

**SHIRE OF  
WESTONIA**  
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# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

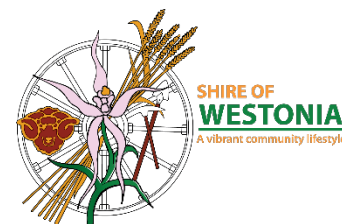
Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

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**Cr Karin Day**  
**Shire President**

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



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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.

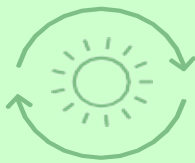
## OUR VISION

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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.

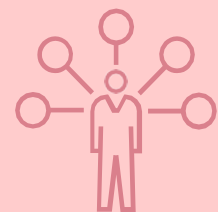
### Our community has the opportunity to be active, socialised and connected.

- 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 Day welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 3.38pm.

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

- Jean Poole
- Noelene Mann

## 2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### Councillors:

Cr KM Day	President
Cr RM Crees	Deputy President
Cr DL Geier	
Cr WJ Huxtable	
CR RS Corsini	
Cr RA Della Bosca	

### Staff:

Mr. JC Criddle	Chief Executive Officer
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**Members of the Public:** Nil

**Apologies:** Nil

**Approved Leave of Absence:** Nil

## 3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.40PM – 3.55PM)

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 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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### RESOLUTION

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<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Cr Corsini</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>Cr Huxtable</b>
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01/11-21      That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

That the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 6/0

## 6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Wheatbelt NRM AGM minutes held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be accepted as true and correct

### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Della Bosca

Seconded: Cr Corsini

02/11-21 That the Wheatbelt NRM AGM minutes held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be accepted as true and correct

CARRIED 6/0

## 7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Westonia Sporting Precinct planning meeting with all Councillors.
- Ramelius Resources to discuss local health issues with the CEO.

Cr Corsini advised having attended the following meetings:

- Westonia Progress Association AGM & Committee Meeting with Cr's Geier & Della Bosca.
- Westonia Community Resource Centre AGM & Committee Meeting with Cr Huxtable and the CEO.

Cr Huxtable advised having attended the following meetings:

- Bruce Rock Remembrance Park official opening.

## 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 **18<sup>th</sup> November 2021**.

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 **18<sup>th</sup> November 2021**.

Name/Position	Cr Geier
Item No./Subject	9.4.1 ML Geier – Oversized Shed
Nature of interest	Closely Associated Person
Extent of Interest	Son of Applicant

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 **18<sup>th</sup> November 2021**.



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

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

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#### Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision  Legislative Requirement

#### Background

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

#### Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of October 2021. The credit card statements currently show: -

CEO **October 2021 \$2,267.36** associated with the purchase of Diesel Fuel, Microsoft 365 Business Recurring, Activ8me 300GB Bonus Package, Spotify for Westonia Swimming pool, Microsoft 365 Business Standard, Merry Well LG Conference, Canvas Print 90x60cm, Telstra Recharge Drake Crees & Cryopen Cartridges

Works Supervisor **October 2021 \$230.46** associated with the purchase , 2x Gas hoses and Regulators, Early Payment of Rates Prize 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Rottnest & Purchase Interest

#### 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 2021/2022 Annual Budget.





## 9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – OCTOBER 2021

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

### **Purpose of the Report**

- Executive Decision  Legislative Requirement

### **Background**

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

### **Comment**

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending October 2021 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 2021/2022 Budget  
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996  
Local Government Act 1995 section 6.4

### **Policy Implications**

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

### **Strategic Implications**

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

### **Financial Implications**

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



### **Voting Requirements**

- Simple Majority  Absolute Majority



### 9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – OCTOBER 2021

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

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#### Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision  Legislative Requirement

#### Background

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 is provided to Council on a monthly basis as a means of keeping Council informed of its current GST liability.

#### Comment

The GST Reconciliation Report is attached for Councillor consideration.

#### Statutory Environment

Nil

#### Policy Implications

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

#### Strategic Implications

Nil

#### Financial Implications

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

#### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority  Absolute Majority

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#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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That the GST Reconciliation totaling (\$35,855.00) for the period ending 31st October 2021 adopted.

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**RESOLUTION**

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**Moved:** Cr Corsini

**Seconded:** Cr Crees

05/11-21

That the GST Reconciliation totaling **(\$35,855.00)** for the period ending 31st October 2021 adopted


CARRIED 6/0

### 9.1.4 ATTAIN BY INTEGRITY

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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
<b>Author:</b>	Jasmine Geier, Manager of Corporate Services	
<b>File Reference:</b>	F1.8.1	
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil	
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>CEO</b>

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#### **Purpose of the Report**



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

#### **Background**

Attain is a cloud-first service designed for local government authorities, a Software platform that simplifies the compliance processes, is accessible anywhere meaning Councillors and staff do not need to be in the office/at their computer to complete the information.

#### **Comment**

The Attain Starter Package consists of individual software modules that will automate the many complex legislative requirements involved in managing, collecting and publishing statutory disclosure forms and Registers. Attain utilises a programmed logic to ensure legislative requirements are easily met. In this way Attain ensures non-compliance is quickly identified and time and resources are saved with online forms, electronic receipts/acknowledgements and automatic reminders. With comprehensive online help, Attain has been demonstrated to quickly improve compliance standards with less time and resources.

The Attain starter package consists of:

- **Annual/Primary Returns.** Full management and monitoring of all Return requirements. This module is linked to the Delegations Module so you can easily identify who needs to submit Returns and when they're due
- **Related Party Disclosures (AASB124) Management.** electronic versions of disclosure
- **Gifts Module** (including travel). This is programmed with the relevant legislation for Elected members & CEO, and also caters for the separate legislative requirements for employees, so full management of all gifts and all registers can be produced easily for publishing on your website.
- **Delegations Module.** Full management of all delegations, with workflow process to create, amend, approve and keep track of delegation reviews. Includes feature to immediately send an email to relevant delegated officers when their delegation is changed or a new one assigned.
- **Records of use of a delegation.** This module is designed to allow you to conform to the requirement to keep a record each time an officer exercises their delegated power. Includes feature to record staff exercising a delegation using the 'acting through' principle.

**Special Offer Cost \$3,500** (exc GST) for 12 month subscription. Due to both neighbouring Councils the Shires of Merredin and Kellerberrin are now using Attain. This includes full support and ongoing maintenance. If legislation changes this also include upgrades to ensure Attain maintains compliance with the legislation. There are no other hidden fees.

#### **Statutory Environment**

General Financial Management of Council.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 34, 1996.

Local Government Act 1995

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**Policy Implications**

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

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Expenditure in accordance with the 2021/22 Annual Budget

**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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That Council consider purchasing the Attain software platform for the cost of \$3,500 ex GST.

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**RESOLUTION**

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Moved:

Cr Crees

Seconded:

Cr Huxtable

06/11-21

That Council approves the purchase the Attain software platform for the cost of \$3,500 ex GST.


CARRIED 6/0

### 9.1.5 WEROC TOURISM AUDIT

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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
<b>Author:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
<b>File Reference:</b>	A2.8.5	
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil	
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil	

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<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>CEO</b>
		

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#### Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

#### Background

At the WEROC Board Meeting held on 22 February 2021 the Executive Officer presented quotes from Economic Transitions and 150 Square Strategic Solutions to complete a tourism product audit for WEROC. The Board resolved as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION:**

**Moved:** Ms. Karin Day **Seconded:** Mr. Wayne Della Bosca  
That WEROC Inc.:

1. Accept the quote from 150 Square Strategic Solutions, as tabled at the meeting, for the quoted price of \$10,320 + GST; and
2. Not proceed with an application to Round 5 of the Building Better Regions Fund.

#### **Executive Officer Comment:**

On Tuesday 13 July 2021, the WEROC Executive Officer circulated the Draft WEROC Inc. Tourism Product Audit to all Members of the WEROC Inc. Board, inviting their input and requesting any feedback be provided by Monday 26 July 2021. Feedback received from the Shire's of Westonia, Bruce Rock, Merredin and Yilgarn has been incorporated into the Final Draft, which is now presented for endorsement.

Just to note, it was requested that all accommodation be included in the product audit rather than just caravan and camping, however this was purposely excluded from the scope of work due to a specific audit of accommodation having already been completed in recent years. A copy of the Visitor Accommodation Study is provided as an attachment.

A summary of the recommendations provided in the WEROC Inc. Tourism Product Audit is provided below:

1. **Caravan and Camping:** develop a regional caravan and camping strategy; improve understanding of self-contained traveler needs and expectations through an RV survey; improve digital access to online bookings and visitor information on free and commercial caravan and camping sites in the region.
2. **Trails:** develop an Eastern Wheatbelt Trails Master Plan; ensure all trails are entered into the Trails WA database; co-operatively promote existing walk and drive trails.
3. **Nature, Parks and Reserves:** investigate opportunities to develop priority nature reserves including through immersive tourism experiences; consider investment in a tourism development fund.
4. **Culture, Art and Heritage:** identify respectful and appropriate opportunities for Aboriginal cultural and heritage tourism; develop art tourism in the region; improve cross-marketing of cultural, heritage and art assets to encourage multi-site visitation and longer stays.

5. **Events:** develop a regional event strategy/feasibility study to identify potential for a “show-stopping” event for the Eastern Wheatbelt and new community driven events that will drive both peak and off-season visitation.
6. **Food and Drink:** test the market and logistics for agritourism initiatives; undertake a “good food” promotion to showcase the region’s best food and drink offerings; provide industry support to build the capacity of food and drink businesses in the region.
7. **Online Presence:** build local capability and digital know how; advocate for improved access to digital infrastructure; encourage passive advertising through visitor reviews and social media advocacy.
8. **Utilise the right marketing channels:** Prioritise the use of digital marketing; leverage key influencers to promote the region to a broader audience.
9. **Attract the right visitors:** develop interest-based marketing/promotion for key market segments; targeted marketing of the region to Perth residents to boost intrastate visitation; promote the Eastern Wheatbelt as a multi-experience destination to appeal to a wider market.
10. **Create a distinctive brand:** use the “Our Story: Spirit of Adventure” framework to develop a distinct brand for the Eastern Wheatbelt; build a library of visual assets to bring the story of the Eastern Wheatbelt to life; develop new signage and entry statements consistent with the brand.
11. **Champion hero regional experiences:** build a common vision around hero experiences/attractions in the region; use these hero experiences/attractions as a marketing hook to drive interest in the region; leverage existing tourism products to promote a broader offering of things to see and do around visits to the regions anchor attractions.



#### Comment

The WEROC Executive Officer suggests that the Board consider and discuss the recommendations and agree on priority actions to inform an implementation plan. Feedback on priorities for WEROC from the perspective of the regional tourism groups is as follows:

- Events:
  - Events are a good focus.
  - Need to find an iconic idea that is grounded in the Eastern Wheatbelt and attracts more than a day trip audience. Think along the lines of the Kulin Bush Races and Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Festival.
  - A series of connected wildflowers events or a walking festival are two possibilities.
  - Recommend conducting an event feasibility study that then informs a regional events strategy.
- Trails:
  - A new touring route that highlights the nature-based attractions of the region such as the granite rocks and ties in Agri-tourism and Astro-tourism experiences has serious merit from both a product development and marketing point of view.
- Branding:
  - A clear brand for WEROC or the Eastern Wheatbelt region as a destination is an essential first step.
- **Hero Experience/Attraction:**
  - Need to agree on what the hero experiences/attractions are for the region and build experience and product development around them.
  - The focus could be on one of the six product clusters identified in the Tourism Product Audit.
  - The hero attractions/experiences need to highlight the regions point of difference. The granite outcrops are the most obvious differentiating feature.

**The action outstanding from the recent WEROC Board Meeting was for each Local Government to present the recommendations of the tourism audit to their respective Councils and agree on their priorities for action. A discussion will be held at the next meeting of the WEROC Board on 22 November, to agree on actions for implementation.**



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For ease of finding the revisions, I direct you to the accommodation review and summary of gaps and opportunities on pages 20 to 24, the recommended actions on page 42 and Appendix 6 which now contains details of traditional accommodation providers and Airbnb listings in each Shire (pages 65-134).

 **Statutory Environment**

Nil

 **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 reviews the WEROC Inc. Tourism Product Audit and discuss the regional priorities listed in the comment section of this report.

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**RESOLUTION**

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Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

07/11-21

**That Council reviews the WEROC Inc. Tourism Product Audit and lists the following regional priorities applicable to Westonia:**

1. **Nature, Parks and Reserves:** investigate opportunities to develop priority nature reserves including through immersive tourism experiences; consider investment in a tourism development fund. **Explore Camp hosting for popular Parks & Reserves ie Baladjie & Elachbutting.**
2. **Caravan and Camping:** develop a regional caravan and camping strategy; improve understanding of self-contained traveler needs and expectations through an RV survey; improve digital access to online bookings and visitor information on free and commercial caravan and camping sites in the region.
3. **Trails:** develop an Eastern Wheatbelt Trails Master Plan; ensure all trails are entered into the Trails WA database; co-operatively promote existing walk and drive trails (including bike trails ie Baladjie).

CARRIED 6/0


## 9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE

### 9.2.1 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 77/2892

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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
<b>Author:</b>	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
<b>File Reference:</b>	Es1.6.1	
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Jamie Criddle	
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>CEO</b>

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#### **Purpose of the Report**

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

#### **Background**

The Shire has been advised of an application for an Exploration licence having been lodged by Royale Swan Asset Management Pty Ltd. (E77/2892).

The application relates to land in the far north of the Shire in the Wyalmonning/Jackson area on the eastern tip of the Shire. 95% of the lease is in the Yilgarn Shire. See Attached.

#### **Comment**

Royale Swan Asset Management Pty Ltd is an active junior company active in exploration throughout Western Australia with interests in Gold.

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 available at all times, 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, in particular when working between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- 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 gravel pits, and no drilling operation is to affect any part of the Rabbit Proof Fence 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

That Council grants approval to Royale Swan Asset Management Pty Ltd. (E77/2892) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with these respective Exploration Leases as shown on the attached maps on the following conditions:-

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**RESOLUTION**

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**Moved:** Cr Geier **Seconded:** Cr Corsini

**08/11-21** That Council

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CARRIED 6/0

**9.3 WORKS AND SERVICES**


**NIL**

## 9.4 ENIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

Cr Geier declared an interest in item 9.4.1 ML Geier – Oversized Shed as he is a closely associated person (son of the applicant) and left the meeting at 5.04pm.

### 9.4.1 ML GEIER – OVERSIZED SHED

Responsible Officer:	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
Author:	Jamie Criddle, CEO	
File Reference:		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	CEO



#### Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

#### Background

Louis & Kay Geier have recently purchased the property located at Lot 296 (3) Quartz Street Westonia and wish to erect a new oversized shed. The proposed shed will be 10.0m long x 9.0m wide(90m<sup>2</sup>) x 3.30m wall height and 5.5m total building height The shed will be located South-Western part of the block facing onto the rear boundary (back lane) and will setback 3.0m and 1.5m from the boundary fence with Graeme Bright. Entry into the shed will be off the back lane.

#### Comment

The Shire of Westonia does not have a town planning scheme, therefore there are no specific zonings or density ratings for lots deemed to be "Residential".

Under the Residential Design Codes of Western Australia 2002 (R Codes) the standard size a shed or garage on land zoned "Residential" is 60m<sup>2</sup>. Based on standard sizes for sheds, sizes up to 64m<sup>2</sup> are deemed to comply with the R Codes. In this instance a shed of 90m<sup>2</sup> is significantly larger and requires Council approval.

Council has previously granted approval for over-sized sheds or garages to Mr Daimon Geier, Don Perrin and Peter Lily and recently for an over-large shed/workshop of 90m<sup>2</sup> for Ernie Douglas on the corner of Cement and Scheelite Streets. Each application is considered on its own merits.

While building approval has not yet been sort, the applicants are seeking approval on the size of the shed before the engage the services of a draftsman to start drawing the structural plans for submission to Council's building surveyor.



Council have previously stated that 90m<sup>2</sup> is the maximum shed size allowed on this size block and 110m<sup>2</sup> on a double block. The distance from the boundary fence (1.5m) also complies but any closer would result in the requirement to install a two (2) hour Fire Wall. It is also noted that all stormwater is to be contained on site, not adversely affecting neighboring lots. This will be a requirement in the new Town Planning Scheme.

The total Building height is 5.522m which is approximately 1.0m taller than the previous tall shed at D & R Perrins (4.5m) which caused considerable angst at the time. This would need to be discussed as the roof pitch is the same as the house pitch 22.5°, adding and extra 2.122m to the build. Perrins was 9°.

#### **Statutory Environment**

Compliance with the Town Planning & Development Act 1928, and the Residential Design Codes of Western Australia 2002.

#### **Policy Implications**

Nil

#### **Strategic Implications**

Nil.

#### **Financial Implications**

Nil

#### **Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council grants conditional approval to Mr. Louis & Kay Geier to construct a new 90.0m<sup>2</sup> area shed on Lot 296 (3) Quartz Street Westonia subject to structural drawings being submitted and approved by Councils building surveyor and all stormwater is to be contained on site, not adversely affecting neighboring lots and the height of the building be determined.





**Comment**

The Shire of Westonia does not have a town planning scheme, therefore there are no specific zonings or density ratings for lots deemed to be “Residential”.

There are no limitations with the design of the gazebo at this stage, the approval sought by Council in this instance is for the distance from the southern boundary and requires Council approval.



Council need to deliberate on approving the gazebo distance from the southern boundary as disclosed on the map above.

**Statutory Environment**

Compliance with the Town Planning & Development Act 1928, and the Residential Design Codes of Western Australia 2002.

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Strategic Implications**

Nil.

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council grants conditional approval to Mr. Graeme & Sharon Bright to construct a new 24.5m<sup>2</sup> area gazebo on Lot 295 (1) Quartz Street Westonia located 250mm from the southern boundary and all stormwater is to be contained on site, not adversely affecting neighbouring lots or contribute to remedial costs with Council.

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## RESOLUTION

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Moved: Cr Huxtable

Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

11/11-21

That Council grants conditional approval to Mr. Graeme & Sharon Bright to construct a new 24.5m<sup>2</sup> area gazebo on Lot 295 (1) Quartz Street Westonia located 250mm from the southern boundary and all stormwater is to be contained on site, not adversely affecting neighbouring lots or contribute to remedial costs with Council.

CARRIED 5/0

### 12.1.2 DANGEROUS CROSS ROADS

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Responsible Officer: Jamie Criddle, CEO

Author: Jamie Criddle, CEO

File Reference:

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments: Nil

Signature: Officer CEO



#### Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

#### Background

To formalise a request to Main Roads, Northam to investigate the installation of give way signs at various dangerous intersection within the Shire of Westonia.

#### Background

Councillors and staff have been receiving numerous complaints about various dangerous intersections throughout the Shire, often resulting in "Near Misses". These are listed below:

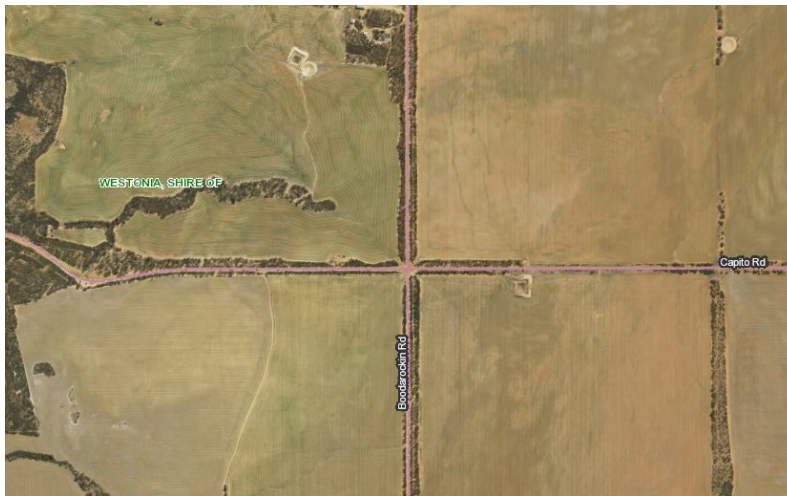
- South Walgoolan/Six Mile/Clothier
- Echo Valley/ Morrison
- Boodarockin/George/Capito
- South Carrabin/Hodgeson/Clothier



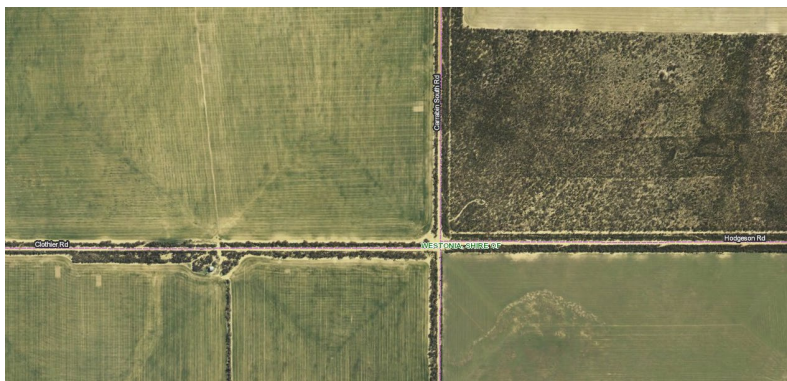
Sth Walgoolan Road



Echo Valley Road



Boodarockin Road



Sth Carrabin Road



**Comment**

Council met with the new Acting Area Manager for Main Roads Wheatbelt, Ammar Mohammed during the discussion period and raised these issues which resulted in a request to be sent to Grenn Putland at Main Roads Northam to have Give Way Signs installed on these roads.



**Statutory Environment**

Road Traffic Code 2000



**Policy Implications**

Nil



**Strategic Implications**

Nil



**Financial Implications**

Nil



### Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council make a formal request to to Grenn Putland at Main Roads Northam to have Give Way Signs installed on the following dangerous intersection:

- South Walgoolan/Six Mile/Clothier
- Echo Valley/ Morrison
- Boodarockin/George/Capito
- South Carrabin/Hodgeson/Clothier

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### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Crees

Seconded: Cr Huxtable

12/04-21

That Council make a formal request to to Grenn Putland at Main Roads Northam to have Give Way Signs installed on the following dangerous intersection:

- South Walgoolan/Six Mile/Clothier
- Echo Valley/ Morrison
- Boodarockin/George/Capito
- South Carrabin/Hodgeson/Clothier

CARRIED 6/0

## 13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 commencing at 3.30pm.

## 14 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the President, Cr Day declared the meeting closed at 5.45pm