

Status Report as at August 2023

Date / CMRef / Officer	Subject	Status
21/11/2017 CMRef: 82079 EMCS	That application be made to the Minister for Local Government to have the land being Lot 71 Main Street, Burracoppin re-vested in the Crown in accordance with Sections 6.64 and 6.74 of the Local Government Act 1995.	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>February 2023: EMCS has rung and emailed Minister Carey's office requesting information on the progress of the land re-vesting.</p> <p>July 2023: Minister Carey's office emailed to say that the query fell more appropriately within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Local Government and so had been forwarded on.</p>
20/08/2019 CMRef: 82410 EMDS	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. Consents to the creation of a Water Corporation easement over portion of Lot 100 Colin Street (Part of Avon Location 2227) as shown in attachment 12.36A, for the purposes of installation, access to and maintenance of the proposed chlorination unit which will form part of the Shire of Merredin Recycled Water Scheme , subject to;a. All costs associated with the preparation and lodgement of relevant easement documentation being borne solely by the Water Corporation;b. All costs associated with the installation, operation and maintenance of the future chlorination unit being borne solely by the Water Corporation;. All costs associated with any improvements to the land subject to the easement relating to vehicular access to the chlorination unit being borne solely by the Water Corporation.2. Authorises the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to affix the Common Seal of the Council and sign the Deed of Easement documentation on behalf of the Shire of Merredin Council.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>Awaiting preparation of documentation by the Water Corporation for signing by the Shire President and CEO.</p> <p>The Shire has been advised the project is delayed and outside the 5-year construction window however Water Corp are continuing to conduct investigation works.</p> <p>January 2023: No further updates anticipated until end 2023.</p>
19/12/2019 CMRef: 82485 CEO	<p>That Council commits to CEACA's progression of the VERSO report to review;</p> <p>I. Community Care Packages;</p> <p>II. Transport; and</p> <p>III. Residential Aged Care</p> <p>And;</p> <p>That Council requests that CEACA committee requests that the VERSO plan be updated now that the units are in situ.</p> <p>Reason for Officers Recommendation:</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>December 2022: Updates as per CEACA minutes circulated to Council.</p> <p>June 2023: Report not yet updated, however CEACA have proposed action on Item III Residential Aged</p>

	<p>The reason for the change in wording of the Officer Recommendation is that council are not subjecting VERSO to update the report. Should the CEACA committee agree, any suitably qualified person/s could carry out the update of the report.</p>	<p>Care. This is subject to a separate report in the June agenda.</p> <p>July 2023: CEACA have engaged a consultant to do a needs analysis and grant application.</p> <p>August 2023 No further updates</p>
<p>21/07/2020 CMRef: 82578 EMES</p>	<p>That, within the next twelve months, the Merredin Shire Council should purchase for the Shire fleet a battery-electric (BEV or EV) passenger vehicle. This vehicle should not be additional to the vehicle fleet but should replace one passenger vehicle sold after the usual retention period of 12 months.</p>	<p>IN-PROGRESS</p> <p>June 2023: Currently the Administration has been unable to identify a vehicle within the fleet to be replaced as an EV due to operational requirements. The Administration is working with Synergy and seeking other grant opportunities to have EV chargers in town in strategic locations, which once completed may make purchasing an EV a more viable option.</p> <p>July 2023: The Shire has applied for an EV charger grant to support day-time charging at the Shire Office, which will support the logistics, and potential future purchase of this vehicle.</p> <p>August 2023: Officers are including consideration for EV's in current procurement processes, and updates will be provided to Council as this progresses.</p>
<p>15/09/2020 CMRef: 82605 EMCS</p>	<p>1. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$13,619.31: Assessment A6511 Type/Zoning Residential Period Outstanding 11/8/2014 to Current Amount Outstanding \$13,619.31 Last Payment 3/9/2015</p>	<p>IN-PROGRESS</p> <p>April 2023: Land transfer documents completed and lodged for A9370 and A624. A445 settlement delayed further, expected late May early June.</p>

	<p>2. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$10,023.49:</p> <p>Assessment A6070 Type/Zoning General Farming/Urban Residential Period Outstanding 25/7/2016 to Current Amount Outstanding \$10,023.49 Last Payment 27/9/2015</p> <p>3. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$13,464.10:</p> <p>Assessment A9370 Type/Zoning Vacant Residential Period Outstanding 11/8/2014 to Current Amount Outstanding \$13,464.10 Last Payment 7/11/2013</p> <p>4. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$6,369.85:</p> <p>Assessment: A3325 Type/Zoning: Residential Period Outstanding: 27/7/2017 to Current Amount Outstanding: \$6,369.85 Last Payment: 13/4/2018</p> <p>5. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$11,008.81:</p> <p>Assessment: A1625 Type/Zoning: Vacant Residential Period Outstanding: 29/4/2015 to Current Amount Outstanding: \$11,008.81 Last Payment: 21/11/2014</p> <p>6. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$8,409.91:</p>	<p>August 2023: No further update at this time.</p>
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<p>16/03/2021 CMRef: 82698 CEO</p>	<p>That Council instruct the Chief Executive Officer to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain a valuation from a suitably qualified registered valuer for Lot 1498 Caridi Close, Merredin; 2. Engage local real estate agents to determine the availability and value of suitable executive housing within the Merredin townsite. 3. Report to Council preliminary estimates for the construction of a 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom executive home on an appropriate lot within the Merredin townsite; 4. Invite local real estate agents to submit quotations for the sale of six existing houses constructed earlier than the year 2000. The quotations are to include details of the agent's proposed marketing strategy to obtain maximum value. The addresses of the properties to remain confidential in the interim. (Note: this does not include the house currently utilised for housing "travelling players" which should be the subject of a separate report); 5. Report further on the optimum number of houses that should be held in the portfolio including how many (if any) of the houses for sale should be replaced and the process for doing so; and 6. Examine, as part of the asset management planning for the portfolio, the replacement program for the newer houses currently held and not included in the above recommendations. 7. Review Policy 2.10 Council Staff Housing and report to Council. 	<p>NOT COMMENCED</p> <p>Briefing provided to Council that all staff housing currently required and recommend this item is delayed, with further work completed in the 2022/23 year.</p> <p>July 2023: As housing is allocated to positions under recruitment / required – it is not recommended this item progress in the next six months due to operational constraints and business requirements for the existing stock.</p> <p>August 2023: No further updates</p>
<p>16/03/2021 CMRef: 82699 CEO</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the preparation and submission by Njaki Njaki Aboriginal Cultural Tours of the Hunts Dam Nature Based Campground Feasibility – Business Case – June 2019 demonstrating the potential viability of the proposal; 2. Notes that the proposal represents strong alignment with the Strategic priorities and strategies for change of the Council set out in the newly adopted Strategic Community Plan; 	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>Enquiries made with DPLH.</p> <p>July 2023:</p>

	<p>3. Confirms that the Business Case and Feasibility Study as submitted is satisfactory to meet the terms of the Council's resolution 82038 of November 2017;</p> <p>4. Confirms that Council supports the relinquishment of the Management Order for Reserve 29700 to enable a performance based lease to be agreed between the State and Njaki Njaki Aboriginal Cultural Tours for the conduct of its tourism venture; and</p> <p>5. Proposes to the State Government that the lease include provisions for substantial progress on the implementation of the development within a five year period from execution of the lease.</p>	<p>No updated information provided from DPLH</p> <p>August 2023: No further updates</p>
<p>6/07/2021 CMRef: 82754 MP/EMES</p>	<p>"That Council resolve to;</p> <p>1. Endorse the draft concept plan for Apex Park for the purpose of community engagement.</p> <p>2. Direct the CEO to procure the necessary professional services required to progress the plan from concept to detailed design, incorporating the feedback received during the engagement period; and</p> <p>3. Direct the CEO to return the results of the community engagement to Council prior to a July Briefing Session, then present a 50% design to a Council Briefing that encompasses any amendments required as well as a final detailed design and full costing for the Apex Park redevelopment for final endorsement."</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>The detailed design works for Apex Park and Merredin Town square has been awarded to Place Laboratory in line with CMRef: 82887.</p> <p>June 2023: The 50% detailed design package has been presented to Council during a briefing session in May 2023. The final detailed design package including final cost estimates will be brought to Council for endorsement once completed.</p> <p>August 2023: No further updates at this time.</p>
<p>14/09/2021 CMRef: 82796 MP/EMES</p>	<p>"That Council;</p> <p>1. Receives the submissions made by members of the public on the Public Piazza Pilot Project; Town Centre Concept Plan; and the Apex Park Redevelopment; and</p> <p>2. Note that the Chief Executive Officer will continue to progress the detailed designs for the Town Centre Stage One plan with consideration of the following design elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inclusion of more rubbish bins; b. RV/Caravan parking; and c. Safety for children/young families and seniors. <p>3. Note that the Chief Executive Officer will continue to progress the detailed designs for the Apex Park Redevelopment with consideration of the following design elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Retention of park fencing; b. Skate Park facilities (including targeted consultation); c. RV/Caravan parking; d. Themed garden; e. Concrete track for scooters; f. Benches for parents including in the skate park area; 	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>The detailed design works for Apex Park and Merredin Town square has been awarded to Place Laboratory in line with CMRef: 82887.</p> <p>June 2023: The 50% detailed design package has been presented to Council during a briefing session in May 2023. The final detailed design package including final cost estimates will be brought to Council for endorsement once completed.</p> <p>August 2023: Designs are progressing, and the tender is anticipated to be issued in September 2023.</p>

	g. Merredin Information boards; and h. Soccer kick wall."	This remains subject to securing remaining funding.
23/11/2021 CMRef: 82832 MP/EMES	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolve to adjust the project funding and 2021-22 annual budget to reallocate the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (Phase 2) Stage 2a (Apex Park) to Stage 1 (Pioneer Park and Town Square) and make the following adjustments accordingly: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reduce PC001 by \$470,500 b. Increase PC003 by \$470,500; 2. Note that the intent of this motion will replace Council's resolution to allocate the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure fund (Round 2) to Stage 2a (Apex Park), dated 18 May 2021, as this has since been implemented and that the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications will need to be contacted to confirm that the funds are to be reallocated to Stage 1 (Pioneer Park and Town Square); 3. Authorise the CEO to appoint a suitably qualified Project Manager to oversee the delivery of the CBD revitalisation projects namely Stage 1 (Pioneer Park and Town Square) and Stage 2a (Apex Park); 4. Note that the additional \$194,000 shortfall required to fund the Stage 1 (Pioneer Park and Town Square) designs and the appointment of a Project Manager will be outlined within the mid-year budget review; 5. Note the CEO will continue progressing Stage 2a (Apex Park) detailed designs and full costing for Council endorsement, in line with Council's resolution dated 6 July 2021; and 6. Authorises the CEO to continue actively seeking additional funding for Stage 2a (Apex Park) as detailed designs are developed. 	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>The detailed design works for Apex Park and Merredin Town square has been awarded to Place Laboratory in line with CMRef: 82887.</p> <p>June 2023: The Administration has submitted the Shire's grant application to Lotterywest seeking funding to address the current project budget shortfall. The outcome of the application is expected to be received in October 2023.</p> <p>August 2023: Lotterywest has advised the outcome is not likely to be known until late October / early November 2023.</p>
28/06/2022 CMRef: 82927 EMDS	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RECEIVE the provided information; 2. ADOPT the Draft Shire of Merredin Local Heritage Survey 2022; 3. NOTIFY owners and occupiers of premises to be entered into the Shire of Merredin Heritage List and invite each owner and occupier to make submissions on the proposal in accordance with Schedule 2 Part 3 Clause 8 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015; and, 4. REQUIRE all submissions received during the notice period to be brought back to Council for consideration, prior to finalisation and final adoption of the Shire of Merredin Heritage List and its publication in accordance with Clause 87 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015. 	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>March 2023: Notice period for submissions closes. All submissions will be referred to Shires Heritage Consultant Ms Laura Gray for review and comment. Finalised report and recommendations to be presented to Council at the August 2023 Ordinary Meeting.</p> <p>August 2023: Subject to a separate agenda item</p>
28/06/2022 CMRef: 82942 EMS&C	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ENDORSE an amount of \$40,000 to be included in the drafting of the 2022/23 budget, allocated to community funding; 	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>August 2023: Acquittal complete. No further action required.</p>

	<p>2.APPROVE in principle, that financial support be provided to the following community projects, being cash, waiver and in-kind allocation of \$32,934 in the draft 2022/23 budget, for the following amounts and under the following conditions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Merredin Amateur Swimming Club inc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Fee waiver for family pool pass to a maximum value of \$375 b. Merredin Military Museum Inc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Cash contribution \$3,000 II. Proof of co-funding provided before release of funds to ensure project success c. A Choired Taste (Merredin community singers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Fee waiver to the value of \$3,894 towards venue hire II. Funding to be released once MOU is in place for ongoing facility hire d. Meridian Regional Arts Inc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Cash contribution \$3,315 e. Merredin CRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Cash contribution \$5,000 II. Waiver \$1,350 f. Merredin Show Inc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. A combination of cash and in-kind to a total contribution value of \$10,000 g. Merredin Museum & Historical Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. In-kind contribution \$6,000; and, <p>3.APPROVE that financial support be provided to the following community projects, being cash allocation in the 2021/22 budget, for the following amounts and under the following conditions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wheatbelt Endurance Riders Inc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Cash contribution of \$2,000 II. Made in the 2021/22 financial year, outside of this 2022/23 grant funding round 	
<p>28/06/2022 CMRef: 82951 EMS&C</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ENDORSE the CEO or their delegate to enter into a partnership agreement with the Merredin Blue Light Unit for the provision of Blue Light events in Merredin. 2. NOTES The partnership in (1) above, will be to waive the fees associated with the free use of Shire facilities and non-staff resources, when the Merredin Blue Light Unit are providing agreed youth programs in Merredin within their available resources and capacity. 3. NOTES this partnership supports a maximum of 4 events per year or 5 events per year in the years where a large fundraising event is hosted; and 	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>The Administration has sent the agreement to PCYC for signing.</p> <p>June 2023: The Administration has followed up with PCYC during April, and aims to have the agreement signed ASAP.</p> <p>August 2023:</p>

	4. AUTHORISES the CEO to determine the terms of the partnership in (1) above, including the length of the partnership, the Shire resources to be allocated, and how the Shire will be recognised through the partnership with the Merredin Blue Light Unit.	No further updates at this time.
26/07/2022 CMRef: 89268 EMCS	That Council; 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.	IN PROGRESS April 2023: Communities have advised the item is still progressing, no further updates available. August 2023: No further update at this time.
25/08/2022 CMRef: 83002 EMS&C	That Council; 1. RECEIVES the report of the Panel for RFQ-02-2022/23 MRCLC Operation Management Review at Attachment 19.5A; 2. APPROVES the recommendations as contained within the Section 8, Recommendations, of Attachment 19.5A – RFQ-02-2022/23 Confidential Recommendation Report; and 3. AUTHORISES the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to apply the Shire of Merredin common seal to the Contract between the Shire of Merredin and Naja Business Consulting Services for RFQ-02-2022/23 MRCLC Operation Management Review as outlined in Attachment 19.5A – RFQ-02-2022/23 Confidential Recommendation Report, for the following: a) A base lump sum price of \$41,734.00 (ex GST); and b) Schedule of rates for additional services (per hour), for a total value of up to \$8,000 (ex GST).	IN PROGRESS August 2023: Tender Evaluations will be presented to Council at the August Ordinary Council Meeting
25/08/2022 CMRef: 83003 CEO	That Council; 1. SEEKS the approval of the Western Australian Electoral Commissioner for the current Shire of Merredin Councillor vacancy to remain vacant until the ordinary election day of October 2023; 2. NOTES the proposed Local Government reform may result in a change to Councillor numbers which would mean the vacancy would not be filled; and 3. NOTES a further report will be provided to Council should the Western Australian Electoral Commissioner not allow the vacancy to be held as proposed in Item 1 and 2 above.	IN PROGRESS May 2023: Item 2 resolved following advice from the LGAB they have accepted the Shire of Merredin ward and representation review with the plan as submitted. June 2023: No outstanding action required. Implementation will be at the elections of October 2023, and October 2025.

20/12/2022 CMRef: 83083 CEO	That Council AUTHORISES the appointment of an external consultant as the facilitator to assist Council in the development of the CEO Performance Review Policy to guide the CEO Performance Review process.	IN PROGRESS June 2023: A workshop with Council will be held in late June 2023. August 2023: The CEO performance review process is ongoing, and at the request of Council, consideration of the final report has been delayed to September 2023.
28/02/2023 CMRef: 83101 EMES	That Council 1. AUTHORISE the removal of one date palm located at Lot 1503 (45) Barrack Street, as identified within Attachment 13.1B – Location Map; and 2. NOTES photographic documentation of the date palm will occur prior to removal in line with the recommendation of the Shire of Merredin Municipal Heritage Inventory.	IN PROGRESS March 2023: The removal of the date palm will be completed in conjunction with the construction works for Merredin Town Centre. August 2023: No further updates at this time.
28/02/2023 CMRef: 83105 CEO	That Council; 1. DECLARE in accordance with section 4.20(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 the Electoral Commissioner be responsible for the conduct of the 2023 ordinary election together with any other elections or polls which may be required; 2. DECIDE in accordance with section 4.61(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 that the method of conducting the 2023 election be as a postal election; 3. ADVISE the Electoral Commissioner that Council opts for priority Australia Post delivery service for the lodgment of election packages; and 4. NOTES the associated costs of conducting the 2023 Ordinary Elections will be included in the draft 2023-24 budget.	IN PROGRESS August 2023: The WAEC has commenced working with the Administration on the 2023 Elections..
14/03/2023 CMRef: 83112 EMS&C	That Council; 1. APPROVES the extension of the MRCLC Management Agreement contract with Belgravia Leisure, to the value of \$98,346.00 ex GST, for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023; and 2. NOTES the inclusion of a provision of \$98,346.00 ex GST in the draft 2023/24 Annual Budget in GL 2110352 to meet Item 1 above.	COMPLETED August 2023: The extension is currently underway. Budget was adopted at the Special Council Meeting in August. No further action required.
28/03/2023 CMRef: 83129	That Council;	IN PROGRESS April 2023:

EMES/MP	<p>1. APPROVE the Chief Executive Officer to accept variation requests VO01, VO03 and VO05 to contract RFT 01 2021/22 Detailed Design Services between the Shire of Merredin and Place Laboratory;</p> <p>2. NOTE the acceptance of the above variation requests will increase the total contract value between the Shire of Merredin and Place Laboratory for RFT 01 2021/22 Detailed Design Services for Apex Park and Merredin Town Centre to the Proposed Amended Contract Value outlined within the report;</p> <p>3. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer, if necessary, to accept any further variations which do not result in the total contract value between the Shire of Merredin and Place Laboratory exceeding the Proposed Maximum Contract Value for RFT 01 2021/22 Detailed Design Services for Apex Park and Merredin Town Centre as outlined within this report; and</p> <p>4. NOTES that the maximum contract value outlined within Item 3, is within current budget provisions.</p>	<p>Variation request VO05 has been formalised and is awaiting formal acceptance.</p> <p>August 2023: Variation request VO05 was formally accepted in July 2023.</p>
04/04/2023 CMRef: 83133 EMCS	<p>That the Audit Committee;</p> <p>1. NOTES the proposed Audit timetable as presented in Attachment 6.1A, provided by the Office of the Auditor General and Dry Kirkness, for the Shire of Merredin's 2022/23 Audit; and</p> <p>2. NOTES that the Chief Executive Officer will sign the agreement for the 2022/23 Audit and provide the relevant information requested by the Auditors as outlined in Attachment 6.1C.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>April 2023: Part one complete, however agreement not yet provided for signing</p> <p>May 2023: Interim Audit visit completed 1-5 May.</p> <p>August 2023: No further update at this time.</p>
18/04/2023 CMRef: 83139 EMDS	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. ADVERTISE in accordance with Section 58 (3) of the Land Administration Act 1997, a notice of motion (published in a newspaper circulating in the district) its intention to resolve to approach the Minister responsible for the administration of the Land Administration Act 1997, requesting the closure of a portion of the gazetted road identified as the parcel of Land with a Polygon ID Number 3150496, forming portion of Coghill Street extending between Watson Road and Doyle Street, Merredin, as outlined in Attachment 12.3B; and</p> <p>2. CONSIDER all submissions received by the Shire of Merredin following the public advertising period at a subsequent Council meeting.</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>August 2023: Council at its meeting held on 18 July 2023 resolved following consideration of submissions received following the advertising period to approach the Minister for Lands requesting the closure of the portion of the road in question. The associated documentation has now been sent through to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage.</p>
16/05/2023 CMRef: 83155	That Council;	IN PROGRESS

CEO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APPROVES the Shire of Merredin to advertise the Management of the MRCLC based on the draft service review conducted by NAJA consulting which was presented to Council and Community on 9 May 2023; 2. APPROVES in principle the draft specifications for the Operations and Management tender for the MRCLC as per Attachment 10.1A to this report to meet the requirements of Council Resolution 83111; 3. NOTES this draft is approved subject to minor amendments and changes by the Administration prior to release and as required as clarification during the tender process; and <p>NOTES advice to community members and sporting groups will be that the specification at Attachment 10.1A is subject to a tender process and subsequent negotiations, and as such should not be considered as the final approved service level.</p>	<p>August 2023:</p> <p>The tender closed on 3 July 2023. Submissions have been evaluated and will be brought to Council in the August Ordinary Council Meeting.</p>
23/05/2023 CMRef: 83171 CEO	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SUPPORT sending a delegation of up to two (2) Elected Members to the 2023 SEGRA Conference; and 2. APPROVE the attendance of Cr Renee Manning and Cr Julie Flockart at the 2023 SEGRA conference. 	COMPLETED
13/06/2023 CMRef: 83175 CEO	<p>That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ENDORSE the employment of the preferred candidate for the Executive Manager Engineering Services role as described in the report, which is designated by the Council as a senior employee, under section 5.37 of the Local Government Act 1995; and, 2. NOTES this is subject to successful negotiations with the candidate, and should the recommended candidate decline, further advice will be provided to Council. 	COMPLETED
27/06/2023 CMRef: 83186 CEO	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APPROVES the creation of a new Council Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service and Contribution to Community; 2. ENDORSES the name of the award category to be the 'Mr Edward Johnston Award'; 3. NOTES nominations for this award may be submitted by Council Members and Executive Staff only; and 4. RECOMMENDS the Mr Edward Johnston Award be presented alongside the Auspire Community Citizen of the Year Awards on the 26 January each year. 	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>August 2023: Guidelines are in the process of being developed.</p>
27/06/2023 CMRef: 83188 EMS&C	<p>That Council;</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>August 2023:</p>

	<p>1. PROVIDE financial support to the following community projects, being a cash and in-kind allocation of \$30,565 (ex GST) in the 2023/24 Annual Budget, for the following amounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Merredin Show Inc support of \$10,000 (ex GST); b. Merredin Community Resource Centre support of \$5,738 (ex GST); and a condition to provide details to Council for each event six weeks prior to each event; c. Merredin Military Museum support of \$5,000 (ex GST), subject to other funding being secured; d. Merredin Railway Museum & Historical Society support of \$5,000 (ex GST) subject to other funding being secured and previous Shire of Merredin Community Funding acquittal being received; e. Merredin Community Garden support of \$3,597 (ex GST); f. Merredin College support of \$230 (ex GST); g. Wheatbelt Agcare Community Support Services Inc support of \$1,000 (ex GST); and <p>2. ENDORSE the remaining Community Funding Program allocation of \$9,445 (ex GST) for Quick Grants, which will be included in the 2023/24 Annual Budget.</p>	<p>Budget was adopted at the Special Council Meeting in August. Successful grant applicants have been advised of the outcome. No further action required at this stage.</p>
<p>27/06/2023 CMRef: 83189 CEO</p>	<p>That Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to correspond with CEACA as per Option 2 described in the report above, in relation to providing the requested letter of support for funding under the Federal Government Growing Regions Program; and 2. CONFIRMS, in-principle, the Shire of Merredin will provide the required support as outlined in Option 2 of the report. 	<p>COMPLETED</p>
<p>18/07/2023 CMRef: 83193 EMDS</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PERMITS the temporary access to Portion of Reserve 32849, Lot 1287 Insignia Way, Merredin by ARC Infrastructure for the purposes of undertaking works identified in the Merredin Turnout Replacement Plan as outlined in Attachment 12.1A; 2. ENDORSES the Licence to Use and Occupy Land Agreement as per Attachment 12.1A; 3. AUTHORISES the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to apply the Shire of Merredin Common Seal to the Licence to Use and Occupy Land Agreement as outlined in Attachment 12.1A; 4. ADVISES ARC Infrastructure that the above endorsement is subject to compliance with all relevant work health and safety requirements, including restricting access to the site to prevent unauthorised access during the construction phase of the works forming part of the Merredin Turnout Replacement Plan; 	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>August 2023: The Licence to Occupy and Use Land Agreement has now been executed by the Shire of Merredin.</p>

	<p>5. REQUIRES ARC Infrastructure to ensure that all necessary measures are implemented to prevent damage to Shire of Merredin infrastructure; and</p> <p>6. REQUIRES ARC Infrastructure to undertake a photographic survey of the Portion of Reserve 32849, Lot 1287 Insignia Way, Merredin, subject of the Licence to Use and Occupy Land Agreement, prior to commencement, and immediately following completion of the works forming part of the Merredin Turnout Replacement Plan, and the photographic survey is to be supplied to the Shire of Merredin.</p>	
<p>18/07/2023 CMRef: 83194 EMDS</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GRANTS development (planning) approval for the placement of a single transportable dwelling on Lot 38 McCallum Street, Muntadgin, as outlined in Attachment 12.2A; and 2. ADVISES the applicant that; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The granting of planning approval does not constitute building permit and that an application for a building permit must be submitted to the Shire of Merredin and be approved prior to commencement of any building work on site; and b) An application for an on-site effluent disposal system must be submitted to the Shire of Merredin and be approved before any work on the installation of the effluent disposal system can commence on site. 	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>August 2023: The development approval and associated building permit have now been issued by the Shire of Merredin.</p>
<p>18/07/2023 CMRef: 83195 EMDS</p>	<p>That Council RESOLVE in accordance with section 58 (1) of the Land Administration Act 1997, to approach the Minister responsible for the administration of the Land Administration Act 1997, requesting the closure of a portion of the gazetted road identified as the parcel of land with a Polygon ID Number 3150496, forming portion of Coghill Street extending between Watson Road and Doyle Street, Merredin, as outlined in Attachment 12.3B.</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>August 2023: The associated documentation has been sent through to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage for the next stage of the process.</p>
<p>18/07/2023 CMRef: 83196 EMDS</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GRANTS development (planning) approval for the placement and use of a single grouped dwelling on Lot 27627 (No 844) Hendrick Road, Muntadgin, as outlined in Attachment 12.4A, subject to; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The ongoing use of the dwelling being limited to workers or family members who will be engaged in the operation of the farm for primary production purposes; b) Provision of potable water to the dwellings via mains water supply or suitable onsite rainwater tank storage; c) The connection of the dwellings to an onsite effluent disposal system in accordance with requirements of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911; and d) Implementation and ongoing compliance with recommendations forming part of Bush Fire Management Plan Reference Number 230608 prepared by BPAD Bush Fire 	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>August 2023: The development approval has now been issued by the Shire of Merredin</p>

	<p>Planning & Design dated 20 June 2023, and specifically Table 3 (Schedule of Implementation & Management Responsibilities) which identifies the following bushfire protection measures to be implemented by the landowner;</p> <p>i. Install and maintain an Asset Protection Zone for the dwelling. The Asset Protection Zone is to extend a minimum 21m from all building elevations, measured from walls, veranda posts, attached structures and/or any adjacent structure within 6m of the dwelling. All vegetation within the APZ, including existing and any future landscaping, plantings and /or re-vegetation, is required to comply. A defendable space with 3m width is required immediately surrounding the dwelling. Any fencing within the APZ is required to comply. The positioning of any domestic gas cylinder within the APZ is required to comply. The required Asset Protection Zone standards from the Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas are detailed in Appendix 2;</p> <p>ii. Install and maintain a compliant driveway suitable for access by firefighting appliances. The driveway is to incorporate a min. 4m trafficable surface. Clearance from vegetation or other obstacles, such as fencing, is required to a min. 6m horizontally (width) and 4.5m vertically (height). A compliant vehicle turnaround point is required within 30m of the dwelling. The required driveway standards from the Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas are detailed in Appendix 3;</p> <p>iii. Install and maintain a compliant tank with 10,000L firefighting water supply. The water tank is to be non-combustible with approved valve and fittings. The water tank outlet valve is to be located within 4m of a vehicle hard stand suitable for firefighting appliances. The required water tank standards from the Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas are detailed in Appendix 4; and</p> <p>iv. Ensure the development is constructed to the applicable standards of AS3959 Construction of Buildings in Bushfire-prone Areas. The BAL rating is to be reassessed for the Building Permit Application, after the Asset Protection Zone is established; and</p> <p>2. ADVISES the applicant that;</p> <p>a) The granting of planning approval does not constitute a building approval and that an application for a Certificate of Building Compliance must be submitted to the Shire of Merredin for all building work; and</p> <p>b) An application for an on-site effluent disposal system must be submitted to the Shire of Merredin and be approved before any work on the installation of the effluent disposal system can commence on site.</p>	
18/07/2023 CMRef: 83197 EMDS	That Council GRANTS development (planning) approval for the erection of telecommunications infrastructure on Lot 21 (No 106) Barrack Street, Merredin, consisting of:	COMPLETED August 2023:

	<p>a) One (1) 1800mm, one (1) 1200mm and one (1) 900mm radiocommunications parabolic antennas on new steelwork mounted to Telstra existing lattice tower at 42m, 42m, 32m height respectively;</p> <p>b) Three (3) outdoor units (ODU's); and</p> <p>c) Associated ancillary equipment, feeder cabling and works within the existing equipment shelter, as outlined in Attachment 12.5A.</p>	The development approval has now been issued by the Shire of Merredin
18/07/2023 CMRef: 83198 EMES/MP	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. SUPPORT in principle the creation of an easement over portion of Lot 1503 (45) Barrack Street, Merredin, as per Attachment 13.1A – Easement Plan, to enable the installation of a 315kVA district transformer, that will feed the proposed Synergy EV Charging Station and the Town Centre;</p> <p>2. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to provide consent, and negotiate with the Department of Planning, Land and Heritage and Synergy as required, for the creation of an easement over portion of Lot 1503 (45) Barrack Street, Merredin, as per Attachment 13.1A – Easement Plan, subject to the agreement of all parties; and</p> <p>3. NOTES that a Deed of Easement documentation will need to be finalised between the relevant parties once an agreement is reached.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>August 2023: A Letter of Consent has been provided to Synergy supporting the creation of the proposed easement. Synergy will apply to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to create the easement.</p>
18/07/2023 CMRef: 83200 EMS&C	That Council ENDORSES the extension of the existing Pioneers' Pathway Memorandum of Understanding for an additional 12 months (30 June 2024) at a financial contribution of \$3,500 for the period.	COMPLETED
18/07/2023 CMRef: 83202 CEO	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. NOTES the training and development undertaken by Elected Members during the 2022/23 financial year, as detailed in Attachment 16.2A; and</p> <p>2. NOTES the 2022/23 Elected Member Training and Development Register, as detailed in Attachment 16.2A will be placed on the Shire of Merredin website.</p>	COMPLETED
18/07/2023 CMRef: 83204 EMCS	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. ACCEPT the offer received for Assessment A8522, Lot 29, McCallum Street, Muntadgin WA 6420 for a value of \$5,000; and</p> <p>2. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer and the Shire President to execute a Contract of Sale and apply the Shire of Merredin Common Seal to the agreed contract.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>August 2023: Formal Acceptance has been signed and returned. Settlement is scheduled for 31 August.</p>
18/07/2023 CMRef: 83205 EMCS	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. DOES NOT ENDORSE the request received from a ratepayer to reimburse 'Rubbish Commercial 3.0m3' charges for Assessment 1760 of \$4270 for the 2022/23 financial year; and</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>August 2023: Letter sent 26 July 2023 with outcome of Council meeting</p>

	2. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to write to the ratepayer advising Council has considered the request, and the outcome of the request, as per the above.																																	
1/08/2023 CMRef: 83207 EMCS	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. ADOPTS for the Shire of Merredin, the Annual Budget for the 2023/24 financial year, pursuant to the provisions of section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Part 3 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, as outlined in Attachment 10.1A which includes the following:</p> <p>a. Budget Statement of Comprehensive Income (by Nature or Type);</p> <p>b. Budget Statement of Cash Flows;</p> <p>c. Budget Rate Setting Statement;</p> <p>d. Notes to the Annual Budget including statement of Rating Information;</p> <p>e. Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2023-24;</p> <p>2. IMPOSES the following differential general and minimum rates on Gross Rental and Unimproved Values adopted for the purpose of yielding the deficiency disclosed by the Municipal Fund Budget in the Rate Setting Statement, pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995:</p> <p>General Rates</p> <table><tr><td>Gross Rental Values</td><td>Minimum</td><td>Rate in \$</td></tr><tr><td>GRV</td><td>\$910</td><td>0.125774</td></tr></table> <p>General Differential Rates</p> <table><tr><td>Unimproved Value</td><td>Minimum Rate</td><td>Rate in \$</td></tr><tr><td>UV1 – Rural</td><td>\$1,130.00</td><td>0.015758</td></tr><tr><td>UV2 – Urban Rural</td><td>\$1,130.00</td><td>0.031480</td></tr><tr><td>UV3 – Mining</td><td>\$200.00</td><td>0.023000</td></tr><tr><td>UV4 – Power Generation</td><td>\$1,130.00</td><td>0.028900</td></tr><tr><td>UV5 – Special Use Airstrip</td><td>\$1,130.00</td><td>0.028900</td></tr></table> <p>3. ADOPTS the following due dates for the payment in full by instalments, pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 64(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996:</p> <table><tr><td>Full payment or 1st Instalment due date</td><td>15 September 2023</td></tr><tr><td>2nd Instalment due date</td><td>17 November 2023</td></tr><tr><td>3rd Instalment due date</td><td>19 January 2024</td></tr><tr><td>4th Instalment due date</td><td>22 March 2024</td></tr></table> <p>4. ADOPTS an instalment administration charge where the owner has elected to pay rates (and service charges) through an instalment option of \$13 for each instalment after the initial instalment is paid, pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government</p>	Gross Rental Values	Minimum	Rate in \$	GRV	\$910	0.125774	Unimproved Value	Minimum Rate	Rate in \$	UV1 – Rural	\$1,130.00	0.015758	UV2 – Urban Rural	\$1,130.00	0.031480	UV3 – Mining	\$200.00	0.023000	UV4 – Power Generation	\$1,130.00	0.028900	UV5 – Special Use Airstrip	\$1,130.00	0.028900	Full payment or 1st Instalment due date	15 September 2023	2nd Instalment due date	17 November 2023	3rd Instalment due date	19 January 2024	4th Instalment due date	22 March 2024	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>August 2023: Budget has been entered into the software system as per the adopted budget.</p> <p>Rates have been raised and were posted 7 August 2023.</p> <p>Budget has been provided to DLGSC as per regulations.</p> <p>Website has been updated with current Fees and Charges and rating information.</p>
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	<p>Act 1995 and Regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996;</p> <p>5. ADOPTS an interest rate of 5.5% where the owner has elected to pay rates (and service charges) through an instalment option, pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 68 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996;</p> <p>6. ADOPTS an interest rate of 6.0% for rates (and service charges) and costs of proceedings to recover such charges that remain unpaid after becoming due and payable, pursuant to section 6.51(1) and subject to section 6.51(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 70 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996;</p> <p>7. ADOPTS the 2023/24 Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Shire of Merredin removal and/or deposit of domestic and commercial waste included in Attachment 10.1C, pursuant to section 67 of the Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007;</p> <p>8. ADOPTS the following annual fees for payment of Elected Members in lieu of individual meeting attendance fees, pursuant to section 5.99 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996;</p> <p>Shire President \$8,170</p> <p>Deputy Shire President \$8,170</p> <p>Councillors \$8,170</p> <p>9. ADOPTS the following annual local government allowances to be paid in addition to the annual meeting allowance, pursuant to section 5.98A of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 33 and 33A of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996; and</p> <p>Shire President \$13,610</p> <p>Deputy Shire President \$3,400</p> <p>10. ENDORSES that the level to be used in the Statement of Financial Activity in 2023/24 for the reporting of material variance shall be whichever is greater of 10% and \$10,000, in accordance with Regulation 34(5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 and AASB 1031 Materiality.</p>	
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