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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 3.45pm.

A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect for the following former ratepayers who had recently passed away:

- Ian Daddow
- Elizabeth Nicoletti

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr ML Geier	President
Cr D Hermon	
Cr B Huxtable	
Cr JJ Jefferys	
Cr MJ Cunningham	
Mr J Criddle	Chief Executive Officer

2.1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr KM Day	Deputy President
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3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.47PM – 4.02PM)

Nil

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Officer Recommendation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 18th June, 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Resolution

01-06/15 Moved Cr Hermon, seconded Cr Jefferys that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 18th June, 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried 5/0

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

Officer Recommendation

That the minutes of the WEROC Council Meeting held at Shire of Merredin 24th June, 2015 be received

Resolution

02-07/15 Moved Cr Cunningham seconded Cr Huxtable that the minutes of the WEROC Council

Meeting held at Shire of Merredin 24th June, 2015 be received

Carried 5/0

Officer Recommendation

That the minutes of the Wheatbelt Communities Inc Meeting held at Shire of Merredin 24th June, 2015 be received

Resolution

03-07/15 Moved Cr Cunningham seconded Cr Jefferys that the minutes of the Wheatbelt Communities Inc Meeting held at Shire of Merredin 24th June, 2015 be received

Carried 5/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- WEROC Council meeting held in Merredin.
- Special Meeting of Council to discuss the Draft Budget with Councillors.



Cr Hermon advised having attended the following meeting:

- Local tree planting day in Westonia common.

8. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

8.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

8.1.1 Accounts for Payment

File Reference	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements	
Date of Report		
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer	
Signatures	Officer 	CEO 

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 June 15. The credit card statements currently show:-

CEO **June 15 \$1,397.25** associated with the purchase of; Staff Flu Vaccines, Exam Sheet Roll, Fuel Purchase and \$1,000 Credit Card Fraud (recovered)

Works Supervisor **June 15 \$482.86** associated with the purchase of; Fuel, Staff Transportation Fee and Vehicle Licensing.

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 2014/2015 Annual Budget.

Voting Requirement

Majority

Officer Recommendation



That June accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3168 to 3199 and D/Debits EFT 1271 to EFT 1325 and Trust Vouchers 234 to 237 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totaling \$415,143.69 be passed for payment.

Resolution

04-07/15 Moved Cr Hermon seconded Cr Huxtable that June accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3168 to 3199 and D/Debits EFT 1271 to EFT 1325 and Trust Vouchers 234 to 237 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totaling \$415,143.69 be passed for payment.

Carried 5/0

8.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity – July 15

File Reference	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Reports	
Date of Report	14 August 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer	
Signatures	Officer 	CEO 

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 30th June 15 is attached for Councilor information, and consists of:

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

Statutory Environment

General Financial Management of Council
Council 2012/2013 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 Requirement

Majority

Officer Recommendation



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

Resolution

05-07/15 Moved Cr Hermon seconded Cr Huxtable that Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 30th June 15 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

Carried 5/0

8.1.3 GST Reconciliation Report

File Reference	F1.4.4 Audit Reports	
Date of Report	14 August 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer	
Signatures	Officer 	CEO 

Background

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at 30th June 15 is provided to Council on a monthly basis as a means of keeping Council informed of its current GST liability.

Comment

The GST Reconciliation Report is attached for Councilor consideration.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in regards 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 Requirement

Majority

Officer Recommendation


That the GST Reconciliation totaling \$36,607 for the period ending 30th June 2015 be adopted.

Resolution

06-07/15 Moved Cr Cunningham seconded Cr Hermon that the GST Reconciliation totaling \$36,607 for the period ending 30th June 2015 be adopted.

Carried 5/0

8.1.4 WALGA AGM Motions

File Reference		
Date of Report	12th July 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

Council will be represented by Shire President Cr Geier and Cr Day at the 2015 Local Government Week convention to be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (PCEC) from 5th to 7th August 2015.

The Annual General Meeting of WALGA is scheduled for the Wednesday afternoon session of the convention (5th August). There are eleven member motions to be presented as part of the agenda for the 2015 AGM of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA).

Council’s voting delegates at the AGM are the Shire President and Deputy President.

Comment

The following motions are summarised for Council to consider. Council appointed Delegates attending the Annual General Meeting of the WA Local Government Association are required to vote according to the indicative determinations from the Council in regards to the following summary motions presented in the mentioned Agenda and Meeting.

A full copy of the Motions have been attached to this Agenda Item for detailed Council reading and direction to appointed Delegates;

AGENDA ITEM	LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPONENT	MOTION TITLE
4.1	Town of Bassendean	Eradication of Trachoma in Australian Populations
4.2	Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes	Prescribed Burning Program
4.3	City of Bunbury	Bushfire (Planning) Regulations – Local Government Impacts
4.4	City of Bunbury	Integrated Response by Local Governments to Hoarding
4.5	City of Bunbury	Shark Hazard – Local Government Expectations
4.6	City of Mandurah	Inland Waterway Shoreline Management
4.7	Shire of Toodyay	Planning for Waste Management Facilities
4.8	Shire of Murray	Management of Narrow Leafed Cotton Bush
4.9	Shire of Northampton	Illegal Camping
4.10	City of Mandurah	Non-rateable Properties: Charitable use of Land
4.11	City of Melville	Financial Limits for Tenders

The following comments are provided for Council’s information and to assist in the decision making process.

4.1 – MOTION

That WALGA advocate to the Federal and Western Australian State Government a Nationwide program for the eradication of Trachoma in Indigenous Populations, especially in Western Australia.

COMMENT

The need for greater investment in controllable diseases is acknowledged. There is already a comprehensive State program for Trachoma Management in WA for discrete Aboriginal Communities. WA is one of the leading States in the management of Trachoma through targeted personal hygiene programs and use of new generation 6 month and 12 month antibiotics.

4.2 . MOTION

That WALGA lobby the Minister for Regional Development to negotiate conditions on the use of Royalties for Regions funds for enhancement of the State Government's prescribed burning program to ensure that these additional funds are used only for prescribed burns for asset preservation and protection around towns and settlements and that the funds not be used for broad scale prescribed burning of forests and national parks distant from towns and settlements

COMMENT

Given the limited funding available within the state for bushfire risk mitigation, it is critical that any additional funding for prescribed burning is used in high priority areas of the state, particularly those that are in close proximity to towns, settlements and significant economic infrastructure.

Identification of the priority areas and the subsequent prescribed burning programs could be done through coordination of the results of the bushfire risk management planning process, which is currently being piloted by several Local Governments, the DFES mapping generated for the purposes of the soon to be implemented, WAPC state planning policy – bushfire prone areas and the office of bushfire risk management's approvals process.

4.3 MOTION

- 1. That WALGA move to seek that the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner recognises existing Local Government bushfire risk assessment processes that demonstrate sufficient rigour and accept that Local Government's Bushfire Risk Mapping in the application of the new Bushfire (Planning) Regulations.**
- 2. That appropriate support be provided to Local Government, to offset the costs and delays that will be incurred as a result of implementing the new Regulations into the development application processes. This would include (but not limited to) training in bushfire risk assessment - Bushfire Attack Level (BAL). A media campaign to explain the new Regulations and its impacts would assist in deflecting some of the negative reaction that may be incurred by Local Governments.**
- 3. That WALGA request the State Government to assist with the implications of State owned lands providing risk to developments. Rather than insist on construction requirements to increase resilience for new structures, it may be more beneficial to treat the risk. This would be especially important where existing structures are also impacted. Currently, the Bush Fires Act (1954) does not bind the Crown.**

COMMENT

The declaration of bushfire prone areas by the State Government and the application of minimum state-wide bushfire standards for development in bushfire prone areas is consistent with State Councils resolution of May 2013 (200.2/2013). Prior to forming this resolution, the Association undertook widespread consultation with members to discuss arrangements for managing bushfire risk and received strong support from the sector for the State Government taking the lead in identifying bushfire risk areas and establishing state wide planning provisions for bushfire mitigation.

The Association understands that the Western Australia Planning Commission (WAPC) have made substantial modifications to the previously advertised draft State Planning Policy (SPP) 3.7 Planning

for Bushfire Risk Management and its associated Guidelines. The Association has been informed by the Department of Planning intends to release the revised draft Policy and Guidelines for public consultation in July. The Association will be preparing a submission to WAPC in relation to the revised draft SPP and will be seeking feedback from members to inform this submission.

The Association understands that any default declaration of ‘bushfire prone areas’ as being within in 100m of a hectare of bushfire vegetation is only an interim measure which will be superseded by the release of bushfire prone area mapping. This mapping will be further refined over time. Further, it is important to note that the declaration of a bushfire area does not automatically mean that higher construction standards will be necessary, rather a more accurate assessment of bushfire risk will need to be undertaken by development proponents.

Throughout the process of developing the proposed land-use planning bushfire risk management policy framework, the Association has consistently advocated that the State provides the necessary funding for any additional requirements placed on Local Governments, including any training for Local Government officers.

4.4 MOTION

That WALGA:

- 1. acknowledge that hoarding is a complex problem for Local Governments to address in Western Australia.***
- 2. facilitate the development of an integrated response to the problem of hoarding by using consistent best practice standards which can be applied by all Local Governments in Western Australia.***

COMMENT

The recommended action is consistent with WALGA policy.

4.5 MOTION

- 1. That WALGA move to seek that the State Government declare Shark Attack as a ‘hazard’ within the Emergency Management Regulations (2006) and assign an Hazard Management Agency, for the development and maintenance of Hazard Management Arrangements. This agency would then also be responsible for the provision of community information and advice, to enable the community to make informed decisions with their use of the marine environment.***
- 2. That WALGA recommend the adoption of the South West Local Government Response Flowchart and Responsibility Matrix, as the basis for Local Government response to any credible risk from sharks in local waters.***
- 3. That WALGA act on behalf of WA Local Governments in the negotiation with the Department of Fisheries, to ensure that Local Government Officers are not expected to make any response decisions, where they do not have the Subject Matter Expertise, nor jurisdiction (i.e. when to open a beach after sighting, or when to close a beach etc.) for those decisions.***

COMMENT

In 2012 the State Emergency Management Committee developed a comprehensive risk management strategy for Western Australia to have a better understanding of the risks to which the State is exposed and to ensure that emergency management strategies are in place. In 2013 the State Government commenced the State Risk Project which has identified 27 hazards - both natural and made in Western Australia. The State Risk project demonstrates an integrated approach and consistent framework for risk assessment and management across the State.

4.6 MOTION

That WALGA lobby for a single State Government agency to be responsible for inland waterway

shoreline management in the same manner as the Department of Transport' current role to administer the State Government's policy directly relating to coastal management.

COMMENT

As outlined in the July 2015 State Council Agenda, the Department of Transport is reviewing its Coastal Protection Policy for Western Australia. It is noted that the new draft policy document does not provide greater clarity for local government and does not provide a greater amount of transparency on how the Department of Transport will be helping to manage the coastal environment.

The policy is pared back from the previous version (as cited by the City of Mandurah). Therefore, at a time when coastal management roles and responsibilities should be solidified, the Department seems to be tempering its response to this issue and notions of operational responsibility.

It is also noted that the Swan River Trust has recently developed a comprehensive foreshore asset management system to manage the approximately 300km of foreshore of the Swan Canning system. As members may be aware, the Swan River Trust is currently in the process of being absorbed into the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW).

Discussion with the Director General of the Department of Parks and Wildlife have indicated the potential for such a role to be considered by DPAW, beyond the current remit of the Swan and Canning River estuaries.

4.7 MOTION

That WALGA request the State Government as a matter of urgency:

- *Develop a waste management infrastructure plan for Western Australia*
- *Progress regulatory reforms to establish a framework for planning and siting of landfills.*
- *Implement a moratorium on new private landfill approvals until adoption of a durable planning framework.*

COMMENT

WALGA fully supports the need for better strategic planning for all waste management facilities and understands the concerns raised by the Shire. The Association's Submission on the Review of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act highlighted that without such planning there will be limited coordination of infrastructure selection and placement.

4.8 MOTION

That WALGA Lobby the Minister for Agriculture and Food seeking support for a multi-tiered approach to the management of Narrow Leafed Cotton Bush including:

- *Training Local Government staff who can assist with infringing any land-owners not managing cotton bush and other declared pests.*
- *Provide funding to regional biosecurity groups of \$100,000 per annum to ensure their survival.*
- *Make Changes to the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (BAM) to ensure any pest rate raised stays within the district*
- *Request cabinet address the issue of cotton bush and the inaction of state departments in managing their own land.*

COMMENT

The current funding from the DAFWA to underpin the creation of Recognised Biosecurity Groups is from a strategic grant from the State NRM Program. Accordingly there is no certainty that the current level of DAFWA support for the formation of RBGs will continue.

There is no core funding in the forward estimates of the DAFWA budget to ensure the continuation

of funding required to support future Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBG's). A policy shift by the Government is therefore required if it is to match Local Government investment, be it through contributions to a levy raised by an RBG, or of its own volition and revenue (rates).

In relation to the issue of regulation and enforcement, the Association position is to empower a Local Government CEO, should the relevant Local Government desire, to be delegated under the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act (2007) to undertake regulatory functions, thereby having the force of the BAM Regulations at their disposal for specific declared species.

The Association has raised this with both the Minister directly, and through its interim submission on the draft State Biosecurity Strategy, and will continue to advocate for this outcome. Funding will be required to build the capacity of local government officers in undertaking a regulatory role on specific declared species.

An amendment of the BAM Act legislation will be required to ensure that any monies collected within a region are spent in the region in which it is collected, as currently Section 138 (f) of the BAM Act provides Director General discretion in the use of funds in the Declared Pest Account for "any purpose authorised under this Act or another written law".

4.9 MOTION

That WALGA is to investigate legislation changes to allow Local Governments to recover fines issued to illegal campers through vehicle hire companies (as a majority of offenders are from overseas using hire vans/vehicles), as an example, to try and assist Local Governments to control this activity and recover costs incurred in policing illegal camping.

COMMENT

Difficulties associated with recovery of illegal camping fines is an Australia-wide issue particularly impacting popular coastal locations.

Illegal camping often presents a conundrum to communities, keen on the one hand for tourism visitations to stimulate the local economy but aware also of the negative impact illegal camping may have on sensitive environments or the general amenity of popular local attractions.

The capacity to issue infringements for illegal camping has a positive deterrent effect on responsible tourists, but it is agreed that recovering fines in certain circumstances is problematic.

It is notable there is no similar State-based legislation of the nature proposed in the Member motion, and research will be required to determine whether it is legislatively feasible and will result in a workable deterrent to the practice of illegal camping.

4.10 MOTION

That WALGA increases it's lobbying for an amendment to the Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.26(2)(g) to allow land used for charitable purposes to be rateable if it is used for housing.

COMMENT

The Member motion aligns with the Association's policy in relation to charitable land use rate exemptions, which reads:

1. Amend the Local Government Act to clarify that Independent Living Units should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997;
2. Either
 - a) amend the charitable organisations section of the Local Government Act 1995 to eliminate exemptions for commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations;
 - or
 - b) establish a compensatory fund for Local Governments, similar to the pensioner discount provisions, if the State Government believes charitable organisations remain exempt from payment of Local Government rates.

The motion also aligns with State Council's current position on affordable housing.

4.11 MOTION

That the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 (as amended from time to time) be amended so the minimum threshold for the purchase of a good or service, be altered to match the threshold level from time to time gazetted under the State Supply Policies for State Government Departments and instrumentalities.

COMMENT

The Member motion aligns with current Association policy.

At the time of writing, the Department of Local Government and Communities is finalising amendments to the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1997. It is WALGA's position that the tender threshold should align with the threshold that applies to State Government agencies, \$250,000. The current proposal is to amend the Regulations so that the tender threshold be increased from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Financial Implications:

Nil – not applicable to this item as at this stage not a direct impact upon the Shire.

Policy Implications

Western Australian Local Government Association Standing Orders for the conduct of the Annual General Meeting of the Western Australian Local Government Association 2015.

Statutory Implications:

Nil (not known at this time – decision making processes)

Strategic Plan Implications

WALGA Strategic Plan 2010-2015

Our Vision for Local Government – “Local Governments in Western Australia will be built on good governance, local leadership, democracy, community engagement and diversity.

Local Government will also have the capacity to provide economically, socially and environmentally sustainable services and infrastructure that meet the needs of their community”.

Voting Requirement

Majority

Recommendation

That Council directs its appointed delegates to vote as follows;

ITEM	LOCAL GOVERNMENT MOTION TITLE	Support/Oppose
4.1	Town of Bassendean Eradication of Trachoma in Australian Populations	
4.2	Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Prescribed Burning Program	
4.3	City of Bunbury Bushfire (Planning) Regulations – Local Government Impacts	
4.4	City of Bunbury Integrated Response by Local Governments to Hoarding	
4.5	City of Bunbury Shark Hazard – Local Government Expectations	
4.6	City of Mandurah Inland Waterway Shoreline Management	

4.7	Shire of Toodyay	Planning for Waste Management Facilities
4.8	Shire of Murray	Management of Narrow Leafed Cotton Bush
4.9	Shire of Northampton	Illegal Camping
4.10	City of Mandurah	Non-rateable Properties: Charitable use of Land
4.11	City of Melville	Financial Limits for Tenders

Resolution


07-07/15 Moved Cr Cunningham seconded Cr Huxtable that Council directs its appointed delegates to vote as follows;

ITEM LOCAL GOVERNMENT MOTION TITLE

	Support/Oppose		
4.1	Town of Bassendean	Eradication of Trachoma in Australian Populations	Support
4.2	Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes	Prescribed Burning Program	
	Discretion		
4.3	City of Bunbury	Bushfire (Planning) Regulations – Local Government Impacts	
		Support	
4.4	City of Bunbury	Integrated Response by Local Governments to Hoarding	Support
4.5	City of Bunbury	Shark Hazard – Local Government Expectations	Discretion
4.6	City of Mandurah	Inland Waterway Shoreline Management	Support
4.7	Shire of Toodyay	Planning for Waste Management Facilities	
		Support	
4.8	Shire of Murray	Management of Narrow Leafed Cotton Bush	Support
4.9	Shire of Northampton	Illegal Camping	
	Support		
4.10	City of Mandurah	Non-rateable Properties: Charitable use of Land	Support
4.11	City of Melville	Financial Limits for Tenders	
	Discretion		

Carried 5/0

8.1.5 Tender 6 -2014/2015 – Caravan Park Camper Ablutions

File Reference	F1.9.1 Tenders	
Date of Report	12th July 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

Council were allocated \$328,212 of Royalties for Regions (Individual Allocation) funding for 2012/13 to facilitate the following projects:

- 1) **Campers Kitchen:** This project provides for the construction of a multi-purpose Campers Kitchen situated in the Westonia Caravan Park to replace the existing dilapidated building which will provide toilet facilities (including disabled access), laundry facilities, kitchen facilities and an indoor/outdoor dining alfresco area.
- 2) **Public Toilets – Miners Hall:** This project provides for the construction of unisex toilets with disabled access to replace the existing dilapidated building.
- 3) **St Luke’s Church Restoration:** This project provides for the restoration of the historic St Luke’s Church in Westonia which will include the restumping of the entire building, repairs to timber floors and walls and re-oiling of exterior timber.

At the June ordinary meeting of Council, it was resolved not to accept any tenders for the site built Campers Kitchen and re-advertise for a campers abluion with an alfresco/kitchen area to be built on separate.

Council shortlisted the tenders to three, being Aussie Modular Solutions, TR Homes and Quality Builders and requested some clarifications on design and specifications.

The President and CEO then travelled to Perth to inspect the finishes and quality on these companies and will report to Council at the meeting.

Comment

Projects 2 & 3 are completed or well under way with a notice in the West Australian on Sat 23rd May 2015, inviting tenders for the construction of an onsite purpose built Campers Kitchen as per technical drawings and specifications located at the Westonia Caravan Park in the Westonia townsite.

Closing date for tenders is 12.00pm was Wednesday 8th July 2015.

In accordance with the Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations, Regulation 14(2a) the following criteria were utilised to assess the tenders submitted:

- (a) Demonstrated experience in completing similar projects;
- (b) Skills & experience of key personnel; and
- (c) Financial capability to complete this project along with having suitable insurances.

Assessment of tenders against compliance criteria:

To be presented at the meeting

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

TR Homes	40	20	20	80
Quality Builders	40	20	20	80
Aussie Modular Solutions	40	20	20	80

Tenders were received as follows:

To be presented at the meeting

Tenderer	Description	Sub total	GST	Total
TR Homes	Original tender with Increase skillion roof angle, increase inside ceiling height to 2700mm, attach 1.5m verandah to 3 sides of building at new pitch angle, attach pitch plate to western side to attach alfresco 'lean-to', top part of skillion section to have weatherboard finish, Bottom section to have custom orb finish, provision for (if not already) for hot/cold water, power to western side of building for kitchen.	170,125.00	17,012.50	187,137.50
Quality Builders		178,936.37	17,893.63	196,830.00
Aussie Modular Solutions		124,519.00	12,451.90	136,970.90

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995, section 3.57 – tenders for providing goods or services and the Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations, section 4.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

Westonia Community Strategic Plan 2013-2023

5. THE WESTONIA TOURIST EXPERIENCE IS UNIQUE

5.1 Work towards providing a high quality, sustainable and integrated tourism experience to extend the length of stay.

ACTIONS

- Upgrade the Westonia Caravan Park to include a camper's kitchen, ablution block and cabins

Financial Implications

An amount of \$328,212 of Royalties for Regions funding has been allocated in the 2014/15 Budget to facilitate these three projects.

Council has committed to contribute some funds to the project, both cash and in-kind.

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council accept the tender submitted by (*insert successful tenderer*) for the construction of an onsite purpose built Ablutions as per technical drawings and specifications located at the Westonia

Caravan Park in the Westonia townsite at the tendered price of (*enter amount*) excluding GST and plus any additional extras.

Resolution

08-07/15 Moved Cr Hermon seconded Cr Cunningham that Council accept the tender submitted by TR Homes/Murray River North for the construction of an onsite purpose built Ablutions as per technical drawings and specifications located at the Westonia Caravan Park in the Westonia townsite at the tendered price of \$170,125.00 excluding GST and plus any additional extras.

Carried 3/2 by Absolute Majority

8.1.6 Adoption of 2015/16 Budget

File Reference	F1.2.1	
Date of Report	12th July 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO

Background

A copy of the proposed 2015/16 Budget is attached for Council’s consideration.

A draft budget was reviewed by Council in early July 2015 and the attached budget is a consolidation and completion of those discussions and the original draft document.

The budget shows a zero surplus/deficit as at 30th June 2016. This is required so as to comply with financial management regulations.

The opening operating surplus as at 1st July 2015 is estimated at \$1,253,250.

Included in this surplus are grants/income received during the 2014/15 financial year with projects carrying over to the 2015/16 year. These include:

\$250,000 Campers Kitchen

\$ 35,000 NRM Projects (Bushcare, Common Management Plan, Birdhide)

\$ 8,000 CCTV Project at Museum

\$ 20,000 Ablutions located at Old School

\$180,000 Carrabin Blackspot funding

\$617,346 Financial Assistance Grants (FAGS) have again been paid half in advance which consists of \$263,422 for local road funding and \$353,924 for general purpose funding which is included in the surplus.

TOTAL RESTRICTED CASH **\$1,110,346**

All road construction jobs requested have been included; however the prioritising of this area is again left to Council to consider. Council will need to review all information carefully and determine the most suitable program, taking into consideration resource capacity. Several roads included in the roads program have been excluded to make way for the Carrabin blackspot project. If this does not eventuate in the 2015/16 financial year, some of the predetermined projects will be included by way of a budget variation and listed as council projects.

GRANTS – 2015/2016 NOTIONAL GRANT ALLOCATIONS

Advice has been received from the WALGGC on grants to be received by local governments for 2015/2016.

For Westonia the total notional grant to be received is \$1,234,692 which consists of \$263,422 for local road funding and \$353,924 for general purpose funding. As advised above, half the grant (\$617,346) has been pre-paid in 2014/15. The grants are considered notional as the Commonwealth is yet to advise the WALGGC of the final pool of funds.

This grant is a total increase of \$41,214 from 2014/2015 which is a welcoming increase.

ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS FUNDING

For 2012/2013 funding round, Council will receive as part of the now known Country Local Government Fund Group 50%, being \$328,212 is being spent in conjunction with the WEROC Shires on (2) 2x2 Multipurpose Accommodation units. This project has carried over to 2015/16, with approximately \$155,000 to be spent to complete the project in 2015/16.

The 2012/2013 local allocation is to be used for the refurbishment of the St Luke’s Church (completed), Public Toilets at the Miners Hall (underway) and a new Campers Kitchen at the Caravan Park (tender process) \$250,000 has been allocated to this portion of the project.

PLANT & VEHICLE PURCHASES

The 2015/2016 Draft Budget makes provision for the following plant and vehicle purchases

	Purchase	Trade Value	Net
CEO Vehicle	\$ 74,000	\$ 65,500	\$ 8,500
Admin Vehicle	\$ 31,500	\$ 13,000	\$ 18,500
Supervisor Vehicle	\$ 37,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 10,000
Grader Ute – Hilux	\$ 24,900	\$ 8,200	\$ 16,700
Crew Cab – Hilux	\$ 37,200	\$ 25,500	\$ 11,700
Telehandler - Merlo	\$165,000	\$ 67,450	\$ 97,550
Mini Excavator - Hitachi	\$ 48,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 32,000
Rock Breaker	\$ 8,000	\$ Nil	\$ 8,000
	<u>\$441,800</u>	<u>\$222,650</u>	<u>\$219,150</u>

WAGE & SALARIES INCREASE

Senior Staff Salaries will receive a modest increase during the 2015/16 financial year. All non-contract staff will receive an increase as per the Industrial Relations Commission National Wage Increase which was 2.5%. The draft budget provides for this increase.

CONSIDERATION OF TRUST AND RESERVE FUND 2015/2016 DRAFT BUDGETS

The Draft Trust and Reserve Fund Budgets for 2015/2016 are included in the Draft 2015/2016 Budget and are for Council consideration.

Comment

The budget contains the following provisions.

Valuations

GRV Residential/Commercial	\$716,479 – Nil increase from last year;
GRV Mining -	\$1,591,500 – Nil increase from last year;
UV Rural -	\$38,012,900 – reduction of 0.24% from last year; and
UV Mining -	\$281,356 – reduction of 44.84% from last year.

Rating

GRV Residential -	5.1699 cents in the \$;
GRV Comm/Industrial/Other-	5.1699 cents in the \$;
GRV Mining -	13.8366 cents in the \$;
UV Rural -	1.7158 cents in the \$; and
UV Mining -	1.7158 cents in the \$.

Minimum Rate – UV Mining	\$200.00
- All Other	\$355.00

Differential Rate Explanation

Objects and Reasons for GRV Mining Differential Rate

Land used for Mining is rated higher than the GRV-General rate to improve fairness and equity outcomes by:

- Ensuring mining rates payable are no less than the average rates payable, per property, in part to;
 - compensate for the different method and comparatively lower valuation level;
 - to recognise the often short term tenure of mining projects in the region; and
 - to maintain comparability with other commercial operations in the rural sector.
- Applying a percentage premium above the average rates payable, per property, at a level determined by the Council, to reflect the following:
 - the impacts of higher road infrastructure maintenance costs to Council as a result of frequent very heavy vehicle use over extensive lengths of roads throughout the year;
 - additional emergency service arrangements that have to be put in place;
 - the monitoring of environmental impacts of clearing, noise, dust and smell;
 - planning, building and health assessment cost; and
 - additional costs of amenities and services provided to cater for the employees of the mining operations, such as recreation, parking and law, order and public safety due to the increased population of the 160 man mining camp situated in the Westonia townsite which almost triples the population of the town and creates a massive burden on Council's resources.

Council advertised that it proposed to adopt the following rates in the dollar for the 2015/16 budget with submissions to close by the 17th June 2015. No Objections were raised.

General GRV –	5.1699 cents,
Mining GRV –	13.8366 cents,
Mine UV –	1.7158 cents,
UV –	1.7158 cents,

Minimum rate all categories - \$355 except UV Mining \$200.

The Differential Rates advertised were the equivalent of a 5% rate increase. This Budget if adopted is without a large change is with a 5% rate increase.

Early Rate Payment Incentive Scheme

As in past years the Rates Officer, Stacey Geier, has been successful in obtaining several donated prizes for the early payment of rates incentive scheme.

For the payment of Rates in full, by the due date of 27th September 2013 ratepayers will go into the draw for these prizes.

Due Dates for Payment of Rates

The Local Government Act provides that ratepayers have the right to pay rates by one or four installments or by some other installment plan that is set forth in the local government's budget.

In recent years the Shire of Westonia has included in its annual budget the option for rates to be also paid by a two installment plan.

The attached budget includes the three payment options however the due dates of installments for the two payments option have been restructured.

The proposed due dates of installments are as follows:-

Based on an "Issue Date" of 30th July 2015:

One payment option - due date of 4th September 2015;

Two installments option - due dates of 4th September 2015 and 4th January 2016.

Four installments option - due dates of 4th September 2015, 6th November 2015, 4th January 2016 and 7th March 2016.

Interest Charges on Overdue rates

The attached budget contains a continuation of the use of 11% in this regard.

Charges on Rate Installment Plans

The attached budget contains a continuation of the use of 5.5% as a charge on outstanding installment payments.

In addition there is an administration charge of \$12 on each installment payment except the first installment.

Refuse Collection Charges

This is to remain at \$160 per 240 litre bin to cover increasing refuse site charges.

Elected Member Entitlements

These are:-

- President's Annual Attendance Fee \$4,500;
- President's Annual Entertainment Allowance \$1,000; and
- Councillor's Annual Attendance Fee \$3,500.

Fees and Charges

The fees and charges for the various services that the Shire provides are listed in pages 53 and 54 in the budget.

Projects

The main capital projects included for the year are:-

- Additions to the Hood-Penn Museum project;
- Completion of 2 aged houses (two 2x2 houses);
- Construction of Gazebo to Cemetery
- Over \$1,700,000 worth of road works;
- Changeover of a Telehandler, Mini Excavator and several light vehicles;
- Minor Swimming Pool Upgrades;
- Depot machinery Storage shed

TENDERS FOR PLANT, VEHICLES, BITUMEN, GOODS & SERVICES

Management seeks authorisation from Council to commence calling tenders for material items over \$100,000. Purchases required under this amount are now dealt with in accordance with Councils Purchasing Policy.

Statutory Environment

Section 6.2 of the Local Government Act requires that a local government prepare an annual budget in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Regulations.

Policy Implications

N/A.

Financial Implications

The budget sets out the revenue and expenditure streams of the Shire of Westonia for the next 12 months.

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council resolves by absolute majority the adoption of:-

1. the 2015/16 budget as shown in the attachment following this report;
2. the rating levels of:

General GRV	5.1699 cents,
Mining GRV	13.8366 cents,
Mine UV –	1.7158 cents,
UV –	1.7158 cents,
Minimum rate all categories - \$355 except UV Mining \$200.	

Differential Rate Explanation

The Differential Rates raised in the 2015/16 Annual Budget are the same as stated in the advertisement as per the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995.

3. the total valuations as supplied by the Valuer General being GRV - \$2,307,979 and UV - \$38,168,112;
4. the early rates payment incentive scheme be offered consisting of eligibility to be in the draw for the prizes for full payment of rates and arrears by 4th September 2015.
5. the due dates for payment of rates be set at, based on the Issue Date of 30th July 2015:

one payment option	4 th September 2015;
two payment option	4 th September 2015 and 4 th January 2016; and
four payment option	4 th September 2015, 6 th November 2015, 4 th January 2016 and 7 th March 2016.
6. the interest charge on overdue rates and other monies be 11% per annum;
7. the administration charge to apply to installment plans be \$12 per installment except the first installment;
8. the interest charge on installment plans be 5.5% to apply after the first installment;
9. That Trust and Reserve Fund Budgets for 2015/2016 be adopted;

10. a \$160 per 240 litre bin fee for collection and disposal of refuse;
11. the fees and charges as shown at pages 53 and 54;
12. the elected member entitlements for 2015/16 be set at:

President's Annual Attendance Fee	\$4,500;
President's Annual Entertainment Allowance	\$1,000; and
Councillor's Annual Attendance Fee	\$3,500.
13. the % of variance used in the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with Finance Regulation 34(5) be set at \$10,000 or 15% to be applied.
14. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to call tenders, as per the requirements and provisions of the Local Government Act 1995, for the provision of goods and services as approved within the 2015/2016 Budget.

Resolution

09-07/15 Moved Cr Hermon seconded Cr Cunningham that Council resolves by absolute majority the adoption of:-

1. the 2015/16 budget as shown in the attachment following this report;
2. the rating levels of:

General GRV	5.1699 cents,
Mining GRV	13.8366 cents,
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7. the administration charge to apply to installment plans be \$12 per installment except the first installment;

- 8. the interest charge on installment plans be 5.5% to apply after the first installment;**
- 9. That Trust and Reserve Fund Budgets for 2015/2016 be adopted;**
- 10.a \$160 per 240 litre bin fee for collection and disposal of refuse;**
- 11.the fees and charges as shown at pages 51 and 52;**
- 12.the elected member entitlements for 2015/16 be set at:**

President's Annual Attendance Fee	\$4,500;
President's Annual Entertainment Allowance	\$1,000; and
Councillor's Annual Attendance Fee	\$3,500.
- 13. the % of variance used in the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with Finance Regulation 34(5) be set at \$10,000 or 15% to be applied.**
- 14. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to call tenders, as per the requirements and provisions of the Local Government Act 1995, for the provision of goods and services as approved within the 2015/2016 Budget.**

Carried 5/0 by Absolute Majority

8.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE

NIL

8.3 WORKS AND SERVICES

NIL

8.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

NIL.


9 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

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

10-06/15 Moved Cr Cunningham, seconded Cr Jefferys that Council accepts two items of late business.

Carried 5/0

10.1 Total Fire Ban Exemption – Evolution Mining (Edna May Operations)

File Reference		
Date of Report	12 May 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Summary:

Evolution Mining's Edna May Operations is seeking an exemption from the Total Fire Ban provisions of the Bush Fires Act. FESA will approve the exemption subject to input from Local Government.

Background:

Prior to the introduction of the 2009 Legislation local government Harvest bans would control activities on agricultural and pastoral land.

A copy of the draft exemption and the request from Evolution Mining's Edna May Operations is included in the attachment.

Statutory Environment:

The Minister has the power to provide exemptions from Section 22B and Section 46 of The Bush Fires Act 1954.

22B. Lighting of fires prohibited during total fire ban

(1) Subsection (2) —

(a) has effect subject to subsection (4) and sections 22C and 64 and any exemption provided for in the regulations but despite any other provision of this Act; and

(b) applies —

(i) in the period during which; and

(ii) in the area of the State in respect of which, a total fire ban has effect.

(2) A person must not —

(a) light, maintain or use a fire in the open air; or

(b) carry out an activity in the open air that causes, or is likely to cause, a fire. Penalty: a fine of \$25 000 or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.

- (3) Without limiting subsection (2), a person commits an offence under that provision if the person —
- (a) uses in the open air an appliance that consumes solid fuel; or
 - (b) carries out in the open air any process or operation that is specified in regulations made under section 27A(1)(a)(ii) as being a process or operation likely to create a bush fire danger; or
 - (c) carries out in the open air an activity that is prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this subsection.
- (4) Subsection (2) —
- (a) does not prohibit the use of a gas appliance as authorised under section 25(1aa); and
 - (b) does not apply to an activity, or in circumstances, prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this subsection.

[Section 22B inserted by No. 25 of 2009 s. 7.]

46. Bush fire control officer or forest officer may postpone lighting a fire

- (1)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act —
- (i) subject to the provisions of the next succeeding paragraph a bush fire control officer, or the local government in whose district the land is situated may prohibit, or from time to time postpone the lighting of a fire, where in his or its opinion the fire, if lit, would be or become a source of danger by escaping from the land on which it is proposed to be lit;
 - (ii) where a fire is burning on land and the bush fire control officer or the local government as the case may be is of the opinion that the fire is in danger of escaping from that land, he or it may direct that all reasonable steps be taken by the owner or occupier of the land to extinguish the fire or to prevent the fire from spreading.
- (b) Where it is proposed to light a fire within 3 kilometres of a boundary of forest land, an authorised CALM Act officer may exercise the powers conferred by the last preceding paragraph to the exclusion of the exercise of those powers by a bush fire control officer or the local government but if an authorised CALM Act officer fails to exercise the powers a bush fire control officer or local government may exercise those powers.
- (2) A person who lights a fire contrary to the provisions of this section or who fails to carry out any direction given to him pursuant to this section is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: \$10 000.

- (3) If, as a result of the exercise of any power conferred by subsection (1), a person, who has paid a fee to a local government for a permit to light a fire, is precluded from doing so in such circumstances that the permit is of no use to him the local government shall, on being requested to do so, refund the fee to him.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

The proposed exemption relieves some responsibility that might otherwise fall to the CBFCO.

Consultation:

FESA is consulting with a number of Local Governments in relation to these exemptions.

Comment:

The proposed approach is consistent with that used for other major mining projects.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:


That Council endorses the proposal by FESA to exempt A Evolution Mining's Edna May Operations from the Total Fire Ban Provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954 until 30 June 2017.

Resolution

11-07/15 Moved Cr Huxtable seconded Cr Jefferys that Council endorses the proposal by FESA to exempt A Evolution Mining's Edna May Operations from the Total Fire Ban Provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954 until 30 June 2017.

Carried 5/0

10.2 Rural Health Outreach Fund – Dr. Olga Ward

File Reference		
Date of Report	12 May 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Summary:

On the 30 March 2015 the RFDS advised Dr. Olga Ward that the Rural Women's GP service was to cease at 30 June 2015 as funding was to be redirected to a new program. At this time Dr. Ward's position with the RFDS would be terminated.

Background:

The Commonwealth Government has allocated funds for a new Female GP service that will be delivered under the terms of the Rural Health Outreach Fund (RHOF). If Dr. Ward was to continue this service, she would have to do this under revised conditions, as an independent contractor.

This will result in significant changes.

- Funding of the program will fall, but most significantly, bulk-billing of Medicare under RHOF is not permitted. There will be an effective reduction of at least 35% (say \$400K-\$450K)
- Doctors who are employees of the RFDS cannot be used. Participants will have to be independent contractors with ABNs and invoice for services.
- Doctors will therefore have to provide their own insurance cover such as Worker's Comp and their own Medical Indemnity cover.
- The contractor rate will not include any addition margin for superannuation.
- Most significantly, there will be no salary packaging available.
- There will be no allocation towards leave, study leave, professional expenses or professional development, as in the current sessional payments.
- The sessional rates are fixed, not consistent with WACHS or RFDS awards. Travel will be remunerated at a fixed rate per hour.
- As the Commonwealth is not directing the locations where the service is to be provided, which originally were medium sized rural towns with a male GP, it is probable that the focus will change to more disadvantaged and remote communities over the next year which will alter both continuity of care for patients and the nature of the service.

These administrative changes are not the fault of RHW (who are just working within their RHOF guidelines) nor the RFDS.

The new RFDS contract and the statements made at our contract information meeting stipulate that:

- the visiting female doctors will be paid a set rate for a 7-8 hour working day and no more;
- A minimum number of 20 patients must be seen;
- Previously paid administration time [following up results, contacting GPs, specialists and patients, phone calls, restocking and reviewing equipment and stationery, recalls] must be now done within the 7-8 hour working day;
- Nursing home patients will not be seen under this programme;
- There will be no Medicare billing;

This has created a few problems:

- To fit into the working day, with half an hour admin time [and 5 minutes to get a drink or go to the toilet] the 20 patients can be allocated a maximum of 21-22 minutes each. Normally, both in rural and Perth locations, I would allocate 30 minutes for a complex consultation- which is what has been happening since 2001.
- Not billing Medicare will mean that allied health access for chronic disease patients via GP management plan, mental health care plans, ATSI health checks, and other extended primary care items cannot be triggered and the patients will not be able to take advantage of these unless they request these services from their regular GP.
- It is impossible, within the 21 minute time constraints, to consent a patient, prepare for and perform and procedure and clear up afterwards.
- I do go over to the nursing home at Bruce Rock as this is much easier than asking the staff to wheel the patient to the surgery

Dr. Wards comments in her community letter:

“I would like to continue to offer procedural, review and extended primary care services to the patients of “my” rural communities. I have explored a number of possibilities and the only way of doing this appears to be:

Allocate 21-22 minutes to each patient consultation- with the admin time, this make a day of between 7 and 8 working hours.

At the END of the contracted time and separate from it, all patient requiring vasectomies, IUCDs, joint injections, Implanon, GPMPs, colposcopies, nursing home visits, excisions etc. will be seen in what will be clearly identified as a separate session. All consultations associated with this will be bulk billed. Appointment length will be determined by patient need and not by throughput.

I apologise if anyone has to come into town twice to access a same day procedure or EPC item, but the times must be kept separate for the purposes of Medicare so that I cannot be accused of double dipping. I can't see any other way to allow access to the full range of services to which I feel rural patients are entitled, without having to travel. Please note that for more major procedures, my Merredin operating list will continue and there is no gap on any procedure done on that list.

Comment:

It appears that Dr. Ward is essentially being blackmailed into providing a much lesser service to her rural locations to keep the stats looking good.

At this rate the level of care provided by these Doctors is going to be compromised and will eventually be the result of the wrong patient care or worse.

Further information in the way of email chains have been provided. (attached)

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN FOR THE FUTURE 2013 – 2023

2. ENHANCED SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY WELL BEING ACTIONS:

- Investigate ways to attract and retain health professionals;
- Support the current level of primary and allied health services in the Shire with a view to increasing the number of services, access to them and appropriate venues for delivery;
- Investigate the development of a Westonia Well-ness Centre Precinct with medical services, visiting allied health professionals, tele-health services, childcare services and a community shed;
- Support mental health wellbeing activities and initiatives for all members of the community e.g. whole of life;

Consultation:

Wheatbelt Heath MOU

Dr. Olga Ward

Laura Black, Nurse Practitioner

Hon. Mia Davies

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council

1. Aggressively lobbies the state and federal governments in relation to the short comings of this new Female GP service that will be delivered under the terms of the Rural Health Outreach Fund (RHOF).
2. Informs the community of these changes and encourages the community to also write to their local state and federal members to lobby for change to this program.

Resolution

12-07/15 Moved Cr Cunningham seconded Cr Huxtable that Council

1. Aggressively lobbies the state and federal governments in relation to the short comings of this new Female GP service that will be delivered under the terms of the Rural Health Outreach Fund (RHOF).
2. Informs the community of these changes and encourages the community to also write to their local state and federal members to lobby for change to this program.

Carried 5/0

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 20th August 2015, commencing at 3.30pm

12 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the President, Cr Geier declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.