



Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia
Thursday 16th November, 2017

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 16th November 2017 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14th December 2017.

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Cr Karin Day
Shire President

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

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

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Cr KM Day	President
Cr B Huxtable	Deputy President
Cr RS Corsini	
Cr DL Geier	
Cr JJ Jefferys	
Cr RA Della Bosca	

Staff:

Mr. JC Criddle	Chief Executive Officer
Mr. AW Price	Works Supervisor (5.20pm – 5.59pm)

Members of the Public: Nil

Apologies: Nil

Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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 26th October 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Corsini	Seconded:	Cr Geier
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01/11-17	That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 th October 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
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CARRIED 6/0

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the WEROC Council held on Wednesday 25th October 2017 be received.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Corsini

Seconded: Cr Jefferys

02/11-17 That the minutes of the WEROC Council held on Wednesday 25th October 2017 be received.

CARRIED 6/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Westonia Community Resource Centre Meeting on Friday 10th November

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 **16 November 2017**.

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 **16 November 2017**.

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 **16 November 2017**.



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

Responsible Officer:	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
Author:	Kay Geier, Senior Finance 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

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 October 2017. The credit card statements currently show: -

CEO **October 17 \$5195.76** associated with the purchase of; Fuel Purchases CEO vehicle, Platters, Towels and Bath Mats for school, 16 Bunk beds for school, Activ8 service, LGIS Conference expenses Dongara, Various Pool toys, Fitness equipment for Gym.

Works Supervisor **October 17 \$469.65** associated with the purchase of; Cargo boot mats, Licence Prado Station Wagon, Plate change Prado Station Wagon

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.

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – OCTOBER 2017

Responsible Officer:	Jamie Criddle, CEO
Author:	Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer
File Reference:	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity
Signature:	Officer  CEO 

Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

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 30th October 2017 is attached for Councillor 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 2015/2016 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

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – OCTOBER 2017

Responsible Officer:	Jamie Criddle, CEO
Author:	Kay Geier, Senior Finance 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

 **Background**

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at 30th October 2017 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 Councillor 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 Requirements**

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the GST Reconciliation totaling \$10,241 for the period ending 30th October 2017 be adopted.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Corsini


Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

05/11-17 That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$10,241 for the period ending 30th October 2017 be adopted. CARRIED 6/0

Bill Price, Works Supervisor entered the meeting at 5.20pm

9.1.4 WESTONIA SWIMMING POOL EMERGENCY PLAN

Responsible Officer:	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
Author:	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
File Reference:	ST1.4.2 Policies & Procedures OS& H	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment	
Signature:	Officer	CEO



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

Background

Council endorsement of the new Westonia Swimming Pool Emergency Plan is required.

Comment

Council have an obligation under the Occupational Safety & Health Act 1984 and Regulations 1996 and other associated Australian standards, to provide and maintain a work environment in which employees, contractors, Volunteers and visitors are not exposed to hazards.

Council's current pool emergency plan has not been reviewed for some time and is outdated. A major review has been undertaken of the plan with significant changes have been made to ensure council is in compliance with the latest legislation, but conscious of endorsing a plan that is practical and user-friendly to the organisation.

The principle of the Shire of Westonia is to ensure that every employee works in an environment where every effort is made to prevent accidents, injury and disruption to employees' health from foreseeable work hazards.

The Shire of Westonia will manage risks continuously using a process involving the identification, analysis, evaluation, treatment, monitoring and review of risks. It will be applied to decision making through all levels of the Organisation in relation to planning or executing any function, service or activity. Workplace Health Safety Risk Management Objectives are:-

- The achievement of Organisational Goals and Objectives.
- The ongoing health and safety of all employees at the workplace
- Ensuring public safety within the Council's jurisdiction is not compromised.
- Limited loss or damage to property and other assets.
- Limited interruption to business continuity.
- Positive public perception of Council.
- Application of Equal Opportunity principles in the workforce and the community.

Attached is a copy of new Westonia Swimming Pool Emergency Plan for council consideration.

Statutory Environment

Occupational Safety & Health Act 1984 and Regulations 1996
AS/NZS 4801-2001 Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems audit requirements.
Australian Standards including AS/NZS ISO 31000, 2009,

Policy Implications

This plan will replace existing outdated WSEP previously adopted by Council.

Strategic Implications

Compliance with Occupational Safety & Health Legislation that promotes safe and healthy culture throughout the organisation.

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 Westonia Swimming Pool Emergency Plan as presented.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Della Bosca

Seconded: Cr Corsini


06/11-17 That Council adopt the Westonia Swimming Pool Emergency Plan as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE

9.2.1 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE (E70/5049)

Responsible Officer:	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
Author:	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
File Reference:	ES1.6.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	CEO



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

Background

The Shire has been advised of an application for an Exploration licence having been lodged by Peter Romeo Gianni (E70/5049).

The application relates to land in the Burracoppin South area (roughly south of Six Mile Gate Road/Crees Road and north of Bullshead Road, South Burracoppin (Burgess Find). See Attached.

Comment

Peter Romeo Gianni is an active junior company active in mining and exploration throughout Western Australia with interests in Gold in the South West.

Interestingly, another company has staked a claim for exploration on the same plus some additional land, which apparently is not that uncommon in the eastern goldfields. Generally, the parties will either come to a mutual arrangement or if not they will go to a ballot to determine the successful bidder.

This is of no concern to Council and is purely a matter for the interested parties and the Dept. of Mines & Petroleum.

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 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

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council grants approval to Peter Romeo Gianni (E70/5049) 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;
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RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Jefferys

Seconded:

Cr Huxtable

07/11-17


That Council grants approval to Peter Romeo Gianni (E70/5049) 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:-

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

CARRIED 60/

9.2.2 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE (E70/5050)

Responsible Officer:	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
Author:	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
File Reference:	ES1.6.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	CEO



Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

Background

The Shire has been advised of an application for an Exploration licence having been lodged by Emerald Tenement Services on behalf of Cygnus Gold Ltd (E70/5050).

The application relates to land in the Burracoppin South area (roughly south of Four Mile Gate Road and north of Burke Road, South Burracoppin. See Attached.

Comment

Cygnus Gold an exploration company focused on the exploration and discovery of gold deposits in the under-explored, prospective wheatbelt of southwest Western Australia. Cygnus holds over 5,000km² of granted tenements and applications and is run by a world-class technical team with expertise in target generation using leading edge technologies.

Interestingly, another company has staked a claim for exploration on the same plus some additional land, which apparently is not that uncommon in the eastern goldfields. Generally, the parties will either come to a mutual arrangement or if not they will go to a ballot to determine the successful bidder.

This is of no concern to Council and is purely a matter for the interested parties and the Dept. of Mines & Petroleum.

Previous exploration approvals have been granted with the following conditions:

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected;
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Statutory Environment

The Mining Act prevails in this matter.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council grants approval to Cygnus Gold Ltd (E70/5050).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;
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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 gravel pits, and no drilling operation is to affect any part of the Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Della Bosca	Seconded:	Cr Corsini
08/11-17	That Council grants approval to Cygnus Gold Ltd (E70/5050).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:- <ol style="list-style-type: none">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; and12) 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.		

CARRIED 6/0

9.3 WORKS AND SERVICE

NIL

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

NIL

- increasing community participation;
- enabling local government enterprises; and
- improving financial management

WALGA has published a discussion paper (Attachment 1) on issues that have been identified over many years and has invited all local governments to put in a Council endorsed submission on the issues raised by WALGA.

Comment

A review of the Act is overdue by Government. Some parts of the Act restrict the ability of local governments to deliver to the community. Other parts have not kept pace with modern technology and community expectations. The draft submission for consideration and endorsement of Council (Attachment 2) was formulated internally. No comment has been received from any Shire elected members (with the Exception of the President), following the Forum meeting of 28 September 2017 and circulation of the discussion paper shortly thereafter.

The deadline for Council endorsed submissions was 20 October 2017 (since has been extended).

WALGA's discussion paper lists 41 positions that have been raised or resolved through the WALGA State Council of Zone meetings.

The majority of the issues raised by WALGA are considered to be sensible and relevant positions in relation to the legislation, however the following are the WALGA positions which it is proposed that Council should not support:

1) Conduct of Postal Elections

Not in the interest of local governments to run an election – need additional resources. All elections should be run by WAEC.

2) Elected Member Training

Council does not support a requirement for candidates to undertake training prior to nomination for election, however does support compulsory training for newly elected members who have not been on Council previously in their first term including mandatory inhouse, online induction.

3) Stand Down when contesting State or Federal Election

Remain the Status Quo. Regional Local Government representatives are often the best candidates for State and Federal Elections and should be allowed to remain as a Councillor until elected to a higher office.

4) Basis of Rates

Local Governments set rate in the dollar therefore form of evaluation is irrelevant.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996

Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998

Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997

Local Government (Employee Superannuation) 2016

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Local Government (Long Service Leave) Regulations

Local Government (Parking for People with Disabilities) Regulations 2014

Local Government (Regional Subsidiaries) Regulations 2017

Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007

Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 1996

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Westonia Strategic Community Plan

Priority 1 - Governance



Financial Implications

Nil.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council endorses the submission included at Attachment 2 as the Shire of Westonia's response to the Western Australia Local Government Association (WALGA) discussion paper relating to the Review of the *Local Government Act 1995* and form part of the submission to the Department of Local Government.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Corsini

Seconded:

Cr Huxtable

10/11-17


That Council endorses the submission included at Attachment 2 as the Shire of Westonia's response to the Western Australia Local Government Association (WALGA) discussion paper relating to the Review of the *Local Government Act 1995* and form part of the submission to the Department of Local Government

CARRIED 6/0

11.2 HONORARY FREEMANSHIP – LOUIS GEIER

Responsible Officer:	Jamie Criddle, CEO
Author:	Jamie Criddle, CEO
File Reference:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

Signature:	Officer	CEO
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Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

Background

Council consideration in awarding Louis Geier as an Honorary Freeman for the Shire of Westonia, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Council and the community is required. The President and Chief Executive Officer gauged the interest of the Council verbally back in September, with uniform agreement and in order to keep the award in confidence, that it be raised in Council at the November meeting for endorsement.

Comment

The following are the details of Louis service to the Council:

Elected Service

First elected in 1984 and served as the North Ward Councillor until 1993 (10 years). Re-elected in 1994 as the Town Ward Councillor until wards were abolished and has served as a councillor until retiring in 2017, a total of 32 years, making Louis the third longest serving Councillor for the Council, only behind C.A. (Cyril) Perrin 34 years and C.J. (Pip) Della Bosca 33 years respectively.

Elected as Deputy President in 2000 and served until 2003 where he was elected as president in 2003, a seat in which he presided until 2015.

Intergovernmental Relations

Passionate about his community, Louis is a highly regarded community leader who is passionate and unwavering in his advocacy for the following projects:

- Realignment of Great Eastern Highway within the Carrabin Townsite and upgrades from Walgoolan to Southern Cross;
- Negotiated the release of townsite land through Landcorp's Townsite Development Program and the clearance of Native Title over unallocated crown land in the Westonia Townsite;
- Negotiations with Mining Executives during the implementation of gold mining operations in Westonia;
- Continue advocacy to pursue new rail platform at Carrabin Siding and enhance mobile phone coverage within the Westonia Shire;

But most importantly, Cr Geier was at the helm as President during Westonia's most difficult period being the impending amalgamation process with the Yilgarn Shire. His strength and stability was paramount in steering the Council and Community during this period and forward with strength.

Service to the Association

Since his election as Deputy President in 2000, he has been Council's representative to the Great Eastern Country Zone WALGA until 2015. (15 years).

Service to the Local Government Sector

Louis has been a representative on WEROC (Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils) since its inception, and also NEWROC (North Eastern Wheatbelt Regional Organisation of Councils), while a member of that group. He was also Council's representative on the GEZ WALGA from 2000 to 2015, and the same period as Council's representative on the Sub Regional Road Group. Also more recently, he has represented Westonia on the Central East Aged Care Alliance (CEACA) since its inception which was aimed at improving aged care facilities and resources for Westonia and the Central Eastern Wheatbelt. This group was recently awarded funding in the vicinity of \$20 million of Royalties for Regions for stage 2 of the project.

Louis is also a current member of the Eastern Wheatbelt Declared Species Group and the Local Emergency Management Committee.

Community Service

Louis was an important member of the Westonia St John's Ambulance for over 10 years, the Merredin/Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre Group. Also a founding member of the Westonia Tidy Town committee which oversaw several regional titles including the State Title in 2010.

Louis has also been an active member of bushfire voluntary service for 30 years.

He was instrumental in the establishment of the Hood-Penn Museum and is a current volunteer.

Outstanding Achievements

Louis was awarded a WALGA Local Government Merit Award in 2001 and a Long & Loyal Service Award in 2013. He also received the Premiers Australia Day Active Citizenship Award in 2013 for his service to the Westonia community and recently was awarded the Eminent Service Award at this year's WALGA Local Government Week Conference.

Honorary Freeman is the highest honour a Council can bestow on an individual and entitles the recipient to attend all Council civic functions as an honourable guest. The Westonia Shire has only awarded a Freemanship previously to former President/Councillor, John Della Bosca, back in 2007.

A function for Louis will be held this weekend in Westonia.



Statutory Environment

Nil



Policy Implications

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



Strategic Implications

Bestowing the highest Individual Local Government Award in recognition of Louis's outstanding service to the Council and community of Westonia.



Financial Implications

There is no significant financial implication in relation to this matter. A dinner will be held in Louis honor as is tradition for long standing members.



Voting Requirements

Simple Majority Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council bestow Louis Geier an Honorary Freeman of the Shire of Westonia in recognition of his outstanding service to the Council and the community and authorise the President and CEO to affix the Common Seal to the award.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jefferys Seconded: Cr Huxtable

11/11-17 **That Council bestow Louis Geier an Honorary Freeman of the Shire of Westonia in recognition of his outstanding service to the Council and the community and authorise the President and CEO to affix the Common Seal to the award.**

CARRIED 6/0

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 14th December 2017 commencing at 3.30pm

13 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the President, Cr Day declared the meeting closed at 5.59pm