



Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia

Thursday 19th June 2025

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 24th July 2025 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19th June 2025.

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Cr RM Crees
Shire President

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**SHIRE OF
WESTONIA**
A vibrant community lifestyle

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY

SNAPSHOT

PLAN

2018-2028

CORE DRIVERS

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

OUR VALUES

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

Inclusiveness – Be receptive, proactive, and responsive.

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

Communication – Create opportunities for consultation with the broad community.

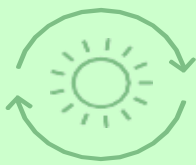
OUR VISION

A vibrant community lifestyle

MISSION

Provide leadership and direction for the community.

ECONOMIC



Support growth and progress, locally and regionally...

Efficient transport connectivity in and around our Shire.

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

Facilitate local business retention and growth.

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

SOCIAL



Provide community facilities and promote social Interaction...

Plan for community growth and changing demographics.

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

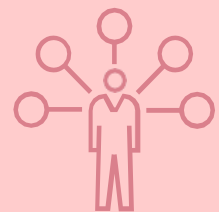
Our community has the opportunity to be active, socialised and connected.

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

Natural spaces are preserved and bring us value.

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

GOVERNANCE



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

Be progressive and capture opportunities.

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

The community receives services in a timely manner.

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

Financial resources meet the ongoing needs of the community.

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

Shire of Westonia: -

A vibrant community lifestyle.



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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

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

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Cr RM Crees	<i>Shire President</i>
Cr RA Della Bosca	<i>Deputy Shire President</i>
Cr DL Geier	
Cr WJ Huxtable	
Cr A Faithfull	
Cr DL Simmonds	

Staff:

Mr. AW Price	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>
Mrs JL Geier	<i>Deputy Chief Executive Officer</i>

Members of the Public: Nil

Apologies: Nil

Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

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 22nd May 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Faithfull	Seconded:	Cr Simmonds
01/06-25	That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 nd May 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.		

CARRIED 6/0

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the CEACA Meeting held on Monday 19th May 2025 be accepted.

That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting held on Friday 13th June 2025 be accepted

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Della Bosca	Seconded:	Cr Huxtable
02/06-25	That the minutes of the CEACA Meeting held on Monday 19 th May 2025 be accepted		
	That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting held on Friday 13 th June 2025 be accepted		

CARRIED 6/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:
Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting Friday 13 June 2005
Lachlan Hunter MP Meeting Friday13 June 2005
Dust & Dreams with Sophie Jane Band Saturday 14th June 2025

Deputy President, Cr Della Bosca advised having attended the following meetings:
Dust & Dreams with Sophie Jane Band Saturday 14th June 2025

Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:
Dust & Dreams with Sophie Jane Band Saturday 14th June 2025

Councillor Simmonds advised having attended the following meetings:
Dust & Dreams with Sophie Jane Band Saturday 14th June 2025

Councillor Huxtable advised having attended the following meetings:
Australia Biggest Morning Tea Westonia Sunday 1st June 2025

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 **17th June 2025**.

Name/Position	Mr – Bill Price CEO
Item No./Subject	9.1.7 Chief Executive Officer Appraisal
Nature of interest	Financial Interest
Extent of Interest	CEO is the Officer in Question

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 **17th June 2025**.

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 **17th June 2025**.

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 – MAY 2025

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO		
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

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Executive Decision

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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 May 2025 The credit card/ Fuel Card statements currently show: -

MasterCard Transactions

CEO May 2025 \$3657.09 associated with the purchase of 1049451 Cloud Anti Spam Recurring, 1038203 Office 365 Exchange online Plan Monthly Recurring, 1047021 Microsoft 365 Business Basic Recurring Monthly, Active8me internet service, 1049449 Managed Endpoint & Subscriptions Recurring, 1038283 - Microsoft 365 Business Std Recurring, Starlink - CEO Internet - April/May ,BP South Perth – Supershield, Merredin IGA - Dr Meal, Surgical House - Pillows, Mepilex Border Spotlight - Quilt Covers, Skechers - Dress Shoes Scantek Solutions - ID Verification Spotlight - Shower curtain hooks Surgical House – Pillows HOST - Cutlery Crockery Kettles

DCEO May 2025 \$4437.59 associated with the purchase of, JB HiFi - Philips Pico Pix Portable Projector, Kmart - Kitchen utensils Officeworks - Tinted Paper STEDI - LED light Bar Spotlight - Manchester Spotlight - Manchester

Fuel Card Transactions Totalling Nil

CEO Nil

DCEO Nil

Construction Supervisor Nil

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 2024/2025 Annual Budget.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That May 2025 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD4559 to DD4583 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT7620 to EFT7674 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$453,204.94 be passed for payment.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Faithfull

Seconded:

Cr Huxtable

03/06-25

That May 2025 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD4559 to DD4583 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT7620 to EFT7674 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$453,204.94 be passed for payment.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY– MAY 2025

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO		
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 2025 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 2024/2025 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 May 2025 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Simmonds	Seconded:	Cr Faithfull
04/06-25	That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending May 2025 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.		

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – MAY 2025

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO		
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 May 2025 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 \$3,940 for the period ending May 2025 adopted.

RESOLUTION

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

05/06-25 That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$3,940 for the period ending May 2025 adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.4 DIFFERENTIAL RATES 2025/2026

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

Purpose of the Report

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Executive Decision

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Legislative Requirement

The Purpose of this report is for Council to consider any submissions received following advertising of the proposed differential rates for 2025/2026 financial year.

Nil Submissions Received

Summary

Council supported the differential rates in the dollar and minimums proposed for the 2025/2026 financial year and advertised the proposed rates for a 21 day comment period closing on Friday 23rd May 2025 Council are then required to seek Ministerial approval for proposing to impose a Mining GRV differential rate that is more than twice the lowest rate.

May 2025 Resolution:

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Geier

Seconded:

Cr Fathifull

07/05-25

That Council:

1. Reviews and adopts the statements in relation to
 - a) Objects and Reasons for implementing a Differential Rate 2025-26
 - b) Statement of Rating Information 2025-26
2. Support the following differential rates in the dollar and minimum payments for the GRV and UV rated properties, subject to finalisation of the 2025-26 draft budget:

Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$
GRV General	8.384	370.00
GRV Mining	24.710	370.00
UV - Rural/Pastoral	1.076	370.00
UV - Mining	1.076	200.00

3. Seek the Minister for Local Government's approval to impose differential general rates more than twice the lowest rate; and
4. That Council publicly advertises its intention to impose differential rates, pursuant to section 6.36 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995 and invites public submissions for a period of twenty-one days; and
5. That Council consider any submissions in respect of imposition of differential rates as part of the 2025-26 Budget deliberations.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

Background

An advertisement on the 23rd May 2025 was included in the public notice section of the Newspaper circulated in the district as well as being located on the public notice board at the Shire office and the Shire website. The community will have 21 days to make submissions. (5.00pm on Monday 16 June 2025)

Comment

The Local Government Act 1995 provides for Councils to levy rates to fund the estimated annual budget deficiency for the forthcoming financial year.

The estimated budget deficit for the 2025/2026 financial year has not yet been finalised, as the detailed budget estimates covering various expense and revenue items are currently being prepared. At present, the amount required from rates to fund the outcomes of the draft budget is in excess of the rate increase proposed of 5%. Staff is revising the draft budget and service levels and are looking at all avenues to reduce the gap, including alternative revenue sources.

In the past Council has adopted rates that are more than twice the minimum differential rate and must therefore seek Ministerial approval, as required by the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995. The Department of Local Government has been scrutinising Council's differential rating strategy each year and may request modifications to be made, if they are not satisfied that the rating strategy is fair and equitable.

It must be understood the purpose of this Agenda Item is to set an estimated Differential Rate so a request can be sent to the Minister after advertising and seeking submissions from the electorate. Invariable the actual rate amount set may differ from the estimate once the valuations have been received from Landgate for the next financial year. However the legislations allows these rate in dollar amounts to be adjusted to reflect the actual valuations by making notation in the Shires Adopted Budget and on the Rate Notices sent out. Such notation is to explain the reason for the difference between the advertise Differential Rate and that impose being due to valuation adjustments from Landgate. The actual Rate Revenue raised will not differ significantly.

The table below shows the rate categories for 2025/2026 and the rate in cents and minimum amounts; GRV Rate Category

Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$
GRV General	8.384	370.00
GRV Mining	24.710	370.00
UV - Rural/Pastoral	1.076	370.00
UV - Mining	1.076	200.00

Statutory Environment

Under section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council is required to give local public notice of the intention of Council to impose differential rates, or a minimum payment under a differential rate category. Local public notice includes publishing in a newspaper circulating in the district, exhibiting on the notice board of the local government office, and exhibiting on the notice board of the library inviting submissions in respect of the following information, for a minimum of 21 days;

- Details of each rate or minimum payment the local government intends to impose,
- Invitation for submissions to be made in respect of the proposed rate or minimum payment and any related matters.

Policy Implications

There are no policies relating to this matter.

Strategic Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

The Shire's principle source of income is through rates. It is an essential part of the budget process that the Council consider the level of rates that need to be raised in the context of funding the annual budget. It must also be noted that as other income, such as fees and charges are fixed by external legislation, there is very little scope for the Shire to increase this revenue source to keep up with the rising costs of service provision, therefore, these increasing costs must be borne by increases in rates.

The Shire has until 31 August each year to adopt the Annual Budget, as the Shire is a growing organisation and as such we are heavily reliant on receiving rates income to fund our operations, including salaries. With this in mind, setting the level of rates for advertising and allowing the adoption of the annual budget in June, after the close of the advertising period, is a very high priority to enable rates notices to be issued. The Shire prepares its cash flow based on starting to receive rate payments in late August each year.

Voting Requirements

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Simple Majority

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Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council

1. Acknowledge Nil submissions received in regards to the proposed "Rate in the Dollar" for the 2025/2026 financial year.
2. Advise that the Council has reviewed the expenditure requirements and considered efficiency measures during budget deliberations (Long Term Financial Plan Review) and consider that the rates as advertised are required.
3. Request the CEO to seek Ministerial approval to raise rates under Section 6.33 of the *Local Government Act 1995* no more than the "Rate in the Dollar" that was advertised except for the amended mining rate category.

Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$
GRV General	8.384	370.00
GRV Mining	24.710	370.00
UV - Rural/Pastoral	1.076	370.00
UV - Mining	1.076	200.00

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Della Bosca

Seconded:

Cr Simmonds

06/06-25

That Council

1. Acknowledge Nil submissions received in regards to the proposed "Rate in the Dollar" for the 2025/2026 financial year.
2. Advise that the Council has reviewed the expenditure requirements and considered efficiency measures during budget deliberations (Long Term Financial Plan Review) and consider that the rates as advertised are required.

3. Request the CEO to seek Ministerial approval to raise rates under Section 6.33 of the *Local Government Act 1995* no more than the “Rate in the Dollar” that was advertised except for the amended mining rate category.

Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate \$
GRV General	8.384	370.00
GRV Mining	24.710	370.00
UV - Rural/Pastoral	1.076	370.00
UV - Mining	1.076	200.00

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

9.1.5 WALGA AGM AND CONVENTION 2025

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	A2.8.5	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	WALGA Program	
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider which Councillors will be attending the WALGA Convention being held in Perth on 22 – 24 September 2025 and who will be the voting delegates at the AGM.

Background

WALGA is local governments representative body and annually conducts a conference including the AGM. The 2025 convention is being held between 22 – 24 September at the Perth Convention Centre.

A program for the event is attached for Councillor information.

Comment

Council will need to nominate if they are attending so that arrangements can be made for registrations and accommodations.

Based on which Councillors will be attending will determine who will be Council’s voting delegates at the AGM.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Networking and learning opportunities provided by the Convention

Financial Implications

Budget allowance for the attendance of conferences.

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Crs (insert names) attend the 2025 WALGA AGM and Convention being held at the Perth Convention Centre with Crs (insert names) being Council’s voting delegates at the AGM.

Due to the program not being available at this time, this matter will be carried over to the next meeting for further consideration.

9.1.6 RESERVE TRANSFERS

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

This report seeks Council's endorsement for the transfer of funds from the Municipal Fund to the Reserve Fund to fund future projects.

Background

Council in its annual budget makes considerations for the transfer of funds to and from the Reserve account depending on the immediate and/or long-term needs of the Municipal budget or projects at hand.

The 2024/25 budget made recommendation for the following net transfers between accounts.

Plant Reserve	\$ 100,000 from Muni to Reserve
Swimming Pool Reserve	\$ 400,000 from Reserve to Muni
Building Reserve	\$ 600,000 from Reserve to Muni
Community Dev Reserve	\$ 150,000 from Muni to Reserve.

Comment

The \$1m transfer from Building and Swimming Pool Reserves to the Muni Fund transacted at the commencement of the financial year as the pool project was well advanced. These projections were set at the commencement of last year's budget and with a full year of operations I am recommending that the following transfers between accounts also take place

Plant Reserve	\$ 125,000 from Muni to Reserve
Community Dev Reserve	\$ 875,000 from Muni to Reserve.
Swimming Pool Reserve	\$ 300,000 from Muni to Reserve

It is noted that all interest earned on the Reserve Term Deposit is retained and allocated accordingly to each Reserve balance. This year's interest earned has \$ 155,000.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications

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

Strategic Implications

Sound Financial management practises by reserving funds for future project initiatives.

Financial Implications

Transfer of \$ 1,300,000 from the Municipal Fund to the Reserve Fund accounts for future projects.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council makes the following transfers between the Municipal Fund and the Reserve Fund

Plant Reserve	\$ 125,000 from Muni to Reserve
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Community Dev Reserve	\$ 875,000 from Muni to Reserve.
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Swimming Pool Reserve	\$ 300,000 from Muni to Reserve.
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RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Huxtable

Seconded:

Cr Della Bosca

07/06-25

That Council makes the following transfers between the Municipal Fund and the Reserve Fund

Plant Reserve

\$ 125,000 from Muni to Reserve

Community Dev Reserve

\$ 875,000 from Muni to Reserve.

Swimming Pool Reserve

\$ 300,000 from Muni to Reserve.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

In accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, the meeting is closed to the members of the public for this item as the following sub-section applied:

a) a matter affecting an employee or employees;

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995 the following disclosures of Financial interest are to be made by Bill Price -CEO

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr DellaBosca	Seconded:	Cr Geier
08/06-25	That the meeting goes “in camera” at 4.10 pm in accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, the meeting is closed to the members of the public for this item as the following sub-section applied: a) a matter affecting an employee or employees.		

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPRAISAL

9.1.8 EASTERN DISTRICTS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION – BUS HIRE WAIVER

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	A1.9.5	
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 waiving the hire fee for the use of the Community Bus by the Eastern Districts Hockey Association for a charity fundraising event being held in York on the 13 September 2025 to raise funds for Childhood cancer.

Background

The Eastern Districts Hockey Association are seeking Council’s support for a significant upcoming event in York WA.

On Saturday 13 September 2025, the York Hockey Club, in collaboration with the charity Hurt to Help, is hosting Eliza’s Game — an attempt to break the world record for the largest field hockey exhibition match. This special event aims to raise funds for childhood cancer research through Eliza’s Sparkle, and to support regional families affected by illness through Hurt to Help.

The event will take place at the York Recreation Centre, and promises a full day of hockey, community spirit, food, raffles, music, and family-friendly entertainment.

As part of our contribution, the EDHA hopes to bring 100+ players and supporters from across the region to participate.

To make this possible, we are currently trying to source as many buses as we can to assist with transport to and from each local club.

We kindly request whether the Shire would be willing to donate the use of your community bus(es) for the day or offer them at minimal or no cost to assist with this charitable cause.

Your support would go a long way in helping players from more remote areas take part in this event.

Could you please let me know at your earliest convenience if your Shire may be able to assist, and if so, whether there would be any associated cost.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We would be grateful for any assistance you can offer in helping make this event a success.

Comment

The bus is available for hire that particular weekend and as it is a legitimate fundraising event for Cancer it is recommended that Council support this initiative by waiving the cost of bus hire and supplying the fuel for the trip.

Statutory Environment

Nil



Policy Implications

Nil



Strategic Implications

Nil



Financial Implications

A small bus hire waiver and a tank of diesel.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council agree to waive the hire fee and fuel cost for the use of the Community Bus by the Eastern Districts Hockey Association for a charity fundraising event being held in York on the 13 September 2025 to raise funds for Childhood cancer.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Huxtable	Seconded:	Cr Faithfull
11/06-25	That Council agree to waive the hire fee and fuel cost for the use of the Community Bus by the Eastern Districts Hockey Association for a charity fundraising event being held in York on the 13 September 2025 to raise funds for Childhood cancer.		

CARRIED 6/0

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS

9.2.1 ROYAL LIFE SAVING – WESTONIA POOL SAFETY RE- ASSESSMENT 2025

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	RC 1.1.6	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Safety Assessment Report Westonia Pool 2025	
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for the Council to consider the findings of the Royal Life Saving Society Safety Re-assessment Report 2025, which has been reviewed since corrective works have been carried out at the Swimming Pool in the last couple of months.

Background

A Pool Safety Assessment (Assessment) is designed to provide swimming pool owners and operators with an overview of their performance against safety standards. The Assessment measures the facilities performance against a range of industry, state and national standards, guidelines and legislative provisions. The Assessment contains questions developed by a Technical Committee in consultation with the Aquatic Industry, government and non-government agencies. All questions are reference based and continually reviewed in line with changing industry standards and community expectations. As a result, the Assessment is considered best practice within the Aquatic Industry. The question set applies to both Council-owned public pools as well as public-access pools such as body corporates and Learn-to-Swim facilities.

Assessments can benefit pool owners / operators by:

- Benchmark current performance against industry standards and best practice.
- Gain independent and expert information and advice.
- Encourage continual improvement at your aquatic facility.
- Support the training and educational needs of key facility representatives.
- Stay current with regulatory changes.
- Reduce the likelihood and consequence of aquatic related injury and death in your facility.
- Demonstrate the use of a formal risk management process.
- Maintain a working relationship with the peak industry body.

Comment

The report for Westonia had quite a few findings that require addressing which is understandable as the facility is 50 years old. The Pool Manager had been instructed at the end of the Pool season to address and rectify where possible the critical and highly rated recommendations identified in the report.

A large portion of the recommendations have been addressed with outcomes reported back to Royal Life Saving for consideration and reassessment in a final report.

The new rating assessment report card which shows a huge improvement in scoring has been attached for Council information.



Statutory Environment

A range of industry, state and national standards, guidelines and legislative provisions.



Policy Implications

Nil



Strategic Implications

Social – provide community facilities and promote social interactions.



Financial Implications

Within budget constraints already adopted



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council endorse the findings of the Royal Life Saving Society Safety Re-assessment Report 2025.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Simmonds	Seconded:	Cr Geier
12/06-25	That Council endorse the findings of the Royal Life Saving Society Safety Re-assessment Report 2025.		

CARRIED 6/0

9.3 WORKS AND SERVICES

9.3.1 CLEARING LETTER OF AUTHORITY TELSTRA – SOUTH CARRABIN ROAD

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	CA4.2.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider granting a Letter of Authority for Telstra contractors to undertake some clearing on Council Road Reserve South Carrabin Road.

Background

Service Stream Mobile Communications is appointed by Telstra and its subsidiary Company, Amplitel Pty Ltd for the deployment and maintenance of its mobile telephone network across Australia.

Telstra is going to co-locate telecommunications equipment on to an existing Optus/Indara mast located at Lot 32 (P142898) Carrabin South Road, Carrabin WA 6423. A power upgrade is required at the site and Western Power have advised that we need to submit a Vegetation Clearance Application to DWER for the works that they need to complete in the road reserve outside of the subject land.

We have recently received advice and a power plan from Western Power:

Western Power have advised us that power pole #S2255136 needs to be replaced 5m SE of the current location. Trenching works between the pole and the subject property is required and therefore vegetation clearance is required.

To facilitate the connection, clearing, or **potential clearing of vegetation** is required. Service Stream is working to obtain the necessary permits / approvals from DWER.

The total area for clearing is 0.009556h (95.56m²) approx., some of this is within the road reserve – The Shire of Westonia and some of this is within Lot 32 - private land.

In order to apply for the vegetation removal permit, Telstra need to complete a DWER (Dept of Water and Environmental Regulation) referral / application form, and need to provide a letter, in which the Landowner authorises us to access and clear native vegetation within the property.

Telstra seek a Letter of Authority from The Shire of Westonia authorising clearing within the road reserve.



Comment

The area involved for clearing on the road reserve is extremely minimal and is light land scrub. It is recommended that Council provide the approval.

Statutory Environment

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation - vegetation removal permit

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council grant a Letter of Authority for Telstra contractors to undertake some clearing on Council Road Reserve South Carrabin Road.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Geier

Seconded:

Cr Faithfull

13/06-25

That Council grant a Letter of Authority for Telstra contractors to undertake some clearing on Council Road Reserve South Carrabin Road.

CARRIED 6/0

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

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday schedule 24th July 2025 commencing at 4.00pm.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

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