



## Norseman Woodlands to Eucla Coast

# Notice of Meeting and Agenda Ordinary Council Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 in the Council Chambers at Prinsep Street Norseman, commencing at 6:00pm to consider and resolve on the matters set out in the attached agenda.

All meetings are open to the public, except for matters raised by Council under "Confidential Items".

Members of the public may ask a question at an Ordinary Council meeting under "Public Question Time".

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Peter Fitchat  
Chief Executive Officer

17 May 2024

AGENDA for the ORDINARY Meeting of Council  
to be held in the Council Chambers at the Shire Administration Office – Prinsep Street, Norseman  
on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May commencing at **6:00pm**.

### **Notes to Agenda**

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## 1. Declaration of Opening and Announcement of Visitors.

The Shire President welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting open at:

This Ordinary Council Meeting will be video recorded to assist in the preparation of the minutes of the meeting.

### 1.1 Acknowledgment of Country

The Shire of Dundas recognises Ngadju and Mirning as Traditional Custodians and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.

### 1.2 Attendance at meetings by electronic means

## 2. Declarations of Financial, Proximity, Impartiality Interests & Gifts Received.

Financial Interests:

Proximity Interests:

Impartiality Interests:

Gifts Received by Councillors:

As per the Shire of Dundas Code of Conduct section 3.4 Gifts, adopted by the Council on 21 October 2014 and reference to Regulation 34B of the Local Government (Administration) 1996.

## 3. Record of Attendance of Councillors / Officers and Apologies.

Cr Laurene G Bonza  
Cr Sharon M Warner  
Cr JE Patrick Hogan  
Cr John Maloney  
Cr Sharon Brown  
Cr Chantelle McLeod

Shire President  
Deputy Shire President

Peter Fitchat  
Barry Hemopo

Chief Executive Officer  
Manager of Works and Services

### Apologies

Pania Turner

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

### Public Gallery

## 4. Applications for Leave of Absence.

## 5. Response to Previous Public Questions Taken on Notice.

Member of Public Gallery, Ms N. Norton, asked for an update from Council about the delivery of medical services in remote areas such as the Eyre Highway and Eucla.

A recommendation was prepared to provide Medical Services to the Shire Border with South Australia and possibly beyond. The item was presented on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting. This motion was not carried, and at this stage, no further discussion has commenced.

## 6. Public Question Time.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, any person may during Public Question Time ask any question.

## 7. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings.

### 7.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

#### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Moved: Cr.

Seconded: Cr.

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried:

For:

Against:

### 7.2 Minutes of Special Meeting of Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

#### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Moved: Cr.

Seconded: Cr.

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried:

For:

Against:

## 8. Petitions, Deputations or Presentations.

### Reports of Committees

#### 8.1.1 GVROC

Council representatives Cr Bonza and Cr Warner

#### 8.1.2 WALGA

Council representatives Cr Bonza, Cr Warner, and Cr McLeod

#### 8.1.3 Regional Roads Group

Council representatives Cr Bonza and Cr Brown

#### 8.1.4 RoadWise

Council representatives Cr McLeod and Cr Maloney

#### 8.1.5 Local Emergency Management Committee

Council representatives Cr Bonza and Cr Brown

#### 8.1.6 Steering Committee Coastal Management Plan

Council representative Cr Bonza

## 9. Announcements by Presiding Member without Discussion.

## 10. Reports

### 10.1 Planning and Development

Agenda Reference & Subject	
<b>10.1.1 – Proposed Road Dedication – Mort Harslett Drive Norseman</b>	
Location / Address	N/A
File Reference	RD.MA
Author	Anthony Dowling, Dowling Giudici + Associates (DG+A) – Town Planning Consultant
Date of Report	15 May 2024
Disclosure of Interest	DG+A receives consulting fees from the Shire of Dundas

#### Summary

Further to Council's resolution at its December 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) to publicly advertise its proposal to dedicate the section of Mort Harslett Drive between the Hyden-Norseman Road and lot 301 on the western edge of the Norseman townsite as a **public road**, public advertising of the proposal took place over a period of 35 days from mid-February to mid-March 2024.

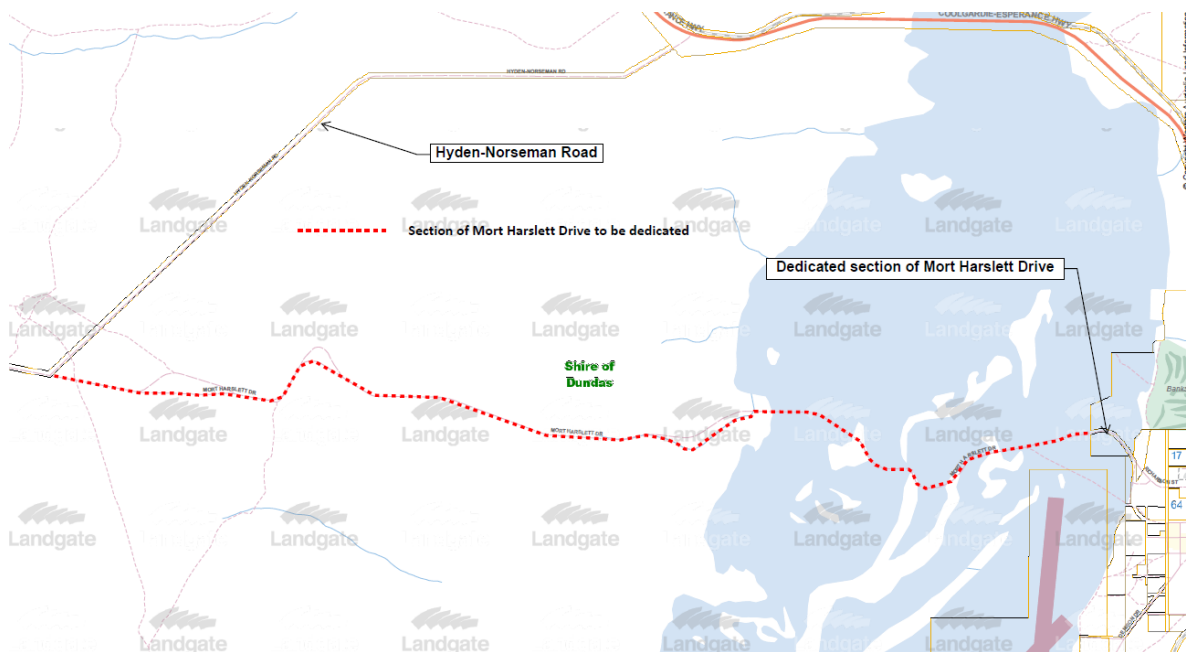
At the end of the aforementioned advertising period the Shire had not received any submissions on the proposal.

On this basis and given Council's predilection to dedicate this section of road as a public road, it is recommended that Council now proceed to formally request the Minister for Lands to **dedicate the road as a public road, under the care and control of the Shire.**

### Background

At its Ordinary Meeting held on 16 December 2023 Council resolved to publicly advertise a proposal to dedicate the section of Mort Harslett Drive extending west of lot 301 on Plan 48800 to its intersection with the Hyden-Norseman Road, as a public road under the care, control and management of the Shire of Dundas.

The section of road proposed to be dedicated is shown by the red-dashed line in the map below.



Notices of the proposal were placed in the *Kalgoorlie Miner* newspaper, the *Norseman Today* 'local rag', and on the Shire website on 7 February 2024 inviting comment from the public on the proposal.

The proposal was advertised for a period of 35-days (the statutory time period), between **7 February 2024** and **13 March 2024**.

During this time the Shire did not receive any submissions on the proposal.

Given this, and Council's predilection to dedicate the road, the next step in the dedication process is to formally request the Minister for Lands to dedicate the road.

### Proposal

For Council to resolve - pursuant to section 56 (2) of the *Land Administration Act 1997* - to request the Minister for Lands to dedicate that section of Mort Harslett Drive extending westwards of lot 301



on Plan 48800 to its intersection with the Hyden-Norseman Road as a **public road under the care, control and management of the Shire of Dundas**.

It is further proposed that the existing road formation be contained within a **40-metre wide road reserve** in order to allow for the strategic location of future turning slip lanes, passing lanes, parking bays, viewpoints etc.

#### Statutory Environment

*Land Administration Act 1997, section 56*

*Land Administration Regulations 1998, regulation 8*

#### Policy Implications

Nil.

#### Financial Implications

The Shire may **incur expenses in preparing relevant documentation** associated with requesting the Minister for Lands to dedicate the road.

This could include additional survey expenses to create the proposed road reserve if a survey of the reserve boundaries is required (the sketch of the section of road proposed to be dedicated provided in the papers relating at the December 2023 OCM only denotes the width of the current road formation, which is between 6 ~ 8 metres wide).

If this potential additional survey expense is not presently budgeted then consideration ought to be given to including it as an expenditure item in the 2024/5 Shire budget. This would dovetail with the road dedication process likely being completed in mid-2024 or beyond.

#### Strategic Implications

Dedicating the remainder of Mort Harslett Drive as a public road will **provide protection** of it, the road being a **strategic link** in the Shire's access and movement network.

2.1.2 Promote and educate people on the responsible use of the bush.

3.1 Shire infrastructure and services meet the Community's needs.

4.3.4 Support tourist development and promote the Shire of Dundas as a destination experience.

#### Consultation

Elected Members

Senior Officers

General public (via public advertising of the proposal).

#### Comment

On the basis that no objections to the proposal were received and Council's desire to dedicate the road, it is recommended that Council proceed with the request for the Minister for Lands to dedicate the road.

#### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Moved: Cr.  
 Seconded: Cr.

### Officer Recommendation

That Council, pursuant to section 56 (2) of the *Land Administration Act 1997*, request the Minister for Lands to dedicate the section of Mort Harslett Drive extending westwards from lot 301 on Plan 48800 to its intersection with the Hyden-Norseman Road as a public road, contained within a 40m metre wide road reserve.

Carried by:

For:

Against:

Agenda Reference & Subject	
10.1.2 – Proposed Coastal Planning Strategy – Key Guiding Principles	
Location / Address	N/A
File Reference	LP.PL
Author	Anthony Dowling, Dowling Giudici + Associates (DG+A) – Town Planning Consultant
Date of Report	14 May 2024
Disclosure of Interest	DG+A receives consulting fees from the Shire of Dundas

### Summary

This report presents for Council's consideration, review and adoption a list of draft key guiding principles to guide and shape the Shire's proposed coastal planning strategy.

### Background

Council will be aware that a coastal planning strategy for the Shire's coast between the eastern boundary of the Nuytsland Nature Reserve and the Eucla National Park is currently being formulated.

A key task in formulating the strategy is the development of a preliminary **vision statement and guiding principles to shape the strategy**.

Whilst a vision statement has yet to developed a list of **key guiding principles** has been drafted by the planning strategy consultant for consideration, review, and adoption/endorsement by Council.

These draft key guiding principles (or directions) have been predicated upon the key guiding principles listed in the Western Australian Planning Commissions' (WAPC) [Local Planning Strategy Guidelines](#) (March 2023) as well as some of the key guiding principles listed in one of the WAPC's **relevant and exemplar coastal planning strategies**, namely the [Ningaloo Coast Regional Strategy \(Carnarvon – Exmouth\)](#).

The draft key guiding principles have recently been considered by Council's **Coastal Planning Strategy Steering Committee** and incorporate recommended alterations, modifications etc.

### Proposal

For Council to consider, adopt/endorse (with or without modification) the key guiding principles listed in **Attachment 10.1.2 (i)** in the Papers Relating—drafted to **shape** the proposed coastal planning strategy.

Should Council adopt/endorse these key guiding principles it is intended that a copy of them accompany letters to key stakeholders inviting input into the formulation and shaping of the strategy.

#### Proposal

For Council to consider, adopt/endorse (with or without modification) the key guiding principles listed in **Attachment 10.1.2 (i)** in the Papers Relating—drafted to **shape** the proposed coastal planning strategy.

Should Council adopt/endorse these key guiding principles it is intended that a copy of them accompany letters to key stakeholders inviting input into the formulation and shaping of the strategy.

#### Statutory Environment

Nil.

#### Policy Implications

Nil.

#### Financial Implications

Nil.

#### Strategic Implications

The list of draft key guiding principles relate to or can give effect - to varying degrees – all goals and objectives expressed in the Shire's *Strategic Community Plan 2022-32*.

#### Consultation

Dundas Shire Council Coastal Planning Steering Committee

#### Comment

Adoption/endorsement by Council of the key guiding principles (with or without modification) will not only provide guidance in the shaping of the coastal planning strategy but also clearly reflect **Council's long-term directions for the strategy area**. This latter aspect (providing long-term directions) is a key guiding principle of the WAPC's *Local Planning Strategy Guidelines*.

Furthermore, the proposed key guiding principles can also **constrain** the strategy from being **burdened** by matters **irrelevant** to managing land use change and development. This aspect too is also a key guiding principle of the WAPC's *Local Planning Strategy Guidelines*. This principle will assist key stakeholders invited to provide input into the formulation of the strategy to **focus on land use and development issues, constraints and opportunities relevant within the strategy area** and not on extraneous matters and issues.

The formulation of a vision statement is intended to occur following the completion of preliminary consultation (Task 2) and the Coastal Vulnerability Assessment (Task 4).

#### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Moved; Cr.  
 Seconded: Cr.

### Officer Recommendation

That Council adopt the list of draft key guiding principles listed at Attachment 10.1.2 (i) in the Papers Relating to this meeting agenda to guide and direct the formulation of the Shire's proposed coastal planning strategy.

Carried by:

For:

Against:

## 10.2 Administration, Finance and Community Development

<b>Agenda Reference &amp; Subject</b>	
<b>10.2.1 – 2023/24 Budget Amendment</b>	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	FM.IN
Author	Peter Fitchat, Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report	10 April 2024
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

### Summary

For Council to consider budget amendment for the reallocation of expenditure.

### Background

The Shire of Dundas has an approved allocation of \$453,930 for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program original Phase 4 funding. The original project for this funding was for the aerodrome building upgrades which is included in the adopted 2023/24 budget. The LRCI funding allocation has since been split into two parts following approval by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (the Department). The funding split is now:

- Part A - \$287,877 for approved local road and community infrastructure projects.
- Part B - \$166,053 for approved road projects in regional, rural and outer-urban areas only, unless otherwise agreed by the Department.

Due to the change of allocations for the funding by the Department as above, the original Phase 4 application towards the aerodrome building upgrades requires amendment to capture the proposed expenditure as per the original budget and be compliant with the funding allocation.

### Statutory Environment

*Local Government Act 1995*

1. **6.8. Expenditure from municipal fund not included in annual budget**

- (1) A local government is not to incur expenditure from its municipal fund for an additional purpose except where the expenditure —
- (a) is incurred in a financial year before the adoption of the annual budget by the local government; or
  - (b) is authorised in advance by resolution\*; or
  - (c) is authorised in advance by the mayor or president in an emergency.

\* *Absolute majority required.*

Policy Implications

There are no known policy implications for this matter.

Financial Implications

Authorisation of expenditure through budget amendments is recommended. There is no impact on the overall expenditure included in the 2023/24 budget, the amendments proposed are to reallocate expenditure. The allocations are as outlined in the body of this report.

Strategic Implications

Strategic Community Plan 2022 - 2032

- Goal 5: Governance and Leadership
- Outcome 5.1, A trusted local government
- Strategy 5.1.1, Accountable and informed decision-making by Council
- Strategy 5.1.2, Compliance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and all relevant legislation and regulations.

Consultation

Elected Members

Moore Australia

Executive Officers

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Comment

There are some capital expenditure projects where there has been no current expenditure and no purchase orders raised. The funds can be reallocated through four projects as they are not likely to be expended (due to timing or delays) by the end of the 2023/24 financial year where some other projects have acquittal deadlines to be met.

Type	COA	Description	Current budget	Proposed New budget	Comment
CapEx Infrastructure Other	3475	Squash Court Flooring	\$50,000	\$10,000	Carry forward project into the 2024/25 budget. There are no YTD actuals and no purchase orders raised.

CapEx Land and Buildings	3094	Move Anglican Church	\$50,000	\$10,000	Carry forward project into the 2024/25 budget. There are no YTD actuals and no purchase orders raised.
OpEx Materials and Contracts	0632	Altus payroll software	\$65,000	\$10,000	Carry forward phase 2, 3 & 4 into the 2024/25 budget. Implementation of software and going live not likely to occur this financial year.
CapEx Infrastructure Airport	6514	Aerodrome buildings	\$206,219	\$306,219	Original LRCI application Phase 4 Part B \$166,053 was allocated to the Aerodrome Building, this is now allocated to Infrastructure Roads Drainage. LRCI grant conditions changed Part B to be road projects only, requiring additional Municipal funds to be allocated for this project.
OpEx Materials and Contracts	1732	Aged Persons Homes Building Maintenance	\$39,000	\$54,000	Additional urgent works have been identified since the mid-year budget review.
OpEx Materials and Contracts	7822	Parts and repairs plant and equipment	\$95,827	\$115,827	P290 (3 Axle Dog Trailer) required urgent maintenance works to ensure safety and road worthiness
			<b>\$506,046</b>	<b>\$506,046</b>	

### Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

**Moved:** Cr.

**Seconded:** Cr.

### Officer Recommendation

That Council adopt by absolute majority the following amendments to the 2023/24 budget:

- Increase infrastructure airport           **\$100,000**
- Decrease land and buildings           **(\$40,000)**
- Decrease infrastructure other           **(\$40,000)**
- Decrease materials & contracts       **(\$20,000)**

**Carried by:**

**For:**

**Against:**

<b>Agenda Reference &amp; Subject</b>	
<b>10.2.2 – Financial Statements for the Period Ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	FM.IN
Author	Moore Australia
Date of Report	5 April 2024
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

#### **Appendix 4 Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ended 30th April 2024**

##### CEO Comment

As previously discussed with Council, the 2023/24 Budget Review adopted in the March OCM addressed the budget items where there are variations. The Budget Amendment item presented in the April OCM to address the change of LRCI funding eligible criteria from community infrastructure to roads infrastructure only, was lost and as such these budget items are noted in the financial report. The Budget Amendment item has been included in the May OCM as item 10.2.1.

##### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

**Moved:** Cr.

**Seconded:** Cr.

##### Officer Recommendation:

**That Council accept the Shire of Dundas Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ended 30th April 2024.**

**Carried by:**

**For:**

**Against:**

<b>Agenda Reference &amp; Subject</b>	
<b>10.2.3 – Accounts Paid 01.02.2024 – 29.02.2024</b>	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	FM.CR
Author	Senior Administration Officer
Date of Report	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

##### Summary

To present to Council the list of accounts paid by delegated authority of the Chief Executive Officer during February 2024.

##### Statutory Environment

Sub-regulation 13 (1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations

1996 requires that a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared —

- (a) the payee's name; and
- (b) the amount of the payment; and
- (c) the date of the payment; and
- (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.

Sub-regulation 13 (3) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 provides that such a list is to be:

- (a) presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
- (b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting

#### Policy Implications

Council has approved policies and procedures in place to ensure that the monthly accounts are approved and paid with due diligence.

#### Financial Implications

Accounts are managed within the approved Budget.

#### **Municipal Cheques**

Cheque	Date	Name	Description	Amount
				<b>0.00</b>

#### **Municipal Account EFT's**

EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount
EFT9322	02/02/2024	Laurene Bonza	Claim (Council Meeting - Audit 01/02/2024)	119.00
EFT9323	02/02/2024	SHARON BROWN	Claim ( Council Meeting - Audit Report 23/01/2024 & 01.02.2024)	238.00
EFT9324	02/02/2024	John Edward Patrick Hogan	Claim (Council Meeting - Audit Report 23/01/2024 & 01.02.2024)	238.00
EFT9325	02/02/2024	JOHN MALONEY	Claim ( Council Meeting - Audit Report 23/01/2024 & 01.02.2024)	238.00
EFT9326	02/02/2024	Chantelle McLeod	Claim ( Council Meeting - Audit Report 23/01/2024 & 01.02.2024)	238.00
EFT9327	02/02/2024	SHARON MAREE WARNER (councillor)	Claim (Council Meeting - Workshop - Auditor's report 23/01/2024) Claim (Council Meeting - Audit 01/02/2024) Claim (PRESIDENT'S/DEPUTY'S ALLOWANCE for December 2023) Claim (PRESIDENT'S/DEPUTY'S ALLOWANCE for January 2024)	982.00
EFT9328	08/02/2024	Australian Taxation Office	BAS (November 2023)	42966.00
EFT9329	08/02/2024	CHILD SUPPORT DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Payroll deductions	149.60
EFT9330	09/02/2024	Laurene Bonza	Claim (Council Meeting - IB Session 08/02/2024)	119.00
EFT9331	09/02/2024	SHARON BROWN	Claim (Council Meeting - IB Session 08/02/2024)	119.00



EFT9332	09/02/2024	John Edward Patrick Hogan	Claim (Council Meeting - IB Session 08/02/2024)	119.00
EFT9333	09/02/2024	JOHN MALONEY	Claim (Council Meeting - IB Session 08/02/2024)	119.00
EFT9334	09/02/2024	Chantelle McLeod	Claim (Council Meeting - IB Session 08/02/2024)	119.00
EFT9335	09/02/2024	SHARON MAREE WARNER (councillor)	Claim (Council Meeting - GVROC Kalgoorlie 02/02/2024)	238.00
EFT9336	09/02/2024	Laurene Bonza	Claim (Council Meeting - GVROC 02/02/2024)	119.00
EFT9337	16/02/2024	Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety	Recoup Building BSL Fees (December 2023) BSL Fees - September 2023	1473.30
EFT9338	16/02/2024	Shire of Dundas	Commission - BSL Fees (December 2023)	20.00
EFT9339	16/02/2024	Laurene Bonza	Claim (Ordinary Council Meeting - 15/02/2024)	421.00
EFT9340	16/02/2024	SHARON BROWN	Claim (Ordinary Council Meeting - 15/02/2024)	238.00
EFT9341	16/02/2024	John Edward Patrick Hogan	Claim (Ordinary Council Meeting - 15/02/2024)	238.00
EFT9342	16/02/2024	JOHN MALONEY	Claim (Ordinary Council Meeting - 15/02/2024)	238.00
EFT9343	16/02/2024	Chantelle McLeod	Claim (Ordinary Council Meeting - 15/02/2024)	238.00
EFT9344	16/02/2024	SHARON MAREE WARNER (councillor)	Claim (Council Meeting - GVROC Kalgoorlie 02/02/2024) Claim (Council Meeting - IB Session 08/02/2024)	238.00
EFT9345	20/02/2024	Eucla Motor Hotel	Accommodation and meals November 2023 – January 2024	7454.35
EFT9346	20/02/2024	Airport Lighting Specialists Pty Ltd	Supply White Windsock 910mmx3.65m	709.50
EFT9347	20/02/2024	Bullivants Pty Ltd	Various Supplies for Depot (concrete lifting eye) 569.01 Quarterly Inspection: Lifting and Rigging - 25 January 2024 924.00	1493.01
EFT9348	20/02/2024	BAILEYS FERTILISERS	Fertilizers	8965.00
EFT9349	20/02/2024	BRAYCO COMMERCIAL PTY LTD	Various Supplies for IGA benches	4236.00
EFT9350	20/02/2024	BOC Limited	2023/24 Monthly Container Service Fee ( 29.12.2023 to 28.01.2024 )	64.99
EFT9351	20/02/2024	Cuten Guneder Machinery	Emergency works at Dog Park (Vandalism) Clean out Septic Tank at Norseman Airport Clean out Three Septic Tank at Dog Park Clean out pond at Rubbish dump Clean out 2x Septic tank at 139 Roberts St	11006.00

EFT9352	20/02/2024	Choices Flooring Esperance	Flooring - works completed at Norseman Airport	24415.83
EFT9353	20/02/2024	Corsign WA	Supply 6 x Road Sign for Norseman Hyden Road Supply a custom sign to Eucla Airport	885.50
EFT9354	20/02/2024	COASTLINE MOWERS	Supply Trimmer	359.20
EFT9355	20/02/2024	CELCIUS REFRIGERATION & TRANSPORT SERVICES PTY LTD	Service Refrigeration unit - labour and supplies	1394.26
EFT9356	20/02/2024	ESPERANCE METALAND	Supply Steel for depot	448.70
EFT9357	20/02/2024	FUTURE SECURITY SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	Quarterly Monitoring 81 Roberts Street ( 19.10.2023 - 19.1.2024 )	150.15
EFT9358	20/02/2024	MAMMOTH SECURITY PTY LTD	Quarterly Alarm Monitoring - Admin office, telecentre, and 76 Roberts St. (Jan-March 2024)	268.42
EFT9359	20/02/2024	Star Track Credit	Freight (Mcintosh & Son Perth to Norseman 31/01/24)	70.27
EFT9360	20/02/2024	MCINTOSH HOLDINGS P/L	Supply parts(mirrors) to DS16 Front End Loader	463.40
EFT9361	20/02/2024	FRASER RANGE STATION PTY LTD T/A NORSEMAN CONCRETE & EARTHMOVING	500 hr service - JD loader 500hr service for Front End Loader Service to Prime Mover 40,000km service to Holden Colorado DS3030 Replace & fit 4 x tyres and & Carry out 30,000km service 2000lt pump - repair engine fault	5400.00
EFT9362	20/02/2024	O'Dwyer Electrical	Install 15-amp power point with RCD safety switch protection for computer server	2180.20
EFT9363	20/02/2024	RED DESERT COOLING AND ELECTRICAL	Dairy/Meat Coolroom Repairs Works completed - repairs to Vegetable Produce Case Works completed - Fruit and Veg display cabinet not holding temp	5475.50
EFT9364	20/02/2024	South East Petroleum	Supply 8500L DIESEL DIESEL - supply 7000 Ltr Diesel for CEO - Jan 2024, Diesel for MWS - Jan 2024, Diesel for Postie Truck - Jan 2024	26665.20
EFT9365	20/02/2024	South Coast Foodservice	Various Chemicals for Laundromat	2128.92
EFT9366	20/02/2024	Team Global Express	Freight - Norseman to Pathwest Nedlands 17/01/2024	57.35
EFT9367	20/02/2024	WESFARMERS KLEENHEAT GAS PTY LTD	LPG Bulk for Laundromat (Delivered 23 Jan 2024)	847.08
EFT9368	20/02/2024	WIRETAINERS PROPRIETARY LIMITED	Remaining 30% payment - Baggage Trailer	4537.50
EFT9369	29/02/2024	Eucla Motor Hotel	Fuel Purchases - November Fuel	792.30
EFT9370	29/02/2024	Australia Post	Postage (January 2024)	124.84
EFT9371	29/02/2024	ATOM SUPPLY	Earplugs & bollard replacement for the depot	698.29
EFT9372	29/02/2024	BP Norseman	Various fuel supplies for January	527.23

			2024	
EFT9373	29/02/2024	Bunnings Warehouse Kalgoorlie	Supply 2 x Door knob for Gym	31.00
EFT9374	29/02/2024	CSSTECH GROUP PTY LTD	Samsung Galaxy S23 Supplies for IGA staff	158.51
EFT9375	29/02/2024	CUTTING EDGES EQUIPMENT PARTS PTY LTD	Supply cutting edges	1561.01
EFT9376	29/02/2024	MATTBEN PTY LTD T/AS FREIGHT LINES GROUP	Freight (Esperance Metaland (Bundle of Steel) to SOD - 22/01/2024) 35.60 Freight (Corsign to SOD - 22/01/2024), Freight (Corsign to SOD - 30/01/2024) 192.74	228.34
EFT9377	29/02/2024	Elite Gym Hire	Monthly Hire of Row Station, Leg curl, Bench, Squat Rack & Multi- Functional Trainer (12/2/24 to 12/3/24 )	729.08
EFT9378	29/02/2024	Department of Fire & Emergency Services	ESL (January 2024)	748.55
EFT9379	29/02/2024	FUTURE SECURITY SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	Dog Park Annual CCTV Monitoring (Feb 2024 - Feb 2025)	660.00
EFT9380	29/02/2024	Goldfields Image Works	Supply 114 Norseman promotional stickers Citizenship Awards Framing 23-24 - Event Photograph Edit & Transmit Print & frame Norseman Horse statue photograph and certificate/card for D. Delamotte 100th birthday 27/12/2023 Assist with bushfire locations and progress - Dundas - Edit & transmit files, 18/2/2024 Assist with bushfire locations and progress - Balladonia - Edit & transmit files Eyre Highway Closure - Photograph traffic @ road closure - edit & transmit	4632.10
EFT9381	29/02/2024	GREENFIELD TECHNICAL SERVICES	Engineering Technical Assessment of Hyden Norseman Road	8195.00
EFT9382	29/02/2024	GLEN FLOOD GROUP PTY LTD T/A GFG TEMP ASSIST	Tender Support	653.40
EFT9383	29/02/2024	GLEN FLOOD GROUP PTY LTD T/A GFG CONSULTING	Van with Freezers - second progress claim and delivery to Norseman Post Office Truck - Supply and install insulation, Modify rear step for quick release, Supply and install 2.5 kg fire extinguisher.	17346.34
EFT9384	29/02/2024	Horizon Power	Swimming Pool Power Charges - 15/12/2023 - 14/02/2024	

EFT9385	29/02/2024	Heatley's Safety & Industrial	Supply PPE and Uniforms	Error Data Upload
EFT9386	29/02/2024	KILIMA (WA) P/L	Monthly Rent for 81 Roberts Street (February 2024)	292.82
EFT9387	29/02/2024	Landgate	GROSS RENTAL VALUATIONS CHARGEABLE SHEDULE NO: G2024/01- DATED 09/12/2023 TO 05/01/2024	74.15
EFT9388	29/02/2024	Recoveries Legal	Shire of Dundas - Withdrawal of Caveat (x12) 28 Mines Road & 45 Roberts St 660.00 Shire of Dundas - Withdrawal of Caveat (8 Mines Road) 330.00	990.00
EFT9389	29/02/2024	Star Track Credit	Freight (12/02/2024 & 14/02/2024)	60.61
EFT9390	29/02/2024	LGIS	Additional 200 Booklets for the Depot.	451.00
EFT9391	29/02/2024	Raymond Marcon	1 x sign made for OP-SHOP as per request- Councillor Community Allowance	200.00
EFT9392	29/02/2024	Moore Australia (WA) Pty Ltd	Progressive Billing 31/01/2024 - Preparation of 2023 Compliance Audit Return for submission to DLGSC as per engagement agreement dated 5 December 2023 Final billing in relation to the Review of Risk Management, Internal Controls and Legislative Compliance (Audit Regulation 17) in accordance with our engagement letter dated 18 July 2023 Compilation of the Monthly Statement of Financial Activity - November 2023 Ad hoc and on-demand accounting support - December - January Rates processing and assistance - December 2023, Rates processing and assistance - January 2024	32548.87
EFT9393	29/02/2024	McLeods Barristers & Solicitors	Professional Fees: DR 131/2022 - Prendiville Superannuation Pty Ltd v Shire of Dundas	2716.50
EFT9394	29/02/2024	FRASER RANGE STATION PTY LTD T/A NORSEMAN CONCRETE & EARTHMOVING	Float Shire grader to Victoria Rocks Rd Supply sand to use for footpath Supply cracker dust to use for Footpaths Repair Steering Fault - parts and labour Carry out 15,000km Service to Tip	16113.42

			Truck	
EFT9395	29/02/2024	Navman Wireless Australia Pty Ltd	Monthly Satellite Service (05.02.2024 -04.03.2024)	65.89
EFT9396	29/02/2024	OFFICE NATIONAL KALGOORLIE	Double A Smoother A4 copy paper 494.45 Various stationery - partially invoiced 147.46	641.91
EFT9397	29/02/2024	O'Dwyer Electrical	Upgrade courthouse lighting with LED fittings	14850.00
EFT9398	29/02/2024	Plant Assessor - Online Safety Systems Pty Ltd	Plant Assessor membership (January 2024)	1375.00
EFT9399	29/02/2024	RESOURCE ACCOMMODATION MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	October Catering	775.00
EFT9400	29/02/2024	SWANS Veterinary Services	Euthanasia for 3 x Cat	464.65
EFT9401	29/02/2024	Telstra Corporation Limited	Various Telstra Accounts Paid	5622.51
EFT9402	29/02/2024	Esperance Trophies and Laser Engraving	Desk plates supplies for councillors	875.50
EFT9403	29/02/2024	Team Global Express	Freight (23/01/2024 - Coastline Mowers Rockingham to SOD)	57.42
EFT9404	29/02/2024	Southern Cross Austereo / TRIPLE M	Advertising for the Norseman IGA - December 2023 Advertising for January community events Advertising for the Norseman IGA for January 2024	1734.70
EFT9405	29/02/2024	IT Vision	Realign Rates Notice	554.40
EFT9406	29/02/2024	Water Corporation	Various Water Accounts - 28 Nov 2023 - 25 Jan 2024	53646.65
EFT9407	29/02/2024	WALGA - Western Australian Local Government Association	Training - Sharon Brown - Understanding Financial reports & Budgets - Jan 2024	385.00
EFT9408	29/02/2024	SHARON MAREE WARNER (pool)	Relief Pool Manager for January 2024	1850.00
EFT9411	28/02/2024	DOWLING GIUDICI ASSOCIATES	DG&A Professional Services Agreement Dundas South Coast Planning - Tasks	11810.70
8766	12/02/2024	Anton Carlsen	Payment for Meals and Incidentals (Ranger Training)	852.90
PAY	13/02/2024	Payroll	Direct Debit of Net Pays	99800.49
8783	19/02/2024	Talavera Market Pty Ltd	Payment to Invoice 20000009811 (IGA)	853.05
8784	19/02/2024	Renee Petersen	Reimbursement of fuel for Library Training	70.01
PAY	27/02/2024	Payroll	Direct Debit of Net Pays	106668.51
8788	28/02/2024	Unparalleled Products	Bulbar for Mahindra N30570	2640.00
				<b>\$554,954.73</b>

## Municipal Account Direct Debts

EFT/DD	Date	Name	Description	Amount
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8735	02/02/2024	ANZ	Bank Fees	10.00
8736	06/02/2024	ANZ	ANZ BPAY Fees	34.65
8786	26/02/2024	ANZ	Account Servicing Fees	10.00
8792	27/02/2024	ANZ	Account Servicing Fees	10.00
8791	29/02/2024	ANZ	Bank Fees	148.36
8771	15/02/2024	Payment Solutions	Payment to Payment Solutions 3E Advantage Printing Costs	1797.69
PAY	05/02/2024	SuperChoice	02.08.2023 – 15.08.2023	12938.75
PAY	05/02/2024	SuperChoice	25.10.2023 – 07.11.2023	18245.02
PAY	05/02/2024	SuperChoice	17.01.2024 – 31.01.2024	18282.23
PAY	05/02/2024	SuperChoice	08.11.2023 – 22.11.2023	18714.75
PAY	08/02/2024	SuperChoice	30.08.2023 – 19.09.2023	276.71
PAY	15/02/2024	SuperChoice	31.01.2024 – 14.02.2024	17161.20
				<b>\$87,629.36</b>

**Municipal Account Credit Cards - \*\*Payment was made in January\*\***

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount
				<b>0.00</b>

**Visitor Centre Account EFT's and Direct Debits**

EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount
				<b>0.00</b>

**IGA and Australia Post Account (1) EFT's and Direct Debits**

**IGA and Australia Post Account (2) EFT's and Direct Debits**

EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount
DD11906. 7	11/02/20 24	Norseman Historical Museum Association	20 x Main Link Local Telephone & Community Directory	99.00
DD11906. 8	11/02/20 24	BUNNINGS GROUP LIMITED	Industrial Fan Wall Bristol 750mm 280 W x 2	297.73
DD11911. 1	08/02/20 24	ESPERANCE PFD FOOD SERVICES PTY LTD	Assorted Bread Products - Norseman IGA Order January	128.20
DD11911. 3	05/02/20 24	GLENVALE PRODUCE PTY LTD	January Fruit & Veg	6222.11
DD11911. 8	17/02/20 24	BLAZON DISPLAYS RETAIL SOURCE PTY LTD	Reduced to clear labels	59.00
DD11911. 9	17/02/20 24	SIMCONNECT NATIONAL PTY LTD	„Assorted Mobile Phones“	1308.04
DD11927. 1	05/02/20 24	G & R Hot Bread Shop - The Trustee for Four A & Family	Local Bread Order Jan/Feb 2024	195.00
DD11927. 2	05/02/20 24	HOMESTYLE VEGETABLE PROCESSORS PTY. LTD. t/a HOMESTYLE SALADS	Pre-Packaged Salads Jan/Feb 2024	466.82
DD11927. 3	06/02/20 24	The Trustee for MAROK FAMILY TRUST	Bread Order 31/01/2024	582.22
DD11927. 4	04/02/20 24	The Trustee for Bovells & Blue-Ribbon Unit Trust	Bread Order for Jan/Feb	310.20
DD11927. 7	12/02/20 24	GLENVALE PRODUCE PTY LTD	January Fruit & Veg	7494.95
DD11927. 8	28/02/20 24	P & L Hogan Services	12 x 45kg Gas Bottles	2160.00

DD11927. 9	06/02/20 24	ESPERANCE MILK SUPPLY / The Trustee for BLAZE POINT UNIT TRUST	Milk supplies Jan/Feb 2024	394.50
DD11936. 1	13/02/20 24	ESPERANCE MILK SUPPLY / The Trustee for BLAZE POINT UNIT TRUST	Milk Order 31/01 - 06/02/2024	839.30
DD11936. 2	07/02/20 24	G & R Hot Bread Shop - The Trustee for Four A & Family	Local Bread Order - January to February 2024	195.00
DD11936. 3	09/02/20 24	G & R Hot Bread Shop - The Trustee for Four A & Family	Local Bread Order - January to February 2024	195.00
DD11936. 4	12/02/20 24	G & R Hot Bread Shop - The Trustee for Four A & Family	Local Bread Order - January to February 2024	195.00
DD11936. 5	14/02/20 24	G & R Hot Bread Shop - The Trustee for Four A & Family	Local Bread Order - January to February 2024	195.00
DD11936. 6	24/02/20 24	ESPERANCE PFD FOOD SERVICES PTY LTD	Assorted Bread Products - Norseman IGA Order January	192.25
DD11936. 7	22/02/20 24	South Coast Foodservice	Deli Meats & Consumables 09/02/2024 - GST Free	907.73
DD11936. 8	15/02/20 24	South Coast Foodservice	Deli Meats 01/02	614.48
DD11936. 9	19/02/20 24	GLENVALE PRODUCE PTY LTD	February Fruit & Veg	5587.43
DD11949. 1	12/02/20 24	AKEEL HOLDINGS (AUST) PTY LTD T/AS AKEE DELIGHTS	Assorted cake orders for Feb 2024	462.00
DD11949. 2	21/02/20 24	G & R Hot Bread Shop - The Trustee for Four A & Family	Local Bread Order - 14 Feb 2024	168.00
DD11949. 3	19/02/20 24	HOMESTYLE VEGETABLE PROCESSORS PTY. LTD. t/a HOMESTYLE SALADS	Pre-Packaged Salads - 12 Feb 2024	464.57
DD11949. 4	26/02/20 24	South Coast Foodservice	Deli Meats & Consumables - 12 Feb 2024	578.03
DD11949. 5	17/02/20 24	YATSAL DISTRIBUTORS PTY LTD	Assorted Specialty stock	3990.87
DD11949. 7	12/02/20 24	BLAZON DISPLAYS RETAIL SOURCE PTY LTD	6 x Food Display dividers	550.33
DD11949. 8	18/02/20 24	The Trustee for Bovells & Blue-Ribbon Unit Trust	Bread Order Week ending 11 February 2024	620.40
DD11949. 9	20/02/20 24	ESPERANCE MILK SUPPLY / The Trustee for BLAZE POINT UNIT TRUST	Milk supplies - 13 Feb 2024 GST Free	647.30
DD11951. 1	28/02/20 24	Bull Bar Foods PTY LTD	Beef Jerky Re-stock	2560.00
DD11951. 2	25/02/20 24	The Trustee for Bovells & Blue-Ribbon Unit Trust	Bread Order - 18 February 2024	620.40
DD11951. 3	27/02/20 24	ESPERANCE MILK SUPPLY / The Trustee for BLAZE POINT UNIT TRUST	Milk Orders February - GST free	847.25
DD11951. 4	26/02/20 24	HOMESTYLE VEGETABLE PROCESSORS PTY. LTD. t/a HOMESTYLE SALADS	Prepackaged Salads Feb	164.39
DD11951. 5	23/02/20 24	ESPERANCE PFD FOOD SERVICES PTY LTD	Assorted Bread Products - Norseman IGA Order February	64.10

DD11958.3	27/02/2024	The Trustee for MAROK FAMILY TRUST	Bread & Cake Order 19/02/24 - 25/02/24	687.82
DD11968.1	28/02/2024	EVOLUTION ANIMAL CARE	Premium Dog foods and products	2236.98
DD11968.7	23/02/2024	G & R Hot Bread Shop - The Trustee for Four A & Family	Local Bread Order Feb 2024	168.00
DD11968.8	26/02/2024	G & R Hot Bread Shop - The Trustee for Four A & Family	Local Bread Order Feb 2024	168.00
DD11968.9	28/02/2024	G & R Hot Bread Shop - The Trustee for Four A & Family	Local Bread Order Feb 2024	168.00
DD12127.1	26/02/2024	Australia Post	93275 AUSTRALIA POST Norseman LPO AUTOMATIC DRAWING	4308.22
DD12129.1	05/02/2024	BDD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD - BEGA	Automatic drawing	1568.86
DD12132.1	12/02/2024	BDD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD - BEGA	BEGA DAIRY AND D Shire of Dundas AUTOMATIC DRAWING	1031.53
DD12134.1	19/02/2024	BDD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD - BEGA	BEGA DAIRY AND D Shire of Dundas AUTOMATIC DRAWING	1044.68
DD12136.1	26/02/2024	BDD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD - BEGA	BEGA DAIRY AND D Shire of Dundas AUTOMATIC DRAWING	1279.65
DD12140.1	05/02/2024	News Pty Limited	News Ltd D/Debit SHIRE OF DUNDAS AUTOMATIC DRAWING	98.25
DD12140.2	12/02/2024	News Pty Limited	News Ltd D/Debit SHIRE OF DUNDAS AUTOMATIC DRAWING	98.25
DD12140.3	19/02/2024	News Pty Limited	News Ltd D/Debit SHIRE OF DUNDAS AUTOMATIC DRAWING	102.75
DD12140.4	26/02/2024	News Pty Limited	News Ltd D/Debit SHIRE OF DUNDAS AUTOMATIC DRAWING	107.26
DD12146.1	07/02/2024	West Australian Newspapers Limited	West Australian	428.19
DD12146.2	14/02/2024	West Australian Newspapers Limited	West Australian	283.30
DD12146.3	21/02/2024	West Australian Newspapers Limited	West Australian	449.61
DD12146.4	28/02/2024	West Australian Newspapers Limited	West Australian	416.69
DD12148.1	06/02/2024	IGA (WA) DISTRIBUTION PTY LTD - METCASH FOOD	METCASH TRADING Shire of Dundas AUTOMATIC DRAWING	64212.01
DD12150.1	13/02/2024	IGA (WA) DISTRIBUTION PTY LTD - METCASH FOOD	METCASH TRADING Shire of Dundas AUTOMATIC DRAWING	63610.79
DD12152.1	20/02/2024	IGA (WA) DISTRIBUTION PTY LTD - METCASH FOOD	METCASH TRADING Shire of Dundas AUTOMATIC DRAWING	60379.90
DD12154.1	27/02/2024	IGA (WA) DISTRIBUTION PTY LTD - METCASH FOOD	METCASH TRADING Shire of Dundas AUTOMATIC DRAWING	42777.98
DD11895.17	07/02/2024	Ready Chef Go Pty Ltd	Assorted Dairy, Dessert, Dips, and Deli Products December-January	214.56
DD11895.25	04/02/2024	BUNNINGS GROUP LIMITED	Gas Mate 220g Rim Vent Safety Butane Gas Cartridge - 4 Pack - IN 0037745 x 35 x 4 packs (5	381.30



			Cartons)	
DD11911.10	01/02/2024	South Coast Foodservice	Stock & Consumables Dec/Jan	255.22
DD11927.10	12/02/2024	South Coast Foodservice	Deli Meat Stock Dec/Jan	994.24
DD11927.11	06/02/2024	HOMESTYLE VEGETABLE PROCESSORS PTY. LTD. t/a HOMESTYLE SALADS	Pre-Packaged Salads Jan/Feb 2024	652.87
DD11936.10	11/02/2024	The Trustee for Bovells & Blue-Ribbon Unit Trust	Bread Order for Jan/Feb	620.40
DD11936.12	12/02/2024	HOMESTYLE VEGETABLE PROCESSORS PTY. LTD. t/a HOMESTYLE SALADS	Pre-Packaged Salads Jan/Feb 2024	377.11
DD11936.14	21/02/2024	Ready Chef Go Pty Ltd	Yoghurts for January/February 2024	190.92
DD11949.10	13/02/2024	Gibson Soak Water Co	Water order for Whitfield's	1176.00
DD11949.11	12/02/2024	GLENVALE PRODUCE PTY LTD	February Fruit & Veg Order	7286.60
DD11949.12	16/02/2024	G & R Hot Bread Shop - The Trustee for Four A & Family	Local Bread Order - 09 Feb 2024	195.00
DD11949.13	19/02/2024	G & R Hot Bread Shop - The Trustee for Four A & Family	Local Bread Order 12 Feb 2024	168.00
DD11951.10	29/02/2024	South Coast Foodservice	Deli Meat & Bake Roll	1627.50
DD11958.12	21/02/2024	GOODNEWS NEWSAGENCY	Magazines for January 2024	627.72
DD12004.13	29/02/2024	GLENVALE PRODUCE PTY LTD		204.10
				<b>\$300,566.66</b>

### Summary of Account Totals

<b>Municipal Cheques</b>	0.00
<b>Municipal EFT's</b>	\$554,954.73
<b>Municipal Direct Debit's</b>	\$87,629.36
<b>Municipal Credit Card's</b>	\$0.00
<b>Visitor Centre EFT's and Direct Debits</b>	\$0.00
<b>IGA and Australia Post (1)+ (2) EFT's and Direct Debits</b>	\$300,566.66
<b>Grand Total for February 2024</b>	<b>\$943,150.75</b>

### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Moved: Cr.

Seconded: Cr.

### Officer Recommendation

That the Shire of Dundas monthly accounts paid from 01/02/2024 to 29/02/2024 be noted.

**Resolution****Carried by:****For:****Against:****10.3 Officers Reports**

<b>Agenda Reference &amp; Subject</b>	
<b>10.3.1 Report to the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) Annual General Meeting- Challenges and Solutions in Regional Banking Accessibility</b>	
Location / Address	88-92 Prinsep Street, Norseman WA 6443
File Reference	GR.SL.25
Author	Chief Executive Officer – Peter Fitchat
Date of Report	16 May 2024
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

**Summary**

For Council to consider the Report to the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) Annual General Meeting- Challenges and Solutions in Regional Banking Accessibility.

**Background**

At the April 2024 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council approved the attendance of Shire of Dundas elected member delegates, and a senior staff member to the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) Annual General Meeting. One of the reports being presented at the NGA presents the Challenges and Solutions in Regional Banking Accessibility faced across regional Australia. The details of the submission are presented below.

**NGA Submission- Challenges and Solutions in Regional Banking Accessibility**

This report addresses the ongoing challenges faced by regional communities in Australia due to the reduction of traditional banking services. It explores potential solutions to ensure sustained access to financial services. In 2029, hundreds of small businesses were impacted by the loss of access to ANZ post office banking through the Bank@Post program after ANZ and Australia Post failed to reach an agreement on service fees. ANZ declined to meet Australia Post's demand for an additional \$22 million annually plus new transaction fees, contrasting with other major banks like Westpac, NAB, and Commonwealth Bank, who accepted the increased costs. Negotiations stalled and officially broke down late last year, with no plans to renew the service. Approximately 900 business owners, especially those without nearby ANZ branches (within 20km), face significant inconvenience. ANZ has suggested that affected customers explore alternatives like online and

mobile banking or ATMs. Meanwhile, in regions like Byrock, NSW, some businesses have already switched banks or relocated due to the discontinuation of this service.

### 1. Context and Importance of Regional Banking Services:

Regional communities contribute significantly to Australia's economic health through agriculture, small businesses, and community activities. The presence of accessible banking services is crucial for these operations, impacting daily transactions and the broader economic dynamics of these areas. The closure of bank branches disrupts personal banking and affects local businesses and agricultural operations, leading to a ripple effect on the local economy.

### 2. Impact of ANZ's Withdrawal from the Australian Post Network:

ANZ's decision not to participate in the Australian Post Network places additional pressure on regional banking services, making it harder for residents in areas like Norseman to access essential banking services. This move limits the options for convenient and reliable banking, forcing community members to rely on less accessible alternatives, which may not fully meet their needs.

### 3. Proposed Solutions to Enhance Banking Accessibility:

To mitigate the negative impacts of reduced physical banking infrastructure, the following strategies are recommended:

- Mobile Banking Services: Implementation of robust mobile banking solutions that can operate in low-connectivity areas, utilizing SMS and basic mobile services.
- Agent Banking: Collaborations with local businesses to act as banking agents, facilitating basic transactional services within the community.
- Cash Pickup and Delivery Services: Regularly scheduled cash delivery services to ensure communities have access to cash, critical for those far from banking centers.
- Community Banking Events: Periodic events where banking services are brought directly to the community, aligning these with local market days for added convenience.
- Backup Power Solutions: Ensuring that banking facilities, including ATMs, have adequate backup power solutions to operate during outages.
- Financial Literacy Programs: Enhancing financial literacy with targeted programs for regional communities to aid in financial decision-making and adaptation to digital services.

### 4. In support of Cash:

Key Points:

Supporting the continued circulation of cash in both remote areas and urban centers is crucial for maintaining financial inclusivity and providing a safeguard against online fraud. Here are the key points advocating for the retention of cash:

1. Financial Inclusivity: Cash remains essential for many people who may not have reliable access to digital banking solutions, including the elderly, those in remote areas, and individuals without stable internet connectivity. Maintaining cash circulation ensures that these populations are not excluded from the economic system.
2. Security and Privacy: Cash transactions provide anonymity and do not expose users to digital fraud risks such as hacking, phishing, and other cyber crimes. This is particularly important as online fraud becomes more sophisticated and pervasive.
3. Redundancy in Financial Operations: Cash serves as a critical backup in situations where digital payment infrastructures fail due to technical issues, cyberattacks, or power outages. In such events, cash transactions can continue without interruption, ensuring economic stability.

4. Ease of Use: Cash is universally understood and easy to use, requiring no special technology or knowledge, making it accessible for all, including those who are less technologically adept.
5. Economic Resilience: Cash helps to stabilize local economies by enabling transactions when digital systems are compromised. During disasters or emergencies where digital networks are disrupted, cash allows economic activities to proceed.

To support these points, policies should be implemented to ensure that ATMs and banking services remain available and accessible in all communities, fees for cash transactions are minimized, and public education about the importance of cash as part of a diverse financial system is enhanced. Moreover, regulatory measures should encourage banks and financial institutions to maintain a balanced approach towards both digital and cash transactions, safeguarding the role of cash in the economic landscape.

#### 5. Considerations for a Cashless Society:

While the transition to digital payments can offer benefits some financial inclusion and transaction security, significant challenges remain, particularly for remote and Indigenous communities. Major concerns is oncost through fees and charges, for agreement sake if 10 items is \$5 each bought on ten different days and if the standard bank atm charges is 1.5%, you will only be able to buy nine of the same items, and have some change. On \$50 it may only be \$0.75 but this is massive cost and the fact that you now can only afford 9 items instead of 10, would this affect the economy.

These include:

- Infrastructure Gaps: Many remote areas lack the necessary internet and technological infrastructure to support digital banking.
- Cultural and Linguistic Barriers: Digital solutions must be culturally and linguistically adapted to meet the needs of Indigenous populations.
- Preservation of Autonomy: It is crucial that any move towards a cashless society considers the cultural importance of cash in Indigenous communities, ensuring that transitions do not undermine traditional practices or community autonomy.

#### 6. Fraud Cost to the online banking sector:

The latest Targeting Scams report reveals that Australians lost a record \$3.1 billion to scams in 2022, marking an 80% increase from the previous year. The report, which gathers data from several agencies including the ACCC's Scamwatch and the Australian Financial Crimes Exchange, indicates that investment scams were the most costly, followed by remote access and payment redirection scams. The ACCC notes the emotional and financial toll of these scams, highlighting the sophistication of scammers' tactics which have evolved to include impersonating official communication channels. Despite a 16.5% drop in the number of scam reports, the financial damage per victim has significantly increased, with an average loss nearing \$20,000. The report underscores the need for a coordinated response involving government, law enforcement, and the private sector to combat these scams effectively, advocating for a comprehensive strategy to disrupt scammer communications, support consumer awareness, and prevent the transfer of funds to scammers. Additionally, the report points to a worrying trend of increased scam losses among vulnerable groups, emphasizing the urgent need for protective measures across the banking and digital sectors.

#### 7. Government and Stakeholder Engagement:

It is imperative for ongoing dialogue among government bodies, financial institutions, and community representatives. Establishing a dedicated task force to address these issues could facilitate more tailored and effective interventions. Engaging directly with affected communities to gather input and feedback will enhance the relevance and acceptance of proposed solutions.

#### 8. Banking at the Post Office:

Post Office banking in Australia has its advantages and disadvantages:

Pros:

1. **Accessibility:** Post Office banking extends banking services to areas where traditional banks may not have branches, especially in rural and remote areas. This accessibility ensures that people in these areas can access basic banking services conveniently.
2. **Convenience:** With extended operating hours compared to traditional banks and widespread availability across the country, Post Office banking offers convenient access to basic financial services for individuals who may not have easy access to traditional banks.
3. **Simple Transactions:** Post Office banking typically caters to basic banking needs such as withdrawals, deposits, and checking balances. For those who require only these basic services, Post Office banking can be a straightforward and efficient option.
4. **Additional Services:** In addition to banking services, many Post Offices offer a range of other services, such as bill payments, passport applications, and postal services, providing customers with a one-stop-shop for various needs.

Cons:

1. **Limited Services:** While Post Office banking covers basic transactions, it may lack the comprehensive range of services offered by traditional banks. Complex financial products, investment services, and specialized banking needs may not be available through Post Office banking.
2. **Transaction Limits:** There may be limitations on transaction amounts, particularly for withdrawals and deposits. This could inconvenience customers who need to conduct larger transactions.
3. **Technology and Innovation:** Post Office banking may lag behind traditional banks in terms of technological advancements and innovative banking solutions. This could affect the user experience and convenience for customers who prefer digital banking options.
4. **Customer Support:** Compared to dedicated bank branches, Post Offices may have limited staffing and expertise in banking services. This could result in slower response times and less specialized assistance for customers with complex banking needs.

#### Conclusion:

The challenges posed by the reduction in traditional banking facilities in regional Australia require immediate and focused attention to prevent long-term detrimental effects on community welfare and economic sustainability. The strategies outlined in this report propose a multifaceted approach to ensure that all Australians, regardless of their geographic location, have equitable access to essential banking services. This approach will support the resilience and growth of regional communities, aligning with broader national interests in economic inclusivity and sustainability.

#### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Moved: Cr.  
Seconded: Cr.

### Officer Recommendation

For the Shire of Dundas to support the following recommendation to 2024 ALGA General Assembly: Draft Notice of Motion – Challenges and Solutions in Regional Banking Accessibility.

### **MOTION**

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to address the challenges of diminishing traditional banking services in regional Australia, particularly following ANZ's departure from the Australian Post Network and its effects on communities like Norseman, the following multi-pronged strategy is recommended:

Consider legislating to keep cash in circulation, as one of the critical components of society's' currency.

And;

1. **Enhance Mobile and Agent Banking Services:** Implement mobile banking that functions in low-connectivity regions and establish local businesses as banking agents.
2. **Establish Regular Cash Distribution Systems:** Introduce scheduled cash pickup and delivery services to ensure consistent cash availability.
3. **Organize Community Banking Events:** Conduct regular banking events in coordination with local activities to facilitate access to financial services.
4. **Invest in Infrastructure Resilience:** Provide backup power solutions for ATMs and banking agents to maintain service continuity during power outages.
5. **Expand Financial Literacy and Inclusion Programs:** Offer tailored financial education programs that address the specific needs of regional and Indigenous communities.
6. **Foster Collaborative Stakeholder Engagement:** Create a task force comprising government, financial institutions, and community representatives to ensure ongoing dialogue and effective solution implementation.

Carried :

For:

Against:

Agenda Reference & Subject	
<b>10.3.2 Shire of Dundas Motion - National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association – Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability</b>	
Location / Address	88-92 Prinsep Street, Norseman WA 6443
File Reference	GR.SL.30
Author	Chief Executive Officer – Peter Fitchat
Date of Report	16 May 2024
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

### Summary

For Council to consider and endorse a Shire of Dundas submission to the Federal Government's Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability.

### Background

Considered the third tier of government, Local Governments are the closest connection to people and place. This close connection means the services, amenities, and work of Local Governments impacts people's lives across, home, work, education, wellbeing, and recreation.

Generally, Local Government is responsible for:

infrastructure and property services, including local roads, bridges, footpaths, drainage, waste collection and management.

provision of recreation facilities, such as parks, sports fields and stadiums, golf courses, swimming pools, sports centres, halls, public camping grounds and caravan parks

health services such as water and food inspection, some immunisation services, toilet facilities, noise control, meat inspection and animal control

some community services.

building services, including inspections, licensing, certification and enforcement

planning and development approval

administration of facilities, such as marinas, cemeteries, parking facilities and street parking

cultural facilities and services, such as libraries, some art galleries and museums

water and drainage services.

(WALGA, 2024)

Although core areas of responsibilities are defined there continues to be an ever-increasing number of external factors, and burden placed on the shoulders of Local Governments, which without adequate resourcing, including funding threatens the efficiency, and sustainability of Local Governments.

The proposed submission will share the Shire of Dundas experiences and challenges in the following areas:

- **Drought Assistance** - the impact of the lack Federal and State Government of drought assistance to all communities/localities affected.
- **Financial Assistance Grants**- the shortfall of the FAGs in meeting the increasing cost of government imposed compliance, and services shifting.
- **Government Property Impact on Local Revenue** - A considerable portion (50% of the properties in Norseman and Eucla) is owned by the Federal or State Government, which

exempts from paying rates. This financially strains a Local Government's ability to provide basic services like footpaths, public amenities, recreation facilities, and health and wellbeing services.

- **Review of the Mining Act 1978** - The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) proposed a motion urging a review of the Mining Act 1978. The aim is to address the impacts of fly-in, fly-out (FIFO) and drive-in, drive-out (DIDO) practices on local communities. Additionally, the motion seeks to ensure that the mining application process includes a mandatory Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local governments. This MOU would oversee contributions from mining companies towards local infrastructure projects, ensuring fairness and community benefit.  
An amendment to the original motion was proposed and carried, broadening the focus of the review to maximizing benefits for local communities. The revised motion emphasizes the importance of the Mining Act review in enhancing community well-being and ensuring equitable outcomes for local residents.
- **GROH and Community Housing** - The shortage of Government Regional Officers' Housing (GROH) and community housing in remote areas of Western Australia has led to significant challenges in adequately providing and maintaining state-owned houses. This report examines the implications of this shortage on various stakeholders, including teachers, police officers, and community members reliant on community housing.
- **Closure of Norseman Court and Mine Registrar** - The impact of closing essential services in regional, rural and remote communities.
- **Bushfires Act 1954 and the impact of Local Governments as first responders.**- The Shire of Dundas confronts significant obstacles in effectively managing bushfire hazards, primarily attributed to the outdated Bush Fires Act 1954 and limited financial resources. Closure of local services and regulatory ambiguities further compound the challenges faced by the Shire in ensuring compliance and enhancing operational efficiency.
- **Equitable Access to Medical Services and Healthcare for Regional, Rural, and Remote Communities** - The Federal Government bears the responsibility to maintain the number of doctors in Australia and ensure their equitable distribution across the country. However, recent decisions, such as expanding the Distribution Priority Area (DPA), have adversely affected the recruitment of medical practitioners in smaller communities. As such the increasing cost of providing medical services in regional areas directly impacts local government councils and their ratepayers. Rural doctor and GP shortages exacerbate this issue, leading to escalating demands for additional funding and incentives to retain medical professionals in these communities.

#### Strategic Implications

The submission will address all Goals of the Strategic Community Plan.

#### Consultation

The issues raised in the submission have been raised by Council over a number of years.

Senior Officers

WALGA

#### Comment

Local Governments are proud of the work they do, their connection to their residents creates thriving and communities. However, the ever-increasing shift of State and Federal responsibilities onto Local Government, and State and Federal legislation compliance places a burden on the shoulders of Local Governments, which without adequate resourcing, including funding threatens the efficiency, and sustainability of Local Governments.

#### Voting Requirements



Simple Majority

**Moved:** Cr.

**Seconded:** Cr.

### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council authorises the CEO to present a Shire of Dundas submission to the Federal Government Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability that highlights the challenges experienced in the Shire of Dundas and other regional and remote Local Governments across Australia through GVROC and in support of the WALGA submission.

**Carried:**

**For:**

**Against:**

<b>Agenda Reference &amp; Subject</b>	
<b>10.3.3 – Officers Reports</b>	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	CM.PL.1
Author	Chief Executive Officer – Peter Fitchat
Date of Report	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

### **Summary**

That the Council receive the Works, Woodlands Cultural, Community & Visitor Centre, and Youth and Recreation Services and reports as contained in Papers Relating.

### **Background**

The Officers present their reports on activities for the past month. These reports are in papers relating.

### **Statutory Environment**

Shire officers are required to deliver the activities, programs, works and services within the appropriate legislative requirements where applicable.

### **Policy Implications**

Shire officers are required to deliver the activities, programs, works and services guided by and within the appropriate Shire policies and procedures where applicable.

### **Financial Implications**

Shire officers are required to deliver the activities, programs, works and services within allocated budgets, and purchasing and procurement policies.

### **Strategic Implications**

Shire officers deliver activities, programs, works and services to achieve the community outcomes identified within the Strategic Community Plan.

Consultation

CEO  
DCEO  
Manager of Works and Services  
CRC and Tourism Coordinator  
Youth and Recreation Officer

Comment

The reports will advise councillors of the progress towards achieving the Strategic Plan's objectives.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

**Moved:** Cr.  
**Seconded:** Cr.

Officer Recommendation

**That the Shire of Dundas Council receive the Works and Services, Youth and Recreation Services and Woodlands Cultural, Community & Visitor Centre reports as contained in Papers Relating.**

**Carried:**

**For:**

**Against:**

**11. Elected Members Motions of Which Previous Notice Has Been Given**

**12. New Business of an Urgent Nature Introduced by the President or by a decision of the Meeting.**

The following items of urgent business were accepted for consideration by the President or by majority of the members of the Council:

Recommendation

**That the members of the Council agreed to the introduction of the following late item for decision.**

**Moved:** **Seconded:**

Agenda Item:

Carried (     /     )

For:

Against:

### **13. Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held at 6:00pm (AWST) on the **18 June 2024, in Norseman.**

There being no further business the Shire President will declare the meeting closed at: