

Shire of Goomalling



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 2019





NYOONGAR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is part of the traditional lands of the Nyoongar people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Nyoongar Ballardong people as the custodians of the greater Goomalling/Koomal area and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important to the living Nyoongar Ballardong people today.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting No. 4 of 2019 of the Shire of Goomalling Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Administration Office, 32 Quinlan Street, Goomalling on Wednesday, 15 May 2019 beginning at 2.05 pm.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire president declared the meeting opened at 2.05 pm

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES & APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1. Attendance

Council	President & Chairperson	Cr Barry Haywood
	Deputy President of Council	Cr Roland Van Gelderen
	Councillor	Cr Christine Barratt
	Councillor	Cr Raymond Bowen
	Councillor	Cr Julie Chester
	Councillor	Cr Kevin Ryan
Administration	Councillor	Cr Rodney Sheen
	Chief Executive Officer	Mr Peter Bentley
	Finance Manager	Miss Natalie Bird
	Works Manager	Mr David Long

2.2. Apologies

Nil

2.3. Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

3. DECLARATION OF:

- FINANCIAL INTEREST
- MEMBERS IMPARTIALITY INTEREST
- PROXIMITY INTEREST

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil



5. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

45. RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Van Gelderen, seconded Cr Ryan

that Cr Haywood be granted a leave of absence for the July 2019 Council Ordinary Meeting.

CARRIED 7/0
By Absolute Majority

6. CONFIRMATION AND RECEIVING OF MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council held Wednesday 17 April 2019

46. RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Van Gelderen, seconded Cr Chester

that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 17 April 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED 7/0
By Simple Majority

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

8. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

9. OFFICERS' REPORTS

9.1 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID 1 APRIL TO 30 APRIL 2019

DATE:	9 May 2019
SUBJECT:	Schedule of Accounts Paid
PROPONENT:	N/A
LOCATION:	Whole of the Shire
AUTHOR:	Christine Schorer – Accounts Payable
REPORTING OFFICER:	Natalie Bird – Finance Manager
FILE NO:	N/A
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A

FUND VOUCHERS AMOUNT

EFT 1224 – 1281, 1494	\$144,468.30
Direct Debits 8292 – 8301	\$34,727.71
Cheques 14844 – 14850, 14852 – 14858, 14860 – 14874	\$64,324.72
Payroll 5828 – 5829	\$88,800.00
Super 11800, 11823	\$14,973.83



ATTACHMENTS

- A) Schedule of Accounts submitted 15 May 2019
- B) Corporate Credit Card Statements March 2019

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That vouchers from the Municipal Fund and Trust Fund as detailed, be approved by Council:

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47. RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)
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Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Barratt

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CARRIED 7/0
By Simple Majority



9.2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2019

DATE:	9 May 2019
SUBJECT:	Monthly Financial Report
PROPONENT:	N/A
LOCATION:	Whole of the Shire
AUTHOR:	Natalie Bird – Finance Manager
REPORTING OFFICER:	Natalie Bird – Finance Manager
FILE NO:	N/A
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A

PURPOSE

In accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, to follow is the presentation of the Monthly Financial Reports to Council.

BACKGROUND

Monthly Financial Reports are to be presented to Council and are to be received by Council resolution.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 6.4

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Clause 34 and 35

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

No specific policy regarding this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Ongoing management of Council funds

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

C2.7 Provide reporting processes in transparent, accountable and timely manner.

ATTACHMENTS

- C) Monthly Financial Report to 30 April 2019

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the following Monthly Financial Report be received by Council:

- Monthly Financial Report to 30 April 2019

48. RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

Moved Cr Bowen, seconded Cr Van Gelderen

that the Monthly Financial Report for April 2019 be received by Council.

CARRIED 7/0
By Simple Majority



9.3 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT AND SETTING OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

DATE:	9 May 2019
SUBJECT:	2017-2018 Annual Report and setting of AGM of Electors Date
PROPONENT:	Shire of Goomalling
LOCATION:	N/A
AUTHOR:	Natalie Bird – Finance Manager
REPORTING OFFICER:	Natalie Bird – Finance Manager
FILE NO:	5-1
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A

PURPOSE

Council is requested to accept the 2017/2018 Annual Report and Financial Statements and set the date for the Annual General Meeting of Electors.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act 1995 requires a Local Government to prepare an Annual Report each financial year and to hold an Annual General Meeting of Electors.

The Annual General Meeting of Electors is to be held on a day selected by the Local Government, but not more than 56 days after the report is accepted by the Local Government.

The annual audit was undertaken during August 2018 by Anderson Munro & Wyllie. The audit report was signed off by the Shire’s auditor Mr Billy-Joe Thomas on 26 April 2019 and received in this office on 26 April 2019 at 4.39 pm.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1995 (as amended).

5.54. Acceptance of annual reports

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the annual report for a financial year is to be accepted* by the local government no later than 31 December after that financial year.

** Absolute majority required.*

- (2) If the auditor’s report is not available in time for the annual report for a financial year to be accepted by 31 December after that financial year, the annual report is to be accepted by the local government no later than 2 months after the auditor’s report becomes available.

[Section 5.54 amended: No. 49 of 2004 s. 49.]

5.55. Notice of annual reports

The CEO is to give local public notice of the availability of the annual report as soon as practicable after the report has been accepted by the local government.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations.
Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

C2.7 Provide reporting processes in transparent, accountable and timely manner.

COMMENTS AND DETAILS

The audit report in their opinion, “the following matters indicate significant adverse trends in the financial position of the Shire:

- a) The Operating Surplus ratio has been below the DLGSCI standard for the past three years.
- b) No instances of material non-compliance with part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995, the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 or applicable financial controls of any other written laws were identified during the course of my audit.
- c) All required information and explanations were obtained by me.
- d) All audit procedures were satisfactorily completed.
- e) In my opinion, the asset consumption ratio and the asset renewal ratio included in the annual financial report were supported by verifiable information and reasonable assumptions.”

ATTACHMENTS

- D) 2017-2018 Annual Report, including Financial Statements and Audit Report

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Pursuant of Sections 5.54 and 5.55 of the Local Government 1995, accepts the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the 2017/2018 financial year.
2. Convenes the Annual General Meeting of Electors at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 4 June 2019 at the Community and Sports Centre 47 Quinlan Street, Goomalling.

49. RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)
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Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Barratt

That the Council:

- 1. Pursuant of Sections 5.54 and 5.55 of the Local Government 1995, accepts the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the 2017/2018 financial year.**
- 2. Convenes the Annual General Meeting of Electors at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 4 June 2019 at the Community and Sports Centre 47 Quinlan Street, Goomalling.**

**CARRIED 7/0
By Absolute Majority**



9.4 REQUEST TO PURCHASE 1 LOCKYER STREET

DATE:	6 May 2019
PROPONENT:	Dorinda Oppel
LOCATION:	1 Lockyer Street Goomalling
SUBJECT:	Request to Purchase 1 Lockyer Street
AUTHOR:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	142 / 97-5
ASSESSMENT NO:	A1160

PURPOSE

Council to consider a proposal from Ms Oppel on behalf of the estate of Mr Peter Weston to purchase the vacant lot at 1 Lockyer Street Goomalling for the value of the outstanding rates and charges.

BACKGROUND

Mr Peter Weston purchased 1 Lockyer Street in 2014 following the block being on the market for many years. Mr Weston suffered mental health issues and last year passed away as a result of his condition.

The Lot is directly adjacent to the CBH facility in Goomalling and is zoned residential. Because of its close proximity to the CBH facility it is not an ideal location for a residence. At its last ordinary meeting Council agreed to suspend interest charges on the assessment until various issues with the winding up of Mr Weston’s affairs was completed.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act (1995)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Council has no specific policy regarding this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should Council purchase this lot it would be forgoing rates and charges to the value of approximately \$8,500. Council has no budget provision to undertake this purchase.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This matter is not dealt with in the Shire of Goomalling Community Strategic Plan.

COMMENT

As stated above, if the Council agrees to this proposal it will forgo around \$8,500 in rates and charges but would acquire a residential lot. The lot however lies directly adjacent to the CBH facility and as such would be difficult to on-sell and likely yield no return into the future. Lots of this size in Goomalling would normally attract a price of between \$20,000 and \$30,000 however it would be difficult to see this lot selling at all let alone selling within the stated price range.



The family have no interest in the property and there are other options that may be available to the family to surrender the block. From a financial perspective it would make little sense to acquire a lot that may never sell and there may well be risks associated with building so close to the CBH facility should Council choose to develop the lot in the future.

While there is some sympathy for the predicament that the family finds itself in, Council needs to determine if it wishes to create a precedent by acquiring this lot, particularly given its location.

ATTACHMENTS

E) Email – Ms Dorinda Oppel

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

Determine whether to acquire 1 Lockyer Street from the estate of Mr Peter Weston for the value of outstanding rates and interest.

50. RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Bowen

That the Council:

Advise Ms Oppel that it has declined the offer to acquire 1 Lockyer Street from the estate of Mr Peter Weston for the value of outstanding rates and interest.

**CARRIED 7/0
By Absolute Majority**



9.5 NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME

DATE:	6 May 2019
PROPONENT:	WALGA
LOCATION:	N/A
SUBJECT:	Council involvement in National Redress Scheme
AUTHOR:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	75
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A

PURPOSE

Council to consider whether Council would be inclined to join the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.

BACKGROUND

As Council will be aware, following the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse the only real recommendation affecting Local Government was that it joins in the redress scheme to ensure a whole of government response to the recommendations of the enquire and to help facilitate a less onerous evidentiary path to compensation for victims.

Council was asked several months ago to provide the CEO with any information that could outline whether there were risks from past activities that could suggest that child sexual abuse may have been a part of activities conducted over the past 50 years or more. This was a big ask in terms of memory but Council needs to be aware that the consequences of not disclosing any suspicions could be huge if our record keeping has not been in excellent order. While there is a burden of proof on any victim there is also a burden of proof in defending and accusations.

If Council joins the scheme the burden of proof is lessened and facilitates a smoother path to redress which could be anything from a personal apology from the CEO or Shire President up to a maximum compensation payment of \$150,000. Should Council not elect to join the scheme there would be no limits in the civil courts with regard to compensation but the burden of proof will also be greater for the victim.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act (1995)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Council has no specific policy regarding this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not quantifiable at this stage

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This matter is not dealt with directly in the Shire of Goomalling Community Strategic Plan.



COMMENT

There is no obligation for Council to join at this stage and if there is no likelihood of claims then it is probably best that we don't as some would see joining the scheme as an admission of liability. This is not necessarily the case but is just another complexity in the process.

WALGA has put out a document discussing the pros and cons of the scheme and more detailed information. A copy of the directions paper is attached for Councillor perusal. The object of this agenda item is to again ask that Councillors seek to define any potential risks that the Council may face with regard to past institutional child sexual abuse.

ATTACHMENTS

F) Directions Paper – National Redress and Local Government.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

Determine whether there is any significant risk with regard to Institutional Child Sexual Abuse that may suggest that Council joins the National Redress Scheme.

51. RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Ryan

That the Council:

Would be responsive to joining the National Redress Scheme subject to further information on the State Government's stance will be on the administration of the scheme.

**CARRIED 7/0
By Simple Majority**



9.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

DATE:	6 May 2019
PROPONENT:	WALGA
LOCATION:	N/A
SUBJECT:	Attendance at Local Government Week
AUTHOR:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	33
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A

PURPOSE

Council to consider attendance at Local Government Week conference by members and CEO.

BACKGROUND

WALGA has advised that the WALGA conference will be held from Wednesday 7th August until Friday 9th of August 2019. The Association AGM will be held on Wednesday 7th August and Council will need to determine firstly whether to send delegates to the Conference and which delegates will be the voting delegates for the AGM.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act (1995)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

1.9 Conferences Meetings Seminars – Elected Members

Objective:

To encourage Council members to attend appropriate conferences, meetings or seminars to assist them in gaining knowledge to perform their duties and detail the entitlements and financial commitments in relation to the attendance.

Policy:

Shire President and Deputy Shire President are entitled and encouraged to attend the annual WALGA Local Government Convention held during August. Council will pay for all conference and accommodation costs as well as all breakfasts and two evening meals for councillors and partners. Other costs incurred will be the responsibility of the Councillor. Councillors can elect to have personal expenses relating to attending conferences, meetings or seminars deducted from their annual sitting fees.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Cost of registration and accommodation

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This matter is not dealt with directly in the Shire of Goomalling Community Strategic Plan.



COMMENT

The CEO and Cr Haywood and Cr Van Gelderen attended Local Government Week last year. Budget provision is made each year for attendance and meals, accommodation and other reasonable expenses are covered by the Council.

ATTACHMENTS

G) A copy of the conference program is attached for member's information.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

Determine whether Council representatives will attend Local Government Week in August 2019 and which Councillors will be Council's voting delegates at the WALGA AGM.

52. RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Barratt

That the Council:

- **Appoint Cr Haywood, Cr Van Gelderen as Council's representatives to attend Local Government Week in August 2019**
- **Appoint Cr Haywood and Cr Van Gelderen as Council's voting delegates at the WALGA AGM.**

**CARRIED 7/0
By Simple Majority**



9.7 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONSULTATION – OFFENSIVE TRADES/AIR HANDLING AND WATER SYSTEMS

DATE:	6 May 2019
PROPONENT:	Department of Health
LOCATION:	N/A
SUBJECT:	Public Consultation – Offensive trades
AUTHOR:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	80-2
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A

PURPOSE

Council to consider if it wishes to make submission with regard to the above public consultation on Offensive Trades, Air Handling and Water Systems as part of a departmental review.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Health is undertaking a review with regard to the above activities and is seeking public comment including Local Government comment as to how these issues should be dealt with post the review.

The issues are of an Environmental Health nature and as such could have implications for us in terms of administrative and enforcement terms as well as the possibility of some cost shifting should the matters be dealt with by Council Local Laws.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act (1995)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Council has no specific policy regarding this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Possible for cost shifting to Local Government should there be a shift to Local Law jurisdiction.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1.2.6 Provide the community with quality regulatory services.

3.1.6 Protect the integrity of the ecosystems of our waterways.

COMMENT

There is quite a significant body of discussion regarding the possible options and Councillors are advised to look at the links provided in the letter from the Department to gain some understanding of the greater issue.



ATTACHMENTS

H) Letter – department of Health.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

Determine whether it wishes to make comment regarding the various proposals contained within the discussion papers.

53. RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Barratt

That the Council:

Delegate authority to the CEO to research with the Health Surveyor and then provide comments to WALGA through the discussion papers.

**CARRIED 7/0
By Simple Majority**



9.8 WALGA – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

DATE:	7 May 2019
PROPONENT:	WALGA
LOCATION:	N/A
SUBJECT:	Economic Development Framework.
AUTHOR:	Peter Bentley - Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	196
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A

PURPOSE

WALGA has produced an Economic Development Framework and it is presented here for Council review.

BACKGROUND

WALGA has spent some considerable time and effort in producing an Economic Development Framework which is being released this week. The framework looks at the various functions of Local Government and what objectives flow from those functions in economic development terms and itemises some enabling activities and opportunities that may flow from Council's involvement.

The document outlines Local Government's role within the economic development arena, how economic development manifests within the State, considerations for Local Government within this frame and discusses what may be considered as best practice, what the frameworks is and the different categories and activities.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act (1995)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Council has no specific policy regarding this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Under Economic,

Outcome 2.2 – Facilitate the development of local and regional tourism

Outcome 2.3 – Actively support and develop local and new business

COMMENT

While this item is primarily for information it is provided here for further discussion on the economic development front.



ATTACHMENTS

- l) Copy of Framework documents

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

Note the framework and discuss any relevant aspects of the framework and how Council may wish to use this information.

54. RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Ryan

That the Council receive and note the framework.

**CARRIED 7/0
By Simple Majority**



9.9 WHEATBELT SECONDARY FREIGHT ROUTE

DATE:	7 May 2019
PROPONENT:	Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group
LOCATION:	N/A
SUBJECT:	Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Route
AUTHOR:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	138-2
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A

PURPOSE

For Council to consider support for the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network project by reallocation of funds from Building Better Regions Fund co-contribution to role of Lead Consultant Project Management in support of successful Regional Economic Development grant.

BACKGROUND

The Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN) comprises 4,400km of Local Government managed roads that connect with State and National highways to provide access for heavy vehicles into the region. These roads are intended to enable large, high productivity trucks safe and cost effective access to business.

The project is being driven by local government authorities with a Working Group established consisting of representatives from the following organisations:

- Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group (WN RRG)
- Wheatbelt South Regional Road Group (WS RRG)
- WA Local Government Association (WALGA)
- Regional Development Australia - Wheatbelt (RDA-W)
- Main Roads WA-Wheatbelt Region (MRWA-WR)
- Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC)

Over the last 2 years, 42 Local Government authorities across the region have collaborated to identify priority routes and have also participated in a technical data collection process, preparation of a pre-feasibility business case and a cost benefit analysis of the planning process. The in-kind investment by local government to date is estimated to be in excess of \$750,000. The process has been an excellent example of a large number of local governments working together on a common strategic regional priority. The key undertakings of the project so far are:

1. Identification of nominated WSFN roads based upon a simple criteria developed by RRG.
2. Determination of basic project framework and minimum design standards.
3. Road condition assessment against minimum design standards.
4. High level scope of works and order of magnitude costs for upgrades required.
5. A summary of data collection and assessment across the 42 local governments is:



	Route Length (km)	Proposed Works (km)	Proposed Length (%)	Indicative Costs (\$)
TOTAL	4,337	2,851	66	\$ 493,000,000

This initial approach was to assist the Working Group to work towards an Infrastructure Australia Stage 3/4 submission for inclusion of the WSFN project on the Infrastructure Australia Infrastructure Priority List (IPL). The long term goal is to obtain funding support for a broadly estimated, \$500 million capital works program over 10 - 20 year timeframe to bring the network up to a fit for purpose standard for current and anticipated future needs. The group is working towards submitting an IA Stage 4 Business Case submission for the WSFR. The project development costs associated with the business case submission are estimated to be \$5M, which is in the order of 1% of the estimated capital investment.

The following provides an outline of the proposed budget and funding applications that were submitted to assist with the development and planning stages the WSFN project.

Stages	Budget and Funding Sources
Stage 1 – Strategic Planning	\$1,000,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Design Criteria and Objectives ▪ Options Assessment ▪ Collated Data Review ▪ Multiple Criteria Assessment ▪ Staging Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BBRF (\$750K) ▪ LGA co-contribution (\$250K)
Stage 2 – Detailed Planning	\$3,600,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concept Design Investigations ▪ Preliminary Design Investigations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commodity Route (\$1M) ▪ LGA in-kind
Stage 3 – IA Stage 3/4 Submission	\$400,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Management ▪ Governance Plan ▪ Business Case Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ REDS (\$100K) ▪ LGA in-kind
	\$5,000,000

Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) submission

The Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) submission is only intended to contribute towards funding activities associated with Stage 1 – Strategic Planning at an estimated budget of \$1M.



Funding and the associated BBRF application can be summarised as follows:

- Budget
 - Total Cash \$1M

- Funding
 - BBRF \$750K
 - LGA cash co-contribution \$250K.

This strategic planning work will inform the strategic allocation of road capital works funding provided to LGAs in the region, the economically optimal sequence for developing the network and ensure that roads are designed and constructed to an optimal standard from a 'whole-of-life' asset management perspective. The detailed planning exercise is expected to achieve a net benefit in the order of \$20 million based solely on the benefits gained from freight route prioritisation.

Commodity Freight Roads Fund (CFRF)

The Commodity Freight Roads Fund submission is intended to contribute towards funding of activities associated with Stage 2 – Detailed Planning. This will specifically entail \$1M for consultants to undertake Preliminary Design Investigations. The remainder of Stage 2 is intended to be undertaken via in-kind by local governments and other funding sources currently being investigated, should they become available.

Regional Economic Development (RED) Grant

The Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants submission is intended to contribute towards funding activities associated with Stage 3 – IA Stage 3/4 Submission. This will specifically entail \$100K for a Lead Consultant to undertake project management. The remainder of Stage 3 is intended to be undertaken via in-kind by local governments and other funding sources being investigated should they become available.

Major Project Business Case Fund (MPBCF) Initiative

The Australian Government is investing \$100 billion over 10 years from 2019–20 through its rolling infrastructure plan to help manage our growing population, meet our national freight challenge and get Australians home sooner and safer. This includes \$250 million allocated to the Major Project Business Case Fund (MPBCF) initiative. Projects with clear strategic merit that has:

- Engagement in the project planning stage
- View of future priorities
- Ready to invest to enable economic activity
- Address nationally significant deficits in the transport system
- Drive economic productivity growth and liveability in cities and regions through transport infrastructure investment

The WSFR Working Group sees the \$5M sought for the Stage 4 IA submission for this regionally significant project as an ideal candidate for the MPBCF.



Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) Initiative

The Australian Government will invest \$4.5 billion, including \$1 billion of additional funding committed in the 2019-20 Budget, to the Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) initiative to help connect regional businesses to local and international markets, and better connect regional communities. ROSI has the following principles:

- Key freight corridors that connect primary agricultural areas and mining resource regions to ports and other transport hubs.
- Support communities along the corridors and provide better access for tourists and other road users
- Characterised by narrow sections of road, low capacity bridges and deteriorating pavements,
- Constrains the productivity and efficiency of freight movements.
- Catalyse economic activity and improve access to communities and tourist attractions.

From an estimated total of \$500,000,000 in funding the Working Group sought \$125,000,000 over the next 3 years for the delivery of the first stage of capital works.

The Working Group put in separate funding submissions for each of the abovementioned funding sources for the various stages of the project. The project has been successful in obtaining funding from the following sources:

- ROSI initiative funding ()
 - Stage 1 Priority Works – Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network.
 - The Australian Government has committed \$70 million towards the project.
“Upgrades will be prioritised based on linkages to state and national roads and highways and the rail network. Consideration will also be given to links to six ports and two livestock centres, as well as regional and metro grain receival sites, accessed by the producers of the Wheatbelt region.
Benefits of the project include:
 - improve road safety
 - improve freight efficiency, connectivity and travel time
 - ensure consistent Restricted Access Vehicles (RAVs) ratings across the network, which will provide improved access for agricultural and mining regions to transport hubs”
- RED Grants (Supported by the WA State Government’s Royalties for Regions Program)
 - Lead Consultant Project Coordinator – Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network.
 - \$100,000.
“The Lead Consultant will form part of the Project Management Team and work with the member organisation Working Group.



The Lead Consultant - Project Management is an integral key to successful project delivery. The complexity and scale of this project is significant and well beyond the technical and financial capabilities of the Wheatbelt shires on an individual basis. Engaging a Lead Consultant – Project Management with the skills and expertise required to work with all technical consultants and the PMT will ensure a cohesive collaborative environment is established for optimum outputs.

The project is planned to be managed via oversight from the WSFR Steering Committee with a nominated Project Manager and the Project Management Team (PMT) representing the WSFR.

Lead Consultant – Project Management will direct the work of the external technical consultants and will be the main contact for communication between the Project Management Team and external consultants.

The WSFN Project will require the specialised skills of a range of external technical consultants. Key areas of technical expertise identified for the project are:

- Civil Design
- Surveying
- Environmental
- Economic Assessment”

Previously 42 local governments were asked to financially contribute to the WSFN project via a budget allocation of \$6,000 which was proposed to be part of a co-contribution towards BBRF. With the unsuccessful BBRF bid, it is proposed that the \$6,000 in financial contributions from each of the 42 local governments totalling \$252,000 be allocated to combine with the RED funding of \$100,000 to become project management pool of approximately \$350,000. This would contribute towards the overall project management requirements associated with the delivery of Stage 1 Priority Works over the course of an estimated 3 year delivery timeframe. Funding would contribute towards the following nominal requirements:

- Project Coordinator
 - Nominal \$60,000 per annum (\$180,000 across 3 years)
- Project Administration and Communications Officer.
 - Nominal \$20,000 per annum (\$60,000 across 3 years)
- Technical Consultancy Resources
 - Nominal \$100,000.



STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act (1995)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Council has no specific policy regarding this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Reallocation of funds from Building Better Regions Fund co-contribution to role of Lead Consultant Project Management in support of successful Regional Economic Development grant.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Under Economic;

Outcome 2.1 – Provide an effective and efficient transportation network.

Outcome 2.2 – Actively support and develop local and new business.

COMMENT

Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Working Group - a request has been received by the Chair of the Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group (WBNRRG) for confirmation of Council's consideration of reallocation of the \$6,000 towards the project management.

ATTACHMENTS

J) Email – Ricky Storer

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. Continues to support the strategic intent of the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Project;
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and sign a letter of support that endorses the re-allocation of \$6,000 in 2019/20 budget to co-fund the project management of the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network in combination with the WA State Government's \$100,000 of Regional Economic Development Grant funding, as part of the delivery of its Stage 1 Priority Works.



55. RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

Moved Cr Van Gelderen, seconded Cr Sheen

That the Council:

- 1. Continues to support the strategic intent of the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Project;**
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and sign a letter of support that endorses the re-allocation of \$6,000 in 2019/20 budget to co-fund the project management of the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network in combination with the WA State Government's \$100,000 of Regional Economic Development Grant funding, as part of the delivery of its Stage 1 Priority Works.**

CARRIED 7/0
By Simple Majority



9.10 PERMISSION TO KEEP FIVE DOGS

DATE:	8 May 2019
PROPONENT:	Steve Allen
LOCATION:	949 Wongamine Road Wongamine
SUBJECT:	Permission to keep five dogs.
AUTHOR:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	50
ASSESSMENT NO:	A752

PURPOSE

Council to consider an application to keep five dogs by Mr Steve Allen at 949 Wongamine Road, Wongamine lodged on 23/3/2019.

BACKGROUND

In March 2019 Mr Allen applied to Council to keep five dogs at his residence in Wongamine. Council's Ranger has subsequently written to surrounding landowners and has received no response.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act (1995)
Dog Act

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Council has no specific policy regarding this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMENT

The Rangers Report is as follows;

Date of Inspection: 7th May 2019
Name: Steve Allen
Property Address: 949 Wongamine Rd Wongamine
Ranger: Gloria Robinson
Date of Application: 23/03/19

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Number of Dogs	Dog Name	Breed	Colour	Age	Sex	Rego No.
1	Eddie	Kelpie	Blue	1 yrs	M	0186
2	Wookie	Chihuahua X	Tan	4 yrs	M	0185
3	Jazzy	Border Collie	Merle	5 yrs	F	0174
4	Chilli	Chihuahua X	Tan	5 yrs	M	0187
5	Jep	Kelpie X	Merle	3 mths	M	
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Fencing Suitable Not Suitable

Fencing Materials: The property is fully fenced with ring lock wire. There is approximately a 1 acre fully fenced house yard that the dogs live in that is also fenced with ring lock wire.

Height of fencing: 1 metre

Gate Locking: Latches.

Housing Suitable Not Suitable

Means of housing: The dogs have free range around the house yard whilst the owners are home and they are secured in 3 enclosures inside the yard when the owners are not home. Each enclosure has ample shelter and is in excellent condition.

Bedding: The dogs have individual kennels inside each enclosure with soft bedding to lay on.

Water Supply: There are water buckets around the house and in the enclosures.

Condition of existing dogs Suitable Not Suitable

Details: All dogs are in good health and condition.

Ranger Notes: The dogs are very well looked after and are contained to the property in a large yard that surrounds the house, or securely locked in large enclosures when owners are not home. All the dogs were very happy and friendly when I meet them, and the yard and enclosures were very clean.



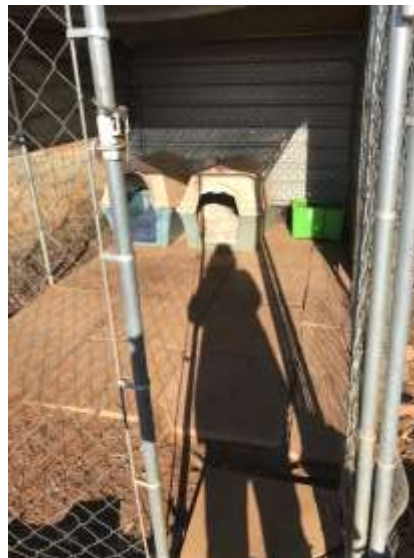
The enclosures are very well maintained and are secure. We wrote to 3 adjoining neighbours and did not receive any replies. The dog's owner is a very responsible dog owner who understands the responsibility with having so many dogs and has had dogs for many years.

History: We have no previous history prior to attending re puppies not being microchipped and we have not received any complaints.

Recommendation: I recommend granting the 5-dog application and feel that these dogs should not pose any risk to neighbouring properties or the community.



HOUSE YARD GATE



ENCLOSURE 1



ENCLOSURE 2



ENCLOSURE 3



Eddie & pup Jep



Wookie & Chilli



Jazzy

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

Advise Mr Steve Allen of 949 Wongamine Road that it grants approval to keep five dogs on this property but the approval is granted in relation to the current five dogs only.



56. RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

Moved Cr Van Gelderen, seconded Cr Chester

That the Council:

Advise Mr Steve Allen of 949 Wongamine Road that it grants approval to keep five dogs on this property but the approval is granted in relation to the current five dogs only.

**CARRIED 7/0
By Simple Majority**



9.11 DOWERIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY BUS CHARGES

DATE:	9 May 2019
PROPONENT:	Mr Aron Hall, DFES Cadet Leader, DDHS
LOCATION:	Dowerin Community
SUBJECT:	Request to Waive Fee
AUTHOR:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	104-1
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A

PURPOSE

Council to consider a request from the Dowerin District High School to waive the non-residents fee for the hire of the 14 seat Community Bus.

BACKGROUND

Mr Aron Hall, Leader of the Dowerin District High School (DDHS) Cadets, has written to the Council seeking the waiving of the non-residents charge for the use of the 14 seat Community Bus for the period 5th to 7th June this year.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act (1995)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Council has no specific policy regarding this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of waiving this fee would be \$300.00 in total.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This matter is not dealt with in the Shire of Goomalling Community Strategic Plan.

COMMENT

Mr Hall is taking the Dowerin DFES Cadets on a camp which is designed to “promote leadership, problem solving and resilience” within the cadets which hopefully will result in them going on to become well trained and balanced volunteers into the future for both Goomalling and Dowerin Bushfire Brigades.

Mr Hall states that cadets will attend from both the Dowerin and Goomalling communities.

ATTACHMENTS

Letter from Dowerin DHS

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority to waive, Simple Majority to dismiss



RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

Determine whether to waive the out of town surcharge for the 14 seat Community Bus for the Dowerin District High School DFES Cadet group to attend its 2019 Camp from June 5 to June 7.

57. RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Van Gelderen

That the Council:

Agree to the request to waive the out of town surcharge for the 14 seat Community Bus for the Dowerin District High School DFES Cadet group to attend its 2019 Camp from June 5 to June 7.

MOTION WAS LOST 3/4



9.12 CONSTRUCTION OF PARTIALLY GRANT FUNDED AP UNITS

DATE:	9 May 2019
PROPONENT:	Shire of Goomalling
LOCATION:	Goomalling
SUBJECT:	Review of Participation in Regional APU project
AUTHOR:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	9-3
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A

PURPOSE

Council to consider whether it wishes to continue with the project to construct a further two Aged Persons Units in Goomalling.

BACKGROUND

Council has invested a significant amount of time and effort into managing and developing the business cases for the AROC Well Aged Housing Project and as yet there is no information as to whether the project is receiving any significant support within the State Regional Development or Aged Housing Ministries.

The Group has revisited its business case after the State provided \$20,000 in funding to do so. All three Shires were requested to update the proposal and to attempt to provide more local content. There has been no contact from the State as to the likelihood of the project being approved at this stage however it is my understanding that the proposal is in the Minister's office.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act (1995)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Council has no specific policy regarding this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not quantifiable at this stage

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This matter is not dealt with directly in the Shire of Goomalling Community Strategic Plan.

COMMENT

The Council is well aware of the various problems that we are facing at this stage and not the least is the tight financial situation we find ourselves in. The CEO is currently seeking to renegotiate our loan portfolio to free up some operating capital however following this, it will be some time before we will be in a position to borrow money again, save for an absolute emergency or disaster.



This project will require the Council to make a contribution of \$200,000 (budgeted as loan funded) which I believe is beyond our reasonable means at this stage given that borrowing will be out of the question.

Before entering into the budget preparation I would like Council to discuss whether this project is still relevant and worthwhile given that it will take resources away from the significant work that is required in asset maintenance and plant replacement. This is not to say that the basis of the project cannot be revisited once the budget repair we are undertaking has taken effect, however the question really is, is this the best use of our resources at this time. At this time concentration on staff housing would be of greater benefit to the Council than APUs.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. Advise our AROC partners in the Mortlock Aged Housing Project that while we are happy to continue to facilitate the project for the time being, we will withdraw from it due to budget constraints.
2. Advise the Minister's Office and the Department for Regional Development (Royalties for Regions) that the Council has decided to withdraw from the Mortlock Aged Housing Project.

58. RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)
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Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Bowen

That the Council:

1. Advise our AROC partners in the Mortlock Aged Housing Project that while we are happy to continue to facilitate the project for the time being, we will withdraw from it due to budget constraints.
2. Advise the Minister's Office and the Department for Regional Development (Royalties for Regions) that the Council has decided to withdraw from the Mortlock Aged Housing Project.

CARRIED 7/0
By Absolute Majority



9.13 REQUEST FOR DEBT WRITE OFF – LISA RYDER AND TIAHNEE RYDER

DATE:	2 April 2019
SUBJECT:	Bad Debt - Write off
PROPONENT:	Lisa Ryder and Tiahnee Ryder
LOCATION:	Shire of Goomalling
AUTHOR:	Hayley Sewell – Administration Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	47
ASSESSMENT NO:	Debtor R31 and R4

PURPOSE

To write off unpaid debtors R31 totalling \$1025.00 and R4 for \$19.80.

BACKGROUND

Have tried unsuccessfully to recoup the money but have received no response from either party.

Lisa Ryder's debt (R31) is from October 2017 for dog impounding fees and sustenance.

Tiahnee Ryder's debt (R4) is for delivery of sand in November 2018.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

No specific policy regarding this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The debt will sit there unpaid.

OFFICER COMMENT

Lisa has moved back to Northam and the Shire will never receive the money for this. The staff had been notified that she was to pay for her debtor and needed to pay upfront for any future deliveries or works. Tiahnee did come in and was not willing to pay for more sand so the likelihood of us receiving this money is zero to none.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority to deny, Absolute Majority to write off bad debt/s.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

Write off Bad debts for Lisa Ryder \$1025.00 and Tiahnee Ryder \$19.80.



59. RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Van Gelderen, seconded Cr Chester

That the Council:

Write off debts for Lisa Ryder \$1025.00 and Tiahnee Ryder \$19.80.

MOTION WAS LOST 0/7

60. RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Barratt

That the Council:

Write off the debt of \$19.80 for Tiahnee Ryder and that Council continue to pursue payment from Lisa Ryder of \$1025.00 for Dog Impounding Fees

**CARRIED 7/0
By Absolute Majority**



9.14 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – R & C LOVE

DATE:	7 May 2019
SUBJECT:	Development Application
PROPONENT:	Richard & Claire Love
LOCATION:	Lot 582 Toodyay-Goomalling Road, Wongamine
AUTHOR:	Linton Thomas – EHO & Building Surveyor
REPORTING OFFICER:	Linton Thomas – EHO & Building Surveyor
FILE NO:	176
ASSESSMENT NO:	A580

PURPOSE

To oversee the proposed project for compliance to Council’s Town Planning Scheme

BACKGROUND

This is a proposed 18.3 sqm storage room off a swimming pool.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Council Town Planning Scheme No. 2

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

No specific policy regarding this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Development Application fees payable to Council.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

K) Site plans

OFFICER COMMENT

Generally, this sort of application is supported by building plans but in this case it is an older style pre-fab building where construction plans are not available.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

Approves the application from Richard and Claire Love to locate an 18.3 sqm transportable storage facility on Lot 582 Toodyay-Goomalling Road, Wongamine.



61. RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

Moved Cr Van Gelderen, seconded Cr Barratt

That the Council:

Approves the application from Richard and Claire Love to locate an 18.3sqm transportable storage facility on Lot 582 Toodyay-Goomalling Road, Wongamine.

**CARRIED 7/0
By Simple Majority**

- 10. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**
- 11. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE AGREED TO BY RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL**
- 12. INFORMATION BULLETIN**

62. RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bowen, seconded Cr Chester that the information bulletin be received.

CARRIED

- 13. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

63. RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bowen, seconded Cr Barratt

That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with section 5.23 Local Government Act 1995, 5.5.23(2))

- Matters affecting employee(s)
- Personal affairs of any person(s), including financial and/or commercial contracts
- Commercial Confidentiality
- Legal advice/matters
- Public safety/security matters where public knowledge may be prejudicial.

**CARRIED BY 7/0
By Simple Majority**



13.1 CONFIDENTIAL – OFFER TO MANAGE IGA GROCER IN GOOMALLING

64. RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Van Gelderen

That the Council:

Advise Mr Singh that at this stage it is not in a position to acquire the Goomalling IGA business from him due to its own current financial constraints at this time.

**CARRIED 7/0
By Simple Majority**

65. RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Ryan

That the Council re-open the meeting to the public.

**CARRIED BY 7/0
By Simple Majority**

14. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3.40pm.