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Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia
Thursday 15th October 2026

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 15th October 2026 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19th November 2026

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Cr RM Crees
Shire President

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

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Westonia

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

☐ **financial interest (Section 5.60A)**
A person has a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the local government, or an employee or committee of the local government or member of the council of the local government, in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.

☐ **proximity interest (Section 5.60B)**
A person has a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns a proposed —
(a) change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land;
(b) change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or
(c) development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.

☐ **interest affecting impartiality/closely associated persons (Regulation 24C).** I disclose that I have an association with the applicant. As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly.
An interest that would give rise to a reasonable belief that the impartiality of the person having the interest would be adversely affected but does not include a financial or proximity interest as referred to in section 5.60.

in the following Council / Committee Meetings to be held on _____

in Item number/s_____

the nature of the interest being _____

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

_____

_____

Yours faithfully

(Councillor's signature)

Councillor's Name

The *Local Government Act* provides that it is the member's obligation to declare the Nature of an interest if they believe that they have a financial interest, proximity interest, closely associated persons or an interest affecting impartiality in a matter being discussed by Council.
The Act provides that the Nature of the interest may be declared in writing to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting or declared prior to discussion of the Agenda Item at the meeting. The Act further provides that the Extent of the interest needs to be declared if the member seeks to remain in the Chamber during the discussion, debate or voting on the item.
A Councillor declaring a financial or proximity interest must leave the meeting prior to the matter being discussed or voted on (including the question as to whether they are permitted to remain in the Chamber). Councillors remaining in the Chamber may resolve to allow the member to return to the meeting to participate in the proceedings.
The decision of whether to disclose a financial interest is yours and yours alone. Nobody can disclose for you and you can not be forced to make a disclosure.

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STRATEGIC COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT PLAN 2018-2028

CORE DRIVERS

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

OUR VALUES

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

Inclusiveness – Be receptive, proactive, and responsive**.**

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

Communication – Create opportunities for consultation with the broad community.

OUR VISION

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MISSION

Provide leadership and direction for the community.

ECONOMIC

Support growth and progress, locally and regionally…

Efficient transport connectivity in and around our Shire.

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

Facilitate local business retention and growth.

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

SOCIAL

Provide community facilities and promote social Interaction…

Plan for community growth and changing demographics.

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

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

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

Natural spaces are preserved and bring us value.

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

GOVERNANCE

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

Be progressive and capture opportunities.

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

The community receives services in a timely manner.

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

Financial resources meet the ongoing needs of the community.

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

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President, Cr Crees welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 4.01pm.

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Cr RM Crees	*Shire President*
Cr RA Della Bosca	*Deputy Shire President*
Cr DL Geier	
Cr MJ Crews	
Cr A Faithfull	
Cr DL Simmonds	

Staff:

Mr AW Price	*Chief Executive Officer*
Mrs JL Geier	Deputy *Chief Executive Officer*

Members of the Public:

Apologies:

Approved Leave of Absence:

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

NIL

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24th September 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Crews** **Seconded:** **Cr Faithfull**

01/10-26 **That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24th September 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED 6/0

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Newtravel Annual General Meeting Held on Thursday 6th October 2026 be accepted

That the minutes of the Newtravel General Meeting Held on Thursday 6th October 2026 be accepted

RESOLUTION

Moved:	**Cr Simmonds**	**Seconded:**	**Cr Faithfull**

02/10-26 **That the minutes of the Newtravel Annual General Meeting Held on Thursday 6th October 2026 be accepted**

That the minutes of the Newtravel General Meeting Held on Thursday 6th October 2026 be accepted

CARRIED 6/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:
- Funeral of Mitchell John Shreeve Friday 9th October 2026
- Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group Meeting held Monday 12th October 2026

Deputy President, Cr Della Bosca advised having attended the following meetings:
- Funeral of Mitchell John Shreeve Friday 9th October 2026
- Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group Meeting held Monday 12th October 2026

Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:
- Funeral of Mitchell John Shreeve Friday 9th October 2026

Councillor Simmonds advised having attended the following meetings:
- Outwest Mechanical Breast Cancer Fundraiser at the Golf Club Saturday 10th October 2026
- Westonia Bush Fire Advisory Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 26

Councillor Faithfull advised having attended the following meetings:
- Newtravel Annual General Meeting Held on Thursday 6th October 2026
- Newtravel General Meeting Held on Thursday 6th October 2026
- Outwest Mechanical Breast Cancer Fundraiser at the Golf Club Saturday 10th October 2026

Councillor Crews advised having attended the following meetings:
- Outwest Mechanical Breast Cancer Fundraiser at the Golf Club Saturday 10th October 2026
- Westonia Bush Fire Advisory Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 26

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

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Financial** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **15th October 2026.**

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 **15th October 2026.**

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 **15th October 2026.**

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

9. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

9.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

9.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Purpose of the Report

☐ Executive Decision ☒ Legislative Requirement

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

Background

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

Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of September 2026 **$964,571.61** The credit card/ Fuel Card statements currently show: -

MasterCard Transactions - $8,609.59

CEO **September 2026 $4,538.94** associated with the purchase of Starlink, EBay Stationary, Ampol- Diesel, Pelican Point Car Wash, BWS Refreshments, Westonia Shire Licensing, The Italian Longreach, Bendigo - Card Fee

DCEO **September 2026 $ 4,070.65** associated with the purchase, 5xExchange, 9x365 Business Basic, 14x365 Business Std, Jetstar Seats, Australia Stackman Hall if Fame, HACC Products, Westonia Shire Licensing WTCAT Plate, Aust Post Gift Cards Bendigo - Card Fee

Fuel Card Transactions Totalling $396.40

CEO	**$ - 0.00**
DCEO	**$ -0.00**
Construction Supervisor	**$ - 396.40**

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 2026/2027 Annual Budget.

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That September 2026 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD5080 to DD5114 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT8586 to EFT8630 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling $964,571.61 be passed for payment.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Geier** **Seconded:** **Cr DellaBosca**

03/10-26 **That September 2026 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD5080 to DD5114 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT8586 to EFT8630 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling $964,571.61 be passed for payment.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY– SEPTEMBER 2026

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, Chief Executive Officer
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 2026 is attached for Councillor information, and consists of:

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

Statutory Environment

General Financial Management of Council
Council 2026/2027 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 2026 and note any material variances greater than $10,000 or 15%.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	**Cr Geier**	**Seconded:**	**Cr Faithfull**

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

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2026

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, Chief Executive Officer
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 2026 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 ($40,563.00) for the period ending September 2026 adopted.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Crews** **Seconded:** **Cr Simmonds**

05/10-26 **That the GST Reconciliation totalling ($40,563.00) for the period ending September 2026 adopted.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.4 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 17th December which coincides with the outside crew break up.

Comment

The outside crew will commence the Xmas break on Friday 18th December 2026, with a return to work on and Monday 4th January 2027.

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 Thursday 24th December 2026 until Monday 4th January 2027.

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.

Full Time staff will also be granted 2 paid "grace and favour 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 2026 until Thursday the 4th January 2027, and that.
2. hold the annual end of year Christmas function at the conclusion of the December Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 17th December 2026.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Crews** **Seconded:** **Cr Geier**

06/10-26 **That Council**

1. **approve the office closure from 12.00pm on the 24th December 2026 until Thursday the 4th January 2027, and that.**
2. **hold the annual end of year Christmas function at the conclusion of the December Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 17th December 2026.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.1.5 CEO CONTRACT REVIEW PROCESS

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

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to commence undertaking a contract Review for the Chief Executive Officer.

Background

Section 5.38 of the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) requires Council to review the performance of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at least once in relation to every year of the CEO's employment. Section 5.39(3) of the Act also requires the CEO's contract to contain performance criteria against which that review is conducted.

Council would be aware that the CEO is employed under an employment contract in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995. The existing CEO contract expires on 17 January 2027.

Comment

The CEO's employment contract is therefore due for review. Council needs to consider whether it wishes to offer the CEO a new contract or extend the existing contract, or whether it will take another course of action, before the contract expires on 17 January 2027.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995, section 5.38 – Council is required to review the performance of the CEO at least once each year.
Local Government Act 1995, section 5.39 – the CEO is to be employed under a written contract, which must contain performance criteria and may be renewed or extended by agreement.

Policy Implications

The CEO contract review is undertaken in accordance with Council's policy

Strategic Implications

Effective staff performance and sound governance.

Financial Implications

Negotiation of contract remuneration package.

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council commence undertaking a contract Review for the Chief Executive Officer.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Geier** **Seconded:** **Cr Crews**

06/10-26 **That Council commence undertaking a contract Review for the Chief Executive Officer.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS

9.2.1 DPIRD CRC CONTRACT EXTENSION

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	ES1.7.1	
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 signing a 12-month Contract Extension until 30 June 2028, with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) for the delivery of Community Resource Centre services.

Background

As you are aware, all service agreements with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) under Contract DPIRDCS17700X (Western Australian Community Resource Network Services) are due to expire on 30 June 2027.

DPIRD has worked closely with Community Resource Centres (CRCs) through an extensive co-design process to develop a future service model that better reflects the needs of regional and remote communities. This process has highlighted opportunities to strengthen service delivery, improve outcomes, and modernise arrangements across the CRC network.

While it was originally intended that a full commissioning process would be completed to enable new service agreements to commence on 1 July 2027, it has become clear that the significant reforms proposed for the CRC network require additional time to support effective implementation.

Additional time is also needed to support the transition of remote CRCs to contractual service delivery arrangements, including capability development, training, and enhancements to systems and processes across the network.

To support this work, DPIRD will extend all existing CRC service agreements by 12 months, from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028.

This extension will provide an opportunity to continue consultation with CRCs, undertake targeted testing and refinement of key elements of the proposed service model, and ensure that future commissioning arrangements are practical, effective and sustainable.

Comment

The CRC funding contract provides $ 110,000 towards the provision of government information services annually, which covers the cost of the Community Development Officer position.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Funding for the provision of Community Resource Centre services

Financial Implications

$ 110,000 annual funding for CRC services

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council agree to sign a 12-month Contract Extension until 30 June 2028, with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) for the delivery of Community Resource Centre services.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Simmonds** **Seconded:** **Cr Faithfull**

07/10-26 **That Council agree to sign a 12-month Contract Extension until 30 June 2028, with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) for the delivery of Community Resource Centre services.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.2.2 WA WATER AWARDS 2026

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 advise the Council that the Warralakin Tank Refurbishment project has been shortlisted as a Finalist for the Infrastructure Innovation (Regional) Awards in the 2026 Australian Water Associations WA Water Awards.

Background

Council would be aware of the recent joint project between Council and DWER in restoring the Warralakin Water Tank including the removal of the old wood and tin roofing structure for the plastic hexa-cover floats as well as concrete wall repairs at a cost of $275,000



Comment

The Shire President and CEO will be attending the awards with representatives from DWER. The WA Water Awards will be presented at the WA Water Awards Dinner being held as follows:

Date: Friday 30 October 2026

Time: 6.00 – 11.00pm

Where: The Ritz-Carlton – Elizabeth Quay Ballroom

Address: 1 Barrack Street, Perth

Dress Code: Circular Glamour
Formal or cocktail attire with a sustainability twist — pre-loved, vintage, borrowed, repaired, upcycled, locally made, re-worn, or already-in-your-wardrobe pieces are warmly encouraged.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council be advised that the Warralakin Tank Refurbishment project has been shortlisted as a Finalist for the Infrastructure Innovation (Regional) Awards in the 2026 Australian Water Associations WA Water Awards.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Crews** **Seconded:** **Cr Della Bosca**

08/10-26 **That Council be advised that the Warralakin Tank Refurbishment project has been shortlisted as a Finalist for the Infrastructure Innovation (Regional) Awards in the 2026 Australian Water Associations WA Water Awards.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.2.3 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 2026/27 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 13th October 26 at the Wanderers Stadium.

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

Comment

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

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

Statutory Environment

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

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

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

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council in accordance with section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 appoint the following persons as Bush Fire Control Officers for the 2026/27 bush fire season:

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

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Geier** **Seconded:** **Cr DellaBosca**

09/10-26 **That Council in accordance with section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 appoint the following persons as Bush Fire Control Officers for the 2026/27 bush fire season:**

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

Frank Corsini, Michael Crook, Bill Price, and Jason Wahlsten — **Fire Weather Officers.**

Frank Corsini with Michael Crook and Bill Price as Deputies — **Authorised Harvest Ban Officers.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.2.4 NEWTRAVEL MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	ES1.7.2	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	NEWTRAVEL Draft MOU 25/30	
Signature:	**Officer**	**CEO**

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider entering into a further 5-year MOU with NEWTRAVEL for the period 2025 – 2030.

Background

Council would be aware that they have been inaugural members of NEWTRAVEL since the mid nineties and have entered into several MOU's providing financial and in-kind support to their operations.

NEWTRAVEL has been an extremely successful and beneficial vehicle for promoting tourism and events to this region as can be ascertained in the 24/25 Impact report.

A draft MOU has been shared with Council setting out the parameters for the 2025 – 2030 five-year period.

Comment

The financial contribution that Council is required to pay annually to NEWTRAVEL contained within the MOU will be $ 13,500/annum increased annually by CPI.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Membership of NEWTRAVEL has had enormous benefits for the growth of tourism locally and into our region.

Financial Implications

Annual financial contributions as per the MOU.

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council resolve to enter into a further 5-year MOU with NEWTRAVEL for the period 2025 – 2030 authorising the Shire President and CEO to sign and duly seal the document.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	**Cr Simmonds**	**Seconded:**	**Cr DellaBosca**

10/10-26 **That Council resolve to enter into a further 5-year MOU with NEWTRAVEL for the period 2025 – 2030 authorising the Shire President and CEO to sign and duly seal the document.**

CARRIED 6/0

9.3 WORKS AND SERVICES

Nil

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

9.4.1 SALE OF LOT 103 (36) JASPER STREET – USE OF COMMON SEAL

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

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider selling Lot 103 (36) Jasper Street to Mitchell Mailey.

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 Mitchell Mailey who wishes to purchase Lot 103 (36) Jasper Street Westonia with the intention to construct a transportable home and shed.

Below is a map illustrating the lot in question.



Comment

All Western power connections have been completed for the lots located in Scheelite Street.

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

Economic – Support & Growth & Progress Locally.

Financial Implications

$ 10,000 land sale

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the sale of Lot 103 (36) Jasper Street to Mitchell Mailey and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	**Cr Crews**	**Seconded:**	**Cr Faithfull**
11/10-26	**That Council approve the sale of Lot 103 (36) Jasper Street to Mitchell Mailey and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.**		

CARRIED 6/0

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

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

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 19th November 2026 commencing at 4.00pm.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President, Cr Mark Crees declared the meeting closed at 4.24pm