

SHIRE OF
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Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia

Thursday 18th May 2023

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 15th June 2023 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18th May 2023

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Cr RM Crees
Shire President

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STRATEGIC COMMUNITY

SNAPSHOT PLAN
2018-2028

CORE DRIVERS

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

OUR VALUES

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

Inclusiveness – Be receptive, proactive, and responsive.

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

Communication – Create opportunities for consultation with the broad community.

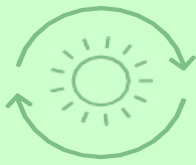
OUR VISION

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MISSION

Provide leadership and direction for the community.

ECONOMIC



Support growth and progress, locally and regionally...

Efficient transport connectivity in and around our Shire.

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

Facilitate local business retention and growth.

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

SOCIAL



Provide community facilities and promote social Interaction...

Plan for community growth and changing demographics.

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

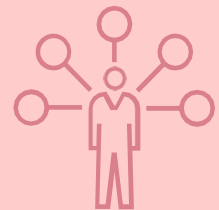
Our community has the opportunity to be active, socialised and connected.

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

Natural spaces are preserved and bring us value.

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

GOVERNANCE



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

Be progressive and capture opportunities.

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

The community receives services in a timely manner.

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

Financial resources meet the ongoing needs of the community.

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

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

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

A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect for the following former residents who recently passed away:

- Lillian Turner
- Loraine Antonio
- David White

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Cr RM Crees	<i>Shire President</i>
Cr RA Della Bosca	<i>Deputy Shire President</i>
Cr WJ Huxtable	
CR RS Corsini	
Cr KM Day	Via Teams Meetings
Cr DL Geier	

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 (3.35PM – 3.50PM)

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 20th April 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Day	Seconded:	Cr Corsini
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01/05-23	That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20th April 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
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CARRIED 6/0

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held Monday 17th April 2023 be accepted.

That the minutes of the WEROC INC. Board meeting held Wednesday 26th April 2023 be accepted.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Corsini	Seconded:	Cr Geier
02/05-23	That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held Monday 17 th April 2023 be accepted.		
	That the minutes of the WEROC INC. Board meeting held Wednesday 26 th April 2023 be accepted.		

CARRIED 6/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:

Wongan Hills Delegates

18th May 2023 Reconnect WA RAC Launch – Wolfram Street Streetscape Project

22nd April 2022 Wessy on the Green

Deputy President, Cr Della Bosca advised having attended the following meetings:

22nd April 2022 Wessy on the Green

18th May 2023 Reconnect WA RAC Launch – Wolfram Street Streetscape Project

Councillor Day advised having attended the following meetings:

22nd April 2022 Wessy on the Green

26 April 2023 Webinar on Electric Cars

Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:

22nd April 2022 Wessy on the Green

18th May 2023 Reconnect WA RAC Launch – Wolfram Street Streetscape Project

Councillor Huxtable advised having attended the following meetings:

22nd April 2022 Wessy on the Green

18th May 2023 Reconnect WA RAC Launch – Wolfram Street Streetscape Project

Councillor Corsini advised having attended the following meetings:

18th May 2023 Reconnect WA RAC Launch – Wolfram Street Streetscape Project

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 **18th May 2023**.

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 **18th May 2023**.

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 **18th May 2023**.

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 – APRIL 2023

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

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

Background

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

Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of April 2023 The credit card statements currently show: -

CEO April 2023 \$5,514.73 associated with the purchase of of Cloud Anti Spam Recurring, Cloud Anti Spam Recurring, Telstra Recharge Bill Ipad , Activ8me internet service, Activ8me internet, Microsoft 365 Business, 1038283 Microsoft 365 Business std Recurring, 1049450 & 1049449 Managed Endpoint, Managed Endpoint - Server Recurring, 1047021 Business Basic, 1047021 Microsoft 365 Basic Recurring,1 038203 Recurring, 1038203 Office 365 Exchange online plan monthly recurring, Canva Subscription, Lge Print Scrabble, New Large Print Scrabble Board for games group, Bird Control @ Stadium, Bird Control Hawk Laser MK2 - 80mW, Medical Centre Supplies, Basic Dressing Pack, Multistix 10 SG Regant Strips 100 pack

DCEO April 2023 \$1,115.44 associated with the purchase of NP11 Search, Insolvency Check \$15.00 - Kerry Hermon, WOTG Gift Cards, Plate Changes for New Tippers, Plate Change New Road Train Side Tippers, Plate Change, National Crime Check, Police Clearance Change of Plate & 12mth Rego 02WT, 02WT - 12mth license & change of Plate, GST

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 2022/2023 Annual Budget.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That April 2023 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers numbered from 4042 to 4043, and D/Debits from EFT6130 to EFT6186 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure/Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$832,522.20 be passed for payment.

RESOLUTION



Moved: Cr Huxtable

Seconded: Cr Day

03/05-23 That April 2023 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers numbered from 4042 to 4043, and D/Debits from EFT6130 to EFT6186 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure/Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$832,522.20 be passed for payment.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY– APRIL 2023

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

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 April 2023 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 2022/2023 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 April 2023 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

RESOLUTION



Moved: Cr Huxtable

Seconded: Cr DellaBosca

04/05-23 That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending April 2023 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – APRIL 2023

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

Background

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at April 2023 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 (\$2,710.00) for the period ending April 2023 adopted.

RESOLUTION


Moved: Cr Corsini Seconded: Cr Geier

05/05-23 That the GST Reconciliation totalling (\$2,710.00) for the period ending April 2023 adopted.

9.1.4 GROWING REGIONS GRANT APPLICATION

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	F1.10.4
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

Signature:	Officer	CEO
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Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider submitting an EOI/application to the Federal Governments Growing Regions Grant Fund to assist in the refurbishment of the Swimming Pool and Plant Room.

Background

Council would be aware of its previous application to the Liberal Governments Building Better Regions Fund for the Swimming Pool Redevelopment, which was terminated by the newly elected Labour Government since its election. The Federal Government has now implemented a new funding package titled the Growing Regions Fund.

This program aims to deliver community and economic benefits by investing in community-focused infrastructure which revitalises regions and enhances amenity and liveability throughout regional Australia. The objectives of the program are:

- Constructing or upgrading community infrastructure that fills an identified gap or need for community infrastructure.
- Contributing to achieving a wide range of community socio-economic outcomes.
- To strategically aligned with regional priorities.

Grants between \$500,000 and \$15 million are available. Applicants are required to provide cash contributions. The co-contribution requirements are:

- For group 1, funding of up to 90% (co-contribution 10%) for projects:
 1. Run by First Nations Community Controlled Organisations (as defined in Section 14 of the Guidelines).
 2. Located in 'very remote' locations per the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Remoteness Structure as detailed in the mapping tool.
 3. Located in areas impacted by natural disaster from 1 May 2022 onwards as defined in Australian disasters where the specific project site was directly impacted by the disaster.
- For group 2, funding of up to 70% (co-contribution 30%) for projects:
 1. Located in 'remote' locations per the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Remoteness Structure as detailed in the mapping tool.
 2. Run by 'low rate based' councils, determined using the ratio of Financial Assistance Grant to Net Rate Income.
- For group 3, up to 50% for all remaining projects.

A total funding pool of \$600 million is available over three years, of which \$300 million is available for Round 1.

The application is a two-stage process:

- Expression of interest: Opens 5 July and closes 1 August 2023, 5pm AEST
- Full application (by invitation only): Opens 1 November and closes 12 December 2023, 5pm AEST

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a not-for-profit organisation with a current Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission's (ACNC) registration or Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Organisations (ORIC) registration or a local government agency or body.
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN), or ORIC registration.
- Deliver the project in an eligible location.
- Commence the project no later than 15 May 2024.

- Own the land/infrastructure being upgraded or built upon or have the landowner's permission to use the land/infrastructure.
- Be one of the following entities:
 1. Australian company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001
 2. Co-operative
 3. Incorporated association
 4. Indigenous corporation or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (Cth)
 5. Local Government or an Australian local government agency or body as defined in section 14 of the Guidelines.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Community hubs and centres (youth centres, men's sheds)
- Art galleries/libraries/museums/cultural facilities
- Aquatic/sports centres
- Social and community infrastructure which encourages economic and social liveability.

Eligible projects must:

- Be completed by 31 December 2025.
- Be delivered in an eligible location. All eligible locations must be outside of the Greater Capital City Statistical Areas (GCCSA) as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
- Be aimed at constructing new community infrastructure or expanding or upgrading existing infrastructure for wider community benefit.
- Not have commenced construction.
- Not have received Commonwealth funding to undertake the same grant activities.
- Have a minimum eligible expenditure of at least \$555,556 (group 1), \$714,286 (group 2) or \$1 million (group 3) depending on co-funding requirements.

Main Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- For the expression of interest
 1. To what extent is the project ready to proceed and how does it align to the program objectives? (non-weighted)
 2. How does the project align with regional priorities for the area? (5 points)
 - For the full application
 3. Contribution to economic opportunity and social and community inclusion. (40 points)
 4. Alignment with broader Government and regional strategic priorities. (20 points)
 5. Capacity, capability and resources to deliver and sustain the project. (40 points)

Comment

Council have previously made application under the BBRF fund for the Swimming Pool Redevelopment, and it is recommended that Council submit an stage 1 Expression of Interest (EOI) under the newly created Growing regions Fund.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Social – provide community facilities and promote social interaction.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for grant funding assistance for the Westonia Swimming Pool Redevelopment Project under the Federal Government's Growing Regions Fund.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Day

Seconded: Cr Corsini


06/05-23

That Council submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for grant funding assistance for the Westonia Swimming Pool Redevelopment Project under the Federal Government's Growing Regions Fund.

CARRIED by 6/0

9.1.5 ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATION GRANT APPLICATION

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	F1.10.4	
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 grant submitted to the Charge-Up Workplace Grant Program to assist in the establishment of a 4 Bay Electric Car Charging Station in Westonia.

Background

Some investigative work has been carried out by Cr Day, Graham Jones and Anne Marie Jensen on the opportunity for there to be an Electric Car Charging Station installed in Westonia to cater for the future growth market in electric/battery operated vehicles.

The State Government have installed EVCS in various strategic townsites throughout the region and as Westonia is located off the Highway will unlikely ever be nominated for one.

The Charge -Up Workplace Grant Scheme is an opportunity to apply for some funding assistance to help offset a portion of the installation costs involved with such a facility.

Comment

An application has been submitted under the Charge -Up Workplace Grant Scheme for the sum of \$ 21,440 to assist in the establishment of a 4-bay electric charging station. The nominated site for the facility is on the Southern end of the Council shed located on Wolfram Street adjacent to the Caravan Park.

This site was selected as it has a current power supply and is conveniently located close to the Caravan Park.

Council's contribution is estimated at \$ 47,000 which will need to be allocated in the 2023/24 financial budget should Council wish to proceed with the project if successful.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Social – provide community facilities and promote social interaction.

Financial Implications

2023/24 budget consideration

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council endorse the grant submitted to the Charge-Up Workplace Grant Program to assist in the establishment of a 4 Bay Electric Car Charging Station in Westonia.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Huxtable

Seconded: Cr DellaBosca


07/05-23

That Council endorse the grant submitted to the Charge-Up Workplace Grant Program to assist in the establishment of a 4 Bay Electric Car Charging Station in Westonia

CARRIED by 6/0

9.1.6 MOU – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESOURCE SHARING

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	A1.8.3
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	MOU Template

Signature:	Officer	CEO	
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Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for the Council to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Great Eastern Zone member Council's for the Provision of Mutual Aid during Emergencies and Post Incident Recovery.

Background

The purpose of this Memorandum is to:

1. Facilitate the provision of mutual aid between member Councils of the Great Eastern Countr Zone of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) during emergencies and post incident recovery.
2. Enhance the capacity of our communities to cope in times of difficulty.
3. Demonstrate the capacity and willingness of participating Councils to work cooperatively and share resources within the region.

Parties to the agreement are the Great Eastern Zone Members including Shires of Bruce Rock, Cunderdin, Dowerin, Kellerberrin, Kondinin, Koorda, Merredin, Mount Marshall, Mukinbudin, Narembeen, Nungarin, Tammin, Trayning, Westonia, Wyalkatchem and Yilgarn.

Comment

The Great Eastern Country Zone resolved in August 2022 to endorse a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Emergency Management Purposes:

'That the Zone endorse the Memorandum of Understanding for the provision of mutual aid during emergencies and post incident recovery'.

The Zone Executive Officer has arranged to distribute the MOU to each Zone Local Government for signature and arrange for the collation of a comprehensive schedule of machinery and equipment relevant to this agreement.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Governance – Continually enhance the Shire's organisational capacity to service its growing community.



Financial Implications

Nil



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council authorise the CEO to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Great Eastern Zone member Council's for the Provision of Mutual Aid during Emergencies and Post Incident Recovery.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Geier

Seconded:

Cr DellaBosca


08/05-23

That Council authorise the CEO to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Great Eastern Zone member Council's for the Provision of Mutual Aid during Emergencies and Post Incident Recovery.

CARRIED by 6/0

9.1.7 CARAVAN PARK CARETAKER FACILITIES

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	ES1.7.1
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 purchasing a transportable office/ablution building to be installed adjacent the Caravan Park Caretakers residence.

Background

Council would be aware of the Caretakers residence located at the Caravan Park. The existing building is a transportable building that has a bedroom and separate kitchenette area. The caretaker currently shares this space as the office when accepting bookings and needs to utilise the Park amenities for ablutions.

Feedback from past caretakers have indicated that lack of privacy in the residence and access to ablutions is detrimental to the position.

Comment

A quotation for a new portable office/ensuite building has been obtained amounting to \$ 13, 750 (inc GST). The building could be collocated adjacent to the existing building making access convenient to the caretaker. Additional costs will be transport and plumbing into existing services.

Attached is a copy of plans and photos of the building for Councillor information.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Social – Provide community facilities and promote social interaction.

Financial Implications

This purchase is an unbudgeted item and would require Absolute Majority decision of Council. To date Caravan Park takings amount to \$ 40,846 compared to budget of \$ 32,000.

Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council purchase a transportable office/ablution building to be installed adjacent the Caravan Park Caretakers residence.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Huxtable

Seconded: Cr Corsini

09/05-23

That Council purchase a transportable office/ablution building to be installed adjacent the Caravan Park Caretakers residence.

CARRIED by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS

Nil


9.3 WORKS AND SERVICE

Nil

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

9.4.1 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 selling Lot 117 (33) Granite Street to Graham Veale.

Background

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

Council has received an application from a Graham Veale who wishes to purchase lot 117 (33) Granite Street Westonia with the intention to construct a light industrial shed.

Below is a map illustrating the lot in question.




Comment

This particular lot will require a Western Power Dome application.

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

9.4.2 LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY – FINAL

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	D1.2.3
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Local Planning Strategy
Signature:	Officer CEO



Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider adoption of the Final Local Planning Strategy as presented.

Background

The LPS is intended to provide a clear plan for the future land use and development, specifically the Westonia townsite.

The Strategy aims to:

- Provide guidance for designated land uses within the townsite.
- Provide guidance on such matters as the Westonia Historical Façade Precinct, boundary fencing, sea containers and tourism.
- set out the key aspirations of stakeholders.
- accommodate the future needs of the community.
- create opportunities to enhance and protect local attributes; and
- provide a framework to achieve long-term local and regional objectives and goals.

The LPS will be backed up with several Local Laws that will give the Council greater and clearer enforceability on some of the more contentious planning issues within the townsite being: -

- Fencing Local Law
- Historical Precinct (Facades) Local Law.
- Sea Container Local Law

Comment

Council adopted at its February Council meeting the draft Local Planning Strategy which has been endorsed by the WAPC and advertised for a 6-week period requesting public comment by 4.00pm Monday 8th May.

At the close of submissions period no responses were received from the community.

As there were no submissions, I recommend that Council adopt the Draft document as its Final version of the Local Planning Strategy.

Statutory Environment

Planning & Development Act 2005.

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Social – Develop the Town Planning Scheme and plan and develop residential and industrial land.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council adopt the Final Local Planning Strategy document as presented.

RESOLUTION

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

11/05-23 That Council adopt the Final Local Planning Strategy document as presented.

CARRIED by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

9.4.3 PLANNING LOCAL LAWS

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	A2.10.3
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Fencing Local Law 2023, Shipping/Sea Container Local Law 2023, Historical Precinct Local Law 2023
Signature:	Officer CEO

Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Councils consideration of three new Local Laws which will provide the opportunity to protect the amenity of the Westonia townsite and its streetscape in the absence of a Town Planning Scheme.

Background

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 16th February 2023, Council resolved to make new local laws 'Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2023', 'Fencing Local Law 2023', and, 'Westonia Historical Precinct Local Law 2023' (OM14/02-23).

Advertising as required under the *Local Government Act 1995* (LG Act) of the proposed Local Law took place on the 22nd February 2023 in The Westonian, & Town notice Board and on 10 March 2023 in the Merredin Phoenix Times, with a 6 week submission period.

A Shire wide community online consultation was conducted through the Shire's Your Say consultation tool with a survey running from 22nd February 2023 No submissions were received.

Comment

It is now recommended that Council adopt the 'Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2023', 'Fencing Local Law 2023', and 'Westonia Historical Precinct Local Law 2023' (new Local Law) and that it be published in the Government Gazette.

Statutory Environment

Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1995 allows Council to make Local laws within its district while Section 6 provides the setting of fees and charges, including penalties.

Policy Implications

Council currently has a Shipping and/or Sea Container Policy which will be obsolete in the advent of adoption of a local Law.

Strategic Implications

Provides Council with certainty over its development control process.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council,

1. Resolves to make the 'Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2023', 'Fencing Local Law 2023', and, 'Westonia Historical Precinct Local Law 2023' as per Attachment 1;
2. Authorises the CEO to:
 - a) Affix the common seal to the new Local Law, or any other documents relevant to making the new Local Laws;
 - b) Publish the new Local Law in the Government Gazette and forward a copy to the Minister for Local Government;
3. Advertises in the Shire's public notices the Gazetted Local Laws' title, purpose and effect and availability for inspection, as required under section 3.12(6) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Corsini

12/05-23

That Council,

1. Resolves to make the 'Shipping and/or Sea Container Local Law 2023', 'Fencing Local Law 2023', and, 'Westonia Historical Precinct Local Law 2023' as per Attachment 1;
2. Authorises the CEO to:
 - a) Affix the common seal to the new Local Law, or any other documents relevant to making the new Local Laws;
 - b) Publish the new Local Law in the Government Gazette and forward a copy to the Minister for Local Government;
3. Advertises in the Shire's public notices the Gazetted Local Laws' title, purpose and effect and availability for inspection, as required under section 3.12(6) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

CARRIED by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

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

Nil

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday schedule 15th June 2023 commencing at 3.30pm. The Annual General Meeting of Electors will be held on Thursday 15th June 2023 at the Old Miners Hall, Wolfram Street, Westonia commencing at 6.00pm

12. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the President, Cr Crees declared the meeting closed at 4.20 pm.