

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the

**Murchison Shire Council** 

Held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison, on Thursday **22 September 2022**, commencing at 12 Noon.

Ancient land under Brilliant skies

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ATTACHMENTS

## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Shire President declared the meeting open at 12.02pm.

## 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### Present

<u>Councillors</u> Cr R Foulkes-Taylor Cr A Whitmarsh Cr Q Fowler Cr M Fowler Cr E Foulkes-Taylor *(from 12.03pm)*  <u>Staff</u> Bill Boehm – CEO Steven Cosgrove – Community Manager DCEO William Herold – Works Manager

Leave of Absence Cr G Mead

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### 3.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 25 August 2022

#### Background

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council have previously been circulated to all Councillors.

#### **Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 25 August 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Council Decision							
Moved: Cr	Q Fowler	Seconded:	Cr	A Whitmarsh			
That the minu record of proc	tes of the Ordinary Coun eedings.	cil meeting held on 25 A	ugus	t 2022 be confirmed as	an accurate		
Carried		For	4	Against	0		

### 4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

## 5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

*Cr E Foulkes-Taylor entered the meeting at 12.03pm.* 

### 6 STANDING ORDERS

#### Matter for Consideration

It has been customary practice in the interests of a productive meeting in relation to the Conduct of Members during debates for the Council suspend Standing Orders 8.2 (Limitation on Number of speeches) and 8.3 (Duration of Speeches) under Local Law 2001. To facilitate this, the following recommended resolution is required.

#### Recommendation

That the following Local Law-Standing Orders 2001 be stood down:

- 8.2 Limitation on the number of speeches
- 8.3 Duration of speeches

#### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision			
Moved: Cr M Fowler	Seconded: Cr	A Whitmarsh	
That the following Local Law-Standing Orders 20018.2Limitation on the number of speeches	be stood down:		
8.3 Duration of speeches			
Carried	<b>For</b> 5	Against	0

## 7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

### 8 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27 October 2022

### 9 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

### **10 URGENT BUSINESS**

Item 17.4 21/22 Annual Financial Statements Update

Council Decision								
Moved: Cr	E Foulkes-Taylor	Seconded: Cr	A Whitmarsh					
That Council o Business.	onsider Item 17.4 - 21/22 Ar	nnual Financial Statements	Updatethe Works F	Report as Ur	rgent			
Carried		<b>For</b> 5	Against	0				

### 11 NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Item 17.1.1 Account Listings Paid since the last list was presented to Council

### 12 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

### 13 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Prior to the Council meeting, Mining Heritage Legal delivered a pro bono online presentation in relation to the new Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 (WA). Council would like to thank Jack Cullity and Josh Chadwick for this work.

### 14 ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

#### 14.1 Shire President

15.09.22 Attended the Main Roads WA Regional Road Sub Group meeting, a report of which is contained within the Works Report.

#### 14.2 Councillors

Nil

### **15 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Nil

### 16 WORKS

### 16.1 Works Report

File:	12.42
Author:	William Herold – Works Manager
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date	16 September 2022
Attachments:	Nil

#### **Construction**

The blast of a hill on the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road, set off by Lisa, created a fair amount of excitement as well as leaving a mountain of dirt to be moved. Hopefully by the 15<sup>th</sup> we would have cleared it and start the compaction and sheeting early in the week of 19<sup>th</sup> September. Stabilised Pavements of Australia (SPA) have cement stabilised the floodways and stockpiling of all required gravel has been completed. On completion of this job the crews will spend a few weeks patching potholes in the bitumen on the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road. They will then move on to the Beringarra-Pindar Road to commence their work there. This will entail some resheeting work as well as work on floodways and the removal of some old and undersized culverts at the Bumbinyoo Flat.

#### Maintenance

The maintenance crew have completed the Twin Peaks-Wooleen Road, New Forrest-Yallalong Road, Coolcalalaya Road to the rabbit proof fence on the Northampton side and are re-grading the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road north of the Settlement. They will also be involved in the pothole patching.

#### Flood Damage

At last the flood damage packages have cranked up for Floods 8, 9 and 10. Squires Resources commenced work on Tuesday September 13 on the McNabb-Twin Peaks Road. They will then move onto the Beringarra-Pindar Road.

#### Settlement Water Supply

Comments and suggestions have been sent back to GHD with regard to pipe type and size, disinfection and firefighting facilities. At the time of writing this report we have had no further feedback.

#### Beringarra-Cue Road - revert to unsealed road

By the time Council meets, Rowe Contractors should have completed somewhere around 40km as well as putting in several new bunds. Apart from some weather delays they are progressing very well and delivering work of a very high standard. I suggest as many Councillors as possible make time to look at it at some stage in the future.

#### Sealing

A RFQ was run through the WALGA equotes portal with 3 companies quoting. After consultation and evaluation with Greenfield Technical Services. Bitutek were the clear winners of the process. Hopefully they will be able to fit in with our time schedule and we can commence sealing in early November.

#### Gardener/Handyman

After Ryan's resignation we welcomed Des O'Brien to the team. Des has brought considerable experience with him, appears to have settled in and is getting on with the job at hand. We welcome Des and Wendy into the community and hope it turns out to be a long stay.

#### 6 Kurara Way

AGFIX Multitrades has made a start on the repair and renovation of number 6. I suspect it will be at least 3 or 4 months work before completion.

#### Maintenance Vehicle

Budget provided for the replacement of the Maintenance Gang's Isuzu Truck with a Landcruiser Utility. New vehicles now notoriously difficult to secure without a long waiting period but fortuitously by acting quickly we were able to source one in Perth. This was picked up in Perth by Mike Keen and arrived last week.

#### MRWA Regional Road Group Funding

As foreshadowed submissions for the reconstruction and widening of the following sections of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road were submitted for Regional Road Group Funding for 2023/24.

- ~ SLK 190.21-193 42 north of the Twin Peaks-Wooleen Road
- ~ SLK 222.83-226.47 north of the Ballinyoo Bridge.

Estimated Project cost for each project is \$450k with funding on a 2:1 basis (\$300k each)

Projects were assessed by Main Roads and then presented along with others in the region to the Technical Working Group for review. At the 15 September 2022 Meeting of the Murchison Regional Roads Sub Group held in Murchison, and chaired by Cr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor, the Technical Working Groups recommendations to endorse the program as reviewed were accepted. A request for additional Reserve Projects to be submitted was also endorsed. This means that at this stage all projects submitted by all Shires, which includes our two projects, are likely to be funded. There is also good value in applying for a reserve project for a similar widening project.

The Murchison Regional Roads Sub Group also examined a floodway discussion paper prepared by the CEO and have recommended that a floodway criterion also be examined for inclusion into the scoring matrix. It was also noted that the Technical Working Group will also be examining the Road Type Descriptions specifically in relation to criteria for seal widths for sealing roads within the region. In part it has been noted that traffic criteria were set in 1999 and now do not now relate to what is happening, which is sealing a road actually happens in practice with sealing a road now to a minimum of 7.0m width. The option of sealing only 4.0m is not current best practice. Both these aspects are welcome.

#### Recommendation

That the Works Report be noted.

Council Decision							
Moved: Cr Q Fowler	Seconded:	Cr	E Foulkes-Taylor				
That the Works Report be noted.							
Carried	For	5	Against	0			

## 17 FINANCE

### 17.1 Accounts Paid since the last list was presented to Council

File:	4.37.1
Author:	Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date	16 September 2022
Attachments:	17.1.1 EFT & Cheque Details for August 2022 (Elected Members Only)

### Matter for Consideration

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 13 requires that if the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, then the CEO is to prepare a list of accounts paid by the CEO for each month and present this to the next ordinary meeting of the Council after the list has been prepared and have this list recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

A list of payments presented in accordance with *Regulation 13* of the *Local Government (Financial Management)* Regulations 1996 made since the last report to Council is attached.

Strategic Implications None

Policy Implications
None

Budget/Financial Implications

<u>Consultation</u> Nil

#### Recommendation

That Council

- 1 Receive and note attachment 17.1.1 EFT & Cheque Details for August 2022 and that pursuant to LGA s5.23(2)(b) & (e) items that this be discussed behind closed doors
- 2 That the accounts since the last report to Council, as provided to Councillors be recorded in the minutes as being presented to Council.

Voting Requirements

Recommendation 1Absolute MajorityRecommendation 2Simple Majority

### Item to be Discussed behind closed doors

Council Decision						
Moved: Cr	A Whitmarsh	Seconded:	Cr	Q Fowler		
That pursuant to LGA s5.23(2)(b) & (e) items that attachment 17.1.1 EFT & Cheque Details for August 2022 be discussed behind closed doors.						
Carried		For	5	Against	0	

The meeting was moved to behind closed doors at 12.17pm.

### Motion to open the meeting to the public

Council Decision						
Moved: Cr A Whitmarsh	Seconded:	Cr	Q Fowler			
That the meeting to open from behind closed doors.						
Carried	For	5	Against	0		

The meeting was moved out of closed doors at 12.20pm.

### Decisions Disclosed from the Closed Section of Meeting associated with Attachment Item 17.1

Council Decision							
Moved	: Cr	E Foulkes-Taylor	Seconded:	Cr	A Whitmarsh		
That Co 1 2	<ul> <li>That Council</li> <li>1 Receive and note attachment 17.1.1 EFT &amp; Cheque Details for August 2022</li> <li>2 That the accounts since the last report to Council, as provided to Councillors be recorded in the minutes as being presented to Council.</li> </ul>						
Carried	ł		For	5	Against	0	

### 17.2 Financial Activity Statements 31 July 2022

File:	2.6
Author:	Travis Bate (RSM) – Financial Accountant
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date	16 September 2022
Attachments:	17.2.1 Monthly Management Financial Report July 2022

Note this matter was held over from the previous meeting as at the time the Council Budget had not been adopted and as a result some of the financial comparisons were not able to be undertaken

#### Matter for Consideration

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 34 requires that local government report monthly and prescribes what is required to be reported. Council is required to consider and receipt the Monthly Financial Statements.

#### <u>Comment</u>

These statements are being presented to meet a statutory obligation to have each month's end and report presented within the following two months.

#### **Budget/Financial Implications:**

Reports showing year to date financial performance allow monitoring of actual expenditure, revenue and overall results against budget targets.

#### Consultation

**RSM** Australia

#### Recommendation

That Council note the financial statements as presented for the period ending 31 July 2022 as attached.

Council Decision						
Moved: Cr	Q Fowler	Seconded	Cr	A Whitmarsh		
That Council note the financial statements as presented for the period ending 31 July 2022 as attached.						
Carried		For	5	Against	0	

### 17.3 Financial Activity Statements 31 August 2022

File:	2.6
Author:	Travis Bate (RSM) – Financial Accountant
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date	16 September 2022
Attachments:	17.3.1 Monthly Management Financial Report August 2022

#### Matter for Consideration

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 34 requires that local government report monthly and prescribes what is required to be reported. Council is required to consider and receipt the Monthly Financial Statements.

#### **Comment**

These statements are being presented to meet a statutory obligation to have each month's end and report presented within the following two months.

#### **Budget/Financial Implications:**

Reports showing year to date financial performance allow monitoring of actual expenditure, revenue and overall results against budget targets.

Consultation RSM Australia

#### Recommendation

That Council note the financial statements as presented for the period ending 31 August 2022 as attached.

Council Decisio	n				
Moved: Cr	E Foulkes-Taylor	Seconded:	Cr	Q Fowler	
That Council note	the financial statements as prese	nted for the p	eriod er	nding 31 August 2022	as attached.
Carried		For	5	Against	0

### 17.4 21/22 Annual Financial Statements Update

File:	
Author:	Bill Boehm – Chief Executive
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date	22 September 2022
Attachments:	Nil

#### Matter for Consideration

Update on progress of 2021/22 Annual Financial Statements

#### <u>Update</u>

Travis Bate – Financial Accountant RSM early this week advised that whilst he has prepared draft financial Statements a few matters still require attention such that it was considered wise to seek an extension of time from the Minister for Local Government to submit the 2021/22 Annual Financial Report to the Auditors.

Accordingly, application has been made via the Department of Local Government's Smart Hub for an extension to 7 October 2022. This request is not abnormal having been made in previous years

From previous correspondence with the auditors, this date was the date requested by the Auditors to receive the AFS and therefore should not impact on the completion of the FY22 Audit.

The reasons for the extension are as follows:

- 1 RSM has been engaged to prepare financial statements from 1 July 2022. From preparation of July and August 2022 Financial Statements, it is evident that there are some matters which will need to be addressed in the FY22 AFS.
- 2 Unforeseen delays due to public holiday on 22 September 2022 impacting on our workflows.
- 3 Issues related to 2023 rates requiring attention.

<u>Statutory Environment</u> s6.4.3 Local Government Act 1995

Financial Implications Nil

<u>Consultation</u> Travis Bate – Financial Accountant RSM

#### Recommendation

That Council note the 2021/22 Annual Financial Statements Update Report.

Council Decis	sion					
Moved: Cr	A Whitmarsh	Seconded:	Cr	Q Fowler		
That Council no	ote the 2021/22 Annual Financial	Statements Upc	late R	leport.		
Carried		For	5	Against	0	

### **18 DEVELOPMENT**

#### **18.1 Community Development Report**

File:	
Author:	Steven Cosgrove – Community Manager / DCEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date	15 September 2022
Attachments:	Nil

#### Matter for Consideration

Update report of various Community Economic Development Projects and Actions undertaken within the Murchison Shire.

#### National Science Week

Through successful National Science Week funding, members of Scitech attended the settlement and showcased their Solar System Workshop which run continuously for 5 hours.

The Shire worked collaboratively with CSIRO and members of the MRO Site in Murchison who were in attendance throughout the event and kindly offered catering of delicious healthy foods. Additionally, they set up flying rocket activities for all the children.

The Shire was very excited to host this event for the first time. It was celebrated by Murchison settlement locals, Indigenous Pia Wadjarri community and fellow travellers and tourists. Additionally, this event led to further securing the "Traditional Aboriginal Science and Contemporary Science" STEM learning project for the Pia Wadjarri Remote School, funded by Curtin University.

#### 2022 WA Tourism Conference

Community Manager/DCEO recently attended the 2022 WA Tourism Conference held at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre. In attendance, and not limited too, were Shire CEO's, Deputy CEO's and local government elected members. Basil Zemplis opened the event by stating that Perth is the City of Lights and finished with the observation that WA's rural and remote towns are home to the world's least 'light polluted' areas. This was the perfect segway into a panel discussion around 'Dark Sky Tourism & the 2023 Ningaloo Eclipse', facilitated by Ross Dowling AM and included Paul Hanlon, Shire of Ashburton Manager Business and Economic Development, Carol Redford, Astrotourism WA Founder, Jim Sharp, Tourism WA Ningaloo Eclipse Working Group Chair and Rick Tonello, Gravity Discovery Centre & Observatory Chief Astronomer.

With Murchison Shire's recent successful grant applications towards the 'Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival', commencing 15 April 2023, the conference served as a perfect opportunity to liaise with many stakeholders and increase awareness.

#### Swimming Pool & Splashpad

As identified in the adopted Murchison Settlement Masterplan Report the establishment of the Swimming Pool & Splashpad components are pivotal project linking both community service improvements as well as assisting to increase tourism visitation. Facilities include a 16.7m swimming pool, splash pad, paving, sunshades, and landscaped gardens.

As previously advised, we were encouraged to seek funding assistance through the Regional Economic Development Process with Lottery West also keen to support with an emphasis on enhancing tourism development. As a result the Shire has applied for \$250,000 through the Regional Economic Development grant. A further \$250,000 is being requested from Lotterywest.

Following discussions with the CEO options to seek some sort or Recreational funding were explored, essentially with a community development focus. As it transpires, whilst timelines for funding applications are short closing at the end of September, a meaningful application is still possible

Accordingly, a further \$250,000 is being requested through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries - Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF).

Under this funding program one condition of eligibility is that the Shire agrees to fill the gap to meet the balance of the proposed project, if successful with funding and that the Shire agrees to undertake the ongoing of maintenance of the facilities. Whilst implicit in the other funding applications mentioned, and in our situation generally a "given," this application requires Council to specifically recognise this aspect through noting this report.

#### Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival (ALUBSF)

The 'Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival' as planned in April 2023 will also cater for the local and wider Murchison and Mid-West community. It will also align with the April 2023 Solar Eclipse, it will provide a positive space to celebrate the Murchison showcasing Astro dark sky tourism, science tourism and geo-tourism assets.

It is expected the event will generate additional tourism income for the Murchison community by increasing visitor numbers and expenditure in the area, encouraging visitors to take a road trip through stunning outback Gascoyne and Murchison station stay country. It will also attract media coverage and raise the profile of the Murchison as a Western Australian premium Astro tourism destination.

Summary table below with updates on current funding applications for community development projects.

Project	Progress
The Pia Wadjarri Community Funding Application Indigenous Language and Arts (ILA)	Grant Successful
April 2023 – Mosaic Workshops	Postponed to April 2023.
National Science Week – Scitech. August 2022	Grant Successful. Acquittal complete.
Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival (ALUBSF)	
Regional Events Scheme Tourism WA Funding	Grant Successful
Lotterywest Grant	Grant Successful
Building Better Regions Fund Grant Application	Awaiting Outcome
CSIRO Sponsorship	Awaiting Outcome
Traditional Aboriginal Science & Contemporary Science STEM Program	Funded through Curtin University
Swimming Pool & Splashpad	
Regional Economic Development Grant	Awaiting Outcome
Lotterywest Grant	In Progress
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries - Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF).	In Progress

#### Strategic Implications

Vision Statement	Working together to preserve the unique character of the Shire, supporting diverse and sustainable lifestyle and economic opportunities.
Economic Objective 1	To develop the region's economic potential to encourage families and businesses to stay in the area.
Tourism Development	To promote and support a sustainable tourism industry in the Shire of Murchison.
Social Objective 3	To develop, co-ordinate, provide and support services and facilities which enhance the quality of community life in the Shire
Supporting and assisting in coordinating projects and events as required.	Supporting community groups.
Civic Leadership Objective 4	To provide Good Governance to the Murchison Shire through openness and transparency and enhanced consultation and public participation
Communication Strategies and more involvement with Pia Wadjari	Increase communication between the Council and all sectors of the Community (both ways).

Statutory Environment Nil

#### **Financial Implications**

Expenses for the Pia Wadjarri Community Funding Application Indigenous Language and Arts (ILA), National Science Week and Ancient Land Under Brilliant Skies Festival are included in the 2022/23 Budget.

Expenses for the Swimming Pool & Splashpad will require a budget amendment, the extent of and timing of which will be known once outcomes of grant applications are known.

Consultation

CEO, Mid-West Development Commission and applicable potential funding partners

#### Recommendation

That Council note the Community Development Report.

Council Decision Moved: Cr M Fowler	Seconded: Cr	R Foulkes-Taylor	
That Council note the Community Development Re	port.		
Carried	<b>For</b> 5	Against	0

### **19 ADMINISTRATION**

#### 19.1 2022 WA Local Government Convention

File:	
Author:	Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	Attendee
Date	16 September 2022
Attachments:	Nil

#### Matter for Consideration

Endorsement of Council representation at the 2022 WA Local Government Convention in Perth

#### <u>Comment</u>

All Councils are invited to attend the annual WALGA Local Government Convention. Under Council Policy 2.2 Councillor Expenses, the Shire President is authorised to attend, with the CEO also provided an opportunity if circumstances permit. Other councillors are also eligible. Prior to any Councillor attending, the matter is to be discussed at the Council Meeting prior to the conference and a motion put and carried supporting which councillors are to attend and in what capacity

This year's conference is scheduled for Sunday 2 October 2022 to Tuesday 4 October 2022. Expressions of interest have been received by Cr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor and Cr Emma Foulkes-Taylor to register as delegates. As CEO I also propose to attend, in part as I have not yet attended any of the previous conferences since commencing with the Shire.

Given that registrations closed on 14 September 2022 all have been registered. Council endorsement is requested.

Policy Implications Policy 2.2 Councillor Expenses

<u>Financial Implications</u> Provision has been made in the 2022/23 budget.

#### Recommendation

That Council endorse Cr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor and Cr Emma Foulkes-Taylor attending the 2022 WALGA Local Government Convention as delegates and the actions taken by the CEO for both to attend along with the CEO.

Council Decisi	on					
Moved: Cr	Q Fowler	Seconded: (	Cr	M Fowler		
		kes-Taylor and Cr Emma Fo egates and the actions taken		, ,		
Carried		For	5	Against	0	

### **19.2 Community Memorial Policy**

Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer
Nil
16 September 2022
19.2.1 Policy 5.7 Community Memorials

#### Matter for Consideration

Development of a Community Memorial Policy.

#### **Background**

Last month Council received a request from a family member of a former late councillor wishing to erect a memorial plaque at the base of a tree adjacent to the rear of the Council Office and Playground as part of the existing memorial avenue established some years ago for this purpose.

Following a brief investigation, it became apparent that no requests had ensured for many years and that there was no policy in place with any application traditionally considered on its merits. It was also thought that a number of years ago around the 1990's the community was requested to provide details of potential new applicants although this action does not appear to have been documented.

At the time Council's intention always was that these plaques be a discreet and respectful recognition/memory of those former long term Murchison residents and that these plaques didn't become a shrine (fake flowers, crosses, wreaths etc).

In the meantime, Council has proceeded in continuing development of a cemetery (officially opened in May 1988) and is also developing a rammed earth cemetery wall for the expressed purpose of providing people with the opportunity of erecting a plaque erected as a memorial to those that have historically lived and resided within the Murchison Shire.

In considering this request Council discussed the matter ahead of 25 August Council Meeting and confirmed that the overall intention is to move away from having memorial plaques adjacent to trees within the centre of the settlement in favour of a plaque on a rammed earth wall that is being constructed at the cemetery and that a policy be put in place. An option was offered to the applicant of being the first person with a memorial plaque on the new wall, or the last person associated with a tree which would be as part of the existing line of gum trees.

#### **Comment**

In line with the above understanding an attached draft policy is attached for consideration and refinement.

#### Recommendation

That Council adopt Policy 5.7 Community Memorial Policy as attached with amendments, if any, made at the meeting

Council Decisi	on					
Moved: Cr	E Foulkes-Taylor	Seconded:	Cr	M Fowler		
That Council ad meeting	opt Policy 5.7 Community M	emorial Policy as att	ache	d with amendments a	as made a	at the
Carried		For	5	Against	0	

# 20 CEO ACTIVITY REPORT

File:	
Author:	Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date	18 September 2022
Attachments:	Nil

### <u>General</u>

The following update of activities is provided

Date	Activity		
28.08.2022	Agenda Follow up		
29.08.2022	Tool Box Meeting. Meetings with Works Manager & Depot Officer. Agenda follow up work		
30.08.2022	Agenda follow up work. Phone discussion with Joanne Fabling Mid-West Chamber of Commerce. Teams meeting with GRA. Roads to Recovery Work		
31.08.2022	Meeting with Will. Annual Report Finalisation. LRCIP Phase 1 Acquittal work. Roads to Recovery Acquittal work.		
1.09.2022	LRCIP Acquittal Work. Flood Recovery Administration. Meeting with Eamon Hannon Buxton Resources.		
2.09.2022 to 3.09.2022	General Administration.		
5.09.2022	Drive to and from Geraldton. Attend Main Roads WA Technical Working Group Meeting		
6.09.2022	Meeting with Works Manager. Main Roads WA roadworks program. General Administration		
7.09.2022	Water Supply Project follow up. Main Roads WA roadworks program. CGG Carnarvon-Mullewa follow up work.		
8.09.2022	CGG Carnarvon-Mullewa follow up work. PIA Visit		
9.09.2022	CGG Carnarvon-Mullewa follow up work. Telephone catchup with Shire President. WALGA Road Expenditure Return		
12.09.2022	Separate meetings with Community Manager-DCEO, Works Manager and Parks & Gardens / Handyman. WALGA Road Expenditure Return. Memorial Plaques follow up. Several telephone discussions with Rossco		
13.09.2022	WALGA Road Expenditure Return. Meeting with Steven. Main Roads WA roadworks program		
14.09.2022	Meeting with Works Manager over roads planning and plant replacement progress. Main Roads WA roadworks program		
15.09.2022	Main Roads WA Regional Road Subgroup Meeting at Murchison. Main Roads WA roadworks program		
16.09.2022	Agenda Work Main Roads WA roadworks program		
17.09.2022 to	Agenda Work		
18.09.2022			
19.09.2022	TOIL		

### Recommendation

That Council note the CEO's Activity Report.

### Voting Requirements Simple Majority

Council Decision						
Moved: Cr	E Foulkes-Taylor	Seconded:	Cr	A Whitmarsh		
That Council n	ote the CEO's Activity Report.					
Carried		For	5	Against	0	

## 21 OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

## 22 MEETING CLOSURE

The Shire President closed the meeting at 12.54pm.

Minutes of the Meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 27 October 2022					
Signed	Presiding Officer				