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# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

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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 DL Geier	
Cr RS Corsini	
Cr JJ Jefferys	
Cr RA Della Bosca	

### Staff:

Mr. JC Criddle	Chief Executive Officer
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Members of the Public:	Doug Hermon (left 5.38pm)
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Apologies:	Nil
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Approved Leave of Absence:	Nil
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## 3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.31PM – 3.46PM)

Nil

## 4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Geier requested a Leave of Absence for the July meeting.

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### RESOLUTION

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Moved:	Cr Della Bosca	Seconded:	Cr Huxtable
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01/06-19	That Cr Geier be granted a Leave of Absence for the July meeting.		
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CARRIED 5/0

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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### RESOLUTION

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Moved:	Cr Corsini	Seconded:	Cr Huxtable
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02/06-19	That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019 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 Central East Aged Care Alliance Inc Committee Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be received.

### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Della Bosca

Seconded: Cr Corsini

03/06-19 That the minutes of Central East Aged Care Alliance Inc Committee Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be received

CARRIED 6/0

## 7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Regional Development Australia (RDA) meeting with Chair (Tuck Waldron), Board and staff with Cr Huxtable and the CEO.
- Interviews with ABC reporter, Laura Meachim in relation to the Merredin Hospital, Great Eastern Highway and Greenfinch Mine Proposal with the CEO.

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

- Westonia CRC committee meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 with the CEO

## 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 **20<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.

Name/Position	Cr Daimon Geier
Item No./Subject	11.2 Ramelius Resources – Network Application with AMMS L3 request
Nature of interest	Financial
Extent of Interest	Employee of the company

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Closely Association Person And Impartiality** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **20<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.

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



In accordance with Section 5.60B and 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Proximity** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **20<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.

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

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

#### Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision  Legislative Requirement

#### 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 May 2019. The credit card statements currently show:  
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CEO **May 2019 \$1,604.68** associated with the purchase of Activ8inet Housing & Office, Fuel, Email Exchange Platform, Software, Uniforms & Fridge for Golf Club

Works Supervisor **May 2019 \$318.96** associated with the purchase of Flu Vaccines for Staff, Fuel & Tools

#### 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 2018/2019 Annual Budget.



**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That May 2019 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers numbered from 3755 to 3765, and D/Debits from EFT3625 to EFT3682 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$503,905.31 be passed for payment.

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**RESOLUTION**



Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Corsini

04/06-19 That May 2019 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers numbered from 3755 to 3765, and D/Debits from EFT3625 to EFT3682 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$503,905.31 be passed for payment.

CARRIED 6/0

## 9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – MAY 2019

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO
<b>Author:</b>	Jasmine Geier, Executive Support Officer
<b>File Reference:</b>	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Attachment 9.1.2</b> Monthly Statement of Financial Activity
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b>  <b>CEO</b> 

### **Purpose of the Report**

- Executive Decision  Legislative Requirement

### **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 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 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**



- Simple Majority  Absolute Majority





**9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – MAY 2019**

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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO
<b>Author:</b>	Jasmine Geier, Executive Support Officer
<b>File Reference:</b>	F1.4.4 Audit Report
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Attachment 9.1.3 GST Report</b>
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b>  <b>CEO</b> 

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**Purpose of the Report**

- Executive Decision  Legislative Requirement

**Background**

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 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 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

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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That the GST Reconciliation totaling (\$5,129.00) for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 adopted.




### 9.1.4 WATER CORPORATION PRICING POLICY – COUNCIL OWNED STANDPIPES

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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
<b>Author:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
<b>File Reference:</b>	A2.4.1	
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil	
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>CEO</b>

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#### Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

#### Background

As Councillors will be aware, the CEO raised the issue of the WA Water Corporation's plan to implement a new management and billing structure from the 1st July 2019.

Local Government Authorities (LGAs) are entitled to access concessional pricing for water used for their own purposes. This will not change; however high flow rate LGA owned fixed standpipes that are publicly accessible will no longer be charged concessional rates and commercial rates will instead apply.

This change will affect users of high flow LGA owned fixed standpipes in country areas. Although the price is charged to the LGA directly, the costs may be passed on to businesses, farmers and properties not connected to the scheme.

The major change is the way standpipes are billed. They will now be based on four categories shown below.

- LA Standpipe – No Annual Service Charge/\$2.534 per kilolitre Water Use Charge
- Community Standpipe - \$265.41 Annual Service Charge/\$2.534 per kilolitre Water Use Charge
- Commercial Standpipe - \$1,658.93 Annual Service Charge/up to \$8.353 per kilolitre Water Use Charge
- Fire-fighting Standpipe –No Annual Fee 100% discount/No Water Use Charge

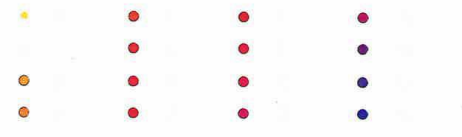
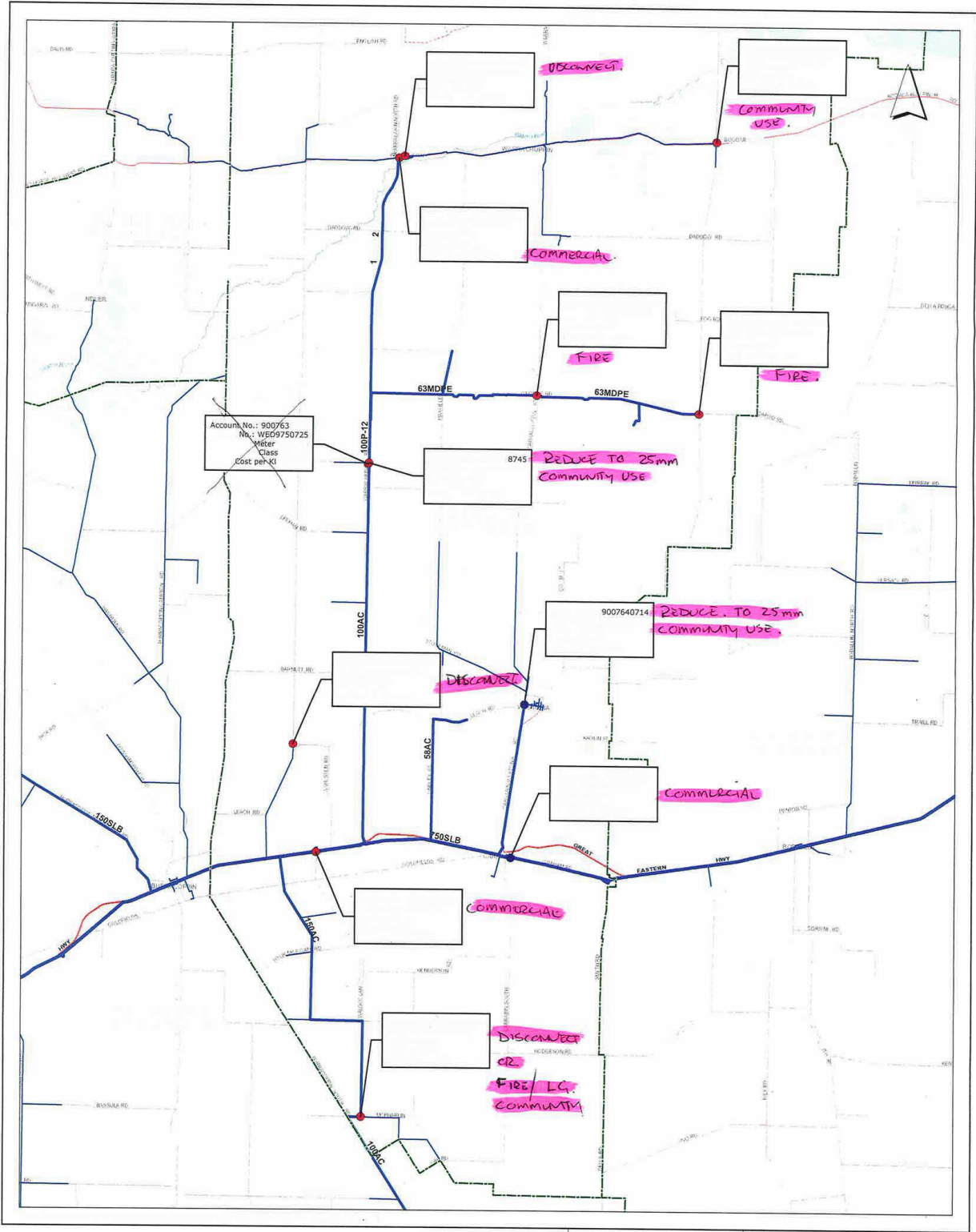
#### **How will rates and charges be applied to fixed standpipes?**

The new pricing structure is linked to the size of the standpipe meter, as this determines the flow rate. Small standpipes (20mm and 25mm) generally deliver between 20 – 40 litres per minute. Large standpipes (any pipe larger than 25mm) generally deliver from 80 litres per minute and above.

All LGA standpipes with a meter size of 20mm or 25mm will receive concessional rates and are to be used by the LGA or for community purposes only (such as drought assistance for farmers or households not connected to scheme water when a drought condition is announced by the Government). All standpipes with a meter size above 25mm will be charged at a commercial rate, but an exemption to consumption charges will apply for water used for fire-fighting purposes.

Standpipes with a meter above 25mm that are located in a shire depot or locked for Shire use only will be able to access the concessional rate by providing evidence of the ability to control user access.

There will be no change to Fire Standpipes or fixed standpipes installed on privately owned property.



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### **Why are these changes being made?**

Some commercial customers have in the past accessed LGA owned standpipes with concessional rates which are below the regulated Town Class rate for the location as set by Government. Water is a precious resource and is regulated like any other valuable natural resource and correct pricing must be enforced.

When the incorrect water rates are used, it creates inequity and results in the community and State Government subsidising the activities of private enterprises on an unequal basis.

Fixed standpipes provide an essential source of water for customers who are remote from reticulated water schemes, amenities to communities by enabling local governments to maintain street trees and undertake minor building activities, and enable economic growth by supplying businesses that rely on carted water as an input to production

These changes will ensure the rate commercial customers pay is consistent across the state.

### **Why is the cost of water going up for commercial users when we have been accessing water without any issue?**

Water is a valuable resource and regulated charges are set by the State Government based on its use. Pricing of water is based on a 'user pays' principle and in regional Western Australia it has not been implemented according to legislation for fixed standpipes. Having a regulated pricing structure ensures all users are paying the correct rate for water use no matter where they are located across the State. Current usage patterns on fixed standpipes have shown that commercial suppliers are getting charged at the concessional level by accessing LGA standpipes which is inequitable for other commercial operators that are charged correctly. Accessing large volumes of water from a fixed standpipe can also cause water supply issues to other users on the scheme and any large users need to be directed to the Water Corporation to be set up on a major consumer agreement.

### **What happens in drought conditions for the price of water to farmers?**

A 'Water Deficiency Declaration' is a government response to safeguard the commercial interests of farmers during very dry periods.

When a state government declared drought zone exists, all large shire-owned fixed standpipes will be made available at concessional rates to the community for drought relief in accordance with the terms of the declaration conditions. If conditions for commercial use relief are not specified then standard rates will apply.

If water carters are hired by farmers to transport water during a drought, this cost is the responsibility of the farmer and water will be available at the concessional rate since the end use is for the farmer.



### **Comment**

Council resolved at the September meeting to seek feedback from the Community on how the Regional Fixed Standpipe Review may impact the water availability and the financial impacts to its stakeholders.

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### **RESOLUTION**

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**Moved:** Cr Della Bosca **Seconded:** Cr Jefferys

**10/09- That Council**

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- 1. Write to the WA Water Corporation opposing their proposed fee structure;**
  - 2. Write to the Department of Water and suggest that as a result of the increased Standpipe water costs that they re-introduce the Farm Water Grants to allow effected landholders the ability to create on-farm water storage and water connections;**
  - 3. Inform all ratepayers/farmers of the proposed changes to the WA Water Corporations fee structure and seek comment on the Shire proposed rationalisations by 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

**CARRIED 5/0**

If Council does not reclassify each Standpipe, WaterCorp will charge Commercial Fees which will have a significant financial implication for Council and the Community.

Council and the Community will need to take into consideration, the Annual Service Charge applicable to the Standpipes according to the size of the meter size and purpose assigned to the Standpipe. For example, a 50mm Commercial Standpipe will attract an annual fee of \$1,658.93 as opposed to the existing \$250.39 annual fee.

The other, more significant change as listed above is the extensive increase in the tariff charged per kilolitre. Current rates across the Shire are \$2.39 per kL. The proposal is to increase that to between \$2.534 and \$8.353 per kL.

Council can simply not allow any water to be used from fixed standpipes without charging.

<b>Water - Meter Based Size Charges</b> Meter Size (mm)			
		<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>
20mm	Community	\$250.39	\$265.41
25mm	Community	\$391.26	\$265.41
30mm	Commercial	\$563.38	\$597.18
40mm	Commercial	\$1,001.63	\$1,061.73
50mm	Commercial	\$1,565.03	\$1,658.93
80mm	Commercial	\$4,006.46	\$4,246.85
100mm	Commercial	\$6,260.10	\$6,635.71

Following the Public comment period, there were no submissions received from the community.

In order for the Standpipes to work efficiently, Standpipe controllers need to be installed to regulate use and allow Council the ability to recover costs. There are two types of controllers on the market at the moment. The Waterman Irrigation are effective but cost prohibitive at this time as it would cost in excess of \$150,000 to install at all standpipes. An alternative controller from AD Data at a fraction of the cost will be sufficient for Council's purposes (\$35,000).

Council now needs to decide on its course of action with rationalising Standpipes and submitting its Action Plan to the Water Corporation prior to June 30. The Water Corporation will still proceed with the implementation of the new pricing structure on the 1 July 2019, whether Council has returned the Action Plan or not. If they have not received the Action Plan or heard from Council by the new due date, they will reclassify our standpipes based on the existing meter size which will be either a Community Standpipe or Commercial Standpipe, meaning Council will have missed the opportunity to claim the concessional pricing by dedicating some of your large standpipes for Local Authority use only.



**Statutory Environment**

Nil



**Policy Implications**

Nil



**Strategic Implications**

Nil

### Financial Implications

Significant cost increases will occur if standpipes are not regulated.

### Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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That Council completes the Standpipe Action Plan, including the rationalising of standpipes as required and advising of the size of outlet require for each as requested by the WA Water Corporation prior to implementation of the new pricing structure on the 1 July 2019.

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### RESOLUTION

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Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Corsini

07/06-19 That Council completes the Standpipe Action Plan, including the rationalising of standpipes as required and advising of the size of outlet require for each as requested by the WA Water Corporation prior to implementation of the new pricing structure on the 1 July 2019 as per list below:

Meter number	Meter Size	Standpipe Type
BC0702036 George/Boodarockin	20	Community 20mm
BK0158493 George/Warrachuppin	20	Community 20mm
BK0037297 M40/Boodarockin	20	Community 20mm
FK1650131 Walgoolan TS	50	Commercial 50mm
EK1000537 Westonia TS	40	Commercial 40mm
FK0510078 Carrabin TS	50	Commercial 50mm
WED9750725 Cranleigh	40	Commercial 40mm
FK0900022 McPharlin	50	Community 25mm
BC0775141 Begley	20	Disconnect
FK0600229 Warralakin East	50	Commercial 50mm
FK0900162 Warralakin O/H Tank	50	Fire Fighting 50mm

CARRIED 6/0




## 9.1.5 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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### Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

### Background

Auditors, Butler Settineri recently conducted its interim audit in May with a couple of issues raised in relation to the treatment of Assets.

Recent changes to regulation 17A (4) & (5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 allows Councils to determine the period of revaluation.

(4) A local government must revalue an asset of the local government —

(a) whenever the local government is of the opinion that the fair value of the asset is likely to be materially different from its carrying amount; and

(b) in any event, within a period of at least 3 years but no more than 5 years after the day on which the asset was last valued or revalued.

(5) An asset is to be excluded from the assets of a local government if the fair value of the asset as at the date of acquisition by the local government is under \$5,000.

### Comment

A policy has been formulated to accommodate 17A (4) (b) that reflects what is considered the best policy for the Shire of Westonia incorporating Council's Significant Accounting Policies.

For the current financial year end AASB 9 Financial Instruments comes into effect but has limited implications for the Shire. Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A (5) require the Shire to exclude from fixed assets those acquired for less than \$5,000. Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(4)(a)(b) requires the Shire to revalue assets only when the carrying value is materially different from its fair value however revaluing them at least every three years but not more than five years after the date last valued.

### Statutory Environment

There is a significant amount of legislation relevant to the audit process and scope that it is not practical to list all in detail in this report. However the main legal requirements are contained in:

- Part 6 of the Local Government Act, 1995
- Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, 1996
- Local Government (Audit) Regulations, 1996
- Australian Accounting Standards

### Policy Implications

Compliance with the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.



**Strategic Implications**

Nil



**Financial Implications**

All liabilities settled have been in accordance with the Annual Budget provisions.



**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council adopts New Financial Policy 6.9 Significant Accounting Policies as presented in in accordance with section 17(A) 4, (5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

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**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Jefferys **Seconded:** Cr Della Bosca

**08/06-19** That Council adopts New Financial Policy 6.9 Significant Accounting Policies as presented in in accordance with section 17(A) 4, (5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 identifying revaluations to be conducted every four (4) years.

**CARRIED 6/0**


**Item 9.1.6 Draft Budget 2019/2020 was postponed and discussed at the end of the meeting.**

**9.1.6 DRAFT BUDGET 2019/2020**

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

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**Purpose of the Report**

Executive Decision  Legislative Requirement

**Background**

A copy of the Draft 2019/2020 Annual Budget will be provided to Councillors prior to the meeting for review prior to considering the budget for adoption at the July ordinary meeting or a special meeting in July 2019.

Final end of year figures are difficult to ascertain at this date, but Council will have an estimate to go by for Budget purposes and a clearer indication will occur closer to June 30.

**Comment**

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

**Statutory Environment**

Local Government Act 1995, Section 6.2 – Local Government to prepare an annual budget.

**Policy Implications**

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

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Budget of financial income and expenditure for 2017/2018 financial year.

**Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority  Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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That Council review the Draft 2019/2020 Annual Budget prior to considering the budget for adoption in July.

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**RESOLUTION**

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**Moved:** Cr Corsini

**Seconded:** Cr Huxtable

**09/06-19** That Council reviews the Draft 2019/2020 Annual Budget prior to considering the budget for adoption in July.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE**

**NIL**

**9.3 WORKS AND SERVICE**

NIL

#### **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

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#### RESOLUTION

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Moved: Cr Jefferys Seconded: Cr Huxtable

10/06-19 That Council accept two items of late business


CARRIED 6/0

#### 11.1 DEPT OF EDUCATION – VACSWIN 2019/20

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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO
<b>Author:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO
<b>File Reference:</b>	
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	Attachment
<b>Signature:</b>	Officer <span style="float: right;">CEO</span>

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#### Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision  Legislative Requirement

#### Background

In 2019-20, the Dept of Education will be conducting its 101<sup>st</sup> annual vacation swimming program and is requesting approval to conduct VacSwim at the Westonia Swimming Pool.

#### Community/Stakeholder Consultation

Swimming Pool Manager

#### Comment

Normally the Country Early Start Program will be conducted prior to Christmas but with the School year not ending until 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019, the early start program will NOT be conducted this year.

As a result the full length VacSwim program will commence from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020, including Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 December 2018. There will be no lessons conducted on the Public Holiday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

Council also offer free entry to the Swimming Pool during the pool season.

#### Statutory Environment

Nil





**Policy Implications**

There are no policies relating to this matter.



**Strategic Implications**

N/A



**Financial Implications**

Nil



**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council approve the request of the Education Department to conduct VacSwim classes at the Westonia Swimming Pool from Saturday 15 to Friday 21 December 2018.

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Huxtable

Seconded: Cr Geier

11/06-19 That Council approve the request of the Education Department to conduct VacSwim classes at the Westonia Swimming Pool with the preference on Short Course Classes to be held no matter what date they are held.

CARRIED 6/0

Cr Geier declared an interest in item 11.2 Ramelius Resources – Network Application with AMMS Level 3 request as he is employed by Ramelius Resources.

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Huxtable

Seconded: Cr Corsini

12/06-19 That Cr Geier be allowed to remain in the meeting for discussion of the item.

CARRIED 5/0

**11.2 RAMELIUS RESOURCES – NETWORK APPLICATION WITH AMMS LEVEL 3 REQUEST**

**Responsible Officer:** Jamie Criddle, CEO

**Author:** Jamie Criddle, CEO

**File Reference:**

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Attachments:** Attachment

**Signature:** Officer CEO

## **Purpose of the Report**



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

## **Summary**

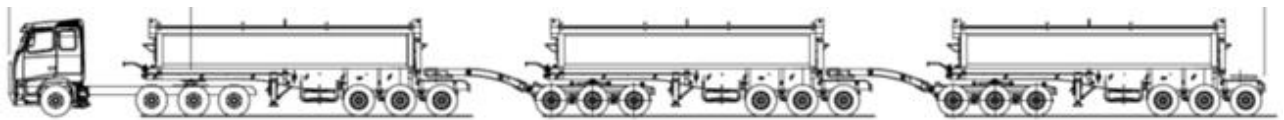
Discuss the proposed cartage of gold ore from Tampia Hill, Narembeen to Westonia via Merredin for processing at Edna May Operations, Westonia.

## **Background**

The Chief Executive Officer will meet with representatives from Ramelius Resources on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June in relation to a proposal to transport gold ore from Tampia Hill, Narembeen to Westonia via Merredin to Ramelius Resources mill (Edna May Operations) in Westonia. It is anticipated that the CEO will gain a better idea as the route times and volume of gold ore to be carted for processing.

It is not clear as to who, if any contractor has been awarded the cartage contract, but it is envisaged that the following combinations will be used:

Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS) has received a 42m A Triple Performance Based Standard (PBS) Scheme Vehicle Access Approval application, requesting AMMS Level 3 Mass (23.5t for tri axle groups).



Road Name	Road Number	Start Point	Start SLK	End Point	End SLK	Access Currently Approved	Support Required
Westonia Rd	4280085	Great Eastern Hwy & Carrabin South Rd	0.00	For 7.561km (1m After Boundary Road)	7.56	Tandem Drive 7.3 Tri Drive 4.3	PBS 3B
Boundary Rd	4280081	Westonia Rd	0.00	Warrachuppin Rd	2.42	Tandem Drive 7.3 Tri Drive 4.3	PBS 3B
Warrachuppin Rd	4280005	Boundary Rd	0.94	Edna May Mine access	2.61	Tandem Drive 7.3 Tri Drive 4.3	PBS 3B

While we do not currently know how many trucks will be carting and the frequency, the sheer volume of additional traffic on the Shire's Road will increase dramatically over an extended period of time.

This will have an impact on Councils infrastructure and Council will need to monitor and charge accordingly.

The Chief Executive officer is currently discussing the proposal with the Shire of Yilgarn and Merredin to gauge a suitable cost for access to the route. It is envisaged that a similar cost arrangement to that held with Blue Cap Mining would be in place subject to this approval.

They are seeking your support for the following roads to be added to the following networks/ approved routes.

The other issue is that Ramelius Resources have requested AMMS level 3 for concessional loading along the route, of which Council has a policy of only granting AMMS Level 2 access to Shire Bitumen roads. The CEO has delegated authority to grant a higher AMMS Level on a case by case basis, but as this involves large truck movements over an extended period, that it be referred to Council for consideration.

 **Comment**

The PBS scheme offers potential for heavy vehicle operators to achieve higher productivity and improved safety through innovative vehicle designs. There are many benefits in providing access for PBS vehicles. Some of these benefits include:

- Braking capability and vehicle stability is improved with a mandatory requirement in WA for Electronic Braking Systems (EBS) and Rollover Stability Systems (RSS), which is not a requirement on conventional road trains.
- PBS vehicles are often height restricted, which is determined by the PBS assessment which further reduces the rollover risk and improves overall stability.
- PBS vehicles are subject to stringent axle spacing requirements, reducing the impact on the road infrastructure
- PBS vehicles reduce the number of vehicle movements compared to conventional heavy vehicles which overall reduces congestion and the crash risk exposure.

 **Statutory Environment**

Nil

 **Policy Implications**

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 **Strategic Implications**

N/A

 **Financial Implications**

Nil



Simple Majority                       Absolute Majority

**Cr Geier left the meeting at 5.35pm**

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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That Council.

1. Permits Ramelius Resources and Transport Contractor to operate the following configuration along the Westonia-Carrabin Route (Westonia Road, Boundary Rd, Warrachuppin Rd) for the duration of mining operation at Tampia Hill, Narembeen, with a review to be undertaken one (1) year from the commencement date of operations:

Configuration

Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS) has received a 42m A Triple Performance Based Standard (PBS) Scheme Vehicle Access Approval application, requesting AMMS Level 3 Mass (23.5t for tri axle groups). (Tandem Drive 7.3 Tri Drive 4.3)

2. Advises Ramelius Resources that the approval is subject to the two parties entering into an appropriate capital and maintenance cost agreement for use of the Westonia-Carrabin Road.
3. Requests Ramelius Resources/Cartage Contractor to install Visual Messaging Boards at each of the intersections to advise commuters of the dangers of trucks entering and portable lighting at the Great Eastern Highway/Westonia-Carrabin Road intersection and entrance to Edna May Operations (Ramelius) site.

