

SHIRE OF
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Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia
Thursday 21st July 2022

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 18th August 2022 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 21st July 2022.

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Cr Karin Day
Shire President

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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.

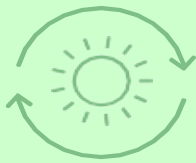
OUR VISION

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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.

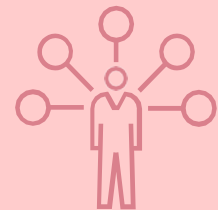
Our community has the opportunity to be active, socialised and connected.

- 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.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President, Cr Day welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 3.34pm.

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Cr KM Day	President
Cr RM Crees	Deputy President
Cr DL Geier	
Cr WJ Huxtable	
Cr RS Corsini	
Cr RA Della Bosca	

Staff:

Mr.AW Price	Chief Executive Officer
Mrs JA Geier	Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Members of the Public: Nil

Apologies: Nil

Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.35pm-3.55pm)

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 23rd June be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Corsini	Seconded:	Cr Geier
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01/07-22	That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23rd June 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 Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on Monday 27th June 2022 at Merredin be accepted.

That the minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held on Monday 27th June 2022 at Merredin be accepted.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Crees

Seconded: Cr Corsini

02/07-22 That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on Monday 27th June 2022 at Merredin be accepted.

That the minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held on Monday 27th June 2022 at Merredin be accepted.

CARRIED 6/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- WEROC Inc Board Meeting 27th June 2022
- Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting 27th June 2022
- Burracoppin Football Club 100yr Celebration
- Wheatbelt North RRG Zoom Meeting
- LGIS Golf Day in August 2022

The Deputy President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:

- Burracoppin Football Club 100yr Celebration
- Rural Water Meeting in Cunderdin

Cr Corsini advised having attended the following meetings:

- LGIS Golf Day preparation

Cr DellaBosca advised having attended the following meetings:

- Burracoppin Football Club 100yr Celebration
- Rural Water Meeting in Cunderdin

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 **21st July 2022**.

Name/Position	CEO Bill Price & Cr Ross DellaBosca
Item No./Subject	9.4.1 Planning application amalgamations various lots Westonia
Nature of interest	Financial Interest
Extent of Interest	Owner of the properties being discussed

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 **21st July 2022**.

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 **21st July 2022**.

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:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Manager of Corporate Services
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 June be obtained.

Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of 30th June 2022. The credit card statements currently show: -

CEO

June 2022 \$2607.98 associated with the purchase of 1049451 Cloud Anti Spam Recurring, Malwarebytes Endpoint Protection - Workstations, Servers & Anti Spam/Domain Microsoft 365 Business Standard Recurring Sub ID 1049450 & 1049449 15/5/22-14/6/22, Microsoft 365 Business Standard Recurring 23/5/22 - 22/6/22 #1038203 Microsoft Office365 Business Standard Recurring 18/5/22 - 17/6/22 #1047021 P14 - Diesel for Landcruiser, 100GB Skymuster Activ8me-Administration Office 100GB Skymuster Activ8me - CEO 100GB Skymuster Activ8me – Works, Just Check Rapid Antigen Tests, Staff accommodation

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 2021/2022 Annual Budget.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That June 2022 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers numbered from 3994 to 3998, and D/Debits from EFT5595 to EFT5662 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure/Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$405,606.59 be passed for payment.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr DellaBosca

Seconded:



Cr Huxtable

03/07-22

That June 2022 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers numbered from 3994 to 3998, and D/Debits from EFT5595 to EFT5662 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure/Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$405,606.59 be passed for payment.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – JUNE 2022

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Manager of Corporate Services
File Reference:	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity
Signature:	Officer  CEO 

Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

Background

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

Comment

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending 30th June 2022 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 2021/2022 Budget
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996
Local Government Act 1995 section 6.4

Policy Implications

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

Strategic Implications

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



Financial Implications

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

Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – JUNE 2022

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Manager of Corporate Services
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 2022 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 totaling \$14,246.00 for the period ending 30th June 2022 adopted.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Corsini

Seconded: Cr Geier


05/07-22

That the GST Reconciliation totaling \$14,246.00 for the period ending 30th June 2022 adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.4 ADOPTION OF BUDGET 2022/2023

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



Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision
 Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is to as per 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.

Background

A copy of the proposed 2022/23 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 opening operating surplus as at 1st July 2022 is estimated at \$ 1,866,171.

Included in this surplus are grants/income received during the 2021/22 financial year relevant to the 2022/23 year. These include:

FAGS Grant	\$ 1,329,095
WAPHA Funding	\$ 31,250
<u>TOTAL RESTRICTED CASH</u>	<u>\$ 1,360,345</u>

GRANTS – 2022/2023 NATIONAL GRANT ALLOCATIONS

Advice has been received from the WALGGC on grants to be received by local governments for 2022/2023.

For Westonia the total national grant to be received is \$ 1,708,964 which consists of \$ 603,358 for local road funding and \$ 1,105,606 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 80 %) of the national grants in the 2021/22 financial year. This amount totals \$ 1,329,095 and is listed as restricted cash.

PLANT & VEHICLE PURCHASES

The 2022/2023 Draft Budget makes provision for the following plant and vehicle purchases:

	Purchase	Trade Value	Net
CEO Vehicle x 1	\$ 100,000	\$ 120,000	\$ (20,000)
Supervisor Vehicle x 2	\$ 122,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 12,000
Canter	\$ 70,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 48,000
Sidetippers	\$ 330,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 240,000
Mower/Utility Tractor	<u>\$ 40,000</u>	<u>\$ Nil</u>	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
	<u>\$ 592,000</u>	<u>\$ 320,000</u>	<u>\$ 324,000</u>

WAGE & SALARIES INCREASE

Senior Staff Salaries will receive a modest increase during the 2022/23 financial year.

All non-contract staff will receive an increase of 4% and per the National Wage Case decision. The draft budget provides for this increase.

CONSIDERATION OF TRUST AND RESERVE FUND 2022/2023 DRAFT BUDGET

The Draft Trust and Reserve Fund Budget for 2022/23 are included in the Draft 2022/2023 Budget and are for Council consideration.

There has been consideration for a maximum net transfer of \$ 461,250.00 from Municipal Funds to the following Reserves;

Leave Reserve	\$1,000
Plant Reserve	(\$ 70,000)
Building Reserve	\$ 265,000
Communication	\$ 250
Community Development	\$ 1,500
Waste Management	\$ 500
Swimming Pool	\$ 58,000
Roadworks	\$ 205,000
Total Reserves	<u>\$ 461,250</u>



Comment

The budget contains the following provisions with a 4% rate increase across the board which equates to @ \$ 42,000.

Valuations

GRV Residential/Commercial	\$709,822 – same as last year (new properties added).
GRV Mining -	\$1,305,800 – same as last year.
UV Rural -	\$53,948,200 – increase of 20.35% from last year; and
UV Mining -	\$262,258 – increase of 61.23% from last year.

Rating

GRV Residential -	7.6046 cents in the \$.
GRV Comm/Industrial/Other-	7.6046 cents in the \$.
GRV Mining -	21.3535 cents in the \$.
UV Rural -	1.4065 cents in the \$; and
UV Mining -	1.4065 cents in the \$.
Minimum Rate	UV Mining \$200.00
	All Other \$370.00

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 2022/23 budget with submissions closing by the 26th May 2022. No Objections were raised.

General GRV – 7.6046 cents,
Mining GRV – 21.3535 cents,

Minimum rate all categories - \$370 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 based on a 4% rate increase.

Early Rate Payment Incentive Scheme

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

"Issue Date" will be set at 1st August 2022.

For the payment of Rates in full, by the due date of 7th September 2022 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 instalment 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 instalments are as follows:-

Based on an "Issue Date" of 1st August 2022:

One payment option - due date of 7th September 2022.

Two instalments option - due dates of 7th September 2022 and 11th January 2023.

Four instalments option - due dates of 7th September 2022, 9th November 2022, 11th January 2023 and 15th March 2023.

Interest Charges on Overdue rates

The attached budget contains a pre-covid interest rate charged on overdue rates @ 11%.

Charges on Rate Instalment Plans

The attached budget contains a pre-covid interest rate charged on Instalment plans @ 5.5%.

In addition, the administration charge of \$12 on each installment payment has been reinstated.

Refuse Collection Charges

This is to **increase** to \$ 195 per 240 litre bin to cover increasing refuse site charges. An increase of \$ 15 per annum.

Elected Member Entitlements

These **remain** at:-

- President's Annual Attendance Fee \$4,589;
- President's Annual Entertainment Allowance \$1,000; and
- Councillor's Annual Attendance Fee \$3,679.

Fees and Charges

The fees and charges for the various services that the Shire provides are listed in pages 38 to 40 in the budget. Some Fees & Charges have had moderate changes although plant hire rates have been increased in consideration of rising fuel costs.

Projects

The main capital projects included for the year are: -

- Dr Surgery Relocation.
- Complete School Donga Project.
- Bowls Stadium & Green Extension.
- Completion of design details for Pool Kiosk Ablution building.
- New Chairs for Wanderers Stadium.
- Museum Display Expansion projects.
- Walgoolan Wagon Project.
- Over \$ 1,764,340 worth of road works.
- Repairs to existing footpaths.
- Continuation of Wolfram Street Façade Enhancements.
- Install disabled entrance to Admin Building:
- Transfer of (\$ 461,250) net to/from various Reserves.

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 2022/23 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 2022/23 Budget has been compiled on the principles contained in the Strategic Resource Plan.

Financial Implications

Budget of financial income and expenditure for 2022/2023 financial year.

The overall objective of the proposed rates in the 2022/23 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 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 2022-23 rates be set at the minimum levels set out in the Strategic Community Plan & LTFP .

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.
- 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 2022/23 budget as shown in the attachment following this report;

2. the rating levels of:

GRV Residential - 7.6046 cents in the \$.

GRV Comm/Industrial/Other- 7.6046 cents in the \$.

GRV Mining - 21.3535 cents in the \$.

UV Rural - 1.4065 cents in the \$; and

UV Mining - 1.4065 cents in the \$.

Minimum rate all categories - \$370 except UV Mining \$200.

Differential Rate Explanation

The Differential Rates raised in the 2022/23 Annual Budget requires reporting on as per the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995.

3. the total valuations as supplied by the Valuer General being GRV - \$ 2,015,682 and UV \$ 54,210,458;

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 7th September 2022.

5. the due dates for payment of rates be set at, based on the Issue Date of 1st August 2022:

One payment option - due date of 7th September 2022;

Two installments option - due dates of 7th September 2022 and 11th January 2023.

Four installments option - due dates of 7th September 2022, 9th November 2022, 11th January 2023 and 15th March 2023.

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 instalment.

8. the interest charge on installment plans be 5.5% to apply after the first instalment.


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9. That Trust and Reserve Fund Budgets for 2022/2023 be adopted;
10. a \$ 195 per 240 litre bin fee for collection and disposal of refuse;
11. the fees and charges as shown at pages 38 to 40.
12. the elected member entitlements for 2022/23 be set at:

President's Annual Attendance Fee	\$4,589;
President's Annual Entertainment Allowance	\$1,000; and
Councillor's Annual Attendance Fee	\$3,679.
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 2022/2023 Budget.

CARRIED by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

9.1.5 WALGA CONVENTION & AGM 2022

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	A2.8.5	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.6 Convention Brochure	
Signature:	Officer	CEO



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

This report seeks registrations from interested Councillors wishing to attend the forthcoming WALGA Conference and AGM being held from Sunday 2nd to Tuesday 4th October 2022.

Background

Details have been received from WALGA for the 2022 Local Government Week Convention and the Annual General Meeting.

The conference is to be held at the Crown Perth. The format for 2022 is included in the attached convention brochure.

The deadline for registrations is the 14th of September 2022.

Council requires delegates with voting entitlements for the WALGA Annual General Meeting, generally the President and Deputy if they attend.

In addition to the convention WALGA have provided formal notice of the Annual General Meeting and are seeking member motions.

This year there are also opportunities for professional development throughout the whole week of the conference. Elected Members can enroll for courses on the attached forms.

Comment

All registrations will be undertaken by Management, Councillors are requested not to progress with registration on line as indicated within the brochure.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

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

Strategic Implications


Financial Implications

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE

9.2.1 CSRFF GRANT APPLICATION RESUBMIT – BOWLING GREEN EXPANSION

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	F1.10.2
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

Signature:	Officer	CEO
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Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the application to be re-submitted to the Department of Sport & Recreations CSRFF Round 2 (August) Small Grants program with a commitment to Council's financial contribution to the project should the grant be successful.

Background

The purpose of the CSRFF program is to provide financial assistance to community groups and local governments to develop basic infrastructure for sport and recreation. The program aims to maintain or increase participation in sport and recreation with an emphasis on physical activity, through rational development of good quality, well-designed and well utilised facilities.

Council had previously submitted an application in the earlier March grant round and have just recently received correspondence advising that the application was unsuccessful citing that other applications had greater priority.

Comment

It is recommended that Council resubmit its application under the second small grants round with the same commitments as previously being

Total project cost \$ 255,000 (inc GST)

Council Funding \$ 85,000 (inc GST)

Bowling Club Funding \$ 85,000 (inc GST)

CSRFF Funding \$ 85,000 (inc GST)

Council is required, by way of Council resolution, to show a commitment to their financial contribution towards the project.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

Diorite Street Recreational Precinct Revitalisation Project.



Financial Implications

Funding commitment to the project is included in the 2022/23 financial year budget should the CSRFF grant be successful.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council endorse the proposed application re-submitted to the Department of Sport & Recreation CSRFF program with a commitment to include an amount of \$ 85,000 (inc GST) in the 2022/23 financial budget.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Geier

Seconded:

Cr Crees


08/07-22

That Council endorse the proposed application re-submitted to the Department of Sport & Recreation CSRFF program with a commitment to include an amount of \$ 85,000 (inc GST) in the 2022/23 financial budget.

CARRIED 6/0

9.2.2 LRCIP PHASE 3 FUNDING AMENDMENT – BOWLING STADIUM/GREEN EXTENSION

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



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's agreeance to amend its LRCIP Phase 3 project nomination from Swimming Pool Kiosk & Changerooms to the Bowls Stadium and Green Expansion project.

Background

Council would be aware of the Federal Government's LRCIP Phase 3 funding program which has an amount of \$ 722,464 allocated in the 2022/23 financial year.

Council at its December 2021 meeting resolved to nominate the Westonia Pool Kiosk & Changeroom upgrade project for these funds which was approved by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport & Regional Development in March 22.

Council also resolved at its June 22 Council meeting to allocate the LRCIP Phase 3 Top Up fund amounting to \$ 361,232 to the Bowling Club Stadium project. It has since come to light that the Stage 3 Top Up fund is for the 2023/24 financial year and an alternative project will need to be submitted for consideration.

Comment

The Swimming Pool Kiosk & Changeroom project is still very much in its developmental stage with detailed design, architectural drawings and tender processes still to be facilitated over the next few months. There is also concern that being able to engage a builder for the project in the short term and during the pool offseason may be problematic. Realistically the project needs to be pushed back to the 2023/24 financial year.

The Bowls Stadium and expansion project though is project ready and there is the opportunity to allocate the Phase 3 LRCIP funds to this project instead and nominate the Pool Kiosk project for the Phase 3 top up funds the following financial year.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

Social – Provide community facilities and promote social interaction

Financial Implications

The proposed amendment has been reflected in the 2022/23 budget.

9.3 WORKS AND SERVICE

Nil.

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICE

Cr DellaBosca & CEO Mr Bill Price declared a Financial Interest in item 9.4.1 Planning Application Amalgamations various lots Westonia Townsite. They are owners of some of the properties in question.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Corsini

10/07-22

That Cr DellaBosca and CEO Mr Bill Price be allowed to remain in the meeting for discussion.

CARRIED 5/0

9.4.1 PLANNING APPLICATION AMALGAMATIONS VARIOUS LOTS WESTONIA TOWNSITE

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	D2.1.2 Amalgamations/Subdivisions	
Disclosure of Interest:	Cr DellaBosca & Bill Price CEO (owners of some Lots mentioned below)	
Attachments:	Subdivision Illustrations	
Signature:	Officer	CEO



Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's support for the proposed amalgamation of the various Lots as listed below and as depicted in diagrams (attached)

- Lots 322 & 323 Scheelite Street
- Lots 324 & 325 Scheelite Street
- Lots 328 & 329 Scheelite Street
- Lots 343 & 344 Pyrites Street
- Lots 132 & 133 Diorite Street (includes a partial subdivision of portion Lot 132 and amalgamation of balance)

Background

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) has received applications for planning approval from Mr F & A Corsini for a proposed amalgamation of Lots 343 & 344 Pyrites Street Westonia. Also, Council initiated amalgamations of Lots 322 & 323, 324 & 325, and 328 & 329 Scheelite Street. Council has also initiated a partial subdivision and amalgamation of remaining portion of Lots 132 & 133 Diorite Street

Council has 42 days from application to make comments on the proposal to the WAPC, being 11 August 2022.

Comment

The proposals have been largely initiated by Council and supports the establishment of the larger residential lots on the Western section of the townsite.

Statutory Environment

Western Australian Planning Act (Amalgamations/Subdivisions)

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

Establishment of alternative lifestyle residential options for the community.

Financial Implications

Council initiated the processes on lots located in Scheelite & Diorite Streets and to date the fees have amounted to \$ 14,888.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council support the proposed amalgamation of the various Lots as listed below and as depicted in diagrams (attached)

- Lots 322 & 323 Scheelite Street
- Lots 324 & 325 Scheelite Street
- Lots 328 & 329 Scheelite Street
- Lots 343 & 344 Pyrites Street
- Lots 132 & 133 Diorite Street (includes a partial subdivision of portion Lot 132 and amalgamation of balance)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Crees

Seconded: Cr Huxtable

11/07-22

That Council support the proposed amalgamation of the various Lots as listed below and as depicted in diagrams (attached)

- Lots 322 & 323 Scheelite Street
- Lots 324 & 325 Scheelite Street
- Lots 328 & 329 Scheelite Street
- Lots 343 & 344 Pyrites Street
- Lots 132 & 133 Diorite Street (includes a partial subdivision of portion Lot 132 and amalgamation of balance)

CARRIED 5/0

9.4.2 GOLDFIELDS WATER SUPPLY SCHEME – HERITAGE LISTING

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.4.2 – Fact Sheet
Signature:	Officer CEO



Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's support for the proposed listing of the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme on the register of Heritage Places as proposed by the Department of Planning, Lands & Heritage.

Background

The Heritage Council of Western Australia recently considered the draft assessment, including a proposed Statement of Significance, for *Goldfields Water Supply Scheme* and resolved that:

- the place has cultural heritage significance pursuant to s.38 of the *Heritage Act 2018*; and,
- consultation should be undertaken on the proposal to enter the place in the Register of Heritage Places and the content of the draft Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance.

Comment

A Fact Sheet with details of the proposal have been attached for Councillor information.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council supports the proposed listing of the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme on the register of Heritage Places as proposed by the Department of Planning, Lands & Heritage.

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

Nil.

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on 18th August 2022 commencing at 3.30pm.

12. MEETING CLOSURE

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