



# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

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

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



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**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.

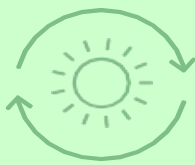
## OUR VISION

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.

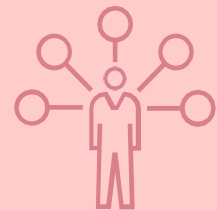
**Our community has the opportunity to be active, socialised and connected.**

- 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 Day welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 3.30pm. Cr Day formally resigned her position as Shire President effective immediately, forcing the requirement for an election.

## 2. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT/DEPUTY PRESIDENT

### 2.1. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The election of the President will be conducted by the CEO.

The procedure for electing a Shire President is set out in Schedule 2.3, Division 1, of the Local Government Act 1995. The process will be as follows:

- Nominations for the office are to be received in writing to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting, or during the meeting before the close of nominations. Nominations close at the meeting at a time announced by the Chief Executive Officer.
- Councillors are to vote on the matter by secret ballot as if they were electors voting at an election. The votes cast are to be counted, and the successful candidate determined in accordance with Schedule 4.1 of the Local Government Act 1995.
- If two or more candidates receive the same number of votes, so that no candidate has the greatest number of votes, the count is to be discontinued and the meeting is to be adjourned for not more than seven days.
- Should this occur, it is intended to initially adjourn the meeting for ten minutes, and then resume the meeting. Any nomination for the office may be withdrawn, and further nominations may be made, before or when the meeting resumes. When the meeting resumes the councillors are to vote again.
- The Chief Executive Officer is to declare and give notice of the result in accordance with regulation 11F of the Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998.
- Following the announcement of the successful candidate a swearing in of the newly elected President will take place, conducted by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Shire President then takes up the position of presiding member for the meeting.

**The Chief Executive Officer advised that one (1) nomination for the office of President was received prior to the meeting by Cr RM Crees, the CEO then called for final nominations from the floor. No further nominations were received. The Chief Executive Officer announced Cr Crees elected as President for a period of one (1) year.**

**Cr RM Crees read aloud and signed the declaration to the Office of Shire President in the presence of the Chief Executive Officer, Bill Price, and took the chair.**

### 2.2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT

The election of the Deputy President will be conducted by the President.

The procedure for electing a Shire Deputy President is set out in Schedule 2.3, Division 1, of the Local Government Act 1995. The process will be as follows:

- Nominations for the office are to be received in writing to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting, or during the meeting before the close of nominations. Nominations close at the meeting at a time announced by the President.
- Councillors are to vote on the matter by secret ballot as if they were electors voting at an election. The votes cast are to be counted, and the successful candidate determined in accordance with Schedule 4.1 of the Local Government Act 1995.
- If two or more candidates receive the same number of votes, so that no candidate has the greatest number of votes, the count is to be discontinued and the meeting is to be adjourned for not more than seven days.
- Should this occur, it is intended to initially adjourn the meeting for ten minutes, and then resume the meeting. Any nomination for the office may be withdrawn, and further nominations may be made, before or when the meeting resumes. When the meeting resumes the councillors are to vote again.
- The Chief Executive Officer is to declare and give notice of the result in accordance with regulation F of the Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998.
- Following the announcement of the successful candidate a swearing in of the newly elected Deputy President will take place by the CEO or President.

**The President advised that one (1) nomination for the office of Deputy President was received prior to the meeting by Cr RA DellaBosca, the President then called for final nominations from the floor. No further nominations were received. The President announced Cr RA DellaBosca elected as Deputy President for a period of one (1) year.**

Cr RA Della Bosca read aloud and signed the declaration to the Office of Deputy Shire President in the presence of the Chief Executive Officer, Bill Price.

### 3. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**Councillors:**

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

**Staff:**

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

**Members of the Public:**

**Apologies:**

**Approved Leave of Absence:**

### 4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.35PM – 3.50PM)

NIL

### 5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

### 6. 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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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**RESOLUTION**

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<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Cr Day</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>Cr Huxtable</b>
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<b>01/10-22</b>	<b>That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.</b>
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**CARRIED 6/0**

## 7. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the WALGA Annual General Meeting held Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October held at the Crown Perth Ballroom be accepted.

### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

02/10-22 That the minutes of the WALGA Annual General Meeting held Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October held at the Crown Perth Ballroom be accepted.

CARRIED 6/0

## 8. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:

- Mia Davies Meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2022
- WALGA Annual General Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2022

Deputy President, Cr DellaBosca advised having attended the following meetings:

- WALGA Annual General Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2022

Councillor Day advised having attended the following meetings:

- WALGA Annual General Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2022
- Ambulance training 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:

- Bush Fire Advisory Meeting

## 9. 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 **17<sup>th</sup> October 2022**.

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 **17<sup>th</sup> October 2022**.

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 **17<sup>th</sup> October 2022**.

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

## 10. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

### 10.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

#### 10.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

#### Purpose of the Report

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Executive Decision

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Legislative Requirement

#### 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 The credit card statements currently show: -

#### CEO

**September 2022 \$2,936.88** associated with the purchase of Monthly Subscriptions 2Vnet - Exchange Online (Plan1) Microsoft Office365 Business Standard Recurring Cloud Anti Spam Recurring - 104951 Screen protector and cover for Iphone7 Plus Purchase of childrens furniture, 2x armchairs, small Watec Workstation 1800x2400x7503x 300GB Internet Activ8me Sonic Speed Pack(3) 12" x 18" CODE: 04-3x(30x45cm) Canvas Rates Incentive Prize Gift Cards140WT Rego Receptions & Refreshments expense

#### Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulations 12 & 13 requires the list of accounts to be presented to Council. Payments are made by staff under delegated authority from the CEO and Council.

#### Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to payment of accounts.

#### Strategic Implications

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

#### Financial Implications

Expenditure in accordance with the 2022/2023 Annual Budget.

#### Voting Requirements





Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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That September 2022 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers numbered from 4013 to 4016, and D/Debits from EFT5781 to EFT5827 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$323,262.02 be passed for payment.

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### RESOLUTION

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Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Day

03/10-22 That September 2022 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers numbered from 4013 to 4016, and D/Debits from EFT5781 to EFT5827 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$323,262.02 be passed for payment.

CARRIED 6/0

## 10.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – SEPTEMBER 2022

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Bill Price, 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

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Executive Decision

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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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 is attached for Councillor information, and consists of:

1. Summary of Bank Balances
2. Summary of Outstanding Debtors
3. Balance Sheet
4. Budget v Actuals Schedules

### Statutory Environment

General Financial Management of Council  
Council 2022/2023 Budget  
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996  
Local Government Act 1995 section 6.4

### Policy Implications

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

### Strategic Implications

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

### Financial Implications

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

### Voting Requirements

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Simple Majority

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Absolute Majority

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### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

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### **RESOLUTION**

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**Moved:** Cr Huxtable

**Seconded:** Cr Corsini

**04/10-22** That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

**CARRIED 6/0**

### 10.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO		
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Manager of Corporate Services		
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

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Executive Decision

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Legislative Requirement

#### Background

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 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

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Simple Majority

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Absolute Majority

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$55,504.00 for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 adopted.

#### RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Corsini

Seconded:

Cr Geier


05/10-22

That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$55,504.00 for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

#### 10.1.4 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY – 42 JASPER STREET WESTONIA

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



##### Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's decision to consider the disposal of Council property referred to as 42 Jasper Street to Mr Michael Lane as per S 3.58 (3) (4) of the *Local Government Act, 1995*.

##### Background

Council has resolved previously and made a 2022/23 Budget allocation for the disposal of some old Housing stock to assist in the development of more modern residential facilities moving forward.

The 3 properties being considered for disposal are 42 Jasper Street, 38 Diorite Street and 7 Quartz Street.

Currently all 3 residences are housing existing Council employees.

S 3.58 of the *Local Government Act 1995* stipulates the requirements for the Disposal of Property by Council either by auction or by open tender or alternatively if proposing to dispose not by these methods subsection 3 requires the following

(3) A local government can dispose of property other than under subsection (2) if, before agreeing to dispose of the property —

(a) it gives local public notice of the proposed disposition —

(i) describing the property concerned; and

(ii) giving details of the proposed disposition; and

(iii) inviting submissions to be made to the local government before a date to be specified in the notice, being a date not less than 2 weeks after the notice is first given;

and

(b) it considers any submissions made to it before the date specified in the notice and, if its decision is made by the council or a committee, the decision and the reasons for it are recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made.

(4) The details of a proposed disposition that are required by subsection (3)(a)(ii) include —

(a) the names of all other parties concerned; and

(b) the consideration to be received by the local government for the disposition; and

(c) the market value of the disposition —

(i) as ascertained by a valuation carried out not more than 6 months before the proposed disposition; or

(ii) as declared by a resolution of the local government on the basis of a valuation carried out more than 6 months before the proposed disposition that the local government believes to be a true indication of the value at the time of the proposed disposition.

##### Comment

Council has received an expression of interest offer from employee Mr Michael Lane to purchase 42 Jasper Street, the house in which he currently resides. He has offered a purchase price of \$ 85,000. Mick Lane is a valued

employee on the outside works crew who currently operates a roadtrain which is a skilled operator position difficult to recruit in the current environment.

Council have previously obtained a valuation report from Griffin Valuation Advisory who visited Westonia to undertake various valuations of our building asset portfolio. The valuation for 42 Jasper Street provided by Griffin amounts to \$ 95,000.

#### **Statutory Environment**

*S 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995.*

#### **Policy Implications**

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

#### **Strategic Implications**

The sale of old residential housing stock to assist in the financing of future new housing stock

#### **Financial Implications**

Council has made an allowance of \$ 85,000 income in the 2022/23 financial budget for the sale of 42 Jasper Street.

#### **Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council propose to sell 42 Jasper Street to Mr Michael Lane for the sum of \$ 85,000 and that as per S 3.56(3)(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* give local public notice of the proposed disposition in the prescribed manner with submissions and comments to be considered at the November Council meeting.

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#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved:

Cr Day

Seconded:

Cr Della Bosca

06/10-22

That Council propose to sell 42 Jasper Street to Mr Michael Lane for the sum of \$ 85,000 and that as per S 3.56(3)(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* give local public notice of the proposed disposition in the prescribed manner with submissions and comments to be considered at the November Council meeting

CARRIED 6/0

## 10.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE

### 10.2.1 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

☒ Executive Decision

☐ 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 2022/23 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 11<sup>th</sup> October 22 at the Council Depot.

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*  
**Steve Le Moignan, Michael Crook and Braden Brennan**
5. *Walgoolan Brigade FCO/Advisory Committee Members*  
**Jason Wahlsten, Rohan Day, Shaun Crees.**
6. *Fire Weather Officers.*  
**Frank Corsini, with Michael Crook as Deputy.**
7. *Authorised Harvest Ban Officers.*  
**Frank Corsini with Michael Crook as Deputy.**
8. *Weather Officers*  
**Rohan Day, Bill Price, Steve LeMoignan and Jason Wahlsten.**

The other significant issue resolved at the meeting was the request to extend the restricted Burning period from the usual date of 15<sup>th</sup> October until the 25<sup>th</sup> October in recognition of the late season and the need to properly prepare for the anticipated fire season.

#### 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

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### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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That Council in accordance with section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 appoint the following persons as Bush Fire Control Officers for the 2022/23 bush fire season:

Frank Corsini	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Michael Crook	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Officer
Steve Le Moignan	Warralakin Bush Fire Brigade
Braden Brennan	Warralakin Bush Fire Brigade
Jason Wahlsten	Walgoolan Bush Fire Brigade
Rohan Day	Walgoolan Bush Fire Brigade
Shaun Crees	Walgoolan Bush Fire Brigade
Colin Lindley	Westonia Bush Fire Brigade
Brad Penny	Westonia Bush Fire Brigade
Bill Price	Shire of Westonia

Rohan Day, Bill Price, Steve LeMoignan and Jason Wahlsten      Fire Weather Officers.

Frank Corsini with Michael Crook as Deputy      Authorised Harvest Ban Officers.

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### RESOLUTION

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**Moved:**      Cr Geier

**Seconded:**      Cr Della Bosca

**07/10-22**      That Council in accordance with section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 appoint the following persons as Bush Fire Control Officers for the 2022/23 bush fire season:

Frank Corsini	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Michael Crook	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Officer
Steve Le Moignan	Warralakin Bush Fire Brigade
Braden Brennan	Warralakin Bush Fire Brigade
Jason Wahlsten	Walgoolan Bush Fire Brigade
Rohan Day	Walgoolan Bush Fire Brigade
Shaun Crees	Walgoolan Bush Fire Brigade
Colin Lindley	Westonia Bush Fire Brigade
Brad Penny	Westonia Bush Fire Brigade
Bill Price	Shire of Westonia


Rohan Day, Bill Price, Steve LeMoignan and Jason Wahlsten Fire Weather Officers.

Frank Corsini with Michael Crook as Deputy      Authorised Harvest Ban Officers.

CARRIED 6/0



## 10.2.2 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 77/3006

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Bill Price, CEO	
<b>Author:</b>	Bill Price, CEO	
<b>File Reference:</b>	ES1.6.1	
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil	
<b>Attachments:</b>	Location Map EL 77/3006	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>CEO</b>
		

### 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 having been lodged by McMahon Mining Title Services on behalf of Moho Resources Ltd (E77/3006).

The application relates to land in the Central portion of the Shire just north of Burracoppin & Walgoolan. (See Attached)

### Comment

Moho Resources Ltd is an Australian listed mining Company focused on Gold & Nickel exploration.

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 and the Elachbutting & Yanneymooring Reserves 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**

That Council grants approval to Moho Resources Ltd (E77/3006) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with these respective Exploration Leases 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.
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**RESOLUTION**

Moved:

Cr Day

Seconded:

Cr Huxtable

08/10-22

That Council grants approval to Moho Resources Ltd (E77/3006) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with these respective Exploration Leases as shown on the attached maps with the following conditions: -


- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected.
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CARRIED 6/0

## 10.3 WORKS AND SERVICE

### 10.3.1 RAV 7 ROUTE ASSESSMENTS

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Bill Price, CEO		
<b>Author:</b>	Bill Price, CEO		
<b>File Reference:</b>	T6.1.1 Heavy Haulage		
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil		
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil		
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>CEO</b>	

#### Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the new RAV 7 assessments approved for various Westonia roads.

#### Background

As resolved at the May ordinary meeting Council referred a list of roads to the Main Roads Heavy Haulage division to assess their eligibility to be rated as a RAV 7 route. These roads have been traditionally used by RAV 7 rated vehicles from the farm gate anyway, so the thought process was to have the routes officially rated.

The Main Roads Heavy Haulage division have undertaken the assessments and have made recommendations

#### Comment

The following roads have now been recommended to be included on Council's RAV 7 road network.

Approved RAV # 7	Road #	SLK F	SLK T	Previous Network #
4 Mile Gate Road	4280019	0.00	6.03	4
6 Mile Gate Road	4280020	0.00	4.35	4
Boodarockin North Road	4280032	0.00	19.30	4
Della Bosca Road/Kaolin St	4280080	0.00	4.30	4
Echo Valley Road	4280015	0.00	36.22	6
George Road	4280018	0.00	22.48	4
Goldfields Road	4280008	0.00	16.93	4
Leeman Road	4280040	0.00	9.00	4
Morrison Road	4280050	0.00	19.40	4
Elachbutting Road	4280031	0.00	24.15	4
Shreeve Road	4280089	0.00	2.57	4
Walgoolan South Road	4280004	0.00	16.06	4
Warrachuppin Road	4280005	0.00	32.70	4
Warrachuppin North Road	4280021	0.00	18.86	4

The following roads are already rated RAV 7

Existing RAV # 7	Road #	SLK F	SLK T	Network #
Barnett Road	4280067	0.00	12.30	7
Boodarockin Road	4280007	0.00	38.50	7
Carrabin South Road	4280006	0.00	17.94	7
Day Road	4280014	0.00	3.70	7
Leach Road	4280016	0.00	19.50	7
Stoneman Road	4280009	0.00	12.10	7
Rabbit Proof Fence North Road	4280025	74.80	96.00	7
Rabbit Proof Fence Road	4280025	0.00	41.30	7
Warralakin Road	4280084	0.00	37.50	7
Wyalkatchem Bullfinch Road	4280083	0.00	24.00	7

#### **Statutory Environment**

Local Government Act 1995.

#### **Policy Implications**

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

#### **Strategic Implications**

Having a Heavy Vehicle Road Network that reflects the reality of road usage during seasonal periods.

#### **Financial Implications**

Nil

#### **Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council endorse the revised RAV 7 Route Network for the Shire of Westonia as listed and approved by Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Division.

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#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Corsini

Seconded: Cr Day

09/10-22 That Council endorse the revised RAV 7 Route Network for the Shire of Westonia as listed and approved by Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Division

CARRIED 6/0

**10.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES**

NIL

## RESOLUTION

**Seconded:** Cr Geier

**CARRIED 6/0**

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Bill Price, CEO
<b>Author:</b>	Bill Price, CEO
<b>File Reference:</b>	A1.15.4
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

Signature:	Officer	CEO
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### Legislative Requirement

## Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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That Council nominate Mr Louis Geier as Westonia's primary representative on the CEACA Board.

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### RESOLUTION

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Moved: Cr Huxtable

Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

11/10-22

That Council nominate Mr Louis Geier as Westonia's primary representative on the CEACA Board.

CARRIED 6/0



### 11.1.2 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO'S

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



#### Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

This report seeks a review of Councillor portfolios due to the change of President and Deputy positions.

#### Background

Council has a portfolio system of representation at regional meetings and events. As a result of the recent elections the portfolio representations will need to be reviewed.

The proposed new portfolio matrix is:-

	Required Members	Cr Geier	Cr Day	Cr Corsini	Cr Della Bosca	Cr Crees	Cr Huxtable	CEO
WEROC	2/2 proxy				Proxy for Cr Crees, CEO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Development	Unlimited	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Services (inc LEMC)	1/1 proxy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proxy to Cr Geier					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tourism (Inc NEWTRAVEL)	1/1 proxy			Proxy for Cr Huxtable			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Transport (Inc RRG)	1/1 proxy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Proxy for Cr Geier		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agriculture (Inc Eastern Wheatbelt Biodiversity Group (EWBG), Rural Water, Skeleton Weed)	1/1 proxy 1/1 proxy 1/1 proxy				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Sport & Recreation	Unlimited		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WALGA	1/1 proxy				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Proxy to Cr's
Development Assessment Panel	2/2 proxy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cr Day Deputy for Cr Geier			Deputy for Cr Huxtable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bush Fire Representative	1/1 proxy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Proxy for Cr Geier			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Westonia Progress Association	1/1 proxy			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Proxy for Cr Corsini	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CEACA	Louis Geier							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Comment**

Councillors are requested to review the above matrix and identify their preferred portfolio's.

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

**Strategic Implications**

The portfolio system is a technique by which individual Councillors become proficient in a number of areas of local government interest. This then results in a more collectively informed Council with additional individual skills.

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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That Council endorse the new portfolio structure as presented.

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**RESOLUTION**

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Moved: Cr Della Bosca

Seconded: Cr Corsini

12/10-22

That Council endorse the new portfolio structure as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

## **12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Council will be held discussion on preferred dates for November 2022 and December 2022 Meeting Dates commencing at 3.30pm

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### **RESOLUTION**

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Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

13/02-22

In accordance with Regulation 12(2) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, that notice be given that the Ordinary Council Meetings previously scheduled to be held in November and December, now be held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 both commencing at 3.30pm.

CARRIED 6/0

## **13. MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business the President, Cr Crees declared the meeting closed at 4.30pm