

SHIRE OF  
**MERREDIN**  
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

# MINUTES

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers  
Corner King & Barrack Street's, Merredin  
Tuesday, 26 July 2022  
Commencing 4.00pm



Common Acronyms Used in this Document	
CBP	Corporate Business Plan
CEACA	Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
CWVC	Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre
DCEO	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
EA	Executive Assistant to CEO
EMCS	Executive Manager of Corporate Services
EMDS	Executive Manager of Development Services
EMES	Executive Manager of Engineering Services
ES	Executive Support Officer
GECZ	Great Eastern Country Zone
GO	Governance Officer
LGIS	Local Government Insurance Services
LPS	Local Planning Scheme
MCO	Media and Communications Officer
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MP	Manager of Projects
MRCLC	Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre
SRP	Strategic Resource Plan
WALGA	Western Australian Local Government Association
WEROC	Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils



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Shire of Merredin  
Ordinary Council Meeting  
4:00pm Tuesday, 26 July 2022



### 1. Official Opening

The President acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the Njaki Njaki people of the Nyoongar Nation and paid his respects to Elders past, present and emerging. The President then welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open at 4:05pm.

### 2. Record of Attendance / Apologies and Leave of Absence

**Councillors:**

Cr M McKenzie	President
Cr L Boehme	Deputy President
Cr R Billing	
Cr D Crook	
Cr J Flockart	
Cr R Manning	
Cr P Patroni	
Cr M Simmonds	
Cr P Van Der Merwe	

**Staff:**

L Mellor	A/CEO
P Zenni	EMDS
D Hay-Hendry	A/EMES
M Wyatt	EA/ES

**Members of the Public:**

**Apologies:** L Clack CEO, C Townsend A/DCEO, O Mellor GO

**Approved Leave of Absence:**

### 3. Public Question Time

Nil.

### 4. Disclosure of Interest

Cr McKenzie declared an Impartiality Interest in Item 12.1.

## 5. Applications of Leave of Absence

### Resolution

**Moved:** Cr Boehme **Seconded:** Cr Van Der Merwe

**82955** That Councillor Billing be granted Leave of Absence for the 17<sup>th</sup> August to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 6. Petitions and Presentations

Nil.

## 7. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1 Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 June 2022  
Attachment 7.1A

### Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

### Resolution

**Moved:** Cr Billing **Seconded:** Cr Simmonds

**82957** That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 June 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 8. Announcements by the Person Presiding without Discussion

Nil

## 9. Matters for Which the Meeting may be Closed to the Public

19.1 Rateable Property Assessment A445 – 1 Brewery Road – Estate of Bradley Price

19.2 Cummins Street Units – Joint Venture Agreement

19.3 Offer for the Purchase land – Lot 71 Fitzpatrick Road, Hines Hill

19.4 REED Annual Donation

## 10. Receipt of Minutes of Committee Meetings

10.1 Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting  
Attachment 10.1A

10.2 Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting  
Attachment 10.2A

10.3 Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting  
Attachment 10.3A

**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

**Resolution**

**Moved: Cr McKenzie**

**Seconded: Cr Boehme**

**THAT Council;**

**82958**

- 1. RECEIVE the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting;**
- 2. RECEIVE the minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting; and**
- 3. RECEIVE the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting.**

**CARRIED 9/0**


**11. Recommendations from Committee Meetings for Council Consideration**

Nil

## 12. Officer's Reports - Development Services

### 12.1 Goldfields Water Supply Scheme – Consultation in Respect to the Proposed Entry of Pump Station No. 4 and Associated Infrastructure into the State Register of Heritage Places

*Cr McKenzie declared an Impartiality interest in this Item.*

<h2>Development Services</h2> 	
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Peter Zenni, EMDS
<b>Author:</b>	As above
<b>Legislation:</b>	<i>Heritage Act 2018 Planning and Development Act 2005</i>
<b>File Reference:</b>	A9858/A2886
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	Attachment 12.1A – Correspondence from the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage

#### Purpose of Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

#### Background

The Shire of Merredin has received correspondence from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage advising that the Heritage Council of Western Australia is undertaking consultation on the proposal to enter the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme, including Pump Station No.4 and associated infrastructure into the State Register of Heritage Places.

#### Comment

In his correspondence to the Shire of Merredin dated 8 July 2022, Mr Ben Harvey, Executive Director Heritage Services with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage states that he is seeking written comments from the Shire of Merredin Council on the proposed entry of the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme into the State Register of Heritage Places.

Mr Harvey advises that the Heritage Council of Western Australia recently considered the draft assessment, including a proposed statement of significance, for the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme and resolved that;

- The place has cultural heritage significance pursuant to S.38 of the Heritage Act 2018; and

- Consultation should be undertaken on the proposal to enter the place in the Register of Heritage Places and the content of the draft Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance.

Submissions must be made to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage by Friday 2 September 2022.

The Goldfields Water Supply Scheme was commissioned in 1896 to deliver water from the Mundaring Weir in the Helena Valley to the Eastern Goldfields. Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

The scheme involved the construction of series of steam pumping stations, reservoirs, receiving tanks and the longest overland pipeline built in the world at the time of its completion in 1902

The Goldfields Water Supply Scheme has exceptional value in demonstrating the historical importance of the provision of water to settlements along the route from Mundaring to the Eastern Goldfields. The completion of the scheme in 1902 was an exceptional technical achievement.

Entry into the State Register of Heritage Places will recognise and celebrate the distinctive State heritage values of the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme and will offer protection under the Heritage Act 2018, ensuring any major changes proposed for the place are in keeping with its cultural heritage significance.

The proposed listing of the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme would include places located within the Shire of Merredin, including;

1. Original steam pump station No. 4;
2. Second generation (electric) pump station No. 4;
3. Circular receiving tank;
4. The Water Corporation reservoir (dam).

Places 2, 3 and 4 are located on land owned by the State of Western Australia with the responsible management agency being the National Trust of Australia (WA).

Place 1 – The original steam pump station No. 4 is located on land owned by the State of Western Australia, with the responsible management agency being the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, with Management Orders to the Shire of Merredin and the National Trust of Australia (WA).

The land in question is located on Reserve 40494 – Historical Site (Pumping Station) and is recognized by the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No. 6 as forming part of a Local Scheme Reserve - Public Purposes (Public Utility).

### **Statutory Requirements**

### **Heritage Considerations**

Entry into the State Register of Heritage Places will recognise and celebrate the distinctive State heritage values of the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme including those portions located within the Shire of Merredin and will offer protection under the Heritage Act 2018, ensuring any major changes proposed for the place are in keeping with its cultural heritage significance.



### Contamination Considerations

Contractors engaged by the National Trust several years ago remediated the interior of the No. 4 pump station by removing asbestos material from within the building. However, the surrounding site is still heavily contaminated with friable asbestos materials associated with boiler ash deposited on site from the historical operation of the pump station furnaces.

The boiler ash has been capped with additional topsoil but access to the facility has been restricted and the site would require remediation before it could be used for a more sensitive purpose. Shire officers have been contacted by representatives from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage as well as the Department of Health requesting that the area in question is precluded from development of more sensitive land uses via controls forming part of the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No. 6 (LPS).

The Contaminated Sites Act 2003 incorporated a polluter pays provision which means that the responsibility for the clean-up and remediation of the old No 4 pump station rests with the State of Western Australia.

Discussions with Andrew Miller – Senior Manager (Contaminated Sites) from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) indicate that DWER is in discussions with representatives from the Water Corporation of Western Australia regarding the contaminated nature of the site and plans for the eventual remediation of the site in accordance with provisions of the Contaminated Sites Act 2003.

### Planning Considerations – Additional Use Categories

The Shire of Merredin is currently in the process of reviewing of its Local Planning Strategy, Local Planning Scheme No.6 and its Local Planning Policies. The review process enables the Shire of Merredin via an Omnibus amendment to its LPS to allow additional use categories for the site in question. This means that providing the asbestos contamination concerns have been resolved through remediation, the Shire of Merredin would be able to support more sensitive land uses providing any proposed development was in line with heritage protection values and objectives for the site.

Shires EMDS has discussed the feasibility of development approvals for state heritage listed properties and has received advice that state heritage listed infrastructure associated with the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme already been successfully redeveloped in areas such as Cunderdin and Mundaring where there are currently functioning museums in operation.

#### Policy Implications

Nil

#### Statutory Implications

Compliance with the *Heritage Act 2018*.

#### Strategic Implications

##### ➤ Strategic Community Plan

Theme: 4. Communication & Leadership

Zone Statement: Merredin Council engages with its Community and leads by example

Key Priority: Ensuring all planning, reporting and resourcing is in accordance with best practice, compliance and statutory requirements

➤ Corporate Business Plan

Key Action: 4.1.1 Continue to update the Integrated Planning Framework, meet statutory requirements of the Local Government Act and regulations and regulatory obligations required under other regulations

Directorate: Development Services

Timeline: Ongoing

**Sustainability Implications**

➤ Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

➤ Workforce Plan

Directorate: Nil

Activity: Nil

Current Staff: Nil

Focus Area: Nil

Strategy Code: Nil

Strategy: Nil

Implications: Nil

**Risk Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

## Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

## Resolution

Moved: Cr Flockart

Seconded: Cr Crook

That Council:

1. RECEIVE the provided information;
2. ADVISES the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage that it supports the entry of the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme, including those places located within the Shire of Merredin, namely;
  - Original steam pump station no. 4;
  - Second generation (electric) pump station no. 4;
  - Circular receiving tank;
  - The Water Corporation reservoir (dam);

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into the State Register of Heritage Places.

3. LOBBY the State Government for the removal of all asbestos contaminants from the site of the old No.4 pump station; and
4. CONSIDER an amendment to its Local Planning Scheme No.6 which would allow for additional use categories on the site of the old No. 4 pump station, subject to any proposed development being in line with heritage protection values and objectives for the site.

CARRIED 9/0

### 13. Officer’s Reports - Engineering Services

#### 13.1 Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Governance Plan

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Engineering Services</h2> 	
Responsible Officer:	Daniel Hay-Hendry, A/EMES
Author:	As above
Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
File Reference:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 13.1A – WSFN Governance Plan DRAFT (Confidential)

#### Purpose of Report

- Executive Decision
  Legislative Requirement

#### Background

The Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN) comprises of 4,400km of Local Government roads that moves agricultural freight across and through several local governments, connecting with the State Road Network where possible. The program includes construction of overtaking lanes, road and bridge upgrades, shoulder sealing and road train assemble parking bays. The purpose of the program is to ensure a safe and fit for purpose secondary freight road network is maintained into the future by ensuring strategic local roads used for freight movement, all had the same Heavy Vehicle RAV rating to improve efficiency and safety.

Federal funding for the program was announced ahead of the May 2019 Federal Election, with a combined total of \$87.5M for WSFN, then in October 2020 on the back of the COVID19 stimulus a further \$100M was announced. Both funding streams are 80% Federal, 20% State (2/3 State & 1/3 Local Government). In 2019, all 42 Wheatbelt Local Governments formally agreed to be a part of the WSFN Program and accept the Program Delivery Plan, including the Shire of Merredin.

Under the WSFN program, the Shire of Merredin has funding until 2025, towards upgrades to Merredin-Narembeen Road. This funding totals just over \$5.3m over the funding period.

The key governance and administrative aspects of how the program is delivered are outlined within the WSFN Governance Plan. During RRG meetings in February and March 2022 the

Wheat Belt North (WBN) and Wheat Belt South (WBS) Regional Road Groups (RRG) requested the plan be reviewed.

An independent review of the WSNF Governance Plan document has since been undertaken by Nova Corvus Consulting Pty Ltd, and initial feedback sought.

A revised draft of the Governance Plan which incorporates the feedback provided by the 42-member Local Governments from March 2022 has been updated and provided to the 42-member Local Governments to review and provide feedback before the revised document is formalised.

The revised draft of the Governance Plan is included at Attachment 13.1A – WSNF Governance Plan DRAFT of this report.

#### Comment

The WSNF have requested the document be presented to the July meeting of each member Council requesting comment. Should no response be received, they have advised this will be considered support for the draft Governance Plan.

The Administration have reviewed the document and support the Governance plan in principle.

Positively, the processes and procedures outlined, include a stronger dispute resolution process, which has been a significant issue for the Shire of Merredin in the past when changes to scope for submitted projects, or requests for additional funding have not been supported and feedback has not been provided.

The new model provides a stronger framework for decision making, and a process for appealing decisions if required, with an ability for a technical review to be conducted if a project is not supported, with the sub-regional road group delegate to the technical committee able to discuss and advocate on behalf of the member local government if required.

Based on the improvements to the governance plan, and the ability for decisions to be reviewed, or disputed, the Administration is supportive of the model outlined.

The Council nominated representative for the sub-regional road group for the Shire of Merredin is Cr Patroni. Cr Patroni has reviewed the draft document and advised the Administration he is also supportive of the change.

The Administration recommends Council supports the draft WSNF Governance Plan as tabled, and endorse the plan with no further comment to be submitted.

#### Policy Implications

Nil

#### Statutory Implications

Nil

#### Strategic Implications

➤ Strategic Community Plan

Zone:	Zone 6 – Transport and networks
Zone Statement:	Merredin provides transport networks that connect it locally, nationally and internationally.
Key Priority	6.1 – Developing and maintaining a road hierarchy and providing an appropriate level of service for the road network.

➤ Corporate Business Plan

Key Action:	6.1.2 – Advocate for improved road infrastructure networks across the region.
Directorate:	Engineering Services

Sustainability Implications

➤ Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

➤ Workforce Plan

Directorate:	Nil
Activity:	Nil
Current Staff:	Nil
Focus Area:	Nil
Strategy Code:	Nil
Strategy:	Nil
Implications:	Nil

Risk Implications

The previous Governance Plan for the WSN held an increased risk compared to the revised plan, as the previous plan did not include a dispute resolution process, as outlined in the comment section of this report.

The inclusion of a dispute resolution process in the revised plan reduces the risk that requests for funding or scope changes will be denied without an appropriate review mechanism and appeal process.

Financial Implications

The WSN is a significant source of funding for the Shire of Merredin annual road program. The revised governance plan for the program provides improved decision making associated with this funding.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Patroni

Seconded: Cr Flockart

That Council;


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1. RECEIVES a copy of the revised WSN Governance Plan (Draft), at Attachment 13.1A; and
2. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to write to the WSN Steering Committee, advising the Shire of Merredin is supportive of the revised WSN Governance Plan (Draft) included at Attachment 13.1A to this report.

CARRIED 9/0

## 14. Officers' Reports – Corporate and Community Services

### 14.1 List of Accounts Paid – June 2022

<h2>Corporate Services</h2>		
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Lindon Mellor, A/EMCS	
<b>Author:</b>	As above	
<b>Legislation:</b>	<i>Local Government Act 1995, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i>	
<b>File Reference:</b>	Nil	
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil	
<b>Attachments:</b>	Attachment 14.1A - Payments Listing June 2022	

#### Purpose of Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

#### Background

The attached list of Accounts Paid during the Month of June 2022 under delegated Authority is provided for Council's information and endorsement.

#### Comment

Nil

#### Policy Implications

Nil

#### Statutory Implications

As outlined in the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

#### Strategic Implications

➤ Strategic Community Plan



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Theme: Nil  
Service Area Objective: Nil  
Priorities and Strategies for Change: Nil

➤ Corporate Business Plan

Key Action: Deliver long term financial planning for asset replacement and new capital projects  
Directorate: 2  
Timeline: Continue to provide prudent financial controls and compliance systems

Sustainability Implications

➤ Strategic Resource Plan

Compliance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* and to also give Council some direction regarding its management of finance over an extended period of time.

➤ Workforce Plan

Directorate: Nil  
Activity: Nil  
Current Staff: Nil  
Focus Area: Nil  
Strategy Code: Nil  
Strategy: Nil  
Implications: Nil

Risk Implications

Council would be contravening the *Local Government Act 1995* and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* should this item not be presented to Council.

Financial Implications

All liabilities settled have been in accordance with the Annual Budget provisions.

**Voting Requirements**



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

**Resolution**

**Moved: Cr Billing**

**Seconded: Cr Boehme**

**82961**

**That Council RECEIVE the schedule of accounts paid during June 2022 as listed, covering cheques, EFT's, bank charges, directly debited payments and wages, as numbered and totalling \$1,563,704.07 from Council's Municipal Fund Bank Account and \$3,322.36 from Council's Trust Account.**

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 14.2 CEACA – 2022/23 Annual Membership Fees

<h3>Corporate Services</h3> 	
Responsible Officer:	Lindon Mellor, A/EMCS
Author:	As above
Legislation:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

### Purpose of Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

### Background

The Shire of Merredin has been a member of the Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc (CEACA) since its formation in 2012. CEACA was originally established to conduct research in conjunction with the Wheatbelt Development Commission and Regional Development Australia (RDA) Wheatbelt, which found there was significant under-resourcing of housing, health care beds and other age-appropriate related resources across the region.

Royalties for Regions grants ensured funding for the construction of 71 two-bedroom units across 11 shires in the Central East Wheatbelt Region. All 71 CEACA units were designed in accordance with the Liveable Housing Guidelines, which have been developed by industry leaders in consultation with community members and provide assurance that a home is easier to access, navigate and live in, as well more cost effective to adapt when life's circumstances change.

With the 71 units completed and tenanted, CEACA's focus has moved to investigating and developing partnerships and models to provide better care services across the region. CEACA is also looking at the possibility of managing accommodation owned by certain Member Shires and the possible expansion of CEACA units.

Although originally formed by 11 local governments, the current CEACA membership has reduced to 9 partnership Council's. The CEACA's current membership includes the Shires of Brue Rock, Kellerberrin, Koorda, Merredin, Mount Marshall, Mubinbin, Westonia, Wyalkatchem, Yilgarn.

### Comment

Since 2015 all member Shires have paid an annual contribution towards membership with CEACA which increased to \$20,000 in 2018 and has not changed since.

In the CEACA management committee meeting held on 30 May 2022, the Management accounts to 31 March 2022 were tabled, showing a surplus of \$213,317. The draft budget for 2022/23 financial year was also provided with two options of CEACA membership fees. Two scenarios of \$15,000 or \$20,000 contribution by Council's were put forward to the management committee for consideration. Discussion ensued, with a concern from several members around Shires leaving the CEACA membership group due to value for money.

It was resolved that the Management Committee to reduce the membership fee for the 2022-23 year to \$15,000 per Shire, on the condition that the nine (9) CEACA Member shires remain as CEACA Members.

As CEACA housing does provide a service to the Shire of Merredin community and membership has been an on-going commitment of Council, it is recommended that Council continue to support CEACA. The Administration recommends Council allow for the annual membership fee of \$15,000 within the 2022/23 financial year budget and authorise the CEO to pay associated membership fees.

#### Policy Implications

Nil

#### Statutory Implications

Nil

#### Strategic Implications

##### ➤ Strategic Community Plan

Theme: Nil  
Service Area: Nil  
Priorities and Strategies for Change: Nil

##### ➤ Corporate Business Plan

Key Action: 4.4.1 - Maximise advocacy benefits with membership of Great Eastern Country Zone, Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils, Western Australian Local Government Association and CEACA  
Directorate: Office of CEO  
Timeline: 2018-2022

#### Sustainability Implications

##### ➤ Strategic Resource Plan

Nil as all assets and responsibilities belong to CEACA Inc, not the Shire of Merredin.

##### ➤ Workforce Plan

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Directorate:	Nil
Activity:	Nil
Current Staff:	Nil
Focus Area:	Nil
Strategy Code:	Nil
Strategy:	Nil
Implications:	Nil

#### Risk Implications

If Council do not support membership to CEACA, it risks the organisation becoming unable to develop further and continue to provide it's services across the wheatbelt.

Additionally, by the Shire of Merredin withdrawing from CEACA, this will increase the cost to surrounding Shires which may impact existing relationships and partnerships.

#### Financial Implications

Membership cost of \$15,000. If other Council's choose to withdraw from CEACA, then this membership cost may increase to \$20,000.

There is provision in the draft annual budget for this amount.

### Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

### Resolution

**Moved:** Cr Manning **Seconded:** Cr Patroni

**That Council;**

**82962**

- 1. APPROVE the continued participation of the Shire of Merredin in CEACA in the 2022-23 financial year;**
- 2. NOTES a total of \$15,000 towards CEACA membership will be included in the draft 2022-23 Budget in account 2040141 (MEMBERS - Subscriptions & Publications Mun); and**
- 3. AUTHORISE the CEO to pay associated CEACA membership fees to the total of \$15,000 for the 2022-23 financial year.**

*No vote was taken on the Officers Recommendation, with the below procedural motion moved, to allow the debate to adjourn until a planned briefing from the CEO of CEACA.*

### Procedural Motion

**Moved:** Cr Flockart **Seconded:** Cr Billing

**82963**


**That this item lay on the table until the August Ordinary Council Meeting pending a briefing session with the Chief Executive Officer or nominated delegate of CEACA.**

**CARRIED 7/2**

*The reason given by Cr Flockart, was to allow for Council to consider the additional information from the planned briefing prior to making a decision.*

## 15 Officers' Reports - Administration

### 15.1 Status Report – July 2022

<h1>Administration</h1> 	
Responsible Officer:	Lisa Clack, CEO
Author:	Meg Wyatt, EA
Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
File Reference:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 15.1A – Status Report – July 2022

#### Purpose of Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

#### Background

The Status Report is a register of Council resolutions that are allocated to the Shire staff for actioning. When staff have progressed or completed any action in relation to Council's decision, comments are provided until the process is completed or superseded by more recent Council resolutions.

#### Comment

In the interest of increased transparency and communication with the community, the status report is provided for information.

#### Policy Implications

Nil

#### Statutory Implications

Nil

#### Strategic Implications

➤ Strategic Community Plan

Theme: 4. Communication and Leadership  
Service Area Objective: 4.4 Communications  
4.4.1 The Shire is continuously working to maintain efficient communication, providing open, transparent and factual information, through a variety of channels  
Priorities and Strategies for Change: Nil

➤ Corporate Business Plan

Key Action: Nil  
Directorate: Nil  
Timeline: Nil

Sustainability Implications

➤ Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

➤ Workforce Plan

Directorate: Nil  
Activity: Nil  
Current Staff: Nil  
Focus Area: Nil  
Strategy Code: Nil  
Strategy: Nil  
Implications: Nil

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved:

Cr Boehme

Seconded: Cr Crook

82964

That Council RECEIVES the Status Report on Council Resolutions for July 2022.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**16 Motions of which Previous Notice has been given**

Nil

**17 Questions by Members of which Due Notice has been given**

Nil

**18 Urgent Business Approved by the Person Presiding or by Decision**

Nil

## 19 Matters Behind Closed Doors

In accordance with Section 5.23 (2), (b), (c) and (e) of the Local Government Act 1995 Council will go Behind Closed Doors to discuss these matters.

### Council Decision

**Moved:** Cr Billing **Seconded:** Cr Boehme

**82965**


**That Council move Behind Closed Doors and that Standing Orders be suspended at 4:29pm.**

**CARRIED 9/0**

### Reason

That matters related to the personal affairs of any person, a contract which may be entered in to and a matter that if disclosed would reveal information that has commercial value to a person and information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person were to be discussed.

## 19.1 Rateable Property Assessment A445 – 1 Brewery Road – Estate of Bradley Price

<h3>Corporate Services</h3> 	
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Lindon Mellor, A/EMCS
<b>Author:</b>	As above
<b>Legislation:</b>	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i> <i>Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992</i>
<b>File Reference:</b>	Nil
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	Attachment 19.1A – Letter Rateable Property Assessment A445

### Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

### Resolution

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

That Council;

1. **AGREE** that no further recovery actions be carried out in the next 6 months (until 31 December 2022);
2. **AGREE** to a payment plan for the payment of outstanding Rates and Services charges outstanding on Assessment A445 on the following conditions:
  - That Council are provided the name and details of the beneficiary of the property, within the next 6 months;
  - A direct debit plan is setup for payment on hand over of the property to the new owner;
  - Council reserves the right to sell the property if no payment is received within 12 months
  - Notes that 2022-23 Rates will still be applied to the property, exclusive of the probate process; and
3. **WRITE OFF** the balance of Interest and legal costs owing on Assessment A445 and totaling \$21,406.38 as at 31 July 2022, subject to the conditions of item 2 being met.

82966

*No Councillors moved the Officer's Recommendation.*

<b>Alternative Motion</b>
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**Moved:** Cr Van Der Merwe                      **Seconded:** Cr Simmonds

**That Council;**


1. **AGREE** that no further recovery actions be carried out in the next 6 months (until 31 December 2022);
2. **NOTIFY** the Executor of the Estate that full payment of outstanding Rates, Service Charges, Legal Costs and Interest Charges totalling \$43,136.81 as of 31 July 2022 be received by the Shire of Merredin by the 31 March 2023;
3. **NOTES** that 2022-23 Rates will still be applied to the property, exclusive of the probate process;
4. **NOTES** this resolution replaces the CMRef: 82254 (Resolved in the September 2018 Council Meeting); and
5. **RESERVES** the right to sell the property if full payment is not received or these conditions are not met.

82967

**LOST 4/5**

*Cr Van Der Merwe gave the reason for his motion as being Council had incurred the direct costs associated with the default of payment however wanted to acknowledge the change of ownership meant that the new owners may need more time to make payment.*

## 19.2 Cummins Street Units – Joint Venture Agreement

<h3>Corporate Services</h3>		 SHIRE OF <b>MERREDIN</b> INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Lindon Mellor, A/EMCS	
<b>Author:</b>	As above	
<b>Legislation:</b>	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>	
<b>File Reference:</b>	Nil	
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil	
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil	

### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

### Resolution

**Moved:** Cr Flockart

**Seconded:** Cr Boehme


**That Council;**

**82968**

- 1. REQUEST that the Department of Communities purchase the Shire of Merredin's interest (both land and assets) in the Cummings Street Joint Venture project at current market value; and**
- 2. ALLOCATE a total of \$2500 in the 2022-23 draft budget towards associated valuation and conveyance costs.**

**CARRIED 9/0**

### 19.3 Offer for the Purchase land – Lot 71 Fitzpatrick Road, Hines Hill

<h2>Corporate Services</h2> 	
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Lindon Mellor, A/EMCS
<b>Author:</b>	As above
<b>Legislation:</b>	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
<b>File Reference:</b>	Nil
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	Attachment 19.3A – Expression of Interest - Fitzpatrick Road Attachment 19.3B – Location Map

#### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

#### Resolution

Moved: Cr Boehme

Seconded: Cr Van Der Merwe

That Council;

82969

1. REJECT the Expression of Interest in property Lot 71 Fitzpatrick Road, Hines Hill WA 6415 from Sharmain Nelson of 1 Morton St, Merredin; and
2. AGREE to condition any disposal of 71 Fitzpatrick Road, Hines Hill, so that only abutting landowners who have street access can purchase the land.

CARRIED 9/0

## 19.4 REED Annual Donation

<h3>Community Services</h3>		 <b>SHIRE OF MERREDIN</b> INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Chloe Townsend, A/DCEO	
<b>Author:</b>	As above	
<b>Legislation:</b>	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>	
<b>File Reference:</b>	RSC/4/10	
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil	
<b>Attachments:</b>	Attachment 19.4A - Shire of Merredin – Financial Support Review – Request for continuation	

### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

### Resolution

**Moved:** Cr Simmonds

**Seconded:** Cr Boehme

**That Council;**

**82970**

- SUPPORT** in principle the continuation of financial support to Merredin REED Childcare, of \$6,000 per annum for a further three-year term;
- ENDORSE** an allocation of \$6,000 per financial year, in the draft annual budget for a term of three (3) years, commencing in 2022/23 for this support; and
- NOTES** a review of the proposed financial support will be conducted in March 2025 to determine the continued need for funding.

**CARRIED 7/2**



**Council Resolution**

**Moved:** Cr Boehme **Seconded:** Cr Patroni

**82971** That Council return from Behind Closed Doors at 5:07pm, resume Standing Orders and that the resolutions being passed in the confidential session be confirmed in open meeting.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**20 Closure**

There being no further business, the President thanked those in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5:10pm.

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