



Shire of Cunderdin

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

The Ordinary Meeting of the Cunderdin Shire Council was held on **Thursday 18th May 2023** in the Cunderdin Shire Council Chambers, WA, 6407 **commencing at 5.00pm.**

Stuart Hobley
Chief Executive Officer
18th May 2023

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MINUTES

1. Declaration of Opening

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 5.05pm.

The Shire of Cunderdin disclaimer was be read aloud by Cr AE (Alison) Harris.

The *Local Government Act 1995* Part 5 Division 2 Section 5.25 and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 Regulation 13

“No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Cunderdin for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting. It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this Meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council’s decisions, which will be provided within ten working days of this meeting”.

2. Record of Attendance, Apologies and Approved Leave of Absence

2.1 Record of attendances

Councillors

Cr AE (Alison) Harris	Shire President
Cr A (Tony) Smith	Deputy Shire President
Cr TE (Todd) Harris	
Cr N (Natalie) Snooke	
Cr NW (Norm) Jenzen	Via Video call

In Attendance

Stuart Hobley	Chief Executive Officer
Hayley Byrnes	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Samantha Pimlott	Governance & Administration Officer

Guests of Council

Members of the Public

2.2 Apologies

Nil.

2.3 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Cr B (Bernie) Daly

3. Public Question Time

Nil.

4. Petitions, Deputations & Presentations

Nil.

5. Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27th April 2023 & Minutes of the Special Council Meeting 3rd May 2023

Resolution 6.1

1. That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 27th April 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
2. That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Cr A (Tony) Smith

Seconded: Cr N (Natalie) Snooke

Vote – Simple majority

Carried: 5/0

Note to this item:

The President signed the minute declaration on the previous minutes.

7. Declaration of Members and Officers Interests

Nil.

8. Announcements by President without Discussion

Nil.

9. Finance & Administration

9.1 Financial Reports for April 2023

Location:	Cunderdin
Applicant:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Date:	10 May 2023
Author:	Hayley Byrnes
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.1.1 – April 2023 Monthly Financial Report Attachment 9.1.2 - Rates Details April 2023

Proposal/Summary

The financial reports as at 30th April 2023 are presented for consideration.

Background

The financial reports have been circulated to all Councillors.

Comment

Nil.

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Environment

The *Local Government Act 1995* Part 6 Division 3 requires that a monthly financial report be presented to Council.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

All financial implications are contained within the reports.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Resolution 9.1 OCM May 2023

That Council receives the monthly financial reports for the periods ending 30th April 2023.

Moved: Cr NW (Norm) Jenzen

Seconded: Cr N (Natalie) Snooke

Vote – Simple majority

Carried: 5/0

9.2 Accounts Paid – 30th April 2023

Location:	Cunderdin
Applicant:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Hayley Byrnes
Report Date:	10 May 2023
Item Approved By:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.2.1 – April 2023 Creditors Listing Attachment 9.2.2 - Credit Card Statement April 2023

Proposal/Summary

Council is requested to confirm the payment of Accounts totalling:

Total for Municipal -	\$455,882.57
Total for Trust -	\$0.00
TOTAL -	\$455,882.57

For March 2023 as listed in the Warrant of Payments for the period 1st to 30th April 2023.

Background

Nil.

Comment

Nil.

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Environment

In accordance with Financial Management Regulations 12 & 13, a List of all accounts paid or payable shall be presented to Council (Refer Warrant of Payments attached).

Financial Management Regulations 12 & 13.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

All financial implications are contained within the reports.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Resolution 9.2 OCM May 2023

1. That Council's payments of accounts amounting to \$455,882.57 being from Municipal Account for April 2023, as follows:

Municipal Account	\$	Total
Electronic Funds Transfer: EFT 7106 - 7180	\$423,286.63	
Direct Debit (Inc Bank Charges):	\$17,228.66	
Cheques: 11852 - 11856	\$15,367.28	
Trust Account		
	\$0.00	
TOTAL		\$455,882.57

Moved: Cr A (Tony) Smith

Seconded: Cr N (Natalie) Snooke

Vote – Simple majority

Carried: 5/0

9.3 Council Investments – As at 30th April 2023

Location:	Cunderdin
Applicant:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Hayley Byrnes
Report Date:	10 May 2023
Item Approved By:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.3.1 - Bank Statements April 2023

Proposal/Summary

To inform Council of its investments as at 30th April 2023.

Background

The authority to invest money held in any Council Fund is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer. Council Funds may be invested in one or more of the following:

- Fixed Deposits;
- Commercial Bills;
- Government bonds; and
- Other Short-term Authorised Investments.

Council funds are to be invested with the following financial institutions:

- Major Banks & Bonds Issued by Government and/ or Government Authorities.

Comment

In addition to the Shire's Municipal Operating Accounts, the below investment accounts are held as at 30th April 2023.

COUNCIL ACCOUNTS					
Institution	Amount	Investment type/ Account details	Municipal Funds	Reserve Funds	Trust Funds
Westpac Bank	\$175,829.20	Municipal- 0000030	\$175,829.20		
Bendigo Bank	\$216,570.59	Municipal- 155971377	\$216,570.59		
Westpac Bank	\$146.78	Business Cash Reserve 22-3647 0.50%		\$146.78	
Bendigo Bank	\$2,643.00	Bendigo Trust Account 164 488 686			\$2,643.00
Westpac Bank	\$0.00	Trust Working Account 12-2981			\$0.00
Bendigo Bank	\$1,252,487.09	Term Deposit 4.20% Exp 28 Jun 2023		\$1,252,487.09	
Bendigo Bank	\$2,000,000.00	Term Deposit -4.00% Exp 10 May 2023	\$2,000,000.00		
Bendigo Bank	\$504,347.95	Term Deposit -4.1% Exp 09 June 2023	\$504,347.95		
Bendigo Bank	\$506,000.00	Term Deposit -4% Exp 8 June 2023	\$506,000.00		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$4,658,024.61		\$3,402,747.74	\$1,252,633.87	\$2,643.00

In addition to the above Shire funds, the Shire administers the Cunderdin Community Centre Trust Accounts being Bendigo Term Deposits as below & operating Ac#000073- \$0.00

CUNDERDIN COMMUNITY TRUST DETAILS
INTEREST ACCOUNT
30 April 2023

Opening Balance as per Bank Statement & Term Deposits		
	Term Deposit# 4217537 Maturing 7 June 2023 (4.1%)	199,607.14
	TOTAL	199,607.14
Credits		0.00
Debits		0.00
Closing Balance as Per Bank Statements & Term Deposits		
	TOTAL	199,607.14
INCOMING		
		0.00
		0.00
OUTGOING		
		0.00
Balance as at end of month		
	TOTAL	199,607.14

CUNDERDIN COMMUNITY TRUST DETAILS
CAPITAL ACCOUNT
30 April 2023

Opening Balance as per Bank Statement & Term Deposits		
	Term Deposit# 4217529 Maturing 7 June 2023 (4.1%)	369,862.05
	TOTAL	369,862.05
Credits		0.00
Debits		0.00
Closing Balance as Per Bank Statements & Term Deposits		
	TOTAL	369,862.05
INCOMING		
		0.00
		0.00
OUTGOING		
		0.00
Balance as at end of month		
	TOTAL	369,862.05

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Implications

Financial Management Regulation 19.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in considering this item.

Strategic Implications

This item related to the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, which feeds into the Long-Term Financial Plan when determining annual Council Budgets.

Resolution 9.3 OCM May 2023

That the report on Council investments as at 30th April 2023 be received and noted.

Moved: Cr TE (Todd) Harris

Seconded: Cr N (Natalie) Snooke

Vote – Simple majority

Carried: 5/0

9.4 Shire of Cunderdin Meeting Dates for 2023/2024

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Governance and Administration Officer
Date:	11 th May 2023
Author:	Hayley Byrnes
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.4.1 - 2023-2024 Planner

Proposal/Summary

For Council to consider the Council and Committee Meetings dates and times for the 2023/24 financial year.

Background

Each year Council is required to set the dates for their Ordinary and Committee Meetings for the next financial year.

Currently Ordinary Meetings of Council are held on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month commencing at 5:00pm. The month of January has no scheduled meeting.

Council Forum is held the Thursday two (2) weeks prior to the Council Meeting.

Comments

The current meeting schedule has been in place for some time, however in recent times due to increased processes and lack of resources the ability to complete end of month procedures and produce sound reports for Council has become difficult.

With the meeting dates set for the third Thursday of the month it means there is limited time from when bank statements are available to complete end of month processing and reconciliations to enable production of the reports and agenda.

It is proposed the dates be moved to the fourth Thursday of the month (except on occasion when this is not possible due to public holidays or events).

The proposed dates are:

Month	Meeting Date
July 2023	Thursday 27 th July
August 2023	Thursday 31 st August
September 2023	Thursday 28 th September
October 2023	Thursday 26 th October
November 2023	Thursday 23 rd November
December 2023	Thursday 21 st December
January 2024	No Meeting Scheduled
February 2024	Thursday 22 nd February
March 2024	Thursday 21 st March
April 2024	Thursday 18 th April
May 2024	Thursday 23 rd May
June 2024	Thursday 27 th June

1. From 24th August to 17th August 2023

The 24th of August is the LGIS LG Golf Challenge.

2. From the 28th of December to the 21st of December 2023

The 28th of December falls in the period between Christmas and New Year's, when the Shire works, and administration office is normally closed.

3. From 28th March to 21st March 2024

The 28th of March is the Thursday prior to Good Friday and due to the number of staff and members potentially on leave.

4. From the 25th of April to 18th of April 2024

The 25th of April is Anzac Day.

In accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Council must give local public notice of the times, dates, and place for Ordinary and Committee meetings.

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995 – section 5.3 Ordinary and Special Meetings of Council

5.3. Ordinary and special council meetings

(1) *A council is to hold ordinary meetings and may hold special meetings.*

(2) *Ordinary meetings are to be held not more than 3 months apart.*

(3) *If a council fails to meet as required by subsection (2) the CEO is to notify the Minister of that failure.*

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Regulation 12 Public Notice of Council and Committee meetings

12. Meetings, public notice of (Act s. 5.25(1)(g))

(1) *At least once each year a local government is to give local public notice of the dates on which and the time and place at which –*

(a) *the ordinary council meetings; and*

(b) *the committee meetings that are required under the Act to be open to members of the public or that are proposed to be open to members of the public, are to be held in the next 12 months.*

(2) *A local government is to give local public notice of any change to the date, time or place of a meeting referred to in subregulation (1).*

(3) *Subject to subregulation (4), if a special meeting of a council is to be open to members of the public then the local government is to give local public notice of the date, time, place, and purpose of the special meeting.*

(4) *If a special meeting of a council is to be open to members of the public but, in the CEO's opinion, it is not practicable to give local public notice of the matters referred to in subregulation (3), then the local government is to give public notice of the date, time, place and purpose of the special meeting in the manner and to the extent that, in the CEO's opinion, is practicable.*

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Cunderdin Community Strategic Plan

The Cunderdin Community Strategic Plan aims to manage growth sustainably through governance, leadership, and targeted service and economic growth. The goals to achieve the aim are:

Social

- Grow and build the population base.
- Improve community spirit, collectively caring for each other.
- Build an active community, increasing participation and ownership.

Environmental

- Maintain and enhance the natural environment and resources.
- Maintain and enhance the area's infrastructure.

Economic

- Strengthen local business and employment capacity.
- Support and encourage sustainable business growth.
- Position the area as a regional strategic location and transport hub.

Administration Recommendation 9.4

That Council adopts and provides Local Public Notice for the following Ordinary Council and Committee Meeting dates, time, and places for the 2023/2024 financial year:

1. The date for Ordinary Council Meetings to be as follows, commencing at 5:00pm and being held in the Council Chambers, Lundy Avenue, Cunderdin:

Month	Meeting Date
July 2023	Thursday 27 th July
August 2023	Thursday 31 st August
September 2023	Thursday 28 th September
October 2023	Thursday 26 th October
November 2023	Thursday 23 rd November
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January 2024	No Meeting Scheduled
February 2024	Thursday 22 nd February
March 2024	Thursday 21 st March
April 2024	Thursday 18 th April
May 2024	Thursday 23 rd May
June 2024	Thursday 27 th June

2. Audit Committee meetings will be held as and when required with local public notice given on those occasions where the public are invited to attend.
3. Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) meetings are to be held three (3) times per year dates to be confirmed, commencing at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers, Lundy Avenue, Cunderdin.

General discussions ensued and it was agreed that Council meetings be moved from Thursdays to Wednesdays. Councillor Forums will also be held on a Wednesday with a later start time of 5pm.

Resolution 9.6 OCM May 2023

That Council adopts and provides Local Public Notice for the following Ordinary Council and Committee Meeting dates, time, and places for the 2023/2024 financial year:

1. The date for Ordinary Council Meetings to be as follows, commencing at 5:00pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month, except for December, and being held in the Council Chambers, Lundy Avenue, Cunderdin:

Month	Meeting Date
July 2023	Wednesday 26 th July
August 2023	Wednesday 23 rd August
September 2023	Wednesday 27 th September
October 2023	Wednesday 25 th October
November 2023	Wednesday 22 nd November
December 2023	Wednesday 20 th December
January 2024	No Meeting Scheduled
February 2024	Wednesday 28 th February
March 2024	Wednesday 27 th March
April 2024	Wednesday 24 th April
May 2024	Wednesday 22 nd May
June 2024	Wednesday 26 th June

2. Council Forums will be held on Wednesdays 2 weeks prior to the Ordinary Council Meeting, in the Council Chambers, Lundy Avenue, Cunderdin, commencing at 5pm.
3. Audit Committee meetings will be held as and when required with local public notice given on those occasions where the public are invited to attend.
4. Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) meetings are to be held three (3) times per year dates to be confirmed, commencing at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers, Lundy Avenue, Cunderdin.

Moved: Cr TE (Todd) Harris

Seconded: Cr A (Tony) Smith

Vote – Simple majority

Carried: 5/0

9.5 Amendment to the Fees and Charges 2022/2023

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Administration
Date:	11 th May 2023
Author:	Hayley Byrnes
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Nil

Proposal/Summary

It is proposed that Council adopt the following new/amendments to our Fees and Charges:

Hire of Mack Truck and Trailer (incl operator) \$231.00 per hour (incl GST)
additional Trailer \$27.50 per hour (incl GST)

Background

Fabian Houbrechts, the Works Manager from the Shire of Tammin, has expressed interest in hiring the Shire's Semi Truck (including operator) to assist with his works program.

Comment

The Shire of Cunderdin has recently received the request from the Shire of Tammin to hire our Semi Truck to assist with their works program. We have assessed the option of hiring the Semi Truck to surrounding local governments and believe it would be best to hire this as a wet hire option including the experienced operator therefore the proposed fees are:

- \$231.00 per hour for the Mack Truck and Trailer including operator (incl GST)
- \$27.50 per hour for additional Trailer (incl GST)

Consultation

Mr Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Craig Robertson, Manager of Works and Services

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 6.16

6.16. Imposition of fees and charges

A local government may impose and recover a fee or charge for any goods or service it provides or proposes to provide, other than a service for which a service charge is imposed.*

** Absolute majority required.*

A fee or charge may be imposed for the following —

providing the use of, or allowing admission to, any property or facility wholly or partly owned, controlled, managed or maintained by the local government;

supplying a service or carrying out work at the request of a person;

subject to section 5.94, providing information from local government records;

receiving an application for approval, granting an approval, making an inspection and issuing a licence, permit, authorisation or certificate;

supplying goods;

such other service as may be prescribed.

Fees and charges are to be imposed when adopting the annual budget but may be — imposed during a financial year; and amended* from time to time during a financial year.*

*Local Government Act 1995 – Section 6.19
Local government to give notice of fees and charges*

If a local government wishes to impose any fees or charges under this Subdivision after the annual budget has been adopted it must, before introducing the fees or charges, give local public notice of —its intention to do so; and the date from which it is proposed the fees or charges will be imposed.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Amending the 2022/2023 Fees and Charges adopted by Council, of the following charges;
An additional fee for Hire of Mack Truck and Trailer (incl operator) \$231.00 per hour (inc) and \$27.50 per hour for additional Trailer.

Strategic Implications

Key Result Area – Infrastructure and Transport

We work together for the provision of essential services and assets to support our growing community.

Resolution 9.5 OCM May 2023

That Council approve the addition of fees:

1. \$231.00 per hour for the Mack Truck and Trailer including operator (incl GST)
2. \$27.50 per hour for additional Trailer (incl GST)

Moved: Cr TE (Todd) Harris

Seconded: Cr NW (Norm) Jenzen

Vote – Absolute majority

Carried: 5/0

9.6 Policy Manual – Asset Management Policy

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Governance and Administration
Date:	3 rd May 2023
Author:	Samantha Pimlott
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.6.1 – Draft Asset Management Policy

Proposal/Summary

For Council to adopt the proposed Asset Management Policy.

Background

Asset Management Plans are a part of the Shire of Cunderdin's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.

An Asset Management Policy outlines a local government's asset management objectives, targets and plans. It establishes a guide for implementation of the Asset Management Plan. The Asset Management Policy must support a 'whole of life' and 'whole of organisation' approach to asset management.

Comment

The Asset Management Policy for consideration and adoption by the Council has been constructed based on Council priorities and community needs.

Consultation

Stuart Hobley – Chief Executive Officer.

Hayley Byrnes – Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

Samantha Pimlott – Governance & Administration Officer.

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995, s2.7(2)(b) Council the power to develop policies

Policy Implications

This is a new proposed policy.

Financial Implications

The policy will be a guiding document for the Asset Management Plan which will influence the Long-Term Financial Plan.

Strategic Implications

1. Community and Social

- 1.1 Community members have the opportunity to be active, engaged and connected.
 - Inclusive access to Shire facilities and services.

3. Built Environment

- 3.1 Safe, efficient and well maintained road infrastructure.

5. Civic Leadership

- 5.2 Forward planning and implementation of plans.
- 5.3 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations.

Resolution 9.6 OCM May 2023

That Council adopt the draft Asset Management Policy as per Attachment 9.6.1 - Draft Asset Management Policy

Moved: Cr N (Natalie) Snooke

Seconded: Cr A (Tony) Smith

Vote – Simple majority

Carried: 5/0



9.7 Receiving Local Emergency Management Committee Minutes

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Governance and Administration
Date:	3 rd May 2023
Author:	Samantha Pimlott
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.7.1 – LEMC Minutes

Proposal/Summary

For Council to receive the minutes for the Local Emergency Management Committee held on the 19th April 2023.

Background

The Minutes listed above have been attached for Councillor Review and they have been made available to the public.

Comment

There are no recommendations to Council from the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting.

However, it was agreed at the meeting to move from having 4 meetings per year to 3 per year. One meeting will be a desktop exercise and the other two meetings will be in conjunction with the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meetings.

Consultation

Mr Ben Davies, CESM.

Statutory Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Resolution 9.7 OCM May 2023

That the Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on the 19th April 2023 be received.

Moved: Cr A (Tony) Smith

Seconded: Cr N (Natalie) Snooke

Vote – Simple majority

Carried: 5/0

9.8 Meckering Murals Project

Location:	Cunderdin
Applicant:	Meckering Action Group
Date:	11 th May 2023
Author:	Samantha Pimlott
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.8.1 – MAG Letter of Request Attachment 9.8.2 – Photos of proposed mural locations

Proposal/Summary

Council to grant permission to the Meckering Action Group (MAG) to proceed with the planning and installation of public art on the Meckering Town Hall and the gazebo located in the earthquake garden.

Background

MAG have identified the side of the town hall as a potential site where an artist could be engaged to paint a mural depicting the heritage of the Meckering community.

A Meckering townsite revitalisation plan was constructed by the Shire in 2021 with the intention of bringing renewed vibrancy to the Meckering town centre.

A budgeted amount from LRCI funding is to be expensed to the Meckering Memorial Garden during this financial year with quotes having been obtained from Oasis to be contracted to complete the project.

Comment

The proposed area for the mural located on the north side of the town hall, Attachment 9.8.2 – Photos of proposed mural locations.

There are two options:

1. The first option is for the mural to go on the wall around the BBQ area. The front wall of this space (closest to the Highway) measures 4.5m in length and 1.9m in height.
2. The wall facing the overnight caravan park is 9m in length and 1.9m in height.

The proposed area for the mural located on the gazebo in the earthquake garden, Attachment 9.8.2 – Photos of proposed mural locations. The size of the two walls on the gazebo that we would be looking at having the mural, measure 2.9m in length and 1.97m in height.

MAG will be applying for grant funding to engage an artist to complete the project.

This project will be considered separate to the Meckering Memorial Garden redevelopment however it would be considered to be a valuable addition to the town centre and will complement the planned garden development.

Prior to the mural being placed on the walls MAG will consult with Council for approval on the final proposed designs.

Consultation

Liezl DeBeer – Community Development Officer
Meckering Action Group

Statutory Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic Implications

1. Community and Social

1.1 Community members have the opportunity to be active, engaged and connected

1.2 A healthy and safe community is planned for:

- Volunteers and community groups feel supported and empowered.

3. Built Environment

3.3 Enhance public spaces and townscapes

5. Civic Leadership

5.2 Forward planning and implementation of plans

- Financial sustainability in achieving community aspirations.

Resolution 9.8 OCM May 2023

That Council:

1. Grant permission for MAG to proceed with their investigation in engaging an artist to design a mural for the public art installation project on the Meckering Town Hall and Earthquake Gazebo.
2. Offer MAG letters of support to aid with grant applications the committee prepares and lodges.
3. Will have final approval of all artwork on Council facilities.

Moved: Cr TE (Todd) Harris

Seconded: Cr NW (Norm) Jenzen

Vote – Simple majority

Carried: 5/0

9.9 Chief Executive Officers Report

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	11th May 2023
Author:	Stuart Hobley
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

Proposal/Summary

To provide an update on the matters the Chief Executive Officer has been addressing over the past month.

Background

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 Projects

O'Connor Park

The ninja warrior course has been installed, the concrete footpaths have been laid and the skate park is near completion, the toilets and bbq shelters have been constructed and the playgrounds are being formed. The contractor has advised that there are currently no significant delays with the equipment or materials. Project is expected to be completed in May 2023.

Meckering Earthquake Memorial Garden

The contractor has been appointed and the initial project planning has commenced. Works are expected to commence in May 2023.

Cunderdin Golf Club – Shed

The Golf Club has been advised of the funding and the Golf Club has purchased the materials. The Club has commenced construction.

Gliding Club – Ablutions

The Gliding Club is obtaining quotes to complete the works. Once this is completed the Shire will meet with the Club to discuss the works and project management options.

Meckering Apex Park

The Meckering Action Group decided not to proceed with the redevelopment of the APEX park, opting to wait for the stage 3 redevelopment of Meckering concept plan. With the LRCI funding allocated to the project (\$20 000), we are planning to fence the front access of the playground and if budget allows provide a shade structure over the picnic area.

Tennis Club – Installation of the Soft Fall.

Completed.

Cunderdin Sport and Recreation Club - Blinds

Completed.

Additional Road Funding

The Shire will also receive an additional \$211,400 to be used on rural roads before 30 June 2025.

Cunderdin Industrial Lot Development

Development WA have completed the final plans for the industrial development and prepared a Contract of Sale. Council is waiting for CBH to advise if they have any further conditions on the sale of the land.

Council is responsible for the conveyancing and settlement costs and this should be completed in the near future. It is expected that contracts for the utility works will be let before the end of the financial year.

There has been a small amount of asbestos found on site that will need to be cleaned up. The majority of this is in the nature reserve between the industrial lots and the residential area.

Development WA are appointing a landscaper to complete the plantings in the nature reserve to screen the industrial lots from the residential area.

Federal Budget Outcome

The Federal Government release its Budget for 2023/24. There is little change for Local Government, but the funding for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program has continued and additional funds have been included in this funding for regional roads.

The highlights for Local Government are as follows:

- \$2.4 billion for the Roads to Recovery Program between 2022-23 and 2026-27. WA will receive \$360.6 million of this funding.
- \$600.7 million for Black Spot Projects between 2022-23 and 2026-27, including \$67.1 million for WA.
- \$485.4 million for the Bridges Renewal Program 2022-23 and 2026-27, with \$52.5 million allocated to WA.
- Additional \$200 million over two years from 2023-24 for the Major Projects Business Case Fund to support the planning of land transport infrastructure projects.
- \$1.8 billion has been provided for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program between 2022-23 and 2025-26, with WA to receive \$246.9 million. The additional \$250 million investment in 2024-25 and 2025-26 is available to Councils classified as rural, regional or outer-urban to spend on road projects. Funding has not been extended beyond 2025-2026.
- \$211.7 million over three years from 2023-24 to establish the Thriving Suburbs Program to provide grants for community infrastructure in urban and suburban communities through a competitive grants program
- \$159.7 million over four years from 2023-24 to establish the Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program, to support investment in place based priorities of local urban communities through a collaborative partnerships approach with State and Local governments and communities
- \$10.1 million over two years from 2023–24 to scope the capability needs to modernise Australia’s emergency service communications.
- \$10 million over two years for a National Waste Education Campaign.
- \$83.2 million over four years for a new Net Zero Authority, which will work with State and Local Governments, workers, regional communities and First Nations people to facilitate economic development and diversification in the transition to a clean energy economy.

Growing Regions Program

The Australian Government has recently announced a new grants program – the Growing Regions Program – in their first Budget in October 2022, replacing the Building Better Regions Program.

The Program will comprise two \$300 million funding rounds. Local Governments and not-for-profit organisations will be able to apply for grants of between \$500,000 and \$15 million for capital works projects that deliver community and economic infrastructure projects in regional and rural Australia.

The grants will cover up to 50 per cent eligible project costs, with lower co-funding requirements for First Nations, disaster-affected and remote applications.

Round 1 of the Growing Regions Program opens on 5 July 2023, with Expressions of interest closing on 1 August 2023, and full applications (by invitation) open from 1 November 2023 and due by 12 December 2023.

The administration is proposing to submit an Expression of Interest for the construction of nine 2x2 for worker accommodation. The details of the proposal will be tabled at a later meeting.

Comment

Nil.

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Resolution 9.9 OCM May 2023

That the Chief Executives Officers Report be received.

Moved: Cr TE (Todd) Harris

Seconded: Cr NW (Norm) Jenzen

Vote – Simple majority

Carried: 5/0

10. Environmental Health and Building

Nil Items.

11. Planning & Development

Nil Items.

12. Works & Services

Nil Items.

13. Urgent Items

Nil Items.

14. Scheduling of Meeting

14.1 June 2023 Ordinary Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of council is scheduled to take place on Thursday 15th June 2023 commencing at 5:00pm at the Cunderdin Shire Council Chambers, Cunderdin, WA 6407.

15. Closure of meeting

There being no further business the Shire President will declare the meeting closed at 5:44pm.

16. Certification

DECLARATION

I, Alison Harris, certify that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18th May 2023, as shown, were confirmed at the ordinary meeting of Council held on 15th June 2023.

Signed: 

Date: 15.06.23