

**SHIRE OF  
WESTONIA**  
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# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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**Cr RM Crees**  
**Shire President**

*All attachment items referred to in these minutes are available for public perusal at the Shire Office*



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

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Westonia

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

**financial interest (Section 5.60A)**

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

**proximity interest (Section 5.60B)**

A person has a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns a proposed —

- (a) change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land;
- (b) change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or
- (c) development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.

**interest affecting impartiality/closely associated persons (Regulation 24C).** I disclose that I have an association with the applicant. As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly.

An interest that would give rise to a reasonable belief that the impartiality of the person having the interest would be adversely affected but does not include a financial or proximity interest as referred to in section 5.60.

in the following Council / Committee Meetings to be held on \_\_\_\_\_

in Item number/s \_\_\_\_\_

the nature of the interest being \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Yours faithfully

(Councillor's signature)

Councillor's Name

The *Local Government Act* provides that it is the member's obligation to declare the Nature of an interest if they believe that they have a financial interest, proximity interest, closely associated persons or an interest affecting impartiality in a matter being discussed by Council.

The Act provides that the Nature of the interest may be declared in writing to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting or declared prior to discussion of the Agenda Item at the meeting. The Act further provides that the Extent of the interest needs to be declared if the member seeks to remain in the Chamber during the discussion, debate or voting on the item.

A Councillor declaring a financial or proximity interest must leave the meeting prior to the matter being discussed or voted on (including the question as to whether they are permitted to remain in the Chamber). Councillors remaining in the Chamber may resolve to allow the member to return to the meeting to participate in the proceedings.

The decision of whether to disclose a financial interest is yours and yours alone. Nobody can disclose for you and you can not be forced to make a disclosure.



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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.

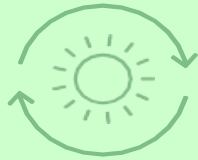
## OUR VISION

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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.

**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 MJ Crews       |                               |
| Cr A Faithfull    |                               |
| Cr DL Simmonds    |                               |

### Staff:

|                 |                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mrs JL Geier    | <i>Acting Chief Executive Officer</i> |
| Miss C Pedrotti | <i>Finance Officer</i>                |

### Members of the Public:

### Apologies:

### Approved Leave of Absence:

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

NIL

## 4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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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> April 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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### RESOLUTION

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| Moved: | Cr Geier | Seconded: | Cr Faithfull |
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|----------|--|
| 01/05-26 | That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record. |
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CARRIED 6/0

## 6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

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### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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That the Minutes for the WEROC Board Meeting held Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 be accepted.

That the minutes of the Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc Management Committee Meeting held on Monday, 4 May 2026 be accepted.

That the Minutes for the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG) Meeting held Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026 be accepted.

That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting Held on Thursday 23 April 2026 be accepted.

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### RESOLUTION

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**Moved:** Cr Geier

**Seconded:** Cr Della Bosca

**02/05-26 That the Minutes for the WEROC Board Meeting held Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 be accepted.**

**That the minutes of the Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc Management Committee Meeting held on Monday, 4 May 2026 be accepted.**

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**That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting Held on Thursday 23 April 2026 be accepted.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

## 7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:

Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

Australian Golden Outback Sundowner & Dinner Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

WEROC Inc. Board Meeting Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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

Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG) Meeting Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026

CEACA Inc Management Committee Meeting Monday 4 May 2026

Australian Golden Outback Sundowner & Dinner Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:

Australian Golden Outback Sundowner & Dinner Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Councillor Simmonds advised having attended the following meetings:

Australian Golden Outback Sundowner & Dinner Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Councillor Faithfull advised having attended the following meetings:

Australian Golden Outback Sundowner & Dinner Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Westonia Golf Club AGM Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Westonia Bowling Club AGM Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Councillor Crews advised having attended the following meetings:

Australian Golden Outback Sundowner & Dinner Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Westonia Golf Club AGM Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Financial** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026**.

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Name/Position</b>      |  |
| <b>Item No./Subject</b>   |  |
| <b>Nature of interest</b> |  |
| <b>Extent of Interest</b> |  |

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 **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026**.

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Name/Position</b>      |  |
| <b>Item No./Subject</b>   |  |
| <b>Nature of interest</b> |  |
| <b>Extent of Interest</b> |  |

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 **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026**.


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|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Name/Position</b>      |  |
| <b>Item No./Subject</b>   |  |
| <b>Nature of interest</b> |  |
| <b>Extent of Interest</b> |  |

## 9. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

### 9.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

#### 9.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – APRIL 2026

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|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>    | Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO   |
| <b>Author:</b>                 | Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO   |
| <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> <span style="float: right;"><b>ACTING CEO</b><br/></span> |

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#### Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

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

#### Background

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

#### Comment

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

#### MasterCard Transactions

**CEO April 2026 \$1,042.86** associated with the purchase of Active8me internet service, 1049449 Managed Endpoint & Subscriptions Recurring, Starlink, Canva Subscription, Medshop - Medical Supplies, Card Fee International Transaction Fee

**DCEO April 2026 \$ 2,767.68** associated with the purchase of 5xExchange, 9x365 Business Basic, 13x365 Business Std, Two Dogs - Curtain Rods, Snapfish - Fridge Magnets, Unitix – Lanyards, Galway - HACC Supplies, PAYPAL - Facebook Advert, Bendigo - Card Fee, International Transaction Fee

#### Fuel Card Transactions Totalling \$635.05

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| CEO                     | \$ - 0.00   |
| DCEO                    | \$ -325.46  |
| Construction Supervisor | \$ - 185.82 |

#### 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




## 9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY– APRIL 2026

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|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>    | Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO                                       |
| <b>Author:</b>                 | Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO                                       |
| <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>ACTING CEO</b>                                |

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### **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 April 2026 is attached for Councillor information, and consists of:

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

### **Statutory Environment**

General Financial Management of Council  
Council 2025/2026 Budget  
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996  
Local Government Act 1995 section 6.4

### **Policy Implications**

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

### **Strategic Implications**

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

### **Financial Implications**

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

### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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**RESOLUTION**

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Moved: Cr Faithfull

Seconded: Cr Simmonds

04/05-26 That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending April 2026 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

CARRIED 6/0










**9.1.5 CENTRAL EAST ACCOMMODATION AND CARE ALLIANCE (CEACA) EXPANSION PROJECT  
– WAIVER OF FEES FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANS.**

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|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>    | Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO   |
| <b>Author:</b>                 | Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO   |
| <b>File Reference:</b>         | ES1.7.1   |
| <b>Disclosure of Interest:</b> | Nil   |
| <b>Attachments:</b>            | Nil   |
| <b>Signature:</b>              | <b>Officer</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>ACTING CEO</b><br/></span> |

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**Purpose of the Report**

- Executive Decision                       Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for council to consider waiving the Building/Planning fees associated with the proposed CEACA development application for four (4) new 2x1 units at Lot 501 Cnr Gold and Quartz Street.

**Background**

The Central East Aged Care Alliance (CEACA) previously received planning approval from Council in 2017 for residential units at Lot 501 Cnr Gold and Quartz Street, Westonia.

CEACA is now progressing the next stage of its regional housing program and is preparing to lodge a new development application for four (4) additional 2x1 units on the site.

Prior to lodging the application, CEACA has requested that Council consider waiving the applicable planning fees associated with the proposed development.

**Comment**

CEACA is progressing to the second stage of its housing program, which involves the construction of 54 houses across 11 Wheatbelt local governments.

Of the 54 houses proposed, Westonia is set to receive four (4) units. Planning approval was previously granted in 2017 for the original units and CEACA is expected to submit a development application for the additional units in the coming months.

In anticipation of the application being lodged, CEACA has requested that participating Councils waive the applicable Building/Planning fees, with the waived amount contributing towards each Council's overall project contribution.

Westonia's contribution towards the project is anticipated to be between \$95,000 and \$100,000, with the final amount to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Should Council elect to waive the Building/Planning fees, the waived amount will be deducted from Council's overall contribution to the project.

**Statutory Environment**

Local Government Act 1995.

**Policy Implications**

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

**Strategic Implications**

The potential to add to the housing stock available to residents in the town.

### Financial Implications

No actual financial commitment to the Council at this particular time.

### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

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### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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That Council:

1. Waive the **Building/Planning** fees associated with the proposed CEACA development application for four (4) new 2x1 units at Lot 501 Cnr Gold and Quartz Street upon submission of the application; and
2. Reduce Council's contribution towards the construction of the units by the value of the **Building/Planning** fees waived.
3. Make and allowance for Councils Contribution of \$100,000 in the 2026-2027 Budget.

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### RESOLUTION

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Moved: Cr Faithfull

Seconded: Cr Simmonds

07/05-26 That Council:

1. Waive the **Building/Planning** fees associated with the proposed CEACA development application for four (4) new 2x1 units at Lot 501 Cnr Gold and Quartz Street upon submission of the application; and
2. Reduce Council's contribution towards the construction of the units by the value of the **Building/Planning** fees waived.
3. Make and allowance for Councils Contribution of \$100,000 in the 2026-2027 Budget.

CARRIED 6/0


## 9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS

### 9.2.1 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 70/6811

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>    | Jasmine Geier, Acting CEO        |
| <b>Author:</b>                 | Jasmine Geier, Acting CEO        |
| <b>File Reference:</b>         | ES1.6.1                          |
| <b>Disclosure of Interest:</b> | Nil                              |
| <b>Attachments:</b>            | Location Maps EL 70/6811         |
| <b>Signature:</b>              | <b>Officer</b> <b>ACTING CEO</b> |

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#### Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's comment on an Exploration license in the south part of the shire.

#### Background

The Shire has been advised of an application for an Exploration license lodged by Austwide Mining Title Managements on behalf of Serena Minerals LTD (E70/6811).

The application relates to land in the southern portion of the Shire. (See Attached)

#### Comment

Serena Minerals LTD is a ASX listed company exploring for Gold, Base Metals and Uranium Projects.

Previous exploration approvals have been granted with the following conditions:

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected.
- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions.
- 3) Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be bunded so that it does not spread.
- 4) All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner.
- 5) All rubbish is to be disposed of at the local landfill site in the appropriate manner.
- 6) A firefighting unit is to be always available, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called.
- 7) No drill holes are to extend under any public railway line or any roadways. Drilling being carried out is not to interfere with road drainage and must be beyond the batter line (this is to minimise damage to capped drill holes during maintenance grading) – refer to Typical Cross Section of Road Formation diagram.
- 8) Safety signs are to be erected in accordance with Australian Standards – to warn both mining staff, contractors, and the public/visitors.
- 9) All drill holes are to be capped as soon as possible/practical after drilling.
- 10) If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, when working between 7:00 pm. and 7:00 am.
- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter "Westonian" prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and

- 12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire Road Surface and gravel pits, and that no drilling operation is to affect any part Historical N/A in any way.

**Statutory Environment**

The Mining Act prevails in this matter.

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Strategic Implications**

Nil.

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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That Council grants approval to Serena Minerals LTD (E70//6811) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with this respective Exploration Lease as shown on the attached maps with the following conditions: -

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected.
- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions.
- 3) Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be banded so that it does not spread.
- 4) All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner.
- 5) All rubbish is to be disposed of at the local landfill site in the appropriate manner.
- 6) A firefighting unit is to be always available, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called.
- 7) No drill holes are to extend under any public railway line or any roadways. Drilling being carried out is not to interfere with road drainage and must be beyond the batter line (this is to minimise damage to capped drill holes during maintenance grading) – refer to Typical Cross Section of Road Formation diagram.
- 8) Safety signs are to be erected in accordance with Australian Standards – to warn both mining staff, contractors, and the public/ visitors.
- 9) All drill holes are to be capped as soon as possible/practical after drilling.
- 10) If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, when working between 7:00 pm. and 7:00 am.
- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter "Westonian" prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and
- 12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire Road Surface and gravel pits, and that no drilling operation is to affect any part N/A in any way.

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**RESOLUTION**

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Moved: Cr Crews

Seconded: Cr Simmonds

08/05-26 That Council grants approval to Serena Minerals LTD (E70//6811) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with this respective Exploration Lease as shown on the attached maps with the following conditions: -

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CARRIED 6/0

### **9.3 WORKS AND SERVICES**

**Nil**

#### **9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES**

**Nil**





A summary of the submissions received is provided below:

| Application   | Equipment                  | Offer Amount | Comments                |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Jazmin Parker | School Front section       | \$800        | Local                   |
| Steve Higgins | Climbing Complex           | \$2000       | Uniting Church Merredin |
| Steve Higgins | School Equipment           | \$1000       | Uniting Church Merredin |
| Ralph Palmer  | All outdoor play equipment | \$1000       |                         |

Following assessment of the submissions received, it is considered that the preferred allocation of the equipment achieves the best overall outcome for Council through maximising return while supporting continued community reuse of the equipment.

The successful applicants will be responsible for all costs associated with dismantling, removal, transport, and reinstatement of the equipment.

#### **Statutory Environment**

Australian Standard AS 4685:2021 (Parts 1-6, 11) Playground Equipment

#### **Policy Implications**

Council does not currently have a policy relating specifically to this matter

#### **Strategic Implications**

Future Directions – Asset Management and Preservation

#### **Financial Implications**

Sale proceeds will be returned to Council revenue and offset minor project costs associated with the playground upgrade program.

#### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

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#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council:

1. Accepts the Expression of Interest submitted by Steve Higgins for the purchase the Climbing Complex in the amount of \$2,000;
2. Accepts the Expression of Interest submitted by Jazmin Parker for the purchase and removal of the School Front Section in the amount of \$800;

