## **Status Report as at August 2025**

Date / CMRef / Officer	Subject	Status (Public)
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.	February 2023: EMCS has rung and emailed Minister Carey's office requesting information on the progress of the land revesting.  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.  September 2023: Minister Michael's office emailed outlining next steps required to be taken.
		April 2025: The Administration are looking to bring an item to Council rescinding this resolution and then approving the sale by auction for unpaid rates exceeding 3 years.
		June 2025: No further updates at this time.
		August 2025: No further updates at this time.
20/08/2019 CMRef: 82410 EMDS	That Council:  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	IN PROGRESS  Awaiting preparation of documentation by the Water Corporation for signing by the Shire President and CEO.

	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.	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.  June 2025: Administration have been in contact with the Water Corporation. Unlikely for any progress to occur within the next 12 months.
15/09/2020	1. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the	COMPLETED
CMRef: 82605	property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the	
EMCS	proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$13,619.31:	April 2023:
	Assessment A6511	Land transfer documents completed and lodged for
	Type/Zoning Residential	A9370 and A624.
	Period Outstanding 11/8/2014 to Current	A445 settlement delayed further, expected late
	Amount Outstanding \$13,619.31 Last Payment 3/9/2015	May early June.
	2. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the	December 2023:
	property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the	Settlement has occurred for A445.
	proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$10,023.49: Assessment A6070	A9370 & A624 are still in progress.
	Type/Zoning General Farming/Urban Residential	January 2024:
	Period Outstanding 25/7/2016 to Current Amount Outstanding \$10,023.49	A9370 has been returned to the Shire.
	Last Payment 27/9/2015	February 2024:
	3. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the	An item relating to A9370 will be presented to
	property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which	Council at the February Ordinary Council Meeting.
	totals \$13,464.10:	March 2024:
	Assessment A9370	A624 transfer delayed, but still progressing.
	Type/Zoning Vacant Residential	
	Period Outstanding 11/8/2014 to Current	June 2024:
	Amount Outstanding \$13,464.10	A624 has been transferred back to the Shire.
	Last Payment 7/11/2013	Discussions commenced and processes
	4. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the	recommenced to auction other properties listed.
	property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the	
	proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which	September 2024:
	totals \$6,369.85:	
	Assessment: A3325	

Type/Zoning: Residential Discussions with debt collection agency have Period Outstanding: 27/7/2017 to Current occurred and plans to reauction remaining Amount Outstanding: \$6,369.85 properties have commenced. Last Payment: 13/4/2018 5. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the April 2025: property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the Auctions completed. All three properties sold. proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which Currently with the settlement agencies. totals \$11,008.81: Assessment: A1625 May 2025: Type/Zoning: Vacant Residential Transfer papers for all three properties signed, Period Outstanding: 29/4/2015 to Current awaiting confirmation of settlement. Amount Outstanding: \$11,008.81 Last Payment: 21/11/2014 June 2025: 6. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the Two properties settled, third hoping to occur prior property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the to 30 June 2025. Write-off of outstanding debt to proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which come to June OCM. totals \$8,409.91: Assessment: A445 **August 2025:** Type/Zoning: Residential All properties have now settled, and the write-off of Period Outstanding: 25/7/2016 to Current outstanding debt has been completed. Amount Outstanding: \$8,409.91 Last Payment: 1/4/2019 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 16/03/2021 That Council instruct the Chief Executive Officer to: **IN PROGRESS** 1. Obtain a valuation from a suitably qualified registered valuer for Lot 1498 Caridi Close, Merredin; CMRef: 82698 CEO 2. Engage local real estate agents to determine the availability and value of suitable executive housing Briefing provided to Council that all staff housing within the Merredin townsite. currently required and recommend this item is 3. Report to Council preliminary estimates for the construction of a 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom executive delayed, with further work completed in the home on an appropriate lot within the Merredin townsite; 2022/23 year. 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 July 2023:

	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.	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.  September 2024:  2 properties identified for potential sale, with valuations received. Further discussions to be had with tenants.
		June 2025: Staff housing policy reviewed by CEO and adopted by ELT on 4 February 2025. One of the six identified properties has been sold, with settlement completed in late May 2025. A second property is currently tenanted by a private party. At expiry of current lease the Shire will investigate sale of this property.
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.	December 2024: Teams meeting between DoC, EMCS and CEO on 28 October to discuss finalisation of sale. Phone call from DoC received 10.12.2024 - hoping contracts will be signed in the near future.  April 2025: EMCS met with DoC via Teams. Contract is currently with the minister and it is hoped the signing will occur shortly. Settlement expected for May/ June.
		May 2025: All requested information has been provided to DoC, settlement agent engaged, awaiting receipt of signed contract from DoC.  June 2025:

		Signed contract received 30 May 2025, settlement scheduled for 30 June 2025.
20/04/2024		August 2025: Settlement occurred 30 June 2025.
30/04/2024 CMRef: 83369 EMDS	That Council:  1. NOTES the outcomes of the review of the Shire of Merredin's local laws under s3.16 of the Local Government Act 1995; and  2. NOTES proposals to amend local laws under s3.12 of the Local Government Act 1995 will be presented to Council for its consideration in due course.	June 2024: Comprehensive review of Shire of Merredin Local Laws will now be undertaken by Consultant and EMDS before being brought back to Council for its consideration later in 2024
		October 2024: Council briefed on progress of the Local Law Review
		January 2025: Agenda Item relating to Proposed Dog Amendment Local Law was presented to Council.
		March 2025: Advertising of Proposed Amendment Local Law ongoing.
		June 2025: Individual Local Laws are still going through relevant advertising and referral processes.
30/04/2024 CMRef: 83370 EMES	That Council:  1. APPROVES the request and includes the eastern side of Bailey Rd on the Shire of Merredin Roads Register;	IN PROGRESS December 2024:
	2. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to obtain the required permits, and construct formed dry weather only Rd - 2.2 km between Merredin – Nungarin Rd to the boundary of Lot 13170, and to invoice the person making the request for the construction costs of \$36,000 + GST;  3. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to inform the adjoining land owners prior to any work being undertaken; and	Road Centreline Design Completed Site Setout Completed Application for Vegetation Removal Permit submitted
	4. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to inform the local farmer that Council reserves the right to extend the road to Old-Nukarni Rd if future needs arise.	March 2025: Advised by Department that there is further information required to be submitted as part of their community consultation. Being actioned.

## May 2025: Contact made with Department who advised major concerns in relation to habitat loss, threatened species in the area. Dept indicated that it was unlikely we would get any approval. Contact made with applicant - he is liaising with the Dept to address concerns. Shire will continue with additional vegetation survey only if concerns adequately addressed. June 2025: Dept confirmed that all outstanding vegetation concerns have been addressed by the Shire. Applicant is to address concerns from Dept consultation process. **August 2025:** Council is supporting a reduced width and realignment that avoids significant vegetation impact and clearing, and naturally discouraging general public use, as the road will not be standard width and will be a no thru road. 30/07/2024 **IN PROGRESS** That Council: CMRef: 83426 1. ENDORSES Attachment 14.5A Pioneers' Pathway Memorandum of Understanding 2024 – 2027, EMS&C including a financial contribution of: September 2024: a. \$3,500 for 2024 – 2025, Pioneers Pathways have been notified of Council b. \$4,000 for 2025 – 2026, Outcome. c. \$4,500 for 2026 - 2027; 2. NOTES the review of the Strategic Operational Plan 2024 – 2027 as per Attachment 14.5B; and December 2024: 3. GRANTS the Chief Executive Officer delegated authority to execute this Memorandum of Contact made with Pioneers Pathways who have Understanding. confirmed that the MoU has not been finalised yet. March 2025: Pioneers Pathway have placed the Signing of the MoU on hold. May 2025:

		Meeting to be held with other remaining Shires to confirm ongoing viability of program
		June 2025:  Meeting held early June – Quorum was not met.  Meeting rescheduled for July 2025.
		September 2025: Extension of current MoU in place for the next six (6) months.
26/11/2024 CMRef 83484 EMDS	That Council:  1. ENDORSES the commencement of the process of review of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan as shown in Attachments 12.1B;  2. GIVES public notice of the commencement of the review, seeking public submissions; and  3. NOTES that a further report on the outcomes of the public consultation process together with a Draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (2025-2030), will be submitted for Council consideration at a future ordinary council meeting.	DAIP Consultation Process being formulated in conjunction with Shire Media Officer  March 2025: Public consultation process has now closed with 15 submissions from the public being received as well as information provided at a DAIP Focus Group workshop. These comments will be presented to Council shortly.
		June 2025:  DAIP will go back to Council for final adoption at the June Ordinary Council Meeting.  DAIP has been adopted by Council and its adoption is being advertised in the Phoenix on 4/7/2025
26/11/2024 CMRef 83488 EMES	That Council:  1. APPROVES completing the proposed sealing works for St Mary's School carpark and Margaret Lane and Hopkins Lane inside CEACA retirement village under the current Shire of Merredin Annual Sealing Contract;  2. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to issue invoices to St Mary's School and CEACA for the proposed works, with no works to commence until such time as payment is received;  3. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to include \$200 (inc GST) on each agencies invoice to recover internal costs incurred by the Administration to organise the proposed work; and	IN PROGRESS  December 2024: Work is planned for February 2025.  March 2025: Advice received from CEACA that they no longer intend to proceed. St Marys carpark to be sealed when contractors are next in town.
	<ul> <li>4. ENDORSES the proposed amendments to the 2024/25 budget to reflect the increase in External Works expenditure and income accounts, as listed in the table below:</li> <li>Account # Account Name 24-25 Budget</li> </ul>	June 2025:

(Current) (Amended) New Account New Account 3040220	•	2,098.10 \$42,098.10 12,098.10) (\$42,098.10)	(\$363.64)	Fulton Hogan advises that the weather is not optimal for sealing works and separation of the reseal will occur. St Mary's have requested the Shire hold the funds paid over for the new financial year when works will be able to be completed.  June 2025: Response from school - Thanks for your email. No immediate rush our end. Really appreciate your help on this.
Schemes) Regapproval grant Robartson	e Development Assessment Panel of Counci	e Development Assessment or the Battery Energy Stor A, subject to the following obstantially commenced with apse and be of no further onced" has the meaning givulations 2015 as amended on Management Plan (CM osed interim and longer-ry, landscaping / screening the facility has been comment Plan (DMP) to contain a e construction phase as wellocal government; ted 14 December 2023 recoport); and constructed to the satisfactory.	nt Panel (DAP) rage System in conditions; thin a period of effect. For the ven to it in the I from time to P), including a term facilities g etc, to the all drainage on II as the longer commendations sfaction of the	January 2025: Development approval has been granted, awaiting submission of Construction Management and Drainage Management Plan.  March 2025: Construction Management Plan and Drainage Management Plan have been submitted for assessment by Shire officers.  April 2025: Construction Management Plan has been approved by the Shire of Merredin.  June 2025: No further updates at this time.

17/12/2024 CMRef: 83521 EMES	If an applicant or owner is aggrieved by this determination, there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 Part 14. An application must be made within 28 days of the determination.  The applicant is advised that granting of development approval does not constitute a building permit and that an application for relevant building permits must be submitted to the Shire of Merredin and be approved before any work requiring a building permit can commence on site.  That Council:  RECEIVES the Recommendation Report included as Attachment 19.1A — Confidential Recommendation Report RPQ10 2024-25 Crooks Rd — Asphalt Surfacing;  APPROVES the recommendations as contained within Section 7 of the Confidential Report included as Attachment 19.1A; and  AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Contract between the Shire of Merredin and SuperCivil PTY LTD up to a total value of \$504,809 + GST, plus variations as listed in the Financial Implications section of this report.	IN PROGRESS  March 2025: Council has endorsed the RFQ recommendations re: Award of Contract – RFQ10 2024-25 Crooks Rd – Asphalt Surfacing. The resultant contract is to be raised and endorsed by CEO. Project update: The Shire is now waiting on DWER vegetation clearances for the critical path, earth stabilisation works to commence. This RFQ is dependent on completion of RFQ13-2024-25 - Crooks Rd – Stabilisation prior to commencement. Nil estimated date for completion of RFQ10.  June 2025: Liason with Porters to amend design to reduce vegetation loss. Works package to be broken into 2 phases to allow works to continue while awaiting relevant government clearances.  Vegetation application withdrawn, road has been designed to alleviate critical vegetation safety risks.
		Asphalt surfacing has been scheduled for commencement in 2026 after Harvest season
17/12/2024 CMRef: 83523 EMCS	That Council APPROVES the transfer of up to \$41,804.91 from the Cummings Street Units Reserve account (196738010) to cover the agreed expenses, as outlined within the report, that will be incurred prior to settlement occurring.	January 2025: Transfer will not be completed until final figure is confirmed during settlement process.
		June 2025:

		No further updates at this time. Transfer will occur at settlement.
		August 2025: Reserve funds transferred as per the settlement agreement.
28/01/2025 CMRef: 83529 EMDS	That Council:  1. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to extend the existing lease agreements in place between the Shire of Merredin and the Merredin Community Resource Centre for the use of the premises located on Lot 200 Barrack Street Merredin from their nominal expiry date of 28 February 2025 until 30 June 2025, applying a pro rata lease fee based on the current lease arrangements; and 2. INSTRUCTS the Chief Executive Officer to prepare new lease agreements for the use of the premises located at Lot 200 Barrack Street, Merredin by the Merredin Community Resource Centre, for consideration and Council approval.	February 2025: Exchange of Correspondence between Shire and CRC relating to agreement to temporarily extend existing leases has been finalised. Awaiting input from Council with respect to new lease agreement rental arrangements in order to finalise the preparation of new lease documentation for Council consideration.  March 2025: Initial meeting with CRC to commence lease discussions.
		June 2025: Finalised leases will go to Council for adoption at the June Ordinary Council Meeting. The new leases have been adopted by Council and are in process of being executed by Shire CEO and CRC representatives
28/01/2025 CMRef: 83533 EMCS	That Council:  1. SELL the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for three or more years pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, and RECOVER from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$31,798.90; and Assessment A5518  Type/Zoning Residential - Townsite  Period Outstanding 01/07/2012 to Current  Amount Outstanding \$31,798.90  Last Payment 05/02/2018	February 2025: Awaiting instruction from debt collection agency prior to commencing advertising.  March 2025: Form 4 documents sent to owner and advertising completed. Debt collection agency will pay for advertising and have removed previous charges from these two accounts. Owner has contacted the

	2. SELL the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for three or more years pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, and RECOVER from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$35,202.91.  Assessment A5519  Type/Zoning Residential - Townsite  Period Outstanding 01/07/2012 to Current  Amount Outstanding \$35,202.91  Last Payment 05/02/2018	Shire to say that he will not be making any payments toward either property.  April 2025:  Debt collection agency is working on organising the Form 5 documents which need to be prepared and advertised three months after the Form 4 is sent. Quotes for auction costs have been sought.
		May 2025: Auctions to be held in the new financial year.
		June 2025: No further updates at this time.
		August 2025: No further updates at this time.
17/02/2025	That Council:	IN PROGRESS
CMRef: 83544	1. GIVE local public notice in accordance with section 3.12(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995,	
EMDS	stating that:	March 2025:
	a) It is proposed to make a Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment Local Law, and a summary of its	Awaiting next addition of the Phoenix for inclusion
	purpose and effect;	of public advertising advert.
	b) Copies of the proposed local law may be inspected or obtained at the Shire of Merredin's offices	
	during normal opening hours;	April 2025:
	c) Submissions about the proposed local law may be made to the Shire of Merredin within a period of not less than 6 weeks after the notice is given;	Advertising in progress.
	2. SENDS a copy of the proposed local law to the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Local	June 2025:
	Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, in accordance with s3.12(3)(b) of the Local Government	Advertising has been completed, with nil
	Act 1995, as soon as the notice is given;	submissions being received. Amendment Local Law
	3. SUPPLY a copy of the proposed local law to any person requesting it in accordance with s3.12(3)(c)	will be taken back to Council for final adoption.
	of the Local Government Act 1995; and	Parking Amendment Local Law has now received
	4. PRESENT the results of the public consultation to Council for consideration of any submissions	final adoption from Council and is in the process of
17/02/2025	received at a future meeting.	being gazetted  COMPLETED
17/02/2025 CMRef: 83551	That Council:  1. ACCEPT Offer 1 received for Assessment A2164, Lot 81, Jackson Way, Merredin WA 6415 for the	CONFLETED
EMCS	amount of the offer received;	March 2025:
	2. DECLINE Offer 2 received for Assessment A2164, Lot 81, Jackson Way, Merredin WA 6415 for the	Correspondence sent in relation to Offer 1 and
	amount of the offer received;	Offer 2. Contract of Sale signed Monday 10 March
		2025.

	3. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer and Shire President to execute a Contract of Sale and apply the Shire of Merredin Common Seal; and 4. TRANSFER profit received into a reserve once settlement has occurred and final figures are known.	May 2025: No further update at this time. Contracts with settlement agents. Awaiting confirmation of settlement date.  June 2025: Settlement occurred 30 May 2025. Awaiting proceeds of sale to be deposited.  August 2025: Proceeds received and sale finalised.
29/04/2025	That Council ENDORSE the following annual allowances and meeting attendance fees for inclusion in	COMPLETED
CMRef: 83587 EMCS	the 2025/26 Annual Budget, to be paid quarterly in arrears: Annual Meeting Fees Annual Allowance For a council member other than the mayor or president For a council member who holds the office of mayor or president Annual Allowance Shire President Annual Allowance Deputy President \$8,790 \$8,790 \$14,650 \$3,660	May 2025: Allowances will be included in 2025/26 Annual Budget  June 2025:
		No further updates at this time.  August 2025:  Budget adopted July OCM, included figures as per resolution.
29/04/2025 CMRef: 83588	That Council:  1. PROVIDES its in-principle endorsement of the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/26, included as	COMPLETED
EMCS	Attachment 14.5A to the report; and 2. INCLUDES the proposed schedule within the drafting of the Shire of Merredin's 2025/26 Annual Budget for further consideration.	May 2025: Fees and Charges will be formally adopted with the budget later in the year.
		June 2025: No further updates at this time.
		August 2025: Budget adopted July OCM, included figures as per resolution.
29/04/2025 CMRef: 83589	That Council:	IN PROGRESS

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	6. SENDS a copy of the local law and a duly completed explanatory memorandum signed by the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to the Western Australian Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and 7. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to take any other action necessary to progress the gazettal of the Amendment Local Law.	
27/05/2025 CMRef: 83615 EMS&C	That Council PROVIDE financial support to the following community projects, being a cash and inkind, for the following amounts and under the following conditions:  1. Merredin Community Resource Centre; a. provide support of \$10,000; b. acknowledges the support provided by the Shire of Merredin in all promotional material; c. provides details to the Shire of Merredin for each event six weeks prior to each event; d. provides to the Shire of Merredin a report upon completion of the project; 2. Merredin Show Inc; a. provide support of \$10,000; b. acknowledges the support provided by the Shire of Merredin in all communication and media material; c. provides to the Shire of Merredin a report upon completion of the event; 3. Wheatbelt Agcare Community Support Services Inc; a. provide support of \$2,000; b. acknowledges the support provided by the Shire of Merredin in all media material; c. provides to the Shire of Merredin a report upon completion of the program; 4. ENDORSE an allocation of \$22,000 per financial year, in the draft Annual Budget for a term of three (3) years, commencing 2025/26 for the ongoing support of the community projects listed in this recommendation; and 5. NOTES a review of the proposed financial support will be conducted in March 2028 to determine the continued need.	June 2025: Letters sent.  August 2025: Included in 25/26 Annual Budget
27/05/2025 CMRef: 83616 CEO	That Council DECLARES that it believes the valuation undertaken of 108-110 Barrack Street, Merredin, as shown in Attachment 15.1A, is a true indication of the value at the time of the proposed disposition.	June 2025: Public notice has been advertised.
27/05/2025 CMRef: 83618 CEO	That Council;  1. APPROVE the lease of Reserve 17767 and Lot 1443 Merredin, to the Merredin Community Men's Shed Inc. for a period of five years commencing at the end of February 2026 and expiring at the end of February 2031, at a cost of \$550 per year for the purposes of cropping and/or grazing with the costs of preparing and maintaining firebreaks during the fires season to be borne by the Merredin Community Men's Shed Inc.;  2. NOTE the inclusion in the agreement of an early termination with notice for any reason that the Shire of Merredin may determine;	IN PROGRESS  June 2025:  Mens Shed verbally advised of Council decision 29  May. Formal agreement to follow.  Copy of lease provided to Mens Shed 25 June 2025

27/05/2025 CMRef: 83619 CEO	3. NOTE that the Merredin Community Men's Shed Inc. be directed to ensure that the cropping/grazing be carried out in a manner that does not contaminate the land and ensures minimal inconvenience to residential neighbours; and 4. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to sign and issue the lease to the Merredin Community Men's Shed Inc.  That Council: 1. NOTE that the whole Council will form the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee; and 2. APPOINTS Extra Mile Developments Pty Ltd to conduct the Chief Executive Officer's Annual Performance Review for a maximum three year period.	COMPLETED  June 2025: Letters sent to successful and unsuccessful parties. Extra Mile Developments engaged to undertake review
24/06/2025 CMRef: 83623 EMDS	That Council:  1. Under the provisions of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015, RESOLVES to determine that the proposed development is a 'use not listed' in accordance with clause 3.4.2 of the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6, and thereby advertise the Development Approval application for a period of 14 days in accordance clause 64 (7) (a) of the Deemed Provisions;  2. DETERMINES that neighbours and agencies will be advised of the advertising period and the opportunity to make a submission. These agencies are to include;  • Department of Environment Regulation;  • Department of Parks and Wildlife;  • Western Power;  • Department of Fire and Emergency Services; and  3. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer, where there are no adverse comments received during the advertising period, to grant Development Approval for the proposed distribution-level Battery Energy Storage System (DBESS) development on a portion of Lot 12 Abattoir Road, Merredin, as outlined in Attachment 12.1A, subject to the following conditions and advice notes.  Conditions  1. If the development, the subject of this approval, is not substantially commenced within a period of 4 years 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.  2. The removal of all construction infrastructure once the facility has been completed to the	IN PROGRESS  Public Advertising has been scheduled to come out in the Phoenix on 4 July 2025
	satisfaction of the local government.  3. The BESS facility incorporating acoustic barriers as outlined in the Acoustics Consultants recommendation for Scenario 2A.	

	4. The BESS facility complying with the Landscape Concept Plan as presented by Ground Control Landscape Architecture Pty Ltd, and a strategy for the on-going maintenance and management of the landscaping, to the satisfaction of the local government.	
	5. The preparation and compliance with a Stormwater Drainage Plan to contain all drainage on site	
	to the satisfaction of the local government.	
	6. The preparation and implementation of a Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) to the satisfaction of	
	the local government.	
	7. The preparation of a road site survey report (for Abattoir Road) to be submitted to the Shire of	
	Merredin prior to the construction phase, any damage to the road associated with the construction	
	phase of the project is to be rectified by the applicant to the satisfaction of the local government.	
	8. Any new crossover to Abattoir Road shall be located and constructed to the satisfaction of the local	
	government.	
	Advice Notes	
	1. If an applicant or owner is aggrieved by this determination, there is a right of review by the State	
	Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 Part 14. An	
	application must be made within 28 days of the determination.	
	2. The applicant is advised that granting of development approval does not constitute a building	
	permit and that an application for relevant building permits must be submitted to the Shire of Merredin and be approved before any work requiring a building permit can commence on site.	
24/06/2025	That Council AUTHORISES the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign and apply the Shire	COMPLETED
CMRef: 83624	of Merredin Common Seal to the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No 6 Amendment No 8	CONFLETED
EMDS	(Omnibus).	
24/06/2025	That Council:	COMPLETED
CMRef: 83625	1. ADOPTS the Shire of Merredin 2025-2030 Disability Access and Inclusion Plan;	
EMDS	2. ADVERTISES the adoption of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan in the Phoenix newspaper;	
	3. INCLUDES a copy of the adopted Disability Access and Inclusion Plan on the Shire of Merredin	
	website; and	
	4. PROVIDES a copy of the adopted Disability Access and Inclusion Plan to the Department of	
	Communities - Disability Services Commissioner.	
24/06/2025	That Council ADVISES the Western Australian Planning Commission that it has no objection to the	COMPLETED
CMRef: 83626	proposed subdivision application (WAPC No 201718) resulting in the amalgamation of Lots 12, 32 and	
EMDS	38 Mitchell Street, Merredin as outlined in Attachment 12.4A	
24/06/2025	That Council	COMPLETED
CMRef: 83629	1. NOTE the review of the Shire of Merredin Information Statement 2025/26, as presented in	A
EMCS	Attachment 14.3A, in accordance with Part 5 of the Freedom of Information Act 1992; and	August 2025:
	2. NOTE the Shire of Merredin Information Statement 2025/26 will be publicised on the Shire of	Information statement published on the Shire's
	Merredin website and forwarded to the Commissioner by the Chief Executive Officer, in accordance with Part 5 of the Freedom of Information Act 1992.	website and emailed to Office of the Information
	with raft 5 of the freedom of information Act 1992.	Commissioner.

24/06/2025	That Council PROVIDE financial support to the following community project, being cash, for the	COMPLETED
CMRef: 83631	following amount and under the following conditions:	
EMS&C	1. St Mary's Primary School Merredin;	July 2025:
	a. Provide support of \$10,000;	Letter sent July 2025
	b. Acknowledges the support provided by the Shire of Merredin in all media Material;	·
	c. Provides to Council a report upon completion of the program; and	August 2025:
	2. ENDORSE an allocation of \$10,000 in the draft 2025/26 Annual Budget.	Included in the 25/26 Annual Budget
24/06/2025	That Council:	COMPLETED
CMRef: 83634	1. APPROVE the attendance of Cr Renee Manning at the 2025 Regional Leaders Summit; and	
CEO	2. APPROVE the Chief Executive Officer or other member of the Executive to attend if appropriate.	
`	That Council	COMPLETED
	1. ENDORSES the Shire of Merredin entering into new lease agreements with the Merredin	
	Community and Resource Centre Inc, for the use of premises located at Lot 200 Barrack Street	June 2025:
	Merredin, as outlined in Attachment 19.1A; and	copy of lease provided to CRC 25/06/2025
	2. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to execute the lease agreements as a Deed on behalf of	
	the Shire of Merredin.	
24/06/2025	That Council:	IN PROGRESS
CMRef: 83637	1. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to contact both parties who have made an offer to notify	
EMCS	them that Council are requesting a sale price of equal to or greater than the current valuation	August 2025:
	received;	Both parties contacted via emailed letter, updated
	2. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to seek updated offers from both parties to be received	offer received and accepted. Notification provided.
	within 7 days of the date of contact by the Shire;	Awaiting formal contract of sale to be provided.
	3. ACCEPT the highest offer received within the timeframe outlined above, noting that if two equal	
	offers are received, that Offeror 1's updated offer will be accepted, due to them making the initial	
	expression of interest to purchase;	
	4. 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, should the prospective purchaser	
	wish to proceed based on the sale price outlined above; and	
	5. NOTE that if an agreement cannot be reached with either party, the offers will both be declined	
	and the property held for potential future staff housing.	
24/06/2025	That Council WRITE OFF the balance of rates and charges owing on Assessments A3325, A6070, A1625	COMPLETED
CMRef: 83638	and A9307 totaling approximately \$61,000 (dependent on settlement and receival of funds), as	
EMCS	described within the Item, as each properties accounts are finalised.	August 2025:
		Write-offs completed in finance system.
29/07/2025	That Council;	COMPLETED
CMRef: 83642	1. MAKES the Shire of Merredin <i>Local Government Property Amendment Local Law 2025,</i> as shown	
EMDS	in Attachment 12.1A;	
	2. AUTHORISES the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to affix	
	the Shire of Merredin Common Seal to the Shire of Merredin Local	

Government Property Amendment Local Law 2025; 3. PUBLISHES the local law in the Government Gazette;	
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4. SENDS a copy to the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Local Government, Industry	
Government Act 1995, after Gazettal;	
a. Stating the title of the local law;	
b. Summarizing the purpose and effect of the local law and	
specifying the day on which it comes into operation; and	
c. Advising that copies of the local law may be inspected or	
obtained from the Shire offices.	
6. SENDS a copy of the local law and a duly completed explanatory	
memorandum signed by the Shire President and Chief Executive	
Officer to the Western Australian Parliamentary Joint Standing	
Committee on Delegated Legislation; and	
7. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to take any other action	
necessary to progress the gazettal of the Amendment Local Law.	
That Council;	
1. Grants Development Approval for the proposed distribution-level Battery Energy Storage System	
(DBESS) development on a portion of Lot 12 Abattoir Road, Merredin, as outlined in Attachment	
12.2A, subject to the following conditions and advice notes.	
Conditions	
1. If the development, the subject of this approval, is not substantially commenced within a period of	
4 years 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.	
2. The removal of all construction infrastructure once the facility has been completed to the	
satisfaction of the local government.	
3. The preparation of a revised Acoustics Consultants report to reflect the final design of the BESS	
facility, and the development incorporating	
appropriate measures to reduce the noise impact of the facility to a level considered acceptable to the	
satisfaction of the local government.	
4. The BESS facility complying with the Landscape Concept Plan as	
presented by Ground Control Landscape Architecture Pty Ltd, and a	
strategy for the on-going maintenance and management of the	
landscaping, to the satisfaction of the local government.	
5. The preparation and compliance with a Stormwater Drainage Plan to contain all drainage on site	
to the satisfaction of the local government.	
	b. Summarizing the purpose and effect of the local law and specifying the day on which it comes into operation; and c. Advising that copies of the local law may be inspected or obtained from the Shire offices.  6. SENDS a copy of the local law and a duly completed explanatory memorandum signed by the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to the Western Australian Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and 7. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to take any other action necessary to progress the gazettal of the Amendment Local Law.  That Council;  1. Grants Development Approval for the proposed distribution-level Battery Energy Storage System (DBESS) development on a portion of Lot 12 Abattoir Road, Merredin, as outlined in Attachment 12.2A, subject to the following conditions and advice notes.  Conditions  1. If the development, the subject of this approval, is not substantially commenced within a period of 4 years 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.  2. The removal of all construction infrastructure once the facility has been completed to the satisfaction of the local government.  3. The preparation of a revised Acoustics Consultants report to reflect the final design of the BESS facility, and the development incorporating appropriate measures to reduce the noise impact of the facility to a level considered acceptable to the satisfaction of the local government.  4. The BESS facility complying with the Landscape Concept Plan as presented by Ground Control Landscape Architecture Pty Ltd, and a strategy for the on-going maintenance and management of the local government.  5. The preparation and compliance with a Stormwater Drainage Plan to contain all drainage on site

29/07/2025 CMRef: 83646 EMCS	6. The preparation and implementation of a Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) to the satisfaction of the local government. 7. The preparation of a road site survey report (for Abattoir Road) to be submitted to the Shire of Merredin prior to the construction phase, any damage to the road associated with the construction phase of the project is to be rectified by the applicant to the satisfaction of the local government. 8. Any new crossover to Abattoir Road shall be located and constructed to the satisfaction of the local government. Advice Notes 1. If an applicant or owner is aggrieved by this determination, there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 Part 14. An application must be made within 28 days of the determination. 2. The applicant is advised that granting of development approval does not constitute a building permit and that an application for relevant building permits must be submitted to the Shire of Merredin and be approved before any work requiring a building permit can commence on site.  That Council; 1. APPROVES the creation of a new reserve account, 'Swimming Pool Reserve'; 2. AUTHORISES the purpose, calculation basis and target balance, as per the below table; and Reserve Name: Swimming Pool Reserve	COMPLETED  August 2025: Policy manual updated to reflect changes adopted.
	Purpose: To ensure adequate funds are available to finance future	New reserve created in financial system.
	redevelopment or replacement of the swimming pool.	,
	Calculation	
	Basis: Transfers to and from the Reserve are to be by Council	
	resolution or in accordance with the Shire of Merredin	
	Annual Budget.	
	Target Balance: Sufficient to ensure adequate funding toward	
	replacement or renewal of the Merredin swimming pool	
	in accordance with the Shire of Merredin's strategic	
	planning documentation.	
	3. APPROVES the deletion of the Cummings Street Units reserve account from Policy 3.18 – Financial	
	Reserves;	
	4. NOTES that the Cummings Street Units Reserve will continue to be noted in the Annual Financial	
	Statements for two years after its removal from the policy; and	
20/07/2007	5. ADOPTS the revised Policy 3.18 – Financial Reserves, as presented in attachment 14.3A.	
29/07/2025	That Council;	COMPLETED
CMRef: 83647	1. ADOPTS for the Shire of Merredin, the Annual Budget for the 2025/26	A
EMCS	financial year, pursuant to the provisions of section 6.2 of the Local	Adapted by doct agreed into fine side weeks
	Government Act 1995 and Part 3 of the Local Government (Financial	Adopted budget entered into financial system
	Management) Regulations 1996, as outlined in Attachment 14.4A	rates raised as per the adopted figures and dates
	which includes the following:	Budget and Fees and charges uploaded to Shire

- a. Budget Statement of Comprehensive Income (by Nature or Type);
- b. Budget Statement of Cash Flows;
- c. Budget Rate Setting Statement;
- d. Notes to the Annual Budget including statement of Rating Information;
- e. Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2025-26;
- 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:

**General Rates** 

Gross Rental Values Minimum Rate in \$

GRV \$960 0.117150

**General Differential Rates** 

Unimproved Value Minimum Rate Rate in \$

UV1 - Rural \$1,190.00 0.011940

UV2 – Urban Rural \$1,190.00 0.023880

UV3 – Mining \$200.00 0.023870

UV4 – Power Generation \$1,190.00 0.023150

UV5 – Special Use Airstrip \$1,190.00 0.021315

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:

Full payment or 1st Instalment due date 3 October 2025

2nd Instalment due date 5 December 2025

3rd Instalment due date 6 February 2026

the Instalment due date 10 April 2026

- 4. ADOPTS an instalment administration charge where the owner has elected to pay rates (and service charges) through an instalment option of \$13.90 for each instalment after the initial instalment is paid, pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996;
- 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;
- 6. ADOPTS an interest rate of 8.0% 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;

website. Adopted budget sent to Department as per legislation.

	7. ADOPTS the 2025/26 Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Shire of Merredin removal and/or deposit of domestic and commercial waste included in Attachment 14.4D, pursuant to section 67 of the Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007; 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: Shire President \$8,790 Deputy Shire President \$8,790 Councillors \$8,790 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 Shire President \$14,650 Deputy Shire President \$3,660 10. ENDORSES that the level to be used in the Statement of Financial Activity in 101020 ENDORSES that the level to be used in the Statement of Financial Activity in 2025/26 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 the Australian	
29/07/2025	Accounting Standards. That Council:-	
CMRef: 83649 CEO	1. ENDORSES the Draft Council Plan 2025-2035, as shown in Attachment 15.2A, for the purpose of advertising to seek final public comment;	
CEO	2. NOTES that the final version of the Council Plan 2025-2035 will be presented to a later Ordinary	
	Council Meeting for endorsement;	
	3. NOTES the Customer Service responses as shown in Attachment	
	15.2B, to be included within the final version of the Council Plan	
	2025-2035; and  4 NOTES the Adversey Priorities as provided within the Officers	
	4. NOTES the Advocacy Priorities as provided within the Officers Report, to be included within the final version of the Council Plan	
	2025-2035.	
29/07/2025	That Council:-	COMPLETED
CMRef: 83650	1. ENDORSES the Draft Council Plan 2025-2035, as shown in Attachment	
CEO	15.2A, for the purpose of advertising to seek final public comment;	
	2. NOTES that the final version of the Council Plan 2025-2035 will be presented to a later Ordinary	
	Council Meeting for endorsement;	
	3. NOTES the Customer Service responses as shown in Attachment	
	15.2B, to be included within the final version of the Council Plan	

	2025-2035; and 4. NOTES the Advocacy Priorities as provided within the Officers Report, to be included within the final version of the Council Plan 2025-2035.	
26/08/2025 CMRef: 83656 EMDS	That Council;  1. Advises Acumen Corporate Property that the Shire of Merredin is prepared to enter into a Deed of Extension and Variation to the existing lease agreement for the property located at Lot 1449 on Deposited Plan 193636, Mitchell Street Merredin, known as the Old Town Hall as outlined in Attachment 12.1A, incorporating the following provisions;  a) Initial annual rental charge upon commencement of revised m2 lease (from 1 October 2021) of \$87.00 per plus GST;  b) Annual rental increases of 3% (from 1 October 2026); and c) A copy of the Minister for Lands Consent letter.  2. Authorises the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Deed of Extension and Variation to the existing lease agreement for the property located at Lot 1449 on Deposited Plan 193636, Mitchell Street Merredin, known as the Old Town Hall on behalf of Council and attach the Shire of Merredin Common Seal to the Deed of Extension and Variation.	IN PROGRESS  Lease signed by President and sent to the Minister.  Notification received advising the Minister is required to sign first. Once executed copies will be provided to Council for resigning and the common seal to be reapplied.
26/08/2025 CMRef: 83659 EMCS	That Council ADOPTS the Shire of Merredin IT Framework, as presented in Attachment 14.3A.	COMPLETED  August 2025: Framework publicised internally.
26/08/2025 CMRef: 83660 CEO	That Council ENDORSES the Shire Organisational Values as provided in Attachment 15.1A.	COMPLETED  August Shire organisational values were discussed at the all staff breakfast and placed in all Shire facilities
26/08/2025 CMRef 83661 CEO	That Council; 1. ENDORSES the Shire of Merredin Council Plan 2025-2035, as shown in Attachment 15.2A; 2. NOTES that the Shire of Merredin Council Plan 2025-2035 meets the requirements of regulations 19C and 19DA of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996; 3. NOTES that the formatting and styling of the Shire of Merredin Council Plan 2025-2035 may be amended to enable publishing on the Shire's website and social media; and 4. NOTES that the Shire of Merredin Council Plan 2025-2035 will be amended after the October 2025 Council Elections to include the newly elected members.	IN PROGRESS  August 2025: Advertised on social media and placed on the Shire's website
26/08/2025 CMRef: 83664 EMIS	That Council:  1. RECEIVES the Recommendation Report included as Attachment 19.2A – Recommendation Report for RFT 01 2025/26 Landfill Earthworks; and	COMPLETED  August 2025: Contract has been executed

2. 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 Central Wheatbelt Earthworks for RFT 01 2025/26 Landfill Earthworks Services, as per the rates provided in their submission (Attachment 19.2B) to the total value outlined in this report.