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Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia

Thursday 19th July 2018

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 16th August 2018 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19th July 2018.

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Cr Karin Day
Shire President

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

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

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

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

Staff:

Mr. JC Criddle	Chief Executive Officer
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Members of the Public: Nil

Apologies: Nil

Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.31PM – 3.46PM)

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 21st June 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Geier	Seconded:	Cr Corsini
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01/07-18	That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21st June 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
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CARRIED 6/0

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Wheatbelt Community Inc Meeting held Wednesday 27 June2018 be received.

That the minutes of the WEROC Council Meeting held Wednesday 27 June2018 be received.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Huxtable

Seconded: Cr Geier

02/07-18 That the minutes of the Wheatbelt Community Inc Meeting held Wednesday 27 June 2018 be received.

That the minutes of the WEROC Council Meeting held Wednesday 27 June 2018 be received.

CARRIED 6/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Wheatbelt Communities meeting in Kellerberrin on Wednesday 27th June with the CEO
- WEROC meeting in Kellerberrin on Wednesday 27th June with the CEO

Cr Della Bosca advised having attended the following meeting:

- Rural Water Council meeting in Narembeen

8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Financial** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **19th July 2018**.

Name/Position	Cr Bill Huxtable, Deputy President
Item No./Subject	9.3.1 Road Closure – Carrabin South Road
Nature of interest	Financial
Extent of Interest	Owner of adjoining property

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 **19th July 2018**.

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 **19th July 2018**.

Name/Position	
Item No./Subject	
Nature of interest	
Extent of Interest	

9. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

9.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

9.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Responsible Officer:	Jamie Criddle, CEO		
Author:	Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer		
File Reference:	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil		
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.1 List of Accounts		
Signature:	Officer	CEO	
			

Purpose of the Report

☐ Executive Decision

☒ Legislative Requirement

Background

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

Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of June 2018. The credit card statements currently show:
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CEO **July 2018 \$1,056.75** Staff Uniforms, Housing & Office internet service, iPad Recharge

Works Supervisor **July 2018 \$158.05** Heavy Vehicle Inspection

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 2017/2018 Annual Budget.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That June 2018 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3657 to 3654 and D/Debits EFT3071 to EFT3111 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$323,209.36 be passed for payment

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Huxtable

Seconded:



Cr Corsini

03/07-18

That June 2018 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3657 to 3662 and D/Debits EFT3071 to EFT3111 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$323,209.36 be passed for payment

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – JUNE 2018

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

Purpose of the Report

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Executive Decision

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Legislative Requirement

Background

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

Comment

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending 30th June 2018 is attached for Councillor information, and consists of:

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

Statutory Environment

General Financial Management of Council
Council 2015/2016 Budget
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996
Local Government Act 1995 section 6.4

Policy Implications

Council is required annually to adopt a policy on what it considers to be material as far as variances that require to be reported for Council. Council policy is that the material variation be set at \$10,000 and 15%.

Strategic Implications

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

Financial Implications

There is no direct financial implication in relation to this matter.

Voting Requirements

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Simple Majority

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Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 30th June 2018 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Corsini



Seconded: Cr Jefferys

04/07-18

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 30th June 2018 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – JUNE 2018

Responsible Officer:	Jamie Criddle, CEO		
Author:	Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer		
File Reference:	F1.4.4 Audit Report		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil		
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.3 GST Report		
Signature:	Officer	CEO	
			

Purpose of the Report

☐ Executive Decision ☒ Legislative Requirement

Background

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at 30th June 2018 is provided to Council on a monthly basis as a means of keeping Council informed of its current GST liability.

Comment

The GST Reconciliation Report is attached for Councillor consideration.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

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

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

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

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the GST Reconciliation totaling \$3,509 for the period ending 30th June 2018 be adopted.

RESOLUTION


Moved: Cr Corsini **Seconded:** Cr Huxtable

05/07-18 That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$3,509 for the period ending 30th June 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.4 WALGA AGM – NOTICE OF MOTIONS

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



Purpose of the Report

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Executive Decision

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Legislative Requirement

Background

At the time of writing the Agenda Item the WALGA AGM agenda and motions were not available. A copy will be presented to the meeting of prior.

Council will be represented by Shire President Cr Day, Deputy President Cr Huxtable, Cr Corsini and Cr Della Bosca at the 2018 Local Government Week convention to be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (PCEC) from 1st to 3rd August 2018.

The Annual General Meeting of WALGA is scheduled for the Wednesday afternoon session of the convention (1st August). There are ??? member motions to be presented as part of the agenda for the 2018 AGM of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA).

Council's voting delegates at the AGM are the President Cr Day and Deputy President Cr Huxtable.

Comment

The following motions are summarised for Council to consider. Council appointed Delegates attending the Annual General Meeting of the WA Local Government Association are required to vote according to the indicative determinations from the Council in regards to the following summary motions presented in the mentioned Agenda and Meeting.

A full copy of the Motions have been attached to this Agenda Item for detailed Council reading and direction to appointed Delegates;

The motions are:

4.1 Amendments to the WALGA Constitution

1. That Clause 18 and Clause 19 of the Association Constitution be amended as follows:

I. Clause 18, sub-clause (1) be amended with the addition of the underlined words, as follows:

(1) Following determination of the election of the President pursuant to clause 17 of this Constitution, the State Council shall elect a Deputy President from amongst its metropolitan and country representatives, provided the Deputy President represents the alternate constituency to the President elected pursuant to clause 17.

II. Clause 19 be amended with the addition of the underlined words and the deletion of the strikethrough words, as follows:

(1) If the office of the President becomes vacant or if for any other reason the President is unable to take or hold office at a period which exceeds six months from the date of the next scheduled election for that office, then the State Council shall meet to elect from among their number a President who, subject to this Constitution shall hold the office of President for the balance of the term of the President replaced.

(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the office of President at a period which is six months or less from the date of the next scheduled election for that office, the State Council may convene a meeting to elect from among their number a President who, subject to this Constitution, shall hold the office of President for the balance of the term of the President replaced, or the State Council may in its discretion, determine that the vacancy be filled by the Deputy President until the date of the next scheduled election.

(3) An election pursuant to sub-clause 19(1) or sub-clause 19(2) shall cause the office of Deputy President to be declared vacant immediately prior to the conduct of the election.

- (4) Following an election pursuant to sub-clause 19(1) or sub-clause 19(2) an election pursuant to Clause 19(5) will be conducted for the office of Deputy President from amongst representatives of the alternate constituency to that of the President just elected.
- (3)(5) If the office of Deputy President becomes vacant or if for any other reason the Deputy President is unable to take or hold office, then the State Council shall meet to elect from among their number a Deputy President who shall hold the office for the balance of the term of the Deputy President replaced, provided the Deputy President represents the alternate constituency to that of the President.
- (4)(6) A State Council representative elected to fill a vacancy of President or Deputy President pursuant to clause 18 19 shall still be eligible for election to a subsequent two (2) full consecutive terms.
2. That Clause 17A – Rotation of Presidency be added to the Association Constitution, as follows:
- 17A – Rotation of Presidency
1. At an election for the position of President conducted under subclause 17(2), only the incumbent President, subject to complying with sub-clause 17(5), or State Councillors from the alternate constituency to the incumbent President will be eligible to be elected.
 2. At an election for the position of President conducted under Clause 19, only State Councillors from the alternate constituency to the incumbent President will be eligible to be elected.
3. That Clause 20 of the Association Constitution be amended with the addition of the underlined words as follows:
A person shall cease or be disqualified from being a representative or deputy representative on the State Council, or from being President or Deputy President of the Association, or from attending State Council in an ex-officio capacity, if that person:
4. That sub-clause 20(j) of the Association Constitution be amended with the addition of the underlined words and the deletion of the strikethrough words as follows:
- (j) Is a Councillor that has been suspended by the Minister for Local Government under Part 8 of an Ordinary Member that has been peremptorily suspended under Section 8.15C(2)I of the *Local Government Act 1995*.
5. That sub-clause 10(2) of the Association Constitution be amended with the addition of the underlined words as follows:
- (2) Each representative on the State Council shall be entitled to exercise one
- (1) deliberative vote on any matter considered by the State Council provided that this clause shall not apply to any ex-officio members of the State Council. The President shall exercise a casting vote only, in the event of there being an equality of votes in respect of a matter considered by the State Council but excluding an election held in accordance with Clause 16 in which the President is entitled to a deliberative vote only.
6. That sub-clauses 2(1), 5(7)(a), 9(1)(d), and 31(4)(b) be amended as follows:
- I. That the following strikethrough words be replaced with the following underlined words in sub-clause 2(1):
“*Local Government Managers Australia*” means the Western Australian Division of the Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA), which body is incorporated under the *Victorian Companies Act 1961*. “*Local Government Professionals Australia WA*” means the Western Australian Division of Local Government Professionals Australia.
 - II. That sub-clause 5(7)(a) of the Association Constitution relating to Associate Members of WALGA be amended with the words “Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA)” to be replaced with the words “Local Government Professionals Australia WA”.
 - III. That sub-clause 9(1)(a) of the Association Constitution relating to exofficio members of State Council be amended to replace the words “Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA)” with the words “Local Government Professionals Australia WA”.
 - IV That sub-clause 31(4)(b) of the Association Constitution relating to a dispute resolution panel be amended by replacing the word “LGMA” with the words “Local Government Professionals Australia WA”.
7. That sub-clause 14(4a)(h) be amended with the addition of the underlined words and the deletion of the strike through words as follows:
- (h) Is a Councillor that has been suspended by the Minister for Local Government under part 8 of an Ordinary Member that has been peremptorily suspended under Section 8.15C(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

4.2 Roadside Vegetation – Regulatory Amendments

That the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004* be amended to permit clearing or reduction of vegetation:

1. Within 30m of all farm driveways/gates/entrances; and,
2. On road bends and intersections obstructing ‘line of sight’, be cleared.

4.3 GST Revenue Distribution Share for WA

That WALGA adopts a policy and position as the representative of the WA Local Government section to persistently seek and advocate for an increase of the GST distribution share back to Western Australia.

4.4 Rural, Regional and Remote Community State Government Funding Cuts

That WALGA express its deep concern to the WA State Government regarding the continued attack on rural, regional and remote communities in WA through reducing funding to critical services and infrastructure programs, cuts that disproportionately discriminate against already disadvantaged communities across WA.

Statutory Environment

Nil (not known at this time – decision making processes)

Policy Implications

Western Australian Local Government Association Standing Orders for the conduct of the Annual General Meeting of the Western Australian Local Government Association 2015.

Strategic Implications

WALGA Strategic Plan 2010-2015

Our Vision for Local Government – “Local Governments in Western Australia will be built on good governance, local leadership, democracy, community engagement and diversity.

Local Government will also have the capacity to provide economically, socially and environmentally sustainable services and infrastructure that meet the needs of their community”.

Financial Implications

Nil – not applicable to this item as at this stage not a direct impact upon the Shire.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That

1. Council delegates vote the affirmative for agenda items ??? to ????
2. Should through discussion that an affirmative vote not be supported by the Council voting delegates, then those delegates be given delegated authority to use their discretion and vote on behalf of the Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jefferys

Seconded: Cr Della Bosca


06/07-18

That

1. Council delegates vote the affirmative for ALL agenda items
2. Should through discussion that an affirmative vote not be supported by the Council voting delegates, then those delegates be given delegated authority to use their discretion and vote on behalf of the Council.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.5 REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Purpose of the Report

- ☐ Executive Decision ☒ Legislative Requirement

Summary

This report recommends that the process detailed in this agenda item be adopted for the review of the Shire of Westonia Community Strategic Plan.

Background

In June 2013, Council, after a concerted process of community consultation and after the preparation of a number of informing strategies adopted the Shire of Westonia Community Strategic Plan for the 10 year period from July 2013. Most of this work was done in-house with consultants only being engaged for the Asset Strategy which had to be compiled using professional valuations of the Shire's assets.

The principal "living part" of the Community Strategic Plan is in the area of identifying key themes and objectives, determining what actions are to be taken to progress those objectives and establishing key performance indicators as a measurement tool.

A status report on the key themes (Social, Environment, Economic and Civic Leadership) has been prepared which shows that significant inroads have been made towards meeting the objectives within the plan, particularly with respect to new or improved infrastructure projects.

Legislation requires that the Community Strategic Plan is subject to a major review every 4 years with the following questions being put to the community:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- How do we get there?

All Councillors have previously been issued with the voluminous integrated planning and reporting documents which may also be accessed on the Shires website www.westonia.wa.gov.au

Comment

The first stage of the review is to embark on the community engagement process:

The current Shire of Westonia Community Engagement Strategy details the principles, objectives and engagement techniques and options.

When considering how best to engage with the community as part of this review, the following factors have been taken into account:

1. While community consultation is a critical component of the exercise, it is important not to overburden the community with too many meetings and surveys as this can be counterproductive;

2. Community engagement has to be more than just an invitation for participants to simply provide an unfunded “wish list”. Given the tight grant funding situation at both the Federal and State levels of government and the fact that ratepayers would be unlikely to support rate increases much above the current low rate of inflation, the financial constraints to which local government is subject, has to be brought into the equation to assist the prioritisation process;
3. A snapshot of major projects currently being staged along with their financial implications needs to be part of the informing process.

Council engaged the services of Caroline Robinson of Solum Solutions to carry out the community engagement and compile the Community Strategic Plan driven from the community engagement.

From the recent engagement and Councillor meetings, a list of Core Drivers were outlined and are required to be reviewed before the final Plan can be finalized.

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – r 19C
19C. Strategic community plans, requirements for (Act s. 5.56)

- (1) A local government is to ensure that a strategic community plan is made for its district in accordance with this regulation in respect of each financial year after the financial year ending 30 June 2013.
- (2) A strategic community plan for a district is to cover the period specified in the plan, which is to be at least 10 financial years.
- (3) A strategic community plan for a district is to set out the vision, aspirations and objectives of the community in the district.
- (4) A local government is to review the current strategic community plan for its district at least once every 4 years.
- (5) In making or reviewing a strategic community plan, a local government is to have regard to —
 - (a) the capacity of its current resources and the anticipated capacity of its future resources; and
 - (b) strategic performance indicators and the ways of measuring its strategic performance by the application of those indicators; and
 - (c) demographic trends.
- (6) Subject to sub regulation (9), a local government may modify its strategic community plan, including extending the period the plan is made in respect of.
- (7) A council is to consider a strategic community plan, or modifications of such a plan, submitted to it and is to determine* whether or not to adopt the plan or the modifications.
*Absolute majority required.
- (8) If a strategic community plan is, or modifications of a strategic community plan are, adopted by the council, the plan or modified plan applies to the district for the period specified in the plan.
- (9) A local government is to ensure that the electors and ratepayers of its district are consulted during the development of a strategic community plan and when preparing modifications of a strategic community plan.
- (10) A strategic community plan for a district is to contain a description of the involvement of the electors and ratepayers of the district in the development of the plan or the preparation of modifications of the plan.

Policy Implications

Council Policy 1.4 Community Engagement
Council Policy 1.5 Asset Management

Strategic Implications

The Community Strategic Plan is the principal plan articulating the priorities of the community and determining how those priorities will be resourced and brought through to completion.

Financial Implications

Given that it is intended to manage the community strategic planning process by using in – house resources rather than external consultants (apart from the asset management/ valuation components for which a Reserve fund has been established), there should not be any financial implications outside of the usual operational costs of the Shire.



Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority

☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council reviews the Core Drivers for the Shire of Westonia in the compact Community Strategic Plan prior to having the Solum staff create the final version for adoption.


RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Huxtable **Seconded:** Cr Della Bosca

07/07-18 That Council reviews the Core Drivers for the Shire of Westonia in the compact Community Strategic Plan prior to having the Solum staff create the final version for adoption.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.6 ADOPTION OF BUDGET 2018/2019

Responsible Officer:	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
Author:	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
File Reference:	F1.2.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment	
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report

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Executive Decision

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Legislative Requirement

Background

A copy of the proposed 2018/19 Budget is attached for Council's consideration.

A draft budget was reviewed by Council at the June Ordinary meeting and the attached budget is a consolidation and completion of those discussions and the original draft document.

The budget shows a zero surplus/deficit as at 30th June 2019. This is required so as to comply with financial management regulations.

The opening operating surplus as at 1st July 2018 is estimated at \$1,371,931.00

Included in this surplus are grants/income received during the 2017/18 financial year with projects carrying over to the 2018/19 year. These include:

Nil

TOTAL RESTRICTED CASH **\$660,203**

All road construction jobs requested have been included; however the prioritising of this area is again left to Council to consider. Council will need to review all information carefully and determine the most suitable program, taking into consideration resource capacity.

GRANTS – 2018/2019 NOTIONAL GRANT ALLOCATIONS

Advice has not yet been received from the WALGGC on grants to be received by local governments for 2018/2019.

For Westonia the total notional grant to be received is approximately \$1,228,000 which consists of \$478,000 for local road funding and \$750,000 for general purpose funding. The grants are considered notional as the Commonwealth is yet to advise the WALGGC of the final pool of funds. The Federal Government in their wisdom have decided to pre-pay a portion (roughly 50%) of the notional grants in the 2017/18 financial year. This amount totals \$660,203 and is listed as restricted cash.

ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS FUNDING

Council, through the CEACA project were successful in obtaining \$20 million in funding via Royalties for Regions to construct 75 Independent Living Units (ILU's) to the CEACA region. This will mean an additional 2 unit for Westonia, located on the Old School site.

Council's contribution to this project was \$54,400 in 2017/18 and was funded out of the Community Development Reserve which was paid in June 2017.

Due to some reductions in funding from the Minister for Regional Development, three (3) houses were deleted from the program and their contributions were to be refunded by the existing Council's. This amounted to \$833.33 per unit (2) being \$1,666.66 and \$339 per unit (2) being \$678.00 to balance the construction budget for the CEACA Project.

PLANT & VEHICLE PURCHASES

The 2017/2018 Draft Budget makes provision for the following plant and vehicle purchases

	Purchase	Trade Value	Net
CEO Vehicle x 2	\$137,000	\$142,000	\$ (5,000)
Supervisor Vehicle x 2	\$108,000	\$104,000	\$ 4,000
Road Sweeper JCB	\$ 10,000	\$ Nil	\$ 10,000
	\$255,000	\$246,000	\$ 9,000

WAGE & SALARIES INCREASE

Senior Staff Salaries will receive a modest increase during the 2018/18 financial year.

All non-contract staff will receive an increase of 3.5% and per the National Wage Case decision. The draft budget provides for this increase.

CONSIDERATION OF TRUST AND RESERVE FUND 2018/2019 DRAFT BUDGETS

The Draft Trust and Reserve Fund Budgets for 2017/2018 are included in the Draft 2017/2018 Budget and are for Council consideration.

There has been consideration for a minimum transfer of \$275,000 from Municipal Funds to Plant Reserve as per the Plant Replacement Program.



Comment

The budget contains the following provisions.

Valuations

GRV Residential/Commercial	\$650,021 – reduction of 9.47% from last year;
GRV Mining -	\$1,305,800 – reduction of 21.8% from last year;
UV Rural -	\$42,646,700 – increase of .061% from last year; and
UV Mining -	\$187,886 – increase of 36.6% from last year.

Rating

GRV Residential -	6.8641 cents in the \$;	
GRV Comm/Industrial/Other-	6.8641 cents in the \$;	
GRV Mining -	19.5194 cents in the \$;	
UV Rural -	1.4677 cents in the \$; and	
UV Mining -	1.4677 cents in the \$.	
Minimum Rate	UV Mining	\$200.00
	All Other	\$355.00

Differential Rate Explanation

Objects and Reasons for GRV Mining Differential Rate

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

- Ensuring mining rates payable are no less than the average rates payable, per property, in part to;
- compensate for the different method and comparatively lower valuation level;
- to recognise the often short term tenure of mining projects in the region; and

- to maintain comparability with other commercial operations in the rural sector.
- Applying a percentage premium above the average rates payable, per property, at a level determined by the Council, to reflect the following:
 - the impacts of higher road infrastructure maintenance costs to Council as a result of frequent very heavy vehicle use over extensive lengths of roads throughout the year;
 - additional emergency service arrangements that have to be put in place;
 - the monitoring of environmental impacts of clearing, noise, dust and smell;
 - planning, building and health assessment cost; and
 - additional costs of amenities and services provided to cater for the employees of the mining operations, such as recreation, parking and law, order and public safety due to the increased population of the 160 man mining camp situated in the Westonia townsite which almost triples the population of the town and creates a massive burden on Council's resources.

Council advertised that it proposed to adopt the following rates in the dollar for the 2017/18 budget with submissions to close by the 16th June 2016. No Objections were raised.

General GRV – 6.8641 cents,

Mining GRV – 19.5194 cents,

Minimum rate all categories - \$355 except UV Mining \$200.

There was no requirement to impose a differential rate on UV Mining as the amounts were negligible.

The Differential Rates advertised were the equivalent of a 5% rate increase. This Budget if adopted is without a large change is with a 5% rate increase.

The actual rate advertised (5.9533 cents) differs slightly to the rate to be imposed for the GRV – Residential (6.8641 cents) and the advertised (16.0175 cents) which differs to the rate imposed for the Mining GRV (19.5194 cents). This is due to some slight changes in GRV valuations resulting from the full revaluation of GRV valuations, which was expect next financial year. This happened between the advertising period and the final setting of the rate modelling. This will need to be reported on in the motion.

Early Rate Payment Incentive Scheme

As in past years the Rates Officer, Stacey Geier, has been successful in obtaining several donated prizes for the early payment of rates incentive scheme.

"Issue Date" will be set at 27th July 2018.

For the payment of Rates in full, by the due date of 3rd September 2018 ratepayers will go into the draw for these prizes.

Due Dates for Payment of Rates

The Local Government Act provides that ratepayers have the right to pay rates by one or four installments or by some other installment plan that is set forth in the local government's budget.

In recent years the Shire of Westonia has included in its annual budget the option for rates to be also paid by a two installment plan.

The attached budget includes the three payment options however the due dates of installments for the two payments option have been restructured.

The proposed due dates of installments are as follows:-

Based on an "Issue Date" of 27th July 2018:

One payment option - due date of 3rd September 2018;

Two installments option - due dates of 3rd September 2018 and 11th January 2019.

Four installments option - due dates of 3rd September 2018, 7th November 2018, 11th January 2019 and 13th March 2019.

Interest Charges on Overdue rates

The attached budget contains a continuation of the use of 11% in this regard.

Charges on Rate Installment Plans

The attached budget contains a continuation of the use of 5.5% as a charge on outstanding installment payments.

In addition, there is an administration charge of \$12 on each installment payment except the first installment.

Refuse Collection Charges

This is to increase to \$165 per 240 litre bin to cover increasing refuse site charges. An increase of \$5 per annum.

Elected Member Entitlements

These are:-

- President's Annual Attendance Fee \$4,553;
- President's Annual Entertainment Allowance \$1,000; and
- Councillor's Annual Attendance Fee \$3,553.

Fees and Charges

The fees and charges for the various services that the Shire provides are listed in pages 40 and 42 in the budget.

Projects

The main capital projects included for the year are:-

- Minor works at the Old School;
- Minor works (painting) to Miners Hall;
- Painting of exterior of two (2) transportable houses;
- Roll over of various desktop computers;
- Complete Recycling shed.
- Construction of 2 aged houses (two 2x2 houses) on old School site (CEACA – outside of budget);
- Solar Panels at 2 residences;
- Over \$1,055,000 worth of road works;
- Re-align Warrachuppin Road (Private Works)
- Transfer of \$275,000 to Plant Reserve as per Plant Replacement program;

TENDERS FOR PLANT, VEHICLES, BITUMEN, GOODS & SERVICES

Management seeks authorisation from Council to commence calling tenders for material items over \$150,000. Purchases required under this amount are now dealt with in accordance with Councils Purchasing Policy.

Council will be required to review the Draft Budget and offer recommendations prior to its finalisation.

Statutory Environment

Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires that not later than 31 August in each financial year the local government is to prepare and adopt a budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending on the next following 30 June.

Division 5 and 6 of Part 6 of the *Local Government Act 1995* refers to the setting of budgets and raising of rates and charges. The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* details the form and content of the budget. The draft 2018/19 Budget as presented is considered to meet the statutory requirements.

Policy Implications

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

Strategic Implications

The draft 2018/19 Budget has been compiled on the principles contained in the Strategic Resource Plan.

Financial Implications

Budget of financial income and expenditure for 2018/2019 financial year.

The overall objective of the proposed rates in the 2017/18 Budget is to provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire's services, activities, financing costs and the current and future capital requirements of the Shire. Council has determined its required rates yield after taking into account all revenue sources, expenditure and efficiency measures as part of budget deliberations. The Council was satisfied that it has, on an ongoing basis, reviewed its expenditure, and this is supported by the fact that it has not increased its full time employee numbers since 2012. In support of its measures to continue to ensure maximum efficiency and effectiveness within its operational costs, and in recognition of the slow growth in the economy, especially with regard to the mining sector, the Council requested that the 2017-18 rates be set at the minimum levels set out in the Strategic Community Plan & LTFFP .

In Reviewing its expenditure and considered efficiency measures as part of its budget deliberations, the following actions have been undertaken:

Efficiency Measures:

- reviewed the need for and remuneration of each position as vacancies arise;
- expanded the provision of road building services to other local governments on a fee for service basis;
- conducted several internal audits of governance and legislative compliance;
- reduced some facility opening hours in line with service review findings regarding usage patterns;
- review staff housing policy;
- disposed of surplus staff housing stock.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council resolves by absolute majority the adoption of:-

1. the 2018/19 budget as shown in the attachment following this report;
2. the rating levels of:
General GRV – 6.8641 cents,

Mining GRV –	19.5194 cents,
Mine UV –	1.4677 cents,
UV –	1.4677 cents,
Minimum rate all categories - \$355 except UV Mining \$200.	

Differential Rate Explanation

The Differential Rates raised in the 2018/19 Annual Budget and requires reporting on as per the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995.

The actual rate advertised (5.9533 cents) differs to the rate to be imposed for the GRV – Residential (6.8641 cents) and the advertised (16.0175 cents) which differs to the rate imposed for the Mining GRV (19.5194 cents). This is due to some slight changes in GRV valuations resulting from the full revaluation of GRV valuations this year, which was expect next financial year. This happened between the advertising period and the final setting of the rate modelling.

3. the total valuations as supplied by the Valuer General being GRV - \$1,955,821 and UV - \$42,834,586;
4. the early rates payment incentive scheme be offered consisting of eligibility to be in the draw for the prizes for full payment of rates and arrears by 3rd September 2018.
5. the due dates for payment of rates be set at, based on the Issue Date of 27th July 2018:

one payment option	3 rd September 2018;
two payment option	3 rd September 2018 and 11 th January 2019; and
four payment option	3 rd September 2018, 7 th November 2018, 11 th January 2019 and 13 th March 2019.
6. the interest charge on overdue rates and other monies be 11% per annum;
7. the administration charge to apply to installment plans be \$12 per installment except the first installment;
8. the interest charge on installment plans be 5.5% to apply after the first installment;
9. That Trust and Reserve Fund Budgets for 2018/2019 be adopted;
10. a \$165 per 240 litre bin fee for collection and disposal of refuse;
11. the fees and charges as shown at pages 40 to 42;
12. the elected member entitlements for 2018/19 be set at:

President's Annual Attendance Fee	\$4,553;
President's Annual Entertainment Allowance	\$1,000; and
Councillor's Annual Attendance Fee	\$3,553.
13. the % of variance used in the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with Finance Regulation 34(5) be set at \$10,000 or 15% to be applied.
14. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to call tenders, as per the requirements and provisions of the Local Government Act 1995, for the provision of goods and services as approved within the 2017/2018 Budget.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Corsini

07/07-18

That due to the notification of the Differential Rates not being received, that Council endorses the following proposed rates to be imposed for 2018/19:

General GRV – 6.8641 cents,

Mining GRV – 19.5194 cents,

Mine UV – 1.4677 cents,

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Minimum rate all categories - \$355 except UV Mining \$200.

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That Council call a Special meeting of Council as soon as practicable to formally adopt the 2018/19 Annual Budget and notes.

Note: Council's Resolution differs from the original recommendation as Council could not formally adopt the Budget without receiving advise from the Department of Local Government. Council is endorsing the rates in the dollar and total valuations, with a special meeting of Council to be arranged as soon as practicable to adopt the 2018/19 Annual Budget formally.

CARRIED 6/0

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE

9.2.1 REGIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS REVIEW 2018

Responsible Officer:	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
Author:	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
File Reference:	CA 4.2.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:		
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

To inform Council that the Australian Government's Minister for Regional Communications, Senator Bridget McKenzie, has announced the 2018 Regional Telecommunications Review.

Background

The Minister has advised that a Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee is established every 3 years under Part 9B of the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protections and Services Standards) Act 1999* to conduct a review into telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia.

The Committee in 2018 is comprised of Mr Sean Edwards (Chair, Ms Wendy Duncan, Ms Johanna Plante, Ms Robbie Sefton, Ms Kylie Stretton and Mr Paul Weller.

As part of the review, the Committee will consider:-

- How regional communities can maximize the economic benefits of digital technologies;
- How regional consumers use their broadband services and how they might derive further benefit from it; and
- The outcomes achieved the Mobile Black Spot Program, and examine the extent of the existing gaps in mobile coverage in regional Australia.

Comment

The Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee's Terms of reference are outlined in the attached Issues Paper.

The Committee welcomes submissions from individuals, businesses, peak bodies and other interested organisations. Submissions will close on Sunday, 5 August 2018 at 5,00pm. It is the intention of the Committee to conduct face to face meetings with meetings being scheduled in Bunbury, Albany and Kalgoorlie in the week commencing 16 July 2018.

Staff will be advertising the Review in an upcoming edition of the "Westonian" and on the Facebook Page.

Council may wish to provide a submission to the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee and if so, it would be appreciated if Councillors could provide issues of relevance that could be included in a submission. Questions below:

1. What are the main barriers to people in regional communities increasing their use of digital technologies and possible solutions for overcoming these barriers?
2. How are people in regional communities currently using their broadband service and how might they increase the benefits of using this technology?
3. What data-intensive activities are occurring in regional, rural and remote Australia? What digital technologies are needed for these?

4. How can regional businesses better utilise digital technologies to maximise economic benefits?
5. What can be done to improve access to and uptake of telecommunications services in remote Indigenous communities?
6. Are there practical examples of how communications services can improve the well-being of people in remote Indigenous communities?
7. What skills do people need to get the most from their digital technologies, and where can they learn these skills?
8. Have you had ongoing issues affecting your satellite or fixed wireless broadband service? If so, how have you overcome these issues?
9. If you are in an area with access to the Sky Muster satellite service and you have not taken it up, why not?
10. What economic or social indicators could be used to guide investment to further improve mobile coverage?
11. Is information readily available regarding how to use devices to improve mobile reception in areas with poor coverage? E.g. information about external antenna equipment?
12. What emerging digital services will be of most benefit to regional businesses and what are the data needs of these services?
13. What broadband services are people using other than those available through the NBN?
14. How can more competition be encouraged in the provision of broadband services in regional Australia?

Statutory Environment

Telecommunications (Consumer Protections and Services Standards) Act 1999

Policy Implications

There are no policies relating to this matter.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Yilgarn Strategic Community Plan 2016-2026 – Economic – Improved Telecommunications Infrastructure – Continue to lobby for improved telecommunications infrastructure to eliminate blackspots in the Shire and embrace the opportunities afforded by NBN

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That should Council wish to provide a submission to the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee on the 2018 Regional Telecommunications Review, Councillors provide staff with relevant matters for inclusion in the submission, noting that submissions close on 5 August 2018.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Della Bosca

Seconded: Cr Corsini

08/07-18 That Council provide comment to the Chief Executive Officer in relation to the submission to the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee on the 2018 Regional Telecommunications Review prior to its closure on 5 August 2018.

CARRIED 6/0

9.3 WORKS AND SERVICE

Cr Huxtable declared an interest in item 9.3.1 Road Closure – Carrabin South Road (Portion), Carrabin as he is the owner of the property.

RESOLUTION


Moved: Cr Jefferys

Seconded: Cr Geier

09/07-18 That Cr Huxtable be permitted to stay in the meeting during discussion.

CARRIED 6/0

9.3.1 ROAD CLOSURE – CARRABIN SOUTH ROAD (PORTION), CARRABIN

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

Purpose of the Report

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Executive Decision

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Legislative Requirement

Background

As Councillors will be aware, the WA State Government announced a \$17.2 million funding package over two (2) years for reconstruction works along the Great Eastern Highway, between Walgoolan and Southern Cross. \$10.8 million is to be spent in this financial year (2018/19) for road improvement works to be carried out between 297.66 and 302.66 SLK through the Carrabin townsite.

In order to progress the works, several requests from Main Roads require discussion and executive approval to ensure that the correct procedures are adhered to allow the works to progress.

Community/Stakeholder Consultation

Landholders Rythdale Pty Ltd (B & J Huxtable).

Warrakiri Pty Ltd

Comment

Below are a list of procedural requirements in relation to Road Dedication, Shire Reserve Excision and closed road disposal:

Road Dedication

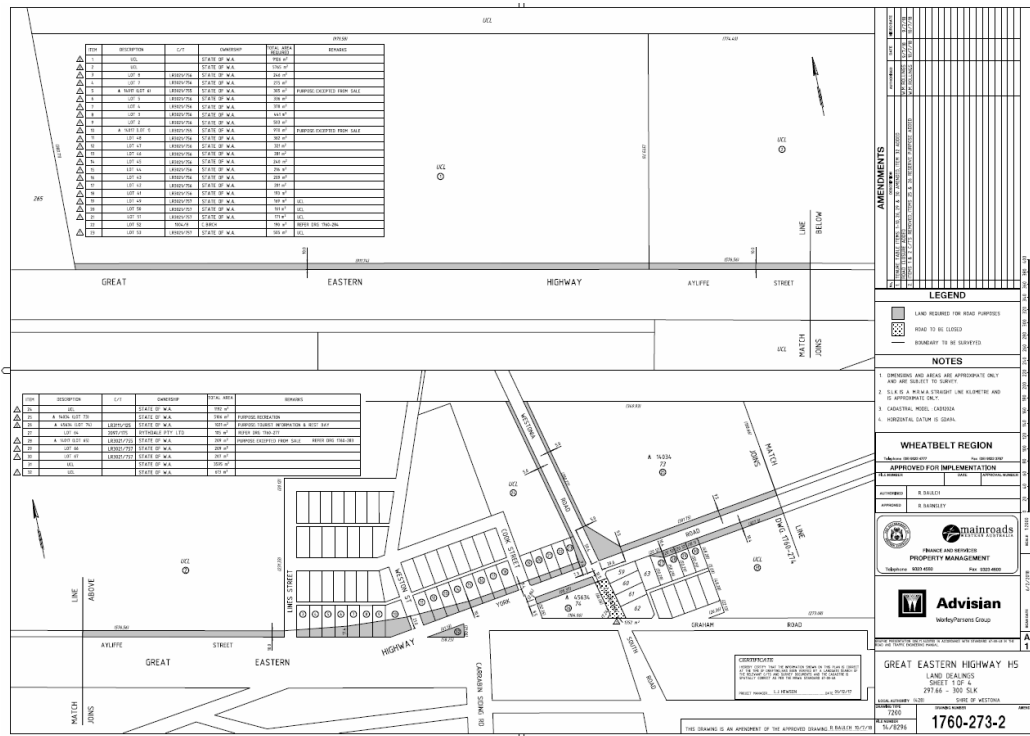
Attached for consideration by Council are plans showing land required for road improvement works to be carried out between 297.66 and 302.66 SLK on GEH. In order for the project to proceed, the land shown shaded on the enclosed copies of Land Dealings Plans (LOP) 1760- 273-2 and 1760-274-1 is required for inclusion in the road reserve.

Main Roads has consulted with all affected private land owners and other relevant parties including the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) and arrangements for land acquisition are being progressed. To enable the land to be dedicated as road reserve it is a requirement of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA) that local governments resolve to dedicate the road.

"It would be appreciated if Council could consider the matter at its next meeting and provide the following statement in a letter to Main Roads marked for my attention. This will satisfy the requirements of Regional and Metro Services (RMS) at DPLH, who will be arranging dedication when the land has been acquired."

"Council at its ordinary meeting held on (Day Month Year) passed a resolution for the dedication of the land the subject of Main Roads Land Dealing Plans 1760-273-2 and 1760-274-1 as a road pursuant to section 56 of the Land Administration Act 1997." Road Closure

In addition as we discussed, can you please initiate the road closure process for the 1352m2 section of Carrabin South Road as shown hatched on LOP 1760-273-2. Following advertising of the proposal, please request a Council resolution pursuant to section 58 of the LAA.

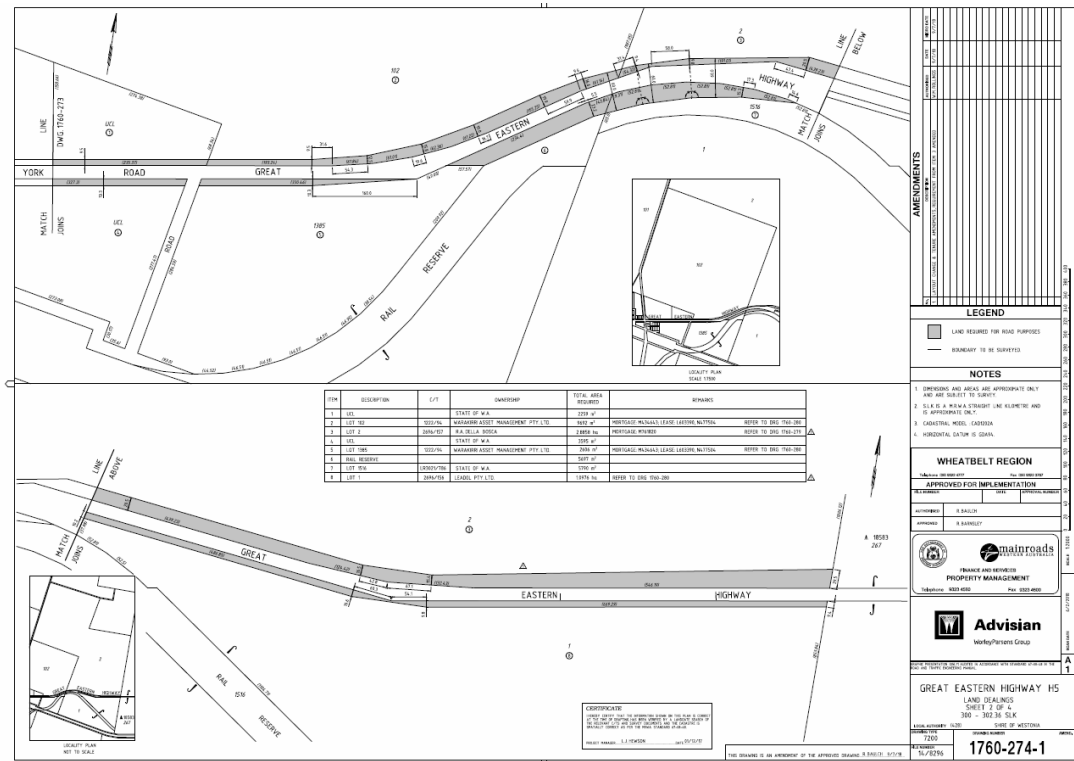


Shire Reserve Excision

Consent is requested from the Shire as the management body of Reserve 45634 (purpose of Tourist Information and Rest Bay) to excise 1021m2 of land as required for road widening and dedication. The land requirement from Reserve 45634 is shown as Item 26 on LOP 1760-273-2.

In relation to Reserve 45634, can you please provide:

- The Shire's agreement to excise the land required for the road widening ex Reserve 45634 as shown on LOP 1760-273-2.
- Advice as to whether the Shire has granted any interests over Reserve 45634 that would be affected by the proposed road widening and dedication.
- Consent to Main Roads and its contractors to enter onto Reserve 45634 to carry out construction works which will commence prior to the excision from the reserve being completed.



Closed Road Disposal

The Shire may wish to request DPLH to amalgamate the section of Carrabin South Road (when closed and converted into unallocated Crown land) into either the adjoining freehold lots if agreed to by the landowner, or Shire managed Reserve 45634.

Main Roads in the near future will arrange for land acquisition valuations and cadastral survey to be undertaken for the project. Together with addressing road dedication and closure requirements a valuation (only required for amalgamation with freehold land) and deposited plan could also be arranged by Main Roads to accommodate the disposal of the closed road. Please advise Main Roads if this is required.



Main Roads will cover all costs and claims that may arise as a result of the dedication and road closure.

Statutory Environment

Section 3.50, 3.51 of the Local Government Act, 1995;

Compliance with the Land Administration Act 1977 and the Land Administration Regulation 1998.;

Section 56 of the Land Administration Act 1997;

Section 58 of the Land Administration Act 1997.

Policy Implications

There are no policies relating to this matter.

Strategic Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

Main Roads will cover all costs and claims that may arise as a result of the dedication and road closure.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Cr Huxtable left the meeting at 5.47pm

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council resolves the following:

1. For the dedication of the land the subject of Main Roads Land Dealing Plans 1760-273-2 and 1760-274-1 as a road pursuant to section 56 of the Land Administration Act 1997.
2. Initiate the road closure process for the approx. 1600m2 section of Carrabin South Road as shown hatched on LOP 1760-273-2 and offer to include the land in the adjoining freehold lots owned by Rythdale Pty Ltd or if not required, include in the Reserve 45634 (purpose of Tourist Information and Rest Bay).
3. In relation to Reserve 45634, Council agrees to:
 - a) Excise the land required of approx (1,021m2) for the road widening ex Reserve 45634 (purpose of Tourist Information and Rest Bay) to Main Roads as shown on LOP 1760-273-2.
 - b) Advice as to whether the Shire has granted any interests over Reserve 45634 that would be affected by the proposed road widening and dedication - None.
 - c) Consent to Main Roads and its contractors to enter onto Reserve 45634 to carry out construction works which will commence prior to the excision from the reserve being completed
4. Following advertising of the above proposals, please request a Council resolution pursuant to the requirements of the Land Administration Act 1997.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

10/07-18

That Council resolves the following:

1. For the dedication of the land the subject of Main Roads Land Dealing Plans 1760-273-2 and 1760-274-1 as a road pursuant to section 56 of the Land Administration Act 1997.
2. Initiate the road closure process for the approx. 1600m² section of Carrabin South Road as shown hatched on LOP 1760-273-2 and offer to include the land in the adjoining freehold lots owned by Rythdale Pty Ltd or if not required, include in the Reserve 45634 (purpose of Tourist Information and Rest Bay).
3. In relation to Reserve 45634, Council agrees to:
 - a) Excise the land required of approx (1,021m²) for the road widening ex Reserve 45634 (purpose of Tourist Information and Rest Bay) to Main Roads as shown on LOP 1760-273-2.
 - b) Advice as to whether the Shire has granted any interests over Reserve 45634 that would be affected by the proposed road widening and dedication - None.
 - c) Consent to Main Roads and its contractors to enter onto Reserve 45634 to carry out construction works which will commence prior to the excision from the reserve being completed
4. Following advertising of the above proposals, please request a Council resolution pursuant to the requirements of the Land Administration Act 1997.

CARRIED 4/1

Cr Huxtable re-entered the meeting at 5.49pm

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

NIL

10 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Corsini

Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

11/07-18 That Council allows the following one (1) items of new business of an urgent nature.

CARRIED 6/0

11.1 STANDPIPE CONTROLLERS

Responsible Officer: Jamie Criddle, CEO

Author: Jamie Criddle, CEO

File Reference:

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments: Attachment

Signature: Officer CEO



Purpose of the Report

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Executive Decision

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Legislative Requirement

To consider the purchase of two solar powered standpipe controllers with the purpose of achieving better cost recovery for water taken from a Council provided facility and reduce the misuse of water by outside users.

Background

There seems to be two problems with the standpipe usage within the Shire at present, the first being the misuse of water by outside users such as contractors and non-residents while other is the use of standpipe water for farming/business practices other than for the purpose of tendering of stock and household use.

While Council have historically not charged for water usage for the purpose of tendering of stock and household use, Council should not be subsidising the cost of business practices for the purposes of spraying and other such uses.

Comment

A company by the name of Waterman Irrigation have designed and manufactured a solar powered standpipe controller which is operated by a swipe card. The information is then stored within the controller and downloaded via a laptop computer from which accounts can be generated once back in the office. Council have a total of eight standpipes within the shire and 3 strategic emergency use only water tanks.

The estimated cost of each solar powered unit is \$14,193 plus 100 swipe cards at \$15 each and an installation fee of \$500 per unit plus GST.

It was suggested that we trial the use of Standpipe controllers at strategic sites and purchase two units plus 100 swipe cards and fit one unit to the standpipe in Carrabin and the other unit in Walgoolan.

The total cost for the supply and installation of the two units including 100 swipe cards is \$32,386 plus GST.

Council has \$20,545 allocated in the Trust account from a previous water extension along George Road dating back to the late 1990's. This was due to Council contributing the majority of the man hours to the job, which created the savings. It is recommended that Council transfers the \$20k from Trust and contributes the difference of approximately \$12k to complete the two stand pipes.

It is then suggested that Council budgets for one (1) additional controller each year, until the more strategic standpipes are fitted. It is also suggested that if the decision goes ahead, that an extensive media campaign occur to ensure that affected landholders have sufficient time to make "on farm" arrangements.

If Council decided to trial the Standpipe Controllers, the only problem would be the access to emergency vehicles such as the local fire brigades. This could be alleviated by placing swipe cards in the emergency vehicles and if water was used on a farmer's card then they would advise Council to have the charge deleted.



Statutory Environment

Nil



Policy Implications

Nil



Strategic Implications

Nil



Financial Implications

The cost of \$32,000 would need to be added to the budget, with \$20k to be transferred from Trust and the additional \$12k to come from Municipal funds.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council agree to install two (2) two solar powered standpipe controllers in Carrabin and Walgoolan, with Council transferring the \$20k from the Trust account (George Road Water Extension) and contributes the difference of approximately \$12k from Municipal Funds to complete the two stand pipes.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Huxtable

Seconded:

Cr Della Bosca

12/07-18

That Council agree to install two (2) two solar powered standpipe controllers in Carrabin and Walgoolan, with Council transferring the \$20k from the Trust account (George Road Water Extension) and contributes the difference of approximately \$12k from Municipal Funds to complete the two stand pipes

CARRIED 5/1

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 16th August 2018 commencing at 3.30pm

13 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the President, Cr Day declared the meeting closed at 7.29pm