

# Minutes

# **Ordinary Council Meeting**

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

# CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 18<sup>th</sup> May as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Cr RM Crees Shire President

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1. Relationships that bring us tangible

3. We are prepared for opportunities and

2. Our lifestyle and strong sense of

we are innovative to ensure our

relevancy and destiny.

community.

benefits (to the Shire and our community)

# STRATEGIC COMMUNITY

# **OUR VALUES**

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

<u>Inclusiveness</u> – 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.

SNAPSHOT PLAN 2018-2028

### **OUR VISION**

A vibrant community lifestyle

### **MISSION**

Provide leadership and direction for the community.



### Support growth and progress locally and regionally...

### Efficient transport connectivity in and around our Shire.

- Continue to utilise Road Management Plan, which incorporates a road hierarchy, minimum service levels and maintenance policy.
- RAV Ratings and Shire boundaries are consistent across local government houndaries
- 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.



### 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
- Our lifestyle, facilities and sense of community is
- 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 technologies.



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

### progressive and capture opportunities.

- Be open to local productivity/ best practice and cost saving opportunities locally and regionally.
- Investigate joint resourcing 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

- 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
- 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 Shire President

Cr RA Della Bosca Deputy Shire President

Cr WJ Huxtable

CR RS Corsini Via Teams

Cr KM Day Cr DL Geier

Staff:

Mr.AW Price Chief Executive Officer

Mrs JL Geier Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Members of the Public: Nil Apologies: Nil

Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

### 3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.35PM - 3.50PM)

NIL

### 4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

### 5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Geier Seconded: Cr Huxtable

01/04-23 That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be

confirmed as a true and correct record.

### 6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the minutes of the CEACA Management Committee meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the Merredin Regional community and leisure recreation centre be accepted.

That the minutes of the DFES District operations Advisory Committee meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be accepted.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Corsini Seconded: Cr Day

02/04-23 That the minutes of the CEACA Management Committee meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup>

February 2023 at the Merredin Regional community and leisure recreation centre be

accepted.

That the minutes of the DFES District operations Advisory Committee meeting held on

the 13th March 2023 be accepted.

**CARRIED 6/0** 

### 7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:

Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG) Meeting

Rural Water Council Meeting - 11 April 2023

Shire of Westonia Audit 2022 Exit Meeting with Marius Van Der Merwe & Renuka Venkatraman - 11 April 2023

Richard from CEACA 12 April 2023

**Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting** 

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

Rural Water Council Meeting - 11 April 2023

Shire of Westonia Audit 2022 Exit Meeting with Marius Van Der Merwe & Renuka Venkatraman - 11 April 2023

Councillor Day advised having attended the following meetings:

Richard from CEACA 12 April 2023

**Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting** 

Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:

Nil

Councillor Huxtable advised having attended the following meetings:

Nil

Councillor Corsini advised having attended the following meetings:

Nil

### 8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of <u>Financial</u> interest were made at the Council meeting held on **20**<sup>th</sup> **April 2023.** 

Name/Position	Cr Daimon Geier
Item No./Subject	9.2.1 Ramelius Resources – Symes Mine Cartage Route
Nature of interest	Financial
Extent of Interest	Cr Geier is an Employee of Ramelius

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of <u>Closely</u> <u>Association Person and Impartiality</u> interest were made at the Council meeting held on **20**<sup>th</sup> **April 2023.** 

Name/Position	Cr Daimon Geier
Item No./Subject	9.2.2 Merredin & Districts Junior Football Association (Colts)
Nature of interest	Impartiality
Extent of Interest	Cr Geier son plays for Merredin Colts

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 **20**<sup>th</sup> **April 2023.** 

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 – MARCH 2023

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

**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.

Legislative Requirement

|X|



Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of March 2023 The credit card statements currently show: -

Recurring, Staying In Place Expo - Stacey/Lani, Two Tickets to the Staying in place Expo in Pingilly 30-31 of March - B.Price & S.Geier, Wa Rural Health Excellence Awards Ticket, WA Rural Health Excellence Award Dinner, Budget Workshop Accom, Accommodation Jazz & Heather Budget Workshop Moore Australia, Disposable dog waste bags, Max Pack - Disposable dog waste bags, Activ8me internet service, Activ8me internet Diesel Purchase OWT, P14 - Landcruiser - Diesel purchase, Licensing - WT111, License of P15 New Toyota Hilux Duel Cab 2023, Accom CRC Conference - Stacey, Aloft Perth Reservation 2 nights - New CRC Coordinator workshop 14th -16th March 2023, Microsoft 365 Business, 1038283 Microsoft 365 Business std Recurring, 1049450 & 1049449 Managed Endpoint, Managed Endpoint - Server Recurring, 1047021 Business Basic, 1047021 Microsoft 365 Basic Recurring,1 038203 Recurring, 1038203 Office 365 Exchange online plan monthly recurring

March 2023 \$790.07 associated with the purchase of Rural Health West Award Dinner, WA Rural Health Excellence Award Dinner, WA Rural Health Excellence Accom Duxton, Accommodation for WA Rural Health Excellence Award Dinner, Parking Fee, Meals - Medical Immersion, Medical Immersion - Meals (Vegan & Gluten Free) WESSYBBQ License & Change of plate, Change of plate from WT111 to 02WT, WESSYBBQ Trailer 12mth license



### **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 2022/2023 Annual Budget.



## **Voting Requirements**

X

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That March 2023 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers numbered from 4038 to 4041, and D/Debits from EFT6085 to EFT6129 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$717,807.64 be passed for payment.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved:

Cr Huxtable

Seconded:

Cr Day

03/04-23

That March 2023 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers numbered from 4038 to 4041, and D/Debits from EFT6085 to EFT6129 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$717,807.64 be passed for payment.

### 9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY- MARCH 2023

Responsible Officer: Bill Price, CEO

**Author:** Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**File Reference:** F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments: Attachment 9.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity

Signature: Officer

CEO



### **Purpose of the Report**



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 March 2023 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 2022/2023 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**

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Simple Majority

∆ Absolute	e Majority
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### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending March 2023 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Della Bosca Seconded: Cr Corsini

04/04-23 That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending March 2023 and

note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

### 9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – MARCH 2023

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

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CEO



### **Purpose of the Report**

Executive Decision Executive Requirement



### **Background**

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at March 2023 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

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Absolute Majority

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the GST Reconciliation totalling (\$21,921.00) for the period ending March 2023 adopted.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Corsini Seconded: Cr Geier

05/04-23 That the GST Reconciliation totalling (\$21,921.00) for the period ending March 2023

adopted.

### 9.1.4 DIFFERENTIAL RATES

Responsible Officer:Bill Price, CEOAuthor:Bill Price, CEOFile Reference:R1.1.1 Rates General

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

**Attachments:** 1. Differential Rates Advert 23/24,

2. Objects & Reasons for Differential Rates,

3. Statement of Rating Information

Signature: Officer CEO

Null'



### **Purpose of the Report**

X

**Executive Decision** 



Legislative Requirement



### **Summary**

Council is requested to support the differential rates in the dollar and minimums proposed for the 2023/2024 financial year and advertise the proposed rates for a 21 day comment period. Council are 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>th</sup> May 2023 will be included in the public notice section of the Newspaper circulated in the district. The community will have 21 days to make submissions. (22<sup>th</sup> May 2023)



### 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 2022/2023 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 legislations allows these rate in dollar amounts to be adjusted to reflect the actual valuations by making notation in the Shires Adopted Budget and on the Rate Notices sent out. Such notation is to explain the reason for the difference between the advertise Differential Rate and that impose being due to valuation adjustments from Landgate. The actual Rate Revenue raised will not differ significantly.

The table below shows the rate categories for 2022/2023 and the rate in cents and minimum amounts; GRV Rate Category:

Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$	
GRV General	7.510	370.00	
GRV Mining	21.357	370.00	

The Proposed rates for 2023/2024 are listed below:

Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$	
GRV General	7.9833	370.00	
GRV Mining	22.4171	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	$\boxtimes$	Absolute Majority	
OFFIC	ER RECOMMENDATIONS			

### That Council:

- 1. Reviews and adopts the statements in relation to
  - a) Objects and Reasons for implementing a Differential Rate 2023-24
  - b) Statement of Rating Information 2023-24
- 2. Support the following differential rates in the dollar and minimum payments for the GRV and UV rated properties, subject to finalisation of the 2023-24 draft budget:

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

- 3. Seek the Minister for Local Government's approval to impose differential general rates more than twice the lowest rate; and
- That Council publicly advertises its intention to impose differential rates, pursuant to section 6.36
   (1) of the Local Government Act 1995 and invites public submissions for a period of twenty one days; and
- 5. That Council consider any submissions in respect of imposition of differential rates as part of the 2023-24 Budget deliberations.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Day Seconded: Cr Geier

### 06/04-23 That Council:

- 1. Reviews and adopts the statements in relation to
- 2. Objects and Reasons for implementing a Differential Rate 2023-24
- 3. Statement of Rating Information 2023-24
- 4. Support the following differential rates in the dollar and minimum payments for the GRV and UV rated properties, subject to finalisation of the 2023-24 draft budget:

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

5. Seek the Minister for Local Government's approval to impose differential general rates more than twice the lowest rate; and

- 6. 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
- 7. That Council consider any submissions in respect of imposition of differential rates as part of the 2023-24 Budget deliberations.

**CARRIED by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0** 

### 9.1.5 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Responsible Officer:Bill Price, CEOAuthor:Bill Price, CEOFile Reference:ES1.6.1Disclosure of Interest:Nil

Attachments: Attachment 6.1.1 Annual Report 22/23

Signature: Officer CEO

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### **Purpose of the Report**

Executive Decision Executive Requirement

The Audit Committee adoption of the Annual Report for the 2021/22 financial year is required as per recommendation and recommend to Council for adoption.



### **Background**

The Shire of Westonia auditors have completed the Annual Audit for the financial year ending 30th June 2022 as per the Local Government Act 1995 as amended and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

The auditors attended Council's offices on the 22-26 August 2022 to complete their final audit.



### Comment

All councillors will be presented with a copy of the Annual Report for the 2021/22 Financial year prior to the meeting.

In accordance with section 6.4 of the Local Government Act 1995 a local government is required to prepare an annual financial report for the preceding financial year and submit it to its auditor before  $30^{th}$  September each year.

Following acceptance of the Annual Report by Council, Council is required to hold a general meeting of electors within 56 days. At least 14 days local public notice must be given of an electors meeting. The Annual Electors Meeting must be held prior to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023, noting that the June Council meeting is also this date.



### **Statutory Environment**

Local Government Act 1995 (As Amended)

### 5.27. Electors' general meetings

- (1) A general meeting of the electors of a district is to be held once every financial year.
- (2) A general meeting is to be held on a day selected by the local government but not more than 56 days after the local government accepts the annual report for the previous financial year.
- (3) The matters to be discussed at general electors' meetings are to be those prescribed.

### 5.54. Acceptance of annual reports

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the annual report for a financial year is to be accepted\* by the local government no later than 31 December after that financial year.
- \* Absolute majority required.
- (2) If the auditor's report is not available in time for the annual report for a financial year to be accepted by

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31 December after that financial year, the annual report is to be accepted by the local government no later than 2 months after the auditor's report becomes available.

[Section 5.54 amended by No. 49 of 2004 s. 49.]

### 5.54. Notice of annual reports

The CEO is to give local public notice of the availability of the annual report as soon as practicable after the report has been accepted by the local government.

Division 4 — General

### 7.12. A. Duties of local government with respect to audits

- (1) A local government is to do everything in its power to —
- (a) assist the auditor of the local government to conduct an audit and carry out his or her other duties under this Act in respect of the local government; and
- (b) ensure that audits are conducted successfully and expeditiously.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a local government is to meet with the auditor of the local government at least once in every year.
- (3) A local government is to examine the report of the auditor prepared under section 7.9(1), and any report prepared under section 7.9(3) forwarded to it, and is to —
- (a) determine if any matters raised by the report, or reports, require action to be taken by the local government; and
- (b) ensure that appropriate action is taken in respect of those matters.
- (4) A local government is to —
- (a) prepare a report on any actions under subsection (3) in respect of an audit conducted in respect of a financial year; and
- (b) forward a copy of that report to the Minister,

by the end of the next financial year, or 6 months after the last report prepared under section 7.9 is received by the local government, whichever is the latest in time.

[Section 7.12A inserted by No. 49 of 2004 s. 8.]

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

### 51. Completion of financial report

- (1) After the annual financial report has been audited in accordance with the Act the CEO is to sign and append to the report a declaration in the form of Form 1.
- (2) A copy of the annual financial report of a local government is to be submitted to the Departmental CEO within 30 days of the receipt by the local government's CEO of the auditor's report on that financial report.

[Regulation 51 amended in Gazette 18 Jun 1999 p. 2639; 20 Jun 2008 p. 2726.]



**Policy Implications** 

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



**Strategic Implications** 

Nil



**Financial Implications** 

Nil.

Voting
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### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority



**Absolute Majority** 

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Audit Committee recommends to Council the following:

- 1. Adopts the Annual Financial Report for the Financial Year 2021/22;
- 2. Adopts the Audit Report for 2021/22 Financial Year;
- 3. Adopts the Management Report for the 2021/22 Financial Year;
- 4. Adopts the Annual Report for the 2021/22 Financial Year inclusive of the above as presented; and
- 5. Advertises Annual Elector's Meeting be held on (insert date), commencing at (insert time) pm in the Old Miner Hall

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved:

Cr Della Bosca

Seconded:

Cr Geier

07/04-23

That the Audit Committee recommends to Council the following:

- 1. Adopts the Annual Financial Report for the Financial Year 2021/22;
- 2. Adopts the Audit Report for 2021/22 Financial Year;
- 3. Adopts the Management Report for the 2021/22 Financial Year;
- 4. Adopts the Annual Report for the 2021/22 Financial Year inclusive of the above as presented; and
- 5. Advertises Annual Elector's Meeting be held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023, commencing at 6.00 pm in the Old Miner Hall

**CARRIED by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0** 

# 9.1.6 COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL – CHANGE TO CREDIT CARD POLICY Responsible Officer: Bill Price, CEO Author: Bill Price, CEO File Reference: A2.8.5 Disclosure of Interest: Nil Attachments: Nil Signature: Officer CEO



### **Purpose of the Report**

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement



### **Summary**

To complete a review of Council's Credit Card Policy.



### **Background**

Council consideration in adopting Wording Changes Council's Credit Card Policy last reviewed in May 2020



### Comment

Council's Policy Manual was last reviewed in May 2020. The objectives of the Policy Manual are:

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

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

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

Modify

**POLICY NO** 

6.4

Credit Card



### **Statutory Environment**

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

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

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

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

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



### **Policy Implications**

Review of Council Policies

April 2023					rage   ZI
Stra	itegic Implications				
N/A					
Fina	ancial Implications				
There are no	direct financial implications in	n relation to	his item.		
Vot	ing Requirements				
$\boxtimes$	Simple Majority		Absolute Majo	ority	
OFFICER RI	ECOMMENDATIONS				
That Council Card Policy.	l reviews the current policies,	makes chang	ges and adopts t	the policies contained with	in the Credit
RESOLUTIO	ON				
Moved:	Cr DellaBosca		Seconded:	Cr Huxtable	
08/04-23	That Council revie	ws the curr	ent policies, m	akes changes and adopt	s the policies

contained within the Credit Card Policy.

CARRIED by 6/0

### 9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995 the following disclosures of Financial interest are to be made by Cr Daimon Geier item 9.2.1 as he is an employee of Ramelius Resources.

RESOLUTION					
Moved:	Cr Day		Seconded:	CrHuxtable	
09/04-23	That Coun	cillor Daimon Geier be al	lowed in the me	eting for discu	ssion.
					CARRIED 5/0
9.2.1 RA	MELIUS RES	OURCES – SYMES MINE C	ARTAGE ROUTE		
Responsible O	Officer:	Bill Price, CEO			
Author:		Bill Price, CEO			
File Reference	<b>:</b> :				
Disclosure of I	Interest:	Cr D Geier			
Attachments:		Attachment			
Signature:		Officer		CEO	10
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### **Purpose of the Report**

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**Executive Decision** 

Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider entering into a formal agreement with Ramelius Resources to cart ore on Council owned roads from their Symes mining operations located south of Moorine Rock.



### Summary

As you are aware Tampia Operations Pty Ltd (wholly owned subsidiary of ASX listed Ramelius Resources Ltd) (Ramelius) are looking to start up the Symes Gold Mine (Symes) in the near future.

The mine will be located 60km south of Moorine Rock, Western Australia. The project lies within the Yilgarn Shire, and access is via the Morrine South Road, haulage will then proceed west on the Great Eastern Highway before turning onto the Westonia access road. We are intending to haul the Symes ore to the Edna May mill, which is approximately 116km haulage distance from the Symes mine site.

The use of the Westonia Shire's section of the haul route and a road usage agreement for ore coming from the Tampia Mine have been agreed to in a separate agreement.

Ramelius have selected a 100t triple road train system and identified a haulage route to transport the ore to Edna May for processing. This will be a Performance Based System (PBS) haulage system using triple road trains 42m in length. The planned operation is to haul 672,000t of ore, which equates to approximately 19 round trips per day. Trucking will operate 365 days per annum, 24 hours per day, on 2 x 12 hr shift rotation basis. Start times will be staggered to maintain spacing between road trains. These road trains are highly regulated, and the loading systems are calibrated to prevent over loading. Strict compliance with all regulations will be enforced. The PBS vehicles are not permitted to deviate from the agreed route. The use of PBS triple road trains will require approval by Main Roads WA (MRWA) Heavy Vehicle Operations, who will in turn require the local Shires to support the application. Operation is governed by MRWA Heavy Vehicle Operations in Perth.

A Heavy Haulage Toll agreement will be entered into with MRWA for haulage of +300,000tpa on Great Eastern Highway.



### **Background**

Council already has two existing agreements with Ramelius in relation to ore cartage from their other mining operations at Tampia and Marda Dam.

Ramelius would suggest that the following be considered in a road usage agreement, with these items largely being taken from current agreements with Yilgarn, Westonia and Narembeen Shires:

- 1) That appropriate RAV ratings and associated conditions, required by MRWA Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS), be adhered to.
- 2) That Tampia Operations Pty Ltd and their haulage contractor comply with the Western Australian Road Traffic Act and its Regulations.
- 3) That the road train haulage task is approved on the basis of operating 24 hours 7 days a week.
- 4) That the Shire Works Manager receive monthly Ore Haulage Operations Reports to include the date, shift, truck identification, tonnes per load and total tonnes carted for the month.
- 5) That a specific Operational Safety Management Plan (OSMP) for the heavy haulage task be prepared by Tampia Operations Pty Ltd and reviewed by the Shire prior to commencing any haulage operations. The OSMP must include but not limited to the following: All plant and equipment to be used on public roads shall meet all necessary statutory requirements and have registration, licences or certification with the drivers/operators at all times.
  - All road maintenance plant and equipment shall be fitted with a rotating flashing lamp, reversing beeper and fire extinguisher.
  - All drivers shall be the holder of a current Western Australian driver's licence appropriate to the vehicle being driven.
  - Incident and Emergency Response Plan.
  - Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment and Controls.
  - Specific Inductions.
  - Consultation Communication and Reporting.
  - Audit Plan of the OSMP to include attendance by Shire Representative as required.
- 6) All drivers of haulage vehicles comply with any reasonable verbal or written directives, if any, issued by the Shire's Chief Executive Officer or Works Manager.
- 7) Re-instatement of any road damage (in addition to normal road maintenance wear and tear covered by the payment of the WALGA capital and maintenance contribution) directly related to the movement of Tampia Operations Pty Ltd.'s haulage contractor's road trains to be the responsibility and costs borne by Tampia Operations Pty Ltd.
- 8) That a financial contribution maintenance cost be applied to Tampia Operations Pty Ltd for the Symes Gold Mine in accordance with WALGA and ARRB publication: User Guide Estimating the Incremental Cost Impact on Sealed Local Roads.

Calculation of the Heavy Vehicle maintenance cost contribution Total project tonnage – 672,466 tonnes Planned Annual Tonnage – 672,466 tonnes Distance – 11.546km (Westonia Shire haul route section only) Duration 1.0 years Annual Cost = \$81,653 Simplified to \$0.0108 / t / km invoiced and paid monthly.

9) Tampia Operations Ply Ltd agree to indemnify the Shire from and against, and must pay the Shire on demand as a debt, the amount of any direct claim, damage, cost, expense, loss or liability (excluding indirect or consequential loss or damage) which the Shire may suffer with or in relation to the operation of road trains and road maintenance equipment by Tampia Operations Pty Ltd under this letter.

- 10) Tampia Operations Pty Ltd.'s liability to indemnify the Shire as set out above will be reduced proportionately to the extent that an act or omission by a third party or the Shire or a breach of the Shire's statutory obligations has contributed directly to the loss, damage, expense, injury, disease, illness, death or other liability; and
- 11) That any procedural or material non-compliance with any of the above conditions may result in any of the approvals being withdrawn provided that the Shire must not withdraw approval pursuant to this clause unless it has first provided Explaurum Operations Pty Ltd a reasonable opportunity to remedy any alleged non compliance and such breach remains unremedied or, where remediation is not applicable, unaddressed by Tampia Operations Pty Ltd, at the end of the period specified in the notice from the Shire.



### Comment

The Chief Executive Officer met with Tampia Hill Mine Manager, Hugh Trivett to commence discussions on approval to utilise the Westonia/Carrabin and small section of Warrachuppin Roads for this operation. Ramelius have already made the necessary upgrades on this route due to the previous Tampia Agreement.



**Statutory Environment** 

Nil



**Policy Implications** 

Delegation LGA 17



**Strategic Implications** 

N/A



**Financial Implications** 

A contribution to the maintenance on the designated route.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council authorises the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign and duly seal the Haulage Operation Agreement with Ramelius Resources Symes Mining Operation utilising Westonia/Carrabin and a section of Warrachuppin Roads with conditions.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved:

Cr Day

Seconded:

Cr Huxtable

10/04-23

That Council authorises the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign and duly seal the Haulage Operation Agreement with Ramelius Resources Symes Mining Operation utilising Westonia/Carrabin and a section of Warrachuppin Roads with conditions.

CARRIED 5/0

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995 the following disclosures of Closely Association Person and Impartiality interest are to be made by Cr Daimon Geier Interest in item 9.2.2 as his son is playing in the MDJFA (Colts) competition.

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11/04-23

Moved: Cr Huxtable Seconded:

That Councillor Daimon Geier be allowed in the meeting for discussion

CARRIED 5/0

### 9.2.2 MERREDIN & DISTRICTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (COLTS)

Responsible Officer:Bill Price, CEOAuthor:Bill Price, CEO

File Reference:

**Disclosure of Interest:** Cr Geier has a son playing in the Colts competition.

Attachments: Nil

Signature: Officer CEO





**Purpose of the Report** 

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

Cr Day



### **Summary**

A request has been made from the Merredin & Districts Football Association (Colts) for use of the Westonia Community Bus at "no cost" for two (2) games this season.



### **Background**

The Merredin & Districts Junior Football Association (Colts) have made a formal request for the use of the Westonia Community Bus to travel to two (2) away games in the towns of Toodyay and York. Their request comes on the back of an offer made in previous seasons (6 games) from Council to use the Westonia Community Bus free of charge on the proviso that fuel costs were covered by a third party (namely Liberty Fuels).



### Comment

Up to 6 kids located in and around the Westonia district as well as several "Burracoppin Football Club" kids would be catching the bus on these occasions.

The main reason for requiring the bus is due to the large amount of disadvantage kids in the Merredin & surrounding area from broken homes etc that may not be able to play football without such transport. There is also a large portion of the families still involved with either local senior football (Burracoppin & Nukarni) or local netball, Hockey (senior & junior) who need a parent to follow either sport.

Daimon Geier as a parent has offered to drive the bus.

If Council were to approve the request, the MDJFA (Colts) would promote the Shire of Westonia as a major sponsor of the association.



Nil



### **Policy Implications**

Delegation MISC 1 – Donations allows the CEO to approve requests for donation of monies up to the value of \$100.00



**Strategic Implications** 

Nil.



### **Financial Implications**

Council would not be receiving the fee for the bus hire @ .88c/km and would still be liable for maintenance costs such as tyres & servicing.



### **Voting Requirements**

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Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council approves the request of the Merredin & Districts Junior Football Association (Colts) for the use of the Westonia Community Bus to travel to two (2) away games in the towns of Toodyay and York at no charge.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved:

Cr DellaBosca

Seconded:

Cr Corsini

12/04-23

That Council approves the request of the Merredin & Districts Junior Football Association (Colts) for the use of the Westonia Community Bus to travel to two (2) away games in the towns of Toodyay and York at no charge.

CARRIED 5/0

### 9.2.3 WEROC – TOURISM PROPOSAL

Responsible Officer:
Author:
Bill Price, CEO
Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:
ES1.7.3
Disclosure of Interest:
Nil

**Attachments:** WEROC Tourism Proposal

Attachments: WEROC Tourism Proposal

Officer

CEO PIII



Signature:

### **Purpose of the Report**

X

**Executive Decision** 

Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the Shire of Merredin's Tourism proposal and the recommended option for WEROC to join the Wheatbelt Way.



### **Background**

At the WEROC Inc. CEO Committee meeting held on 20 April 2022, tourism priorities arising from the WEROC Tourism Audit were discussed. It was recognised that it would be difficult to gain traction on any tourism projects without a dedicated resource and as such, it was suggested that a way forward might be to better utilise the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre by expanding their service offering to include destination development in addition to marketing/promotion. The Shire of Merredin advised that they would be happy to investigate this possibility and it was resolve that:

That the Shire of Merredin will investigate an expanded service offering for the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre and present a proposal, inclusive of financial implications, to the WEROC Inc. Board.

At the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held on 11 August 2021, Mr. Marcus Falconer, CEO of Australia's Golden Outback (AGO), presented an overview of AGO's new strategic priorities and advised that in an effort to gather momentum on localised destination development, they were trialing a co-funded destination development officer position in the Shire of Esperance. Mr. Falconer commented that a similar concept could be explored for the Wheatbelt. The Board determined that they would like to see how the position worked in Esperance before giving this further consideration.

Mr. Falconer contacted the Executive Officer in December 2022 to ascertain if there is any interest now, in pursuing this concept of a destination development officer in collaboration with AGO. The Executive Officer advised Mr. Falconer of the forthcoming proposal from the Shire of Merredin to provide a similar position within the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre and agreed that WEROC would keep him apprised of any developments.



### Comment

The Shire of Merredin have prepared an options paper which was presented for discussion at the February WEROC meeting which has been attached for Councillor information.

The next WEROC Board meeting is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> April and they are seeking individual Council's position on the Shire of Merredin's Tourism Options Paper and the opportunity to join the Wheatbelt Way.

As Council would already be aware Westonia is already a member of the NEWTRAVEL Wheatbelt Way Strategy.



**Statutory Environment** 

Nil



**Policy Implications** 

Nil

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	Strate	egic Implications				
Oppo	rtunity fo	or a regional Tourism Pr	oposal with NEW	/TRAVEL.		
	Finan	cial Implications				
Nil						
	Voting	g Requirements				
$\boxtimes$	Simple	Majority		Absolute Ma	ajority	
OFFI	CER REC	COMMENDATIONS				
Counc	il directi	ion is sought.				
RESC	DLUTION	I				
Mov	ed:	Cr Huxtable		Seconded:	Cr Della Bosca	
13/0	4-23				posal for WEROC to wo	-

### 9.3 WORKS AND SERVICE

### 9.3.1 TENDER – SALE OF GTE ROADTRAIN SIDETIPPERS

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

### **Purpose of the Report**

X

**Executive Decision** 

Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse the decision to sell the GTE roadtrain sidetippers to AE & JL Wesley trading as Charlesville Brahman Stud for the sum of \$ 166,100.00 Inc GST.



### **Background**

Council would be aware of its decision to tender locally for the disposal of the GTE Roadtrain sidetippers after the recent purchase of the new HP sidetippers.

A notice inviting tenders was advertised closing Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

At the close of tenders a total of four (4) tenders were received being

AE & JL Wesley \$ 165,100.00 Inc GST

Topline Earthmoving \$ 126,500.00

Mully Gully Farms \$ 111,320.00

Ryan Miguel \$ 52,000.00



### Comment

Council had an allocation of \$ 90,000 in its 2022/23 budget as a trade in value for the units. An email was shared with Councillors prior to the Council meeting recommending that the tender received from AE & JL Wesley be accepted. There was no dissension to this recommendation.



### **Statutory Environment**

Local Government Act 1995, section 3.57 – Tenders for providing goods or services.



**Policy Implications** 

Nil



**Strategic Implications** 

Nil



### **Financial Implications**

Additional funds received from the actual sale compared to the budget allocation.



	Simple Majority	$\boxtimes$	Absolute Major	rity						
OFF	OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS									
	That Council endorse the decision to sell the GTE roadtrain sidetippers to AE & JL Wesley trading as Charlesville Brahman Stud for the sum of \$ 166,100.00 Inc GST.									
RES	RESOLUTION									
Mov	ved: Cr DellaBosca		Seconded:	Cr Corsini						
14/0				roadtrain sidetippers to AE & JL Wesley of \$ 166,100.00 Inc GST.						

### 9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

### 9.4.1 WEROC – WASTE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL

Responsible Officer:Bill Price, CEOAuthor:Bill Price, CEOFile Reference:A1.15.4Disclosure of Interest:Nil

**Attachments:** Shire of Merredin Proposal

Signature: Officer CEO

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### **Purpose of the Report**

X

**Executive Decision** 

Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the Shire of Merredin's proposals in relation to the Regional Waste Management Strategy.



### **Background**

At the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held in Tammin on 5 September 2022, the final draft Strategic Waste Management Plan (SWMP) was presented for discussion. Mr. Giles Perryman, Director ASK Waste Management, who joined the meeting via videoconference, emphasized the importance of waste data collection and recommended that this should be a high priority for WEROC Shires. Mr. Perryman also strongly recommended that the Shire's consider co-funding a regional waste coordinator. The Board resolved to refer the matter to the WEROC CEO Committee for further consideration.

At the WEROC CEO Committee meeting on Thursday 13 October 2022, the recommendation regarding a regional waste coordinator was generally supported. It was however, requested that a position description that clearly defined the scope of the role and a possible funding model be presented for consideration before moving forward.

At the WEROC Board meeting held on Monday 21 November 2022 the regional waste coordinator job and person specification prepared by the Executive officer was presented for consideration along with a per-capita funding model. It was recommended that the Board:

- 1) Adopt the WEROC Strategic Waste Management Plan and Landfill Consolidation Report
- 2) Endorse the recommendation of the WEROC Inc. CEO Committee that "WEROC Inc. progress in engaging a regional waste coordinator to implement the recommendations of the Strategic Waste Management Report and to facilitate improved waste data collection, subject to a position description and funding model being approved by the WEROC Inc. Board"
- 3) Endorse the WEROC Regional Waste Coordinator job and person specification; and
- 4) Consider and discuss the proposed per-capita funding model.

Ms. Lisa Clack, CEO Shire of Merredin requested that this matter be laid on the table until the next meeting, as the Shire of Merredin were concerned that the position description was too broad and that the per-capita funding model would be disadvantageous for Merredin in the short-term. Ms. Clack asked that the Shire of Merredin be given more time to consider the position requirements and devise a more equitable funding model and to present the same to the group at the next meeting.

It was resolved that the WEROC Strategic Waste Management Plan and Landfill Consolidation Report would be adopted and recommendations 2 to 4, be held over until the next meeting.



### Comment

The Shire of Merredin have prepared an options paper which was presented for discussion at the WEROC meeting which has been attached for Councillor information.

The next WEROC Board meeting is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> April and they are seeking individual Council's resolution on the Shire of Merredin's Waste Management Options Paper and the interim, short-term and medium term recommendations which are mentioned from pages 29 to 34 of the attachment.

	Statuto	ory Environment						
Nil								
	Policy I	mplications						
Nil	_							
	Strateg	ic Implications						
Оррс	ortunity for	a regional Waste Ma	nagemen	t Facility				
	Financi	al Implications						
Nil								
	Voting	Requirements						
$\boxtimes$	Simple N	1ajority			Absolute Ma	ajori	ty	
OFF	ICER RECO	MMENDATIONS						
Coun	cil directio	n is sought.						
RES	OLUTION							
Mo	ved:	Cr Day			Seconded:		Cr Huxtable	
15/	04-23	Council supports in the interim, short-to 29 to 34 of the atta	erm and i					

### 9.4.2 WEROC CORELLA MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Responsible Officer:
Author:
Bill Price, CEO
Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:
A1.15.4
Disclosure of Interest:
Attachments:
Nil
Signature:
Officer

Aui.



### **Purpose of the Report**

X

**Executive Decision** 

Legislative Requirement

CEO

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider supporting a WEROC Regional Corella Management Coordinator.



### Background

WEROC Executive Officer met with Dr. Karl O'Callaghan from Wheatbelt NRM today for an update on their Corella Management Coordinator proposal.

Wheatbelt NRM have secured a commitment of \$50,000 per annum each from CBH and AROC for a three-year period (total of \$300,000). As WEROC previously expressed an interest in supporting this initiative they are asking if we would be willing to make the same financial commitment.

Karl was asked what CBH and AROC have been promised in return for their contribution. He said at this stage there is no formal agreement because they are waiting on a response from WEROC to fully understand what level of resource they will have available to them. He did say that the role will be multi-faceted and have a research and development component with a focus on trialling new control measures as well as a lobbying/advocacy component with a focus on gaining support from WALGA and the State Government to enable the role to continue beyond the initial three-year period. He also said that a key deliverable will be the development of an action plan for long-term mitigation.

In terms of AROC, their \$50,000 per annum contribution will be made up of \$25,000 of their collective funds with the remaining \$25,000 being evenly split amongst the Member Councils. If WEROC were to do likewise the \$25,000 would come from our consultancy budget (currently \$60,000 per annum with \$15,000 already committed in 2023/24 to Town Teams) and each individual Shire would then need to contribute approximately \$4,167 each per annum.

WEROC next meeting is being held on 26 April and Karl is happy to join the group via videoconference for further discussion. Before this time Wheatbelt NRM would like to get an indication of WEROC's willingness to participate in the initiative so that they can move forward in preparing a more comprehensive scope/deliverables for the role. There will be opportunity for negotiations amongst the partner organisations before an agreement is finalised.



### Comment

WEROC Executive are seeking Council's initial thoughts or even an indication of "in-principle" support for this, prior to the meeting if possible.

Westonia currently does not experience a Corella problem as those other Council's further to the West, but doesn't mean that in time they will be a problem should they be left unmanaged throughout the district.



### **Statutory Environment**

	Policy I	mplications		
Nil				
	Strateg	ic Implications		
Regio	nal Corella	a Management		
	Financi	al Implications		
An ar	nual finan	cial contribution of \$ 4,167.00		
	Voting	Requirements		
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OFF	ICER RECO	MMENDATIONS		
Coun	cil directio	n is sought.		
RES	OLUTION			
Mov	ved:	Cr DellaBosca	Seconded:	Cr Geier
16/0	04-23			to make a contribution to the Corella upport making a contribution from the

Westonia Council.

### 9.4.3 SALE OF LAND LOT 342 (7) PYRITES STREET – USE OF COMMON SEAL

Responsible Officer:

Author:

Bill Price, CEO
Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:

T.1.1.3

Disclosure of Interest:

Nil

Attachments:

Nil

Signature: Officer CEO





### **Purpose of the Report**

X

**Executive Decision** 

Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider selling Lot 342 (7) Pyrites Street to Frank Chmela.



### **Background**

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

Council has received an application from a Frank Chmela who wishes to purchase lot 342 (7) Pyrites Street Westonia with the intention to construct a residence.

Below is a map illustrating the lot in question.





### Comment

This particular lot has all services.

Should Council approve the sale the President and the CEO will be required to sign the Transfer of Landform and affix the Common Seal.

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S	Statutory Environment			
Nil				
F	Policy Implications			
Nil				
S	Strategic Implications			
Nil				
Nil.	inancial Implications			
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	ncil approve the sale of Lot 342 ( fixing the common seal on the T			resident and
RESOLU	ITION			
Moved:	Cr Della Bosca	Seconded:	Cr Geier	
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### 9.4.4 SALE OF LAND LOT 302 (28) PYRITES STREET – USE OF COMMON SEAL

Responsible Officer:Bill Price, CEOAuthor:Bill Price, CEOFile Reference:T.1.1.3Disclosure of Interest:NilAttachments:Nil

Signature: Officer CEO





### **Purpose of the Report**

X

**Executive Decision** 

Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider selling Lot 302 (28) Pyrites Street to Hilary & Priscilla Stephens.



### **Background**

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

Council has received an application from a Hilary & Priscilla Stephens who wish to purchase lot 302 (28) Pyrites Street Westonia with the intention to construct a residence.

Below is a map illustrating the lot in question.





### Comment

This particular lot has all services.

Should Council approve the sale the President and the CEO will be required to sign the Transfer of Landform and affix the Common Seal.



**Statutory Environment** 

Ownership form.

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Move	ed:	Cr Day		Seconded:	Cr Huxtable	
RESO	LUTION					
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That Co	ouncil apr	prove the sale of Lot	302 (28) Pyrites	Street to Hilary 8	& Priscilla Stephens ar	nd authorise the
OFFIC	ER RECO	MMENDATIONS				
$\boxtimes$	Sim	ple Majority		Absolute Ma	jority	
	Voting I	Requirements				
Nil	Financia	al Implications				
Nil						
	Strategi	ic Implications				
Nil						
	Policy I	mplications				

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

Nil

## 11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday schedule 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 commencing at 3.30pm

### 12. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the President, Cr Crees declared the meeting closed at 4.55pm.