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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the

Murchison Shire Council

To be held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
on Thursday **24 July 2025**, commencing at 12:00 noon

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ATTACHMENTS

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Shire President declared the meeting open at 12.12pm

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Councillors

Cr R Foulkes-Taylor
Cr A Whitmarsh
Cr Q Fowler
Cr E Foulkes-Taylor
Cr M Fowler
Cr G Mead

Staff

Bill Boehm – CEO
William Herold – Works Manager
Bec Fogarty – Community Manager
Travis Bate (RSM) – Financial Accountant

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 26 June 2025

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 26 June 2025 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr G Mead

Seconded: Cr M Fowler

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 26 June 2025 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

For

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Against

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4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cr R Foulkes-Taylor and Cr E Foulkes-Taylor potential financial interest in relation to Item 21.2 Construction and Delivery Murchison Settlement Housing & Cabins Tender

5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

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 A Whitmarsh

Seconded: Cr G Mead

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

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

Carried

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7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

8 NEXT MEETINGS

August Meeting

Thursday 28 August 2025 commencing at 12:00noon.

September Meeting

Refer Item 19.2

9 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

10 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

11 NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

- 17.1.1 Account Listings Paid since the last list was presented to Council
- 21.1 Rates Recovery Update
- 21.2 Construction and Delivery Murchison Settlement Housing & Cabins Tender

12 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Shire President recorded the passing of H.M.J Foulkes-Taylor (OAM JP) at Yuin Station on Monday 21 July 2025. Michael was a much-respected resident with long standing commitment to the Shire of Murchison as a Member of the Murchison Roads Board (1960-1961), Councillor on the Murchison Shire Council (1961-2003), Shire President (1975-1983), Freeman of the Shire (1983) and Life Member of WALGA.

13 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil

14 ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

14.1 Shire President

The Shire President advised that he had met with Danny Sweeney from SMS Mining (the mining company taking over from Adaman Resources) with regard to exploring the potential to reopen gold mining operations in and around Yuin Station. Rossco indicated that he had encouraged SMS Mining contact the Shire early and not late in the piece if they are to proceed with using Council Roads as part of a revamped operation.

14.2 Councillors

Cr E Foulkes-Taylor

8 July 2024

Murchison Geo Region Meeting remotely. Nothing specific to report

22 July 2025

Murchison Camp Oven Muster Festival meeting via Teams. Emma congratulated Bec Fogarty and Team for bringing the event together.

15 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

16 WORKS

16.1 Works Report

File: 12.42
Author: William Herold – Works Manager
Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer **
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date 18 July 2025
Attachments: Nil

Construction

The Construction crew have wrapped work on the Errabiddy Bluff Rd. Unfortunately, a job or two from completing what we set out to achieve. for reasons beyond our control, but what has been done has been done to a high standard and should serve all who use the road in the future well. My thanks to Mark and his men who had a few trying times dealing with well-meaning but naïve travelers. They also moved between their construction work and Polocrosse work with very little disruption: one of the advantages to working close to the Settlement.

By the time Council meets the holes in the new fruit orchard will have been filled with pre-mixed and conditioned soil. My thanks to Mt. Narryer for allowing us to relieve them of their manure pile from the cattle yard. They will also help in a general tidy-up around the Settlement prior to the Camp Oven Muster.

Maintenance

Between the flu and grid and sign maintenance they have not spent much time grading since Council last met. As at 17 July 2025 they started at the south boundary on the Beringarra Pindar Rd heading north. The recently re-sheeted sections and some hard and settled sections will be skipped. This will probably change to a full maintenance grade from about Parkers Hill north.

Flood Damage

These works continue with all the time and effort being put into the AGRN 1175 work to meet the September deadline. Once this is completed, we will move back to the 2 previous events (AGRN 1021 and AGRN 1062) A highly efficient way of getting the job done!

SKA Route Works

Walladar are continuing with the second of the re-sheet jobs on the CGG section of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Rd and done a wet grade and roll after the Polocrosse traffic had departed. Next will be a start on the floodways. Squires Resources have been kept busy with maintenance from the Murchison River crossing on the Twin Peaks-Wooleen Rd all the way to the Boolardy-Kalli Rd.

Polocrosse

The Polocrosse Carnival took place over the weekend of 12 and 13 July. By all accounts a very successful carnival was held with no issues or injuries recorded. My thanks to the crew for their work in the lead up to and during the event.

MRWA Projects **

We have been advised that there will be excess MRWA Regional Road Funds available 2025-26 with expressions of interest being invited to access the additional funding available. As a result a project for an additional length of reconstruction and widening works on sections of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Rd is being submitted between SLK185.52 and SLK187.33 north of the Jiggernoo Airstrip as an extension to this year's program. Application will be assessed in accordance with the established scoring methodology. \$211,500 Project with \$141,000 grant. This submission will max out the Regional Roads Group cap per local government. Any additional length if approved will be a bonus given the economies of scale involved.

Councillor Comment

The Shire President thanked all staff for their support for the July Murchison Polocrosse Event, which from all accounts was a success.

Recommendation

That Council resolve that the Works Report be noted.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr M Fowler

Seconded: Cr A Whitmarsh

That Council resolve that the Works Report be noted.

Carried

For

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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: 19 July 2025
Attachments: 17.1.1 EFT & Cheque Details for June 2025 (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

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Recommendation

- 1 That that pursuant to LGA s5.23(2)(b) & (e) of the *Local Government Act 1995* that attachment 17.1.1 EFT & Cheque Details for June 2025 be discussed behind closed doors
- 2 That Council receive and note attachment 17.1.1 EFT & Cheque Details for June 2025 and 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

Simple Majority

1 Item to be Discussed behind closed doors

Council Decision

Moved: Cr G Mead

Seconded: Cr E Foulkes-Taylor

That that pursuant to LGA s5.23(2)(b) & (e) of the *Local Government Act 1995* that attachment 17.1.1 EFT & Cheque Details for June 2025 be discussed behind closed doors

Carried

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The meeting was moved to behind closed doors at 12.22pm

3 Motion to open the meeting to the public

Council Decision

Moved: Cr G Mead

Seconded: Cr Q Fowler

Th at the Meeting move out from behind closed doors

Carried/Lost

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The meeting was moved out of closed doors at 12.24pm

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

Council Decision

Moved: Cr Q Fowler

Seconded: Cr E Foukes-Taylor

That Council receive and note attachment 17.1.1 EFT & Cheque Details for June 2025 and that the accounts since the last report to Council, as provided to Councillors be recorded in the minutes as being presented to Council

Carried

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17.2 Financial Activity Statements 30 June 2025

File: 2.6
Author: Travis Bate (RSM) – Financial Accountant
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 18 July 2025
Attachments: 17.2.1 Monthly Management Financial Report June 2025

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.

Comments

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

- 1 Note that year-end adjustments are pending and as such, the final results for the year will differ in the 2026 Budget and 2025 Annual Financial Statements
- 2 Statement of Financial Activity
 - a Closing surplus of \$2,494,188 against budget deficit of \$93,560. The material variances are outlined in Note 2.
- 3 Note 2 Material Variances:
 - a Grants, Subsidies and Contributions – note the receipt of advance payment of F.A.G Grants for Roads and General in June 2025 of approximately 50% of 2026 allocation. This has been transferred to reserves – see Note 7
 - b Employee Costs – these costs are allocated between operating expenses and capital projects. The combined cost (operating + capital) is below budget. The proportion allocated to operating expenses for the year is however above budget.
- 4 Note 4 – Total Cash Balances \$10,509,250. \$2,679,139 unrestricted and \$7,830,111 restricted.
- 5 Note 7 Reserves
 - a Year End Reserve Transfers have been processed. Note that nothing was drawn down from the Settlement Buildings and Facilities Reserve, as this was not deemed necessary based on the progress of these projects and available cash at 30 June. Transfers to reserves are in line with Budget review.
- 6 Note 9 Capital Expenditure – refer to the Executive Summary for expenditure on significant projects

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 30 June 2025 as attached.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr G Mead

Seconded: Cr A Whitmarsh

That Council note the financial statements as presented for the period ending 30 June 2025 as attached.

Carried

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18 DEVELOPMENT

18.1 Community Development Progress Report

File:

Author: Bec Fogarty – Community Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 18 July 2025

Attachments: Nil

Matter for Consideration

Community Development Progress Report July Council Meeting

Background

This report seeks to inform the Shire of the works undertaken in relation to references to the relevant objectives and strategies contained within the Community Strategic Plan, in accordance with the following Vision Statement.

Vision Statement	<i>Working together to preserve the unique character of the Shire, supporting diverse and sustainable lifestyle and economic opportunities.</i>
Objectives & Strategies	<i>Description</i>

Murchison Camp Oven Muster

Economic Objective 1	<i>To develop the region's economic potential to encourage families and businesses to stay in the area.</i>
Tourism Development	<i>To promote and support a sustainable tourism industry in the Shire of Murchison.</i>
Economic Development	<i>Retain existing industries and encourage the establishment of new industries to broaden the region's economic base through the provision of residential and industrial land / buildings in Murchison</i>
Environmental Objective 2	<i>To improve the sustainability of land use and improve the condition of the environment.</i>
Social Objective 3	<i>To develop, co-ordinate, provide and support services and facilities which enhance the quality of community life in the Shire by:</i> <i>Supporting and assisting in coordinating projects and events as required.</i> <i>Providing information on services (funding opportunities, Grant processes etc.).</i> <i>Supporting community groups.</i>
Civic Leadership Objective 4	<i>To provide Good Governance to the Murchison Shire through:</i> <i>Regional collaboration where possible;</i> <i>Openness and transparency and enhanced consultation and public participation;</i>
Communication Strategies and more involvement with Pia Wadjari	<i>Increase communication between the Council and all sectors of the Community (both ways).</i>

143 participants have registered for the Murchison Camp Oven Muster. Our total for 2025 is 175, 50 more than was hosted in 2024.

There have been some amendments to the program due to Errabiddy Bluff now falling under formal CALM Act Tenure. Due to this our event would be considered Commercial and we would be required to apply for a license. This has been noted and can be actioned in advance if the location is pursued for the 2026 event. I would like to thank Craig and Helen from Meeberrie Station for giving us permission to view the bluff and enjoy some wine and cheese from a breakaway area on their Station instead.

I would like to thank the working group for their commitment to the 2025 event this year we are small but mighty with only four community members on the working group and two staff. The event program is greater than

2024 with a few more moving parts due to the utilisation of satellite areas we look forward to welcoming our muster goers in a couple short weeks.

The event program has now been finalised as follows.

murchison camp oven muster

Event Program

Friday 1/08

from 8:00	Event Registration	Oasis Roadhouse
12:00	Official Welcome	Main event Area
12:15	Wood Working Presentation with Aidan	Main Event Area
13:00	Discover Murchison Flora with Drylands Permaculture	Main Event Area
14:00	Camp Oven Damper with Jo	Murchison Polocrosse Field
	Camp Oven Damper Cook-Off	
16:30 - 17:00	Self-drive out to the Breakaways	Errabiddy Bluff View Point
	Sunset at the Breakways - BYO drinks	Errabiddy Bluff View Point
18:00 - 18:30	Self-drive back to the Settlement	
18:30	Murchison Picnic Dinner	Botanic Walk Picnic Nook
19:00 - 20:00	Survival in the Outback Movie and Q & A	Botanic Walk Picnic Nook
19:30 - 21:30	Stargazing with CSIRO	Botanic Walk Picnic Nook

Saturday 2/08

08:00	Botanical Walk with Meg	Information Gazebo
09:00	Bringing desert plants to life with Drylands Permaculture	Main Event Area
10:00 - 15:00	Woodworking with Aidan	Main Event Area
10:00 - 15:00	Spinning Flowers with Michael	Main Event Area
10:00 - 15:00	Botanic Dying with Annette	Main Event Area
10:00	Bush Survival Skills with Outback Mike	Information Gazebo
11:00	Botanic Walk with Meg	Main Event Area
12:00	Secrets to growing desert plants from cuttings with Drylands Permaculture	Main Event Area
13:00	LUNCH BREAK	Main Event Area
14:00	Camp Oven Cooking with Outback Mike	Murchison Polocrosse Field
15:00 - 18:00	Camp Oven Dinner Cooking Time	Murchison Polocrosse Field
16:00	Billy Boiling Competition	Around the Community Centre
16:30 - 17:30	Family Games	Main Event Area
18:00	Long Table Dinner	Murchison Community Centre
19:00	Line Dancing with Michelle	Main Event Area
20:00 - 22:00	Music - Hippy Campers Live	Main Event Area

Are you coming to the Murchison Camp Oven Muster?

We are glad you're here and hope you enjoy the outback spirit and culinary delights of the Murchison region.

Oasis Roadhouse Opening Hours
 Friday - 07:30 - 18:30
 Saturday - 08:00 - 17:00
 Sunday - 08:00 - 14:00

First Aid and Medical Assistance
 Complete Medical Solutions

Murchison Sports Club Bar
 Open Saturday: 4pm - 10pm

Sponsors: Regional Development, MID WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, HOSKEN ELECTRICAL, EARTHMOVING, CSIRO, YUIN STATION, UDLA, RSM, SHIRES RESOURCES, MURCHISON & MURPHY, WILMANTON R.

Tourism

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.*

Civic Leadership Objective 4 *To provide Good Governance to the Murchison Shire through:*

Regional collaboration where possible;

Upcoming Events

Murchison Camp Oven Muster 1st & 2nd August, Annual Christmas Tree 13th December.

Tourism Initiatives – GeoCaching

We plan to use geocaching to encourage travel through our shire and highlight points of interest. This is utilising existing information in a new way. Great for attracting new audiences but also providing a new way for existing visitors to engage with existing points of interest. This process will also provide us with travel numbers through the Shire to these locations as people are digitally encouraged to log the find even offline. The "GeoCache" is generally a small vessel that contains a log that people sign. Very cost effective to deploy and requires little to no maintenance. We intend to start with deploying this through the settlement grounds then extend out to points of interest further afar.

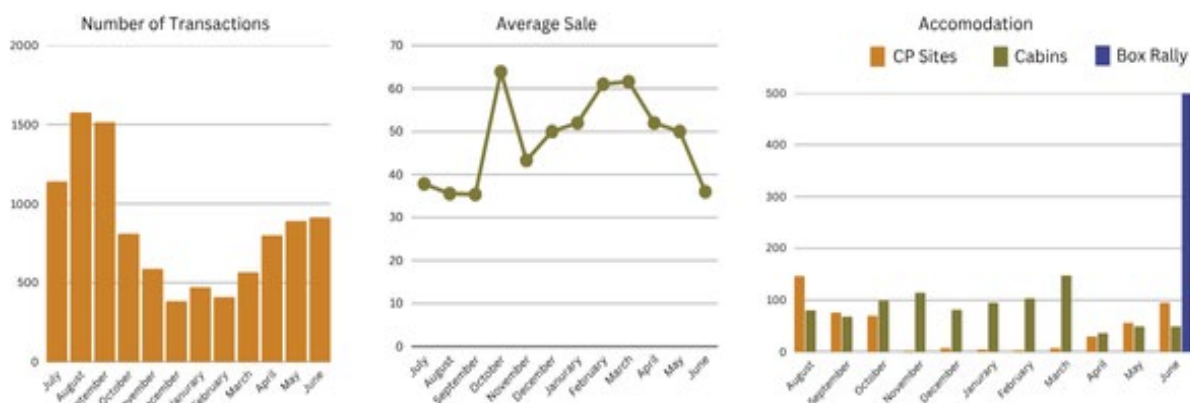
Tourism Partner News

Murchison Geo-Region are working on an updated version of the trail booklet. MGR are working on land access with Pastoralists which has become complicated since the introduction of the pastoral framework.

AGO are currently working on building existing assets such as their most visited website pages. This includes "[Where to see Wildflowers](#)". The goal is to have a list of locations known to have wildflowers. However, instead of providing specific information that will be encouraging visitors to search for information by visiting or calling the Visitor Centres to get the most up-to-date wildflower information.

Tourism Council of WA have met with the new Minister for Creative Industries and Heritage to discuss Culture tourism and attractions, event and exhibitions and the development of tourism infrastructure, including reuse of heritage property.

Roadhouse Update



June has seen an increase in the booking of caravan park sites with the utilisation of dirt camping areas for the Box Rally.

Local Loyalty Scheme

The Local Loyalty Scheme has been released online through the Monologue. We look forward to seeing and processing applications as they arrive.

We have received a total of 16 applications to this point and expect this to increase with the connection of the loyalty card to pool access for local residents.

Containers for Change Recycling

Economic Objective 1

To develop the region's economic potential to encourage families and businesses to stay in the area.

Interpretive Centre

Development of an Interpretative Centre was identified within the Tourism Development Strategies of the 2013 Strategic Community Plan.

Tourism Development

To promote and support a sustainable tourism industry in the Shire of Murchison.

Environmental Objective 2

To improve the sustainability of land use and improve the condition of the environment.

Social Objective 3

To develop, co-ordinate, provide and support services and facilities which enhance the quality of community life in the Shire by:

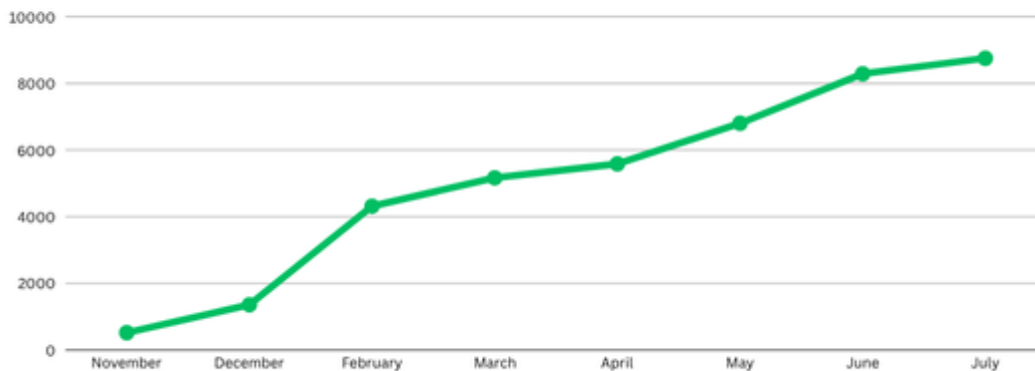
Supporting and assisting in coordinating projects and events as required.

Supporting community groups.

Support for Community Groups

Provision of Human Resources to assist community groups.

Containers collected and donated to the Shire for Community Groups



The latest return of containers has seen the total number of recycled vessels reach 8,752 produced or donated to the shire that is a running total of \$875.20 going back to community initiatives.

Thank you to all Shire residents for supporting the recycling program and changing the bin you put your rubbish in.

Community Garden & Orchard

Economic Objective 1	<i>To develop the region's economic potential to encourage families and businesses to stay in the area.</i>
Tourism Development	<i>To promote and support a sustainable tourism industry in the Shire of Murchison.</i>
Economic Development	<i>Retain existing industries and encourage the establishment of new industries to broaden the region's economic base through the provision of residential and industrial land / buildings in Murchison</i>
Environmental Objective 2	<i>To improve the sustainability of land use and improve the condition of the environment.</i>
Social Objective 3	<i>To develop, co-ordinate, provide and support services and facilities which enhance the quality of community life in the Shire by:</i> <i>Supporting community groups.</i> <i>Supporting and maintaining social infrastructure (i.e. Parks, Gardens, Cemetery) and support those groups who use them.</i>
Support for Community Groups	<i>Provision of Human Resources to assist community groups.</i>

The community garden is in full swing with peas, snow peas, kale, carrots, celery, broad beans cauliflower, broccoli and cabbage. Holes in the shade cloth have been mended and recent water mains improvements have reduced the pressure running through a drip lines for no more blow outs.

The orchard has seen a mix of local sand, river sand, horse manure, cow manure added to the holes we are expecting some subsidence as the mix settles. This is when we will add additional nutrients in the top layer of the soil such as bio char and soil conditioner. Next steps are irrigation planning and tree purchasing.

Communications

Civic Leadership Objective 4	<i>To provide Good Governance to the Murchison Shire through:</i> <i>Regional collaboration where possible;</i> <i>Detailed and professional administration;</i> <i>High levels of accountability;</i> <i>Compliance with statutory requirements;</i> <i>High-quality forward planning, particularly for assets and finances;</i>
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*Openness and transparency and enhanced consultation and public participation;
Provision of quality customer services, good financial management and pursuit
of excellence in professional administration and communication.*

Strategies

Communication Strategies and
more involvement with Pia
Wadjari

*Increase communication between the Council and all sectors of the Community
(both ways).*

Email Communications

- ~ 7 Murchison Camp Oven Muster x 4, Midwest Freight – Murchison Shire Freight Services
- ~ 0 Road Condition Reports

Social Media Communications

The Shire continues to share developments within the settlement and Shire through Facebook. This month has been used to present tourism within the shire in a positive light.

Mail Communications

None

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995.

Sustainability Implications

Environmental	There are no known significant environmental considerations.
Economic	There are no known significant economic considerations.
Social	There are no known significant social considerations.

Strategic Implications

Murchison Shire Council Community Strategic Plan as detailed above for each item.

Councillor Comment

Cr E Foulkes-Taylor thanked Bec Fogarty and team in being able to successfully bring together at short notice a relocation of the Friday night sunset viewing from Errabiddy Bluff to an area on Meeberrie Station with dinner at the Wildlife Walk.

Recommendation

That Council note the Community Development Progress Report

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr E Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Cr M Fowler

That Council note the Community Development Progress Report

Carried

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19 ADMINISTRATION

19.1 WALGA Local Government Convention 2025

File:

Author: Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date 19 July 2025

Attachments: Nil

Matter for Consideration

Councillor attendance at the WALGA 2025 Local Government Convention.

Comments

As per Council Policy 2.2 the Shire President is authorised to attend the WALGA Local Government Convention each year with other Councillors also able to attend with a motion put and carried at a meeting prior to the conference; hence this Agenda Item. At the last meeting this matter was informally discussed with councillors being made aware of this upcoming event. Cr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor and Cr Emma Foulkes-Taylor have indicated that they would like to attend as delegates. Cr Greydon Mead has also expressed an interest with partner Tania also to accompany him as partner.

Recommendation

That Council support Cr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor and Cr Emma Foulkes-Taylor attendance as delegates and to the WALGA Local Government Convention 2023 as well also supporting Cr Greydon Mead's request to attend.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr A Whitmarsh

Seconded: Cr Q Fowler

That Council support Cr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor and Cr Emma Foulkes-Taylor attendance as delegates and to the WALGA Local Government Convention 2023 as well also supporting Cr Greydon Mead's request to with partner Tania to attend.

Carried

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19.2 September Council Meeting Date

File:

Author: Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date 19 July 2025

Attachments: Nil

Matter for Consideration

Revised Date for September Council Meeting

Comments

The September Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 25 September 2025. This date is immediately after the WALGA Convention with which Cr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor and Cr Emma Foulkes-Taylor are proposing to attend and have active commitments. A request from Cr Emma Foulkes-Taylor change the date of the Shire Meeting to Friday 26th September has been received as such needs to be considered by Council.

For Decision

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr G Mead

Seconded: Cr A Whitmarsh

That the September Ordinary Meeting of Council be moved to Friday 26 September 2025 commencing at 12.00noon.

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20 CEO ACTIVITY REPORT

File:

Author: Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date 19 July 2025

Attachments: Nil

Update

The following update of activities is provided.

Date	Activity
24.06.2025	Budget Preparation Work. Attend Landgate's New Valuation System Webinar
25.06.2025	Travel to and from Geraldton' Attend Mid-West Chamber of Commerce Mid-West Economic Forum
26.06.2025	Council Meeting and Workshop
27.06.2025	Council Meeting Minutes and follow up actions. Catch up with Works Manager. Future Resources follow up work.
28.06.2025	Council Meeting follow up actions. Budget Preparation
29.06.2025	Budget Preparation
30.06.2025 to 1.07.2025	Budget Preparation. General Administration. Errabiddy Bluff Road follow up.
2.07.2025	Errabiddy Bluff Road Work. Timesheet Payroll Fuel Work. Budget Work
3.07.2025	Errabiddy Bluff Road Work. Fuel Work. Budget Work. Catch up with Works Manager
4.07.2025	Errabiddy Bluff Road Work. Budget Work. Roads to Recovery Quarterly Report. MRWA Claims. Disability Action Inclusion Plan Progress Report
5.07.2025 to 6.07.2025	Budget Plant Work
7.07.2025	Budget Fuel Work, Catch up with Community Manager.
8.07.2025	Budget Fuel Work, Telephone catchup with Shire President
9.07.2025 to 10.07.2025	Budget End of year reconciliation Work. Camp Oven Muster Site inspection. Catch up with Works Manager & Community Manager
11.07.2025	Budget End of year reconciliation Work. Catch up with Works Manager & Community Manager and interview potential Mechanic Position. Meeting with Hon Kirrilee Warr MP
12.07.2025	Rates Review. Plant Replacement Program. Budget Preparation
13.07.2025	Budget End of Year reconciliation. Budget Prep. Meeting with Community Manager and Roadhouse Managers. Attend telephone interviews for relief Roadhouse Managers.
14.07.2025	Budget Work. Roads Asset Management Work. Catch up with Community Manager & Works Manager. Museum Cottage Inspection.
15.07.2025	Attend Murchison Area Bushfire Risk Management Planning Meeting remote via teams. Plant and Road Asset Management Work
16.07.2025	Works and Settlement Projects Budget Work. Meeting with Community Manager & Roadhouse Managers. General Administration
17.07.2025	Catch up with Community Manager. MEG Visitor Economy Working Group Meeting via Teams. Housing Tender Opening. Rates follow up work.
18.07.2025	Catch up with Community Manager. Telephone catchup with Shire President. MRWA Project Auxiliary Project Response. Agenda Work. FOI Return
19.07.2025	Agenda Work
20.07.2025 to 21.07.2025	Agenda Work. Draft Budget Work
21.07.2025	Agenda Work. Draft Budget Work

Recommendation

That Council note the CEO's Activity Report.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr M Fowler

Seconded: Cr G Mead

That Council note the CEO's Activity Report.

Carried

For

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Against

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21 OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Other Items to be Discussed behind closed doors

21.1 Rates Recovery Update

21.2 Construction and Delivery Murchison Settlement Housing & Cabins Tender

Recommendation

That that pursuant to LGA s5.23(2)(b)(c)(d) & (e) of the *Local Government Act 1995* that the following matters be discussed behind closed doors

21.1 Rates Recovery Update

21.2 Construction and Delivery Murchison Settlement Housing & Cabins Tender

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr A Whitmarsh

Seconded: Cr E Foulkes-Taylor

That that pursuant to LGA s5.23(2)(b)(c)(d) & (e) of the *Local Government Act 1995* that the following matters be discussed behind closed doors

21.1 Rates Recovery Update

21.2 Construction and Delivery Murchison Settlement Housing & Cabins Tender

Carried

For

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Against

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The meeting was moved to behind closed doors at 12.38pm

Note during the closed section of the meeting Cr R Foulkes-Taylor and Cr E Foulkes-Taylor potential financial interest in relation to Item 21.2 Construction and Delivery Murchison Settlement Housing & Cabins Tender and left the room at 12.41pm prior to consideration of the item. Deputy President Cr A Whitmarsh then stepped in as chair.

Motion to open the meeting to the public

Recommendation

That the meeting come from behind closed doors

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr Q Fowler

Seconded: Cr M Fowler

That the meeting come from behind closed doors

Carried/Lost	For	4	Against	0
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The meeting was moved out of closed doors at 12.53pm

Cr R Foulkes-Taylor and Cr E Foulkes-Taylor re-entered the room at 12.53pm

Cr R Foulkes-Taylor resumed as chair.

Decisions Disclosed from the Closed Section of Meeting

21.1 Rates Recovery Update

Council Decision

Moved: Cr G Mead

Seconded: Cr A Whitmarsh

That Council note the Chief Executive Officers Rates Recovery Report and endorse the actions and proposed actions to be taken.

Carried	For	6	Against	0
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21.2 Construction and Delivery Murchison Settlement Housing & Cabins Tender

Council Decision

Moved: Cr Q Fowler

Seconded: Cr G Mead

That in relation to RFT 1- 2025/26 Construction and Delivery Murchison Settlement Housing & Cabins that Council appoint Fox Modular as the preferred tenderer and that any changes to final build scope of works be made and incorporate them into the contract to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer to optimise the installation and that if a successful contract cannot be finalised that GBSC, be viewed as an alternative supplier.

Carried	For	4	Against	0
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22 MEETING CLOSURE

The Shire President closed the meeting at 12.55pm.

Minutes of the Meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 25 August 2025

Signed..... Presiding Officer