



**Minutes of
Ordinary Council Meeting
21st May 2019**

Unconfirmed

MINUTES of the ORDINARY Meeting of the Council
held in the Council Chambers at the Shire
Administration Office – Prinsep Street Norseman on
the 21st May 2019 commencing at 6.00pm

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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 6:00pm.

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

The Shire of Dundas recognises the Ngadju and Mirning People as First Nations People in the Shire of Dundas, acknowledging them as traditional custodians and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

1.1 Attendance at meeting by Councillor AR Patupis.

The Shire President has been advised that Cr Patupis will be in Applecross, Western Australia when the meeting is held and have requested attendance by way of instantaneous telephone connection with other Councillors present at the meeting in accordance with Administration Regulation 14A.

Cr Patupis will be at 33 The Strand, Applecross, WA 6153.

The Council must approve of the place that Cr Patupis is located as a "suitable place" that must be in a town site or other residential area at least 150 kilometres from where the meeting is being held.

Recommendation

That Cr Patupis be permitted to attend this meeting by way of instantaneous telephone connection from Applecross, Western Australia, on the basis that she is in a "suitable place" for the purpose of Administration Regulation 14A.

Moved: Cr Hogan
Seconded: Cr Warner

Resolution

That Cr Patupis be permitted to attend this meeting by way of instantaneous telephone connection from Applecross, Western Australia, on the basis that she is in a "suitable place" for the purpose of Administration Regulation 14A.

Carried by: Absolute Majority For: 4 Against: 0

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

Financial Interests:

Nil

Proximity Interests:

Nil

Impartiality Interests:

Nil

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.

Nil

3 Record of Attendance of Councillors / Officers and Apologies.

Cr LG Bonza	Shire President
Cr AR Patupis	Deputy Shire President
Cr JEP Hogan	
Cr SM Warner	
Cr VL Wyatt	
Peter Fitchat	Chief Executive Officer
Gihan Kohobange	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Pania Turner	Manager of Community Development
Joseph Hodges	Manager of Works and Services
Tracy Dixon	Administration/Records Officer

Public Gallery

Jacquie Best
Merynda Fraser
Lynn Webb
Bonnie Vicensoni
Mark McIntosh
Paul Cmrlec
Scott Huffadine
Claye Poletti at 6:02pm
Robyn Szczecinski at 6:02pm
Dean Szczecinski at 6:03pm

4 Applications for Leave of Absence.

Nil

5 Response to Previous Public Questions Taken on Notice.

CEO has responded to public question regarding increasing number of Shire of Dundas Elected members.

Robyn Szczecinski and Claye Poletti entered the Council Chambers at 6:02pm.

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.

In accordance with Regulation 6 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the minimum time allowed for Public Question Time is 15 minutes.

A member of the public who raises a question during Question Time is to state his or her name and address.

Nil

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting.

- 7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16th April 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16th April 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record

Moved Cr: Hogan
Seconded Cr: Wyatt

Resolution

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16th April 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record

Carried by: Simple Majority For: 5 Against: 0

8 Petitions, Deputations or Presentations.

Dean Szczecinski entered the chambers at 6:03pm.

Powerpoint presentation by Paul Cmrlec, Managing Director of Pantoro Limited.

- *Introduced himself, along with Scott Huffadine the Operations Director, and Mark McIntosh from Central Norseman Gold.*
- *Company has entered into an agreement with Central Norseman Gold Corporation to acquire 50% of the project.*
- *Have existing operations in Halls Creek that were acquired in 2014 when it was in a similar situation to Norseman. Project developed quickly from construction in February 2015 to pouring first gold bar in September 2015. Has been very profitable mine and good company builder.*
- *Moving into Norseman is the next step in the company's growth.*
- *Pantoro is the manager of the joint venture with Central Norseman Gold and will have control of the operations on site from now moving forward.*
- *Expect deal to be settled within the next month.*
- *Pantoro is completely debt-free and well-funded to move the project forward in a logical project progression, rather than a short-term piecemeal approach as seen in the recent history of Norseman.*
- *Focused on the long-term sustainable plan for Norseman.*
- *Have approximately 70km North to South coverage over the area's historical Gold field.*
- *Aim to get some key projects operating within the next 9 to 15 months.*
- *Expect to be drilling with multiple rigs within the next few weeks. The increased activity in the area will be of good economic benefit to the town.*
- *Important to be able to maintain access to the mine areas and not expose them to sterilisation. Will work closely with council to ensure any planning (roads) won't jeopardise the long-term options for the mine.*
- *Intend to continue to engage with the Council and Community groups in developing projects, including the Mines department and environmental side of things.*
- *During drilling, there will be a limited workforce, but growing as drilling increases.*

- *In the mining phase will offer local, along with Drive-in/Drive-out and Fly-in/Fly-out positions to ensure project requirements are met but do encourage employees to reside locally.*
- *Will keep Council updated as drilling progresses and more details become available.*

Cr Warner: *Rumour that mine housing is going to be sold off?*

Paul: *Pantoro do not own the housing. As part of the agreement, Central Norseman has retained all the housing, apart from those up near the mine.*

Cr Hogan: *When do you expect to commence mining?*

Paul: *Likely to be around 12 months, but anywhere between 9 and 15 months. Most important thing is to make sure there is a solid plan going forward. Starting to plan for 4 to 6 years.*

Cr Hogan: *Will Pantoro re-commission the existing mill?*

Paul: *Will do all work necessary to fully understand options. In poor condition, but there are major items of expensive equipment in terms of acquisition of these. As part of project assessment, will assess the cost of bringing the plant back to reliable operation versus other options, including building a new plant or treating in other regional plants.*

Cr Hogan: *Where do Pantoro expect to see themselves in 2 years?*

Paul: *Mining at around the 12 month mark and likely mining around 100,000 oz per year, but don't know to that detail yet. From there, a number of projects to progress and ultimately would like to take the site to around 200,000 oz per year, believe they have the resources to support this.*

Cr Bonza: *In terms of workforce and FIFO, 20% is pretty good.*

Paul: *Foresee employees wanting to live in Esperance and do DIDO, we do encourage this as there is benefits to the company and employees.*

Cr Bonza: *There will be a lot more benefit for us if they didn't live in Esperance and lived here instead. In relation to FIFO, there is a definite shift in the mindset on FIFO and currently a push to change the fringe benefit conditions. In the meantime, before that happens, Norseman has a fully sealed airstrip that companies use to fly straight into here.*

Paul: *Great that the facility is there and certainly be intending to use it. Aware of issues regarding FIFO, but unfortunately, staffing an entire mine site and having them live locally just isn't a reality. Pantoro encourage people to be as local as possible, but they need to run a mine that is profitable and ensure that people benefit from that. Will keep Council and community up to date with progress.*

Cr Bonza thanked Paul for the presentation.

Paul Cmrlec, Scott Huffadine, Mark McIntosh, Claye Poletti and Bonnie Vicensoni exited the Council Chambers at 6:18pm.

8.1 Reports of Committees

8.1.1 GVROC – Cr Bonza

- *Last meeting held on 3rd May 2019.*
- *Presentation from Gordon MacMile from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries spoke about the Royal Commission into Child Abuse and the Redress Scheme.*
- *Royal Commission has taken 4-5 years. Has produced many recommendations, including the Redress Scheme.*
- *Current WWC check is State-based, all States have different requirements. Recommendation is to have a Nationally recognised/consistent requirement.*
- *Under Redress, 2 paths:*
 - Civil Litigation -*
 1. *Do nothing*
 2. *Take civil action against offender or organisation or,*

- Criminal Justice -
3. Apply for Redress
 1. Remove Statute of Limitations
 2. Duties of Institutions (failure on different levels) and
 3. Must provide safe environment for justice process

Law & Order

- Visit to Lands re: inclusion on CDC. CKB, Shire, Land Council, Police, Kyran O'Donnell. Lands not necessarily opposed but, need resolution around Federal Policy in relation to CDP. Shire has major problems with finance as they have nearly zero rate revenue as 600 houses are State houses.
- Canberra Visit: Discussions took place with Matt Canavan and Greg Moxon re: funding opportunities. GVROC as a group need to get Road Group working together to form a network.
- Also, opportunity to promote our Region in Showcase WA.
- Friends of the Outback Way will have their AGM 4th Sept.
- Coolgardie currently running a trial with at risk children.
- Laverton have introduced a wrist band system to allow kids to attend the pool/store/youth centre. Get a band when you attend school. No band/ no access to above activities.

DAMA - Designated Area Migration Agreement

- Set to commence 1st July.
- Website is ready to launch.
- CKB need to create a position to administer applications. 90 queries received so far.
- There is provision for annual review, next one Mar 2020.

Roads of Strategic Importance

- Increased mining activity around our region is significantly impacting our road networks. There is opportunity to access Federal funding through the Roads of Strategic Importance initiative. The GVROC recommendation was to have the CEO's group work together to identify top regional road upgrade priorities for submission, present a report to GVROC council at the 2nd August meeting and in principle support for funding of projects to be applied from GVROC funding. There are benefits of working together as a group.
- Appointment of the Executive Officer for GVROC has stalled in that none of the applicants really fitted the criteria we are looking for. Proposed to recommence actively seeking in around July-August.
- Also proposing to try and set up meetings with Ministers during LG Week. Dundas has requested Minister for Mines (re: Mines Dept closure) and Emergency Services (re: bushfire payments and responsibility for UCL).

8.1.2 WALGA – Cr Bonza

- Currently gearing up for Local Government week. Theme is "ReNEWal PrACTical".
- Mayor's and President's forum Tuesday, State and Local Government Forum and WALGA AGM on Wednesday.
- Convention starts Thursday
- State Council met 7th May. Haven't caught up on Minutes of that meeting yet.

8.1.3 Woodlands Centre Construction Project – Cr Wyatt

Woodlands Centre Advisory Group

- Due to apologies the meeting has been re-scheduled to Tuesday 28th May.
- Confirmed Minutes will be presented at the next June Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Construction

- Site established with Devlyn Construction taking control in early May.

- *Demolition is ahead of schedule and looks to be completed by the end of the month.*
- *Plumbers are onsite this week with Esperance Plumbing decommissioning the old septic on the Dodd House block and installing the new aerobic system, this system will service both Dodd House and the Gallery.*
- *Councillors will note the fences being removed by the childcare centre, this fencing will all be replaced with new fencing once construction has been completed.*

Funding Acknowledgments

- *Now that construction has started funding signage will be installed.*
- *Community Development Manager is working with GEDC to ensure the correct wording and logos are in place.*
- *Councillors will also see a Monthly update for the community in the Shire News section of the Norseman Today.*

8.1.4 Eucla Community Centre Construction Project – Cr Patupis

- *Currently sourcing and pricing furniture.*
- *Hall was used as polling place during elections.*

8.1.5 Regional Roads Group – Cr Bonza

- *Advice has been received from the Budget and Programme Management team that Goldfields-Esperance region Road Project Grant Allocation has been reduced from \$6,261,532.20 to \$6,069,728.00. A reduction of \$191,804.20.*
- *Everyone has been requested to review the allocated grant funding and advise any projects that won't be completed in 2019/20.*

Through the Chair, the CEO added that there is a small amount of funding available that if not expended will be lost. Looking at laying an asphalt layer on Ramsay Street between the two roundabouts, that is more "driver-friendly". Council will be approached to decide if it would be an appropriate way to expend remaining funds.

8.1.6 Roadwise – Cr Wyatt

Next Meeting: 12pm 22nd May 2019

- *Blessing of the Roads was a good success with an excellent turnout from across the community. Thanks to Pastor Kevin Tucker who performed the blessing of the roads and to Ngadju Rangers who performed a smoking ceremony.*
- *The Committee have been active in promoting road safety messaging in the local paper as well as social media.*
- *Heavy Vehicles through town is a concern of the committee and they will be looking at how to address community concerns through working with the Shire, Main Roads WA, the Road Safety Commission and the Mining Industry.*
- *Great to see QUBE promoting truck safety and awareness with the children at the school.*

9 Announcements by Presiding Member without Discussion.

Nil

10 Reports of Officers.

10.1 Planning, Development, Health and Building

Agenda Reference and Subject	
10.1.1 – Water Reserve 4508	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	
Author	CEO
Date of Report	13 th May 2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Summary

It has come to the Shire of Dundas attention that Water Corporation has the Management rights over the Water Reserve 4508.

Background

In discussion with the Water Corporation in recent meetings that the Reserve South of the Old Dundas Townsite is still managed by the Water Corporation and it is surplus to their needs.

This Reserve fits in well with our Visitor Site Development Plan, and it would benefit Council in its Tourism drive to work with all stakeholders to find a way to include this as a destination point in the Shire of Dundas.

More detail in Papers Relating.

Statutory Environment

Division 3, Part V of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Possible future impacts on the tourism potential of this area.

Strategic Implications

Strategic Community Plan 2012-22 Strategy Theme 2 (A Thriving Community Local Economy and Economic Base) items 2-2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 Theme 3 (Natural & Built Environment) items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5.

And,

Shire of Dundas Visitor Site Development Plan, 2016

Consultation

Water Corporation, Councillors, Executive Staff.

Comment

Mr Tony Snelling from Water Corporation will assist us to transfer the reserve 4508 to Council, the Water Corporation Property Branch vesting the Land for Three Mile Rocks in Councils name.

The current understanding is that a land transfer is inhibited at DPLH due to the mining tenement issue, but they are willing to explore what options are available to us to have this Management Order over the reserve.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That the Council of the Shire of Dundas delegate the CEO to work with the Water Corporation to have the Water Reserve 4508 Management Order transferred to the Shire of Dundas.

Moved Cr: Patupis
Seconded Cr: Wyatt

Resolution

That the Council of the Shire of Dundas delegate the CEO to work with the Water Corporation to have the Water Reserve 4508 Management Order transferred to the Shire of Dundas.

Carried by: Simple Majority For: 5 Against: 0

10.2 Engineering and Works

Agenda Reference & Subject	
10.2.1 – Prinsep Street Speed Reduction	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	
Author	Manager Works and Services
Date of Report	13 May 2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Summary

For Council to consider approaching Main Roads WA for the decrease in the speed limit along Prinsep St from 50 km/hr to 40 km/hr, or an alternative solution.

Background

With the ever-increasing volume of heavy vehicles travelling through the Norseman townsite, traffic along Prinsep St is increasing with the commencement of new mines and increases in production at current mines.

Statutory Environment

Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012
Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Network. (RAV)

Policy Implications

At this stage Council has no policy

Financial Implications

Some administration costs may apply.

Strategic Implications

Allows Council to have more control of vehicles travelling through the town

Consultation

CEO and Staff- Shire of Dundas
Main Roads WA

Comment

Council Staff being advised of a production increase at the Mount Marion Mine near Kalgoorlie, resulting in a reported additional 25 Road Train trips per day, above their current truck haulage fleet, and because the trucks would be travelling back empty bringing the total truck movements to 50 just from the Lithium Mine at Mount Marion.

Currently road traffic data has 31.9 % of all vehicles travelling through Norseman are heavy vehicles, therefore with the increase at one (1) new mine alone, this will significantly increase to the volume of heavy vehicles through the townsite.

Additionally, with the proposed commencement of a new mine in the Frasers Range area Todd Corporation is looking at approximately 30 Road Trains per day will be entering Norseman further putting pressure on the Townsite. This is not taking the general freight moving through Town or the West Gold Operation into account that's is currently in operation.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

Delegate the CEO to negotiate with Main Roads WA on various options for the traffic volume traveling through Norseman.

Moved Cr: Wyatt
Seconded Cr: Hogan

Cr. Warner requested clarification - would a lower speed limit apply to all vehicles travelling along Prinsep street, or just heavy vehicles?

Through the Chair, the CEO replied - through negotiations with Main Roads, the option of lowering the speed limit only for heavy vehicles would be considered and if applicable would come back to Council for a decision.

Resolution

Delegate the CEO to negotiate with Main Roads WA on various options for the traffic volume traveling through Norseman.

Carried by: Simple Majority

For: 5

Against: 0

Agenda Reference & Subject	
10.2.2 – Beacon Hill Lookout Access Road	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	RD.AC
Author	Manager Works and Services
Date of Report	4 May 2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Summary

For Council to consider further progress in the dedication of a road to the Beacon Hill Lookout.

Background

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday, 19 February 2019, Council Resolved to begin the process of having the access track to Beacon Hill Lookout dedicated as a road

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Section 8 – *Land Administration Regulations 1998*

Section 56 – *Land Administration Act 1997*

Policy Implications

Council has no Policy in relation to this matter

Financial Implications

There may be some administration costs involved in Adopting the recommendation, but no other costs are apparent at this time.

Strategic Implications

Will ensure that Council is expending funds on a road over which it has the care and control

Consultation

CEO and staff – Shire of Dundas

Comment

In accordance with the requirements of Section 56(2) of the *Land Administration Act 1997* and the checklist as contained in Chapter 5 Table “D” of the Crown Land Administration & Registration Practice Manual July 2013, letters were forwarded out to relevant authorities that may have infrastructure in the region of the proposed road in early March 2019 seeking their comments or objections to the proposed road being dedicated. A letter was also forwarded to the owners of Central Norseman Gold Mine advising them of proceedings and seeking their comments on the proposal.

As of Friday 3 May 2019, no objections have been received from any party save notification from Telstra that they have no infrastructure in the area.

A notice was also circulated at that time to the general public via the Shire website and Facebook venues seeking public comment. Again, no comments have been forthcoming.

As the Shire has now complied with all the requirements under Section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*, it is now incumbent on Council to formerly request the Minister for Lands to approve the process of the dedication of the road.

Copies of the draft letter to authorities, notice for the local community and a map of the proposed road are attached in the papers relating.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Agree that the consultation process to have the Beacon Hill Access Road dedicated as required under Section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* to be carried out,
2. Request that the Beacon Hill Access Road be granted a road reserve measuring 15 metres in width,
3. Accept that the Beacon Hill Access Road will traverse through Reserve 22205 and that that portion of the Reserve 22205 be relinquished for the purpose of that road, and,
4. Delegate the CEO to start the formal process to acquire this Road as a Future Council Asset.

Moved Cr: Wyatt

Seconded Cr: Hogan

Resolution

That Council:

1. Agree that the consultation process to have the Beacon Hill Access Road dedicated as required under Section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* to be carried out,
2. Request that the Beacon Hill Access Road be granted a road reserve measuring 15 metres in width,
3. Accept that the Beacon Hill Access Road will traverse through Reserve 22205 and that that portion of the Reserve 22205 be relinquished for the purpose of that road, and,
4. Delegate the CEO to start the formal process to acquire this Road as a Future Council Asset.

Carried by: Simple Majority

For: 5

Against: 0

10.3 Members and Policy

Agenda Reference & Subject	
10.3.1 – Receive the Information Bulletin	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	CM.CI.2
Author	Peter Fitchat – Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report	1st May 2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Summary

For Council to consider receiving the Information Bulletin for the period ending 30th April 2019.

Background

The Councillors' Information Bulletin for the period ending 30th April 2019 was completed and circulated to Councillors.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

- Section 2.7(2) - Provides that Council is to oversee the allocation of local government finances and resources and to determine the local government policies.
- Section 3.1 – Provides that the general function of the local government is to provide for the good governance of persons in its district.

Policy Implications

Council has no policies in relation to this matter

Financial Implications

The recommendation of this report has no financial implications for Council.

Strategic Implications

Keeping Councillors informed in respect to matters impacting on their role as Councillor.

Consultation

Nil.

Comment

The intent of the Councillors' Information Bulletin is to assist in providing Councillors with information relevant to their role as a Councillor.

Because of certain confidential elements in the contents of this document, it is not a public document, it is distributed to Councillors and senior staff only and is not for public release.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council receive the May Councillors' Information Bulletin for the period ending 30th April 2019, as included in confidential papers relating.

Moved Cr: Wyatt
Seconded Cr: Warner

Resolution

That Council receive the May Councillors' Information Bulletin for the period ending 30th April 2019, as included in confidential papers relating.

Carried by: Simple Majority

For: 5

Against: 0

10.4 Administration, Finance and Community Service

Agenda Reference & Subject	
10.4.1 – Accounts Paid 01/04/2019 – 30/04/2019	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	FM.CR
Author	Accounts Payable Officer
Date of Report	14/05/2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Trust Payments

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount
543	10/04/2019	Shire of Dundas Petty Cash	RECOUP PETTY CASH 02.12.2019 - 09.04.2019	650.00
				\$650.00

Municipal Cheques

Cheque	Date	Name	Description	Amount
26371	10/04/2019	Shire of Dundas Petty Cash	Recoup to petty cash 02.12.2018 - 09.04.2019	465.60
				\$465.60

Municipal Account EFT's

EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount
EFT3612	09/04/2019	Horizon Power	Construction Invoice - Scope Work for 78 Prinsep Street	20502.03
EFT3613	12/04/2019	Australia Post	Postage (February 2019)	412.39
EFT3614	12/04/2019	Australasian Performing Right Association Limited	Licence Renewal Fees (01.04.2019 - 30.06.2019) \$201.92 Licence Renewal Fees (01.05.19 – 30.04.20) \$73.16	275.08
EFT3615	12/04/2019	A & M Medical Services Pty Ltd	Annual Service of Medical Equipment at Norseman Swimming Pool	219.95
EFT3616	12/04/2019	Coyles Mower & Chainsaw Centre	Service Stihl Brush cutter x3 \$639.10 Service Stihl Chainsaw x3 \$506.40 Service Miniboss Chainsaw \$208.00 Service Stihl MS311 \$215.00	1568.50
EFT3617	12/04/2019	Cartman Designs	Progress Claim Woodlands Cultural, Community and Visitors Centre 99.72% Complete	11759.00
EFT3618	12/04/2019	Shire of Dundas Municipal Fund	Payroll deductions	475.00
EFT3619	12/04/2019	Dundas Fencing & Building Maintenance	Lop trees in town hall laneway and remove	566.50
EFT3620	12/04/2019	Elite Gym Hire	Hire of Weights (12.03.2019 - 12.04.2019) \$568.65 Hire of treadmill, bike, rower & cross trainer (12.03.19 – 12.04.19) \$442.90	1011.55
EFT3621	12/04/2019	A.D. Engineering International	Town clock quarterly service (03.03.2019 - 02.06.2019)	132.00
EFT3622	12/04/2019	Esperance IT Services	Supply 2x unify WAP's for Admin	374.00
EFT3623	12/04/2019	FULL MOON CAFE	Catering for council meeting 19th March 2019 \$200.00 Tray of Sandwiches for 10 people \$65.00 Catering for 3 people 21.03.19 \$24.00	289.00

EFT3624	12/04/2019	Threat Protect	Alarm Monitoring – Admin \$234.75 Alarm Monitoring – Youth \$111.00	345.75
EFT3625	12/04/2019	Glen Flood Group Pty Ltd T/A GFG Consulting	Project Management Support for the development of the Woodlands Centre for March 2019	4001.50
EFT3626	12/04/2019	Horizon Power	Street Light Usage 01.03.2019 - 31.03.2019	3756.11
EFT3627	12/04/2019	Jason Signmakers	Purchase assorted signs for along the Norseman-Hyden Road (14x Signs) \$1644.47 Purchase assorted signs for along the Hyden road and Victoria Rocks road (10x Signs) \$1277.77	2922.24
EFT3628	12/04/2019	Jump 4 Us	Hire of Bouncy Castle for Sunday 31st March 2019 End of season pool party	710.00
EFT3629	12/04/2019	MARRAK GROUP SAFETY SUPPLIES AND APPAREL	Please supply work uniforms for Peter Bush and work boots for Steve Bowyer	484.00
EFT3630	12/04/2019	McLeod's Barristers & Solicitors	Advice - Responsibility for bush fire action and prevention	1258.40
EFT3631	12/04/2019	Golden Flame Nominees Pty Ltd	Catering & Refreshments for Staff farewell (15.3.2019)	221.00
EFT3632	12/04/2019	Online Business Equipment	Monthly Service Agreement No17649	71.50
EFT3633	12/04/2019	South East Petroleum	Diesel 7500LTS \$10131.00 Diesel 7000Lts \$9611.91 AdBlue \$748.00 Card fuel purchases \$565.58	21056.49
EFT3634	12/04/2019	South Coast Foodservice	Purchase 1x Ice Machine Under bench for Depot \$2563.00 Catering for Pool Party \$60.60	2623.60
EFT3635	12/04/2019	Solutions IT (invoice S)	Agreement - Cloud Backup (April 2019)	180.68
EFT3636	12/04/2019	Solutions IT (invoice A&B)	Monthly Managed Support for April 2019	1479.50
EFT3637	12/04/2019	Town Planning Innovations Pty Ltd	Amendment 9: SOD Town Planning Scheme No2 - Lot 3 Roberts Street	247.50
EFT3638	12/04/2019	Visage Productions	Our Town TV Series Participation	11000.00
EFT3639	12/04/2019	Williams + Hughes	Extension and Variation of Lease-81 Roberts Street, Norseman WA	825.00
EFT3645	12/04/2019	Telstra Corporation Limited	Co-Location and Youth Services 20.02.2019 - 19.03.2019 \$209.95 Home bundles for DCEO & MOW 26.02.19 – 25.03.19 \$198.00	407.95
EFT3650	12/04/2019	Water Corporation	Various Water Accounts (01.03.2019 - 03.04.2019)	17402.53
EFT3677	18/04/2019	Australian Taxation Office	BAS (March 2019)	22848.00
EFT3678	18/04/2019	Zircodata Pty Ltd	Storage of registers 26.02.2019 - 25.03.2019	166.75
EFT3679	18/04/2019	BP Norseman	Fuel Purchases for March 2019	569.16
EFT3680	18/04/2019	Bonza Constructions Pty Ltd	Clean all gutters on Doctors House	396.00
EFT3681	18/04/2019	Laurene Bonza	Claim (Council Meeting 16.04.19, CEO Review 28.03.19 and Workshop 02.04.19)	443.00
EFT3682	18/04/2019	BOC Limited	Container Service Fee (26.02.2019 - 28.03.2019)	45.98
EFT3683	18/04/2019	Shire of Dundas Municipal Fund	Payroll deductions	475.00

EFT3684	18/04/2019	Dundas Fencing & Building Maintenance	Pump out septic at new doctors' residence + fees	451.55
EFT3685	18/04/2019	Esperance Plumbing Service	Supply and install new submersible pump and repair air pump at Doctors Residence, Service 2x leaking toilet at Admin	1540.00
EFT3686	18/04/2019	Department of Fire & Emergency Services	ESL (March 2019)	6151.66
EFT3687	18/04/2019	JEP Hogan	Claim (Council Meeting 16.04.19, CEO Review 28.03.19 and Workshop 02.04.19)	320.00
EFT3688	18/04/2019	Moore Stephens (WA) Pty Ltd	Financial and Management Reporting Workshop - 24th May 2019 (Pete Miller)	2048.20
EFT3689	18/04/2019	Marketforce	Advertising - Change of Council Meeting Date (Kal Miner 07/03/2019) \$133.34 Advertising – Gratuity Payment (KM 07.03.19) \$133.34	266.68
EFT3690	18/04/2019	Norseman Visitor Centre	Second Half of Grant 2018/2019	30000.00
EFT3691	18/04/2019	Rasa Patupis	Claim (Council Meeting 16.04.19 and Workshop 02.04.19)	240.00
EFT3692	18/04/2019	Telford Industries	Supply and Deliver 1x 1000LT Hypo-Chlor Sodium plus freight	1223.75
EFT3693	18/04/2019	Veronica Wyatt	Claim (Council Meeting 16.04.19, CEO Review 28.03.19, Road wise 09.04.19, Workshop 02.04.19 and Advisory Meeting 25.03.19)	500.00
EFT3694	18/04/2019	Wilsons Diesel & Auto Repairs	Carry out 6,000 hr service on P279 Cat Grader DS27 \$1448.00 Carry out 50'000km service on P296 Holden Colorado \$495.60 Rest ABS sensor and recheck codes on 69DS rubbish truck \$200.00 Replace and rewire beacon, weld bracket on tail light for DS27 Grader \$559.70 Check operation of water tank valve run airlines and set up switch for tap valve on DS174 Tip Truck \$620.20	3323.50
EFT3695	18/04/2019	Western Australian Local Government Association	Integrated Strategic Planning - Policy (Cr LG Bonza)	515.00
EFT3696	18/04/2019	Sharon Warner	Claim (Council Meeting 19.04.19, CEO Review 28.03.19, Road wise 09.04.19 and Briefing 02.04.19)	400.00
EFT3697	30/04/2019	Eucla Motor Hotel	Accommodation, Meals and Fuel for Stephen Bowyer - 10th April	397.30
EFT3698	30/04/2019	Bunzl Limited	Purchase 10x Bin Liner Heavy Duty Black Roll 140L	611.60
EFT3699	30/04/2019	BE Stearne & Co Pty Ltd	Supply 2x 50mm PVC Barrel and 4x 50mm PVC Socket	42.80
EFT3700	30/04/2019	Esperance Freight Lines	Freight (Telford Industries)	779.17
EFT3701	30/04/2019	Engenuity Engineering Pty Ltd	Woodland cultural centre - Variation to design and documentation	1320.00
EFT3702	30/04/2019	FULL MOON CAFE	Catering for 12 people for 11th & 12th April 2019	156.00
EFT3703	30/04/2019	Jason Signmakers	Purchase 2x 1200X900 Road Train Signs	319.00

EFT3704	30/04/2019	Landgate	Mining Tenement Chargeable M2019/3 14.02.2019 - 15.03.2019	70.20
EFT3705	30/04/2019	LG Assist Australia	Advertising - Senior Administration Officer	302.50
EFT3706	30/04/2019	Star Track Credit	Freight (Jason Signmakers) \$67.55 Freight – Manual handling for Jason Signmakers \$10.45	78.00
EFT3707	30/04/2019	Norseman Concrete	hire water truck 15th-21st March and set up dribble bar to water truck tank	638.00
EFT3708	30/04/2019	Norseman IGA	IGA Purchases for March 2019	710.03
EFT3709	30/04/2019	Pathwest Laboratory Medicine WA	Pre-employment D & A Screen - M Kay & L Morgan	70.00
EFT3710	30/04/2019	E & MJ Rosher	Purchase 2x boot kit and 2x chute kit for Mower	1741.15
EFT3711	30/04/2019	Roadside Products Pty Ltd	Purchase 400x guide post and postage	3296.32
EFT3712	30/04/2019	Total Asphalt & Traffic Management	Emulsion - Pickup Kalgoorlie 600LTS 20.03.2019	844.80
EFT3713	30/04/2019	Visimax Safety Products	Supply 2x Ranger WA ID Cards plus postage	38.00
EFT3714	30/04/2019	IT Vision	Reinstall Universe Database to Live Account	550.00
EFT3715	30/04/2019	Norseman Hardware	Various hardware items (March 2019)	278.70
EFT3716	30/04/2019	WML Consultants Pty Ltd	Site Visit - Norseman Airstrip Maintenance (Tony Chisholm)	1522.13
5144	02/04/2019	Kilima Pty Ltd	Rent for 81 Roberts Street, Norseman (Reimbursed through Norseman CRC)	1121.41
PAY	02/04/2019	Payroll	Direct Debit of Net Pays	56521.33
5158	09/04/2019	Centrepay	Centrepay Fees – A629 & A698	1.98
PAY	16/04/2019	Payroll	Direct Debit of Net Pays	55022.40
5170	23/04/2019	Centrepay	Centrepay Fees – A629 & A698	1.98
PAY	30/04/2019	Payroll	Direct Debit of Net Pays	59987.81
				\$364'925.59

Municipal Account Direct Debts

	Date	Name	Description	Amount
5145	01/04/2019	ANZ	BPAY Transaction Fees	13.20
5145	01/04/2019	ANZ	Merchant Fees	125.15
5146	01/04/2019	Equipment Rents	Sharp Interactive Board	256.30
DD9900	09/04/2019	SuperChoice	Superannuation 06.03.2019 - 19.03.2019	13449.48
DD9914	09/04/2019	SuperChoice	Superannuation 20.03.2019 – 02.04.2019	12795.89
5163	12/04/2019	3E Advantage Pty Limited	CRC photocopier, Shire photocopier & Printer meter readings – March 2019	1902.69
DD9935	18/04/2019	SuperChoice	Superannuation 03.04.2019 – 16.04.2019	13522.13
				\$42'064.84

Municipal Account Credit Cards

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount
5164	15/04/2019	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	ANZ Credit Card Purchases	981.85
	24/02/2019	The View on Hannan's	Accommodation and Meals for Tracy Dixon 23/02/2019 (road closure – fire)	151.24
	27/02/2019	123RF Limited	123.RF Image Use	149.35
	12/03/2019	Adobe	Adobe Subscription PDF	22.65
	19/03/2019	Qantas Airways LTD	Return Flight for President – Mayors and Presidents Policy Forum (26 – 27 March 2019)	559.61
	21/03/2019	Qantas Airways LTD	Reschedule Flight for President – Mayors and Presidents Policy Forum (15 – 16 April 2019)	99.00
5164	15/04/2019	Chief Executive Officer	ANZ Credit Card Purchases	1252.57
	09/03/2019	Coles – Kalgoorlie	Community BBQ (Norseman Races)	608.22
	12/03/2019	Virgin Australia	Return Flight for Joseph Hodges – 19 th Match 2019	638.00
	12/03/2019	Virgin Australia	Flight Booking Fee	6.35
5164	15/04/2019		Total Credit Card Purchases for 22.02.2019 – 21.03.2019	2234.42

Summary of Account Totals

Trust EFT's / Cheques	\$650.00
Municipal Cheques	\$465.60
Municipal EFT's	\$364'925.59
Municipal Direct Debit's	\$42'064.84
Municipal Credit Cards	\$2'234.42
Grand Total for April 2019	\$410'340.45

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That the Shire of Dundas monthly accounts paid from 01/04/2019 to 30/04/2019 be noted.

Moved Cr: Wyatt
 Seconded Cr: Hogan

Resolution

That the Shire of Dundas monthly accounts paid from 01/04/2019 to 30/04/2019 be noted.

Carried by: Simple Majority

For: 5

Against: 0

Agenda Reference & Subject	
10.4.2 – Financial Statements for the Period Ending 30th April 2019.	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	FM.FI
Author	Deputy CEO
Date of Report	15 th May 2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Officer Recommendation

That the Shire of Dundas Financial Statements for the period ending 30th May 2019 be accepted.

Moved Cr: Hogan
Seconded Cr: Wyatt

Resolution

That the Shire of Dundas Financial Statements for the period ending 30th May 2019 be accepted.

Carried by: Simple Majority For: 5 Against: 0

Agenda Reference & Subject	
10.4.3 – CRC Management Report & Financial Statements to 30th May 2019	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	CS.SP.8
Author	Deputy CEO
Date of Report	14 th May 2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil



**Management Report & Monthly Statement of Financial Activity
For the period ending 30th May 2019**

Officer Recommendation

That the Norseman Community Resource Centre Management Report and Financial Statements for the period ending 30th May 2019 be accepted.

Moved Cr: Hogan
Seconded Cr: Wyatt

Resolution

That the Norseman Community Resource Centre Management Report and Financial Statements for the period ending 30th May 2019 be accepted.

Carried by: Simple Majority

For: 5

Against: 0

Agenda Reference & Subject	
10.4.4 – Officers Reports	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	CM.PL.1
Author	Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report	15 th May 2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Summary

For Council to note the reports received from the Manager of Works and Services, Manager of Community Development and the Youth and Events Officer as included in the papers relating.

Background

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

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Consultation

Manager of Works and Services, Manager of Community Development and Youth and Events Officer

Comment

The reports will advise councillors of the progress being made towards achieving the objectives of the Strategic Plan.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council note the reports of the Manager of Works and Services, Manager of Community Development and the Youth and Events Officer.

Moved Cr: Warner
Seconded Cr: Wyatt

Resolution

That Council note the reports of the Manager of Works and Services, Manager of Community Development and the Youth and Events Officer.

Carried by: Simple Majority

For: 5

Against: 0

Manager of Community Development added that the Australian Electoral Commission pre-polling, held in the Shire administration building through the CRC, was successful, after a few initial issues during contract development. Well done Angie and also the team that assisted with the program. Will be taking advantage of the opportunity to provide feedback to the AEC to highlight issues such as, the impact of shifting the static polling centre to the school - challenging to some of the community, particularly those with mobility issues and also lack of mobile service provided for the hospital. Unacceptable to have residents checking out of hospital to vote. Feedback from community is that the Town Hall is the preferred site for a polling centre – easier to access for all.

Agenda Reference & Subject	
10.4.5 – Regional Record Archive Facility	
Location / Address	Coolgardie
File Reference	GR.SR.1
Author	Gihan Kohobange
Date of Report	14 th May 2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Summary

For the Council to consider a proposal to continue with the ownership interest and usage of the regional archive facility located in Coolgardie.

Background

The Council of the Shire of Dundas has resolved the following at its ordinary council meeting held on 15th May 2012 in relation to the Regional Record Archive Facility constructed in Coolgardie with a \$1M funding contribution from Royalties for Regions regional allocation of the Country Local Government Fund (CLGF).

“That the Shire of Dundas supports the establishment of the Regional Archive Facility by the GVROC and will allocate \$18,500 in the 2012/13 budget as the Shires contribution to the first-year operating costs.”

Statutory Environment

State Records Act 2000

Policy Implications

A.5 Records Management

Financial Implications

Changes to the current arrangement will result in financial implications to the Shire.

Strategic Implications

If the Shire is required to construct its own records storage facility that will result in strategic implications having to redirect resources from other programmes already identified in the Shire's strategic plans.

Consultation

CEO, Record Officer

Comment

There are 10 local governments entities in the Goldfield and Esperance region and they are also joint owners (10% ownership with each Council) of the GVROC record archive facility. However, some of the councils have indicated their intention to retire from this arrangement which has prompted the following resolution to be carried at the GVROC Council meeting held on 3rd May 2019.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie

Seconded: Mr Jim Epis – Shire of Leonora

That the GVROC Council

1. **Agree to sell the Goldfields Records Storage Facility**
2. **Agree to wind up the Goldfields Record Storage Facility as a records management facility**
3. **Request the Chair of GVROC CEO Group prepare a report on legalities of (1) and (2) above and present to GVROC CEO Group Meeting on Friday 24th May**
4. **Request the GVROC CEO Group discuss at the meeting on 24th May how to legally proceed with this resolution**
5. **Request at the GVROC CEO Group Meeting on the 24th May 2019 each CEO provide intention of whether or not they wish to remain as a collective to utilise the facility as a Record and Archive Facility**
6. **Advise the Shire's of Wiluna and Ngaanyatjaraku that they have foregone their rights of the share of assets in the Joint Venture**

As per the audited financial statements of the Shire, the net value of the Shire's share of the ownership of the GVROC storage facility, as at 30 June 2018 is \$76,050. Currently, the Shire has 76 boxes stored at this facility and incur on average between \$15,000 to \$20,000 per annum as a contribution towards the operating cost of the facility.

Very primitive cost estimates indicate that it would cost around \$250,000 for the Shire to construct a storage facility to the minimum standards that such a facility needs to have. Further, ongoing operating cost would exceed the current level having to have a dedicated staff member to manage the facility.

Considering current budgetary challenges, the Shire is facing such as difficulties in collecting rate revenue, additional cost the Shire may have to incur in future for fire control activities, having the lowest rates revenue base within GVROC, etc., two most feasible options that the Shire could consider are,

Option 1

Continue with the current arrangement provided that the Shire does not have to make an additional capital contribution towards the facility. Ownership percentage to be adjusted to reflect any changes to the current ownership arrangement. Further, annual operating cost under this option needs to be within the current level for a similar number of boxes.

Option 2

Obtain services from a 3rd party records storage providers as that will be more cost effective compared to an in-house records storage facility.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That the Council of Shire of Dundas agree to continue with the current arrangement in relation to the GVROC Regional Archive Facility subject to,

1. No additional capital contribution is required towards the facility, and
2. Annual operating cost to be within the current level for a similar number of storage boxes.

Moved Cr: Wyatt
Seconded Cr: Hogan

Resolution

That the Council of Shire of Dundas agree to continue with the current arrangement in relation to the GVROC Regional Archive Facility subject to,

1. No additional capital contribution is required towards the facility, and
2. Annual operating cost to be within the current level for a similar number of storage boxes.

Carried by: Simple Majority For: 5 Against: 0

Agenda Reference & Subject	
10.4.6 – Signatories on Accounts	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	FM.AT
Author	Gihan Kohobange
Date of Report	14 th May 2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Summary

To remove Sonya Ellison and Pete Miller as signatories to the Shire of Dundas bank accounts.

Background

With the recent Royal Commission into misconduct in the banking industry, tighter procedures are in place to ensure misconduct in the banking, superannuation and financial services industries does not occur.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Policy Implications

Shire of Dundas Policy Manual - Finance

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Consultation

CEO

Comment

Since Sonya Ellison and Pete Miller have resigned from the Shire, in line with the ANZ procedures the bank requires minutes from the council meeting removing signatories to bank accounts.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Sonya Elizabeth Ellison and Pete Marcussen Miller be removed as signatories to the following Shire of Dundas accounts:

- a) 434102952
- b) 434102995
- c) 209479331
- d) 197898781
- e) 978676516
- f) 977913137
- g) 979037126
- h) 919274736

Moved Cr: Hogan
Seconded Cr: Patupis

Resolution

That Sonya Elizabeth Ellison and Pete Marcussen Miller be removed as signatories to the following Shire of Dundas ANZ bank accounts:

- a) 434102952
- b) 434102995
- c) 209479331
- d) 197898781
- e) 978676516
- f) 977913137
- g) 979037126
- h) 919274736

Carried by: Simple Majority

For: 5

Against: 0

Agenda Reference & Subject	
10.4.7 – Outsourcing of Rating Services	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	
Author	Gihan Kohobange
Date of Report	14 th May 2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Summary

For the Council to consider a proposal to outsource rating services to Moore Stephens (WA) Pty Ltd.

Background

The Shire has been having difficulties in attracting an experienced applicant to fill the vacancy created because of the resignation of the Shire's rates officer. The Shire first advertised this vacancy in March but was not able to attract anyone with the required knowledge and experience. The employee the Shire recruited with the intention of developing into the rates officer's role left the Shire with very short notice.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 and other relevant regulations in relation to purchasing/tender requirements.

Policy Implications

F.3 Purchasing Policy

Financial Implications

The cost of outsourcing of rates services not covered in the 2018/19 budget.

Strategic Implications

No direct strategic implications

Consultation

CEO

Comment

The rates officer is a unique role for the local government sector and there are a limited number of experienced / skilled officers available. Attracting such officers to remote areas continue to be a challenge. The rates officer's position of the Shire has been vacant since March 2019.

Accuracy of the rates processing is very important as any error will result in a financial impact on the Shire as well as on the rates payers. The Shire needs to have an arrangement in place immediately to manage the end of year rates processes and the annual rates run which need to be completed in the coming months.

After exhausting all other practical options such as working with neighbouring Councils, training an existing officer, training a new recruit who did not have prior experience in managing rates, etc., the Shire is now only left with the option of obtaining the service of a 3rd party to manage immediate requirements in relation to rating functions.

The Shire has obtained a proposal in this regard from Moore Stephens (WALGA preferred service provider), which is given in the confidential papers relating. The indicative annual fee for providing rating services is given on page 5 of the proposal. However, the actual cost will vary depending on the actual number of hours the Moore Stephens will have to spend in managing these activities. The Shire expects to enter into an agreement initially for a year with Moore Stephens however, the Shire has the option of terminating the arrangement on two month's written notice at any time.

A part of the cost mentioned above will be recovered through the savings in staff cost due to delay in recruiting an officer to fill the current vacancy. In addition to this immediate necessity using the service of a 3rd party provider such as Moore Stephens for this type of unique process will provide more benefits for the Shire of Dundas in long-term as mentioned below.

1. Ability to obtain services of experienced and knowledgeable personnel usually not available in remote areas
2. Provide continuity for critical operational areas minimising the impact due to the loss of experienced staff
3. Better service for the Shire through agreed service standards
4. Flexibility, scalability and ability for the Shire to free up resources to work on other important areas

If the Shire later decides to continue with this arrangement into the future, the extra cost associated can easily be recouped re-organising the organisational structure of the Shire.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That the Council of Shire of Dundas delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with Moore Stephens (WA) Pty Ltd for the provision of rating services to the Shire for a period of one year in line with the proposal given in confidential papers relating.

Moved Cr: Hogan
Seconded Cr: Wyatt

Resolution

That the Council of Shire of Dundas delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with Moore Stephens (WA) Pty Ltd for the provision of rating services to the Shire for a period of one year in line with the proposal given in confidential papers relating.

Carried by: Simple Majority

For: 5

Against: 0

Cr Warner requested clarification re: if rate payers would still have the opportunity to apply to the Shire for extensions/payment plans. The Presiding Member directed the DCEO to answer. All rate payers will still direct rates enquiries to Shire and are not expected to deal directly with Moore Stephens. Only the back office functions/operations will be outsourced and there will be no change for rate payers.

Agenda Reference and Subject	
10.4.8 – Federal Government funding for Local Government	
Location / Address	Norseman
File Reference	GS.PR.12
Author	Peter Fitchat
Date of Report	13 th May 2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Summary

FAGs are a vital part of the revenue base of all councils, and this year councils will receive \$2.4 billion from the Australian Government under this important program.

The value of the FAGs has been declining for more than 20 years. In 1996 the level of funding for the FAGs was equal to around 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue but this has steadily fallen since 1996 under successive Federal Governments until it has reached a level now less than 0.55% of Commonwealth Taxation revenue. This decline was exacerbated by a three-year freeze on the indexation of FAGs from 2014-15 to 2016-17 which has cost local government an estimated \$925m in foregone FAGs funding.

FAGs are essential for many councils, particularly those in regional and remote areas of Australia which have very limited access to alternative revenue sources such as rates. These councils are dependent on the FAGs for the provision of infrastructure and services for their communities.

At the national level there has been an increasing level of demand from the community for local services and a growing expectation for a higher standard of services. This comes at the same time as cost shifting by state and territory governments onto local government continues to be a problem and state and territory governments in several states impose revenue restrictions on councils through rate capping.

“The Australian Local Government Association has made the restoration of the FAGs and the provision of a Fairer Share for local communities a key election initiative and ALGA and the state and territory local government associations are seeking the support of Council for the campaign and asking Council to engage directly with local candidates in the Federal Election to seek their support for a Fairer share of Federal funding for our community.”

Background

Local councils are responsible for 33% of public infrastructure including 75% of roads or 662,000km. However Local Governments raise just 3.6% of Australia’s tax revenue. Local government’s tax (in the form of property rates) is a general tax and unlike other levels of government, most local governments generally have no other direct mechanism such as fees and charges to raise funds of any significance. Nationally, local government derives nearly 90 per cent of its revenue from its own sources (including rates and services charges).

At an aggregate level, grants from other levels of government make up only 10 per cent of local government’s total revenue, however these grants are particularly important in areas with a low rate base, and/or high growth rate, and rapidly expanding service and infrastructure needs.

The funding that is available for local governments is not keeping up with the increasing demand on local infrastructure and services and the need to build and maintain essential infrastructure to a higher standard than ever before.

In the past two decades there has been a fourfold increase in spending by local government in nominal terms (7.3 per cent per annum compound growth rate) with total outlays increasing from \$8.2 billion in 1994-95 to \$33.6 billion in 2014-15.

Over this period the roles and responsibilities of local governments have increased as a result of increasing community demand, requirements to build and maintain infrastructure to a higher standard,

cost shifting and the need to address market failure (particularly in rural areas where it is commonly not financially viable for the private sector to provide essential goods and services such as aged care or childcare).

While the roles and responsibilities of local government have grown significantly over time, its revenue base has not. Local Governments share of tax revenue needs to increase significantly to meet this demand and reflect the vital role of local governments.

The Australian Government provides funding to local councils through a range of programs and initiatives. The 2019/20 Budget includes \$500m in Roads to Recovery Funding, \$120m for the Bridge Renewal Program and \$120m Black Spots funding. Councils are also eligible to apply for funding under the highly funding under the \$190 million investment announced for female change rooms, facility upgrades and swimming pools across the country.

The most significant contribution from the Australian Government is via the Financial Assistance Grants. These grants, established in the 1970s, are made up of a general-purpose payment and an identified local road grant.

While the current indexation process was put in place in 1994 and some changes were brought about under the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (Cth), the system for local government funding from the Commonwealth has remained relatively unchanged for more than twenty years.

Up until 2000, both states and local government each received a Financial Assistance Grant and were indexed on the same basis, but the introduction of the GST in that year saw the states receiving a GST grant, linked to the GST tax revenue. Local government's arrangements remained unchanged.

While GST revenue continues to increase at a higher rate than Financial Assistance Grants, the grants as a proportion of Commonwealth tax revenue (CTR) have been declining. In 1996, Financial Assistance Grants were equal to around 1 per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue. This has declined by around 43% in relative terms over the past 20 years, and now they amount to approximately 0.55% of Commonwealth tax revenue.

The relative decline in Financial Assistance Grants funding to local government has made it harder for councils to develop and maintain services and infrastructure in their communities, which fuels the risk of reducing standards of living in communities across the nation.

Nationally, local government spent \$36 billion in 2016-17, and raised just 3.6% of Australia's Tax revenue. The Commonwealth raised about 80%. The Commonwealth provides around \$2.5 billion in Financial Assistance Grants to local government, which is just under 7 per cent of local government's annual expenditure.

3.6% of the tax take is not adequate funding. There is currently a \$30+ billion infrastructure backlog and this is going to continue to grow and further impact on productivity and safety. All communities are vulnerable if this backlog is not addressed.

Fast Facts

- 537 local governments in Australia
- Employ 190,000 people
- Responsible for 33% of public infrastructure including 75% of Australia's roads
- Raise only 3.6% of Australia's tax revenue
- \$30billion + infrastructure backlog

In the upcoming federal election, ALGA will be calling for a fairer tax share for local councils to unlock the potential of our communities.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

This will make Councils more sustainable and we would be able to address issues pasted on by the lack of Federal and State Government Representation in remote areas to Local Government.

Strategic Implications

This will enable Councils to achieve Strategic Direction in a controlled sustainable manner.

Consultation

Councillors, Senior staff, WALGA, ALGA

Comment

The current funding arrangements for local government are no longer fit for purpose.

The roles and responsibilities of local government has grown significantly. The main funding available from the Australian Government (the Financial Assistance Grants) has consistently declined from a level equal to 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue (CTR) in 1996 to just 0.55% of CTR today.

The Australian Government collects approximately 82% of Australia's tax revenue and is responsible for just one tenth of Australia's public infrastructure assets.

Local councils raise 3.6% of taxes and are responsible for 33% of public infrastructure, including 75% of Australia's roads

3.6% of the tax take is not adequate funding to unlock the potential of our communities. The decline in the Financial Assistance Grants funding has left local councils worse off struggling to meet increasing demand on local infrastructure and services and impacting their ability to build and maintain essential infrastructure to the higher standard required today.

The result is increased pressure on rates and council budgets, making it harder to maintain community services and infrastructure.

There is a current infrastructure backlog of \$30+billion dollars. The requirement to upgrade and renew infrastructure built during the 'baby boom' and rapid growth periods in the 60s and 70s is becoming a major problem. New infrastructure is also required to meet the needs of the growing population and to meet productivity and safety requirements.

There are also increasing community expectations related to the type and standards of services available to local communities. This is placing pressure on local governments particularly when they are required to provide services previously provided by the other spheres of government. This is particularly the case in thin markets such as rural and regional areas where, if federal or state governments withdraw services, local government must step in or no one will, as we have seen in recent years.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation

That the Council:

1. Acknowledges the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of council services and infrastructure;
2. Expresses its concern about the decline in the value of Financial Assistance Grants funding at the national level from an amount equal to around 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue in 1996 to a current figure of around 0.55%.; and
3. Calls on all political parties contesting the 2019 Federal Election and their local candidates to support the Australian Local Government Association's call to restore the national value of Financial Assistance Grants funding to an amount equal to at least 1 % of Commonwealth Taxation revenue and therefore to provide a Fairer Share of Federal funding for our local communities.

Council Recommendation

That the Council:

1. Acknowledges the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of council services and infrastructure;
2. Expresses its concern about the decline in the value of Financial Assistance Grants funding at the national level from an amount equal to around 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue in 1996 to a current figure of around 0.55%.; and
3. Calls on all newly Elected Members from the 2019 Federal Election to support the Australian Local Government Association's call to restore the national value of Financial Assistance Grants funding to an amount equal to at least 1 % of Commonwealth Taxation revenue and therefore to provide a Fairer Share of Federal funding for our local communities.

Moved Cr: Warner
Seconded Cr: Hogan

Resolution

That the Council:

1. Acknowledges the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of council services and infrastructure;
2. Expresses its concern about the decline in the value of Financial Assistance Grants funding at the national level from an amount equal to around 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue in 1996 to a current figure of around 0.55%.; and
3. Calls on all newly Elected Members from the 2019 Federal Election to support the Australian Local Government Association's call to restore the national value of Financial Assistance Grants funding to an amount equal to at least 1 % of Commonwealth Taxation revenue and therefore to provide a Fairer Share of Federal funding for our local communities.

Carried by: Simple Majority

For: 5

Against: 0

The reason for the amendment is, this Ordinary Meeting of Council was held after the Federal Election took place, therefore point 3 of the Officer's recommendation was amended to reflect this.

Agenda Reference & Subject	
10.4.9 – Community Grant Norseman Gold Fever Festival	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	FM.SP.1
Author	Pania Turner
Date of Report	15/05/2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Summary

That the Shire of Dundas Council review and approve the Community Grant Application submitted by the Gold Fever Festival Committee.

Background

The Gold Fever Festival is a celebratory annual community event which attracts residents and visitors to the Norseman Town Centre for a weekend of festival fun celebrating the rich gold mining heritage and of the Shire of Dundas. The Festival continues to grow in substance each year drawing street performers, live bands, community markets, crafts, fun run participants and a variety of children's entertainment.

Included in this year's festival will be the celebrations for Norseman's 125th Birthday with local community groups such as the Norseman Historical Society, Norseman Community Markets, Norseman P&C and Norseman Golf Club all contributing to the event. The weekend will be filled with activities and fun to cater for all ages, it is a free community event which attracts people from across the region, state and even interstate competitors for the WA Rock Drill State Championships.

Further, this event will;

- Support local businesses generating additional revenue
- bring tourists and visitors to the area from all over the Country
- Provide the school and local community groups with fundraising opportunities

Gold Fever Festival Incorporation, a non-profit organisation has been organising this annual event since 2014. The Shire of Dundas has been a proud sponsor of this event since then.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The Gold Fever Festival is budgeted for in the 2019-2020 annual budget.

Strategic Implications

Theme 1: *A vibrant, active and healthy socially connected Community*

Strategy 1.3 *That Community are engaged in constructive activities that encourage social and Community development.*

Theme 2: *A thriving local economy and economic base.*

Strategy 2.1 *A vibrant economy that includes and supports opportunities for mining, industry, creative and cultural industries, tourism, shopping and business.*

Consultation

Norseman Historical Society

Norseman Golf Club President
 Norseman Gold Fever Secretary
 Deputy CEO

Comment

The 2019, Gold Fever Festival is due to be held on 31st of August and the festival committee has submitted an application for a community grant amounting to \$15,000 as given in papers relating.

As per the Current Council policy, any community grant for an event is restricted to \$10,000. However, in the past the Council has managed In Kind requirements such as staff costs to close roads, collection and set up/pack away of crowd barriers etc. of this event.

With the updated Council Policy the committee have worked to ensure that the grant is submitted within the required timelines.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That the Council of the Shire of Dundas review the Community Grant Application submitted by Gold Fever Festival Committee and approve;

1. a monitory grant of \$10,000 and
2. an in-kind grant of \$5,000.

Moved Cr: Wyatt
 Seconded Cr: Warner

Cr Wyatt spoke for the motion and stated it was a great community event that brings the community together.

Cr Bonza spoke against the motion. Issues with presented budget – cost of insurance, amount stated on budget is greater than amount on certificate of Insurance. Is there insurance information missing? Budget includes items for a dance, band, catering and drinks, but this is not mentioned in the body of the application. Community Grant program clearly states each application is for up to \$10,000, this request exceeds that.

Cr Patupis reinforced the statement regarding the \$10,000 limit. The request for the \$5000 in kind, and \$10,000 monitory donation exceeds this. It needs to be a total of no more than \$10,000, if anything.

Resolution

That the Council of the Shire of Dundas review the Community Grant Application submitted by Gold Fever Festival Committee and approve;

3. a monitory grant of \$10,000 and
4. an in-kind grant of \$5,000.

Motion is lost Simple Majority For: 2 Against: 3

Agenda Reference & Subject	
10.4.10 – Norseman Arts Competition	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	
Author	Pania Turner
Date of Report	15/05/2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Summary

For the Shire of Dundas Council to approve the Award Categories and Prizes for Shire's 2019 art competition Norseman Arts: Inspire Share Exhibit.

Background

Norseman Arts: Inspire Share Exhibit has been running since 2015 after the existing art competition was reviewed. The competition quickly grew with artists across the Shire submitting to a variety of categories and it is now an eagerly anticipated event across the Shire.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The Shire's art competition is budgeted in the 2019-2020 annual budget.

Strategic Implications

Theme 1: *A vibrant, active and healthy socially connected Community*

Strategy 1.3 *That Community are engaged in constructive activities that encourage social and Community development.*

Consultation

Norseman District High School
Community Artists
Norseman Craft Ladies

Comment

Residents and rate payers across the Shire of Dundas have embraced the art show, enjoying interacting with a different type of community event. The caters for people of all ages and backgrounds and is also very well received by tourists and visitors who attend the exhibition.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That the Shire of Dundas Council approve the following Categories and Prize Allocations for the Norseman Arts: Inspire Share Exhibit 2019:

- **SHIRE OF DUNDAS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE, ACQUISITION: \$1000**
- **SHIRE OF DUNDAS AWARD OF COMMENDATION: \$500**
- **PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD: \$250**
- **CRAFT AWARDS x 3 1st, 2nd & 3rd: \$975**
- **YOUTH AWARDS X 3 1st, 2nd & 3rd: \$835**
- **PAINTING AWARD \$350. RUNNER-UP \$200**
- **2D- MIXED MEDIA \$350. RUNNER-UP \$200**
- **NORSEMAN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS ART DISPLAY: \$500**

- ARTISTS OF THE EYRE \$500
- SCULPTURE AWARD \$350 Runner up \$200
- ABORIGINAL ART AWARD \$350. RUNNER UP \$200

Amounting to a total prize pool of: \$6760

Moved Cr: Hogan
Seconded Cr: Wyatt

Resolution

That the Shire of Dundas Council approve the following Categories and Prize Allocations for the Norseman Arts: Inspire Share Exhibit 2019:

- SHIRE OF DUNDAS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE, ACQUISITION: \$1000
- SHIRE OF DUNDAS AWARD OF COMMENDATION: \$500
- PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD: \$250
- CRAFT AWARDS x 3 1st, 2nd & 3rd: \$975
- YOUTH AWARDS X 3 1st, 2nd & 3rd: \$835
- PAINTING AWARD \$350. RUNNER-UP \$200
- 2D- MIXED MEDIA \$350. RUNNER-UP \$200
- NORSEMAN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS ART DISPLAY: \$500
- ARTISTS OF THE EYRE \$500
- SCULPTURE AWARD \$350 Runner up \$200
- ABORIGINAL ART AWARD \$350. RUNNER UP \$200

Amounting to a total prize pool of: \$6760

Carried by: Simple Majority For: 4 Against: 1

Councillor Hogan is recorded as against the motion.

11 Elected Members Motions of Which Previous Notice Has Been Given

Nil

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

The following item of urgent business was accepted for consideration by the President or by a majority of the members of the Council

Voting Requirement Simple Majority

Recommendation

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

Moved Cr: Patupis
Seconded Cr: Hogan

Resolution

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

Carried by: Simple Majority

For: 5

Against: 0

Agenda Reference & Subject	
12.1 - Application for Exploration Licence E 63/1964, E28/2919, E 69/3720, E 69/3721 Typhon Minerals PTY LTD	
Location / Address	Shire of Dundas
File Reference	RV.VA.2
Author	CEO
Date of Report	16 th May 2019
Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Summary

Application for Exploration Licence E 63/1964, E28/2919, E 69/3720, E 69/3721 Typhon Minerals PTY LTD as attached in the papers relating.

Background

The application was received from Typhon Minerals PTY LTD 14th May 2019, for exploration of the following tenements.

Application received: 14th May 2019
 Applicant: Typhon Minerals PTY LTD
 From or on behalf: Nil
 Next Council workshop: 4th June 2019
 Council meeting on the: 18th June 2019

Tenement, E63/1964 objection closes on the 5th June 2019
 Tenement, E28/2919 objection closes on the 3rd June 2019
 Tenement, E69/3720 objection closes on the 5th June 2019
 Tenement, E69/3721 objection closes on the 5th June 2019

Statutory Environment

Mining Act 1978
Mining Regulations 1981

Policy Implications

Council has no Policies in relation to this matter.

Financial Implications

None

Strategic Implications

Strategic Community Plan 2012-22 Strategy Theme 2 (A Thriving Community Local Economy and Economic Base) items 2-2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 Theme 3 (Natural & Built Environment) items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5.

Consultation

Councillors and Staff

Comment

This application is for Exploration Licence E 63/1964, E28/2919, E 69/3720, E 69/3721 Typhon Minerals PTY LTD as attached in the papers relating. For Councils information this application was received on the 14th May 2019 and objections close on the 3rd & 5th June 2019. This application on E 69/3721 is on the reserve that Newman Rocks is located on and is situated approximately 160 kilometres from Norseman heading east on the Eyre Highway towards the Nullarbor.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That the Council of the Shire of Dundas submit an objection for the Exploration Licence E63/1964, E28/2919, E69/3720, E69/3721 Typhon Minerals PTY LTD;

- 1. Until an agreement is reached with the Forestry Products Commission regarding trees that will be removed for the purpose of exploration and if suitable, to be harvested and the funds be used by Typhon Minerals to reinstate the forest, or provide the timber to a community group that is incorporated.**
- 2. Until a commitment is reached that there will be no impact on current and future tourism activities on this tenement E69/3721 through their exploration activities.**

Moved Cr: Patupis
Seconded Cr: Wyatt

Resolution

That the Council of the Shire of Dundas submit an objection for the Exploration Licence E63/1964, E28/2919, E69/3720, E69/3721 Typhon Minerals PTY LTD;

- 1. Until an agreement is reached with the Forestry Products Commission regarding trees that will be removed for the purpose of exploration and if suitable, to be harvested and the funds be used by Typhon Minerals to reinstate the forest, or provide the timber to a community group that is incorporated.**
- 2. Until a commitment is reached that there will be no impact on current and future tourism activities on this tenement E69/3721 through their exploration activities.**

Carried by: Simple Majority

For: 5

Against: 0

13 Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on the 18th June 2019.

14 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business the Shire President thanked all those in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6:58pm.