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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Chief Executive Officer, Jamie Criddle welcomed Councillors, Councilors elect and staff and declared the meeting open at 1.05pm. In lieu of president and Deputy President, the Chief Executive Officer presided over the swearing in of newly elected Councillors and the President.

2. SWEARING IN OF COUNCILLORS

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

In accordance with Section 2.29 of the Local Government Act 1995, Councillors Day, Hermon and Corsini each in turn took the Oath of Allegiance/Affirmation of Allegiance, read and signed the declaration to the Office of Councillor in the presence of the Chief Executive Officer, Jamie Criddle.

2.1. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The election of the President was conducted by the CEO.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that one (1) nomination for the office of President was received prior to the meeting by Cr Karin Day, the CEO then called for final nominations from the floor. At the close of the nominations, one (1) was received from Cr Geier.

As two (2) nominations were received, Councillors are to vote on the matter by secret ballot as if they were electors voting at an election. The votes cast are to be counted, and the successful candidate determined in accordance with Schedule 4.1 of the Local Government Act 1995.

At the close of voting, the Chief Executive Officer tallied the votes and advised the following tally:

Cr Geier	3
Cr Day	3

As the two candidates received the same number of votes, the count was discontinued and the meeting was adjourned at 1.26pm.

Meeting Adjournment at 1.26pm and recommenced at 1.39pm.

The meeting resumed and the Chief Executive Officer called for any nomination to be withdrawn. None were received. The Councillors were then requested to vote again by way of a secret ballot.

The votes cast are to be counted, and the successful candidate determined in accordance with Schedule 4.1 of the Local Government Act 1995.

At the close of voting, the Chief Executive Officer tallied the votes and advised the following tally:

Cr Geier	3
Cr Day	3

Candidates' names were printed on a slip of paper of similar size, shown to each candidate and placed in hollow opaque spheres and placed in a container. The Chief Executive Officer then removed a sphere from the container, opened it and announced the name on the slip of paper and showed those present to verify with the following name declared President for the ensuing two (2) years:

Cr Day

Cr K Day read aloud and signed the declaration to the Office of Shire President. Cr Day paid special tribute to outgoing President, Cr Louis Geier for his continuous dedication to Council and the Community as President over the past twelve (12) years and in particular his strength during the proposed amalgamation with the Shire of Yilgarn and looked forward to working with him and other

Councillors over the next two (2) years. The President also wished to welcome new Councillor Renae Corsini and congratulated re-elected Councillor Doug Hermon.

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

2.2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT

The election of the Deputy President was conducted by the President.

The President advised that there were no nominations received prior to the meeting and called for nominations for the office of Deputy President from the floor. At the close of nominations, one (1) nomination was received from Cr Doug Hermon, with the President announcing Cr Hermon elected as Deputy President for a period of two (2) years.

Cr D Hermon read aloud and signed the declaration to the Office of Shire Deputy President.

The President congratulated Cr Hermon on his appointment and adjourned the meeting at 1.52pm for lunch.

The President, Cr Day re-opened the meeting at 3.33pm.

3. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr KM Day	President
Cr D Hermon (<i>left the meeting at 1.52pm, Re-entered at 4.45pm</i>)	Deputy President
Cr ML Geier	
Cr B Huxtable	
Cr JJ Jefferys	
Cr RS Corsini (<i>left the meeting at 1.52pm</i>)	
Mr JC Criddle	Chief Executive Officer

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.34pm – 3.49pm)

Nil

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Jefferys requested a leave of absence for the November meeting

01-10/15 Moved Cr Huxtable seconded Cr Geier that Cr Jefferys be granted a leave of absence for the November meeting.

Carried 4/0

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Officer Recommendation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 17th September, 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Resolution

02-10/15 Moved Cr Huxtable, seconded Cr Jefferys that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 17th September, 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried 4/0

7. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

Officer Recommendation

That the minutes of the Biodiversity Fund Meeting held at Nungarin Rec Centre 6th October, 2015 be received

Resolution

03-10/15 Moved Cr Huxtable, seconded Cr Jefferys that the minutes of Biodiversity Fund Meeting held at Nungarin Rec Centre 6th October, 2015 be received

Carried 4/0

Officer Recommendation

That the minutes of the WEROC Executive Meeting held at Shire of Kellerberrin 23rd September, 2015 be received.

Resolution

04-10/15 Moved Cr Jefferys, seconded Cr Huxtable that the WEROC Executive Meeting held at Shire of Kellerberrin 23rd September, 2015 be received.

Carried 4/0

Officer Recommendation

That the minutes of the Central East Aged Care Alliance Inc. Committee Meeting 12th October, 2015 be received

Resolution

05-10/15 Moved Cr Huxtable, seconded Cr Jefferys that the minutes of the Central East Aged Care Alliance Inc. Committee Meeting 12th October, 2015 be received.

Carried 4/0



8. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

9. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

9.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

9.1.1 Accounts for Payment

File Reference	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements	
Date of Report	18 November 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. 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 15. The credit card statements currently show:-

CEO **September 15** \$ associated with the purchase of; Work apparel, Members Conference Expenses Local Govt Week, beverages Westonia Tavern, Nextra News printing & stationery

Works Supervisor **September 15** \$ associated with the purchase of; .License Community Bus, 1 Ipad air2 & 1 prepaid sim, Members conference expense.

Statutory Environment

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

Policy Implications

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

Strategic Implications

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

Financial Implications

Expenditure in accordance with the 2015/2016 Annual Budget.

Voting Requirement

Majority

Officer Recommendation



That September accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3240 to 3255 and D/Debits EFT 1404 to EFT 1454 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totaling \$410,653.98 be passed for payment.

Resolution

06-10/15 Moved Cr Huxtable, seconded Cr Geier that September accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3240 to 3255 and D/Debits EFT 1404 to EFT 1454 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totaling \$410,653.98 be passed for payment.

Carried 4/0

9.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity – September 15

File Reference	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Reports	
Date of Report	18 November 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 September 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 2015/2016 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 September 15 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

Resolution

07-10/15 Moved Cr Geier, seconded Cr Jefferys that Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 30th September15 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

Carried 4/0

9.1.3 GST Reconciliation Report

File Reference	F1.4.4 Audit Reports	
Date of Report	18 November 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 September 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 (\$1,771) for the period ending 30th September 2015 be adopted.

Resolution

08-10/15 Moved Cr Geier, seconded Cr Huxtable that the GST Reconciliation totaling (\$1,771) for the period ending 30th September 2015 be adopted.

Carried 4/0

9.1.4 Xmas/New Year Office Closure

File Reference	A2.1.1	
Date of Report	15th October 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

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. Xmas day and New Year's Day fall on a Friday this year.

It is also anticipated to hold the Annual end of year Christmas function on the evening of the 17th of December, at the conclusion of the December Ordinary Council meeting.

Comment

A few members of the Outside Crew have requested an alteration to the annual shut down period with some not wanting to take the full 4 weeks in one hit. The outside crew will commence the Xmas break on Monday 21st December 2015, with a return to work on either Monday 4th January 2016.

Arrangements are in place to provide for emergencies with a skeleton staff available during the holiday period with contact details being advertised and displayed.

It is proposed that the office will be closed from 12 noon on 24th December 2015 until 8.30 am on 4th January 2016.

The Chief Executive Officer has holidays booked and will be away from 11th January, returning to work on the 29th January 2016.

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

Policy Implications

7.12 Christmas Office Shutdown & Two Paid "Grace & Favour" Days for Staff

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

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

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in relation to this matter.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation


That Council approve the office closure from 12 noon on the 24th December 2015 until 8.30 am on the 4th January 2016, and note the absence of the CEO from the 11th January 2016 till the 29th January 2016.

Resolution

09-10/15 Moved Cr Huxtable, seconded Cr Jefferys that Council approve the office closure from 12 noon on the 24th December 2015 until 8.30 am on the 4th January 2016, and note the absence of the CEO from the 11th January 2016 till the 29th January 2016.

Carried 4/0

9.1.5 Acquisition of Land for Non Payment of Rates

File Reference	R1.1.6	
Date of Report	15th October 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background.

Council Officers have identified the following properties, Lots 56 & 57 Great Eastern Highway, Walgoolan and Lot 261 Quartz Street, Westonia, that now qualifies to be sold or transferred as a result of the non payment of rates and charges for a period of three years or more. During this time no payments have been received from the registered property owner.

The two properties in Walgoolan are unwanted properties, residual from the Wahlsten transfer to Warrakirri, with the other property in Westonia forms part of a deceased estate and a request has been received from the Public Trustee that Council proceeds in this manner as there are insufficient funds to cover all debts.

Comment

Section 6.64 of the Local Government Act 1995;

(1) If any rates or service charges which are due to a local government in respect of any rateable land have been unpaid for at least 3 years the local government may, in accordance with the appropriate provisions of this Subdivision take possession of the land and hold the land as against a person having an estate or interest in the land and:

- (a) from time to time lease the land; or
- (b) sell the land; or
- (c) cause the land to be transferred to the Crown; or
- (d) cause the land to be transferred to itself.

(2) On taking possession of any land under this section, the local government is to give to the owner of the land such notification as is prescribed and then to affix on a conspicuous part of the land a notice, in the form or substantially in the form prescribed.



Lot 56 & 57 GEH, Walgoolan



Lot 261 Quartz Street, Westonia

A memorial was drawn up to dispose of the said blocks by the means of a public auction on Saturday 10th October 2015, with only one unrealistic bid obtained for each block, so they were all passed in at auction.

Policy Implications

No current policies exist that impinge on this item.

Statutory Implications

Section 6.64 of the *Local Government Act 1995* outlines the complete process to be followed for the purpose of selling property for non payment of rates and charges.

Strategic Implications

There would be a requirement to write off the current outstanding rates which is currently:

Lot 57 Great Eastern Hwy Walgoolan owned by Wahlsten's;	\$2,367.76
Lot 56 Great Eastern Hwy Walgoolan owned by Wahlsten's;	\$2,367.76
Lot 261 Quartz Street Westonia owned by LP Sari	\$2,367.76
	\$7,103.28

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

Officer's Recommendation

That, in accordance with section 6.64 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to acquire Lot 261 Quartz Street Westonia for non payment of rates and charges and Lots 56 & 57 Great Eastern Hwy Walgoolan be transferred to the Crown and that all outstanding rates and charges be written off upon receipt of the Certificate of Title.


Resolution

10-10/15 Moved Cr Geier, seconded Cr Jefferys that, in accordance with section 6.64 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to acquire Lot 261 Quartz Street Westonia for non-payment of rates and charges and Lots 56 & 57 Great Eastern Hwy Walgoolan be transferred to the Crown and that all outstanding rates and charges be written off upon receipt of the Certificate of Title.

Carried 4/0 by Absolute Majority

Cr Hermon re-entered the meeting at 4.45pm

9.1.6 Councillors Portfolios

File Reference	A1.1.4	
Date of Report	15th October 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	CEO	

Background

Council has a portfolio system of representation at regional meetings and events.

As a result of the recent elections the portfolio representations will need to be reviewed.

Comment

The existing portfolio matrix is:-

	Cr Geier	Cr Day	Cr Corsini	Cr Hermon	Cr Jefferys	Cr Huxtable	CEO
WEROC		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Deputy for Cr Geier			
Wheatbelt Communities		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Emergency Services (<i>inc LEMC</i>)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Tourism (<i>Inc NEWTRAVEL</i>)						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Transport (<i>Inc RRG</i>)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Agriculture (<i>Inc Eastern Wheatbelt Biodiversity Group, Rural Water</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Sport & Recreation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
WALGA		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Development Assessment Panel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cr Day Deputy for Cr Geier			Deputy for Cr Huxtable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

CEACA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Statutory Environment

N/A.

Policy Implications

N/A

Strategic Implications

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

Financial Implications

N/A.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority.

Officer Recommendation

That Council determine the new portfolio structure.

Resolution

11-10/15 Moved Cr Hermon, seconded Cr Jefferys that Council adopt the following new portfolio structure:

	Cr Geier	Cr Day	Cr Corsini	Cr Hermon	Cr Jefferys	Cr Huxtable	CEO
WEROC		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Deputy for Cr Geier			
Wheatbelt Communities		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Emergency Services (<i>inc LEMC</i>)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Tourism (<i>Inc NEWTRAVEL</i>)						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Transport (<i>Inc RRG</i>)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Agriculture (<i>Inc Eastern Wheatbelt Biodiversity Group, Rural Water</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Sport & Recreation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
WALGA		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

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on Monday 19th October 2015*

Development Assessment Panel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cr Day Deputy for Cr Geier			Deputy for Cr Huxtable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
CEACA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>


Carried 5/0

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE

NIL

9.3 **WORKS AND SERVICES**

9.3.1 Sale of Works Vehicles

File Reference		
Date of Report	14th October 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

Included in the current budget is the replacement of the Toyota Hilux Crew Cab (4x4) and Toyota Hilux single Cab (2x4).

Comment

Replacement prices and trade prices have been obtained for budgeting purposes however these types of vehicle can attract more as a direct sale to the local community. The vehicles have been offered for direct sale on the basis that they bring in excess of the trade prices offered for them. This process also provides the opportunity for local residents to secure a well maintained vehicle.

Tenders closed on Thursday 15th October 2015 at 4pm.

Prices and trade information will not be included in this item and presented on the day to ensure the best deal is sought by Council.

Statutory Environment

N/A.

Policy Implications

N/A

Strategic Implications

N/A.

Financial Implications

The replacement of these vehicles is included in the current budget.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

Officer Recommendation

That Council determine the successful the tenders and trade-ins on the following vehicles: Toyota Hilux Crew Cab (4x4) and Toyota Hilux single Cab (2x4).

Resolution

12-10/15 Moved Cr Hermon seconded Cr Huxtable that:

- 1. Council accept the tender submitted by Merredin Toyota to supply a 2015 Toyota Hilux Dual Cab SR 2.8lt Turbo Diesel for the purchase price of \$41,236.00 with a trade-in of \$25,455.00 leaving a changeover amount of \$15,781.00 (exc GST).**

- 2. Council accept the tender submitted by Newtown Toyota to supply a 2015 Toyota Hilux single cab WM 4x2 2.4lt turbo diesel for the purchase price of \$22,506.38 with a trade-in of \$12,727.27, leaving a changeover amount of \$9,779.11 (exc GST).**

Carried 4/1

9.3 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

NIL


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

13-09/15 Moved Cr Geier, seconded Cr Huxtable that Council accepts two items of late business.

Carried 5/0

11.1.1 Rates Debtor Write-offs

File Reference	F1.8.3 Debtor write off	
Date of Report	16th October 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer 	CEO

Background

In accordance with S 6.12 (1) (c) of the Local Government Act, Council decision in writing off of rates debtors that are unrecoverable is required.

Comment

The following outstanding rates Debtor amounts requires a motion from Council to have written off for the following reasons

1. Rates Notice A139 for Westonia Primary School.

Now Shire owned property.

The total amount of debtor write-off amount to \$ 640.00

Statutory Environment

S 6.12 (1)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter.

Strategic Implications

Effective financial control.

Financial Implications

An adjustment of \$ 640.00.

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority


Officer Recommendation

That Council agrees in accordance with S 6.12 (1)(c) of the Local Government Act, to write-off an amount of \$ 640.00 from outstanding rates debtors, being Now Council Owned Property.

14-09/15 Moved Cr Geier, seconded Cr Hermon that Council agrees in accordance with S 6.12 (1)(c) of the Local Government Act, to write-off an amount of \$ 640.00 from outstanding rates debtors, being Now Council Owned Property.

Carried 5/0 by Absolute Majority

11.1.2 Roads to Recovery

File Reference	T1.1.4 Roads to Recovery	
Date of Report	16th May 2009	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

Council is in receipt of correspondence received from Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development in relation to the new round of Roads to Recovery Program. The exact amount was not clear at the time of raising the budget, but it was anticipated that Council would receive \$583,100. It is in actual fact expected to be \$666,528, an additional \$83,428.

Comment

Council would be aware that the Federal Government has extended the Roads to Recovery Program for another 4 years from 2015 to 2019.

From 2014-15 to 2018-19 the Government will provide \$3.2 billion under the Roads to Recovery programme, to be distributed to Australia's local councils, state and territory Governments responsible for local roads in the unincorporated areas (where there are no councils) and the Indian Ocean Territories.

Roads to Recovery allocations for the councils in each jurisdiction (except the ACT as it is a unitary jurisdiction) have been determined on the basis of the recommendations of the Local Government Grants Commissions in each state and the Northern Territory for the roads component of the Financial Assistance Grants. This is the same methodology as was used for this purpose in previous Roads to Recovery programmes.

As announced on 23 June 2015, Councils across Australia will receive an extra \$1.105 billion over the next two years.

Local governments will receive an extra \$300 million in 2015-16 under Roads to Recovery, on top of the \$700 million they are already receiving—a \$1 billion cash injection in local roads over the next 12 months

In 2016-17, local government will receive an extra \$805 million in addition to the \$350 million they were already scheduled to receive under Roads to Recovery—\$1.155 billion next financial year.

The Shire of Westonia's allocation will be \$1,399,438, up from \$1,206,536 in the previous round. In addition, Council will receive an additional \$736,848 in 2015/16 and 2016/17 combined.

Council will need to allocate the additional \$83,428 with management recommending that Boodarockin Road job (\$75,000) be allocated and the remaining \$8,428 be allocated to the existing Shreeve Road project.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter.

Strategic Implications

The implementation of strategic road projects within the Council boundary.

Financial Implications

An allocation of \$ 233,240/annum plus additions under the Roads to Recovery program.

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council allocate the additional \$83,428 to Boodarockin Road jobs (\$75,000) and the remaining \$8,428 be allocated to the existing Shreeve Road project.

14-09/15 Moved Cr Geier, seconded Cr Hermon that Council That Council allocate the additional \$83,428 to Boodarockin Road jobs (\$75,000) and the remaining \$8,428 be allocated to the existing Shreeve Road project and be recorded as a budget adjustment.

Carried 5/0 by Absolute Majority

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 19th November, 2015 commencing at 3.30pm.

13 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the President, Cr Day declared the meeting closed at 6.12pm.