



Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia

Thursday 20th November 2025

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 20th November 2025 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18th December 2025.

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Cr RM Crees
Shire President

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**SHIRE OF
WESTONIA**
A vibrant community lifestyle

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY

SNAPSHOT

PLAN

2018-2028

CORE DRIVERS

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

OUR VALUES

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

Inclusiveness – Be receptive, proactive, and responsive.

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

Communication – Create opportunities for consultation with the broad community.

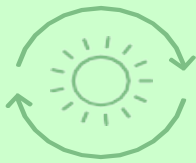
OUR VISION

A vibrant community lifestyle

MISSION

Provide leadership and direction for the community.

ECONOMIC



Support growth and progress, locally and regionally...

Efficient transport connectivity in and around our Shire.

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

Facilitate local business retention and growth.

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

SOCIAL



Provide community facilities and promote social Interaction...

Plan for community growth and changing demographics.

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

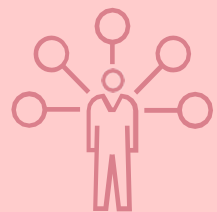
Our community has the opportunity to be active, socialised and connected.

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

Natural spaces are preserved and bring us value.

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

GOVERNANCE



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

Be progressive and capture opportunities.

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

The community receives services in a timely manner.

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

Financial resources meet the ongoing needs of the community.

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

Shire of Westonia: -

A vibrant community lifestyle.



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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President, Cr Crees welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 4.02pm.

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Cr RM Crees
Cr RA Della Bosca
Cr DL Geier
Cr A Faithfull
Cr DL Simmonds
Cr MJ Crews

Staff:

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

Members of the Public:

Apologies: Nil

Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

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

Nil

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23rd October 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Geier	Seconded:	Cr Simmonds
01/11-25	That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23rd October 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record		

CARRIED 6/0

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group Meeting held on Monday 20th October 2025 be accepted.

That the minutes of the Wheatbelt North East SRRG Meeting held on Tuesday 28th October 2025 be accepted

That the minutes of the WEROC Inc. CEO Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2025 be accepted.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Geier	Seconded:	Cr Faithful
02/11-25	That the minutes of the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group Meeting held on Monday 20 th October 2025 be accepted.		
	That the minutes of the Wheatbelt North East SRRG Meeting held on Tuesday 28 th October 2025 be accepted		
	That the minutes of the WEROC Inc. CEO Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4 th November 2025 be accepted.		

CARRIED 6/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:

Rural Water Council Friday 24th October 2025
Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group Meeting held on Monday 20th October 2025
Narembeen Council on Tuesday 28th October 2025
Coopers Garage Museum Opening Friday 7th November 2025
CRC Xmas Markets and Public Opening Coopers Garage Museum Saturday 8th November 2025
Great Eastern Zone Meeting Thursday 13th November 2025

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

Narembeen Council on Tuesday 28 October 2025
Coopers Garage Museum Opening Friday 7th November 2025
CRC Xmas Markets and Public Opening Coopers Garage Museum Saturday 8th November 2025
Progress Association Sundowner Thursday 6th November 2025

Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:

Wheatbelt North East SRRG Meeting held on Tuesday 28th October 2025
Narembeen Council on Tuesday 28 October 2025
Progress Association Sundowner Thursday 6th November 2025
Coopers Garage Museum Opening Friday 7th November 2025
CRC Xmas Markets and Public Opening Coopers Garage Museum Saturday 8th November 2025

Councillor Simmonds advised having attended the following meetings:

Narembeen Council on Tuesday 28 October 2025
Coopers Garage Museum Opening Friday 7th November 2025
CRC Xmas Markets and Public Opening Coopers Garage Museum Saturday 8th November 2025

Councillor Faithfull advised having attended the following meetings:

Narembeen Council on Tuesday 28 October 2025
NEWTRAVEL AGM Thursday 30th October 2025
Museum Volunteer Sundowner Friday 31st October 2025
Coopers Garage Museum Opening Friday 7th November 2025
CRC Xmas Markets and Public Opening Coopers Garage Museum Saturday 8th November 2025

Councillor Crews advised having attended the following meetings:

Narembeen Council on Tuesday 28 October

Coopers Garage Museum Opening Friday 7th November 2025

CRC Xmas Markets and Public Opening Coopers Garage Museum Saturday 8th November 2025

8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Financial** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **20th November 2025**.

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 **20th November 2025**.

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



In accordance with Section 5.60B and 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Proximity. interest** were made at the Council meeting held on **20th November 2025**

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

9. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

9.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

9.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – OCTOBER 2025

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO		
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer		
File Reference:	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil		
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.1 List of Accounts		
Signature:	Officer	CEO	
			

Purpose of the Report

☐ 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 may be obtained.

Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of October 2025 the credit card/ Fuel Card statements currently show: -

MasterCard Transactions

CEO **October 2025 \$2,242.85** associated with the purchase of 1038203 Office 365 Exchange online Plan Monthly Recurring, Starlink - CEO Internet – October, Active8me internet service, Border Village – Fuel, Pedal Cars – Museum, 3x Bowser Signs Deposit, Talking PIR Motion Sensor – Museum, Metal Print Landscape Karin Love

DCEO **October 2025 \$ 1,165.78** associated with the purchase of Fuel Nullarbor Roadhouse, Turf Synthetic Pack, WW2 Australian RAAF Hat, Vehicle Licence 09WT and Vehicle Licence 02WT

Fuel Card Transactions Totalling October 2025

CEO **\$421.17** associated with the Fuel Card Purchases - CEO 0WT

DCEO **\$522.04** associated with the Fuel Card Purchases - DCEO - 02WT

Construction Supervisor **\$202.89** associated with the Fuel Card Purchases - Works Super - WT111

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 2025/2026 Annual Budget.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That October 2025 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD4727 to DD4753 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT7902 to EFT7955 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$471,845.92 be passed for payment.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Faithfull	Seconded:	Cr Simmonds
03/11-25	That October 2025 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD4727 to DD4753 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT7902 to EFT7955 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$471,845.92 be passed for payment		

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY– OCTOBER 2025

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO		
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer		
File Reference:	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil		
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity		
Signature:	Officer	CEO	
			

Purpose of the Report

☐ Executive Decision ☒ Legislative Requirement

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

Background

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

Comment

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending October 2025 is attached for Councillor information, and consists of:

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

Statutory Environment

General Financial Management of Council
Council 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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending October 2025 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr DellaBosca

Seconded:



Cr Geier

04/11-25

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending October 2025 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – OCTOBER 2025

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO		
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer		
File Reference:	F1.4.4 Audit Report		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil		
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.3 GST Report		
Signature:	Officer	CEO	
			

Purpose of the Report

☐ Executive Decision ☒ Legislative Requirement

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

Background

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at October 2025 provided to Council on a monthly basis as a means of keeping Council informed of its current GST liability.

Comment

The GST Reconciliation Report is attached for Councillor consideration.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

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

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

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

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$38,128 for the period ending October 2025 adopted.

RESOLUTION


Moved: **Cr Faithfull**

Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

05/11-25 That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$38,128 for the period ending October 2025 adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.4 FEES & CHARGES SUPPORT AT HOME PROGRAM

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

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt new Fees & Charges schedule as presented for the new Support at Home Program.

Background

Due to the recent Australian Government reform into Aged Care, and the current rollout of the Support at Home program, our fees and charge's structure are no longer applicable.

As of the 1st of November 2025, Home Care packages were transitioned to Support at Home. Our service fees and charges now need to include all operating costs including administration, pays and travel time.

Attached is a copy of the new Fees & Charges Schedule for Councillor information.

Comment

Our proposed service prices are lower than median prices, therefore will need to be revised before budgeting 2026, once we have had a couple of months of trial testing.

The new Fees & Charges Schedule will need public advertising.

Statutory Environment

Aged Care Act 2024

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Governance – continually enhance the Shire's organisational capacity to service the needs of the growing community.

Financial Implications

New Fess & Charges for the provision of Support at Home.

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council adopt the new Fees & Charges schedule as presented for the new Support at Home Program.


RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Faithfull	Seconded:	Cr Simmonds
06/11-25	That Council adopt the new Fees & Charges schedule as presented for the new Support at Home Program.		

CARRIED 6/0

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS

9.2.1 BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AND APPOINTMENTS.

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	L1.1.2 Bush Fire Advisory	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Bush Fire Advisory Committee Minutes	
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report

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Executive Decision

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Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is to in accordance with section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 appoint Bush Fire Control Officers for the 2025/26 bush fire season and to endorse the recommendations of the Westonia Bush Fire Advisory Committee.

Background

The Annual Shire of Westonia Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday 28th October 25 at the Wanderers Stadium.

In accordance with section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 a local government may appoint such persons as it thinks necessary to be its Bush Fire Control Officers (FCO's) and of those officers the local government shall appoint two as the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

Comment

The Bush Fire Advisory Committee recommended the following appointments for Council endorsement.

1. Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Chairman of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee
Frank Corsini
2. Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Deputy Chair of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee
Michael Crook
3. Westonia Brigade FCO/Advisory Committee Members
Frank Corsini, Colin Lindley and Brad Penny
4. Warralakin Brigade FCO/Advisory Committee Members
Michael Crook, Dave Crook & Brayden Brennan.
5. Walgoolan Brigade FCO/Advisory Committee Members
Jason Wahlsten, Shaun Crees.
6. Fire Weather Officers.
Frank Corsini, Michael Crook, Rohan Day, Bill Price, Jason Wahlsten.
7. Authorised Harvest Ban Officers.
Frank Corsini with Michael Crook & Bill Price as Deputies.

Statutory Environment

Bush Fires Act 1954, section 38 appointment of Bush Fire Control Officers.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter



Strategic Implications

Nil



Financial Implications

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



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council in accordance with section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 appoint the following persons as Bush Fire Control Officers for the 2025/26 bush fire season:

Frank Corsini	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Michael Crook	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Officer
Dave Crook	Warralakin Bush Fire Brigade
Brayden Brennan	Warralakin Bush Fire Brigade
Jason Wahlsten	Walgoolan Bush Fire Brigade
Shaun Crees	Walgoolan Bush Fire Brigade
Colin Lindley	Westonia Bush Fire Brigade
Brad Penny	Westonia Bush Fire Brigade

Frank Corsini, Michael Crook, Rohan Day, Bill Price, and Jason Wahlsten Fire Weather Officers.
Frank Corsini with Michael Crook and Bill Price as Deputies Authorised Harvest Ban Officers.

And that Council writes to Mr Steve Lemiognan for his dedicated service as a Fire Control Officer in the Warralakin Brigade for ?/ years.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr DellaBosca

Seconded:

Cr Simmonds

07/11-25

That Council in accordance with section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 appoint the following persons as Bush Fire Control Officers for the 2025/26 bush fire season:

Frank Corsini	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Michael Crook	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Officer
Dave Crook	Warralakin Bush Fire Brigade
Brayden Brennan	Warralakin Bush Fire Brigade
Jason Wahlsten	Walgoolan Bush Fire Brigade
Shaun Crees	Walgoolan Bush Fire Brigade
Colin Lindley	Westonia Bush Fire Brigade
Brad Penny	Westonia Bush Fire Brigade

Frank Corsini, Michael Crook, Rohan Day, Bill Price, and Jason Wahlsten Fire Weather Officers.
Frank Corsini with Michael Crook and Bill Price as Deputies Authorised Harvest Ban Officers.

And that Council writes to Mr Steve Lemiognan for his dedicated service as a Fire Control Officer in the Warralakin Brigade for ?/ years.

9.2.2 TENDER 4 2025/26 - PLAYGROUND ROOF STRUCTURE

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

Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's acceptance of the tender received from Famlonga Building Contractors for the construction of a roof structure over the Playground for the sum of \$ 591,482.10 Inc GST.

Background

Council invited a tender for the Design, Supply and Construction of a roof structure over the Playground with the following specifications

- Structure to be 45m x 20m x 3.9m

A notice inviting tenders was advertised on 5th November with tenders closing on 18th November 2025. At the close of tenders only one supplier tendered being:-

1. Famlonga Building Contractors

Comment

In accordance with the Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations, Regulation 14(2a) the following criteria, was determined to decide which tender should be accepted:

- (a) Compliance with the specification contained in the request,
- (b) Compliance with the conditions of tendering this request,
- (c) Compliance with the delivery date,
- (d) Compliance with and completion of the price schedule.

Assessment of Tenders against compliance criteria:

All tenders for the supply of vehicle were deemed to comply with the compliance criteria.

Assessment of Tenders against qualitative criteria:

Tenders were scored using the following range:

- 0 – Did not address criterion
- 1 – Insufficient or unclear information
- 2 – Acceptable
- 3 – Good
- 4 – Very Good
- 5 – Excellent

Tenderer	Selection Criteria and Weighting			Total weighted Score
	Experience (50%)	Personnel (25%)	Resources (25%)	
Famlonga Building Contractors	50	25	25	100

Basis of recommendation:

Council has had previous experience with Famlonga Building Contractors in the last couple of years as this company completed the Bowls Stadium and Pool kiosk projects to a very satisfactory standard.

Tenderer	Price
Famlonga Building Contractors	\$ 591,482.10

Prices are GST inclusive.

All Councillors were provided with an information package detailing the specifications of the tendered product provided by Famlonga Building Contractors for further consideration.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

Social – Provide community facilities and promote social interaction

Financial Implications

Council has a \$ 800,000 allocation in the 2025/26 budget.

Voting Requirements

☐ Simple Majority

☒ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council

Accept the tender received from Famlonga Building Contractors for the construction of a roof structure over the Playground for the sum of \$ 591,482.10

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr DellaBosca

Seconded: Cr Crews

08/11-25 That Council

Accept the tender received from Famlonga Building Contractors for the construction of a roof structure over the Playground for the sum of \$ 591,482.10

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

9.2.3 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 77/3359 & 77/3360

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	ES1.6.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Location Map EL 77/3359 & 3360	
Signature:	Officer	CEO

Purpose of the Report

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Executive Decision

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Legislative Requirement

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

Background

The Shire has been advised of an application for an Exploration license lodged by Austwide Mining Title Management on behalf of Wepner Exploration PTY LTD (E77/3359 & 3360).

The application relates to land in the northern portion of the Shire adjacent Walyahmoning Reserve (See Attached)

Comment

Wepner Exploration PTY LTD is a WA based private held company focused on discoveries of Gold and critical minerals.

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 Elachbutting Reserve 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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council grants approval to Wepner Exploration PTY LTD (E77/3359 & 3360) 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 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 Elachbutting Reserve in any way.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Simmonds	Seconded:	Cr Crews
09/11-25	<p>That Council grants approval to Wepner Exploration PTY LTD (E77/3359 & 3360) 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: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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; and12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire Road Surface and gravel pits, and that no drilling operation is to affect any part Elachbutting Reserve in any way.		

CARRIED 6/0

9.2.4 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 77/3361 & 77/3362

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	ES1.6.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Location Map EL 77/3361 & 3362	
Signature:	Officer	CEO

Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

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

Background

The Shire has been advised of an application for an Exploration license lodged by McMahon Mining Title Services on behalf of EE V PTY LTD (E77/3361 & 3362).

The application relates to land in the central portion of the Shire adjacent Town Common and between Burracoppin and Walgoolan (See Attached)

Comment

I could not find any information on this listed company EEV PTY LTD.

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 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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council grants approval to EE V PTY LTD (E77/3361 & 3362) 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.
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- 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 Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Geier	Seconded:	Cr Faithfull
10/11-25	<p>That That Council grants approval to EE V PTY LTD (E77/3361 & 3362) 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: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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; and12) 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 Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.		

CARRIED 6/0

9.3 WORKS AND SERVICES

Nil

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

9.4.1 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDING FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment – Community Investment Funding Framework Agreement	
Signature:	Officer	CEO



Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the Community Investment Funding Framework Agreement Document to be used in negotiations with Agroforestry/Renewable Energy proponents in meeting the community development initiative funding condition.

Background

Condition 12 of Council's Agroforestry/Tree Farming Planning Development Conditions states

'Once development has commenced, the developer is to enter into a written agreement with the local government for a total project development costs percentage (%) contribution towards community development initiatives. The % amount, terms and arrangements are to be agreed to in writing by the local government and developer'.

With the assistance of Inpex/Wheatbelt Connect legal team (who have a Carbon Agroforestry Project on Geeranning Farms) a draft Community Investment Funding Framework Agreement (CIFFA) has been compiled to assist Council and corporate entities who are proposing Agroforestry and/or renewable energy projects within the district to be able to contribute funding to the community.

A copy of the document is attached for Councillor information.

Comment

The document provides some legal foundation and certainty when negotiating an agreement with the Corporates.

This document has deliberately been drafted as a template that can be used by the Council with all of the new Agroforestry/Renewable Energy project proponents in the future.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Economic – support growth and progress locally and regionally.

Financial Implications

Financial funding opportunities for community projects in the future



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council adopt the Community Investment Funding Framework Agreement Document to be used in negotiations with Agroforestry/Renewable Energy proponents in meeting the community development initiative funding condition.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Geier

Seconded:


Cr DellaBosca

11/11-25

That Council adopt the Community Investment Funding Framework Agreement Document to be used in negotiations with Agroforestry/Renewable Energy proponents in meeting the community development initiative funding condition.

CARRIED 6/0

9.4.2 AGROFORESTRY CARBON NEUTRAL NICOLETTI FARMS

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	ES1.7.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Proposal Document	
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for the Council to approve the Development Application for the Carbon Neutral Nicoletti Farm Agroforestry Project.

Background

Carbon Neutral are proposing to develop a tree farm project across several lots within the Shire of Westonia. The proposal also includes lots on neighbouring Shires. The project aims to re-forest lower quality or degraded landscapes and some higher risk farming areas with endemic native vegetation. Environmental planting of this nature will improve biodiversity, sequester carbon, assist to mitigate soil salinity, and stabilise the land.

Initially, the Project proposes to establish trees across a subset of the titles currently owned and operated under entities managed by Mr John Nicoletti. This subset of titles will be purchased by Carbon Neutral for the primary purpose of establishing a tree farm.

Discussions are continuing with Mr Nicoletti for the project to be expanded over 3-4 years as part of a broader proposal for ongoing agricultural production across higher yielding areas, and planting blocks of native vegetation on areas of lower cropping productivity and around paddocks to create squarer paddocks for easier cropping. In the shorter term, these initial lots will allow for future grazing activities but will not support broadacre cropping.

Comment

Council does not have a Town Planning Scheme that can regulate this type of development within its boundaries. State Government Planning policies strongly support this type of activity and tend to override local planning principles.

Council's Local Planning Strategy states that *'Rural use of land should be protected to support agricultural activity while facilitating a wide variety of complimentary land uses'*.

Council does have however a range of conditions that are imposed on these developments as follows

1. Prior to the commencement of planting, the applicant is to lodge a final Tree Farm Permanence Plan and updated Plantation Design maps with distances determined between planting lines and a list of local species being planted, for separate written approval by the Chief Executive Officer.
2. The owner and/or plantation manager shall implement the measures outlined in the Tree Farm Permanence Plan and each Plantation Design map approved under Condition 1.
3. All works are to be conducted in accordance with an approved Plantation Management Plan (as amended from time to time) including measures such as site preparation, weed management, (including but not limited to Matricaria, Saffron Thistle, Skeleton Weed and Roly Poly Weed) and pest control (including but not limited to Wild Dogs, Rabbits and Emus).
4. The owner/applicant is to lodge updated Bushfire Management Plans that include:
(a) contact details of a locally employed plantation manager and/or fire officer; and

(b) contact details of owners/occupiers of neighbouring lots; The Bushfire Management Plan(s) are to be lodged within 3 months of the date of this approval, or an alternative time period approved in writing by the Chief Executive Officer.

If an alternative plantation manager and/or fire officer is engaged (other than the persons stated in any Bushfire Management Plan), or any relevant contact details change, then a revised Management Plan is to be lodged to the Shire.

All Bushfire Management Plans are subject to separate written approval by the Chief Executive Officer.

5. The Owner and/or Plantation Manager shall implement the measures outlined in any approved Bushfire Management Plan(s) at all times.
6. The Owner and/or Plantation Manager shall ensure that a copy of the approved Bushfire Management Plan is stored at the main entrance to the properties in a secure, weatherproof and clearly labeled container at all times in a location shown in the applicable approved Bushfire Management Plan.
7. Internal access tracks are to be adequately sign posted to provide clear direction to water points (for fire emergencies) and exit points.
8. Internal firebreaks, access tracks and turnaround areas are to be adequately maintained to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer for access by emergency fire vehicles.
9. If harvesting of the trees is proposed prior to, the owner/developer is to lodge a detailed Harvesting Plan for approval by the Chief Executive Officer. The Harvesting Plan is to include:
 - (a) Haulage routes for vehicles involved in the harvest transport;
 - (b) Clear demarcation of local roads and any roads under the care and control of Main Roads WA;
 - (c) Heavy vehicle movements scheduling;
 - (d) Use of escort vehicles;
 - (e) Traffic management and interaction with other road users;
 - (f) A Pre-Construction Road Condition Report along the agreed main haulage routes within the local government area, and the obligation to prepare a Post-Construction Road Condition Report once harvesting for different properties are complete.
 - (g) An outline of all separate approvals required through Main Roads WA.

The extent of the main haulage route for a Pre-Construction and Post-Construction Road Condition Report is to be agreed to separately in writing by the developer and the Chief Executive Officer.

10. Any damage caused to the roads attributable to any phase of the development is to be rectified by the developer at their own cost to the standard identified in the Pre-Construction Road Condition Report to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.
11. Where the developer intends to undertake the development in stages, a Staging Plan must be lodged with the local government at the same time as the Permanence Plan referred to in Conditions 1 and/or 4 as agreed to separately in writing by the Chief Executive Officer. The purpose of the Staging Plan is to determine the scope of information required in order to satisfy the conditions of approval as it relates to that stage.
12. Once development has commenced, the developer is to enter into a written agreement with the local government for a total project development costs percentage (%) contribution towards community development initiatives. The % amount, terms and arrangements are to be agreed to in writing by the local government and developer.

Statutory Environment

Local Planning Strategy

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the Development Application for the Carbon Neutral Nicoletti Farm Agroforestry Project as per established conditions, and


That as set out in condition 12, Council and Carbon Neutral enter into a Community Investment Funding Framework Agreement.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Simmonds	Seconded:	Cr DellaBosca
12/11-25	That Council approve the Development Application for the Carbon Neutral Nicoletti Farm Agroforestry Project as per established conditions, and		
	That as set out in condition 12, Council and Carbon Neutral enter into a Community Investment Funding Agreement Framework Agreement.		

CARRIED 5/1
Cr Crees Against

9.4.3 SALE OF LAND LOT 103 JASPER 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:	Proposal Document	
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider selling Lot 103 Jasper Street to Mr Cam Hart.

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 Mr Cam Hart who wishes to purchase lot 103 Jasper Street Westonia with the intention to construct a 2 x 2 residence and large shed.

Below is a map illustrating the lot in question.



Comment

This particular lot is fully serviced

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

Statutory Environment

Nil



Policy Implications

Nil



Strategic Implications

Nil



Financial Implications

\$ 10,000 land sale



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the sale of Lot 103 Jasper Street to Mr Cam Hart and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Faithfull

Seconded:


Cr Crews

13/11-25

That Council approve the sale of Lot 103 Jasper Street to Mr Cam Hart and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.

CARRIED 6/0

9.4.4 SALE OF LAND LOT 107 JASPER 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:	Proposal Document	
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider selling Lot 107 Jasper Street to David & Heather McNamara.

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 David & Heather McNamara who wishes to purchase lot 107 Jasper Street Westonia with the intention to construct a residence and large shed.

Below is a map illustrating the lot in question.



Comment

This particular lot is fully serviced

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

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil



Strategic Implications

Nil



Financial Implications

\$ 10,000 land sale



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the sale of Lot 107 Jasper Street to David & Heather McNamara and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Simmonds

Seconded:


Cr Faithfull

14/11-25

That Council approve the sale of Lot 107 Jasper Street to David & Heather McNamara and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.

CARRIED 6/0

9.4.5 SALE OF LAND LOT 104 JASPER 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:	Proposal Document	
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider selling Lot 104 Jasper Street to Shaye Millet and Shaun Morris.

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 Shaye Millet & Shaun Morris who wishes to purchase lot 104 Jasper Street Westonia with the intention to construct a kit home and shed.

Below is a map illustrating the lot in question.



Comment

This particular lot is fully serviced

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

Statutory Environment

Nil



Policy Implications

Nil



Strategic Implications

Nil



Financial Implications

\$ 10,000 land sale



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the sale of Lot 104 Jasper Street to Shaye Millet & Shaun Morris and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Faithfull

Seconded:


Cr DellaBosca

15/11-25

That Council approve the sale of Lot 104 Jasper Street to Shaye Millet & Shaun Morris and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form

CARRIED 6/0

9.4.6 IN-PRINCIPLE SUPPORT NATIVE TITLE CLAIMANTS TOWNSITE LOTS

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	D2.2.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to receive the in-principle support letter provided by the Native Title Marlinyu Ghoorlie Claimants and authorise the CEO to initiate the next step of entering into a formal Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) between the parties and the DPLH for the townsite lots.

Background

Council are aware of their application to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) for the freehold disposal of Lots 146 -150, 152, 153 on DP 203298, Lots 249, 250, and 259, 260 and 262 on DP 203299 and Lot 387 on DP 150043.

The Department advised that native title rights and interests survive over the subject sites. In order for the proposal to proceed, the Shire of Westonia must comply with the Future Act provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* (NTA) by negotiating an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the Marlinyu Ghoorlie registered claimants (WC2017/007).

Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA)

The negotiation and registration of an ILUA is the State's preferred approach to address the requirements of the NTA. A voluntarily negotiated and agreed ILUA provides a process for native title parties to consider the effect of and consent to the proposed grant, which will suppress native title rights and interests over the subject land.

As the first step, it is requirement that Council make contact with the relevant native title party to discuss the proposal and seek their in-principle support to negotiating an ILUA. The in-principle support should be in writing and you will need to provide a copy to the Department.

Comment

I met with the Marlinyu Ghoorlie Claimants and legal representatives in Kalgoorlie on Friday 24th October to discuss our proposal. I am pleased to report that the Board were very receptive to Council's plans and town development strategies and have resolved to provide Council with an in-principle letter of support to initiate the ILUA process.

'Thank you for meeting with the Marlinyu Ghoorlie Applicant (MG) on 24 October 2025 to discuss the potential purchase of Lots 146 -150, 152, 153 ON DP 203298, Lots 249, 250, 259, 260, 262 ON DP 203299 and Lot 387 ON DP 150043, along with the 3 additional lots - Lots 286, 287 & 288 Jasper Street (the Lots) from the State of WA by the Shire of Westonia for future town and caravan park expansion.

We confirm during the meeting, MG agreed to provide in-principle support to the Shire of Westonia to negotiate an ILUA in relation to the Lots.'

Statutory Environment

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (NTA)



Policy Implications

Nil



Strategic Implications

Economic – Support growth and progress locally by securing more residential developable land.



Financial Implications

No financial impact at this time but there will be costs associated with the purchase of the land in the future.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council receive the in-principle support letter provided by the Native Title Marlinyu Ghoorlie Claimants and authorise the CEO to initiate the next step of entering into a formal Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) between the parties and the DPLH for the townsite lots.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Simmonds	Seconded:	Cr Crews
16/11-25	That Council receive the in-principle support letter provided by the Native Title Marlinyu Ghoorlie Claimants and authorise the CEO to initiate the next step of entering into a formal Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) between the parties and the DPLH for the townsite lots.		

CARRIED 6/0

10. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Faithfull

Seconded: Cr DellaBosca

17/11-25 That Council introduces the following item of an urgent nature to the meeting for discussion

CARRIED 6/0

11.1 PROPOSED FREEHOLD CONDITIONAL TENURE LOT 501 WESTONIA

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	D2.1.2
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment Site Maps
Signature:	Officer

CEO



Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision

☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider supporting the proposed Freehold of conditional Lot 501 on Deposited Plan 412956 to facilitate future subdivision.

Background

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is reviewing a proposal from the Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc (CEACA) requesting to purchase Lot 501 on DP 412956 in unfettered freehold prior to facilitate subdivision of the land.

Lot 501 on DP 412956 held by CEACA in freehold conditional tenure land for the purpose of "Aged Care", pursuant to section 75 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA). CEACA is preparing to build 4 houses for social housing at Westonia, with funding from Housing Australia (HA) and Department of Housing & Works.

To facilitate this matter further, please advise me of any objections or comments that the Shire of Westonia may have regarding the above-mentioned proposal.

Comment

As Council are aware there is a proposal to have another 4 x units built on this lot so the freeholding of the said Lot will be beneficial to the development and its is recommended that Council support the proposal.

Statutory Environment

S75 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA).



Policy Implications

Nil



Strategic Implications

Economic – Support growth and progress locally and regionally.



Financial Implications

Nil



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council supports the proposed Freehold of conditional Lot 501 on Deposited Plan 412956 to facilitate future subdivision.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr DellaBosca

Seconded:

Cr Crews

18/11-25

That Council supports the proposed Freehold of conditional Lot 501 on Deposited Plan 412956 to facilitate future subdivision.

CARRIED 6/0

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday schedule 18th December 2025 commencing at 4.00pm.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President, Cr Mark Crees declared the meeting closed at 4.42m