



Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia

Thursday 23rd October 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 23rd October 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.

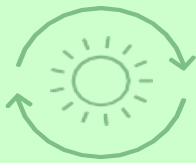
OUR VISION

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.

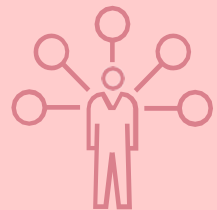
Our community has the opportunity to be active, socialised and connected.

- 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

As this meeting is the first official meeting of Council following the nomination and election of newly elected Councillors and a returning Councillor and the end of term for outgoing Councillors the Chief Executive Officer will open the meeting and Chair the process of the Swearing-In of Councillors and the election of the Shire President and Swearing-In of this position.

The CEO declared the meeting open at 4.01pm

Following the election of the Shire President, the CEO will vacate the Chair, and the newly elected Shire President will take the Chair and undertake the election process for the Deputy Shire President Position

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (4.03PM – 4.18PM)

One member of the public, Doug Hermon, attended the meeting and asked the following questions

Q1 Was an independent professional valuation obtained for the new Museum Collection?

Response by CEO – It was advised that a valuation from an independent valuer was not obtained rather the Council undertook their own due diligence from research of similar products in the marketplace.

Q2. Where has the Military Display Boards originally in the Old Town Hall been located?

Response by CEO – The Military display and boards have been relocated to the Hood Penn Museum for greater exposure to the public.

Q3. Was there meant to be a Ramp installed at back of Old Hall and would the access doors be wheelchair accessible?

Response by CEO – Yes the ramp will be installed in the near future in coordination with the contractor and we believe that the door access widths are adequate to accommodate wheelchair access.

Q4. Where were the new townsite land bank lots located?

Response CEO – Negotiations are currently with the DPLH to have additional lots located around the Old Primary School for future development.

Q5. There was once discussion to have a fence around the Oval is this still the case?

Response by CEO – That a fence around the oval was desirable and discussed but no budget allocation has been made for this installation.

Q6 – Can there be a Traffic Control/Speed check for Kalion Street as vehicles drive at excessive speed down that road?

Response by CEO – A traffic counter can be placed there as it does provide a speed matrix which can be shared with the Council for consideration.

3. DECLARATION BY NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

The Chief Executive Officer will preside over the swearing in ceremony of newly elected councillors.

In accordance with Section 2.29 of the Local Government Act 1995, Councillors elect will each in turn took the Oath of Allegiance/Affirmation of Allegiance, read and signed the declaration to the Office of Councillor in the presence of the Chief Executive Officer as per the requirements of the Act.

The *Oaths, Affidavits and Statutory Declarations Act 2005* and Schedule 2 of that Act list the authorised people who can witness declarations.

These are –

Schedule 2 — Authorised witnesses for statutory declarations

21. The chief executive officer or deputy chief executive officer of a local government.

22. A member of the council of a local government within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

In accordance with Section 2.29 of the Local Government Act 1995, Councillors Crees, Geier and Crews each in turn read and signed the declaration to the Office of Councillor in the presence of Justice of the Peace, Mrs Ainslie Faithfull.

4. 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 (*see attached*). 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 (*see attached*).
- 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 (*see attached*).
- Following the announcement of the successful candidate a swearing in of the newly elected President will take place.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that only one (1) nomination for the office of President was received in writing prior to the meeting by Cr Crees. No further nominations were received.

The Chief Executive Officer announced Cr Crees elected as President for a period of two (2) years.

4.1 DECLARATION BY PRESIDENT

The newly elected Shire President is required to make a declaration in accordance with Section 2.29 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, in the prescribed form prior to acting in the office. This declaration is to be made before a prescribed person.

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

Cr Crees read aloud and signed the declaration to the Office of Shire President in the presence of Justice of the Peace, Mrs Ainslie Faithfull.

The Chief Executive Officer handed the meeting over to the newly elected Shire President at 4.12pm.

Councillor Crees assumed the chair as the presiding member at 4.12pm

5. 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 (*see attached*). 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 (*see attached*).
- 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 (*see attached*).

- 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 Shire President advised that only one (1) nomination for the office of Deputy President was received prior to the meeting by Cr Ross Della Bosca. No further nominations were received.

The Shire President announced Cr Della Bosca elected as Deputy President for a period of two (2) years.

5.1 DECLARATION BY DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT

The newly elected Deputy Shire President is required to make a declaration in accordance with Section 2.29 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, in the prescribed form prior to acting in the office. This declaration is to be made before a prescribed person.

Cr Della Bosca read aloud and signed the declaration to the Office of Deputy President in the presence of the Justice of the Peace, Mrs Ainslie Faithfull.

6. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Cr RM Crees	Shire President
Cr RA Della Bosca	Deputy Shire President
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: Doug Hermon

Apologies:

Nil

Approved Leave of Absence:

Nil

7. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

8. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16th September 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Simmonds	Seconded:	Cr Faithfull
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01/10-25	That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16th September 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
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CARRIED 6/0

9. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Great Eastern District Operations Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday 8 September 2025 be accepted.

That the minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting Minutes held on 14 October 2025 be accepted.

That the Minutes of Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc Management Committee Meeting held on 13 October 2025 be accepted.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Simmonds

02/10-25 That the minutes of the Great Eastern District Operations Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday 8 September 2025 be accepted.

That the minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting Minutes held on 14 October 2025 be accepted.

That the Minutes of Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc Management Committee Meeting held on 13 October 2025 be accepted.

CARRIED 6/0

10. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:

- Bank of Ideas Small Town Reinvention Conference 18-29 September 2025
- WEROC Inc. Board Meeting Minutes held on 14 October 2025
- Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group Meeting
- Rural Water Council Meeting
- Playground Fund Raiser Quiz Night Friday 10 October 2025

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

- Bank of Ideas Small Town Reinvention Conference 18-29 September 2025
- Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group Meeting
- Westonia Bush Fire Meeting Tuesday 21 October 2025
- Playground Fund Raiser Quiz Night Friday 10 October 2025

Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:

- Bush Fire Training
- Rural Regional Road Groups Zoom Meeting Friday 26 September 2025
- Bank of Ideas Small Town Reinvention Conference 18-29 September 2025
- Playground Fund Raiser Quiz Night Friday 10 October 2025
- Westonia Bush Fire Meeting Tuesday 21 October 2025

Councillor Simmonds advised having attended the following meetings:

- Bank of Ideas Small Town Reinvention Conference 18-29 September 2025
- Playground Fund Raiser Quiz Night Friday 10 October 2025
- Westonia Bush Fire Meeting Tuesday 21 October 2025

Councillor Faithfull advised having attended the following meetings:

Nil

Councillor Crews advised having attended the following meetings:

- Westonia Bush Fire Meeting Tuesday 21 October 2025

11.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 **23rd October 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 **23rd October 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 **23rd October 2025**

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

12. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

12.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

12.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SEPTEMBER 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 July be obtained.

Comment

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

MasterCard Transactions

CEO September 2025 \$2,608.96 associated with the purchase of 1038203 Office 365 Exchange online Plan Monthly Recurring, Starlink - CEO Internet – July, Barossa Tourist Park - Refund Eucla Motor Hotel – Accommodation, Caltex Ceduna – Fuel, Ampol Port Pirie – Fuel, Nuriootpa Vine Inn – Refreshments, OTR Nuriootpa - Car Wash, LH Perry Snowtown – Fuel, Smoky Bay General Store – Refreshments, BP Balladonia - Fuel ,OTR Ceduna - Fuel

DCEO September 2025 \$ 3784.17 associated with the purchase of Adobe subscription, German Arms Hotel – Refreshments, Smoky Bay Caravan Park – Accommodation, OTR Ceduna - Fuel

Fuel Card Transactions Totalling Nil

CEO Nil

DCEO Nil

Construction Supervisor Nil

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 September 2025 accounts submitted to today’s meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD4693 to DD4724 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT7856 to EFT7901 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$305,761.35 be passed for payment.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Geier	Seconded:	Cr Faithfull
03/10-25	That September 2025 accounts submitted to today’s meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD4693 to DD4724 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT7856 to EFT7901 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$305,761.35 be passed for payment.		

CARRIED 6/0

12.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY– SEPTEMBER 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 September 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 September 2025 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Simmonds

Seconded:

Cr DellaBosca

04/10-25

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

CARRIED 6/0

12.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – SEPTEMBER 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 September 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 \$ 26,653 for the period ending September 2025 adopted.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr DellaBosca

Seconded: Cr Simmonds

05/10-25 That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$ 26,653 for the period ending September 2025 adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

12.1.4 SUPERANNUATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

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 is to consider whether it wishes to pay superannuation contributions to Council Members.

Summary

Through the Local Government Reform program, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (the Department) is introducing a number of significant changes to the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act).

One of these is the introduction of superannuation contribution payments for Council Members.

The change was introduced through the *Local Government Amendment Act 2024* and came into effect from 1 February 2025.

This reform aims to attract and retain Council Members and encourage greater diversity across local governments. It acknowledges the significant dedication and investment of time that Council Members commit to their role and helps to achieve greater alignment with the wider workforce.

From 1 February 2025, all local governments will have the option to resolve to make superannuation contribution payments to Council Members. From 19 October 2025 (local government election day), this will become mandatory for class one and two local governments and optional for class three and four. The Shire of Westonia is a class four local government.

Background

New provisions regarding local governments providing superannuation to council members commenced on 1 February 2025. These provisions are part of the changes of the Local Government Act 2024.

Previously local governments were not required to provide superannuation coverage to Elected Members as these individuals were not employees for superannuation purposes under subsection 12(9A) of the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992.

Comment

From the 19 October 2025, it will be compulsory for all Class 1 and 2 local governments to pay superannuation to council members. This will remain optional for class 3 and 4 local governments. The Shire of Westonia is a class 4 local government.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 sections 5.99B to 5.99E

Policy Implications

There are no policies relating to this matter.



Strategic Implications

Accountable and effective leaders High quality corporate governance, accountability and compliance



Financial Implications

Nil



Voting Requirements

☐

Simple Majority

☒

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council resolve to not provide superannuation payments to Elected Members given payments are of a minimal amount and are not compulsory for Class 3 or Class 4 local governments.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Geier

Seconded:

Cr Della Bosca

06/10-25

That Council resolve to not provide superannuation payments to Elected Members given payments are of a minimal amount and are not compulsory for Class 3 or Class 4 local governments.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

12.1.5 CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	A2.4.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	CEO



Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider closing the administration offices for a period over the Christmas break.

Background

Council has traditionally closed the office and operations over the festive season to accommodate the taking of leave and public holidays, given that the town is very quiet during this time. Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Thursday this year.

It is also anticipated to hold the annual end of year Christmas function at the conclusion of the December Ordinary Council meeting. This year it falls on the 18th December which coincides with the outside crew break up.

Comment

The outside crew will commence the Xmas break on Friday 19th December 2025, with a return to work on and Monday 12th January.

Arrangements are in place to provide for emergencies with a skeleton staff available during the holiday period.

It is proposed that the office will be closed from 12.00pm on Wednesday 24th December 2025 until Monday 5th January 2026.

There has traditionally been no meeting in January in previous years.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Extended Close of Business Over Christmas

The Council office & depot will be closed from 12 noon on the last working day prior to the Christmas Day holiday until normal office hours on the day following the New Year public holiday. At least one Senior staff member will remain contactable and reasonably close to town in the event of an emergency such as a bushfire during this shutdown period.

Staff will also be granted 2 paid "grace and favor days" based on their ordinary hours in recognition of time worked in excess of normal hours during the year, to assist with covering their leave over the shutdown period between Christmas and New Year. Staff required to work during the Christmas Shutdown period as part of responding to an emergency will be granted the equivalent hours of ordinary time paid leave by agreement at another time.



Strategic Implications

Nil



Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in relation to this matter.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council

1. approve the office closure from 12.00pm on the 24th December 2025 until Monday the 5th January 2026, and that.
2. hold the annual end of year Christmas function at the conclusion of the December Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 18th December 2025.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Della Bosca

Seconded:

Cr Geier

07/10-25

That Council

1. approve the office closure from 12.00pm on the 24th December 2025 until Monday the 5th January 2026, and that.
2. hold the annual end of year Christmas function at the conclusion of the December Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 18th December 2025.

CARRIED 6/0

12.1.6 PORTFOLIO'S 2025

Responsible Officer: Bill Price, CEO
Author: Bill Price, CEO
File Reference: A2.4.1
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 Councillors, and re-election of the 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 existing portfolio matrix is:-

	Required Members	Cr Geier	Cr Faithfull	Cr Simmonds	Cr Della Bosca	Cr Crees	Cr Huxtable	CEO
WEROC	2/2 proxy				Proxy	☒		☒
Community Development	Unlimited	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Emergency Services (<i>inc LEMC</i>)	1/1 proxy	Proxy		☒				
Tourism(<i>Inc NEWTRAVEL</i>)	1/1 proxy	Proxy					☒	
Transport(<i>Inc RRG</i>)	1/1 proxy	☒				Proxy		☒
Agriculture(<i>Inc Eastern Wheatbelt Biodiversity Group (EWBG), Rural Water, Skeleton</i>)	1/1 proxy 1/1 proxy				☒	☒		
Sport & Recreation	Unlimited		☒					
WALGA	1/1 proxy				☒	☒		
Development Assessment Panel	2/2 proxy		Proxy	☒	Proxy	☒		
Bush Fire	1/1 proxy	☒		☒	☒			
Westonia Progress Ass	1/1 proxy		☒		Proxy			
CEACA	1 rep				☒			Proxy
Home Care Services		☒	☒					

Comment

Councillors are requested to review the above matrix and identify their preferred portfolios

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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council endorse the new portfolio structure.

	Required Members	Cr Geier	Cr Faithfull	Cr Simmonds	Cr Della Bosca	Cr Crees	Cr Crews	CEO
WEROC	2/2 proxy				Proxy	☒		☒
Community Development	Unlimited	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Emergency Services (inc LEMC)	1/1 proxy			☒			Proxy	
Tourism (Inc NEWTRAVEL)	1/1 proxy	Proxy	☒					
Transport (Inc RRG)	1/1 proxy	☒		Proxy				☒
Agriculture (Inc Eastern Wheatbelt Biodiversity Group (EWBG), Rural Water, Skeleton Weed)	1/1 proxy 1/1 proxy				☒	☒		
Sport & Recreation	Unlimited		☒					
WALGA- (Great Eastern Zone)	1/1 proxy				Proxy	☒		☒
Development Assessment Panel	2/2 proxy			☒	Proxy	☒	Proxy	
Westonia Progress Ass	1/1 proxy		☒		Proxy			
CEACA	1 rep				☒			☒
Home Care Services		☒	☒					

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Simmonds

Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

08/10-25 That Council endorse the new portfolio structure.

	Required Members	Cr Geier	Cr Faithfull	Cr Simmonds	Cr Della Bosca	Cr Crees	Cr Crews	CEO
WEROC	2/2 proxy				Proxy	☒		☒
Community Development	Unlimited	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Emergency Services (<i>inc LEMC</i>)	1/1 proxy			☒			Proxy	
Tourism (<i>Inc NEWTRAVEL</i>)	1/1 proxy	Proxy	☒					
Transport (<i>Inc RRG</i>)	1/1 proxy	☒		Proxy				☒
Agriculture (<i>Inc Eastern Wheatbelt Biodiversity Group (EWBG), Rural Water, Skeleton Weed</i>)	1/1 proxy 1/1 proxy				☒	☒		
Sport & Recreation	Unlimited		☒					
WALGA- (Great Eastern Zone)	1/1 proxy				Proxy	☒		☒
Development Assessment Panel	2/2 proxy			☒	Proxy	☒	Proxy	
Westonia Progress Ass	1/1 proxy		☒		Proxy			
CEACA	1 rep				☒			☒
Home Care Services		☒	☒					

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

12.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS
12.2.1 NATIV CARBON – COLLECTION OF SEED AUTHORITY

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 to consider providing permission for Nativ Carbon to collect Native Flora within the shire boundaries.

Background

Nativ Carbon is seeking Council’s permission to collect native seed from Reserves under management order to the Shire of Westonia.

The Council has granted this organization permission in the past under normal conditions.

Comment

Council has granted permission before to several entities with the following conditions.

- All persons collecting native seed are licenced according to the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and will abide by the conditions of this licence.
- Permission is for a twelve-month period, commencing November 2025.
- Appropriate hygiene measures will be followed at all times to prevent the spread of plant disease and weeds.
- All care will be taken to avoid the disturbance of fauna habitat.
- All care will be taken to avoid any disturbance that may lead to soil degradation; and
- There be a requirement to donate to the Shire of Westonia, 10% of all seed from each species collected within the shire. This will go towards rehabilitation projects in the shire.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

There are no policies relating to this matter.

Strategic Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

N/A

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council authorise Nativ Carbon to collect native seed from reserves under management order to the Shire of Westonia in accordance with the conditions set out below.

- All persons collecting native seed are licenced according to the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and will abide by the conditions of this licence.
- Permission is for a twelve-month period, commencing November 2025.
- Appropriate hygiene measures will be followed at all times to prevent the spread of plant disease and weeds.
- All care will be taken to avoid the disturbance of fauna habitat.
- All care will be taken to avoid any disturbance that may lead to soil degradation; and
- There be a requirement to donate to the Shire of Westonia, 10% of all seed from each species collected within the shire. This will go towards rehabilitation projects in the shire

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Geier	Seconded:	Cr Faithfull
09/10-25	That Council authorise Nativ Carbon to collect native seed from reserves under management order to the Shire of Westonia in accordance with the conditions set out below.		
	• All persons collecting native seed are licenced according to the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and will abide by the conditions of this licence. • Permission is for a twelve-month period, commencing November 2025. • Appropriate hygiene measures will be followed at all times to prevent the spread of plant disease and weeds. • All care will be taken to avoid the disturbance of fauna habitat. • All care will be taken to avoid any disturbance that may lead to soil degradation; and • There be a requirement to donate to the Shire of Westonia, 10% of all seed from each species collected within the shire. This will go towards rehabilitation projects in the shire		

CARRIED 6/0

12.2.2 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 77/3315

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	ES1.6.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Location Map EL 77/3315	
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



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 Emerald Tenement Services on behalf of EMC Uranium PTY LTD (E77/3315).

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

Comment

EMC Uranium PTY LTD is a WA based ASX listed company focused on discoveries of Gold, Silver, Base Materials and Uranium.

Previous exploration approvals have been granted with the following conditions:

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

- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter “Westonian” prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and
- 12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire Road Surface and gravel pits, and that no drilling operation is to affect any part Historical N/A in any way.

Statutory Environment

The Mining Act prevails in this matter.

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council grants approval to EMC Uranium PTY LTD (E77/3315) 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.
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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 N/A in any way.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Simmonds

10/10-25

That Council grants approval to EMC Uranium PTY LTD (E77/3315) 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.
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- 10) If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, when working between 7:00 pm. and 7:00 am.
- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter "Westonian" prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and
- 12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire Road Surface and gravel pits, and that no drilling operation is to affect any part N/A in any way.

CARRIED 6/0

12.2.3 APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTING LICENCE 77/4702

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO
Author:	Bill Price, CEO
File Reference:	ES1.6.1
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Location Map EL 77/4702
Signature:	Officer CEO



Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's comment on a Prospecting license in the Town Common of the shire.

Background

The Shire has been advised of an application for a Prospecting license lodged by Acquire Technology Services on behalf of Patrick Nicholson (E77/4702).

The application relates to land in the Town Common adjacent Stoneman Road (See Attached)

Comment

Patrick Nicholson is a Director at Talco Group, a WA based Civil and Concrete Construction Company.

This application is a Prospecting License which entitles small scale miners to undertake mining and exploration activities within their site area. Council does not have any condition authority similar to that of Exploration licenses.

Rating of a prospecting license will be greater than an exploration license.

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 acknowledges the Prospecting Approval granted to Patrick Nicholson (E77/4702).

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Simmonds	Seconded:	Cr Della Bosca
11/10-25	That Council acknowledges the Prospecting Approval granted to Patrick Nicholson (E77/4702) with the following condition: -Must be registered on the Bushfire Emergency Management SMS Service.		
			CARRIED 6/0

12.2.4 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 77/3344-3346, 3348 & 3351

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	ES1.6.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Location Maps EL 77/3344 -3346, 3348 & 3351	
Signature:	Officer	CEO

Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's comment on an Exploration license in the south and 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 Forrestania Resources LTD (E77/3344-3346, 3348 & 3351).

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

Comment

Forrestania LTD is a ASX listed company exploring for Gold, Lithium and Copper.

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

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

Statutory Environment

The Mining Act prevails in this matter.

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council grants approval to Forrestania LTD (E77/3344-46, 3348 & 3351) 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.
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- 10) If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, when working between 7:00 pm. and 7:00 am.
- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter "Westonian" prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and
- 12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire Road Surface and gravel pits, and that no drilling operation is to affect any part N/A in any way.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Crews	Seconded:	Cr Faithfull
12/10-25	That Council grants approval to Forrestania LTD (E77/3344-46, 3348 & 3351) 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 N/A in any way.		

CARRIED 6/0

12.3 WORKS AND SERVICES
Nil

12.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

12.4.1 SALE OF LAND LOT 342 PYRITES STREET – USE OF COMMON SEAL

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	T.1.1.3	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	CEO



Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider selling Lot 342 Pyrites Street to a Jenine Gardiner.

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 Jenine Gardiner who wishes to purchase lot 342 Pyrites Street Westonia with the intention to construct a small residence and Colourbond 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 342 Pyrites Street to Jenine Gardiner and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Faithfull

Seconded:

Cr Simmonds

13/10-25

That Council approve the sale of Lot 342 Pyrites Street to Jenine Gardiner and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form

CARRIED 6/0

12.4.2 SALE OF LAND LOT 336 PYRITES STREET – USE OF COMMON SEAL

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO		
Author:	Bill Price, CEO		
File Reference:	T.1.1.3		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil		
Attachments:	Nil		
Signature:	Officer	CEO	

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider selling 336 Pyrites Street to a David & Lyn 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 David & Lyn Morris who wishes to purchase lot 336 Pyrites Street Westonia with the intention to construct a small residence and Colourbond 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 336 Pyrites Street to David & Lyn Morris and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Faithful

Seconded:

Cr Crews

14/10-25

That Council approve the sale of Lot 336 Pyrites Street to David & Lyn Morris and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.

CARRIED 6/0

In accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, the meeting is closed to the members of the public for this item as the following sub-section applied:

- a) A contract entered into or that may be entered into by the local government***

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier

Seconded: Cr Simmonds

15/10-25

That the meeting goes “in camera” at 4.51pm in accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, the meeting is closed to the members of the public for this item as the following sub-section applied:

- a) A contract entered into or that may be entered into by the local government

CARRIED 6/0

12.4.3 PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOT 35 WOLFRAM STREET WESTONIA

Responsible Officer: Bill Price, CEO

Author: Bill Price, CEO

File Reference: D2.2.3

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments: Nil

Signature: _____ Officer _____

CEO

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Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for council to consider purchasing the property located at Lot 35 Wolfram Street Westonia.

Background

The property located at Lot 35 Wolfram Street Westonia is currently on the market as the owner has relocated over east with family. The house is a 1969 Asbestos iron building with many adhoc additions to the building.



A valuation for the property has been obtained from local agent Steve Gregory Elders Real estate who has provided a valuation report which is attached for Council consideration.

Comment

This Lot has strategic value particularly with its central position in the main street, neighbouring the Health Clinic and is serviced by all headworks. This Lot would be a prime position to locate the new single persons modular homes that are on order with an opportunity to locate 3 on the one site.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Strategic fully serviced Lot in main street that could accommodate new development providing better street appeal.

Financial Implications

As this is an out of budget consideration it will require an Absolute Majority decision of Council. Council has \$ funds in its Housing Development reserve fund should it be required at the EOY fund transfer considerations.

Voting Requirements

☐

Simple Majority

☒

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council make an offer of to Purchase Lot 35 Wolfram Street Westonia from Karin Love at the current market value provided by Elders Real estate.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Simmonds	Seconded:	Cr DellaBosca
16/10-25	That the meeting moves out of camera at 4.59 pm in accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995		
			CARRIED 6/0

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Faithfull	Seconded:	Cr Crews
17/10-25	That Council make an offer to Purchase Lot 35 Wolfram Street Westonia from Karin Love at the Current Market Value provided by Elders Real estate.		
			BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY CARRIED 6/0

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

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Simmonds **Seconded:** Cr Geier

18/10-25 That Council introduces the following two item of an urgent nature to the meeting for discussion

CARRIED 6/0

14.1 ADDITIONAL PETTY CASH – OFFICE FLOAT

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer	
File Reference:	A1.9.3	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:		
Signature:	Officer	CEO



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Purpose of the Report

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Executive Decision

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Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider increase the current Petty Cash Float from \$870.00 to \$1,500.00.

Background

A request has been submitted via the Administration Staff to increase the current Petty Cash Float from \$870.00 to \$1,500.00.

The current float amount has remained unchanged since it was last reviewed and approved in 2018. Over time, operating costs and incidental expenses have increased, making the existing float insufficient to cover day-to-day requirements efficiently.

Additionally, accessing additional cash when needed has become increasingly difficult due to the absence of a nearby ATM, further highlighting the need for a higher float to reduce delays and maintain smooth operations.

This agenda item seeks Council approval to update the petty cash float to better align with current operational needs.

Comment

The increase in our petty cash limit from \$870 to \$1,500. This adjustment will ensure we have adequate funds on hand to cover minor museum-related purchases, such as small artifacts, exhibit materials, and other incidental expenses that require immediate or cash-based transactions. The current limit has proven

insufficient to meet these needs efficiently, and this increase will support smoother operations and timely acquisitions.

To solve the problem, the following is proposed:

	Current	Proposed
Till	\$200.00	\$ 200.00
Petty Cash	\$470.00	\$1,100.00
Museum	\$100.00	\$ 100.00
Caravan Park	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
	\$870.00	\$1500.00

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

There are no policies relating to this matter.

Strategic Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

Increase of \$630.00 to be allocated to the Balance Sheet

Voting Requirements

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Simple Majority

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Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approves the allocation of an additional \$630.00 to the current Petty Cash Allocation of \$870.00 to allocate \$200 to the Till, \$100 to Petty Cash \$100 to Museum Float and \$100 to the Caravan Park Float, totalling \$1500.00.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Faithfull

Seconded: Cr Simmonds

19/10-25

That Council approves the allocation of an additional \$630.00 to the current Petty Cash Allocation of \$870.00 to allocate \$200 to the Till, \$100 to Petty Cash \$100 to Museum Float and \$100 to the Caravan Park Float, totalling \$1500.00.

BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY CARRIED 6/0

14.2 PURCHASE OF 1887 MODEL DOUBLE FURROW PLOUGH

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	A1.9.3	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:		
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider Purchasing the 1887 Model Furrow Plough from the Henderson Family

Background

The 1887 Model Furrow Plough was built by the late James Henderson in 1887 while serving his apprenticeship with the late James Clark of Maryborough, Victoria. The plough and accompanying swivel hook are hand-forged using a traditional bellow-type forge, demonstrating the blacksmithing craftsmanship and agricultural equipment manufacturing techniques of the late 19th century.

The Henderson Family, who were longstanding locals of the Shire of Westonia, have expressed their wish for the plough to remain within the district and to be placed on display at one of the Shire’s museums. The item is of significant historical and heritage value, representing the ingenuity and skills of early tradespeople and the agricultural heritage of the region.

Comment

The 1887 Model Furrow Plough represents an important piece of early agricultural history and local craftsmanship. As the Henderson Family were long-term residents of the Shire of Westonia, the proposed acquisition would ensure this historically significant item remains within the district. Displaying the plough in one of the Shire’s museums would enhance the existing collection and contribute to the preservation and interpretation of the region’s rural heritage for future generations.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

There are no policies relating to this matter.

Strategic Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

Council has allocations for museum purchases and upgrades but a community fundraiser contribution could be generated for the item.



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council agree to purchase of the 1887 Model Furrow Plough and swivel hook from the Henderson Family, for inclusion in the Shire’s Museum collection and future public display

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Della Bosca	Seconded:	Cr Geier
20/10-25	That Council agree to purchase of the 1887 Model Furrow Plough and swivel hook from the Henderson Family, for inclusion in the Shire’s Museum collection and future public display.		
	CARRIED 6/0		

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday schedule 20th November 2025 commencing at 4.00pm.

16. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President, Cr Mark Crees declared the meeting closed at 5.06pm

Followed by a Council Dinner in honour of departing Councillor Mr. Bill Huxtable, in the presence of Honorary Freeman Mr. Louis Geier.