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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 3.34pm.
A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect for the following former ratepayer who had recently passed away:

- June Daddow

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr ML Geier	President
Cr KM Day	Deputy President
Cr D Hermon	
Cr B Huxtable	
Cr MJ Cunningham	
Cr JJ Jefferys	
Mr J Criddle	Chief Executive Officer

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.36PM – 3.51PM)

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Geier requested a Leave of Absence for the April meeting.

01-03/15 Moved Cr Day, seconded Cr Jefferys that Cr Geier be granted a leave of absence for the April Ordinary Meeting.

Carried 6/0

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Officer Recommendation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 19th February, 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Resolution

02-03/15 Moved Cr Hermon, seconded Cr Day that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 19th February, 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried 6/0

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

Officer Recommendation

That the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of Council held on Thursday 19th March, 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

03-03/15 Moved Cr Cunningham, seconded Cr Jefferys that the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of Council held on Thursday 19th March, 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried 6/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President, Cr Geier advised having attended the following meetings:

- Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group – RAV Access workshop in Koorda with The CEO and Works Supervisor.
- WEROC Council meeting in Bruce Rock
- GECZ WALGA in Merredin
- CEACA in Merredin
- Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (Dogger Group) in Merredin with the CEO and Cr Hermon

The Deputy President, Cr Day advised having attended the following meeting:

- Wheatbelt Development Commission regional funding meetings.



Cr Hermon advised having attended the following meeting:

- Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group to discuss the proposed funding model to fund the future Dogger service.

8. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

8.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

8.1.1 Accounts for Payment

File Reference	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements	
Date of Report	7 April 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer	
Signatures	Officer 	CEO 

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 may be obtained.

Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of February 15. The credit card statements currently show:-

CEO **February 15** -\$3133.94 associated with the purchase of; Fuels \$570.40, Bigpond installation Ceo & W/Spvsr residences \$323.54, fitting spotlights to landcruiser \$190, repairing impellor new seal & fitting – swimming pool \$2050.

Works Supervisor **February 15** -\$1443.01 associated with the purchase of; Fuels \$167.01, Staff training & meals \$1276.

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 2014/2015 Annual Budget.

Voting Requirement

Majority

Officer Recommendation



That February accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3112 to 3122 and D/Debits EFT 1076 to EFT 1115 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totaling \$189,249.49 be passed for payment.

Resolution

04-03/15 Moved Cr Hermon, seconded Cr Day that February accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3112 to 3122 and D/Debits EFT 1076 to EFT 1115 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totaling \$189,249.40 be passed for payment.

Carried 6/0

8.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity – February 15

File Reference	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Reports	
Date of Report	7 April 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer	
Signatures	Officer 	CEO 

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 28th February 15 is attached for Councilor information, and consists of:

1. Summary of Bank Balances
2. Summary of Outstanding Debtors
3. Balance Sheet
4. Budget v Actuals Schedules

Statutory Environment

General Financial Management of Council
Council 2012/2013 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 Requirement

Majority

Officer Recommendation



That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 28th February 15 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

Resolution

05-03/15 Moved Cr Hermon, seconded Cr Day that Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 28th February 15 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

Carried 6/0

8.1.3 GST Reconciliation Report

File Reference	F1.4.4 Audit Reports	
Date of Report	7 April 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer	
Signatures	Officer 	CEO 

Background

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at 28th February 15 is 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 Councilor consideration.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in regards 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 Requirement

Majority

Officer Recommendation


That the GST Reconciliation totaling \$4,642.00 for the period ending 28th February 15 be adopted.

Resolution

06-03/15 Moved Cr Cunningham, seconded Cr Jefferys that the GST Reconciliation totaling \$4,642.00 for the period ending 28th February 15 be adopted.

Carried 6/0

8.1.4 Compliance Audit Return 2014

File Reference	ES1.6.1	
Date of Report	14th February 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

In accordance with the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996, a local government is required to carry out a compliance audit for the period 1st January to 31st December each year against the requirements included in the Compliance Audit Return (CAR).

The completed CAR is required to be presented to Council for consideration and adoption, signed by the Shire President and CEO and subsequently submitted to the Director General of the Department of Local Government before 31st March next following.

Comment

The Compliance Audit Return has been a mandatory requirement since the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1999, were amended and made applicable from 1 January 2000.

All senior staff have been involved in the completion of the Compliance Audit Return, certifying their actions and that of the Council, relating to the return covering the 2014 calendar year.

Staff involved and included in the process included;

Chief Executive Officer

Senior Finance Officer

Works Supervisor

The Return is to be jointly certified by the Shire President and the Chief Executive and subsequently submitted to the Director General of the Department of Local Government before 31st March.

Additionally staffing levels in small local governments are such that we do not have the quantum or degree of specialisation available to larger local governments. Hence not every question in the CAR has been “fully” researched as to absolute accuracy. The responses are based on some research and memory and made in good faith.

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 – Regulations 13, 14 & 15 – Compliance Audit Returns.

Policy Implications

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

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

The Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 apply.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

Officer's Recommendation


That the Compliance Audit Return 2014 be endorsed as per the Audit Committee recommendation and authorise the Shire President and CEO to sign the CAR for dispatch to the Department of Local Government as per requirements of the Local Government Act 1995.

Resolution

07-03/15 Moved Cr Day, seconded Cr Huxtable that the Compliance Audit Return 2014 be endorsed as per the Audit Committee recommendation and authorise the Shire President and CEO to sign the CAR for dispatch to the Department of Local Government as per requirements of the Local Government Act 1995.

Carried 6/0 by Absolute Majority

8.1.5 Budget Review – 2014/15

File Reference		
Date of Report	12th March 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

Local Governments are required to conduct a Budget Review in accordance with Regulation 33A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. These Regulations state:

1. *“Between 1 January and 31 March in each year a local government is to carry out a review of its annual budget for that year.*
2. *Within 30 days after a review of the annual budget of a local government is carried out it is to be submitted to the council.*
3. *A council is to consider a review submitted to it and is to determine* whether or not to adopt the review, any parts of the review or any recommendations made in the review.*
**Absolute majority required.*
4. *Within 30 days after a council has made a determination, a copy of the review and determination is to be provided to the Department.”*

A Budget Review for the period ending 28 February 2015 has been completed and is presented for Council’s consideration.

Comment

In adopting the 2014/2015 Budget, Council, as required, adopted a level of material variances for reporting purposes. The level of material variance reporting set by Council is \$10,000 and 15%. Staff have used this variance in their analysis.

The nature of the review is to predict estimates of material variations likely to occur as at 30 June 2015.

Statutory/Policy Implications

Local Government Act 1995,

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

Officer’s Recommendation

That Council

1. Receive the 2014/2015 Budget Review for the period ending 28th February 2015 and adopt the recommended Budget figures as presented.
2. Forward the review to the Department of Local Government as per the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995.


Resolution

08-03/15 Moved Cr Day, seconded Cr Huxtable that Council

- 1. Receive the 2014/2015 Budget Review for the period ending 28th February 2015 and adopt the recommended Budget figures as presented.**
- 2. Forward the review to the Department of Local Government as per the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995.**

Carried 6/0 by Absolute Majority

8.1.6 Creation of CEACA Incorporated

File Reference	
Date of Report	16th March 2015
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer
Signatures	Officer CEO 

Background

At the August Ordinary meeting of Council, the following motion was resolved:

Resolution

07-08/14 Moved Cr Hermon, seconded Cr Jefferys that Council;

- 1. Endorse the actions of WEROC in the creation of Wheatbelt Communities Inc.**
- 2. Endorse the Wheatbelt Communities Inc Constitution as presented.**
- 3. Advise its voting delegates to support the item when presented to them at the WEROC Council Meeting, being the President & Deputy President at the time.**
- 4. Research the option to transfer housing assets over to Wheatbelt Communities and the resulting impact on Council.**

Carried 5/0

Since then the voting delegates were amended to the presiding President and CEO at the time.

This was initially going to be the Governance model that drove the CEACA project, until the eleventh hour when members of NEWROC raised concerns over the management of the Project.

From this point, the CEACA Meeting held on Thursday 26 February 2015 the Shires of Koorda, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Trayning and Wyalkatchem detailed a number of concerns regarding the management of the CEACA project. One of the matters raised was around the governance model to be adopted for the CEACA Aged Housing Project.

During the meeting the following motion was put forward and later withdrawn with the approval of the mover and seconder.

MOTION: Moved: Mr Burton

Seconded: Cr Tarr

That the incorporation of Wheatbelt Communities be agreed to in principle by CEACA on the understanding that a Special Meeting of Wheatbelt Communities be held following its incorporation to amend the constitution to allow new members to be admitted.

Given the work that has been undertaken to date by those involved in establishing Wheatbelt Communities it needs to be determined whether the above is the most appropriate means of progressing a model of governance for the CEACA housing project and any other regionally focussed projects that might follow.

Whilst the meeting did not make any resolution on the matter it was agreed by consensus that further discussion on progressing a body for the CEACA aged housing project would be discussed at the next meeting of CEACA.

At this point it should be emphasised that whilst Wheatbelt Communities was established by the Shires Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Westonia and Yilgarn its membership is made up of community members who at this point in time may either be an elected member or officer from these Councils. They do not represent their Council but the incorporated body.

Wheatbelt Communities (WEROC Councils) met on Tuesday 11 March 2015 to consider what should be done to assist in establishing a governance model that will oversee and progress the CEACA aged care housing project.

In discussing the matter, Wheatbelt Communities members considered the original purpose for the creation of an incorporated body. The purpose for creating Wheatbelt Communities was to establish an overarching entity that could operate without the constraints of the *Local Government Act 1995*. From there it was intended to create subsidiaries to work with others (both local governments and other mutually interested parties) on projects of joint interest. Never at any time was it meant to be a vehicle that would allow the membership of Wheatbelt Communities to dominate over any subsidiaries (and their members). The governance arrangements for any subsidiary bodies that might be established would prevent this from occurring.

Wheatbelt Communities' membership considered the following options in finding a governance vehicle for the CEACA, including:

- Retention of the *status quo* – establish Wheatbelt Communities Inc and then establish a subsidiary for the CEACA Aged Housing Project;
- Adopt the proposal put forward by the Shires of Koorda and Trayning at the CEACA Meeting held Thursday 26 February 2015; or
- Continue with the establishment of Wheatbelt Communities as per its founding membership and establish an additional body for the purpose of the CEACA Aged Housing Project. This would then include all 11 Councils participating in the CEACA Aged Housing Project. It was noted that a number of amendments would be required to the Wheatbelt Communities constitution to make it suitable for the purpose of the CEACA Aged Housing Project.

Following discussion of each of the three options, and noting that the membership of Wheatbelt Communities believes that use of the subsidiary governance model would provide greater equal and increasing benefits to all members of CEACA in the long-term, it was resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION: Moved: Mr Powell Seconded: Mr Mollenoyux

- 1. That the establishment of Wheatbelt Communities as an incorporated body proceed as per its founding membership and the objectives set out within its constitution.*
- 2. That an additional incorporated body be established for the purpose of the Central East Aged Care Alliance's Aged Housing Project, with its membership to include the Shires of Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Koorda, Merredin, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Trayning, Wyalkatchem Westonia and Yilgarn, with provision for additional membership should that be considered appropriate at a future date.*
- 3. That the additional incorporated body's constitution use as its base the one prepared for Wheatbelt Communities, with the Shires of Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Trayning and Wyalkatchem making a financial contribution of \$2,000 per Council to the establishment of Wheatbelt Communities in recognition of the work that has been done in creating a governance structure for the Central East Aged Care Alliance and its aged housing project. All additional expenditure incurred to create this additional entity after 31 January 2015 will be shared equally between all participating members.*

4. *That the Shires of Koorda, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Trayning and Wyalkatchem commit to the formation of the additional incorporated body no later than 31 March 2015 in order that:*
- a) the original business case for the Central East Aged Care Alliance's aged housing project can be completed for submission to the State Government by 30 April 2015;*
 - b) discussions with Access Housing regarding the establishment of a Heads of Agreement can recommence; and*
 - c) work on preparing additional submissions for funding (eg Round 2 of the Commonwealth Government's National Stronger Regions Fund which opens in May 2015) can be considered.*

CARRIED

The above resolution was taken for a number of reasons, including:

1. To adopt the motion put forward by representatives from the Shires of Koorda and Trayning at the CEACA Meeting held Thursday 26 February 2015 would be contrary to the intent in creating Wheatbelt Communities;
2. Wheatbelt Communities was always envisaged for being a vehicle for achieving more than just aged housing;
3. The costs associated in establishing Wheatbelt Communities have been considerable. To 31 January 2015 the costs incurred total more than \$21,500 (excluding GST). Detailed expenditure is shown in the table below.

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
13 December 2013	Conway Highbury	Preparation of Draft Wheatbelt Communities Constitution	\$6,000.00
7 February 2014	McLeods	Legal Advice Wheatbelt Communities Constitution	\$4,875.00
14 March 2014	McLeods	Legal Advice Wheatbelt Communities Constitution	\$3,406.65
14 March 2014	Conway Highbury	Preparation of Draft Wheatbelt Communities Constitution	\$2,400.00
22 April 2014	Conway Highbury	Preparation of Draft Wheatbelt Communities Constitution	\$1,365.00
17 November 2014	Conway Highbury	Preparation of Draft Wheatbelt Communities Constitution	\$3,600.00
		Total (excluding GST)	\$21,646.65

It should be noted that the above costings do not take into account any other costs associated with the establishment of Wheatbelt Communities to 31 January 2015.

That the Shires of Koorda, Mr Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Trayning and Wyalkatchem make some contribution towards this cost is in the view of the Shires of Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Westonia and Yilgarn. The Shires believe it is a fair request and demonstrates willingness by all to work cooperatively for the good of all the communities across CEACA's membership.

The establishment of a governance model to accommodate the CEACA Aged Housing Project has long been considered necessary and the establishment of Wheatbelt Communities was genuinely believed to aid in this regard.

2. Without prompt agreement on a governance model from the Shires of Koorda, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Trayning and Wyalkatchem the finalisation of the major CEACA business case for submission to the State Government will be severely impeded. The business case has already taken far longer than was ever anticipated and it is considered imperative to have the case submitted as soon as possible to allow the advocacy work for the project, at both State and Commonwealth level, to commence in earnest.
3. CEACA's Member Councils were advised at the CEACA Meeting held Thursday 26 February 2015 that Access Housing had resolved to not to enter into a Heads of Agreement with CEACA for the time being. A copy of the correspondence advising of this decision forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

The involvement of an agency such as Access Housing is important for the successful completion of any business case to be prepared for the CEACA Aged Housing Project. Access Housing has the skills and experience to assist in a way that CEACA's Member Councils do not.

Comment

From this point, a meeting of CEACA was held in Nungarin on Monday 16th March to discuss the above issues and come up with a workable model to drive the CEACA Aged Housing Project.

While at the time of writing the agenda item, the specifics of the motions were not released, but the context of the motions involved:

- The CEACA Group form a new entity utilising the form and basis of the existing Wheatbelt Communities Inc constitution, comprising of the eleven member Councils with equal voting rights.
- Entrust the CEO's of Wyalkatchem, Koorda and Bruce Rock to "tweak" the existing Wheatbelt Communities Inc constitution to suit the new entity and then forward to member Councils for comment prior to obtaining a legal opinion and future adoption.
- WEROC present to a future meeting of CEACA, its full costs of establishing Wheatbelt Communities Inc. for discussion as to possible reimbursements to the group.

Financial Implications (Annual Budget)

There is no Financial Implications on Council excluding the Subscription to WEROC as all associated costs are being born by WEROC.

The membership for this organisation is NIL as stated in the Draft Constitution.

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Nil

Community Consultation

Chief Executive Officer
WEROC Council
WEROC Executive
WEROC Executive Officers
Conway Highbury
CEACA members
NEWROC Council & Executives

Voting Requirement

Majority

Recommendation

That Council endorse the actions of the President and Chief Executive Officer in voting for the CEACA (Central East Aged Care Alliance) Group to form a new Incorporated Body utilising the form and basis of the existing Wheatbelt Communities Inc constitution, comprising of the eleven member Councils.

Resolution

09-03/15 Moved Cr Cunningham, seconded Cr Jefferys that Council endorse the actions of the President and Chief Executive Officer in voting for the CEACA (Central East Aged Care Alliance) Group to form a new Incorporated Body utilising the form and basis of the existing Wheatbelt Communities Inc constitution, comprising of the eleven member Councils.

Carried 6/0

8.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE

NIL

8.3 WORKS AND SERVICES

NIL

8.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

NIL.


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

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

**10-11/14 Moved Cr Day, seconded Cr Huxtable that Council accepts two items of late business.
Carried 6/0**

Cr Hermon left the meeting at 6.12pm

10.1.1 Late Application for Exploration Licence (E77/2290)

File Reference	ES1.6.1	
Date of Report	19th March 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

The Shire has been advised of an application for an Exploration licence having been lodged by Omni Projects Pty Ltd (E77/2290).

The application relates to land surrounding the Westonia Townsite (roughly Westonia south to Carrabin, north to Logan Road and west to Begley Road . See Attached.

Comment

Omni Projects Pty Ltd is an active junior/mid company active in mining and exploration throughout Western Australia.

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 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 available at all times, 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, in particular when working between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;*
- 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 gravel pits, and no drilling operation is to affect any part of the Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.*

Statutory Environment

The Mining Act prevails in this matter.

Policy Implications

N/A

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority.

Officer Recommendation

That Council grants approval to Omni Projects Pty Ltd (E77/2290) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with these respective Exploration Leases as shown on the attached maps on 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 available at all times, 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, in particular when working between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;

- 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 gravel pits, and no drilling operation is to affect any part of the Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.


11-03/15 Moved Cr Day, seconded Cr Cunningham that Council

- 1) expresses an objection to the proposed exploration tenement (E77/2290) Omni Projects Pty Ltd in particular the area that bounds the Westonia townsite, cemetery, airstrip and Community Farm north of the Edna May tailings located on Form 21 – Attachment 2 (Grid A, B, R, V, W)**
- 2) Subject to the above objection, grants approval to Omni Projects Pty Ltd (E77/2290) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with these respective Exploration Leases as shown on the attached maps on the following conditions:-**
 - a) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected;
 - b) 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;
 - c) Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be bunded so that it does not spread;
 - d) All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner;
 - e) All rubbish is to be disposed of at the local landfill site in the appropriate manner;
 - f) A firefighting unit is to be available at all times, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called;
 - g) 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;
 - h) Safety signs are to be erected in accordance with Australian Standards – to warn both mining staff, contractors, and the public/ visitors;
 - i) All drill holes are to be capped as soon as possible/practical after drilling;
 - j) If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, in particular when working between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
 - k) 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
 - l) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire gravel pits.

Carried 5/0

Cr Hermon re-entered the meeting at 6.18pm

10.1.2 Refuse site proposal

File Reference	ES1.6.1	
Date of Report	19th March 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

Over the past couple of months, Council has been putting resources into the development and cleanup of the Westonia refuse site.

While the existing site is secure for a few more years, management has been investigating all possible scenarios for future refuse storage. These include:

- 1) Creation of a new site at the former riffle range site;
- 2) Extending the existing refuse reserve to cater for future use;
- 3) Negotiate with a neighboring Council to transfer waste to a site outside the Westonia Shire.

The following information pertains to the third point about transfer stations and is information received from the Merredin Shire when talking to the Building Surveyor about the possibility of transporting waste to the Shire of Merredin.

“You will still need to construct a transfer station. If you need to know how to establish one Ashley Fisher (Avon Waste) has a lot of experience and I set one up in Bruce Rock last two years – concrete hard stand – keep the drop-off to under a metre and increase side wall height for windblown then use 6m3 bins front lift from Waste contractor.

In principle the following is suggested: -

- 1) *Avon Waste delivers the weekly collected waste directly to Merredin landfill;*
- 2) *Avon Waste delivers collected waste from the transfer Station to Merredin landfill;*
- 3) *Any recycling can be delivered to Avon Waste direct or hopefully we will get our recycling MRF off ground;*
- 4) *Westonia residents will not have access to the Shire of Merredin landfill unless they pay themselves at the gate;*
- 5) *Merredin will invoice Westonia monthly based on signed receipts at the landfill site from deliveries by Avon Waste from Westonia only*

I cannot agree to a price yet but I have suggested around \$40/tonne/m³ + GST fixed for a period of time and CPI adjustments from then on.

We would agree to take up-to 750 tonnes per annum dependent on licence constraints though I am told that we are going to a 5000tonne per annum licence condition. If so I will check our input which may then increase your availability for access.

If your Council is agreeable I will formalise this into an offer and let you know. Based on approx. 400tonnes a budget of \$16,000 – \$20,000”

Comment

The above information is only a preliminary estimate on discussion held with the Shire of Merredin and Avon Waste and would only

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

N/A

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Any financial implication would only be sought if a recommendation was made for the 2015/16 Budget.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority.

Officer Recommendation

That Council consider the refuse site proposal presented by the Shire of Merredin and Avon Waste.

12-03/15 Moved Cr Cunningham, seconded Cr Day that Council advised the Shire of Merredin that they will continue to utilise the Westonia refuse site and thank them for their proposal and that the Chief Executive Officer investigate future recycling and bulk rubbish collection for the Westonia townsite.

Carried 6/0

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 16th April 2015 commencing at 3.30pm.

12. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the President, Cr Geier declared the meeting closed at 6.35pm.