392,021	381,376	(10,645)	(3)%	
12	12204	Maintenance - Depot	45,000	45,000	47,875	2,875	6%	
12	12205	Maintenance - Footpaths	500	0	0	0		
12	12206	Traffic Signs Maintenance	17,000	14,900	14,838	(62)	(0)%	
12	12208	Townsite Beautification	35,000	35,000	60,900	25,900	74%	Townsite Works
12	12219	RRG Expenses	0	0	0	0		
12	12299	Depreciation - Street, Roads, Bridges	1,017,200	875,330	874,588	(742)	(0)%	
			1,797,704	1,369,331	1,385,297	15,966		
Operating Income								
12	12211	Grant - MRWA Project	0	0	0	0		
12	12212	Grant - MRWA Direct	(155,000)	(155,000)	(158,490)	(3,490)	2%	
12	12213	Grant - MRWA Specific	(406,500)	(388,920)	(388,650)	270	(0)%	
12	12216	Grant - Roads to Recovery	(325,000)	(325,000)	(322,658)	2,342	(1)%	
			(886,500)	(868,920)	(869,798)	(878)		
Capital Expense								
12	12218	Electric Car Charging Station - CAPITAL	50,000	50,000	67,725	17,725	35.4%	Overspend On Electric Car Charging Station project
12	12220	L&B Depot Shed	15,000	0	0	0		
			65,000	50,000	67,725	17,725		
Road Plant Purchase								
Operating Expense								
12	12359	Loss on Sale of Asset	362,000	0	0	0		
			362,000	0	0	0		
Operating Income								
12	12398	Profit on Sale of Asset	0	0	(9,000)	(9,000)		
			0	0	(9,000)	(9,000)		
Road Plant Purchase								
Capital Expense								
12	12308	Prime Movers - CAPITAL	452,000	452,000	450,942	(1,058)	(0)%	
12	14213	Construction Supervisor Vehicle - CAPIT	60,000	0	0	0		
12	12305	Side Tipper & Dolly - CAPITAL	0	0	0	0		
			512,000	452,000	450,942	(1,058)		
Aerodromes								
Operating Expense								
12	12604	Airport Maintenance	5,300	4,080	1,975	(2,105)	(52)%	
			5,300	4,080	1,975	(2,105)		
Operating Income								
12	12601	Income Relating to Aerodromes	(100)	0	0	0		
			(100)	0	0	0		
Capital Expense								
12	12605	Airport Land - CAPITAL	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	2,165,004	1,373,411	1,387,272	13,861		
		TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	(886,600)	(868,920)	(878,798)	(9,878)		
		TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	2,691,000	1,697,330	1,721,809	24,479		

Schedule 13 Economic Services

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Rural Services								
Operating Expense								
13	13100	ABC Costs- Rural Services	0	0	3,874	3,874		
13	13119	Project TBA	0	0	0	0		
13	13123	NRM Contract	5,000	1,000	1,784	784	78%	
13	13125	Noxious Weed Control	2,000	0	0	0		
13	13126	Wild Dog Contribution	0	0	0	0		
			7,000	1,000	5,657	4,657		
Operating Income								
13	13105	Govt. Grant Funding	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Tourism & Area Promotion								
Operating Expense								
13	13200	Admin Allocations Tourism & Area Prom	48,000	30,000	28,128	(1,872)	(6)%	
13	13210	Area Promotion	8,000	2,100	1,940	(160)	(8)%	
13	13211	SUBS- CW Visitor Centre	4,500	2,300	2,273	(27)	(1)%	
13	13212	SUBS- Newtravel	6,400	5,800	6,288	488	8%	
13	13213	Maintenance Caravan Park	80,000	80,000	81,689	1,689	2%	
13	13214	Information Bay- Carrabin	11,050	1,860	2,573	713	38%	
13	13215	Old Club Hotel Museum -Maintenance	26,100	21,730	18,424	(3,306)	(15)%	
13	13299	Depreciation - Tourism & Area Promotic	33,000	28,500	32,113	3,613	13%	
			217,050	172,290	173,428	1,138		
Operating Income								
13	13201	Income Relating to Tourism & Area Pron	0	0	0	0		
13	13202	Caravan Site Charges	(45,000)	(33,750)	(38,180)	(4,430)	13%	
13	13203	Tent Site Charges	(300)	(300)	(655)	(355)	118%	
13	13204	Souvenir Sales	(200)	(200)	(462)	(262)	131%	
13	13221	Income - Old Club Hotel Museum Entry	0	(4,160)	(5,595)	(1,435)	35%	
			(45,500)	(38,410)	(44,892)	(6,482)		
Capital Expense								
13	13217	Caravan Park - CAPITAL	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Building Control								
Operating Expense								
13	13301	Contract EH Services	9,000	5,000	7,840	2,840	57%	
			9,000	5,000	7,840	2,840		
Operating Income								
13	13303	Building Permit Charges	(2,000)	(300)	(825)	(525)	175%	
13	13304	Demolition Charges	(100)	(100)	(100)	0	0%	
13	13305	Commission BRB	(200)	0	0	0		
13	13307	Planning Fee	0	0	0	0		
			(2,300)	(400)	(925)	(525)		
Community Development (CRC)								
Operating Expense								
13	13400	ABC Costs - Community Development	64,000	41,330	38,137	(3,193)	(8)%	
13	13401	Programs / Activities	20,000	1,500	1,342	(158)	(11)%	
13	13402	Workers Compensation Premiums	10,000	10,000	6,485	(3,515)	(35)%	
13	13403	Superannuation	17,000	11,744	10,018	(1,726)	(15)%	
13	13404	Salaries	95,000	81,160	86,916	5,756	7%	
13	13405	Community Events	40,000	40,000	47,204	7,204	18%	
13	13406	Grant Generated Expenditure	0	0	594	594		
13	13610	Building Maintenance	23,500	19,540	13,835	(5,705)	(29)%	
			269,500	205,274	204,532	(742)		
Operating Income								
13	13410	Grant Funding Opportunities	(40,000)	(13,500)	(13,182)	318	(2)%	
13	13412	Income Relating to Westonia CRC Opera	0	0	2,532	2,532		
13	13413	Events Income	(40,000)	(40,000)	(41,384)	(1,384)	3%	Recieval of Event Income not Budgeted for.
13	13411	DPIRD Grants Funding (CRC)	(107,200)	(105,452)	(105,452)	0	0%	
			(187,200)	(158,952)	(157,486)	1,466		
Plant Nursery								
Operating Expense								
13	13502	Nursery Operating Costs	1,800	250	161	(89)	(36)%	
			1,800	250	161	(89)		
Operating Income								
13	13505	Tree Planter Hire	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		

Schedule 13 Economic Services

Prog	COA	Description	Original			Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
			Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual			
Other Economic Services								
Operating Expense								
13	13600	ABC Costs to Other Economic Services	8,000	8,000	10,276	2,276	28%	
13	13611	Water Supply Standpipes	200,000	153,640	153,564	(76)	(0)%	
13	13613	Ramelius Resource Lease - Industrial She	0	0	183	183		
13	13614	St Lukes Church	0	0	2,327	2,327		
13	13615	CO-OP Bus -Expense	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	0%	
13	13699	Depreciation- Other Economic Services	70,500	55,292	58,847	3,555	6%	
			428,500	366,932	375,197	8,265		
Other Economic Services								
Operating Income								
13	13602	Community Bus Hire Charges	(1,000)	(3,330)	(3,631)	(301)	9%	Bus Hire Charges
13	13603	Ramelius Resource Lease - Industrial She	(19,500)	(17,275)	(20,416)	(3,141)	18%	
13	13604	Police Licensing Commissions	(5,000)	(6,660)	(8,143)	(1,483)	22%	
13	13609	Standpipe Water Charges - per kL	(150,000)	(112,500)	(108,892)	3,608	(3)%	
13	13618	Reimbursements General	(200)	(20)	(18)	2	(9)%	
			(175,700)	(139,785)	(141,100)	(1,315)		
Capital Expense								
13	13606	Land & Buildings - Wolfram Street Shed	0	0	103	103		
			0	0	103	103		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			932,850	750,746	766,814	16,068		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(410,700)	(337,547)	(344,403)	(6,856)		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			0	0	103	103		

Schedule 14 Other Property & Services

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Private Works								
Operating Expense								
14	14102	Private Works	25,000	25,000	25,016	16	0%	
			25,000	25,000	25,016	16		
Operating Income								
14	14100	Private Works Income	(70,000)	(58,330)	(58,034)	296	(1)%	
			(70,000)	(58,330)	(58,034)	296		
Public Works Overheads								
Operating Expense								
14	14200	Administration Allocations to PWOH	266,300	170,510	162,288	(8,222)	(5)%	
14	14202	Sick Leave Expense	19,000	33,330	42,467	9,137	27%	
14	14203	Annual & Long Service Leave Expense	120,000	120,000	126,855	6,855	6%	Payout of J.Criddle Long service Extended Annual Leave J Geier
14	14204	Protective Clothing - Outside Staff	5,000	5,000	6,530	1,530	31%	
14	14205	Conference Expenses- Engineering	2,000	2,000	3,647	1,647	82%	
14	14206	Medical Examination Costs	0	0	0	0		
14	14207	Public Works Overheads Allocated to W	(597,200)	(597,200)	(671,074)	(73,874)	12%	
14	14208	OSH Expenses	4,500	500	1,666	1,166	233%	
14	14211	Unallocated Wages	0	0	0	0		
14	14214	Eng. & Technical Support	10,000	10,000	9,380	(620)	(6)%	
14	14215	Staff Training	30,000	30,000	30,468	468	2%	
14	14216	Insurance on Works	17,000	15,981	15,106	(875)	(5)%	
14	14217	Supervision Costs	20,000	17,660	18,472	812	5%	
14	14218	Service Pay	6,400	5,330	4,770	(560)	(11)%	
14	14219	Superannuation Cost	100,000	87,330	93,847	6,517	7%	
14	14220	Allowances & Other Costs	30,000	28,500	30,505	2,005	7%	
14	14221	Fringe Benefits Tax - Works	8,000	5,200	5,796	596	11%	
			41,000	(65,859)	(119,277)	(53,418)		
Operating Income								
14	14201	Income Relating to Public Works Overhe	(7,000)	(5,830)	(6,575)	(745)	13%	
			(7,000)	(5,830)	(6,575)	(745)		
Plant Operation Costs								
Operating Expense								
14	14302	Insurance - Plant	17,000	14,750	12,510	(2,240)	(15)%	
14	14303	Fuel & Oils	200,000	199,326	197,421	(1,905)	(1)%	
14	14304	Tyres and Tubes	20,000	14,660	13,202	(1,458)	(10)%	
14	14305	Parts & Repairs	125,000	98,170	105,677	7,507	8%	
14	14306	Internal Repair Wages	29,734	25,770	24,572	(1,198)	(5)%	
14	14307	Licences - Plant	8,000	8,000	8,025	25	0%	
14	14308	Depreciation - Plant	356,500	135,080	135,409	329	0%	
14	14309	Plant Operation Costs Allocated to Work	(801,234)	(346,000)	(366,675)	(20,675)	6%	
14	14310	Blades & Tynes	15,000	0	0	0		
14	14311	Consumable Items	20,000	14,994	10,324	(4,670)	(31)%	
14	14312	Expendable Tools	10,000	6,000	5,451	(549)	(9)%	
			0	170,750	145,916	(24,834)		
Stock Fuels & Oils								
Operating Expense								
14	14402	Purchase of Stock Materials	0	0	30,624	30,624		
			0	0	30,624	30,624		
Operating Income								
14	14404	Diesel Fuel Rebate	(30,000)	(30,000)	(38,032)	(8,032)	27%	
14	14405	Sale of Stock	(500)	0	0	0		
14	14406	Sale of Fuel and Scrap	(2,000)	0	513	513		
			(32,500)	(30,000)	(37,519)	(7,519)		
Administration								
Operating Expense								
14	14500	Expenses relating to Administration	522,000	330,869	331,104	235	0%	
14	14501	Administration Office Maintenance	64,200	53,480	57,952	4,472	8%	
14	14502	Workers Compensation Premiums- Adm	28,000	28,000	26,758	(1,242)	(4)%	
14	14503	Office Equipment Maintenance - Admin	8,500	2,000	4,275	2,275	114%	
14	14504	Telecommunications - Admin	0	0	350	350		
14	14505	Travel & Accommodation - Admin	2,000	0	1,717	1,717		

Schedule 14 Other Property & Services

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Administration								
Operating Expense - Continued								
14	14506	Legal Expenses Administration	5,000	0	0	0		
14	14507	Training Expenses - Admin	7,500	6,875	7,729	854	12%	
14	14508	Printing & Stationery - Admin	6,000	6,000	10,537	4,537	76%	
14	14509	Fringe Benefits Tax - Admin	17,000	12,750	11,592	(1,158)	(9)%	
14	14510	Conference Expenses - Admin	6,000	0	0	0		
14	14511	Staff Uniform - Admin	3,000	1,500	1,293	(208)	(14)%	
14	14515	Administration Costs Allocated to Progr	(745,700)	(500,287)	(467,212)	33,075	(7)%	
14	14517	Postage & Freight	1,500	500	666	166	33%	
14	14521	IT/Accounting Programs	35,000	35,000	40,413	5,413	15%	
14	14522	Advertising	3,000	0	644	644		
14	14559	Admin Loss on Sale	0	0	0	0		
14	14599	Depreciation - Admin	37,000	30,830	30,284	(546)	(2)%	
			0	7,517	58,101	50,584		
Operating Income								
14	14525	Admin - Reimbursement	(11,000)	(11,000)	(11,708)	(708)	6%	DTWD Traineeship Assistance
14	14512	Admin Re-Allocations	0	0	(9,500)	(9,500)		
14	14598	Profit on Sale of Asset - Admin	(23,000)	(8,000)	(8,128)	(128)	2%	
			(34,000)	(19,000)	(29,336)	(10,336)		
Capital Expense								
14	14514	Purchase Furniture & Equipment Admin	20,000	7,600	7,410	(190)	(3)%	
14	14520	CEO Vehicle - CAPITAL	120,000	120,000	119,919	(81)	(0)%	Increase in Cost to Purchase New
14	14523	Administration Vehicle - CAPITAL	75,000	0	0	0		LC300 Toyota Landcruiser
			215,000	127,600	127,329	(271)		
Operating Expense								
14	14602	Gross Salaries & Wages	1,500,000	1,232,500	1,188,790	(43,710)	(4)%	
14	14603	Less Sal & Wages Alloc to Works	(1,500,000)	(1,232,500)	(1,188,790)	43,710	(4)%	
			0	0	0	0		
Unclassified								
Operating Income								
14	14701	Income Relating to Unclassified	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,660)	(660)	4%	
14	14705	Ramelius Resources Haulage Operation	(300,000)	(285,000)	(286,929)	(1,929)	1%	
			(315,000)	(300,000)	(302,589)	(33,796)		
Unclassified								
Capital Expense								
14	14704	Land Development	50,000	100,000	104,664	4,664	5%	Department Of Planning, Lands & Heritage Contract of Sale Granite/Jasper Street Block, Development WA blocks Lots 166,170&427 on DP203298 and Lots 234&258 on DP203299 Land Purchase
			50,000	100,000	104,664	4,664		
Capital Income								
14	14799	Proceeds on Sale of Assets	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	66,000	137,408	140,380	2,972		
		TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	(458,500)	(413,160)	(434,053)	(52,100)		
		TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	265,000	227,600	231,993	4,393		
		TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	0	0	0	0		

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3 CASH AND FINANCIAL ASSETS

Description	Classification	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Cash	Trust	Institution	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
		\$	\$	\$	\$			
PETTY CASH and FLOATS	Cash and cash equivalents	870	0	870	0		NIL	On Hand
MUNCIPAL BANK ACCOUNT	Cash and cash equivalents	1,326,961	0	1,326,961	0	Bendigo	Variable	Cheque Acc.
RESERVE FUND	Cash and cash equivalents	0	4,230,156	4,230,156	0	Bendigo	4.05%	Term Deposit
TRUST FUND CASH AT BANK	Cash and cash equivalents	0	0	0	48,737	Bendigo	Variable	Cheque Acc.
Total		1,327,831	4,230,156	5,557,987	48,737			
Comprising								
Cash and cash equivalents		1,327,831	4,230,156	5,557,987	48,737			
		1,327,831	4,230,156	5,557,987	48,737			

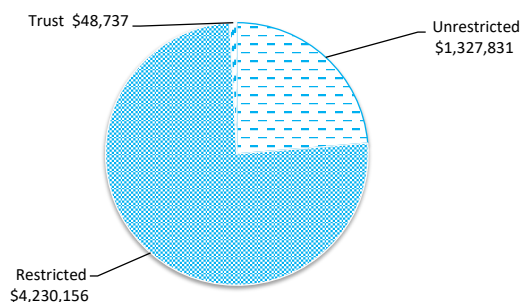
KEY INFORMATION

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of net current assets.

The local government classifies financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following criteria are met:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cashflows, and
- the contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

Financial assets at amortised cost held with registered financial institutions are listed in this note other financial assets at amortised cost are provided in Note 4 - Other a



Corporate MasterCard	Transaction Summary	Total Amount	Institution	Interest Rate	Period End Date
		\$			
Card # 5526 38** **** *129					
Price, Arthur W	Starlink Internet Service - CEO	139.00	Bendigo	13.99%	30-Apr-24
	1049451 - Cloud Anti Spam Recurring	50.00			
	1038203 - Office 365 Exchange Online Plan Recurring	39.04			
	1047021 - Microsoft 365 Business Basic Recurring	128.70			
	Activ8me Internet service Feb - June	434.15			
	1049449 - MBAM Managed Endpoint & Subs recurring - Feb-Jun 1049450 - MBAM	264.99			
	1038283 - Microsoft 365 Business Std NCE recurring - Feb-Jun	371.80			
	Parade Hotel - Meals Drinks for Museum objective	349.85			
	Card Fee & Interest Charges	4.00			
		1781.53			
Card # 5526 38** **** *137					
Geier, Jasmine L	Morning Melodies	135.00	Bendigo	13.99%	30-Apr-24
	Police Clearance - Phil Read	49.88			
	Australian National Character	92.42			
	Medical Reception 2nd Screen	153.98			
	Telstra Prepaid Broadband	160.00			
	1x VEVOR 5 Gallon Insulated	289.22			
	Canva Pro - Newsletter Software	164.99			
	1 x Scrabble dictionary and word	29.49			
	Micropore Surgical Tape 12mm	403.85			
	3x 5pk Vacuum Cleaner Bags for	84.77			
	Card Fee & Interest Charges	4.88			
		1568.48			
		3350.01			
Corporate Fuel Cards	Transaction Summary	Total Amount	Institution	Interest Rate	Period End Date
		\$			
Card #**** **** **** 7401					
	Palmer Crescent Bunbury OPT	298.96	Fuel Distributors		17-Apr-24
		298.96			
		298.96			

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4 RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Reserve name	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual YTD
	Opening	Interest	Transfer	Transfers	Closing	Opening	Interest	Transfers	Transfer	Closing
	Balance	Earned	s In (+)	Out (-)	Balance	Balance	Earned	In (+)	s Out (-)	Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Restricted by Council										
Reserve -Long Service Leave	112,168	4,000	0		116,168	112,168	2,362	0	0	114,530
Reserve -Plant	1,030,587	40,000	0	(110,000)	960,587	1,030,587	21,702	0	#####	942,289
Reserve -Building	1,524,667	15,000	0	(600,000)	939,667	1,524,667	32,105	0	0	1,556,772
Reserve -Communication/Inform	70,765	2,500	0		73,265	70,765	1,490	0	0	72,255
Reserve -Community Developme	591,711	23,000	0	(150,000)	464,711	591,711	12,460	0	#####	454,171
Reserve -Waste Management	125,468	5,000	0		130,468	125,468	2,642	0	0	128,110
Reserve -Swimming Pool Redev	464,606	6,000	0	(400,000)	70,606	464,606	9,783	0	0	474,389
Reserve -Roadworks	477,583	15,000	0		492,583	477,583	10,057	0	0	487,640
	4,397,555	110,500	0	(1,260,000)	3,248,055	4,397,555	92,601	0	#####	4,230,156

5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

	Adopted		YTD Actual	YTD Actual Variance
	Budget	YTD Budget		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital acquisitions				
Buildings - specialised	2,075,000	276,000	314,141	38,141
Furniture and equipment	37,500	8,600	20,560	11,960
Plant and equipment	707,000	572,000	570,861	(1,139)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	2,819,500	856,600	905,562	48,962
Infrastructure - roads	1,994,000	1,834,970	1,411,379	(423,591)
Infrastructure-footpaths	120,000	100,000	2,613	(97,387)
Acquisition of infrastructure	2,114,000	1,934,970	1,413,993	(423,054)
Total capital acquisitions	4,933,500	2,791,570	2,319,554	(374,093)
Capital Acquisitions Funded By:				
Capital grants and contributions	931,500	713,920	711,308	(2,612)
Other (disposals & C/Fwd)	0	0	93,000	93,000
Reserve accounts				
Reserve -Plant	110,000	0	110,000	110,000
Reserve -Building	600,000	0	0	0
Reserve -Community Development	150,000	0	150,000	150,000
Reserve -Swimming Pool Redevelopment	400,000	0	0	0
Contribution - operations	2,742,000	2,077,650	3,383,862	1,306,212
Capital funding total	4,933,500	2,791,570	4,448,170	1,656,600

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Each class of fixed assets within either plant and equipment or infrastructure, is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Assets for which the fair value as at the date of acquisition is under \$5,000 are not recognised as an asset in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 17A (5)*. These assets are expensed immediately.

Where multiple individual low value assets are purchased together as part of a larger asset or collectively forming a larger asset exceeding the threshold, the individual assets are recognised as one asset and capitalised.

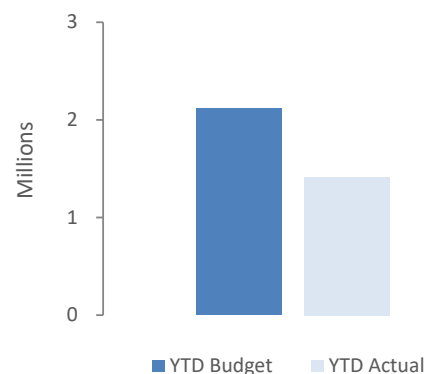
Initial recognition and measurement for assets held at cost

Plant and equipment including furniture and equipment is recognised at cost on acquisition in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 17A*. Where acquired at no cost the asset is initially recognise at fair value. Assets held at cost are depreciated and assessed for impairment annually.

Initial recognition and measurement between mandatory revaluation dates for assets held at fair value

In relation to this initial measurement, cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition. For assets acquired at zero cost or otherwise significantly less than fair value, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Shire includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overheads.

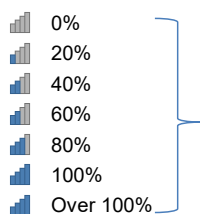
Payments for Capital Acquisitions



5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS - DETAILED

Capital expenditure total

Level of completion indicators



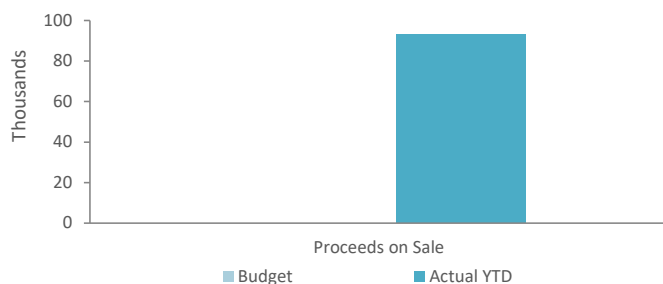
Percentage Year to Date Actual to Annual Budget expenditure where the expenditure over budget highlighted in red.

Level of completion indicator, please see table at the end of this note for further detail.

		Adopted			Variance	
Account Description		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	(Under)/Over	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	
Building						
	07702	Purchase Buildings - Medical Centre Upgrades	25,000	0	0	0
	08104	Purchase Land & Buildings- Seniors civic Centre	200,000	8,000	8,036	-36.33
	09127	Purchase - Staff Housing - Shed 4 Quartz Street	40,000	0	0	0
	09128	Purchase Land & Buildings - New Staff Housing	160,000	0	0	0
	10702	Purchase Land & Buildings - Niche Wall Cemetery	15,000	0	0	0
	11102	Purchase Land & Buildings - Sun Deck	20,000	0	0	0
	11204	Purchase Land & Buildings -Kiosk/Ablution Redevelopmen	1,350,000	18,000	18,277	-276.85
	11309	Bowling Green Redevelopment - CAPITAL	200,000	200,000	220,103	-20102.81
	12218	Electric Car Charging Station - CAPITAL	50,000	50,000	67,725	-17724.7
	12220	L&B Depot Shed	15,000	0	0	0
		2,075,000	276,000	314,141		
Furniture & Equipment						
	11103	Purchase Furniture & Equipment -Generator Complex	12,500	0	0	0
	11603	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - PlayGround Fencing	5,000	1,000	1,000	0
	11609	Projector Upgrades- Old Hall Movie Theater	0	0	12,047	-12047.46
	13606	Land & Buildings - Wolfram Street Shed & Façade	0	0	103	-102.67
	14514	Purchase Furniture & Equipment Administration	20,000	7,600	7,410	190
		37,500	8,600	20,560		
Plant & Equipment						
	12308	Prime Movers - CAPITAL	452,000	452,000	450,942	1058.3
	14213	Construction Supervisor Vehicle - CAPITAL	60,000	0	0	0
	14520	CEO Vehicle - CAPITAL	120,000	120,000	119,919	80.9
	14523	Administration Vehicle - CAPITAL	75,000	0	0	0
		707,000	572,000	570,861		
Infrastructure-roads						
	C0010	Begley Road (No 0010)	44,500	37,080	19,557	17522.67
	C0018	George Road (No 0015)	89,000	74,170	30,603	43567.21
	C0092	Leeman Road (No 0092)	80,500	67,080	9,131	57948.96
	C0011	Maxfield Road (No 0011)	103,000	85,830	33,203	52627.03
	C0025	Rabbit Proof Fence Road (No 0025)	87,500	72,910	78,716	-5806.1
	C0025N	Rabbit Proof Fence Road North (No 0025)	150,000	125,000	0	125000
	C0069	Wahlsten Road (No 0069)	79,500	66,250	0	66250
	C0021	Warrachuppin Nth Road (No 0021)	76,500	63,750	1,860	61889.88
	C0015	Echo Valley Gravel Resheet	149,500	124,580	63,750	60830.19
	C0030	Maisefield Gravel Resheet	130,000	108,330	77,181	31149.08
	C0078	Geelakin Road (No 0078)	52,000	43,330	22,904	20426.34
	12106	LRCI Phase 4 Part B DellaBosca Road	0	173,330	210,850	-37520.16
	C0013	McPharlin Road (No 0013)	87,500	72,910	0	72910
MRWA Project Construction						0
	RRG84C	Warralakin Road Reconstruction	609,500	507,920	617,963	-110042.87
Roads to Recovery Construction						0
	R2R04	Walgoolan South Road (No 0005)	69,000	57,500	33,792	23708
	R2R80	DellaBosca Road (No 0080)	186,000	155,000	211,869	-56869.43
		1,994,000	1,834,970	1,411,379		
Infrastructure-footpaths						
	FP0061	Wolfram Street Footpaths	50,000	41,670	2,613	39056.59
	R2R60	Cement Street Footpaths	70,000	58,330	0	58330
		4,933,500	2,791,570	2,319,554		569,402

6 DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

Asset Ref.	Asset description	Budget				YTD Actual			
		Net Book Value	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)	Net Book Value	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant and equipment									
552	Toyota Hilux Duel Cab -111WT	50,000	0	0	(50,000)	0	0	0	0
418	Freightliner 2014 Prime Mover WT12	127,000	0	0	(127,000)	0	0	0	0
544	Toyota LandCruiser - 0WT	100,000	0	0	(100,000)	84,872	93,000	8,128	0
545	Toyota Prado -02WT	85,000	0	0	(85,000)	0	0	0	0
		362,000	0	0	(362,000)	84,872	93,000	8,128	0



7 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Other current assets	Opening Balance 1 July 2023	Asset Increase	Asset Reduction	Closing Balance 30 April 2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Inventory				
Fuel and materials	19,308	(27,709)	(19,308)	(27,709)
Total other current assets	19,308	(27,709)	(19,308)	(27,709)

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

KEY INFORMATION

Inventory

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

9 RATE REVENUE

General rate revenue

RATE TYPE	Rate in	Number of	Rateable	Rate	Budget	Total	Rate	YTD Actual	Total
	Rate in \$ (cents)	Properties	Value	Revenue	Reassessed Rate Revenue	Revenue	Revenue	Reassessed Rate Revenue	Revenue
				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross rental value									
GRV -Residential	0.0770	57	715,910	55,155	0	55,155	55,155	0	55,155
GRV- Mining	0.224171	2	1,305,800	292,722	0	292,722	292,722	0	292,722
Unimproved value									
UV - Rural/Pastoral	0.0123	124	64,709,013	794,303	0	794,303	796,623	1,327	797,950
UV - Mining	0.012275	5	171,482	2,105	0	2,105	2,105	0	2,105
Sub-Total		188	66,902,205	1,144,285	0	1,144,285	1,146,606	1,327	1,147,932
Minimum payment									
Gross rental value									
GRV -Residential	370	16	19,098	5,920	0	5,920	5,920	0	5,920
GRV- Mining	370	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unimproved value									
UV - Rural/Pastoral	370	18	160,387	6,660	0	6,660	6,660	0	6,660
UV - Mining	200	20	83,410	4,000	0	4,000	4,000	0	4,000
Sub-total		54	262,895	16,580	0	16,580	16,580	0	16,580
Amount from general rates						1,160,865			1,164,512
Ex-gratia rates						4,900			4,931
Total general rates						1,165,765			1,169,443

10 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Other current liabilities	Note	Opening Balance 1 July 2023	Liability transferred from/(to) non current	Liability Increase	Liability Reduction	Closing Balance 30 April 2024
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Employee Related Provisions						
Provision for annual leave		124,635	0	0	0	144,593
Provision for long service leave		77,253	0	19,958	0	77,253
Total Provisions		201,888	0	19,958	0	221,846
Total other current liabilities		201,888	0	19,958	0	221,846

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

A breakdown of contract liabilities and associated movements is provided on the following pages at Note

KEY INFORMATION

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Shire has a present legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Employee Related Provisions

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the calculation of net current assets.

Other long-term employee benefits

The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised as employee related provisions in the statement of financial position.

Long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur. The Shire's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the Shire does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

11 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Unspent grant, subsidies and contributions liability					Grants, subsidies and contributions revenue		
	Liability	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability (As revenue)	Liability	Current Liability	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Revenue
	1 July 2023			30 Apr 2024	30 Apr 2024	Revenue	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants and subsidies								
Grants Commission Grant Received - General				0		40,000	37,000	37,251
Grants Commission Grant Received- Roads				0		250,000	26,660	24,014
FESA Operating Grant				0		35,000	35,000	33,180
LRCIP - Round 3				0		361,000	311,000	310,690
Grant - MRWA Direct				0		155,000	155,000	158,490
	0	0	0	0	0	841,000	564,660	563,625
Contributions								
Edna May MOU Emergency Services				0		13,500	10,125	10,227
Reimbursement Rural Health West				0		9,500	9,500	2,258
WAPHA - Medical Centre Upgrades Income				0		25,000	25,000	25,000
WAPHA /Other Funding				0		45,000	0	0
Income School Facility/Main Building				0		22,000	22,000	22,276
Income Relating to Aged & Disabled - Senior Citizens				0		5,000	0	0
Income 55 Wolfram St -Ramelius Resources				0		500	500	0
Income Edna May MOU 33%				0		17,500	18,330	18,533
Income Edna May MOU WPA 67%				0		30,000	35,000	37,622
DFES Grant				0		12,500	0	0
LRCIP Phase 4 Funding - Part B				0		0	173,330	0
Grant -Electric Car Charging Station				0		22,000	18,330	19,491
Grant Funding Opportunities				0		40,000	13,500	13,182
Other Economic Services				0		0	0	0
DPIRD Grants Funding (CRC)				0		107,200	105,452	105,452
	0	0	0	0	0	349,700	431,067	254,041
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	1,190,700	995,727	817,666

12 CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Capital grant/contribution liabilities					Capital grants, subsidies and contributions revenue		
	Liability	Increase in	Decrease in	Liability	Current	Adopted	YTD	YTD
	1 July 2023	Liability	Liability	30 Apr 2024	Liability	Budget	Budget	Revenue
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital grants and subsidies								
LotteryWest /Menshed				0		200,000	0	0
Grant - MRWA Specific				0		406,500	388,920	388,650
Grant - Roads to Recovery				0		325,000	325,000	322,658
		0	0	0	0	931,500	713,920	711,308



**SHIRE OF WESTONIA
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024**

13 TRUST FUND

Funds held at balance date which are required by legislation to be credited to the trust fund and which are not included in the financial statements are as follows:

Description	Opening	Amount	Amount	Closing
	Balance			Balance
	1 July 2023	Received	Paid	30 Apr 2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$
LGMA - Receipts	5,672	1,600	0	7,272
Westonia Historical Society	23,445	250	0	23,695
Cemetery Committee	16,920	0	(8,353)	8,568
Westonia Tennis Club		9,202		9,202
	46,037	11,052	(8,353)	48,737

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – APRIL 2024

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	F1.4.4 Audit Report
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.3 GST Report
Signature:	Officer  CEO 

Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The GST reconciliation is presented to Council as a means of indicating Council’s current GST liability, which has an impact on Council’s cash-flow.

Background

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at April 2024 provided to Council on a monthly basis as a means of keeping Council informed of its current GST liability.

Comment

The GST Reconciliation Report is attached for Councillor consideration.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in regard to Goods and Services Tax.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The GST reconciliation is presented to Council as a means of indicating Council’s current GST liability, which has an impact on Council’s cash-flow.

Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$708.00 for the period ending April 2024 adopted.

Shire of Westonia
Business Activity Statement
April 2024

Total Sales and Purchases		\$
G1	Total Sales	284,892
G3	Other GST Free Sales	67,431
G4	Input Taxed	38,708
G10	Capital Purchases	356,221
G11	Non-Capital Purchases	59,190

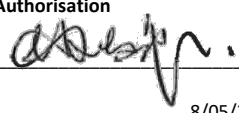

Amounts you owe the ATO (Credits in ledger)		\$
1A/ G9	GST On Sales (GL Balance)	16,251
4	PAYG (GL 94660)	22,592
6A	FBT Instalment	
7C	Fuel Tax credit over claim	
<i>Total you owe the ATO</i>		<u>38,843</u>

PAYG		\$
W1	Total Salary Wages & Other	107,927
W2	Amount withheld from Payments at W1	22,592
W4	Amount withheld where no ABN is quoted	
W3	Other amounts withheld	

Amounts the ATO owes you (Debits in ledger)		\$
1B/ G20	GST on Purchases (GL Balance)	32,855
7D	Fuel Tax Credit	5,280
<i>Total the ATO owes you</i>		<u>38,135</u>

FBT		\$
F1	FBT Instalment Amount	

Activity Statement Net Amount		\$
Amounts you owe the ATO (Credits in ledger)		38,843
Amounts the ATO owes you (Debits in ledger)		38,135
Payment (Red - Refund)		<u>708</u>


Authorisation	
Prepared By: _____	
Date: _	8/05/2024
Checked & Lodged By: _____	
Date: _	8/05/2024

BAS Journal		
Debit	Credit	Description
1405000 - GST Income (Liability)	16,251	BAS liability due to ATO
1406010 - PAYG Tax Gen	22,592	PAYG paid to ATO
1304000 - GST Expense (Asset)	32,855	BAS purchases claimed from ATO
1144040.114 - Fuel Tax Credit Gen	5,280	FTC
1145090.580 - Fringe Benefits Tax - Admin Gen	-	FBT
1142210.502 - Fringe Benefits Tax - Works Gen	-	FBT
1406020 - ATO Clearing Account	708	Due from/to ATO
		BAS-Rounding
	<u>38,843</u>	<u>38,843</u>

9.1.4 DIFFERENTIAL RATES

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	R1.1.1 Rates General	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	1. Differential Rates Advert 24/25, 2. Objects & Reasons for Differential Rates, 3. Statement of Rating Information	

Signature:	Officer	CEO
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Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The Purpose of this report is for Council to propose a Differential rate and initiate the legislative due process for doing so.

Summary

Council is requested to support the differential rates in the dollar and minimums proposed for the 2024/2025 financial year and advertise the proposed rates for a 21 day comment period. Council is required to seek Minister approval for proposing to impose a Mining GRV differential rate that is more than twice the lowest rate.

Background

In accordance with sections 1.7 and 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 (after 1st May).

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

Community / Stakeholder Consultation:

An advertisement on the 17th May 2024 will be included in the public notice section of the Newspaper circulated in the district. The community will have 21 days to make submissions. (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 are 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 legislation allows these rates 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 2023/2024 and the rate in cents and minimum amounts; GRV Rate Category:

Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$
GRV General	7.9833	370.00
GRV Mining	22.4171	370.00

The Proposed rates for 2024/2025 are listed below:

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

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The Shire’s principal 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 or you will see a reduction in services.

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. **Reviews and adopts the statements in relation to**
 - a) **Objects and Reasons for implementing a Differential Rate 2024-25**
 - b) **Statement of Rating Information 2024-25**
2. **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:**

3.

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

3. **Seek the Minister for Local Government's approval to impose differential general rates more than twice the lowest rate; and**
4. **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**
5. **That Council consider any submissions in respect of imposition of differential rates as part of the 2024-25 Budget deliberations.**



SHIRE OF WESTONIA

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEVY DIFFERENTIAL RATES 2024/2025

Pursuant to Section 6.33 and 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, notice is hereby given to ratepayers of the intention of the Shire of Westonia to impose the following differential and minimum rates for the 2024/2025 rating year. This rate is taking into consideration Council's proposal at May meeting to impose a 5% rate increase:

RATE IN THE DOLLAR

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

The proposed rates-in-the-dollar and minimum payments are based on estimates at the time of giving public notice and may change as part of Council's 2024/25 budget consideration. The object and reasons for each proposed rate may be inspected at the Shire Office, Wolfram Street, Westonia during normal business hours or by visiting our web site www.westonia.wa.gov.au. All submissions in writing with reference to the proposed differential rates or minimum payments should be forwarded to the Shire of Westonia no later than 4.00pm Friday 7th June 2024.

Bill Price
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Westonia



SHIRE OF WESTONIA
2024/2025 DIFFERENTIAL RATES
STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Objects and Reasons for Implementing a Differential Rate

In accordance with Section 6.36 of the **Local Government Act 1995** and the Council's "Notice of Intention to Impose Differential Rates", the following Information details the objectives and reasons for those proposals.

What are Rates?

The raising of rates is the primary source of revenue of all Councils throughout Australia. The purpose of levying rates is to meet Council's proposed budget requirements each year in a manner that is fair and equitable to the ratepayers of the community.

In Western Australia land is valued by Landgate Valuation Services (Valuer General's Office – a State Government agency) and those values are forwarded to each Local Government.

Two types of values are calculated:

- Gross Rental Value (GRV); and
- Unimproved Value (UV)

To calculate the rates to be charged, Council multiplies a rate in the dollar by the supplied value. The rate in the dollar is determined by the level of revenue the Council wishes to raise and is dependent on its proposed budget.

Apart from the need to ensure sufficient revenue to meet its expenditure needs, Council must be mindful of the impact and affordability of rates to the community.

The following are the estimated Differential Rates and Minimum Payments for the Shire of Westonia for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Rating Category	Minimum Rate	Rate in the Dollar (cents)
GRV General	\$370	
GRV Mining	\$370	23.538

Differential Rating

Local Governments, under section 6.33 of the Local Government Act, have the power to implement differential rating in order to take into account certain characteristics of the rateable land. These characteristics include:

- The purpose for which the land is zoned under the town planning scheme in force;
- The predominant use for which the land is held or used as determined by the local government; and

Differential rates may be applied according to any, or a combination of the above characteristics. However, local governments are constrained in the range of differential rates that they may impose. That is, a local government may not impose a differential rate which is more than twice the lowest differential rate applied by that local government unless approval from the Minister is sought.

The Shire of Westonia proposes to Differentially Rate all Gross Rental Value (GRV) Mining rates to the Gold Mine as the land has an improved classification. The minimum payments proposed for all rate categories have been set at \$370, which are considered to be the maximum for the long term, with the exception of UV Mining which is set at \$200.00. and infrastructure to the entire community and visitors to the area.

GRV – Residential

The object of the GRV rates and minimum payments is to ensure a fair contribution to the revenue requirements of the Shire, while not imposing additional financial pressure on town residents. The minimum payments proposed for all rate categories have been set at \$370, which are considered to be the maximum for the long term. The proposed rate in dollar for GRV Residential is 8.3833 cents in the dollar.

GRV – Mining

The object of the GRV rates associated with the Gold Mine is to ensure the mine contributes to the maintenance of the Shire's assets and services to the extent that the mining operators and their connections use them. The population of the 160-man mining camp situated in the Westonia townsite almost triples that of the general population of the town and creates a massive burden on the Council's resources. The minimum payments proposed for all rate categories have been set at \$370, which are considered to be the maximum for the long term. The proposed rate in dollar for GRV Mining is 23.538 cents in the dollar.

UV – Rural

The object of the UV Rural rate is to permit the imposition of rates on Rural Properties that is reasonably proportional to the financial resources of those who will bear the burden of the rates and striking a reasonable balance between the capacity to pay and the fairness of the requirement. The minimum payments proposed for all rate categories have been set at \$370, which are considered to be the maximum for the long term. The proposed rate in dollar for UV Rural is 1.4774 cents in the dollar.

UV – Mining

The object of the UV Mining rate is to ensure a fair contribution to the revenue requirements of the Shire and to permit the imposition of rates on mining tenements that is reasonably proportional to the financial resources of those who will bear the burden of the rates and striking a reasonable balance between the capacity to pay and the fairness of the requirement. The minimum payments proposed for all rate categories have been set at \$200, *as per section 6.35 (4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 53 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* which are considered to be the maximum for the long term, subject to section 6.33 of the Local Government Act. The proposed rate in dollar for UV Mining is 1.289 cents in the dollar.

GRV Differential Rate - Mining

The Local Government Act 1995 determines that properties of a non-Rural purpose be rated using the Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) as the basis for the calculation of annual rates. The Valuer General determines the GRV for all properties within the Shire of Westonia every five years and assigns a GRV.

The current valuation is effective from 1 July 2024. Interim valuations are provided monthly to Council by the Valuer General for properties where changes have occurred (i.e. subdivisions or strata title of property, amalgamations, building constructions, demolition, additions and/or property rezoning). In such instances Council recalculates the rates for the affected properties and issues interim rates notices.

It refers to all land for which a mining tenement has been issued by the Department of

Mines and Petroleum (DMP), and valued as such by the Valuer General's Office
The valuation determined by the Valuer General for mining tenements is calculated by multiplying the following factors.

- Rental cost of the tenement type (mining lease, prospecting lease, exploration license, petroleum producing licence etc);
- GRV basis as determined by the DMP, and
- Tenement/license area

Objects and Reasons for GRV Mining Differential Rate

Land used for Mining is rated higher than the UV-Rural differential rate to improve fairness and equity outcomes by:

- Ensuring mining rates payable are no less than the average rates payable, per property, in

Policy Area C (General Farming), in part to;

- compensate for the different method and comparatively lower valuation level;
 - to recognise the often short term tenure of mining projects in the region; and
 - to maintain comparability with other commercial operations in the rural sector.
- Applying a percentage premium above the average rates payable, per property, in Policy

Area C (General Farming), at a level determined by the Council, to reflect the following:

- the impacts of higher road infrastructure maintenance costs to Council as a result of frequent very heavy vehicle use over extensive lengths of roads throughout the year;
- additional emergency service arrangements that have to be put in place;
- the monitoring of environmental impacts of clearing, noise, dust and smell;
- planning, building and health assessment cost; and
- additional costs of amenities and services provided to cater for the employees of the mining operations, such as recreation, parking and law, order and public safety.

Minimum Payments

The setting of general minimum payment level within all rating categories is an important method of ensuring all properties contribute an equitable rate amount to non-exclusive services.

Submissions

Submissions are invited from any elector or ratepayer with respect to the proposed rates, and any related matter, within a minimum 21 days of the date of this notice. Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Westonia, PO Box 11, WESTONIA WA 6423, by 4pm Friday 7th June 2024.

Submissions should be clearly marked 'Submission – 2024/2025 Differential Rates.

Bill Price

Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Westonia.



Statement of Rating Information 2024-25

Including Objects and Reasons for the Current Rating Structure

This Statement is published by the Shire of Westonia in accordance with Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 to advise the public of its objectives and reasons for implementing differential rates.

The purpose of levying of rates is to meet Council's budget requirements in each financial year in order to deliver services, facilities and community infrastructure. Property valuations provided by the Valuer General are used as the basis for the calculation of rates each year. Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act provides the ability to differentially rate properties based on zoning and/or land use as determined by the Shire of Westonia. The application of differential rating maintains equity in the rating of properties across the Shire, enabling the Council to provide facilities, services and infrastructure to the entire community and visitors to the area.

Gross Rental Values (GRV)

The Local Government Act 1995 provides that properties of a non-rural purpose be rated using the Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) as the basis for the calculation of annual rates. The Valuer General determines the GRV for all properties with a non-rural purpose within the Shire of Westonia approximately every five years and provides a GRV. The current valuation is effective from 1 July 2024. Interim valuations are provided regularly to Council by the Valuer General for properties where changes have occurred during the year (i.e. subdivisions or strata title of property, amalgamations, building constructions, demolition, additions and/or property rezoning). In such instances Council recalculates the rates for the affected properties and issues interim rate notices.

GRV – General Rate

All land within the Shire used for non-rural purposes (GRV) is rated using a uniform GRV Rate. The uniform rate is calculated and adopted after the consideration of many factors such as current economic conditions, increases to land valuations as assessed by the Valuer General's Office, the infrastructure and service improvement proposals contained in the Budget, as well as other factors. The rate in the dollar set for the GRV-General category forms the basis for calculating all other GRV differential rates.

Unimproved Values (UV)

The Local Government Act 1995 provides that properties predominantly used for a rural purpose are assigned an Unimproved Value as supplied and reviewed by the Valuer General on an annual basis. The unimproved value of land refers to the market value of the land in its natural state without improvements such as buildings, fences, dams etc. Interim valuations are provided regularly to Council by the Valuer General for properties where changes have occurred during the year (i.e. subdivisions of property, amalgamations, and/or property rezoning). In such instances Council recalculates the rates for the affected properties and issues interim rate notices. It is considered that for this financial year the valuations imposed by the Valuer General

provides the capacity for the additional rate contributions that may be required from different zoning/land use and therefore the need for a differential rate is not deemed necessary.

GRV Differential Rate - Mining

The Local Government Act provides for rural use properties used for mining, exploration or prospecting purposes are assigned a Gross Rental Value supplied and reviewed by the Valuer General. It refers to all land for which a mining tenement has been issued by the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) and valued as such by the Valuer General's Office.

The valuation determined by the Valuer General for mining tenements is calculated by multiplying the following factors.

- Rental cost of the tenement type (mining lease, prospecting lease, exploration license, petroleum producing licence etc);
- GRV basis as determined by the DMP, and
- Tenement/license area

The valuation of mining tenements is not reviewed each year, as occurs with other UV properties and only changes when the tenement rental is amended.

Objects and Reasons for GRV Mining Differential Rate

Land used for Mining is rated higher than the GRV-General rate to improve fairness and equity outcomes by:

- Ensuring mining rates payable are no less than the average rates payable, per property, in part to:
 - compensate for the different method and comparatively lower valuation level;
 - to recognise the often short term tenure of mining projects in the region; and
 - to maintain comparability with other commercial operations in the rural sector.
- Applying a percentage premium above the average rates payable, per property, at a level determined by the Council, to reflect the following:
 - the impacts of higher road infrastructure maintenance costs to Council as a result of frequent very heavy vehicle use over extensive lengths of roads throughout the year;
 - additional emergency service arrangements that have to be put in place;
 - the monitoring of environmental impacts of clearing, noise, dust and smell;
 - planning, building and health assessment cost; and
 - additional costs of amenities and services provided to cater for the employees of the mining operations, such as recreation, parking and law, order and public safety due to the increased population of the 160 man mining camp situated in the Westonia townsite which almost triples the population of the town and creates a massive burden on Council's resources.

Minimum Payments

The setting of general minimum payment level within all rating categories is an important method of ensuring all properties contribute an equitable rate amount to non-exclusive services.

Objections & Appeals

Objections to valuations must be lodged with the Valuer General's Office within 60 days after issue of the rates notice. Rates are still required to be paid if an objection is lodged with a refund paid if the objection is successful. Forms are available from the Shire Office or on our web site.

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995, a property owner is able to lodge an objection to the rates imposed by a Council on the following grounds:

- There is an error on the rate assessment, either in respect to the owners or property details; or
- The characteristics of the land differ from that used in the differential rating system. The objection is to be received within 60 days of the issue of the rate notice.

Please contact Shire Staff if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Pensioner's Discount

Eligible Pensioners are entitled to receive a discount on their rates. Council shall determine the nature and extent of entitlement from details as at 1 July, in relation to ownership and occupation. Also a pro-rata rebate amount will be paid if a person becomes the holder of an eligible card type during the financial year which is effective from the date of registration. A deferral arrangement is also possible.

If the circumstances of a Pensioner, who is already claiming the rebate, have changed during the previous year, they will need to update their details (ie. card number, etc) with Council.

Submissions


Submissions are invited from any elector or ratepayer with respect to the proposed rates, and any related matter, within a minimum 21 days of the date of this notice. Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Westonia, PO Box 11, WESTONIA WA 6423, by 4.00pm Friday 7th June 2024.

Submissions should be clearly marked 'Submission – 2024/2025 Differential Rates.

Bill Price
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Westonia.

9.1.5 LOCAL LAWS 2024

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Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Local Laws 2024 Amendments
Signature:	Officer CEO



Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to

- Repeal the local laws disallowed by the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (JSCDL) due to procedural non-compliance.
- Consider and adopt various updated local laws to replace the repealed laws relating to
 - Historic Precinct Local Law,
 - Sea Containers Local Law,
 - Fencing Local Law.

Background

On 18 May 2023 the Shire adopted three (3) new local laws relating to

- Westonia Historical Precinct Local Law 2023
- Fencing Local Law 2023
- Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2023

On 9 August 2023 the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (JSCDL) advised that it resolved to give notice to disallow the local law due to non-compliance with the statutory advertising process as set out in Section 3.12 (3) (b) of the Local Government Act, requiring the minister for Local Government to be provided a copy of the proposed local law during the public notice period.

Comment

The Shire is required to repeal the above local laws which have been gazetted and replace them by new local laws incorporating the various minor changes, accordingly a Repeal Local Law has been prepared.

The changes specified by the JSCDL are minor and have been incorporated into the proposed local laws. The changes are summarised as follows:

- Historic Precincts Local Law 2024 - changes
 - Preamble to reflect adoption date following advertising.
 - Clause 1.5 definitions - Typographical changes
 - Part 2 - 5 - inclusion of clause numbers for each paragraph.
 - Part 4 - subparagraph (c), modify the wording by deleting 'provided' and insert 'required'.
- Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2023 - changes
 - Preamble to reflect adoption date following advertising.
 - Removed any reference to retrospective operation.
 - Clause 1.5 2.1(2), 2.1(3), 2.2(c), 2.3, Part 3 typographical changes
- Fencing Local Law 2023 changes
 - Preamble to reflect adoption date following advertising.
 - Clause 1.5 definitions - formatting
 - Ensure free public access to given to the standards referred to in any new local law.

Under Part 3 of the *Local Government Act 1995* a local government may make local laws subject to the conditions outlined in Part 3, Division 2, Subdivision 1 and following the procedure outlined in section 3.12(3) of the Act.

Following adoption of the local law local government will give the required state-wide and local public notice stating that it proposes to make a local law, for a period of 6 weeks after it first appears, including.

- The purpose and effect in the notice for a period of 6 weeks after it first appears.
- As soon as the notice is given, a copy of the proposed local law, together with the public notice to be given to the Minister.

Following closure of public advertising (Local Public Notice) the submissions received along with feedback from the Minister are to be considered by Council before it makes the local law.

Statutory Environment

Government Act 1995 - Section 3.12 sets out the procedure for making local laws comprising the following requirements:

1. Initiate Proposed Local Law. At Council meeting the Presiding Member is to give notice to a meeting of the purpose and effect of the proposed local law.
2. Local Public Notice (advertising) is to be given of the proposed local law for a period of at least six weeks. The Notice to include:
 - a. details on Local Law title, purpose and effect,
 - b. where copies can be inspected or obtained
 - c. date of submissions period
 - d. where be included in the notice.During the advertising period, Members of the public can make comment or seek clarification on any of the provisions of the draft local law.
3. As soon as the notice is given, a copy of the proposed local law, together with the public notice, must be given to the Minister for Local Government.
4. Council consider submissions, following closure of advertising period and may by an absolute majority, resolved to proceed with the local law as proposed or make alterations that are not significantly different from what was first proposed. If changes to the local law make it substantially different to that previously advertised, further local public comment is to be undertaken.
5. The adopted local law is published in the Government Gazette. The local law will come into effect 14 days after the date of gazettal.
6. After the local law is published: -
 - a. provide a signed and sealed copy of the adopted local law to the Minister(s) and
 - b. give local public notice is given including details on Local Law title, purpose and effect, date of operation, and where copies can be inspected or obtained.
7. Documents (including Explanatory Memorandum, checklist etc) are sent to the Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Provides Council with certainty over its development control process

Financial Implications

Costs associated with the drafting, advertisement, and eventual Gazettal of the local law

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council

1. ADOPTS the following Local Laws:

- a. **Westonia Historical Precinct Local Law 2024**
- b. **Shire of Westonia Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2024**
- c. **Shire of Westonia Fencing Local Law 2024**
- d. **Shire of Westonia Repeal Local Law 2024**

2. GIVES NOTICES - by the Presiding Member at the meeting of the purpose and effect of the following local laws

a. ***Shire of Westonia Historic Precinct Local Law 2024* as follows:**

Purpose: To prescribe the design of development, including buildings and fencing, within the Westonia Historical Precinct.

Effect: The effect of this local law is to prescribe the design of development, including buildings and fencing, within the Westonia Historical Precinct.

b. ***Shire of Westonia Sea-Containers Local Law 2024* as follows:**

Purpose: To prescribe the approval process required for the placement of shipping and/or sea containers on residential, commercial, and industrial land within the Westonia townsite.

Effect: The effect of this local law is to establish minimum requirements for the placement of shipping and/or sea containers on land within the Westonia townsite.

c. ***Shire of Westonia Fencing Local Law 2024* as follows:**

Purpose: To prescribe a sufficient fence and the standard for the construction of fences throughout the district.

Effect: The effect of this local law is to establish the minimum requirements for fencing within the district

d. ***Shire of Westonia Repeal Local Law 2024* as follows:**

Purpose: To repeal local laws that have been superseded by other legislation

Effect: The effect of this local law is to ensure the local laws are repealed

a. **INITIATES advertising of the local laws pursuant to Section 3.12 (2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1995 comprising: -**

a. **State-wide and local public notice**

- o **For a period of not less than 6-weeks' timeframe**
- o **By providing copies of the proposed local law for inspection at the Shire offices and inviting submissions.**

Provides copies of the local law, in accordance with s3.12(3) of the Act, as soon as the notice is given, to the Minister for Local Government, and any other person requesting.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

SHIRE OF WESTONIA

REPEAL LOCAL LAW 2024

Under the powers conferred by the *Local Government Act 1995*, and all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of Westonia resolved on (insert) date to make the following local law:

1. Citation

This local law is cited as the *Shire of Westonia Repeal Local Law 2024*.

2. Commencement

This Local Law comes into operation 14 days after its publication in the *Government Gazette*.

3. Local Laws repealed.

The following local laws or parts thereof are repealed:

- (1) The *Shire of Westonia Historic Precincts Local Law* published in the *Government Gazette* on 23 May 2023 is repealed.
- (2) The *Shire of Westonia Sea Containers Local Law* published in the *Government Gazette* on 23 May 2023 is repealed.
- (3) The *Shire of Westonia Fencing Local Law* published in the *Government Gazette* on 23 May 2023 is repealed.

Dated this (Insert Date):

The Common Seal of the Shire of Westonia was affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of –

President.

Chief Executive Officer

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

SHIRE OF WESTONIA

FENCING LOCAL LAW 2024

Under the powers conferred by the *Local Government Act 1995* and all other powers enabling it, the *Shire of Westonia* resolved on *(insert council adoption date)* to make the following local law.

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

1.1 Citation

This local law is the Shire of Westonia *Fencing Local Law 2024*.

1.2 Commencement

This local law comes into operation 14 days after the date of its publication in the *Government Gazette*.

1.3 Purpose and effect

- (1) The purpose of this local law is to prescribe a sufficient fence and the standard for the construction of fences throughout the district.
- (2) The effect of this local law is to establish the minimum requirements for fencing within the district.

1.4 Application

This local law applies throughout the district.

1.5 Definitions

In this local law —

Act means the *Dividing Fences Act 1961*;

applicant means a person who makes an application for approval under this local law;

AS or AS/NZS means an Australian or Australian/New Zealand Standard as published by Standards Australia and as amended from time to time.

boundary fence has the meaning given to it by the Act;

Building Surveyor means a Building Surveyor of the local government;

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the local government;

Commercial Lot means a lot where a commercial use—

- (a) is or may be permitted under the district planning scheme; and

- (b) is or will be the predominant use of the lot;

dangerous in relation to any fence means—

- (a) an electrified fence other than a fence approved by the local government under this local law;
- (b) a fence containing barbed wire other than a fence erected and maintained in accordance with this local law;
- (c) a fence containing exposed broken glass, asbestos fibre, razor wire or any other potentially harmful projection or material; or
- (d) a fence which is likely to collapse or fall, or part of which is likely to collapse or fall, from any cause;

district means the district of the local government;

dividing fence has the meaning given to it by the Act;

electrified fence means a fence carrying or designed to carry an electric charge;

fence means any structure, not including a retaining wall, used or functioning as a barrier, irrespective of where it is located and includes any gate;

front boundary means the boundary line between a lot and the thoroughfare upon which that lot abuts, or in the case of a lot abutting on more than one thoroughfare, the boundary line between the lot and the primary thoroughfare;

front fence means a fence erected on the front boundary of a lot or on a line adjacent to the front boundary;

front setback area means the area between the building line of a lot and the front boundary of that lot;

height in relation to a fence means the vertical distance between—

- (a) the top of the fence at any point; and
- (b) the ground level or, where the ground levels on each side of the fence are not the same, the higher ground level, immediately below that point;

Industrial Lot means a lot where an industrial use—

- (a) is or may be permitted; and
- (b) is or will be the predominant use of the lot;

local government means the *Shire of Westonia*

local government property means anything except a thoroughfare—

- (a) which belongs to the local government;
- (b) of which the local government is the management body under the *Land Administration Act 1997*; or
- (c) which is an “otherwise unvested facility” under section 3.53 of the *Local Government Act 1995*;

lot has the meaning given to it in the *Planning and Development Act 2005*;

notice of breach means a notice referred to in clause 5.1;

occupier has the meaning given to it in the *Local Government Act 1995*;

owner has the meaning given to it in the *Local Government Act 1995*;

Residential Lot means a lot where a residential use—

- (a) is or may be permitted; and
- (b) is or will be the predominant use of the lot;

retaining wall means any structure which prevents the movement of soil or retains soil or structures in order to allow ground levels of different elevations to exist adjacent to one another;

Rural Lot means a lot where a rural use—

- (a) is or may be permitted; and
- (b) is or will be the predominant use of the lot;

Schedule means a Schedule to this local law;

Special Rural Lot means a lot where a special rural use—

- (a) is or may be permitted; and
- (b) is or will be the predominant use of the lot;

sufficient fence means a fence described in clause 2.1; and

thoroughfare has the meaning given to it by the *Local Government Act 1995*, but does not include a private thoroughfare which is not under the management or control of the local government.

1.7 Licence fees and charges

All licence fees and charges applicable under this local law shall be determined by the local government from time to time in accordance with section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

PART 2—FENCES

Division 1—Sufficient fences

2.1 Sufficient fences

- (1) A person shall not erect a dividing fence or a boundary fence that is not a sufficient fence.
- (2) Subject to subclauses (3) and (4), a sufficient fence—
 - (a) on a Residential Lot is a dividing fence or a boundary fence constructed and maintained in accordance with the specifications and requirements of Schedule 2;
 - (b) on a Commercial Lot or an Industrial Lot is a dividing fence or a boundary fence constructed and maintained in accordance with the specifications and requirements of Schedule 3; and
 - (c) on a Rural Lot or a Special Rural Lot is a dividing fence or a boundary fence constructed and maintained in accordance with the specifications and requirements of Schedule 4.
- (3) Where a fence is erected on or near the boundary between—
 - (a) a Residential Lot and an Industrial Lot, a sufficient fence is a dividing fence constructed and maintained in accordance with the specifications and requirements of Schedule 2;
 - (b) a Residential Lot and a Commercial Lot, a sufficient fence is a dividing fence constructed and maintained in accordance with the specifications and requirements of Schedule 3;
 - (c) a Residential Lot and a Rural Lot, a sufficient fence is a dividing fence constructed and maintained in accordance with the specifications and requirements of Schedule 4;
 - (d) a Residential Lot and a Special Rural Lot, a sufficient fence is a dividing fence constructed and maintained in accordance with the specifications and requirements of Schedule 4; and
 - (e) a Special Rural Lot and a Rural Lot, a sufficient fence is a dividing fence constructed and maintained in accordance with the specifications and requirements of Schedule 4.
- (4) An application must be made to the local government for grant of consent to any variation to the specifications in Schedules 2, 3 and 4.
- (5) Unless an authorised person determines otherwise, a sufficient fence on a boundary between lots other than those specified in subclause (3) is a dividing fence constructed in accordance with the specifications and requirements of Schedule 2.
- (6) Notwithstanding any other provision in this local law, a dividing fence or boundary fence constructed of masonry, stone or concrete shall be a sufficient fence only if it is designed by a suitably qualified structural engineer and constructed in accordance with that design where—
 - (a) it is greater than 1800 millimetres in height; or
 - (b) the Building Surveyor requires.
- (7) Notwithstanding any other provision in this local law, a dividing fence or boundary fence shall not exceed 1800 millimetres in height unless the approval of the local government has been obtained for such a fence.

Division 2—General

2.2 Fences within front setback areas

- (1) A person shall not, without the written consent of the Building Surveyor, erect a free-standing fence greater than 1200 millimetres in height, within the front set-back area of a Residential Lot within the district.
- (2) The Building Surveyor may approve the erection of a fence of a height greater than 1200 millimetres in the front setback area of a Residential Lot only if the fence on each side of the driveway into the lot across the front boundary is to be angled into the lot for a distance of not less than 1500 millimetres along the frontage to a distance of not less than 1500 millimetres from the frontage in order to provide appropriate splayed lines of vision for a motorist using the driveway for access to a thoroughfare.
- (3) The provision of subclause (2) shall not apply to a fence—
 - (a) of open construction that does not obscure the lines of vision of a motorist using the driveway for access to a thoroughfare; or
 - (b) that does not adjoin a footpath.

2.3 Gates in fences

- (1) A person shall not erect a gate in a fence which does not—
 - (a) open into the lot; or
 - (b) open by sliding parallel and on the inside of the fence, which it forms part of, when closed.

2.4 Depositing fencing material on public place

A person shall not deposit or permit the deposit of any materials whatsoever used in the construction or maintenance of any fence, on any thoroughfare, public place or local government property unless the approval of the local government has been obtained.

2.5 Fences on a Rural Lot

A person shall not, without the written consent of the Building Surveyor, erect a fence on a Rural Lot of a height exceeding 1500 millimetres.

2.6 Maintenance of fences

An owner of a lot on which a fence is erected shall maintain the fence in good condition so as to prevent it from becoming dangerous, dilapidated, or unsightly to the amenity of the locality.

2.7 Fences across rights-of-way, public access ways or thoroughfares

A person must not, without the approval of the local government, erect or maintain a fence or obstruction of a temporary or permanent nature across any right-of-way, public access way or thoroughfare so as to impede or prevent use of those facilities in the manner for which they are intended and constructed.

2.8 General discretion of the local government

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 2.1, the local government may approve the erection or repair of a dividing fence which is not a sufficient fence where all of the owners of the lots to be separated by the dividing fence make an application for approval for that purpose.
- (2) In determining whether to grant its approval under subclause (1), the local government may consider whether the erection or retention of the fence would have an adverse effect on—
 - (a) the safe or convenient use of any land;
 - (b) the safety or convenience of any person; or
 - (c) the visual amenity of the locality.

Division 3—Fencing materials

Where required by the Building Surveyor, fencing designs are to be certified by a practicing structural engineer as being suitable for wind loadings found in Region D Category 2 areas in accordance with the current edition of AS/NZS 1170.0:2002 Structural design actions - General principles.

2.9 Pre-used fencing materials

- (1) Notwithstanding clause 2.1, a person shall not construct a fence on a Residential Lot, a Commercial Lot or an Industrial Lot from pre-used materials without the approval of the local government.
- (2) Where the local government approves the use of pre-used materials in the construction of a fence under subclause (1), that approval shall be conditional on the applicant painting or treating the pre-used material as directed by the Building Surveyor.

2.10 Barbed wire fences and spiked or jagged materials

- (1) This clause does not apply to a fence constructed wholly or partly of razor wire.
- (2) An owner or occupier of a Residential Lot or a Commercial Lot shall not erect, affix or allow to remain on any fence on such a lot any barbed wire or other material with spiked or jagged projections, unless the prior written approval of the local government has been obtained.
- (3) An owner or occupier of an Industrial Lot shall not erect, affix or allow to remain on any fence bounding that lot any barbed wire or other materials with spiked or jagged projections unless the wire or other materials are carried on posts at an angle of 45 degrees, and unless the bottom row of wire or other materials is setback 150mm from the face of the fence and is not nearer than 2000mm from the ground level.
- (4) If the posts which carry the barbed wire or other materials referred to in subclause (3) are angled towards the outside of the lot bounded by the fence, the face of the fence must be set back from the lot boundary a sufficient distance to ensure that the angled posts, barbed wire or other materials do not encroach on adjoining land.
- (5) An owner or occupier of a lot shall not erect, affix or allow to remain as part of any fence or wall, whether internal or external on that lot, any broken glass.
- (6) An owner or occupier of a Rural Lot shall not erect, affix or allow to remain any barbed wire upon a fence on that lot where the fence is adjacent to a thoroughfare or other public place unless the barbed wire is fixed to the side of the fence posts furthest from the thoroughfare or other public place.

2.11 Electrified and razor wire fences

- (1) An owner or occupier of a lot shall not—
 - (a) construct or use an electrified fence on that lot without obtaining the approval of the local government in the form prescribed in Schedule 5; or
 - (b) construct a fence wholly or partly of razor wire on that lot without obtaining the approval of the local government in the form prescribed in Schedule 6.
- (2) The local government shall not approve an application for the purpose of subclause (1)(a)—
 - (a) in respect of a lot which is or which abuts a Residential Lot;
 - (b) unless the prohibited fence complies with AS/NZS 3016:2002 Electrical installations—Electric security fences; and
 - (c) unless provision is made so as to enable the fence to be rendered inoperable during the hours of business operations, if any, on the lot where it is erected.
- (3) The local government shall not approve an application for the purpose of subclause (1)(b)—
 - (a) if the fence is within 3000 millimetres of the boundary of the lot; or
 - (b) where any razor wire used in the construction of the fence is less than 2000 millimetres or more than 2400 millimetres above the ground level.
- (4) An application for approval for the purpose of subclauses (1)(a) or (1)(b) shall be made by the owner of the lot on which the fence is or is to be erected, or by the occupier of the lot with the written consent of the owner.

2.12 Prohibited fencing materials

A person shall not affix or use broken glass in the construction of any fence.

PART 3—APPROVALS

3.1 Application for approval

- (1) Where a person is required to obtain the approval of the local government under this local law, that person shall apply for approval in accordance with subclause (2).
- (2) An application for approval under this local law shall—
 - (a) be in the form determined by the local government;
 - (b) be signed by the applicant and the owner of the lot;
 - (c) provide the information required by the form; and
 - (d) be forwarded to the CEO together with any fee imposed and determined by the local government under and in accordance with sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.
- (3) The local government may require an applicant to provide additional information reasonably related to an application before determining an application for approval.
- (4) The local government may refuse to consider an application for approval which is not in accordance with subclauses (2) and (3).

3.2 Decision on application for approval

- (1) The local government may—
 - (a) approve an application for approval unconditionally or subject to any conditions; or
 - (b) refuse to approve an application for approval.
- (2) If the local government approves an application for approval, it is to issue to the applicant an approval in the form determined by the local government.
- (3) If the local government refuses to approve an application for approval, it is to give written notice of that refusal to the applicant.
- (4) Where a clause of this local law refers to conditions which may be imposed on an approval or which are to be taken to be imposed on an approval, the clause does not limit the power of the local government to impose other conditions on the approval under subclause (1)(a).

3.3 Compliance with approval

Where an application for approval has been approved, the applicant and the owner or occupier of the lot to which the approval relates, shall comply with the terms and any conditions of that approval.

3.4 Duration of approval

Unless otherwise stated in the form of approval, an approval granted under this local law—

- (a) runs with the lot to which it relates;
- (b) may be relied upon by any subsequent occupier or owner of the lot; and
- (c) may be enforced by the local government against a subsequent occupier or owner of the lot.

PART 4—MISCELLANEOUS

4.1 False or misleading statement

A person shall not make a false or misleading statement in connection with any application, requirement or request under this local law.

PART 5—NOTICES OF BREACH

5.1 Notices of breach

- (1) Where a breach of any provision of this local law has occurred in relation to a fence on a lot, the local government may give a notice in writing to the owner of that lot.
- (2) A notice of breach shall—
 - (a) specify the provision of this local law which has been breached;
 - (b) specify the particulars of the breach; and
 - (c) state that the owner is required to remedy the breach within the time specified in the notice.

- (3) Should an owner fail to comply with a notice of breach, the local government may, by its employees, agents or contractors enter upon the lot to which the notice relates and remedy the breach, and may recover the expenses of so doing from the owner of the lot in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (4) The provisions of this clause are subject to section 3.25 and item 12 of Division 1 of Schedule 3.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and any entry on to land will be in accordance with Part 3, Division 3 of that Act.

PART 6—OFFENCES

6.1 Offences and penalties

- (1) A person who fails to comply with a notice of breach commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to a penalty of not less than \$250 and not exceeding \$5000 and, if the offence is a continuing offence, to a maximum daily penalty of \$500.
- (2) A person who fails to comply with or who contravenes any provision of this local law commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a penalty of not less than \$250 and not exceeding \$5000 and, if the offence is a continuing offence, to a maximum daily penalty of \$500.

6.2 Modified penalties

- (1) An offence against any provision of this local law is a prescribed offence for the purposes of section 9.16(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.
- (2) The amount appearing in the final column of Schedule 1, directly opposite a prescribed offence in that Schedule, is the modified penalty for that prescribed offence.
- (3) Before giving an infringement notice to a person in respect of the commission of a prescribed offence, an authorised person should be satisfied that—
 - (a) commission of the prescribed offence is a relatively minor matter; and
 - (b) only straightforward issues of law and fact are involved in determining whether the prescribed offence was committed, and the facts in issue are readily ascertainable.

6.3 Form of notices

For the purposes of this local law—

- (a) the form of the infringement notice referred to in sections 9.16 and 9.17 of the *Local Government Act 1995* is to be in the form of Form 2 of Schedule 1 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*; and
- (b) the form of the withdrawal of infringement notice referred to in section 9.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* is to be in the form of Form 3 in Schedule 1 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*.

PART 7—OBJECTIONS AND REVIEW

7.1 Objections and review

When the local government makes a decision under clause 3.2, the provisions of Part 9 Division 1 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, and regulation 33 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*, apply to that decision.

Schedule 1

OFFENCES AND MODIFIED PENALTIES

[clause 6.2(2)]

Item No	Clause No.	Nature of offence	Modified penalties \$
1	2.1(1)	Erect a fence which is not a sufficient fence	250
2	2.2	Erect a fence greater than 1200mm in height within a front setback area of a residential lot without the written consent of the Building Surveyor	250
3	2.3(a)	Erect a gate in a fence not opening into the lot	200
4	2.3(b)	Erect a gate in a fence not sliding parallel and inside a fence	200
5	2.6	Failure to maintain a fence in good condition to prevent the fence becoming dangerous, dilapidated or unsightly	250
6	2.7	Erect or maintain a fence or obstruction of temporary or permanent nature across a right-of way, public access way or thoroughfare without approval	250
7	2.9(1)	Construct a fence on a Residential, Commercial or Industrial Lot from pre-used materials without written approval	250
8	2.10(2)	Erect a fence using barbed wire or material with spiked or jagged projections in the fence construction without approval	250
9	2.11(1)	Construct, erect or use razor wire in a fence or electrify a fence without approval	250
10	2.12	Affix, or use, any broken glass in a fence	250
11	3.3	Failure to comply with terms or conditions of approval	250
12	6.1	Failure to comply with notice of breach	250

Schedule 2

SPECIFICATIONS FOR A SUFFICIENT FENCE ON A RESIDENTIAL LOT

[clause 2.1(2)(a)]

Each of the identified categories in this Schedule is a sufficient fence on a Residential Lot and the fence design being certified by a practicing structural engineer as being suitable for wind loadings found in Region D Category 2 areas in accordance with the current edition of AS/NZS 1170.0:2002 Structural design actions - General principles.

Timber fence

- (a) corner posts to be 125mm x 125mm x 2400mm and intermediate posts to be 125mm x 75mm x 2400mm spaced at 2400mm centres;
- (b) corner posts to be struted two ways with 100mm x 50mm x 450mm sole plates and 75mm x 50mm struts;
- (c) intermediate posts to be doubled yankee struted with 150mm x 25mm x 450mm struts;
- (d) all posts to have tops with a 60mm weather cut and to be sunk at least 600mm into the ground;
- (e) rails to be 75mm x 50mm with each rail spanning 2 bays of fencing double railed or bolted to each post with joints staggered;
- (f) the fence to be covered with 75mm x 20mm sawn pickets, 1800mm in height placed 75mm apart and affixed securely to each rail; and
- (g) the height of the fence to be 1800mm except with respect to the front set back area for which there is no minimum height but which is subject to clause 2.2.

Corrugated fence

A fence constructed of corrugated fibre reinforced pressed cement or steel sheeting constructed to manufacturer's specifications or which satisfies the following specifications—

- (a) a minimum in-ground length of 25 per cent of the total length of the sheet, but in any case shall have a minimum in-ground depth of 600mm;
- (b) the total height and depth of the fence to consist of a single continuous fibre reinforced cement or steel sheet;
- (c) the sheets to be lapped and capped with extruded "snap-fit" type capping in accordance with the manufacturers written instructions; and
- (d) the height of the fence to be 1800mm except with respect to the front set back area for which there is no minimum height but which is subject to clause 2.2.

Brick, stone or concrete fence

A fence constructed of brick, stone or concrete, which satisfies the following requirements and specifications—

- (a) a site classification is to be provided by a professional engineer in accordance with AS 2870-2011 Residential slabs and footings as amended;
- (b) the footing is to be designed in accordance with AS 2870-2011 Residential slabs and footings as amended;
- (c) footings of minimum 225mm x 150mm concrete 15MPa or 300mm x 175mm brick laid in cement mortar;
- (d) fences to be offset a minimum of 200mm at maximum 3000mm centres or 225mm x 100mm engaged piers to be provided at maximum 3000mm centres;
- (e) expansion joints in accordance with the manufacturer's written instructions; and
- (f) the height of the fence to be 1800mm except with respect to the front set back area for which there is no minimum height but which is subject to clause 2.2.

Composite fence

A composite fence which satisfies the following specifications for the brick construction—

- (1)
 - (a) brick piers of minimum 345mm x 345mm at 1800mm centres bonded to a minimum height base wall of 514mm;
 - (b) each pier shall be reinforced with one R10 galvanised starting rod 1500mm high with a 250mm horizontal leg bedded into a 500mm x 200mm concrete footing and set 65mm above the base of the footing. The top of the footing shall be 1 course (85mm) below ground level;
 - (c) the minimum ultimate strength of brickwork shall be 20MPa. Mortar shall be a mix of 1 part cement, 1 part lime and 6 parts sand;
 - (d) the ground under the footings is to be compacted to 6 blows per 300mm and checked with a standard falling weight penetrometer; and
 - (e) control joints in brickwork shall be provided with double piers at a maximum of 6-metre centres;

or

 - (2)
 - (a) brick piers of a minimum 345mm x 345mm x 2700mm centres bonded to the base wall; and
 - (b) each pier shall be reinforced with two R10 galvanised starting rods as previously specified.
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Schedule 3

SPECIFICATIONS FOR A SUFFICIENT FENCE ON A COMMERCIAL LOT OR AN INDUSTRIAL LOT

[clause 2.1(2)(b)]

Each of the identified categories in this Schedule, with minimum and maximum specifications where stated, is a sufficient fence on a Commercial Lot or an Industrial Lot and the fence design being certified by a practicing structural engineer as being suitable for wind loadings found in Region D Category 2 areas in accordance with the current edition of AS/NZS 1170.0:2002 Structural design actions - General principles.

Galvanised or PVC fence and gate

A fence constructed of galvanised or PVC coated non-rail link mesh, chain mesh or steel mesh which satisfies the following specifications—

- (a) corner posts to be minimum 50mm nominal bore x 3.5mm and with footings of a 225mm diameter x 900mm;
- (b) intermediate posts to be minimum 37mm nominal bore x 3.15mm at maximum 3.5m centres and with footings of a 225mm diameter x 600mm;
- (c) struts to be minimum 30mm nominal bore x 3.15mm fitted at each gate and 2 at each corner post and with footings 225mm x 600mm;
- (d) cables to be affixed to the top, centre and bottom of all posts and to consist of 2 or more 3.15mm wires twisted together or single 4mm wire;
- (e) non-rail link, chain or steel mesh is to be to a height of 2000mm on top of which are to be 3 strands of barbed wire carrying the fence to a height of 2400mm in accordance with the requirements and standards of the local planning schemes; and
- (f) galvanised link mesh wire to be 2000mm in height and constructed of 50mm mesh 2.5mm galvanised iron wire and to be strained, neatly secured and laced to the posts and affixed to cables. Vehicle entry gates shall provide an opening of not less than 3.6m and shall be constructed of 25mm tubular framework with 1 horizontal and 1 vertical stay constructed of 20mm piping and shall be covered with 50mm x 2.5mm galvanised link mesh strained to framework. Gates shall be fixed with a drop bolt and locking attachment.

Other fences

- (a) a fence of cement sheet or steel sheeting constructed to the minimum specifications referred to in Schedule 2;
- (b) a fence constructed of aluminium sheeting when supported on posts and rails provided that it is used behind a building line and is of a minimum height of 1800mm but no greater than 2400mm; or
- (c) a fence of timber, brick, stone or concrete constructed to the minimum specifications referred to in Schedule 2.

Schedule 4

SPECIFICATIONS FOR A SUFFICIENT FENCE ON A RURAL LOT OR SPECIAL RURAL LOT

[clause 2.1(2)(c)]

Each of the identified categories in this Schedule, with minimum and maximum specifications where stated is a sufficient fence on a Rural Lot or a Special Rural Lot and the fence design being certified by a practicing structural engineer as being suitable for wind loadings found in Region D Category 2 areas in accordance with the current edition of AS/NZS 1170.0:2002 Structural design actions - General principles.

Non-electrified fence

- (a) wire shall be high tensile wire and not less than 2.5mm. A minimum of 5 wires shall be used, generally with the lower wires spaced closer together than the higher wires so as to prevent smaller stock passing through, and connected to posts in all cases.
- (b) posts shall be of indigenous timber or other suitable material including—
 - (i) timber impregnated with a termite and fungicidal preservative;
 - (ii) standard iron star pickets; or
 - (iii) concrete;
- (c) posts shall be cut not less than 1800mm long x 50mm diameter at small end if round or 125mm x 60mm if split or sawn timber.
- (d) posts to be set minimum 600mm in the ground and 1 200mm above the ground; and
- (e) strainer posts shall be not less than 2250mm long and 150mm diameter at the small end (tubular steel to be 50mm in diameter) and shall be cut from indigenous timber or other suitable material. These shall be placed a minimum of 1000mm in the ground.

Electrified fence

An electrified fence having 4 wires is a sufficient fence if constructed generally in accordance with a non-electrified fence.

Schedule 5

LICENCE FOR APPROVED ELECTRIFIED FENCE

[clause 2.11(1)(a)]

This is to certify that

(1) _____

of (2)

_____ is licensed, subject to the conditions set out below, to have and use an electrified fence on

(address)

from _____ 20 _____ and until this licence is transferred or cancelled.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

Chief Executive Officer,
Shire of Westonia

Conditions of Licence—

The holder of the licence must—

- (a) display the licence in a prominent position on the land or premises on which the electrified fence has been erected;
- (b) upon the request of a Building Surveyor produce to him or her the licence;
- (c) within 14 days of a change in the ownership or occupation of the land or premises in respect of which the licence has been granted, notify the Chief Executive Officer in writing of the details of that change or those changes;
- (d) obtain the written consent of the local government prior to the commencement of any alteration, addition or other work relating to or affecting the electrified fence; and
- (e) comply with AS/NZS 3016:2002 Electrical installations - Electric security fences.

Transfer by Endorsement

This licence is transferred to (3)

_____ of (4)

_____ from and including the date of this endorsement.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

Chief Executive Officer,
Shire of Westonia

- _____
(1) Name
(2) Address
(3) Name
(4) Address

Schedule 6

LICENCE FOR APPROVED RAZOR WIRE FENCE

[clause 2.11(1)(b)]

This is to certify that (1)

of (2)

is licensed , subject to the conditions set out below, to have a fence constructed wholly or partially of razor wire at

(address)

From _____ 20__ and until this licence is transferred or cancelled.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20_____

Chief Executive Officer,
Shire of Westonia

Conditions of licence—

- (a) display the licence in a prominent position on the land or premises on which the fence has been erected;
- (b) upon the request of a Building Surveyor produce to him or her the licence;
- (c) within 14 days of a change in the ownership or occupation of the land or premises in respect of which the licence has been granted, notify the Chief Executive Officer in writing of the details of that change or those changes; and
- (d) obtain the written consent of the local government prior to the commencement of any alteration, addition or other work relating to or affecting the fence.

Transfer by Endorsement

This licence is transferred to (3)

of (4)

from and including the date of this endorsement.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20_____

Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Westonia

-
- (1) Name
 - (2) Address
 - (3) Name
 - (4) Address

Dated: *[insert date]*

Dated this 19th day of May 2023.

The Common Seal of the Shire of Westonia has been affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of -;

RODNEY MARK CREES, Shire President

ARTHUR WILLIAM PRICE, Chief Executive Officer.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

SHIRE OF WESTONIA

WESTONIA HISTORICAL PRECINCT LOCAL LAW 2023

Under the powers conferred by the Local Government Act 1995 and all other powers enabling it, the Shire of Westonia resolved on the 21st February 2023 to make the following Local Law.

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1.1 Citation - This Local Law is the Shire of Westonia Historical Precinct Local law 2023.

1.2 – Commencement – This Local Law comes into effect 14 days after the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

1.3- Purpose and Effect –

1. The purpose of this Local Law is to prescribe the design of development, including buildings and fencing, within the Westonia Historical Precinct.
2. The effect of this Local Law is to ensure the continuation of historical facades and fencing within the Westonia Historical Precinct.

1.4 - Application-

This Local Law applies to the Westonia Historical Precinct of Wolfram Street between Gold and Kaolin Street and includes the corner lots in Gold, Cement and Kaolin Streets which have a boarder on Wolfram Street.

1.5 – Definitions-

Act means *Local Government Act 1995*

Applicant means a person making an application for approval under this Local Law.

Building surveyor means a Building Surveyor of the Local Government.

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government.

Front Boundary means the boundary line between a lot and the thoroughfare upon which that lot abuts.

Front Fence means a fence erected on the front boundary of a lot or on a line adjacent to the front boundary.

Local Government means the Shire of Westonia.

Lot has the meaning given to it in the Planning and Development act 2005.

Schedule means a Schedule attached to this Local Law.

Thoroughfare has the meaning given to it by the *Local Government Act 1995*, but does not include a private thoroughfare which is not under the management and control of the Local Government.

1.6 – License Fees and Charges

All license fees and charges applicable under this Local Law shall be determined by the Local Government from time to time in accordance with Section 6.16 of the Act.

PART 2 - BUILDINGS.

1. The Local Government is committed to the continuation of its historical façade concept for buildings located within the Westonia Historical Precinct.
2. New buildings or significant building renovations to existing lots are required to demonstrate design concepts which are sympathetic to existing façade buildings and provide due regard to the amenity of the historical streetscape.
3. Construction materials will be predominantly timber, corrugated iron and/or weatherboard.
4. A person shall not, without the written consent of the Building Surveyor, commence any construction within the Westonia Historical Precinct.

PART 3 – FENCES.

1. Written consent from the Building Surveyor shall be required for the construction of a free standing fence within the Westonia Historical Precinct.
2. All gates attached to a free standing fence shall open into the lot or, open by a sliding panel on the inside of the fence of which it forms part, when closed.
3. An owner of a lot on which a fence is erected shall maintain the fence in good condition so as to prevent it from becoming dangerous, dilapidated, or unsightly to the amenity of the streetscape.
4. All fences within the Westonia Historical Precinct shall not exceed more than 1200 mm in height.

PART 4 – APPROVALS

1. Where a person is required to obtain the approval of the Local Government under this Local Law, that person shall apply for approval in accordance with the following;
 - (a) Be in the form determined by the Local Government
 - (b) Be signed by the applicant and the owner of the lot
 - (c) Provide the information required by the form, and,

- (d) Be forwarded to the CEO together with any fee imposed and determined by the Local Government under and in accordance with sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995.
2. The Local Government may require an applicant to provide additional information reasonably related to an application before determining an application for approval.
 3. The Local Government may refuse an application which is not in accordance with the requirements outlined in (a), (b), (c), and (d) above.
 4. The Local Government may approve the application unconditionally or subject to applied conditions, and the applicant, owner or occupier of the lot to which the approval relates, shall comply with any terms and/or conditions of that approval.

PART 5 – NOTICE OF BREACH

1. Where a breach of any provision of this Local Law has occurred in relation to a building development or fence on a lot, the Local Government may give notice in writing to the owner of that lot.
2. A notice of breach shall specify the provision of the Local Law which has been breached, specify the particulars of the breach, and, state that the owner is to remedy the breach in the time specified in the notice.
3. Should the owner fail to remedy the breach, the Local Government may, by its employees, agents or contractors, enter upon the lot to which the notice relates, to remedy the breach and recover the expenses of doing so from the owner in a court of competent jurisdiction.
4. The provisions of this clause are subject to section 3.25 and item 12 of Division 1 of Schedule 3.1 of the Local government Act 1995 and any entry onto land will be in accordance with Part 3 Division 3 of that Act.

PART 6 _ OFFENCES

A person who fails to comply with a notice of breach commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to a penalty of not less than \$250 and not exceeding \$5000, and, if the offence is a continuing offence, to a maximum daily penalty of \$500.

A person who fails to comply with or contravenes any provision of this Local Law commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a penalty of not less than \$250 and not exceeding \$5000 and, if the offence is a continuing offence, to a maximum daily penalty of \$500.

Dated this

The Common Seal of the Shire of Westonia has been affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of -;

RODNEY MARK CREES, Shire President

ARTHUR WILLIAM PRICE, Chief Executive Officer.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

SHIRE OF WESTONIA

SHIPPING AND/OR SEA CONTAINER LOCAL LAW 2024

Under the powers conferred by the Local Government Act 1995 and all other powers enabling it, the Shire of Westonia resolved on (insert Council adoption date)_ to make the following local law.

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1.1 CITATION

This Local Law is the Shire of Westonia Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2024

1.2 Commencement

This Local Law comes into operation 14 days after the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

1.3 Purpose and effect

1. The purpose of this Local Law is to prescribe the approval process required for the placement of shipping and/or sea containers on residential, commercial and industrial land within the Westonia townsite.
2. The effect of this Local Law is to establish minimum requirements for the placement of shipping and/or sea containers on land within the Westonia townsite.
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1.4 Application

This Local Law applies to all categories of land within the Westonia townsite.

1.5 Definitions

In this Local

Law;

Act means the *Local Government Act 1995*

Applicant means the person making an application for approval under this Local Law.

Building Surveyor means a building surveyor of the Local Government.

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government

Commercial lot means a lot where a commercial use is permitted or will be its predominant use.

Front setback area means the area between the building line of a lot and the front boundary of that lot.

Industrial lot means a lot where an industrial use is permitted and which is its predominant use.

Local government means the Shire of Westonia.

Residential lot means a lot where residential use is permitted and which is its predominant use.

Rural lot means a lot where rural use is permitted and which is its predominant use.

Special rural lot means a lot where special rural use is permitted and which is its predominant use.

Thoroughfare has the meaning given to it by the Act, but does not include a private thoroughfare which is not under the control of the Local Government.

1.6 License fees and charges

All license fees and charges under this Local Law shall be determined by the Local Government from time to time in accordance with section 6.16 of the Act.

PART 2 – APPROVALS

2.1 Application for approval

1. Where a person is required to obtain the approval of the Local Government under this Local Law, that person shall apply through the following method;

(a) the application must be in the form determined by the Local Government

(b) is signed by the applicant and the owner of the lot

© provides all of the information required by the form

(d) be forwarded to the CEO of the Local Government together with the fee imposed by it under and in accordance with sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the Act.

2. The Local Government may require the applicant to provide additional information reasonably related to an application before determining an application for approval.

3. The Local Government may refuse to consider any application which is not in accordance with the requirements of 1. And 2. Above.

2.2 Decision on application for approval

(a) The Local Government may approve the application unconditionally, subject to any conditions, or may refuse the application outright.

(b) The Local Government is to provide the applicant with written advice of any refusal to approve.

© The Local government is to provide the applicant with written advise of its approval.

2.3 Compliance with approval.

Where an application has been approved, the applicant and the owner or occupier of the lot to which the approval relates, shall comply with the terms and conditions of that approval.

Unless otherwise stated in the form of approval, such approval granted under this Local Law runs with the lot to which it relates, may be relied upon by any subsequent owner of the lot, and may be enforced by the Local Government against the subsequent owners of that lot.

Where the Local Government believes that the Local Law has been breached, the Local Government is to provide written notice to the owner specifying details of the breach and providing the owner with a time within which the breach is to be rectified.

PART 3 – GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Prior to the placement of a shipping and/or sea container on any lot within the Westonia townsite, a Development/Planning application will be required by the Local Government to adequately assess the application.
2. Once approval has been provided, the applicant is to apply for a Building License to ensure that the Building Surveyor has oversight of its placement on the lot.
3. This Local Law limits the number of shipping and/or sea containers to one only per lot being a maximum of 6.5 meters for a residential lot and up to 12.5 meters for an industrial or commercial lot.
4. The shipping and/or sea container is to be located wholly within the boundaries of the lot subject to the approval, and shall be maintained in a good and orderly condition to the satisfaction of the Local Government.
5. Following approval, the container shall be suitably screened and/or fenced from the road frontage, be located at the rear of the lot and not within the front setback, while meeting setback requirements of the Building Code of Australia classification.
6. The container cannot be located over septic tanks, leach drains or any utilities services or easements, and cannot, under any circumstances, be used as ancillary accommodation.
7. The Local Government may require additional works or measures other than those already mentioned, to properly address any amenity issues that arise from the location of the container.
8. Temporary use of a container on a building site as an office or storage unit is permissible, subject to application and approval by the Local Government. Such approval shall extend for the period of construction of the building only, and shall be removed within 14 days of completion of the building.
9. This Local Law applies retrospectively.

PART 4 – OFFENCES

A person who fails to comply with a notice of breach commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a penalty of not less than \$250 and not exceeding \$5000, and if the offence is a continuing offence, to a maximum daily penalty of \$500.

A person who fails to comply with or who contravenes any provision of this Local Law commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a penalty of not less than \$250 and not exceeding \$5000 and, if the offence is a continuing offence, to a maximum daily penalty of \$500.

Dated this 19th day of May 2023.


The Common Seal of the Shire of Westonia has been affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of -;

RODNEY MARK CREES, Shire President
ARTHUR WILLIAM PRICE, Chief Executive Officer.

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS

9.2.1 CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS – MUSEUM EXPANSION & PROCUREMENT PROJECT

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 resolve to advertise its intention to undertake an expansion and procurement of the Museum, inviting public submissions to be considered at the next Council meeting.

Background

Council is aware of its initial 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.

Comment

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 are attached for Councillor information. (Refer Attachment).

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.

Whilst Council has conducted the generic community survey on future strategies, it is recommended that as the proposed expansion project and purchase of a new museum collection is considered a significant investment, that a call for public submissions on the proposal be advertised to be considered at a future Council meeting.

At the time of this report the full detail of the proposed article procurement is considered a 'commercial in confidence' item.

Statutory Environment

Nil.



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

No financial implications at this time.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority




Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council resolve to advertise its intention to undertake a major expansion and procurement of the Museum, inviting public submissions to be considered at the next Council meeting.

9.2.2 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 77/3218

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	ES1.6.1
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Location Map EL 77/3218
Signature:	Officer CEO



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's comment on an Exploration license in the Northern part of the shire.

Background

The Shire has been advised of an application for an Exploration license having been lodged by TG Mining Title Services on behalf of Perpetual Resources Pty Ltd (E77/3218).

The application relates to land in the North/Western portion of the Shire between Campion and Warralakin (See Attached)

Comment

Perpetual Resources Ltd is a ASX listed company with mining and exploration activities in Lithium and Silica Sands in WA and Brazil.

Previous exploration approvals have been granted with the following conditions:

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected.
- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions.
- 3) Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be banded so that it does not spread.
- 4) All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner.
- 5) All rubbish is to be disposed of at the local landfill site in the appropriate manner.
- 6) A firefighting unit is to be always available, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called.
- 7) No drill holes are to extend under any public railway line or any roadways. Drilling being carried out is not to interfere with road drainage and must be beyond the batter line (this is to minimise damage to capped drill holes during maintenance grading) – refer to Typical Cross Section of Road Formation diagram.
- 8) Safety signs are to be erected in accordance with Australian Standards – to warn both mining staff, contractors, and the public/visitors.
- 9) All drill holes are to be capped as soon as possible/practical after drilling.
- 10) If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, when working between 7:00 pm. and 7:00 am.

- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter “Westonian” prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and
- 12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire Road Surface and gravel pits, and that no drilling operation is to affect any part Historical Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.

Statutory Environment

The Mining Act prevails in this matter.

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority




OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

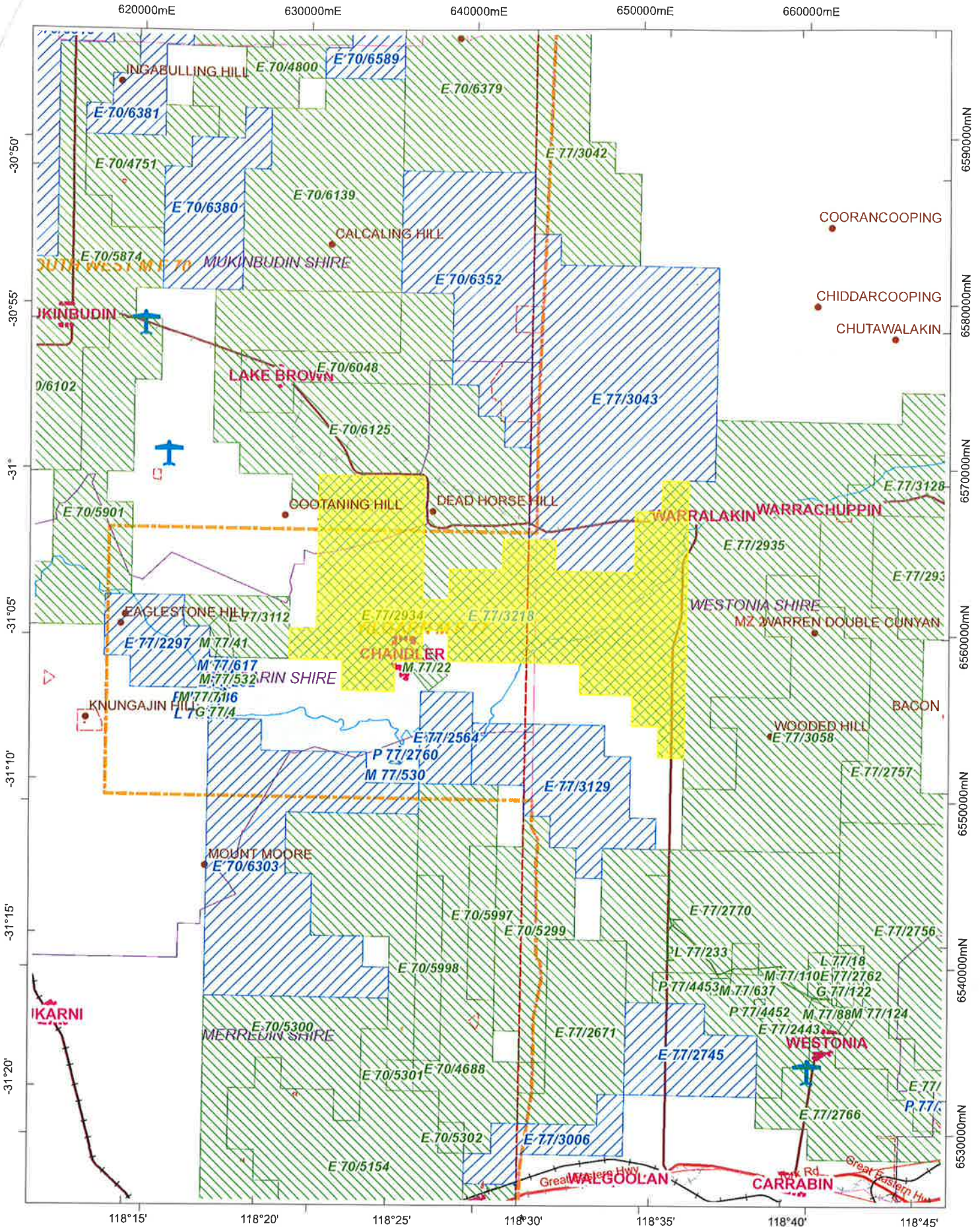
That Council grants approval to Perpetual Resources Ltd (E77/3218) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with this respective Exploration Lease as shown on the attached maps with the following conditions: -

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected.
- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company’s mining conditions.
- 3) Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be bunded so that it does not spread.
- 4) All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner.
- 5) All rubbish is to be disposed of at the local landfill site in the appropriate manner.
- 6) A firefighting unit is to be always available, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called.
- 7) No drill holes are to extend under any public railway line or any roadways. Drilling being carried out is not to interfere with road drainage and must be beyond the batter line (this is to minimise damage to capped drill holes during maintenance grading) – refer to Typical Cross Section of Road Formation diagram.
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- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter “Westonian” prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and

- 12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire Road Surface and gravel pits, and that no drilling operation is to affect any part Historical Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.**


E 77/3218, Quick Appraisal Plan

-  Pending Application
-  Live Tenement
-  Application over Live Tenement



9.2.3 WHEATBELT NRM – COLLECTION OF SEED AUTHORITY

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

The purpose of this report is to consider providing permission for Wheatbelt NRM to collect Native Flora within the shire boundaries.

Background

Wheatbelt NRM on behalf of the Noongar Boodjar Rangers is seeking Council’s permission to collect native seed from Reserves under management order to the Shire of Westonia.

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 Wheatbelt NRM Noongar Boodjar Rangers to collect native seed from reserves under management order to the Shire of Westonia in accordance with the conditions set out below.

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- 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.
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9.3 WORKS AND SERVICES

Nil

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 20th June 2024 commencing at 3.30pm.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

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