



# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026 as a true and accurate record of the Special Council Meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026

.....  
**Cr RM Crees**  
**Shire President**

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## Declaration of Financial Interest, Proximity Interest and/or Interest Affecting Impartiality

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Westonia

In accordance with Section 5.60-5.65 of the Local Government Act and Regulation 34(B) and 34(C) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations, I advise you that I declare a (☒ appropriate box):

☐ **financial interest (Section 5.60A)**

A person has a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the local government, or an employee or committee of the local government or member of the council of the local government, in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.

☐ **proximity interest (Section 5.60B)**

A person has a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns a proposed —

(a) change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land;

(b) change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or

(c) development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.

☐ **interest affecting impartiality/closely associated persons (Regulation 24C).** I disclose that I have an association with the applicant. As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly.

An interest that would give rise to a reasonable belief that the impartiality of the person having the interest would be adversely affected but does not include a financial or proximity interest as referred to in section 5.60.

in the following Council / Committee Meetings to be held on \_\_\_\_\_

in Item number/s \_\_\_\_\_

the nature of the interest being \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Further, that I wish to remain in the Chamber to participate in proceedings. As such, I declare the extent of my interest as being:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Yours faithfully

(Councillor's signature)

Councillor's Name

The *Local Government Act* provides that it is the member's obligation to declare the Nature of an interest if they believe that they have a financial interest, proximity interest, closely associated persons or an interest affecting impartiality in a matter being discussed by Council.

The Act provides that the Nature of the interest may be declared in writing to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting or declared prior to discussion of the Agenda Item at the meeting. The Act further provides that the Extent of the interest needs to be declared if the member seeks to remain in the Chamber during the discussion, debate or voting on the item.

A Councillor declaring a financial or proximity interest must leave the meeting prior to the matter being discussed or voted on (including the question as to whether they are permitted to remain in the Chamber). Councillors remaining in the Chamber may resolve to allow the member to return to the meeting to participate in the proceedings.

The decision of whether to disclose a financial interest is yours and yours alone. Nobody can disclose for you and you can not be forced to make a disclosure.



**SHIRE OF  
WESTONIA**  
A vibrant community lifestyle

# STRATEGIC COMMUNITY

**SNAPSHOT**

**PLAN**

**2018-2028**

## CORE DRIVERS

1. Relationships that bring us tangible benefits (to the Shire and our community)
2. Our lifestyle and strong sense of community.
3. We are prepared for opportunities and we are innovative to ensure our relevancy and destiny.

## OUR VALUES

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

**Inclusiveness** – Be receptive, proactive, and responsive.

**Fairness and Equity** – Provide services for a variety of ages and needs.

**Communication** – Create opportunities for consultation with the broad community.

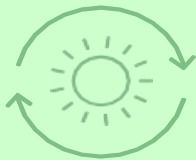
## OUR VISION

A vibrant community lifestyle

## MISSION

Provide leadership and direction for the community.

## ECONOMIC



**Support growth and progress, locally and regionally...**

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

- Continue to utilise our Road Management Plan, which incorporates a road hierarchy, minimum service levels and maintenance policy.
- RAV Ratings and Shire boundaries are consistent across local government boundaries.
- Lobby and build enduring partnerships with key Government Departments to improve Great Eastern Hwy.
- Actively participate in the Secondary Freight Network group.
- Develop and implement a Road Asset Plan highlighting key funder and strategic partnerships to support sustainability.
- Develop a Gravel Reserve Policy which identifies future gravel reserves and recognises cost to local government.
- Educate road users about road safety and driving on gravel roads.
- Optimal and safe use of our plants and equipment assets.
- Ensure that appropriate RAV vehicles traverse correct RAV routes.
- Maintain our airport with a view to improvements to meet commercial and recreational aviation needs.

**Facilitate local business retention and growth.**

- Council recognises the opportunity of partnering with Westonia Progress Association, works closely and supports them to help achieve their economic development projects and our strategic goals.
- Council continue to have a role in facilitating the presence of a Co-op in our community.
- Enhance local economic activity by supporting the growth of tourism in our Shire and region including applying for funding to improve tourist facilities.
- Improve our online tourism presence.
- We forward plan to improve the economic diversity in our community.
- In partnership with Council, the mine develops long term business plans for current mine assets.
- Investigate options for multipurpose accommodation if vacancies arise in mine accommodation.

## SOCIAL



**Provide community facilities and promote social Interaction...**

**Plan for community growth and changing demographics.**

- Develop the Town Planning Scheme.
- Plan and develop residential and industrial land.
- Community safety and ease of access around town is a priority.
- Our lifestyle, facilities and sense of community is promoted.
- The CEACA project continues to expand the number of universally designed dwellings in our town.
- We support our emergency services.
- We enable visiting health professionals to our community.
- The Community Resource Centre receives external funding to provide preventative health and community development initiatives to the community.
- We facilitate healthy and active ageing in place
- Our cemetery is well presented.

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

- We collaborate and encourage active engagement in local clubs and community initiatives that support a healthy lifestyle.
- Investigate motor sport opportunities around the Shire.
- Preserve and celebrate our local history.
- Support our volunteers and clubs to remain strong, dynamic, and inclusive.
- Encourage lifelong learning.
- Children and youth have active and social opportunities.
- Continue to provide high standard and accessible shire facilities.
- Retain and expand Westonia's unique tourism experience.

**Natural spaces are preserved and bring us value.**

- Sustainably manage our reserves and open spaces.
- Participate in best practice waste management.
- Work collaboratively to meet legislative compliance with managing weeds and pests as well as our environmental health standards.
- Investigate renewable energy generation technologies.

## GOVERNANCE



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

**Be progressive and capture opportunities.**

- Be open to local productivity/ best practice and cost saving opportunities locally and regionally.
- Investigate joint resourcing and tendering
- Advocate and develop strong partnerships to benefit our community.
- Be prepared by forward planning our resources and focusing on continuous improvement.
- Identify risks and opportunities after the life of the mine.

**The community receives services in a timely manner.**

- Meet our legislative and compliance requirements.
- Work towards optimal management of our assets.
- Work to develop Councillor and staff skills and experience to provide career and succession opportunities within the Shire.
- Inside and outside staff are multi skilled to understand the business of local government and provide a seamless service to the community.
- Communicate and engage with our community regularly.

**Financial resources meet the ongoing needs of the community.**

- Seek external funding for significant capital improvements that deliver upon our strategic objectives.
- Investigate ways to reduce reliance on operational grants given the current State and Federal Government priorities.

**Shire of Westonia: -**

**A vibrant community lifestyle.**



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## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President, Cr Crees welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 4.00pm.

## 2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**Councillors:**

|                   |                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cr RM Crees       | <i>Shire President</i>        |
| Cr RA Della Bosca | <i>Deputy Shire President</i> |
| Cr DL Geier       |                               |
| Cr MJ Crews       |                               |
| Cr A Faithfull    |                               |
| Cr DL Simmonds    | Via Teams                     |

**Staff:**

|              |                                       |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| MR AW Price  | <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>        |
| Mrs JL Geier | <i>Deputy Chief Executive Officer</i> |

**Members of the Public:**

**Apologies:**

**Approved Leave of Absence:**

## 3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (4.10PM – 4.25PM)

NIL

## 4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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**RESOLUTION**

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| <b>Moved:</b> | <b>Cr Faithfull</b> | <b>Seconded:</b> | <b>Cr Crews</b> |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|

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|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>01/08-26</b> | <b>That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.</b> |
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**CARRIED 6/0**

## 6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Meeting Held on Wednesday 29 July 2026 be accepted

That the minutes of the Minutes of Wheatbelt North East SRRG Meeting held on Friday 14th August 2026 be accepted

### RESOLUTION

| Moved:   | Cr Della Bosca                                                                                                              | Seconded: | Cr Simmonds |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 02/08-26 | That the minutes of the Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Meeting Held on Wednesday 29 July 2026 be accepted |           |             |
|          | That the minutes of the Minutes of Wheatbelt North East SRRG Meeting held on Friday 14th August 2026 be accepted            |           |             |

CARRIED 6/0

## 7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:

Young Leaders Forum 19<sup>th</sup> August 2026

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

CEACA Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Young Leaders Forum 19<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:

Minutes of Wheatbelt North East SRRG Meeting held on Friday 14th August 2026

Young Leaders Forum 19<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Councillor Simmonds advised having attended the following meetings:

Nil

Councillor Faithfull advised having attended the following meetings:

Nil

Councillor Crews advised having attended the following meetings:

Young Leaders Forum 19<sup>th</sup> August 2026

## 8. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST, PROXIMITY INTEREST AND/OR INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

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 **20<sup>th</sup> August 2026**.

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 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 **20<sup>th</sup> August 2026**.

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 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 **20<sup>th</sup> August 2026**.

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 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 – JULY 2026

|                                |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>    | Bill Price, Chief Executive Officer                                                              |                                                                                                |
| <b>Author:</b>                 | Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer                                                    |                                                                                                |
| <b>File Reference:</b>         | F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements                                                              |                                                                                                |
| <b>Disclosure of Interest:</b> | Nil                                                                                              |                                                                                                |
| <b>Attachments:</b>            | <b>Attachment 9.1.1</b> List of Accounts                                                         |                                                                                                |
| <b>Signature:</b>              | <b>Officer</b>  | <b>CEO</b>  |

#### Purpose of the Report

☐ Executive Decision

☒ Legislative Requirement

Accounts for payment are presented to Council in the interests of accountability and provide information on Council expenditure.

#### Background

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. A Local Government is to develop procedures for the authorisation of, and payment of, accounts to ensure that there is effective security for, which money or other benefits July be obtained.

#### Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of July 2026 The credit card/ Fuel Card statements currently show: -

#### MasterCard Transactions - \$6,399.37

**CEO July 2026 \$2,042.29** associated with the purchase of 2vNet - Managed Endpoint Subscription, Starlink, MaxPak - Doggy Doo Bags, Marbret Textiles – Linen, BWS Liquor – Refreshments, Nextra Merredin - Certificate Frames, EBAY - Colour pencils & wrapping for colouring book, MGF2 - App for pictures for report, Nextra Merredin - Certificate Frame, International Fee & Bendigo - Card Fee

**DCEO July 2026 \$ 4,357.08** associated with the purchase of 5xExchange, 9x365 Business Basic, Bank of Ideas - National small town reinvention Conference – Pedrotti, My Henry - Cordless Vac & Battery, JB HiFi - TV Wall Mount, Bunnings - 3pc outdoor setting, Dyson - Cyclone Vacuum, Office Works - A2 Poster Frame, Bendigo - Card Fee

#### Fuel Card Transactions Totalling \$254.66

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| CEO                     | \$ - 0.00   |
| DCEO                    | \$ -151.64  |
| Construction Supervisor | \$ - 103.02 |

#### 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 2026/2027 Annual Budget.



**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That July 2026 accounts submitted to today’s meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD5030 to DD5050 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT8450 to EFT8507 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$639,827.31 be passed for payment.

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**RESOLUTION**

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| <b>Moved:</b>   | <b>Cr DellaBosca</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Seconded:</b> | <b>Cr Crews</b> |
| <b>03/08-26</b> | <b>That July 2026 accounts submitted to today’s meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD5030 to DD5050 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT8450 to EFT8507 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$639,827.31 be passed for payment.</b> |                  |                 |

**CARRIED 6/0**

### 9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY– JULY 2026

|                                |                                                                                   |                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>    | Bill Price, Chief Executive Officer                                               |                                                                                     |
| <b>Author:</b>                 | Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer                                     |                                                                                     |
| <b>File Reference:</b>         | F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements                                               |                                                                                     |
| <b>Disclosure of Interest:</b> | Nil                                                                               |                                                                                     |
| <b>Attachments:</b>            | <b>Attachment 9.1.2</b> Monthly Statement of Financial Activity                   |                                                                                     |
| <b>Signature:</b>              | <b>Officer</b>                                                                    | <b>CEO</b>                                                                          |
|                                |  |  |

#### Purpose of the Report

☐ Executive Decision

☒ Legislative Requirement

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is a record of Council's activities and financial performance during the reporting period.

#### Background

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

#### Comment

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending July 2026 is attached for Councillor information, and consists of:

1. Statement of Financial Activity
2. Statement of Financial Position
3. Note 1 Basis of Preparation
4. Note 2 Statement of Financial Activity Information
5. Note 3 Explanation of Material Variances
6. Supplementary information

#### Statutory Environment

General Financial Management of Council  
Council 2026/2027 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

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending July 2026 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

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**RESOLUTION**

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|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Moved:   | Cr Geier                                                                                                                                      | Seconded: | Cr Faithfull |
| 04/08-26 | That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending July 2026 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%. |           |              |

CARRIED 6/0

**9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – JULY 2026**

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

**Purpose of the Report**

☐ Executive Decision ☒ Legislative Requirement

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

**Background**

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at July 2026 provided to Council on a monthly basis as a means of keeping Council informed of its current GST liability.

**Comment**

The GST Reconciliation Report is attached for Councillor consideration.

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

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

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

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

**Voting Requirements**

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$9,260.00 for the period ending July 2026 adopted.

## RESOLUTION

**Moved:** **Cr Crews**

**Seconded:** Cr Geier

05/08-26 That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$9,260.00 for the period ending July 2026 adopted.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**9.1.4 NATIONAL SMALL TOWN REINVENTION CONFERENCE 2026**

|                                                                                     |                               |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>                                                         | Bill Price, CEO               |            |
| <b>Author:</b>                                                                      | Bill Price, CEO               |            |
| <b>File Reference:</b>                                                              | A2.8.5                        |            |
| <b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>                                                      | Nil                           |            |
| <b>Attachments:</b>                                                                 | Small Town Conference Program |            |
| <b>Signature:</b>                                                                   | <b>Officer</b>                | <b>CEO</b> |
|  |                               |            |

**Purpose of the Report**

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse the Council representation attending the 2026 National Small Town Reinvention Conference being held in Longreach QLD.

**Background**

Councillors and senior staff attended the National Small Town Reinvention Conference 2025, held in Kapunda SA and themed “*Prosperity Through Connection, Collaboration and Community*”, which focused on innovative strategies to support the sustainability, growth, and reinvention of small towns.

Given the Shire's profile as a small regional local government, the themes and content of the Kapunda conference were considered highly relevant and applicable to local strategic priorities such as community development, economic diversification, and regional collaboration.

**Comment**

The National Small Town Reinvention Conference for 2026 is being held in Longreach QLD and the draft program is jam packed with some inspiring small town and community reinvention themes. (Refer Attached Program)

The 5-day conference includes several tours of neighbouring communities of Longreach including Museums, interpretive centres and historical sites.

Westonia has been invited to make a 15-minute presentation of its own reinvention for the past 30 years based on the themes of

- Tourism – Facades and Museum projects
- Lifestyle Village – Land sales, Health Clinic, Home Care Services (HCS), magnificent recreational facilities such as the undercover bowling club and community hub.

Sophie Jane Photography has been engaged to assist the Council in compiling a video presentation.

Crs Crees, DellaBosca, Faithfull, Geier and Crews along with CEO and Deputy CEO will be attending the conference.

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Strategic Implications**

Networking and learning opportunities provided by the Convention



**Financial Implications**

The 2026/27 Budget has made allowance for the attendance of conferences. Council will not be represented at this years WALGA State Conference.



**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council endorse the Council representation attending the 2026 National Small Town Reinvention Conference being held in Longreach QLD.

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**RESOLUTION**

|          |                                                                                                                                            |           |              |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Moved:   | Cr Simmonds                                                                                                                                | Seconded: | Cr Faithfull |
| 06/08-26 | That Council endorse the Council representation attending the 2026 National Small Town Reinvention Conference being held in Longreach QLD. |           |              |

CARRIED 6/0

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS

9.2.1 WANDERERS STADIUM INSTALLATION LOUVRES AND DOORS

|                         |                 |                                                                                     |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Responsible Officer:    | Bill Price, CEO |                                                                                     |
| Author:                 | Bill Price, CEO |                                                                                     |
| File Reference:         | ES1.7.1         |                                                                                     |
| Disclosure of Interest: | Nil             |                                                                                     |
| Attachments:            | Nil             |                                                                                     |
| Signature:              | Officer         | CEO                                                                                 |
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**Purpose of the Report**

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider installing louvre panels and entry doors for the purposes of winterising and providing additional security to the Alfresco Decking area at the Wanderers Stadium.

**Background**

Council are aware that the Wanderers Stadium, built in 2008, was designed purposely to have a large alfresco decking breezeway area that has served its purpose brilliantly during the summer months. Now that the Bowling Green has a hardcover the facility is becoming more of an all-year facility.

The open Alfresco decking area is not ideal during the winter months with very little opportunity to heat the space.

Another consideration is that even though open area has never suffered any vandalism or theft in the past making the space more secure needs to be considered for future years.

**Comment**

A quote has been obtained from Merredin Glazing Services totalling \$ 75,980 plus GST, to install panelled louvre style shutters and entry doors at either end of the Alfresco Decking area which has been illustrated by the photos below. As Council can determine the open visual and breezeway effect will be altered minimally during the summer months but the louvres and doors will provide a closed space during inclement weather, also providing added security to the space.

The louvre panels also include mesh screening to reduce flies and pests.



Should Council agree to the installation, the Westonia Bowling Club has been requested to contribute 50% of the total costs of the upgrade as they had considered setting monies aside for upgrades to the Stadium.



**Statutory Environment**

Nil



**Policy Implications**

Nil



**Strategic Implications**

Social – Promote community facilities and promote social interaction



**Financial Implications**

The 2026/27 Budget has an allowance of \$ 50,000 towards capital upgrades at the Stadium



**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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That Council resolve to instal louvre panels and entry doors for the purposes of winterising and providing additional security to the Alfresco Decking area at the Wanderers Stadium.

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**RESOLUTION**

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Moved:

Cr DellaBosca

Seconded:

Cr Crews

07/08-26

That Council resolve to instal louvre panels and entry doors for the purposes of winterising and providing additional security to the Alfresco Decking area at the Wanderers Stadium.

CARRIED 6/0

### **9.3 WORKS AND SERVICES**

**Nil**

## 9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

### 9.4.1 PLANNING APPLICATION SUBDIVISION LOT 327 DADDOW ROAD, WARRACHUPPIN

|                                |                          |                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>    | Bill Price, CEO          |                                                                                     |
| <b>Author:</b>                 | Bill Price, CEO          |                                                                                     |
| <b>File Reference:</b>         | D2.1.2 Subdivisions      |                                                                                     |
| <b>Disclosure of Interest:</b> | Nil                      |                                                                                     |
| <b>Attachments:</b>            | Subdivision Illustration |                                                                                     |
| <b>Signature:</b>              | <b>Officer</b>           | <b>CEO</b>                                                                          |
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#### Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision

☐ Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's support for a proposed subdivision of Lot 327 Daddow Road, Warrachuppin as depicted in diagrams (attached)

#### Background

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) has received an application for planning approval from Mr Malcolm Nicoletti for a proposed subdivision of Lot 327 Daddow Road Warrachuppin. The purpose of the proposal is to subdivide a 20Ha area, including homestead and associated buildings, for disposal.

Council has 42 days from application to make comments on the proposal to the WAPC, being 21 September 2026.

#### Comment

The proposal strongly supports Council's position as per its Local Planning Strategy in that the proposal clearly defines the arable areas from the homestead area and would have little effect on the protection of farming land from non-traditional uses, as well as supports the subdivision of homesteads from large corporate landholdings for potential population growth.

#### Statutory Environment

Western Australian Planning Act (Subdivisions)

#### Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

#### Strategic Implications

Complies with Council's Local Planning Strategy in relation to protection of agriculture land and subdivision of disused homesteads.

#### Financial Implications

Nil.

#### Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority

☐ Absolute Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council strongly supports the proposed subdivision of Lot 327 Daddow Road, Warrachuppin as depicted in diagrams (attached)

**RESOLUTION**

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| <b>Moved:</b>   | <b>Cr DellaBosca</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>Seconded:</b> | <b>Cr Crews</b> |
| <b>08/08-26</b> | <b>That Council strongly supports the proposed subdivision of Lot 327 Daddow Road, Warrachuppin as depicted in diagrams (attached)</b> |                  |                 |

**CARRIED 6/0**

**9.4.2 PLANNING APPLICATION SUBDIVISION LOT 986 MCDOWALL ROAD, BOODAROCKIN**

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>    | Bill Price, CEO          |                                                                                     |
| <b>Author:</b>                 | Bill Price, CEO          |                                                                                     |
| <b>File Reference:</b>         | D2.1.2 Subdivisions      |                                                                                     |
| <b>Disclosure of Interest:</b> | Nil                      |                                                                                     |
| <b>Attachments:</b>            | Subdivision Illustration |                                                                                     |
| <b>Signature:</b>              | <b>Officer</b>           | <b>CEO</b>                                                                          |
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**Purpose of the Report**

☒ Executive Decision ☒ Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council’s support for a proposed subdivision of Lot 986 McDowall Road, Boodarockin as depicted in diagrams (attached)

**Background**

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) has received an application for planning approval from Mr Malcolm Nicoletti for a proposed subdivision of Lot 986 McDowall Road Boodarockin. The purpose of the proposal is to subdivide a 20Ha area, including homestead and associated buildings, for disposal.

Council has 42 days from application to make comments on the proposal to the WAPC, being 21 September 2026.

**Comment**

The proposal strongly supports Council’s position as per its Local Planning Strategy in that the proposal clearly defines the arable areas from the homestead area and would have little effect on the protection of farming land from non-traditional uses, as well as supports the subdivision of homesteads from large corporate landholdings for potential population growth.

**Statutory Environment**

Western Australian Planning Act (Subdivisions)

**Policy Implications**

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

**Strategic Implications**

Complies with Council’s Local Planning Strategy in relation to protection of agriculture land and subdivision of disused homesteads.

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirements**

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council strongly supports the proposed subdivision of Lot 986 McDowall Road, Boodarockin as depicted in diagrams (attached)

**RESOLUTION**

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Moved:</b>   | <b>Cr Geier</b>                                                                                                                         | <b>Seconded:</b> | <b>Cr Simmonds</b> |
| <b>09/08-26</b> | <b>That Council strongly supports the proposed subdivision of Lot 986 McDowall Road, Boodarockin as depicted in diagrams (attached)</b> |                  |                    |

**CARRIED 6/0**

**9.4.3 SALE OF LAND LOT 327 (22) SCHEELITE STREET – USE OF COMMON SEAL**

|                         |                 |                                                                                     |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Responsible Officer:    | Bill Price, CEO |                                                                                     |
| Author:                 | Bill Price, CEO |                                                                                     |
| File Reference:         | T.1.1.3         |                                                                                     |
| Disclosure of Interest: | Nil             |                                                                                     |
| Attachments:            | Nil             |                                                                                     |
| Signature:              | Officer         | CEO                                                                                 |
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**Purpose of the Report**

☐ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider selling Lot 327 (22) Scheelite Street to Trina Preedy.

**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 Trina Preedy who wishes to purchase Lot 327 (22) Scheelite Street Westonia with the intention to construct a transportable home and shed.

Below is a map illustrating the lot in question.



**Comment**

All Western power connections have been completed for the lots located in Scheelite Street.

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**

Nil



**Policy Implications**

Nil



**Strategic Implications**

Economic – Support & Growth & Progress Locally.



**Financial Implications**

\$ 10,000 land sale



**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council approve the sale of Lot 327 (22) Scheelite Street to Trina Preedy and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.

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**RESOLUTION**

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| Moved: | Cr Simmonds | Seconded: | Cr Faithfull |
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| 10/08-26 | That Council approve the sale of Lot 327 (22) Scheelite Street to Trina Preedy and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form |
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CARRIED 6/0

## 10. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

### 10.1 CHANGE OF SPEED LIMIT ON WESTONIA CARRABIN ROAD

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|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Responsible Officer:    | Bill Price, CEO |                                                                                     |
| Author:                 | Bill Price, CEO |                                                                                     |
| File Reference:         | ES1.7.1         |                                                                                     |
| Disclosure of Interest: | Nil             |                                                                                     |
| Attachments:            | Nil             |                                                                                     |
| Signature:              | Officer         | CEO                                                                                 |
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#### Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision

☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consideration of a proposed change to the speed limit on Westonia–Carrabin Road between Wolfram Street and Stoneman Road 80kms to 60kms

#### Background

Councillor Geier has raised concerns regarding the safety of Westonia–Carrabin Road between Wolfram Street and Stoneman Road following a number of near-miss incidents involving road users.

#### Comment

It is therefore recommended that Council formally refer the matter to Main Roads Western Australia and request that an assessment of the current speed zone on Westonia–Carrabin Road, between Wolfram Street and Stoneman Road, be undertaken.

Council may also provide Main Roads with information regarding the reported near-miss incidents and any other relevant safety concerns to assist with the assessment.

#### Statutory Environment

Nil

#### Policy Implications

Nil

#### Strategic Implications

Nil

#### Financial Implications

Nil

#### Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority

☐ Absolute Majority

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### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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That Council to consideration of a proposed change to the speed limit on Westonia–Carrabin Road between Wolfram Street and Stoneman Road from 80kms to 60kms.

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### RESOLUTION

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| <b>Moved:</b>   | <b>Cr Geier</b>                                                                                                                                         | <b>Seconded:</b> | <b>Cr Crews</b> |
| <b>11/08-26</b> | That Council to consideration of a proposed change to the speed limit on Westonia–Carrabin Road between Wolfram Street and Stoneman Road 80kms to 60kms |                  |                 |

CARRIED 6/0

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

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### RESOLUTION

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| <b>Moved:</b>   | <b>Cr Geier</b>                                                                                  | <b>Seconded:</b> | <b>Cr Crews</b> |
| <b>12/08-26</b> | That Council introduces the following two item of an urgent nature to the meeting for discussion |                  |                 |

CARRIED 6/0

### 11.1 TENDER 1-26/27 – GRADER

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|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>    | Bill Price, CEO |
| <b>Author:</b>                 | Bill Price, CEO |
| <b>File Reference:</b>         | Tender Register |
| <b>Disclosure of Interest:</b> | Nil             |
| <b>Attachments:</b>            | Nil             |
| <b>Signature:</b>              | <b>Officer</b>  |

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**CEO**



### Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider accepting a tender received from Westrac for the supply of a new CAT 140 – 16A Motor Grader for the price of \$ 535,810 inc GST.

### Background

As per Council's Plant replacement Program, Council has made allowance in its 2026/27 Budget for the purchase of a new Grader with the intention to keep the trade 2015 Cat Grader for a potential Final Trim Grader trainee position.

As part of the Budget process, Council resolved to call tenders for the supply of one new Grader.

A public notice inviting tenders closing on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026 was initiated.

At the close of tenders 4 submissions were received.

#### **Comment**

In accordance with the Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations, Regulation 14(2a) the following criteria, was determined to decide which tender should be accepted:

- (a) Compliance with the specification contained in the request,
- (b) Compliance with the conditions of tendering this request,
- (c) Compliance with the delivery date,
- (d) Compliance with and completion of the price schedule.

#### **Assessment of Tenders against compliance criteria:**

All tenders for the supply of vehicle were deemed to comply with the compliance criteria.

#### **Assessment of Tenders against qualitative criteria:**

Tenders were scored using the following range:

- 0 – Did not address criterion
- 1 – Insufficient or unclear information
- 2 – Acceptable
- 3 – Good
- 4 – Very Good
- 5 – Excellent

| Tenderer        | Selection Criteria and Weighting |                 |                 | Total weighted Score |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|                 | Experience (50%)                 | Personnel (25%) | Resources (25%) |                      |
| Westrac         | 50                               | 25              | 25              | 100                  |
| McIntosh & Sons | 40                               | 20              | 20              | 80                   |
| Afgri           | 40                               | 20              | 20              | 80                   |

#### **Basis of recommendation:**

All tenderers scored similarly in qualitative criterion assessment, all having similar experience in providing loaders and similar equipment to Western Australian local governments and having similarly experienced personnel and similar resources.

| Tenderer        | Details of Tender    | Price (GST Inc) |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Westrac         | Cat 140-16A          | \$535,810.00    |
| McIntosh & Sons | Case 865B            | \$ 383,680.00   |
| McIntosh & Sons | Luigong 4230D        | \$ 382,470.00   |
| AFGRI           | John Deere 670P Tier | \$ 548,900.00   |

Council's indicative allocation in the Plant Replacement Program is \$ 530,000 plus GST.

#### **Statutory Environment**

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

#### **Policy Implications**

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

#### **Strategic Implications**

Nil

### Financial Implications

An allocation of \$530,000 net, ex GST has been allowed for in the 2026/27 financial budget for the purchase of a Grader.

### Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council Accept the tender from Westrac for the Supply of a new CAT 140 – 16A Motor Grader for the price of \$ 535,810 inc GST

### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Crews

Seconded: Cr Faithfull

13/08-26 That Council Accept the tender from Westrac for the Supply of a new CAT 140 – 16A Motor Grader for the price of \$ 535,810 inc GST

CARRIED 6/0

### 11.2 VISA SPONSORSHIP JUAN PETRONI

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Responsible Officer:    | Bill Price, CEO |
| Author:                 | Bill Price, CEO |
| File Reference:         | ES1.7.1         |
| Disclosure of Interest: | Nil             |
| Attachments:            | Nil             |
| Signature:              | Officer         |

CEO



### Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider sponsoring a 482 Visa application for Juan Petroni (Landscape Gardener) and engaging True Blue Migration Services to undertake the Visa migration process on behalf of both parties.

### Background

Council are aware of the engagement of Juan Petroni as Town Maintenance/Gardener and HCS Provider 6 months ago. Juan has been an exceptional employee for the Shire and the results of his workmanship can be seen in the community gardens throughout the townsite.

Juan is currently living and working in Australia on a 417 Tourist/working visa which expires in February 2027. Juan has indicated that he is very happy with the position and his residency in the Westonia community and would like to explore the opportunity to remain in Westonia under a 482 working visa.

This requires the employer to be a sponsor of the candidate and that the position is recognised on the Core Skills Occupation list. (Landscape Gardener)

### Comment

I have made contact with True Blue Migration Services to provide a quotation to facilitate the Visa application process as you can imagine will be extremely convoluted.

A copy of the contract letter with True Blue Migration Services has been shared with Council. The cost for managing the process is \$ 7,700 plus other administrative costs. The sponsor is also required to pay \$ 1,200/year to the Skilling Australia Fund (SAF) for the 4-year period as a sponsor. Once a registered sponsor Council can sponsor other employees during this period.

Another \$4,015 needs to be paid by either the sponsor or applicant as the final application Visa fee.

Council is aware that filling position vacancies is becoming quite problematic and that Juan has been an excellent addition to the Council workforce.

I recommend then that Council proceed with the Visa application process for Juan, meeting the contractual costs required by True Blue Migration Services. Should Juan leave Council employ within the first 2 years a condition be applied that he refunds the Council the second management Fee of \$ 3,200.

#### **Statutory Environment**

Migration Act

#### **Policy Implications**

Nil

#### **Strategic Implications**

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

#### **Financial Implications**

The Council 2026/27 budget has an allocation of \$ 38,000 for consultancy fees.

#### **Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council agree to sponsor a 482 Visa application for Juan Petroni (Landscape Gardener) and engage True Blue Migration Services to undertake the Visa migration process on behalf of both parties.

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#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved:

Cr Simmonds

Seconded:

Cr Della Bosca

14/08-26

That Council agree to sponsor a 482 Visa application for Juan Petroni (Landscape Gardener) and engage True Blue Migration Services to undertake the Visa migration process on behalf of both parties.

CARRIED 6/0

## **12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday schedule 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026 commencing at 4pm, Requesting a change to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026 commencing at 4pm.

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**RESOLUTION**

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**Moved:**        **Cr Geier**

**Seconded:**    **Cr Simmonds**

**15/08-26        That Council change the next Council Meeting to Thursday 24th September 2026  
commencing at 4pm**

**CARRIED 6/0**

### **13.        MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Shire President, Cr Mark Crees declared the meeting closed at 4.30pm