

Status Report as at January 2024

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> <p>September 2023: Minister Michael's office emailed outlining next steps required to be taken.</p> <p>January 2024: No further updates at this time.</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	That Council commits to CEACA's progression of the VERSO report to review; I. Community Care Packages;	IN PROGRESS

<p>CEO</p>	<p>II. Transport; and III. Residential Aged Care And; That Council requests that CEACA committee requests that the VERSO plan be updated now that the units are in situ. Reason for Officers Recommendation: 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>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 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>January 2024: No further updates at this time.</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>September 2023: Officers are including consideration for EV's in current procurement processes, and updates will be provided to Council as this progresses.</p>

		<p>October 2023: Quote received, and currently being analysed.</p> <p>January 2024: No further updates at this time.</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>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: 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: 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: Assessment: A3325 Type/Zoning: Residential Period Outstanding: 27/7/2017 to Current Amount Outstanding: \$6,369.85 Last Payment: 13/4/2018</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>October 2023: No further update at this time.</p> <p>December 2023: Settlement has occurred for A445. A9370 & A624 are still in progress.</p> <p>January 2024: A9370 has been returned to the Shire.</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: 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: Assessment: A445 Type/Zoning: Residential Period Outstanding: 25/7/2016 to Current Amount Outstanding: \$8,409.91 Last Payment: 1/4/2019</p> <p>7. 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 \$17,957.31: Assessment A624 Type/Zoning Vacant Residential Period Outstanding 27/7/2011 to Current Amount Outstanding \$17,957.31 Last Payment 22/12/2017</p>	
<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); 	<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</p>

	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>7. Review Policy 2.10 Council Staff Housing and report to Council.</p>	<p>operational constraints and business requirements for the existing stock.</p> <p>January 2024: No further updates at this time.</p>
<p>16/03/2021 CMRef: 82699 CEO</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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> <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>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>Enquiries made with DPLH.</p> <p>July 2023: No updated information provided from DPLH</p> <p>January 2024: No further updates at this time.</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>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: Final detailed design endorsed by Council during September Ordinary Council Meeting 2023.</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>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: Final detailed design endorsed by Council during September Ordinary Council Meeting 2023.</p>

	<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Retention of park fencing; Skate Park facilities (including targeted consultation); RV/Caravan parking; Themed garden; Concrete track for scooters; Benches for parents including in the skate park area; Merredin Information boards; and Soccer kick wall." 	
<p>23/11/2021 CMRef: 82832 MP/EMES</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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"> Reduce PC001 by \$470,500 Increase PC003 by \$470,500; 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); 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); 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; 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 Authorises the CEO to continue actively seeking additional funding for Stage 2a (Apex Park) as detailed designs are developed. 	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: Final detailed design endorsed by Council during September Ordinary Council Meeting 2023. Additional funding secured to allow delivery of the project.</p>
<p>28/06/2022 CMRef: 82951 EMS&C</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>The Administration has sent the agreement to PCYC for signing.</p> <p>June 2023:</p>

	<p>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> <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.</p>	<p>The Administration has followed up with PCYC during April, and aims to have the agreement signed ASAP.</p> <p>January 2024: No further updates at this time.</p>
<p>26/07/2022 CMRef: 89268 EMCS</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <p>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</p> <p>2. ALLOCATE a total of \$2500 in the 2022-23 draft budget towards associated valuation and conveyance costs.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>January 2024: Sale contracts were received at the end of December. EMCS has sent queries through to the Department regarding some terms and is awaiting response.</p>
<p>28/02/2023 CMRef: 83101 EMES</p>	<p>That Council</p> <p>1. AUTHORISE the removal of one date palm located at Lot 1503 (45) Barrack Street, as identified within Attachment 13.1B – Location Map; and</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>March 2023: The removal of the date palm will be completed in conjunction with the construction works for Merredin Town Centre.</p> <p>January 2024: No further updates at this time.</p>
<p>28/03/2023 CMRef: 83129 EMES/MP</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <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>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>April 2023: 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> <p>September 2023: An additional minor variation request (VO06) associated with the installation of the Synergy EV Charging Station has been formally accepted.</p>

		January 2024: No further updates at this time.
27/06/2023 CMRef: 83186 CEO	That Council: 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.	IN PROGRESS December 2023: Guidelines have been developed and the award will be presented alongside the Auspire Community Citizen of the Year Awards on 26 January 2024. January 2024: No further updates at this time.
18/07/2023 CMRef: 83198 EMES/MP	That Council; 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; 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 3. NOTES that a Deed of Easement documentation will need to be finalised between the relevant parties once an agreement is reached.	IN PROGRESS 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. September 2023 Synergy applied for the easement and start the working on installing 315kVA district transformer. January 2024: No further updates at this time.
22/08/2023 CMRef: 83219 CEO	That Council; 1. NOTES the closure of the Shire Administration Office from 1pm Friday, 22 December 2023 to the morning of Tuesday, 2 January 2024, with closures at other facilities to be determined closer to the period; and 2. NOTES information relating closures will be advertised to community in December, including hours of operation and emergency contact information.	COMPLETED
22/08/2023 CMRef: 83221 CEO	That Council ENDORSES the proposed changes to the CEACA Constitution, as per Attachment 16.4A.	IN PROGRESS September 2023:

		<p>CEACA Meeting held 4th September 2023 prior to adopting the changes to the constitution as per the submitted changes, advice is being sought on the charitable status of the organisation should RCHP status be granted. Therefore the changes have not yet been finalised.</p> <p>January 2024: No further updates at this time.</p>
<p>19/09/2023 CMRef: 83237 CEO</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. ADVISE the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety – Consumer Protection that the Shire of Merredin will not be varying its previously approved standard retail trading hours for the 2023/24 Christmas/New Year period; and</p> <p>2. NOTES the Shire of Merredin will consult with retailers in the current year to confirm current general trading hours remain suitable for the locality.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p>
<p>19/09/2023 CMRef: 83238 CEO</p>	<p>That Council NOTE that the Council Bi-Annual Dinner Function, pursuant to Policy 1.13 will be held in the Tivoli Room at the Cummins Theatre on Tuesday, 28 November 2023.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>December 2023: Council will need to discuss a new date for this due to clashes and limited time in the remaining year. It will need to be moved to 2024.</p> <p>January 2024: No further updates at this time.</p>
<p>19/09/2023 CMRef: 83241 MP/EMES</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. ENDORSES the final detailed design and full costing for Apex Park and Merredin Town Centre as presented in Attachment 19.2A - Apex Park & Merredin Town Centre Design Package; and</p> <p>2. NOTES the Request for Tender (RFT) documentation for the revitalisation of Apex Park and Merredin Town Centre will be released in line with the designs presented at Attachment 19.2A – Apex Park & Merredin Town Centre Design Package.</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: Request for Tender documentation released in line with endorsed designs in September 2023.</p>
<p>17/10/2023 CMRef: 83250 EMES/MP</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. AUTHORISE the execution of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Grant Agreement – Phase 4 between the Federal Government represented by the</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: Proposed project nominations described within Item 19.1 which was endorsed by</p>

	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts and the Shire of Merredin; and</p> <p>2. NOTES the project(s) to be nominated for funding as part of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Grant Agreement – Phase 4b will be presented to Council for endorsement, and any required budget amendments prior to being submitted to the Federal Government for approval.</p>	Council during the December 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.															
<p>17/10/2023 CMRef: 83251 EMES/MP</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. SUPPORT in principle the installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Station to be located at Lot 1503 (45) Barrack Street, Merredin, as per Attachment 11.2A; and</p> <p>2. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Letter of Intent on behalf of the Shire of Merredin to provide in principle support for the installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Station to be located at Lot 1503 (45) Barrack Street, Merredin, as per Attachment 11.2A.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>December 2023: Installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Station completed.</p> <p>January 2024: No further updates</p>															
<p>17/10/2023 CMRef: 83259 EMES</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. RECEIVES the Recommendation Report included as Attachment 16.1A – Confidential Recommendation Report RFQ 03 2023-24 Merredin – Naremben Rd Culvert Extension SLK 9.18;</p> <p>2. Subject to funding confirmation from Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network:</p> <p>a. APPROVES the recommendations as contained within Section 7 of the Confidential Report included as Attachment 16.1A – Confidential Recommendation Report RFQ 03 2023-24 Merredin – Naremben Rd Culvert Extension SLK 9.18;</p> <p>b. ACCEPT the unbudgeted additional income of \$47,974, ex GST from Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network;</p> <p>c. APPROVES the amendment to the 2023/24 Annual Budget as per the below table:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Account</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Current Budget</th> <th>Amendment</th> <th>Revised Budget</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>RC239</td> <td>Merredin-Naremben Road (Capital)</td> <td>\$3,975,600</td> <td>+\$47,974</td> <td>\$4,023,574</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3120118</td> <td>ROADC – Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN)</td> <td>\$3,443,700</td> <td>+\$47,974</td> <td>\$3,491,674</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>d. AUTHORISE the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign and apply the Shire of Merredin Common Seal to the Contract between the Shire of Merredin and Ringa Civil for RFQ 03 2023-24 Merredin – Naremben Rd Culvert Extension SLK 9.18 up to a total value of \$281,500 ex GST; and</p>	Account	Description	Current Budget	Amendment	Revised Budget	RC239	Merredin-Naremben Road (Capital)	\$3,975,600	+\$47,974	\$4,023,574	3120118	ROADC – Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN)	\$3,443,700	+\$47,974	\$3,491,674	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>January 2024: Work is planned to start in January 2024.</p>
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RC239	Merredin-Naremben Road (Capital)	\$3,975,600	+\$47,974	\$4,023,574													
3120118	ROADC – Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN)	\$3,443,700	+\$47,974	\$3,491,674													

	e. AUTHORISES Item 2d above, SUBJECT TO confirmation from WSFN of a new total project budget of \$300,000 consisting of \$280,000 WSFN contribution and \$20,000 municipal contribution.	
24/10/2023 CMRef: 83273 CEO	That Council 1. NOTES the Shire of Merredin will submit a nomination for consideration by the Minister for Regional Development as a Board Member (Local Government) of the Wheatbelt Development Commission; and 2. AUTHORISES the Shire President to endorse the application of Councillor Crook.	COMPLETED
11/12/2023 CMRef: 83286 CEO	That Council; 1. CONFIRMS the recruitment of the permanent Chief Executive Officer will be conducted in accordance with the process set out in Policy 2.31 Mandatory Standards for CEO Recruitment Performance and Termination. 2. APPOINTS Beilby Downing Teal as the recruitment consultants to assist the Council in the recruitment process. 3. ESTABLISH the Selection Panel for the recruitment of the Chief Executive Officer comprising of the Shire President, the Deputy Shire President, and Cr Crook. 4. AUTHORISES the panel to work directly with Beilby Downing Teal to identify and recruit the independent panel member and recommend the appointment to Council. 5. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to liaise with the recruitment consultant (once appointed) to support the panel to coordinate the recruitment process in an appropriate confidential manner. 6. ENDORSES the release of the media statement attached as Attachment 19.4C, on behalf of Council.	IN PROGRESS
11/12/2023 CMRef: 83289 EMCS	That Council ENDORSE the following recommendations from the Audit Committee Meeting of 15 November 2023 being; 1. Item 6.1: That Council ENDORSE the Auditor's Opinion Package, including Audited Financial Report for the year ending 30 June 2023, Audit Opinion, Transmittal Letter to CEO, and Management Response – Shire of Merredin from the Office of the Auditor General for the 2022/23 financial year, once received, subject to there being no significant changes made from the draft documents presented to the Audit Committee; and 2. Item 6.2 That Council: a. NOTES that the Financial Report 2017/18 included in the publicised Shire of Merredin Annual Report 2017/18 was not the audited version of the annual financials; and	COMPLETED January 2024: No changes were made to the received draft.

	<p>b. NOTES this resulted in a reporting difference in depreciated total roads value of \$252,796,614.26 in the 2017/18 Annual Report. The correct figures were published in the 2018/19 Annual Report, and have been used since.</p>	
<p>11/12/2023 CMRef: 83290 EMCS</p>	<p>That Council ENDORSE the following recommendations from the Audit Committee Meeting of 11 December 2023 being;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Item 6.1: That Council ENDORSE the 2022/23 Financial Management Review Report for the Shire of Merredin, as presented in Attachment 6.1A; and 2. Item 6.2: That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. ADOPTS the Shire of Merredin Annual Report 2022/23 (Attachment 6.2A), subject to design amendments, and AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to approve any minor changes that may be required before the document is finalised for publishing; and b. RESOLVES to hold its Annual General Meeting of Electors on Tuesday 23 January 2024, commencing at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers. 	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: Annual Report advertised via public notice (website, social media, notice board and newsletter) in December. Annual Electors meeting also advertised as per the above.</p>
<p>11/12/2023 CMRef: 83291 EMDS</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GIVES local public notice stating that the Shire of Merredin proposes to review its local laws under s3.16 of the Local Government Act 1995; 2. NOTES that a copy of the local laws may be inspected or obtained at the Shire of Merredin offices or from its website; 3. ADVISES that submissions about the local laws may be made to the Shire before a day to be specified in the notice, being a day that is not less than 6 weeks after the notice is given; and 4. NOTES that the results of the above advertising are to be presented to Council for consideration of any submissions received. 	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>January 2024: Awaiting advice on availability of Phoenix editions in the 2024 new year to allow for advertising of the local law review.</p>
<p>11/12/2023 CMRef: 83292 EMDS</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GRANT development (planning) approval for an extractive industry operation at Lot 18 Korbrelkulling Road, (Korbel) Merredin, as per plans forming part of Attachment 12.2A, subject to; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. planning consent being valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of approval; b. extractive industry license being valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of approval; c. an annual extractive industry license fee of \$300 inc GST to be paid; d. hours of operation of extractive industry operations are restricted to 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am to 5:00pm Saturday and Sunday and not at all on Public Holidays; 	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: Development approval has now been issued by the Shire of Merredin.</p>

	<p>e. all loaded vehicles involved in extractive industry operations to egress from the property utilising Korbrelkulling Road on to Hines Hill Road;</p> <p>f. all vehicles involved in extractive industry operations not permitted on Korbrelkulling Road during school bus hours;</p> <p>g. the operator shall, at the direction of Executive Manager Engineering Services, undertake certain measures so as to minimise the impact of vehicles involved in extractive industry operations on Korbrelkulling Road;</p> <p>h. the requirements of clause 6.1(a) of the Shire of Merredin Local Law No.10 – Extractive Industries not be imposed;</p> <p>i. dust control and suppression measures to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer shall be maintained over the site;</p> <p>j. extraction of material will not occur below RL259.0 as per surveyor’s plan –dated 30 October 2018 submitted on behalf of the applicant by Paul Kraft and Associates;</p> <p>k. rehabilitation to involve the planting and nurturing of a minimum 4,000 oil mallees and to be completed within 12 months of the conclusion of operations;</p> <p>l. all other relevant statutory consents, approvals or permits be obtained from the relevant statutory authority prior to commencing works; and</p> <p>2. NOTE that the development (planning) approval incorporates and supersedes the previous development approval (PA18/05) for extractive industry operations on Avon Location 11 Korbrelkulling Road, (Korbel) Merredin granted in December 2005 (CMRef 28253), extended in March 2016 (CMRef 81752) and extended in November 2018 (CMRef 82275).</p>															
<p>11/12/2023 CMRef: 83293 EMES</p>	<p>That Council ENDORSES the Proposed 5-Year Regional Road Group Program as per Attachment 13.1A.</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: 5-Year RRG Program was endorsed by Council.</p>														
<p>11/12/2023 CMRef: 83294 EMCS</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RECEIVE the Statements of Financial Activity and Investment Report for the period ending 31 October 2023 in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996; AMENDS the Shire of Merredin 2023/24 Schedule of Fees and Charges to include the proposed new fee, as per the following table: <table border="1" data-bbox="369 1324 1478 1398"> <thead> <tr> <th>Account</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Unit</th> <th>GST</th> <th>Total (incl GST)</th> <th>GST</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="7">New Fee/Charge</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Account	Description	Unit	GST	Total (incl GST)	GST	Notes	New Fee/Charge							<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: The new fee and charge was advertised by public notice on 14 December 2023. It has been added to the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2023/24 and was updated on the Shire’s website on 2 January 2024.</p>
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	<p>3100520 Electric Vehicle Charger – Shire Administration Per kWh \$0.03 \$0.35 Y Payment is via the “Chargefox: EV Charging Network” Application 3. NOTES the changes will be incorporated into the 2023/2024 Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Shire of Merredin; 4. APPROVES advertising the changes to the fees and charges as per Item 2 above, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995; and 5. INITIATES the changes to the fees and charges as per Item 3, upon completion of Item 4 of the recommendation above.</p>	
11/12/2023 CMRef: 83296 EMCS	That Council ADOPT Policy 1.15 – Elected Member Devices, as presented in Attachment 14.3A.	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: The updated policy has been incorporated in the policy manual which is published on the Shire website.</p>
11/12/2023 CMRef: 83297 EMCS	That Council ADOPT Policy 3.18 – Financial Reserves, as presented in Attachment 14.4A.	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: The updated policy has been incorporated in the policy manual which is published on the Shire website.</p>
11/12/2023 CMRef: 83298 EMCS	That Council: 1. NOTES the proposed amendments to the Shire of Merredin Register of Delegated Authority as per Attachment 14.5A; and 2. ENDORSES the updated Shire of Merredin Register of Delegated Authority, as per Attachment 14.5B.	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: The changes have been reflected on Attain and in the delegation register, which is published on the Shire website.</p>
11/12/2023 CMRef: 83299 EMCS	That Council APPROVES the 2023/24 Budget Review 1, as at 31 October 2023, and AUTHORIZES the amendments detailed in Attachment 14.6A.	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: All amendments have been reflected in the Shire’s accounting software.</p>
11/12/2023 CMRef: 83300 CEO	That Council: 1. NOTE the revision of Policy 1.20 – Councillor Training and Professional Development, as presented in Attachment 15.1A; 2. ADOPT Policy 1.20 with minor changes as presented in Attachment 15.1B;	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: The updated Policies have been put in the Policy Manual which is published on the Shire website.</p>

	<p>3. NOTE the revision of Policy 1.21 – CEO and Councillor Attendance at Events, as presented in Attachment 15.1C; and</p> <p>4. ADOPT Policy 1.21 with minor changes as presented in Attachment 15.1D.</p>	
<p>11/12/2023 CMRef: 83302 CEO</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. ACCEPTS the invitation from WALGA to become a RoadWise Council;</p> <p>2. AUTHORISES the CEO to execute the Road Wise Council Registration Form at Attachment 15.3B; and</p> <p>3. NOMINATES the Shire President and Executive Manager Engineering Services as the primary contacts for road safety matters.</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p>
<p>11/12/2023 CMRef: 83303 CEO</p>	<p>That Council ENDORSE, that Councillors Manning and Simmonds be nominated as Members and Councillors Crook and Anderson as Alternate Members for the Shire of Merredin on the Mid-West/Wheatbelt Joint Development Assessment Panel and their nomination be submitted to the Minister for Planning for consideration.</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>January 2024: The nomination form was sent in and the nominations have been approved by the Minister for Planning.</p>
<p>11/12/2023 CMRef: 83304 CEO</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. DECLARE, in accordance with section 4.20(4) of the Local Government Act 1995, the Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the conduct of the extraordinary election; and</p> <p>2. DECIDE, in accordance with section 4.61(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 that the method of conducting the extraordinary election will be as a postal election.</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p>