

# AGENDA

# **Ordinary Council Meeting**

To be held in Council Chambers Corner King & Barrack Street's, Merredin Tuesday, 17 August 2021 Commencing 4.00pm

# **Notice of Meeting**



Dear President and Councillors,

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Merredin will be held on Tuesday, 17 August 2021 in the Council Chambers, corner of King and Barrack Streets, Merredin. The format of the day will be:

12.00pm

**Briefing Session** 

4.00pm

Council Meeting

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MARK DACOMBE TEMPORARY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 13 August 2021

#### DISCLAIMER

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Common Acronyms Used in this Document		
СВР	Corporate Business Plan	
CEACA	Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc	
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	
GECZ	Great Eastern Country Zone	
LGIS	Local Government Insurance Services	
LPS	Local Planning Scheme	
МСО	Media and Communications Officer	
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding	
MRCLC	Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre	
SRP	Strategic Resource Plan	
T/CEO	Temporary Chief Executive Officer	
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, 17 August 2021



#### 1. Official Opening

2.	Record of Attendance / Apologies and Leave of Absence		
	Councillors:		
	Cr JR Flockart	President	
	Cr MD Willis	Deputy President	
	Cr RA Billing		
	Cr LN Boehme		
	Cr AR Butler		
	Cr RM Manning		
	Cr MJ McKenzie		
	Cr PR Patroni		
	Cr PM Van Der Merwe		
	Staff:		
	M Dacombe	T/CEO	
	A Prnich	DCEO	
	G Garside	EMCS	
	P Zenni	EMDS	
	A Brice	EA	
	Members of the Public:		
	Apologies: Approved Leave of Absence:		
	Public Ouestion Time		

#### 3. Public Question Time

Members of the public may submit questions up to 2pm on the day of the meeting by emailing <u>ea@merredin.wa.gov.au.</u>

#### 4. Disclosure of Interest

#### 5. Applications of Leave of Absence

#### 6. Petitions and Presentations

7.	Confirmation of Minu	ites of Previous Meetings
7.1	Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 July 2021 Attachment 7.1A	
7.2	Annual Electors Meeting held on 20 July 2021 Attachment 7.2A	
7.3	Special Council Meeting held 27 July 2021 Attachment 7.3A	
	Voting Requi	irements
	Simple Majority	Absolute Majority
	Officers Reco	ommendation

That the following Minutes be confirmed as true and accurate records of proceedings;

- Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 July 2021;
- Annual Electors Meeting held on 20 July 2021; and
- Special Council Meeting held 27 July 2021.

#### 8. Announcements by the Person Presiding without Discussion

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

Nil

#### **Receipt of Minutes of Committee Meetings** 10. Bushfire Control Officers Annual General Meeting held 18 March 2021 10.1 Attachment 10.1A Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Meeting held 23 June 10.2 2021 Attachment 10.2A Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group – Kellerberrin Sub-Group Meeting 10.3 held 17 July 2021 Attachment 10.3A **Voting Requirements** Simple Majority **Absolute Majority Officers Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the following committee meetings received;

- Bushfire Control Officers Annual General Meeting held 18 March 2021;
- Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Meeting held 23 June; and
- Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group Kellerberrin Sub-Group Meeting held 17 July 2021.
- 11. Recommendations from Committee Meetings for Council Consideration

Nil

#### 12. Officers' Reports - Development Services

#### Proposed Workshop, Showroom, Office Development and 2 Sheds on Lot 525 and portion of Lot 301 Adamson Road Merredin

Development Services	
Responsible Officer:     Peter Zenni, EMDS	
Author: Paul Bashall, Planwest (WA) Pty Ltd	
Legislation:Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No 6.	
File Reference: A263	
Disclosure of Interest: Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment 12.1A – Development Approval (DA) Application Form, Covering Letter, Certificate of Title, and Plans.

#### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of factors to consider when it determines the Development Approval (DA) application received for an industrial development for McIntosh and Sons in Merredin.



#### Background

#### Introduction

The Shire of Merredin has received a Development Application from Quality Design Solutions (QDS), on behalf of McIntosh and Sons, for a new workshop, showroom and office development comprising a total floor area of 4,931.00m<sup>2</sup> and 2 large sheds (1,600m<sup>2</sup> each) on Lots 525 (2.33ha) and portion of Lot 301 (13.1ha) Adamson Road, Merredin. The proposed development will allow the existing McIntosh business to relocate from 52 Mitchell Street, Merredin, to cater for their growing business.

#### Existing land use and land configuration

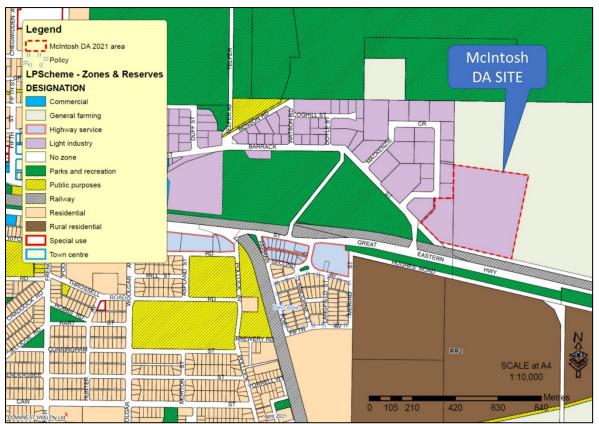
The land on which the development is proposed is made up of two portions of land. These two portions will become a single lot when the current subdivision approval is finally endorsed by the WA Planning Commission (the Commission).

On 19th October 2019, the Commission conditionally approved a subdivision of Lot 301 (99ha) Adamson Road, and Lot 525 Adamson Road and Mackenzie Crescent to

create a new lot of 15.6ha (as shown as the 'McIntosh DA SITE' in Figure 1). Figure 1 also provides a context of the McIntosh DA site in relation to the Merredin townsite.

The McIntosh DA site is currently vacant land; however, the proposed development cannot be constructed and used until such time as the subdivision has been finally approved (ie. all the subdivision conditions have been cleared).

These subdivision conditions include road construction, the land being filled and drained, and water and power supplies, each to the satisfaction of the relevant authorities.



#### FIGURE 1 – LOCATION PLAN

Source: DPLH, Planwest

#### **Proposed Development**

The applicant has provided a description of the following key elements;

- The main building will consist of a 2,500.00m<sup>2</sup> workshop, 1,192.00m<sup>2</sup> of storage, 435.00m<sup>2</sup> of incidental showroom and 534.00m<sup>2</sup> of incidental offices.
- Also proposed is 2 large 80x20m sheds of 1,600m<sup>2</sup> each.
- Construction of 30 on-site care parking bays to service the parking demand generated by the proposed use and development on the land.
- Installation of landscaping in support of the new development. A detailed landscaping plan will be provided with the building permit application.
- The front facade of the new building has been designed to comprise the use of a simple but bold materials/colours, to enhance the appearance of the building when viewed from the street.

- Typical operating hours for similar developments in the area will be Monday to Friday 7.00am to 5.00pm and on Saturday from 8.00am to 12.00pm.
- The current business operates with 12 staff and plan to increase to 15 staff within the next two years.

**Figure 2** provides an aerial photograph of the site area overlain with the site plan of the proposed development as submitted with the DA. This clearly demonstrates that the proposed development will be located across the lot boundaries of the two existing lots.

The proposed development includes a  $600m^2$  sump located on the western edge of the property with four 200,000 litre tanks – 2 for firefighting and 2 for rainwater harvested from the buildings. Much of the area that is not carparking around the buildings is shown as 'Stormwater and Levels Design TBC' and are shown as 'gravel'.

The proposed sump abuts a 6m drainage reserve connecting McKenzie Crescent to Adamson Road. The Reserve (R 36756) is vested with DPLH for 'Drainage' purposes.



#### FIGURE 2 – AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

Source: Landgate, DA, Planwest

**Figure 3** shows the facade of the proposed development as viewed from the entry access off Adamson Road.

#### FIGURE 3 – PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT FACADE



Source: DA, Planwest

The plans show that several trees will need to be removed from the boundary between the two existing lots. There are no plans submitted for landscaping.

#### Comment

McIntosh & Son consists of eleven dealerships across Western Australia, Queensland and Victoria, specialising in the sales and service of agricultural and construction machinery.

The proposed development is a significant investment in Merredin and is supported in principle. The development costs are set at \$3m and will reinforce Merredin as one of Company's main distribution centres.

There are a few unresolved issues that are subject to further detail and will be best addressed through the imposition of conditions.

These issues include the following.

- 1. **The finalisation of the subdivision.** This is required as buildings are not permitted to be built across lot boundaries, so the DA approval will be contingent on the Commission's final endorsement of the necessary survey documents. This will only occur when all the subdivisional conditions have been fulfilled to the satisfaction of each agency responsible for the conditions.
- 2. **Drainage.** The area of land the subject of the subdivision is very large and therefore may be subject to significant drainage issues as a condition of the subdivision. The development site will need to be self-sufficient for on-site drainage including evidence that the gravel areas, sump and water storage areas are adequately designed.
- 3. **Effluent.** There are no details or evidence about the operation and location of the septic tanks and leach drains. These are subject to further detail.

#### Policy Implications

Nil

#### **Statutory Implications**

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All development is required to comply with the provisions of the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No 6 and the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.

The subject land is zoned 'Light Industry' as shown in extract of the Scheme mapping as shown in Figure 1.

The relevant objectives of the 'Light Industry' zone include,

- To provide for service industries and light industries that will not have a detrimental effect on nearby residential or other sensitive uses.
- To preclude the storage of bulky and unsightly goods where they may be in public view.
- To ensure the appropriate use of setback areas and the provision of landscaping to the local government's satisfaction.
- To allow light and service industries that are compatible with nearby uses.
- To provide areas with easy access and parking.
- To minimise land use conflicts and address environmental impacts.

The development is included in the definition of 'Industry', however, as the impacts of the activities can be mitigated, avoided or managed, the uses fall within the definition of 'Industry -light'.

A 'Industry -light' use class is permitted in a Light Industry zone (see Table 1 – Zoning Scheme).

Setbacks for light industrial uses are 7.5 metres from the front (street) and rear. The proposed setbacks are well in excess of this requirement.

Landscaping needs to be applied to at least 10% of the site.

Parking requirements vary according to the floor space of the activity, or the number of employees.

Showroom 435m <sup>2</sup>	1 bay per 100m²	4.35bays
Office 534m <sup>2</sup>	1 bay per 30m²	17.8 bays
Storage/workshop	1 bay per 2 employees (15)	7.5 bays

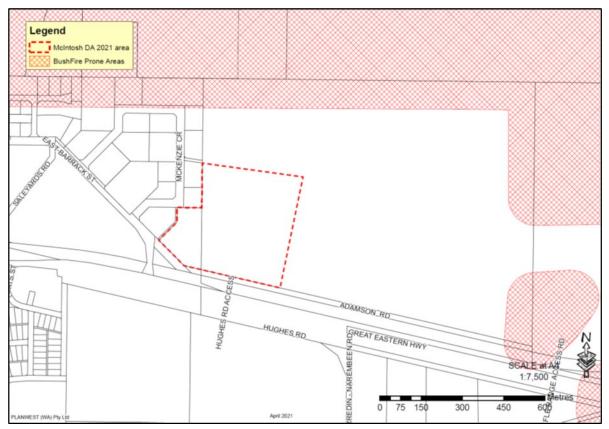
This totals 29.65 bays and complies with the 30 bays shown on the DA plans. The allocation of disability bays will be subject to the Building Code of Australia (BCA).

Effluent and drainage requirements will be subject to further detail as assessment is determined through the BCA and health regulations.

Although the greater lot (301) is affected by the Bushfire Prone mapping, the area of the new lot is not affected. As this DA relates to the proposed lot, a bushfire management plan is not considered necessary. The BCA requirements will ensure compliance with the safety requirements.

**Figure 4** shows the extent of the Bushfire Prone mapping areas in relation to the proposed development lot.

#### FIGURE 4 – BUSHFIRE PRONE MAPPING



Source: DFES Planwest

Strategio	Implications
Strategic Community Plan	
Theme:	5. Places and Spaces
Service Area Objective:	5.4. Town Planning and Building Control 5.4.2. The Shire has a current local planning scheme and associated strategy which is flexible and able to suitably guide future residential and industrial growth
Priorities and Strategies for Change:	N/A
Corporate Business P	lan
Key Action:	4.1.1 Continue to upgrade 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 Pl	an
Nil	

> Workforce	Plan	
Directorate: Nil		
Activity:	Nil	
Current Staff:	Nil	
Focus Area:	Nil	
Strategy Code:	ode: Nil	
Strategy:	Nil	
Implications:	Nil	
	Risk Implications	
Nil		
	Financial Implications	
The applicant has paid the Development Approval application fees.		
	Voting Requirements	

Officers	Recomme	ndation

That Council;

Simple Majority

- 1. Grants Development (Planning) Approval for the proposed workshop, showroom and office development, and two 1,600m<sup>2</sup> sheds on Lot 525 and Portion of Lot 301 Adamson Road, Merredin as outlined in attachment 12.1A, subject to the following conditions:
  - a) Prior to commencement of development Lot 525 and Portion of Lot 301 Adamson Road are amalgamated so that the development is wholly contained within the one Lot;

Absolute Majority

- b) No development is to occur over an existing lot boundary;
- c) The provision of a bitumen seal carpark incorporating 30 vehicle parking bays as well as a dedicated vehicle parking bay for people with a disability in accordance with the National Construction Code (Building Code of Australia) access requirements, that is provided with signage, permanent surface and appropriate markings;
- d) The preparation and implementation of a Landscaping Plan to the satisfaction of the local government;
- e) The preparation and implementation of a Drainage Plan, with all site drainage being designed and constructed to the satisfaction of the local government;
- f) Compliance with provisions of the Shire of Merredin Fire Break Order/Notice.
- g) All onsite effluent disposal systems to be designed and constructed in accordance with the requirements of the Health (Treatment of Sewage

and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Regulations 1974, to the satisfaction of the Department of Health and the local government; and

- 2. Advises the applicant that:
  - a) If the development, the subject of this approval, is not substantially commenced within a period of 24 months from the date of the approval, the approval will lapse and be of no further effect. For the purposes of this condition, the term 'substantially commenced' has the meaning given to it in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 as amended from time to time;
  - b) Where an approval has so lapsed, no development shall be carried out without the further approval of the local government having first being sought and obtained;
  - c) The granting of this approval does not constitute a building permit and an application for a building permit must be submitted to the Shire of Merredin and be approved before any work can commence on site;
  - d) An application for a building permit must incorporate comments from the DFES Commissioner;
  - e) The completed building will not be able to be occupied until such time as the Shire of Merredin has issued an occupancy permit for use of the building;
  - f) Any trade waste generated in the workshop and wash down bay must be disposed of in accordance with requirements specified by the Department of Water and Environment Regulation; and
  - g) If an applicant is aggrieved by this determination, there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with Part 14 of the Planning and Development Act 2005.

#### 12.2 Lot 684 Bates Street – Proposed Merredin Community Garden Shed

Development Services		
Responsible Officer:	Peter Zenni, EMDS	
Author:	Peter Zenni, EMDS	
<b>Legislation:</b> Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No 6.		
File Reference:	A325	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment 12.2A – Application for development approval and associated plans and specifications	

#### **Purpose of Report**

**Executive Decision** 

Legislative Requirement

Background

The Shire of Merredin has received an application from Giuliana Nicoletti for development (planning) approval for the construction of a shed to be used for storage of gardening supplies and equipment associated with Merredin Community

Comment

Garden activities on Lot 684 Bates Street, Merredin.

#### Strategic

The proposal is consistent with the current as well as longer-term use of the area.

#### Statutory

The property located on Lot 684 Bates Street, Merredin, is designated 'Parks and Recreation Local Scheme Reserve' under the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6. (LPS).

Clause 2.4 of the LPS states that in determining an application for planning approval the local government is to have due regard to the ultimate purpose intended for the reserve and that in the case of land reserved for the purposes of a public authority, the local government is to consult with that authority before determining an application for planning approval.

In this case the objectives of the Local Planning Scheme No. 6 relating to a Parks and Recreation Local Reserve are as follows:-

- To provide for formal and structured recreational activities and sporting facilities that are deemed appropriate to service the surrounding residents;
- To provide for passive recreational uses, parklands, amenities and buffer areas that are deemed appropriate for use and enjoyment by the surrounding residents; and
- To provide for drainage purposes in a park setting.

The proposed development does not contravene the above objectives and complements the current long-term use of the area.

The land in question is owned freehold by the Shire of Merredin and has been used for Merredin Community Garden related activities for several years.

The proposed shed will be used for storage of gardening supplies and equipment associated with Merredin Community Garden activities.

The shed will require a building permit from the Shire of Merredin before any building work can commence on site.

	Policy	Implications
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Nil

#### Statutory Implications

Compliance with the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6

Strategic	Implications	
Strategic Community Plan		
Theme:	2. Economy and Growth	
Service Area Objective:	2.1. Economic Development 2.1.2. The Shire of Merredin is a place of choice for business investment and for new residents settling to enjoy a balance lifestyle and employment opportunities	
Priorities and Strategies for Change:	N/A	
Corporate Business P	lan	
Key Action:	4.1.1 Continue to upgrade 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	
Sustainal	pility Implications	
Strategic Resource Plan		
Nil		
Workforce Plan		

Directorate:	Nil
Activity:	Nil
Current Staff:	Nil
Focus Area:	Nil
Strategy Code:	Nil
Strategy:	Nil
Implications:	Nil
	<b>Risk Implications</b>

Nil

Financial	Implications
Fillalicial	Implications

The relevant development application fees have been paid.

	Voting Requirements		
Simple	Simple Majority Absolute Majority		Absolute Majority
	Officers Recommendatio	n	

That Council;

- 1. Grants Development (Planning) Approval for the construction of a shed to be used for storage of gardening supplies and equipment associated with Merredin Community Garden activities on Lot 684 Bates Street, Merredin, as outlined in attachment 12.2A; and
- 2. Advises the applicant that this approval does not constitute a building permit and that an application for a building permit for the construction of the proposed shed must be submitted to the Shire of Merredin and be approved before any building work can commence on site.

### 13. Officers' Reports - Engineering Services

Nil

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

#### 14.1 List of Accounts Paid

Corpoi	rate Services	
Responsible Officer:	Geoff Garside, EMCS	
Author:	Geoff Garside, EMCS	
LocalGovernmentAct1995,LocalGov(Financial Management) Regulations1996		
File Reference:	Nil	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments: Attachment 14.1A - List of Accounts Paid		

	Purpose of Report	
Executive Decision		Legislative Requirement
	Background	

The attached list of Accounts Paid during the Month of July 2021 under delegated Authority is provided for Council's information and endorsement.

Comment

The attachment provided is an interim listing for July. Whilst it includes all payments made by EFT and cheque, credit card transactions and bank charges have not yet been processed due to illness in the Finance team. An updated listing will be provided prior to the meeting.

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

Theme:	N/A		
Service Area Objective:			
Priorities and Strategies for Change:			
Corporate Business P	lan		
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			
Sustainal	bility Implications		

		Sustainability Implications
	Strategic R	esource 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	
Cui	rrent Staff:	Nil	
Foo	cus Area:	Nil	
Str	ategy Code:	Nil	
Str	ategy:	Nil	
Imp	olications:	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
Officers Recommendation		

That the schedule of accounts paid during July 2021 as listed, covering cheques, EFT's, bank charges, directly debited payments and wages, as numbered and totalling \$1,254,605.70 from Council's Municipal Fund Bank Account and \$0, from Council's Trust Account be endorsed by Council.

#### 14.2 Appointment of Bush Fire Control Officer

Community Services		
Andrina Prnich, DCEO		
Andrina Prnich, DCEO		
Bush Fires Act 1954		
ES1/1		
Nil		
Nil		
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#### Purpose of Report

**Executive Decision** 

Legislative Requirement

Background

#### **Appointment of Fire Control Officer**

Pursuant to Section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954,

#### Local government may appoint bush fire control officer

(1) A local government may from time to time appoint such persons as it thinks necessary to be its bush fire control officers under and for the purposes of this Act, and of those officers shall subject to section 38A(2) appoint 2 as the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer who shall be first and second in seniority of those officers, and subject thereto may determine the respective seniority of the other bush fire control officers appointed by it.

(2A) The local government shall cause notice of an appointment made under the provisions of subsection (1) to be published at least once in a newspaper circulating in its district.

#### Comment

#### **Appointment of Fire Control Officer**

The former Shire of Merredin Executive Manager Engineering Services, Mr Calvin Shotter, was also appointed as the Shire of Merredin Bush Fire Control Officer (FCO). As the Shire is fast approaching its Restricted Burning Period, the need for the appointment of a suitably qualified Bush Fire Control Officer is imperative to the operational needs of the Shire. Further, the FCO is required to play a key role in supporting the local Bush Fire Brigade Services in the event of a bushfire incident.

It is proposed that Council authorise Ms Sheree Lowe, Emergency Services Officer (ESO), as a Fire Control Officer (FCO) for the Shire of Merredin. Ms Lowe is an experienced member of the Merredin Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service brigade, currently holding position of Lieutenant. She is a trained and experienced DFES trainer/assessor and has actively assisted with a range of complex bushfires in WA and NSW.

Ms Lowe is enrolled to undergo Fire Control Officer training in September 2021.

The restricted burning permit periods applies between 16 September 2021 and 31 October 2021 (and again from 18 February 2022 and 16 March 2022). The appointment of Ms Lowe will ensure the employment of a paid FCO within the Shire's workforce.

The appointment of the ESO to the role of FCO is appropriate to the capacity and capability of the organisation given her past experience and impending training along with the key deliverables pertaining to the ESO position.

Policy Im	plications		
Nil			
Statutory	Statutory Implications		
Nil			
Strategic	Implications		
Strategic Community Plan			
Theme:	1. Community and Culture		
Service Area Objective: Priorities and Strategies for Change:	1.3. Community Safety 1.3.1. The Shire, Local Emergency Services and wider community working together to prevent bushfires and other emergencies as well as being well placed to respond and recover in such events N/A		
Corporate Business Plan			
Key Action:	1.5.2 - Support local emergency services		
Directorate:	Community Services		
Timeline:	Ongoing		
Sustainal	pility Implications		
Strategic Resource Plan			
The Strategic Resource Plan includes consideration of resourcing for Fire			

The Strategic Resource Plan includes consideration of resourcing for Fire Prevention and Other Law, Order and Public Safety.

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Directorate:

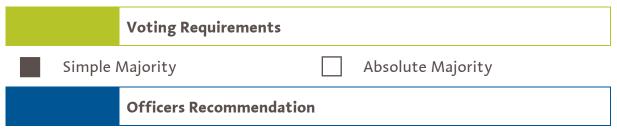
Activity:	Emergency Services
Current Staff:	0.5 FTE
Focus Area:	3.0 – Enhance the workplace safety culture
Strategy Code:	3.6
Strategy:	Ensuring that all staff are adequately trained in workplace safety
Implications:	No further implications to existing ESO resourcing
Risk Im	plications

#### **Appointment of Fire Control Officer**

The appointment of the Fire Control Officer, will ensure a paid member of staff is responsible for issuing various permits to burn, undergoing firebreak inspections, thus minimising the likelihood of any major or catastrophic fire events within the local government area.

**Financial Implications** 

If a fire incident were to occur outside of normal business hours, and the ESO, in their FCO position was required to attend the event, the time spent by the ESO would be paid as 'over-time' or added to their 'time-in-lieu'.



That Council, in accordance with Sections 38(1) and 38(2A) of the Bush Fire Act 1954, appoint Ms Sheree Lowe as a fire control officer for the Shire of Merredin and give notice of the appointment by publishing it in a newspaper circulated in the district.

#### 15. Officer's Reports - Administration

Nil

- 16. Motions of which Previous Notice has been given
- 17. Questions by Members of which Due Notice has been given

#### 18. Urgent Business Approved by the Person Presiding of by Decision

#### 19. Matters Behind Closed Doors

#### 20. Closure

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