Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting
Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia
Thursday 16th July 2026

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 16th July 2026 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 20th August 2026

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Cr RM Crees
Shire President

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

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Westonia

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

☐ **financial interest (Section 5.60A)**
A person has a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the local government, or an employee or committee of the local government or member of the council of the local government, in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.

☐ **proximity interest (Section 5.60B)**
A person has a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns a proposed —
(a) change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land;
(b) change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or
(c) development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.

☐ **interest affecting impartiality/closely associated persons (Regulation 24C).** I disclose that I have an association with the applicant. As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly.
An interest that would give rise to a reasonable belief that the impartiality of the person having the interest would be adversely affected but does not include a financial or proximity interest as referred to in section 5.60.

in the following Council / Committee Meetings to be held on ______________________________

in Item number/s______________________________

the nature of the interest being ______________________________

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

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Yours faithfully

(Councillor's signature)

Councillor's Name

The *Local Government Act* provides that it is the member's obligation to declare the Nature of an interest if they believe that they have a financial interest, proximity interest, closely associated persons or an interest affecting impartiality in a matter being discussed by Council. The Act provides that the Nature of the interest may be declared in writing to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting or declared prior to discussion of the Agenda Item at the meeting. The Act further provides that the Extent of the interest needs to be declared if the member seeks to remain in the Chamber during the discussion, debate or voting on the item. A Councillor declaring a financial or proximity interest must leave the meeting prior to the matter being discussed or voted on (including the question as to whether they are permitted to remain in the Chamber). Councillors remaining in the Chamber may resolve to allow the member to return to the meeting to participate in the proceedings. The decision of whether to disclose a financial interest is yours and yours alone. Nobody can disclose for you and you can not be forced to make a disclosure.

SHIRE OF WESTONIA
A vibrant community lifestyle

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

SNAPSHOT

2018-2028

CORE DRIVERS

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

OUR VALUES

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

Inclusiveness – Be receptive, proactive, and responsive.

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

Communication – Create opportunities for consultation with the broad community.

OUR VISION

A vibrant community lifestyle

MISSION

Provide leadership and direction for the community.

ECONOMIC

Support growth and progress, locally and regionally…

Efficient transport connectivity in and around our Shire.

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

Facilitate local business retention and growth.

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

SOCIAL

Provide community facilities and promote social Interaction…

Plan for community growth and changing demographics.

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

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

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

Natural spaces are preserved and bring us value.

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

GOVERNANCE

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

Be progressive and capture opportunities.

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

The community receives services in a timely manner.

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

Financial resources meet the ongoing needs of the community.

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

Shire of Westonia: -
A vibrant community lifestyle.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

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

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Cr RM Crees	*Shire President*
Cr RA Della Bosca	*Deputy Shire President*
Cr DL Geier	
Cr MJ Crews	
Cr A Faithfull	
Cr DL Simmonds	

Staff:

MR AW Price	*Chief Executive Officer*
Mrs JL Geier	Deputy *Chief Executive Officer*

Members of the Public:

Apologies:

Approved Leave of Absence:

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

NIL

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18th June 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Simmonds** **Seconded:** **Cr Crews**

01/07-26 **That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18th June 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED 6/0

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting Held on Thursday 11th June 2026 be accepted

That the minutes of the Wheatbelt North East SRRG Meeting Held on Thursday 25th June 2026 be accepted

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Della Bosca** **Seconded:** **Cr Geier**

02/07-26 **That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting Held on Thursday 11th June 2026 be accepted**

That the minutes of the Wheatbelt North East SRRG Meeting Held on Thursday 25th June 2026 be accepted

CARRIED 6/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:
Rural water Council Meeting Held on Friday 10th July 2026 in Cunderdin
Deputy President, Cr Della Bosca advised having attended the following meetings:
CEACA Expansion Project - Site Visits Tuesday 7th July 2026
Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:
Wheatbelt North East SRRG Meeting Held on Thursday 25th June 2026
Councillor Simmonds advised having attended the following meetings:
Ni
Councillor Faithfull advised having attended the following meetings:
Nil
Councillor Crews advised having attended the following meetings:
Nil

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

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Financial** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **16th July 2026.**

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

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Closely Association Person and Impartiality** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **16th July 2026.**

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

In accordance with Section 5.60B and 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Proximity. interest** were made at the Council meeting held on **16th July 2026.**

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

9. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

9.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

9.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – JUNE 2026

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

Purpose of the Report

☐ Executive Decision ☒ Legislative Requirement

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

Background

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

Comment

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

MasterCard Transactions - $5,373.80

CEO **June 2026 $3,017.43** associated with the purchase of 2vNet - Managed Endpoint Subscription, Starlink, Surgical House - Medical Supplies, Hitachi - Excavator Part, Purchase of Offer & Acceptance Form, Blitz Truck Manual Shire DPI - Vehicle Transfer, Blitz Truck Parts & Bendigo - Card Fee

DCEO **June 2026 $ 2,356.37** associated with the purchase of 5xExchange, 9x365 Business Basic, 13x365 Business Std, DPI Westonia - WESSYBUS Registration, DMIRS - Dangerous Goods License, Facebook Playground Advertising Bendigo - Card Fee and International Transaction

Fuel Card Transactions Totalling $258.34

CEO	**$ - 0.00**
DCEO	**$ -149.09**
Construction Supervisor	**$ - 109.25**

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 2025/2026 Annual Budget.

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That June 2026 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD4987 to DD5033 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT8392 to EFT8449 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling $625,246.91 be passed for payment.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Faithfull** **Seconded:** **Cr Della Bosca**

03/07-26 **That. June 2026 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD4987 to DD5033 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT8392 to EFT8449 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling $625,246.91 be passed for payment.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY– JUNE 2026

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

Purpose of the Report

☐ Executive Decision ☒ Legislative Requirement

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

Background

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

Comment

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

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

Statutory Environment

General Financial Management of Council
Council 2025/2026 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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Crews** **Seconded:** **Cr Simmonds**

04/07-26 **That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending June 2026 and note any material variances greater than $10,000 or 15%**

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – JUNE 2026

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

Purpose of the Report

☐ Executive Decision ☒ Legislative Requirement

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

Background

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

Comment

The GST Reconciliation Report is attached for Councillor consideration.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

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

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

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

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the GST Reconciliation totalling ($7,455.00) for the period ending June 2026 adopted.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Faithfull **Seconded:** Cr Crews

05/07-26 **That the GST Reconciliation totalling ($7,455.00) for the period ending June 2026 adopted.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.4 STAFF RESTRUCTURE ADMINISTRATION

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Staff Structure Diagram	
Signature:	**Officer**	**CEO**

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse the new Administration Staff Structure as presented.

Background

Council administration structure has remained stagnant for a number of years even though there has been significant growth and changes to responsibilities i.e. Home Care Services.

There is also the issue of family commitments for some of our younger staff members.

With the preparation of the 2026/27 Budget papers an opportunity to review all of the administration positions was undertaken with changes to several areas of responsibility being made.

Comment

Attached is the new Corporate Structure for the Council effective from July 2026.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Ensuring that staff are well suited to the roles and responsibilities they are required to fulfil within the organisation.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council endorse the new Administration Staff Structure as presented.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	**Cr Simmonds**	**Seconded:**	**Cr Faithfull**

06/07-26 **That Council endorse the new Administration Staff Structure as presented.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.5 PROVISION OF LICENSING SERVICES WESTONIA

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

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse the signing of the new Provision of Licensing Services Agreement between the Council and the Department of Transport

Background

Council have been providing Transport Licensing Services on behalf of the State Government for many years under Agreement.

A new Agreement has been offered for a five (5) year period commencing 1 July 2026. Commissions paid under the new agreement will be increased by 4.6% for all categories.

Comment

Council was required to sign and duly seal this document by the close of business Tuesday 23 June 2026. I am seeking Council endorsement for same.

Statutory Environment

Department of Transport and Licensing Act

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Provision of Vehicle Licensing Services to the community

Financial Implications

Commissions from licensing transactions.

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council endorse the signing of the new Provision of Licensing Services Agreement between the Council and the Department of Transport.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	**Cr Geier**	**Seconded:**	**Cr Crews**

07/07-26 **That Council endorse the signing of the new Provision of Licensing Services Agreement between the Council and the Department of Transport.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.6 RURAL HEALTH WEST FUNDING AGREEMENT

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

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse the signing of the new Funding Agreement between the Council and Rural Health West for the provision of Outreach Services at the Westonia Health Clinic.

Background

A new Agreement has been offered for a five (5) year period commencing 1 July 2026. The fund is $ 3,327/year for the next 5 year period.

Comment

Council was required to sign and duly seal this document by the 30 June 2026. I am seeking Council endorsement for same.

Statutory Environment

Department of Transport and Licensing Act

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Financial Implications

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council endorse the signing of the new Funding Agreement between the Council and Rural Health West for the provision of Outreach Services at the Westonia Health Clinic.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Geier** **Seconded:** **Cr Simmonds**

08/07-26 That **Council endorse the signing of the new Funding Agreement between the Council and Rural Health West for the provision of Outreach Services at the Westonia Health Clinic.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS

9.2.1 PLAYGROUND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT – CONCEPT STAGE

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	1. Westonia Playground Group Minutes 26/6/26 2. Draft Themed Conceptual Design Ideas	
Signature:	**Officer**	**CEO**

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider engaging Lynka to provide a conceptual design and costings of playground fitout based on feedback and themes recommended by the Westonia Playground Group.

Background

Council are aware of the Playground Redevelopment Project which is currently underway with the removal of the existing equipment and near completion of the stage 1 shed shade structure.

The Westonia Playground Group were tasked several months ago to collaborate and research design concepts for the playground equipment fitout. The final meeting to consider the ideas was held on Friday 26th June. (Refer Attached Minutes).

The community is looking for

- A nature-based playground for children of all ages and abilities to be able to enjoy.
- A "Mini Westonia" theme with Country/farm elements to highlight our wheatbelt way of life and give children from other areas a chance to experience country life.
- Sensory/music features scattered throughout to bring another element of play.
- Area for parents to socialise/gather with-in a safe distance of children plus seating around the playground.

Things to take into consideration: (Refer Attached Illustrations)

- Adding ramps and wider walkways on climbing frames and other accessible play equipment so all children can enjoy our playground
- Having a mix of rubber soft fall, sand/sand pits, astro turf, wood chips and hard rubber soft fall. Hard rubber soft fall may be used to make walkways/bike path throughout the playground and Astro turf for seating areas.
- ***We want our playground to stand out from others and be something you wouldn't find anywhere else.***

The Westonia community has come up with six big concepts for the playground to help highlight our town and community,

1. Silos.
2. Mining - Poppet Head Slide
3. Farm Machinery – header, tractor, truck
4. Town Façade
5. Multilevel level climbing/ropes course for all ages
6. Swing set

The community has also come up with a list of space fillers that we would like to be considered to add even more elements of play and accessibility.

- Trampolines –

- Accessible See-saw –
- Spring horse/rocker –
- Sensory play/Musical play –
- Flying Fox (outside) –
- Seating for caregivers

Through our own research, we believe the two strongest locally based companies to approach would be:

1. Lynka https://lynkarec.com.au/

2. Van Ryte industries https://vanrytind.com.au/

Comment

Lynka have advised that they can provide a full conceptual Design and estimated cost schedule for the price of $ 8,000.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

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

Financial Implications

Council have made a allocation of $750,000 in the 2026/27 Budget for Playground fitout.

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council engage the services of Lynka to provide a conceptual design and costings of playground fitout based on feedback and themes recommended by the Westonia Playground Group.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Della Bosca** **Seconded:** **Cr Faithfull**

09/07-26 **That Council engage the services of Lynka to provide a conceptual design and costings of playground fitout based on feedback and themes recommended by the Westonia Playground Group.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.3 WORKS AND SERVICES

Nil

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

9.4.1 RE-SALE OF LAND LOT 117 (33) GRANITE STREET – USE OF COMMON SEAL

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

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider re-selling Lot 117 (33) Granite Street to a Mr Trevor Rooney.

Background

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

Council had previously entered into a Conditional Land Use Agreement for this Lot with a Mr Ben Haydock back in December 2023 (document signed January 2024). My Haydock has not progressed with his development as per the conditions of the agreement and has subsequently been advised that the agreement has been terminated.

Mr Trevor Rooney who has an agreement with the neighbouring Lot 116 Granite Street (document signed May 2025), has indicated that he would like to swap land parcels. Mr Rooney has already purchased his shed and is ready to build.

Below is a map illustrating the lot in question.

Comment

This particular lot is a Light industrial Lot with the focus being on a larger scale shed and caretaker's cottage. Underground power services are about to be installed on all of the Granite Street lots. If Council agree to the land swap an application for the vacated Lot 116 has already been received for consideration at today's meeting.

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

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

No additional funds from sale on this particular Lot as Mr Rooney has already paid for a lot price.

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the sale of Lot 117 (33) Granite Street to Mr Trevor Rooney and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier **Seconded:** Cr Crews

10/07-26 **That Council approve the sale of Lot 117 (33) Granite Street to Mr Trevor Rooney and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.4.2 RE-SALE OF LAND LOT 116 (35) GRANITE STREET – USE OF COMMON SEAL

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

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider re-selling Lot 116 (35) Granite Street to Helen & Martin Coulter.

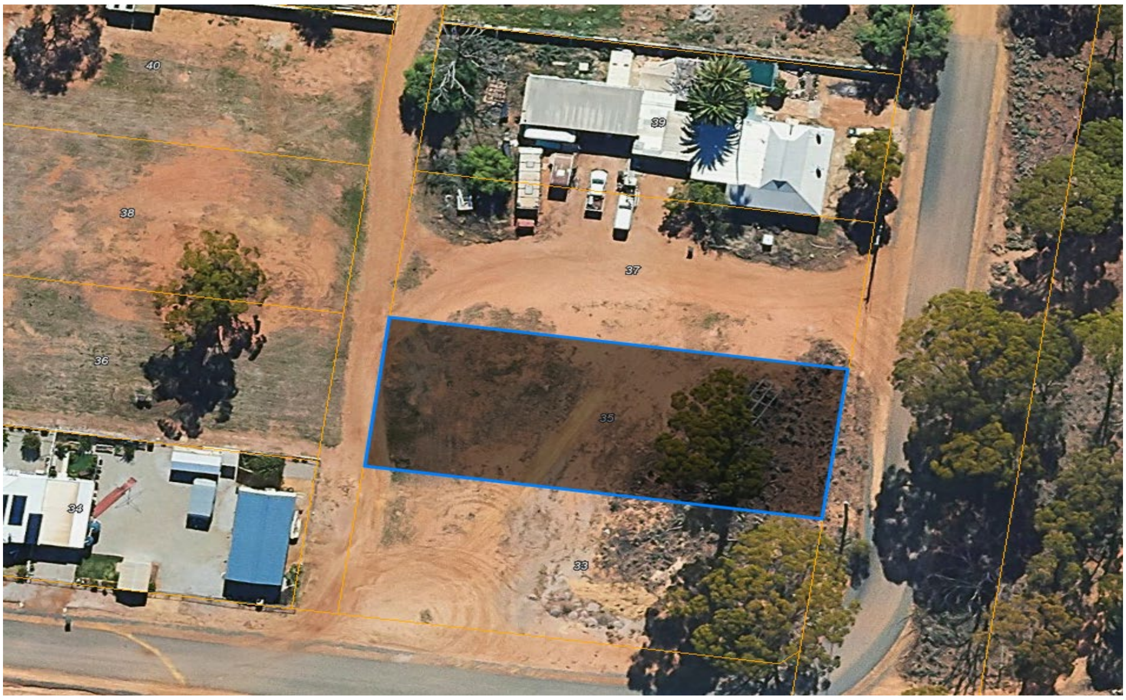
Background

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

Council had previously entered into a Conditional Land Use Agreement for this Lot with a Mr Trevor Rooney back in April 2025 (document signed May 2025). As per previous agenda item 9.4.1 My Rooney has requested a land swap with the neighbouring Lot 115. Subject to Council's decision, this releases the existing Conditional Land Use Agreement and allows for this Lot to be re-sold.

An application has been received from Helen & Martin Coulter who wish to build a 150 -200sqm shed on the lot.

Below is a map illustrating the lot in question.



Comment

This particular lot is a Light industrial Lot with the focus being on a larger scale shed and caretaker's cottage. Underground power services are about to be installed on all of the Granite Street lots.

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

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

$ 10,000 land sale.

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the sale of Lot 116 (35) Granite Street to Helen & Martin Coulter and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Della Bosca** **Seconded:** **Cr Simmonds**

11/07-26 That **Council approve the sale of Lot 116 (35) Granite Street to Helen & Martin Coulter and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form**

CARRIED 6/0

9.4.3 RE-SALE OF LAND LOT 105 (40) JASPER STREET – USE OF COMMON SEAL

Responsible Officer:	Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO	
Author:	Jasmine, ACTING CEO	
File Reference:	T.1.1.3	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	**Officer**	**ACTING CEO**

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider re-selling Lot 105 (40) Jasper Street to Donna Outram.

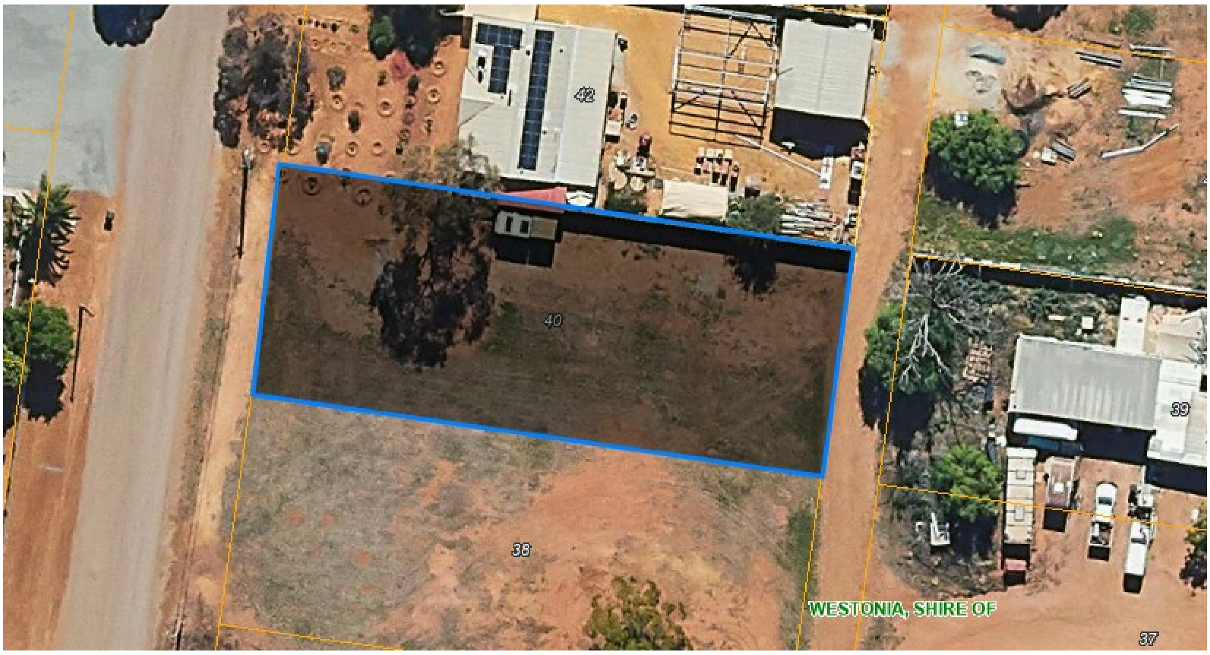
Background

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

Council had previously resolved to enter into a Conditional Land Use Agreement for this Lot with a Zachary Oakey and Sarah Sydenham back in March 2026. Since that decision, Zachary Oakey and Sarah Sydenham has written to council to withdrawn intent to purchase the Lot. Council has subsequently advised that the agreement is no longer on offer.

Council has since received an application from a Donna Outram who wishes to purchase Lot 105 Jasper Street Westonia with the intention to construct a transportable home and shed.

Below is a map illustrating the lot in question.



Comment

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

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

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Economic – Support & Growth & Progress Locally.

Financial Implications

$ 10,000 land sale

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the sale of Lot 105 (40) Jasper Street to Donna Outram and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Faithfull** **Seconded:** **Cr Simmonds**

12/07-26 **That Council approve the sale of Lot 105 (40) Jasper Street to Donna Outram and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.**

CARRIED 6/6

9.4.4 CLEARING PERMIT SUPPORT - QUARTZ EXTRACTION QUARRY

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

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for the Council to consider and make no objection for the proposal to clear 7.63 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 325 on (Deposited Plan 203224) Warralakin, proposed by the Q Stone Pty Ltd Quartz Extraction Quarry Project.

Background

Q Stone Pty Ltd extracts quartz and other stone materials used in the manufacture of various concrete and stone products for the building industry.

To secure long term supplies, the company actively searches for suitable stone deposits throughout the wheatbelt. It has identified a potential long term quartz supply source in Warralakin on Lot 325 Daddow Road.

Council at its December 2025 meeting resolved

Moved: **Cr DellaBosca** **Seconded:** **Cr Crews**

12/12-25 **That Council approve the Development Application for the proposed Quartz Extraction Quarry Project located at Lot 325 Daddow Road, Warralakin.**

CARRIED 6/0

Comment

Council does not have a formal Town Planning Scheme that can regulate this type of development within its boundaries.

Council's Local Planning Strategy states that *'Rural use of land should be protected to support agricultural activity while facilitating a wide variety of complimentary land uses'.* This particular operation does not impinge greatly on farming land as the majority of the operation will be located in uncleared bushland.

This proposal does support the long-term sustainability of mining operations being important for long term economic growth for the district.

It is recommended that Council make no objection to the proposed clearing for the development.

Statutory Environment

Local Planning Strategy

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Economic – support growth and progress, locally and regionally.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council. make no objection for the proposal to clear 7.63 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 325 on (Deposited Plan 203224) Warralakin, proposed by the Q Stone Pty Ltd Quartz Extraction Quarry Project.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Geier** **Seconded:** **Cr Simmonds**

13/07-26 That Council. **make no objection for the proposal to clear 7.63 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 325 on (Deposited Plan 203224) Warralakin, proposed by the Q Stone Pty Ltd Quartz Extraction Quarry Project.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.4.5 C & C LINDLEY SAND/GRAVEL EXTRACTION

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	ES1.7.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Proposal Document	
Signature:	**Officer**	**ACTING CEO**

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the proposed one-off gravel extraction (@ 14,000t) at Jilbadjie Loc 168, Goldfields Rd, Walgoolan, and sand extraction (@ 67,000t) Jilbadjie Loc 153 Lindley Road, Westonia, project by C & C Lindley supplying to the Water Corporation Goldfields Upgrade project.

Background

The Water Corporation WA are undertaking a major pipeline upgrade project at 4 sites between Merredin and Southern Cross over the next 18 months. Two contractors have been awarded the works being Georgiou and McConnell Dowell. C & C Lindley and Topline Contractors are being considered for the supply of sand/gravel materials to the contractors for the project.

Comment

The proposed sand/gravel extraction operation includes:

- Removal and stockpiling of topsoil.
- Extraction of sand/gravel.
- Transport using side tippers along a section of Goldfields, Walgoolan South and Lindley Roads accessing Great Eastern Highway.

Safety measures will comply with all relevant requirements of the Act and Regulations. Council may consider conditions such as restricting trucks during school bus times and a contribution of $0.50 per tonne toward remedial road maintenance.

The proposal supports economic activity and provides a one-off opportunity to supply significant sand volumes to a state utility project.

Statutory Environment

Local Planning Strategy

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Economic – support growth and progress, locally and regionally.

Financial Implications

Potential road maintenance contribution ($0.50 per tonne)

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the proposed one-off gravel extraction (@ 14,000t) at Jilbadjie Lot 168, Goldfields Rd, Walgoolan, and sand extraction (@ 67,000t) Jilbadji Loc 153 Lindley Road, Westonia, project by C & C Lindley supplying to the Water Corporation Goldfields Upgrade Project, subject to:

1. Trucks being restricted during school bus operating times.
2. A contribution of $0.50 per tonne toward remedial road maintenance.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Faithfull** **Seconded:** **Cr Della Bosca**

14/07-26 **That Council approve the proposed one-off gravel extraction (@ 14,000t) at Jilbadjie Lot 168, Goldfields Rd, Walgoolan, and sand extraction (@ 67,000t) Jilbadjie Loc 153 Lindley Road, Westonia, project by C & C Lindley supplying to the Water Corporation Goldfields Upgrade Project, subject to:**

1. **Trucks being restricted during school bus operating times.**
2. **A contribution of $0.50 per tonne toward remedial road maintenance.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.4.6 SEVEN OAKS NORTH GRAVEL EXTRACTION

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	ES1.7.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Proposal Document	
Signature:	**Officer**	**ACTING CEO**

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the proposed one-off gravel extraction (@ 14,700t) at property located Leach Road Westonia by Seven Oaks North supplying to the Water Corporation Goldfields Upgrade project.

Background

The Water Corporation WA are undertaking a major pipeline upgrade project at 4 sites between Merredin and Southern Cross over the next 18 months. Two contractors have been awarded the works being Georgiou and McConnell Dowell. Seven Oaks North are being considered for the supply of gravel materials to the contractors for the project.

Comment

The proposed gravel extraction operation includes:

- Removal and stockpiling of topsoil.
- Extraction of gravel.
- Transport using side tippers along either sections of Leach & Shreeve and/or Leach, Rabbit Proof Fence Roads.

Safety measures will comply with all relevant requirements of the Act and Regulations. Council may consider conditions such as restricting trucks during school bus times and a contribution of $0.50 per tonne toward remedial road maintenance.

The proposal supports economic activity and provides a one-off opportunity to supply significant sand volumes to a state utility project.

Statutory Environment

Local Planning Strategy

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Economic – support growth and progress, locally and regionally.

Financial Implications

Potential road maintenance contribution ($0.50 per tonne)

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the proposed one-off gravel extraction (@ 14,700t) at property located Leach Road, Westonia, project by Seven Oaks North supplying to the Water Corporation Goldfields Upgrade Project, subject to:

1. Trucks being restricted during school bus operating times.
2. A contribution of $0.50 per tonne toward remedial road maintenance.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Crews** **Seconded:** **Cr Simmonds**

15/07-26 **That Council approve the proposed one-off gravel extraction (@ 14,700t) at property located Leach Road, Westonia, project by Seven Oaks North supplying to the Water Corporation Goldfields Upgrade Project, subject to:**

1. **Trucks being restricted during school bus operating times.**
2. **A contribution of $0.50 per tonne toward remedial road maintenance.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.4.7 PLANNING APPROVAL CONTAINER HOME B HUXTABLE

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Drawings of Roof Structure and Veranda	
Signature:	**Officer**	**CEO**

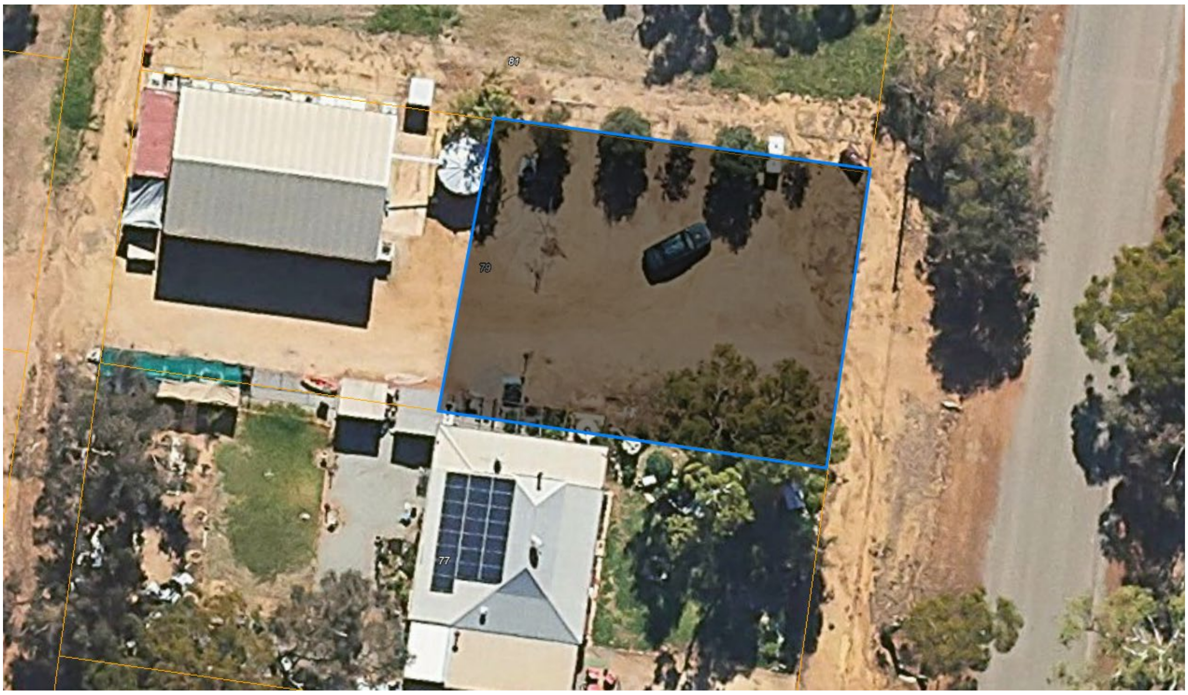
Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to provide planning approval for a sea container home with the modifications as provided to be constructed on Lot 197 Wolfram Street, Westonia by Mr B Huxtable.

Background

Mr B Huxtable has purchased and is proposing to construct a Sea Container expansion home on Lot 197 Wolfram Street, Westonia.



Council have refused this type of structure in the past unless the structure can be modified with a suitable pitched roof structure and street frontage façade to improve street appeal.

Mr Huxtable has provided additional schematics of a new roof structure which includes a front verandah, which will be facing the street for Council consideration. (Refer attached drawings)

Comment

Council's Local Planning Strategy states that *'Develop Local Laws or IDO to control the use of second hand, and converted outbuildings being used as dwellings'*

Council have allowed a similar sea container home to be located in Diorite Street which has been altered to look like a small cottage style home.

Statutory Environment

Local Planning Strategy

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Ensuring that new developments are fitting with the existing aesthetics of the Westonia township.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council provide planning approval for a sea container home with modifications as provided to be constructed on Lot 197 Wolfram Street, Westonia by Mr B Huxtable.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Della Bosca** **Seconded:** **Cr Simmonds**

16/07-26 **That Council provide planning approval for a sea container home with modifications as provided to be constructed on Lot 197 Wolfram Street, Westonia by Mr B Huxtable.**

CARRIED 6/0

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

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A Special Council Meeting Adoption of 26/27 Budget will be held on Thursday schedule 30th July 2026 commencing at 4.00pm.

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday schedule 20th August 2026 commencing at 3.30pm.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President, Cr Mark Crees declared the meeting closed at 4.33pm