Signed: 15 JULY 2025

President:

## **SHIRE OF LEONORA**

## NOTICE OF AN ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA



DEAR COUNCIL MEMBER,
THE NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF LEONORA WILL BE
HELD ON TUESDAY, 17TH JUNE, 2025 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEONORA AT
10:00AM

TY MATSON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### AGENDA FOR THE MEETING IS DETAILED OVER PAGE.

#### **SHIRE OF LEONORA**

## INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### **PLEASE NOTE:-**

THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS AGENDA ARE OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE ACTED UPON UNTIL COUNCIL HAS RESOLVED TO ADOPT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL SHOULD BE CONFIRMED BY PERUSING THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE CONSIDERED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT THEY ACT AT THEIR OWN RISK IF THEY ENACT ANY RESOLUTION PRIOR TO RECEIVING OFFICIAL WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL'S DECISION.

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is to leave the meeting.

#### **COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION NOTES**

- 1. Your Council generally handles all business at Ordinary or Special Council Meetings.
- 2. From time to time Council may form a Committee to examine subjects and then report to Council.
- 3. Generally, all meetings are open to the public; however, from time to time Council will be required to deal with personal, legal and other sensitive matters. On those occasions Council will generally close that part of the meeting to the public. Every endeavour will be made to do this at the last item of business of the meeting.
- 4. Public Question Time. It is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1995 to allow at least fifteen (15) minutes for public question time following the opening and announcements at the beginning of the meeting. Should there be a series of questions the period can be extended at the discretion of the Chairman.
  - Written notice of each question should be given to the Chief Executive Officer fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting. A summary of each question and response in included in the Minutes.

When a question is not able to be answered at the Council Meeting a written answer will be provided after the necessary research has been carried out. Council staff will endeavour to provide the answer prior to the next meeting of Council.

5. Councillors may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter before Council. Councillors must declare an interest and the extent of the interest in the matter on the Agenda. However, the Councillor can request the meeting to declare the matter trivial, insignificant or in common with a significant number of electors or ratepayers. The Councillor must leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed and cannot vote unless those present agree as above. Members of staff, who have delegated authority from Council to act on certain matters, may from time to time have financial interest in a matter in the Agenda. The member of staff must

declare that interest and generally the Chairman of the meeting will advise the Officer if he/she

- 6. Agendas including an Information Bulletin are delivered to the Councillors within the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995, i.e. seventy-two (72) hours prior to the advertised commencement of the meeting. Whilst late items are generally not considered there is provision on the Agenda for items of an urgent nature to be considered.
  - Should an elector wish to have a matter placed on the Agenda the relevant information should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer in time to allow the matter to be fully researched by staff. An Agenda item including a recommendation will then be submitted to Council for consideration.

The Agenda closes the Wednesday week prior to the Council Meeting (i.e. six (6) days prior to the meeting).

The Information Bulletin produced as part of the Agenda includes items of interest and information, which does not require a decision of Council.

7. Agendas for Ordinary Meetings are available in the Leonora Shire office and Leonora library seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting and the public are invited to secure a copy.

- 8. Agenda items submitted to Council will include a recommendation for Council consideration. Electors should not interpret and/or act on the recommendation until after they have been considered by Council. Please note the Disclaimer in the Agenda (page 3).
- 9. Public Question Time Statutory Provisions Local Government Act 1995

  Time is to be allocated for questions to be raised by members of the public and responded to at:
  - (a) Every ordinary meeting of Council; and
  - (b) Such other meetings of Council or committees as may be prescribed

Procedures and the minimum time to be allocated for asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at Council or committee meetings are to be in accordance with regulations.

9A. Question Time for the Public at the certain Meetings – s5.24 (1) (b)

#### **Local Government (administration) Regulations 1996**

- Reg 5 For the purpose of section 5.24(1)(b), the meetings at which time is to be allocated for questions to be raised by members of the public and responded to are:
  - (a) Every special meeting of a Council; and
  - (b) Every meeting of a committee to which the local government has delegated a power or duty.

#### Minimum Question Time for the Public – s5.24 (2)

- Reg 6 (1) The minimum time to be allocated for asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at ordinary meetings of Council and meetings referred to in regulation 5 is fifteen (15) minutes.
  - (2) Once all the questions raised by members of the public have been asked and responded to at a meeting referred to in sub regulation (1), nothing in these regulations prevents the unused part of the minimum question time period from being used for other matters.

Procedures for Question Time for the Public – s5.24 (2)

#### **Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996**

- Reg 7 (1) Procedures for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at a meeting referred to in regulation 6 (1) are to be determined:
  - (a) by the person presiding at the meeting; or
  - (b) in the case where the majority of the members of the Council or committee present at the meeting disagree with the person presiding, by the majority of the members, having regard to the requirements of sub regulations (2) and (3).
  - (2) The time allocated to the asking and responding to questions raised by members of the public at a meeting referred to in regulation 6(1) is to precede the discussion of any matter that requires a decision to be made by Council or committee, as the case may be.
  - (3) Each member of the public who wishes to ask a question at a meeting referred to in regulation 6(1) is to be given an equal and fair opportunity to ask a question and receive a response.

- (4) Nothing in sub regulation (3) requires:
  - (a) A Council to answer a question that does not relate to a matter affecting the local government;
  - (b) A Council at a special meeting to answer a question that does not relate to the purpose of the meeting; or
  - (c) A committee to answer a question that does not relate to a function of the committee.

#### 10. Public Inspection of Unconfirmed Minutes (Reg 13)

A copy of the unconfirmed Minutes of Ordinary and Special Meetings will be available for public inspection in the Leonora Shire office and the Leonora library within ten (10) working days after the Meeting.

#### INTEREST DECLARATIONS

With regards to Direct Financial Interests, Indirect Financial Interests and Proximity Interests, please consider sections 5.60A, 5.60B, 5.61 and 5.63 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated regulations.

#### **Financial Interests**

For the purpose of the financial interest disclosure provisions you will be treated as having an interest in a matter, if either you (as a relevant person), or a person with whom you are closely associated, has:

- a direct or indirect financial interest in a matter; or
- a proximity interest in a matter.

#### **Direct Financial Interest**

Section 5.60A of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that:

A person has a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the local government, or an employee or committee of the local government or member of the council of the local government, in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.

#### **Indirect Financial Interest**

Section 5.61 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides more detail in regards to this, however the existence of an indirect financial interest in a matter can be established by showing that you, or a person with whom you are closely associated, has a financial relationship with a person requiring a local government decision in relation to that matter. There is no requirement to establish a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment in this instance, the mere existence of a financial relationship and the requirement for a decision is sufficient for a breach of the provision to have occurred.

#### **Proximity Interest**

See Section 5.60B of the Local Government act 1995 for further detail.

The Act requires you to disclose a proximity interest that you, or a person with whom you are closely associated, has in a matter before a council or council committee meeting.

You (or a person with whom you are closely associated) have a proximity interest in any matter that concerns:

- a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land;
- a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or
- a proposed development of land that adjoins the person's land (development refers to the development, maintenance or management of the land or of services or facilities on the land).

The existence of a proximity interest is established purely by the location of land, a financial effect on the valuation of your land or on the profitability of your business does not have to be established. It is therefore important that you fully understand when a proximity interest exists.

The person's land referred to is both land in which you, or a person with whom you are closely associated, have any estate or interest.

Land that adjoins a person's land is defined by the Act as land that:

- not being a thoroughfare, has a common boundary with the person's land;
- is directly across a thoroughfare from the person's land; or
- is that part of a thoroughfare that has a common boundary with the person's land.

#### **Impartiality Interest**

Impartiality Interest For the purposes of requiring disclosure, an impartiality interest is addressed at Division 4 of the Shire of Leonora Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates as, "an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest and includes an interest arising from kinship, friendship or membership of an association"

The above definition includes examples of the type of relationships from which an interest could arise. However, a significant element is the likely public perception as to whether there may be an interest.

It is sometimes difficult to judge what a reasonable belief of another person is. Therefore, when deciding if such an interest should be disclosed, it is helpful to establish answers to the following questions:

- If you were to participate in assessment or decision making without disclosing, would you be comfortable if the public or your colleagues became aware of your association or connection with an individual or organisation?
- Do you think there would be a later criticism of perceived undisclosed partiality if you were not to disclose?

#### **SHIRE OF LEONORA**

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#### 10.0 REPORTS

## 10.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS 10.2.(A) BOOYLGOO SPRINGS REGENERATION PROJECT - REQUEST FOR COMMENT

**SUBMISSION TO:** Ordinary Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 17th June 2025

AGENDA REFERENCE: 10.2.(A) JUN 25

SUBJECT: Booylgoo Springs Regeneration Project - Request for

Comment

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Lot 62/238007 Booylgoo Pastoral Station

NAME OF APPLICANT: Climate Friendly Pty Ltd

FILE REFERENCE: Development

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

NAME: Ty Matson

**OFFICER:** Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 12th June 2025

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** 1. Native Forest Regeneration Factsheet <u>J</u>

2. Letter Seeking Councils Consent <a>J</a>

#### **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's formal consent as an Eligible Interest Holder for the registration of the Booylgoo Springs Regeneration Project.

Human Induced Regeneration (HIR) Projects are registered under the Australian Government's Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) and the Australian Carbon Credit Unit (ACCU) Scheme. HIR projects are a land management approach aimed at increasing carbon storage by encouraging the natural regrowth of native vegetation.

The HIR method supports the regeneration of native forests by removing pressures that suppress natural growth, such as livestock grazing, feral animals, and invasive species, without planting or seeding. The goal is to restore forest cover and sequester carbon, earning Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs) in the process.

Under the Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative)s Act 2011 (Cth), a project must be consented to by eligible interest holders. This is due to the project being required to operate for at least 25 years. The Shire is an eligible interest holder.

The Booylgoo Springs Project was conditionally approved by the Clean Energy Regulator on 21 September 2023. It spreads across the Shire's of Leonora and Sandstone. The area within the Shire of Leonora is approximately 500 km2 and located on the Booylgoo Pastoral Station approximately 70 kilometres west of Leinster.

Further information has been attached to this report.

#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Council has been requested to provide its consent to the project. The Shire has not consulted with any other entity in the preparation of this report. Stakeholder engagement is a responsibility of the proponent.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The scheme is governed by the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011 (Cth)* and administered by the Clean Energy Regulator. Under the Act eligible interest holders' consent is required. The Shire of Leonora is an eligible interest holder.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Policy implications in regard to this project.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This project will not affect the ratable value of the land, nor will it be exempt from rates. There are no other identified financial implications for the Shire, however the project may generate indirect economic and environmental benefits.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no identified strategic implications from this project.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The project is low-risk and aligns with national climate policy. The Shire's role is limited to providing consent as an eligible interest holder.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council provide its consent to the Booylgoo Springs Regeneration Project

## VOTING REQUIREMENT Simple Majority SIGNATURE Chief Executive Officer

Item 10.2.(A)



#### WHAT IS A REGENERATION PROJECT?

Regeneration carbon farming projects involve managing an area of land in a way that enables native vegetation to regenerate naturally into forest.

Carbon farmers do this by changing, reducing or removing factors that would otherwise suppress regeneration (for example grazing pressure, feral animals and non-native plants and clearing or thinning practices).

The regenerating forest captures and stores carbon in the landscape, producing carbon credits, which can then be traded to bring in an income.

A regeneration project is implemented for either 25 or 100 years. Projects can only take place on land areas that did not have forest cover for the ten years before the project commenced.



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REGENERATION METHOD

THE PRIMARY GOAL OF A REGENERATION PROJECT IS TO NATURALLY REGENERATE NATIVE FOREST ON PARTS OF YOUR PROPERTY.

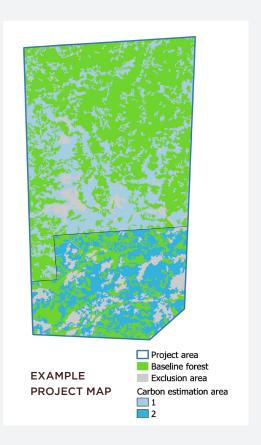
#### WHAT IS 'FOREST'?

The Australian Government defines a "forest" as an area greater than 0.2 hectares, that has at least 20% tree canopy, with trees that are more than 2 metres in height.

"Regeneration" is native vegetation which is growing or thickening to become a forest.



Example - 20% canopy cover taken using drone



#### **HOW DO I EARN CARBON CREDITS?**

Regeneration projects will earn carbon credits for areas of their property which are naturally regenerating and which can be expected to meet the definition of a forest within about 15 years of the start of a project. These parts of the property are referred to as "carbon estimation areas".

Carbon estimation areas on your property may grow or shrink in size as new areas of regeneration are detected, or if regeneration can no longer be detected. Climate Friendly conducts ongoing monitoring so that carbon estimation areas reflect the conditions on the ground. Increases or reductions in the carbon estimation area will increase or reduce the amount of carbon credits generated by the project.

Projects will not earn credits for areas that have no regeneration, or which were already forested at any point in the 10-year period leading up to the start of a project. These areas are referred to as "exclusion areas".

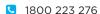
## ABOUT CLIMATE FRIENDLY

Climate Friendly has been in business since 2003. In that time we have helped hundreds of regional, rural and remote Australian families and businesses develop their carbon farming projects in the way that suits them best.

Climate Friendly supports the widest range of carbon farming project types of any carbon farming business, so we're well placed to help you tap into the opportunities offered by carbon farming. As your business partner, we share upfront costs and only get paid when you get paid.

Our team of experts will help you navigate the process of becoming a carbon farmer and make sure you receive an income stream in return for your contribution to tackling the climate challenge.

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#### WE KNOW THE LAND SECTOR

Many of our project managers already live on the land and in rural communities. We establish long-term and equitable partnerships with our carbon farmers, and pride ourselves on honest, direct and personal communication.

#### WE KNOW CARBON PROJECTS

Founded by a CSIRO scientist, our expert team has ensured every audited project we've undertaken has successfully passed independent review.

#### WE KNOW THE CARBON MARKET

Our projects have already generated over \$130 million in carbon credits for our partners, based on average market prices, giving them the chance to plan ahead and embrace new opportunities. We will generate \$500 million in revenue for our partners over 10 years.





16 May 2025

Leonora Shire Council
16 Tower Street
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Leonora WA 6438
Email: admin@leonora.wa.gov.au

Booylgoo Springs Regeneration Project (ERF187866)

Dear Leonora Shire Council,

We write to seek your response in regard to the Booylgoo Springs Regeneration Project being undertaken by our mutual party Rangeview Asset Pty Ltd.

Booylgoo Springs Regeneration Project is a Human Induced Regeneration Project registered under the Australian Government's Carbon Farming Scheme, the ACCU Scheme. The scheme is regulated by national legislation, the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011 (Cth)* and administered by the Clean Energy Regulator. Human Induced Regeneration Projects increase the carbon storage of land through natural regeneration of native vegetation, not through planting or seeding. The natural regeneration of native vegetation will be supported by removing the factors which are suppressing natural regeneration – in this case, the exclusion of livestock and managing feral animals.

The Project was conditionally registered by the Clean Energy Regulator on 21 September 2023. Climate Friendly is the exclusive service provider for the Project. Under the Program, any party with a registered interest on the land on which the Project is undertaken is required to provide their consent. This is because the Project must be maintained for at least 25 years which will affect the way the land is managed over this time (this is referred to as the permanence period under the scheme). The permanence period ensures there is an environmental benefit from the Project.

The detail of your registered interest is as follows:

Land	Interest
Lot 61/238007	Land is within the Shire of
Lot 62/238007	Sandstone and Shire of Leonora
Lot 70/238078	

#### Additional information

To assist your consideration of providing consent, we have provided the following additional information:

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- A factsheet on Human Induced Regeneration projects at Attachment A.
- A carbon abatement estimates for the Project at **Attachment B**.
- A map of the Project area at Attachment C.
- An annex including Climate Friendly's obligations under the Australian Carbon Industry's Code of Conduct, and our complaints handling process at Attachment D

#### Carbon abatement estimates

The carbon abatement estimate is based on the due diligence process undertaken by Climate Friendly for the client.

Please note the carbon abatement estimate is subject to regular revision due to project monitoring, changes to the method and other limitations noted in Attachment B. It is possible a future revised carbon abatement estimate could fall below forecast carbon abatement. Accordingly, please do not rely on these estimates when making any decisions.

#### How to provide consent

If you agree to consent to the Project, we request that an authorised representative signs and returns the attached Eligible Interest Holder Consent Form that will be submitted to the Clean Energy Regulator as a record of eligible interest holder name consent.

Please feel free to contact Maya Cook by email at <a href="maya.cook@climatefriendly.com">maya.cook@climatefriendly.com</a> and correspondence@climatefriendly.com should you require any further information about this request.

Kind regards,

Maya Cook Project Registration Coordinator - Assurance

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#### Attachment A: Human Induced Regeneration Project Factsheet

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#### Attachment B Carbon Abatement Forecast for 25 years

Reporting period end	Final abatement
2024	33,403
2025	11,113
2026	12,008
2027	12,615
2028	13,026
2029	13,188
Kw2030	13,243
2031	13,191
2032	13,093
2033	12,863
2034	12,623
2035	12,350
2036	12,086
2037	11,740
2038	11,418
2039	11,091
2040	10,792
2041	10,434
2042	10,110
2043	9,791
2044	9,505
2045	9,172
2046	8,875
2047	8,586
2048	8,331
Total	228,495

All recommendations and other information provided in this letter are strictly expressions of opinion reflecting Climate Friendly Pty Ltd's judgement at this date on the basis of information known to it. These opinions are subject to change and Climate Friendly Pty Ltd has no obligation to provide revised assessments in the event of changed circumstances. Climate Friendly Pty Ltd and its directors and employees do not accept liability for any loss that results from any actions taken or not taken on the basis of opinions expressed in the table above. This general advice has been prepared by Climate Friendly Pty Ltd (ABN 65 107 201 025; CAR 433694) as an authorised representative of Climate Friendly Financial Solutions Pty Limited (ABN 91 161 023 276; AFSL 430250) and is suitable for wholesale clients only. It does not take into account investor's personal objectives, financial situation or needs. Before acting on this advice, investors should consider its appropriateness based on their personal circumstances, obtain a copy of the relevant offer document, and consult their investment advisor before doing so.

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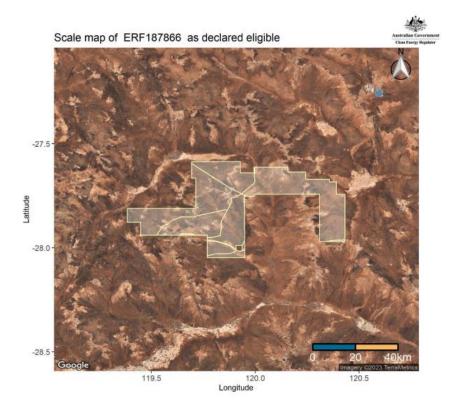
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#### Attachment C Map of Project Area



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#### Attachment D Australian Carbon Industry Code of Conduct and Complaints Handling procedure.

Climate Friendly is a founding signatory of the Australian Carbon Industry Code of Conduct. We support the highest standards in behavior and integrity within the Australian carbon market and is a Founding Signatory to the Australian Carbon Industry Code of Conduct.

This voluntary industry code is designed to ensure that signatories like Climate Friendly behave in a professional and ethical manner during pre-project activities, ongoing project management, documentation, and general business practices.

Our aim is to avoid any reason for complaint in our dealings with clients and any other individuals. However, should this not be the case, Climate Friendly has a publicly available policy to handle complaints in line with the Code of Conduct. This includes minimum response times to address a complaint, as well as your option to refer a complaint to the Code Administrator.

Please read the Code of Conduct Factsheet for a convenient summary, and you can read the full Code of Conduct here. Climate Friendly's complaints policy can be downloaded here on our website.

If you have any questions regarding the Code of Conduct and how it applies to Climate Friendly, please contact us at correspondence@climatefriendly.com.

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#### 10.0 REPORTS

#### 10.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

## 10.2.(B) REQUEST FOR CONSENT TO ESTABLISH A RAIL SIDING AND INTERMODAL TERMINAL WITHIN SHIRE RESERVES

**SUBMISSION TO:** Ordinary Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 17th June 2025

AGENDA REFERENCE: 10.2.(B) JUN 25

**SUBJECT:** Request for Consent to establish a Rail Siding and

Intermodal Terminal within Shire Reserves

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Reserves R7521 and R42061

NAME OF APPLICANT: Public Transport Authority

FILE REFERENCE: Development

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

**NAME:** Ty Matson

**OFFICER:** Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 12th June 2025

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Nil

#### **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this report is to seek Councils consent to relinquish the management order over reserves R7521 and R42061 to allow the construction of an Intermodal Terminal and Rail Siding.

The Shire of Leonora has been in discussions for a proposed Intermodal Terminal (IMT) and rail siding for a number of years with relevant stakeholders. In recent times Genesis Minerals have advocated for a new terminal to the south of Leonora, partly on reserves managed by the Shire of Leonora.

The proposed site for the rail siding and IMT includes a portion of:

- R7521 Shire of Leonora holds a Management Order over this 'Common' purposes (Management documents attached.)
- R42061 Shire of Leonora holds a Management Order over this for 'Recreation' purposes. (Management documents attached.)

The proposal requires approximately 50 hectares to be excised from R7521 and 26 hectares from R42061 (all subject to survey), to create a single reserve to be managed by the Public Transport Authority (PTA) for 'Railway and Associated Purposes' or similar. The balance of both R7521 and R42061 will remain with the Shire albeit redescribed with new lot and crown land record numbers, together with the issue of updated Management Orders.

Construction of the facilities will allow for the decommissioning of the rail line from the current crossing of Goldfields Highway through to the Aurizon yards to the north of Leonora. This is an important aspect of Genesis Minerals proposed mining of the Tower Hill Mine.

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Removal of the rail corridor may have significant benefits to the townsite of Leonora by the release of land currently located within the rail corridor. This however has not been confirmed and will require the consent of the State Government.

Reserve 42061 currently includes an informal motor cross area and is much valued by its current users. The proposed rescission of parts of Reserve 42061 will not affect the current facilities however it may require the reopening of a previously closed road to allow access to the new reserve.

#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Shire of Leonora has had extensive consultation with Genesis Minerals and the PTA in regard to this matter. The Shire has previously consulted with users of the motocross track on separate matters. Further consultation will occur to provide assistance to ensure that users are not unduly affected by the proposal.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The creation and revocation of Management orders over Crown land is administered by the *Land Administration Act 1997*. The act provides:

41. Reserving Crown land, Minister's powers as to

Subject to section 45(6), the Minister may by order reserve Crown land to the Crown for one or more purposes in the public interest.

- 50. Management order, revocation of
  - (1) When a management body
    - (a) agrees that its management order should be revoked; or
    - (b) does not comply with its management order or with a plan approved under section 49(4) that applies to its managed reserve or does not submit a plan in compliance with a request made under section 49(2),

the Minister may by order revoke that management order.

- 52. Local government may ask Minister to acquire as Crown land certain land in district
  - (1) Subject to this section, a local government may request the Minister to acquire as Crown land
    - (a) any alienated land designated for a public purpose on a plan of survey or sketch plan lodged with the Registrar; or
    - (b) any private road; or
    - (c) any alienated land in a townsite which the Minister proposes to abolish under section 26,

within the district of the local government (in this section called the **subject land**).

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed resolution does not have any policy implications.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications for the Shire of Leonora.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The proposed Railway infrastructure supports the strategic outcome of becoming the economic focal point for the Northern Goldfields.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The level of risk is confined to reputational risk. Should Council not support the proposed Rail Infrastructure it is almost certain that Council will suffer reputational risk to a specific audience, being industry and government. This creates a consequence rating of High.

Should Council support the proposed facility it is possible that the current motor cross users may be disappointed that the location will be co-shared with the proposed facility. This is however considered unlikely as the construction is not planned to impact on the track. This risk can be mitigated through consultation with the group and assistance in relocating the track if required. The Shire has previously reached out to offer support in the construction of a shelter and seating however this offer was respectfully declined.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council

- 1. Requests the Minister for Lands revoke of the Management Order over Reserve 7521 held for the purpose of Common Purposes
- 2. Requests the Minister for Lands revoke of the Management Order over Reserve 42061 held for the purpose of Recreation Purposes
- 3. Requests to the Minister for Lands that a single Reserve be created with a Management Order in favour of the Shire of Leonora for the purposes of Recreation containing the balances of Reserves 7521 and 42061 land not used for the proposed Railway and Associated Infrastructure.
- 4. Supports the creation of a reserve in favour of the Public Transport Authority for the purposes of Railway and Associated Infrastructure: and
- 5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute any documentation to give effect to this resolution.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

**Absolute Majority** 

#### **SIGNATURE**

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#### 10.0 REPORTS

## 10.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS 10.2.(C) PROPOSED RE-NAMING OF THE AGING IN PLACE UNITS

**SUBMISSION TO:** Ordinary Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 17th June 2025

AGENDA REFERENCE: 10.2.(C) JUN 25

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Re-Naming of the Aging In Place Units

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Stuart Street Leonora

NAME OF APPLICANT: NA

FILE REFERENCE: Asset Register

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

**NAME:** Ty Matson

**OFFICER:** Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 12th June 2025

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Nil

#### **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider naming the Aging in Place units after Robert (Bob) Majstrovich.

The Aging in Place Villas were completed in 2024 by the Shire of Leonora. The builder of the units was Calimo Pty Ltd owned and operated by Robert (Bob) Anthony Majstrovich. Mr Majstrovich sadly passed away in early 2024.

Mr Majstrovich leaves a lasting legacy in Leonora, notably for the number of buildings that he built, but also for the friendships he developed during the decades he lived and worked in Leonora. Some of the civic projects completed by Mr Majstrovich include:

- Construction of the Aging in Place facility
- Construction of the Leonora Bowling Club
- Construction of the Leonora Golf Club
- Renovation of the Shire of Leonora Administration building
- Renovation of the Leonora Swimming pool; and
- Construction of the JG Epis Centre

In order to honour the legacy Mr Majstrovich leaves, it is proposed that the Aging in Place Units be renamed.

#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Formal stakeholder engagement has not taken place; however, the Shire has received numerous comments by residents expressing a wish to recognise Mr Majstrovich's legacy to the town of Leonora.

The Geographic Names Committee (GNC) is appointed by the Minister to provide expert advice on submissions considered to be controversial, of state significance or those seeking special consideration due to their non-compliance with the naming policies. On the basis the Council will accept this recommendation, it will be the intent to notify the GNC of the proposed choice and to seek their approval.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia Version 01:2017, outlines how the Geographic Names Committee (GNC) approves names and what principles guide their decision.

#### 1.6.3 Naming Buildings, infrastructure and facilities.

The naming of buildings, infrastructure and facilities of significance to the community provides an opportunity to honour individuals and groups who deserve recognition in a visible and enduring way. They also present an opportunity to emphasise important landmarks, topographical features or historical events and should not be given lightly. It is important that any new name for a building, infrastructure or facility does not conflict with existing names.

Suitable names for such features should be assessed against the following criteria:

- whether the name has geographical, historical, cultural or local significance
- if a living person is nominated, they must have contributed time, money or services to the community that were not part of their work, for at least 10 years
- named after people who have been recognised in their field of expertise at a state, national or higher level, for at least 10 years
- names shall not include persons who have been convicted of criminal offences
- family names that have already been used are not to be considered even though it refers to a different family. Consideration may be given to using the person's full name for example Joe Smith Library
- buildings, infrastructure and facilities named after a person may include an appended functional title where this would serve to clarify the location of the building or assist in identification.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommended resolution.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs will be incurred to place appropriate signs at the facility. These costs are not anticipated to be high and can be accommodated in existing budget.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications identified.

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#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

There are no identified risks as a result of the recommendation.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (a) That Council select and endorse the naming of the Aging in Place Units as the
  - (i) Bob Majstrovich Villas; or
  - (ii) Majstrovich Villas
- (b) That Council advise Landgate's Geographic Names Committee that it supports the assignation of the building name XXXXXX, to the buildings located at 31 Stuart Street Leonora WA 6438 being described as Lot 100 on Deposited Plan 417099.

VOTING REQUIREMENT
Simple Majority
SIGNATURE

Chief Executive Officer

#### 10.0 REPORTS

## 10.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS 10.2.(D) APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CEO

**SUBMISSION TO:** Ordinary Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 17th June 2025

**AGENDA REFERENCE:** 10.2.(D) JUN 25

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Acting CEO

LOCATION/ADDRESS: N/A
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A

FILE REFERENCE: Chief Executive Appointments

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

**NAME:** Ty Matson

**OFFICER:** Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 12th June 2025

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Nil

#### **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council to appoint an acting CEO during the absence of the substantive CEO whilst on annual leave.

The incumbent Chief Executive Officer has planned leave from Wednesday 18 June to Friday 27 June inclusive. Therefore, an acting CEO needs to be appointed.

The recommendation is that Ms Kiara Lord, Manager Business Services be appointed as acting CEO for the period of 18 June 2025 to Sunday 29 June inclusive.

#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Stakeholder Engagement is not required.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 - Section 5.38C Policy for temporary employment or appointment of CEO

- 1. A local government must prepare and adopt\* a policy that sets out the process to be followed by the local government in relation to the following
  - (a) the employment of a person in the position of CEO for a term not exceeding 1 year;
    - (b) the appointment of an employee to act in the position of CEO for a term not exceeding 1 year.
- 2. A local government may amend\* the policy.
  - \* Absolute majority required.

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- 3. When preparing the policy or an amendment to the policy, the local government must comply with any prescribed requirements relating to the form or content of a policy under this section.
- 4. The CEO must publish an up-to-date version of the policy on the local government's official website.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed resolution is consistent with Councils policy A.3.4 Temporary Employment or Appointment of a Chief Executive Officer.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The existing policy allows for the payment of an allowance for a CEO as per the State Administrative Tribunal CEO band 3 entitlements.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

No strategic implications have been identified.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

A comprehensive handover will be provided to the acting CEO. Due to the short term, it is not considered that extensive strategic decisions will be required. A suitable support structure will be in place to allow the incumbent suitable support to undertake the role.

The substantive CEO will make provisions for the Acting CEO to contact him for urgent matters or advice.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

 That Council appoint Ms Kiara Lord as the Acting Chief Executive Officer at the Shire of Leonora for the period Wednesday 18 June 2025 to Sunday 29 June 2025 inclusive during the leave of the substantive Chief Executive Officer.

# Absolute Majority SIGNATURE Chief Executive Officer

#### 10.0 REPORTS

#### 10.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

## 10.2.(E) REVIEW OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, RISK MANAGEMENT, LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

**SUBMISSION TO:** Ordinary Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 17th June 2025

AGENDA REFERENCE: 10.2.(E) JUN 25

SUBJECT: Review of Financial Management, Risk Management,

Legislative Compliance and Internal Controls

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Leonora

NAME OF APPLICANT: Shire of Leonora

**FILE REFERENCE:** 1.10 Audit - Reports and Minutes

**AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT** 

**NAME:** Ty Matson

**OFFICER:** Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 13th June 2025

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: 1. Review of Financial Management, Risk

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#### **BACKGROUND**

During 2025, the Shire requested quotes for appropriate consultants to assist the CEO to perform reviews required by legislation relating to the appropriateness and effectiveness of financial management, risk management, legislative compliance systems and processes as required by legislation. Moore Australia (WA) were engaged to assist with this service and attended the Shire from 26-28 May 2025 to perform the required fieldwork and prepare a report to assist the CEO in reporting the results of the reviews performed. The review and associated consulting and advisory services were finalised in June 2025.

#### **COMMENT**

The attached report includes details of matters noted during the review, as well as improvements to be considered by the Shire and comments from the executive team in response to some findings. This report was considered by the Audit Committee at its meeting held 17 June 2025, where it was resolved to report to Council the results of the CEO's review by providing a copy of the finalised Review of Financial Management, Risk Management, Legislative Compliance and Internal Controls.

A risk assessment working document, summarising the findings and improvements noted within the report has been prepared for internal use by the executive. This risk assessment working document may assist with future status reports for the Leonora as improvements are implemented and completed by responsible officers.

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#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The CEO is required by the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* regulation 17 to review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Shire's risk management, internal controls and legislative compliance systems and procedures every three years. A review of financial management systems to assess the appropriateness and effectiveness of these systems and procedures, is also required by *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, regulation 5(2)(c) every three years.

The results of the risk management, legislative compliance and internal controls review are to be reported by the CEO to the Audit & Risk Committee. The Audit & Risk Committee is required to review the CEO's report and on-report to the Council. The report from the Audit & Risk Committee to the Council is required to have attached a copy of the CEO's initial report to the Audit & Risk Committee.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Risk Management Policy A.2.10 outlines the Shire's commitment and approach to managing risks impacting on day-to-day operations and the delivery of strategic objectives.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Provision is included in the 2024/25 Adopted Budget for Moore Australia WA to assist the CEO with undertaking the required review appropriateness and effectiveness of financial management, risk management, legislative compliance systems and processes.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic references within the Shire of Leonora's Plan for the Future 2021-2031 demonstrate connections between services and the desired outcomes and community vision for the Shire of Leonora, particularly in relation to Leadership objectives, outcomes and strategies such as 4.1.2.4 Provide appropriate governance and leadership to the Shire, 4.2.1.3 Seek high level of compliance in organisational practices.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

This item has been evaluated against the Shire's Risk Management Strategy, Risk Assessment Matrix. The perceived level of risk is high prior to treatment, receipt of the report by the committee (and subsequently Council) as well as the progression of risk management activities aligned with the Risk Management Strategy will reduce the risk to low.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

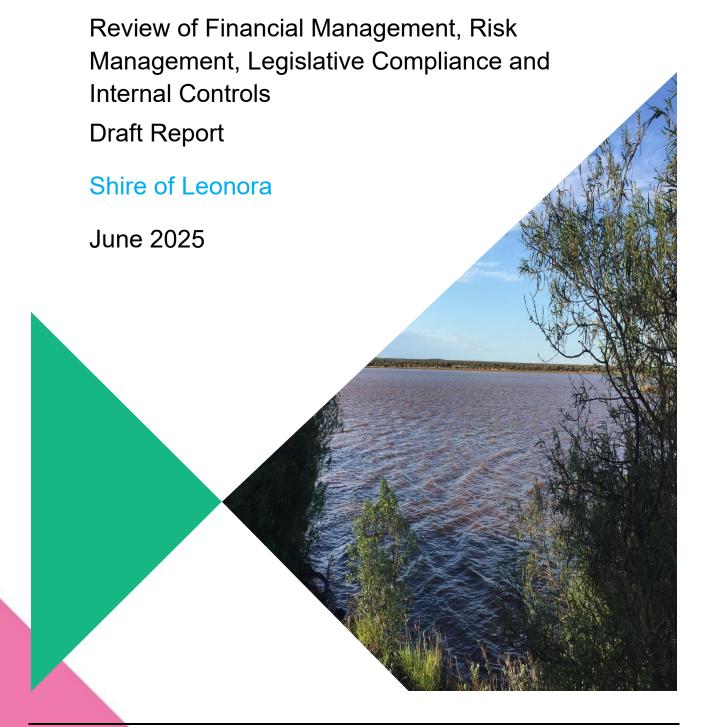
1. That Council accept the Audit Committee's report of the CEO's finalised Review of Financial Management, Risk Management, Legislative Compliance and Internal Controls, as attached, completed in June 2025.

VOTING REQUIREMENT	
Simple Majority	
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Chief Executive Officer	

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#### 1.0 Engagement Overview

#### 1.1 Scope of Services

The Shire of Leonora (the shire) engaged Moore Australia to provide consultancy and advisory services with a dual purpose, firstly to provide a report to assist the CEO to perform select reviews required by legislation. This engagement set out to assist the CEO to report to the Audit Committee on the appropriateness and effectiveness of the shire's risk management, internal controls and legislative compliance systems and procedures as required by the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* Regulation 17. Secondly, to examine financial management systems to highlight the appropriateness and effectiveness of these systems and procedures to assist the CEO in undertaking a review as required by *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* Regulation 5(2)(c).

For efficiency, these services were undertaken simultaneously, and the results contained in this single report. Financial management systems and procedures are considered a subset of broader overall risk management, legislative compliance and internal controls. The matters examined in respect of financial management systems are detailed in Appendix A. Where opportunities for improvement were identified, they are reported within the relevant section of the risk management, legislative compliance and internal controls framework design, implementation and evaluation sections of this report.

The results of the examination of risk management, legislative compliance and internal controls review are to be reviewed by the CEO and reported by the CEO to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is required to review the CEO's report and on-report to Council. The report from the Audit Committee to Council is required to have attached a copy of the CEO's initial report to the Audit Committee.

#### 1.1.1 Procedures - Financial Management Review

Our procedures for the Financial Management Review encompassed a review of the shire's financial systems including, but not necessarily limited to:

- Collection of money owed;
- Custody and security of money and investments held;
- Rates;
- Maintenance and security of financial records;
- · Accounting and controls for revenue and expenses;
- Accounting and controls for assets and liabilities;
- · Accounting and controls for trust transactions;
- Authorisation of purchases;
- Authorisation of payments;
- Borrowings;
- Maintenance and processing of payroll;
- Stock controls and costing records;
- Record keeping for financial records;
- Preparation of budgets and budget reviews; and
- Preparation of financial reports.

Our procedures and approach have been developed over a number of years, taking into account our extensive local government background and seeks to examine both financial systems and procedures in use.

The consulting services to assist the CEO to undertake the financial management review does not examine systems and procedures which are non-financial in nature and did not specifically test for legislative breaches. These were examined as part of the analysis of risk management, legislative compliance and internal control systems and processes.



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### 1.0 Engagement Overview (Continued)

#### 1.1.2 Procedures - Risk Management, Legislative Compliance and Internal Controls Review

Our procedures to assist the CEO to perform their systems and procedures review, as required by Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations* 1996, encompassed the following services:

- A review of the risk management systems policies, procedures and plans in place at the shire;
- Evaluate the non-financial/operational internal control systems and procedures at the shire;
- · Assess systems and procedures for maintaining legislative compliance; and
- Prepare a report of matters identified during our engagement to assist the CEO to assess the
  appropriateness and effectiveness of the relevant systems and procedures in accordance with
  Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996.

To undertake these procedures, we applied the following methodology:

- Conduct interviews with key personnel involved in risk management, financial management and the shire's adherence to legislative requirements;
- Identify the extent of commitment and mandate to risk management principles, using AS/NZS ISO 31000:2018 as the framework, within the overall risk management framework;
- Review each component of risk management, legislative compliance and internal controls after considering the overall risk environment, governance structure and internal control environment;
- Assess the gaps, if any, between the current processes and the expected risk management, internal
  controls and legislative compliance systems and procedures and recommend suggested
  improvements; and
- Report to the CEO to assist their assessment on the appropriateness and the effectiveness of current systems and procedures.

The service was undertaken through a high level analysis given the scale, variety and breadth of non-financial activities and considered, as a minimum, the issues identified by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to Local Government Operational Guideline Number 09 – Audit in Local Government (listed in Appendix E).

#### 1.2 Conflicts of Interest

We are currently engaged by the Shire of Leonora to provide services from July 2022 to June 2025 as listed below. Our work involved direct community engagement and subsequent reporting, compilation of information from the records of Shire of Leonora, and we did not process any entries within the shire's financial systems. Our services included:

- Compliance and governance services;
- Accounting support services for preparation of selected financial reports;
- Accounting support services for budget services; and
- Integrated Planning and reporting services.

We do not view this as conflicting with this consulting and advisory engagement for the Shire of Leonora given select financial reports are public documents subject to scrutiny by the Office of the Auditor General and their contract auditors. We are not privy to any additional confidential information as part of this work which would or could impact our independence.

We obtained approval from the shire to utilise information we have obtained as part of our engagement with the Shire of Leonora to state within our report we are examining reports or information we have assisted in compiling. We believe the transparent reporting of our involvement in the preparation of some information, our discussions with management on the matter and given the audit processes for local government, should be sufficient to mitigate any conflicts of interest.



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### 2.0 Review Context

#### 2.1 Review Context - Shire of Leonora

Understanding the external and internal context in which the shire operates, relevant to financial management, risk, the internal control environment and its legislative compliance obligations, as it seeks to achieve its overall strategic objectives is important to the review of the related systems and procedures.

The external and internal environmental influences identified during the review are set out below:

External Influences	Internal Influences
Increasing community expectations in relation to service levels and delivery.	The objectives and strategies contained in the current Strategic Community Plan.
Rapid changes in information technology, changing the service delivery environment.	The timing and actions contained in the current Corporate Business Plan.
Increased compliance requirements due to government policy and legislation.	Organisational size, structure, activities and location.
Cost shifting by the Federal and State governments.	Human resourcing levels and staff retention.
Climate change and subsequent response.	The financial capacity of the shire.
Reducing external funding for infrastructure and operations.	Maintenance of corporate records.
Increasing risk of cyber attack resulting in compromised or lost data.	Allocation of resources to achieve strategic outcomes.
Changing regulatory requirements.	
Changing global economic environment.	



### 3.0 Review Summary

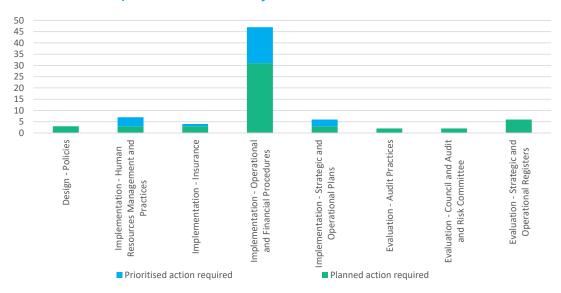
#### 3.1 Overall

Operations of a regional local government are complex, providing numerous services across multiple business areas to deliver the objectives and aspirations of the community. This involves commitment and dedication from a number of people making decisions across a large number of areas of operations. The Shire of Leonora is highly reliant on a small team of senior decision makers to govern its operations whilst trying to ensure sound financial and risk management through internal controls whilst seeking to achieve a high level of compliance. These efforts were highlighted throughout our review with a number of staff noting planned action across a number of matters raised, and we observed a number of improvements to internal controls are already in development. Maintaining efforts toward improvements within the existing framework and reducing gaps where weaknesses have been identified is strongly encouraged to continue.

The onsite component of our services was performed in May 2025 by first determining an appropriate framework for the shire against which current policies, procedures and actions could be assessed this is described further in Section 5.0. A number of areas for improvement were identified during the review. To assist the shire, and with consideration to limited resources the areas identified for improvement have been split between those requiring prioritised action and those requiring planned action as it will require resources and time to address a number of the matters raised.

The chart below reflects the number of improvements identified within each area of the framework examined.

#### 3.1.1 Number of Improvements Identified by Framework Element



Details of each improvement identified under each framework element are provided in sections 6.0 through 8.0 of this report. Key improvements are provided under each of the examined areas, financial management, risk management, internal control and legislative compliance on the following pages.

A summary of improvements listed by prioritised and planned action is provided at Appendix F.



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#### 3.2 Financial Management

The shire has a number of financial management system controls to cover the wide variety of operations undertaken. Council has responsibility for the adoption of the annual budget and annual report, review of the monthly statement of financial activity and review of the monthly list of payments. Responsibility for the financial management of the shire rests with the CEO, as detailed under *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations* 1996 Regulation 5(1).

#### 3.2.1 Appropriateness

Considering the size, resources, variety of operations and the context in which the shire operates, documented internal control procedures relating to financial management systems, are considered largely appropriate as a means of maintaining a high level of control over the financial management of the shire, subject to control weaknesses being addressed.

Weaknesses were identified with some current financial controls and procedures. These are explained within Sections 6.0 Framework Design and 7.0 Framework Implementation, of this report. Our assessment as to appropriateness is subject to identified weaknesses being addressed, and provided internal control procedures are routinely and consistently applied.

#### 3.2.2 Effectiveness

Currently there are financial management systems and processes where controls are documented and routinely tested, however breakdowns in controls were noted to have occurred. Considering the results of other elements of financial management systems and processes where documented and routinely tested, the current practices undertaken by the Shire of Leonora may be considered generally effective. Our assessment as to effectiveness may be improved subject to the implementation of the improvements highlighted in Section 7.0 Framework Implementation of this report.

#### 3.2.3 Improvements

Details of recommended improvements to the current financial management, procedures and systems for the shire are set out within the framework design and implementation sections of this report. Key improvements to the appropriateness and effectiveness of these procedures and internal controls include:

- IT general controls;
- General journal controls;
- Rating controls;
- · Procurement controls;
- Cash handling procedures;
- Debtor management procedures;
- Receipting and banking controls;
- Change of banking and creditor master files;
- · Stock control and inventory procedures; and
- Payroll controls.



#### 3.3 Risk Management

Risk management activities in local government should aim to facilitate an integrated and organisation wide approach to risk management practices. These activities would generally include routine and consistent consideration of risks (existing, new and emerging), as well as mitigations available to minimise risk levels, from both a 'top down' perspective as well as 'bottom up' perspective. These activities should be consistently applied through operational systems, processes and controls.

The shire has a Risk Management Policy (A.2.10), which is supported by a Risk Management Strategy, aligned to ISO 31000:2018, to formalise its risk management processes. The Risk Management Strategy was most recently reviewed and updated in December 2024 to refer to the current Risk Management Standard ISO 31000:2018. The risk management policy and risk management strategy form the basis for risk management activities within the shire.

#### 3.3.1 Appropriateness

Currently, a documented entity wide Risk Management Policy, Risk Management Strategy and supporting procedures exist to guide the implementation of risk management throughout the shire. These documents refer to the current Risk Management Standard, AS/NZ ISO 31000:2018. The Standard was updated in 2018 to highlight the leadership of top management and integration of risk management in organisations, along with the iterative nature of risk management.

Considering the size, resources, operations and the context in which the shire operates, a documented risk management policy and procedures aligned to ISO 31000:2018 is considered an appropriate means of uniformly supporting decision making and documenting the organisation's response to risks.

#### 3.3.2 Effectiveness

The risk management strategy and policy have been developed to reflect the shire's commitment to organisation wide risk management principles, systems and processes aimed at optimising the achievement of objectives, embedding controls to mitigate risk, improving corporate governance and planning for continuity of critical operations. Risk management systems, processes and procedures which have been implemented throughout the organisation and are routinely activated, documented and monitored may be considered generally effective, subject to the improvements described throughout this report being implemented.

#### 3.3.3 Improvements

Improvements to risk management practices and policies are detailed within the framework design and implementation sections of this report, with key matters summarised as follows:

- Review contractor insurance to ensure they have appropriate insurance and current licences;
- Update and maintain systems and controls related to insurance claims;
- Implement recommendations from the ICT strategic plan;
- Undertake a comprehensive ICT security review; and
- Ensure appropriate management of operational risks for high risk areas.



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#### 3.4 Internal Control

The principles of internal controls are not limited to administrative and financial control activities as they extend to all facets of operations. While the CEO is generally responsible for developing and maintaining internal control frameworks, officers at all levels of the organisation should be accountable for the documentation and implementation of systems, controls, processes and procedures in their own area of responsibility. They all perform a function in the internal control framework.

Internal controls are of critical importance to operations and should provide for appropriate segregation of duties, experienced and qualified staff, risk management, documented procedures and effective monitoring and adherence. However inherent limitations will always be present in internal control frameworks and mechanisms where routine review and regular updates occur and may assist to ensure control environments are suitable.

Internal control policy A.1.9 was adopted by the shire in November 2023, to evidence the commitment to appropriate and effective controls. We observed officers are aware a number of improvements to internal controls are required to be reviewed or developed, with the objective of improving the existing framework and reducing gaps where weaknesses have been identified. Management representations noted a number of these improvements have been initiated, this is encouraged to continue.

#### 3.4.1 Appropriateness

Considering the size, resources, operations and the internal/external context in which the shire operates, the internal control framework, procedures and systems as described to us are considered appropriate for some areas of operations, subject to the identified improvements being in place. A number of internal controls were identified where these controls are not considered appropriate, as described with Section 7.0 Framework Implementation of this report.

#### 3.4.2 Effectiveness

Considering the overall results of monitoring and compliance practices undertaken by the Shire of Leonora, the current internal control framework, procedures and systems (where documented and routinely tested) may be considered effective. Our assessment as to effectiveness is subject to the implementation of the improvements detailed at Section 7.0 Framework Implementation of this report addressing weaknesses where breakdowns in controls have contributed to non compliance matters and other risks.

#### 3.4.3 Improvements

Recommended improvements to the current internal control framework, procedures and systems are detailed later within the framework design and implementation sections of this report with selected key improvements to internal controls summarised as follows:

- Maintain the risk based approach to the further development and maintenance of documented internal controls and procedures to provide an appropriate internal control framework. Continual risk based assessment of appropriate controls throughout the organisation will assist to identify the need for new controls and identify existing outdated and unnecessary controls to be discontinued;
- Ensure formally documented key internal controls (either as authorised procedures, checklists or workflow diagrams) undergo routine review to ensure they remain current and relevant to the shire;
- Develop and maintain a Business Continuity Plan and test it to ensure its validity;
- Develop and maintain registers to improve existing internal controls as discussed at Section 8.2 of this report; and
- Implement financial management control recommendations discussed at Section 3.2 of this report.



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#### 3.5 Legislative Compliance

General principles of good governance often refer to the application of appropriate policies and procedures to assist with ensuring appropriate measures are in place to uphold high levels of legislative compliance. The resources allocated to these structures will vary according to the context of individual local government operations. Formalised processes are designed to provide a consistent structure to guide the prioritisation of resources toward achieving compliance requirements and integration into the operations of the local government.

Legislative compliance policy A.1.8 exists to communicate expectations of Council in relation to legislative compliance and responsibilities. Reliance in this regard is also dependent upon the knowledge and experience of senior staff and their individual desire to achieve high levels of legislative and regulatory compliance.

#### 3.5.1 Appropriateness

While reliance on experienced senior staff for legislative compliance may be considered appropriate in some instances, it also carries high risk where the number of experienced senior staff is low.

Considering local governments generally maintain a low risk appetite for breaches of legislation, the current legislative compliance policy provides for good governance and should be adhered to. A number of areas were noted where improvements for managing compliance may be made, as described in Section 7.0 Framework Implementation of this report.

#### 3.5.2 Effectiveness

Maintaining legislative compliance is heavily reliant on the knowledge, experience and commitment of senior staff, to identify and prevent breaches of legislation. As a consequence, staff turnover, competing priorities and variations in workloads may have a significant negative impact on legislative compliance. Therefore, one of the most effective controls in maintaining legislative compliance is a motivated, stable, experienced and knowledgeable senior management group in addition to a compliance framework to ensure required compliance tasks are considered and actioned.

Some instances of non-compliance with legislative requirements were identified during our review. Apart from the identified breaches of legislation, and in the instances where effectiveness was able to be assessed, the current legislative compliance framework may be considered effective. Our assessment as to effectiveness is subject to the implementation of the improvements detailed at Section 7.0 Framework Implementation of this report.

#### 3.5.3 Improvements

Improvements to the current legislative compliance framework, including ongoing development of processes to monitor and report on legislative compliance are set out at Section 7.0 Framework Implementation of this report and summarised as follows:

- Maintain record keeping in accordance with approved plans and implement improvements advised by the State Records Office;
- Maintain the tender and other statutory registers as required by legislation;
- Further development and approval of authorised checklists for functions which require a high level of legislative compliance; and
- Update and maintain a staff training matrix and coordinate training across the shire. A risk based
  training matrix should help ensure staff with the responsibility for preventing, identifying and reporting
  breaches of legislation, are offered relevant training to ensure their knowledge of legislative
  requirements is maintained and qualifications are maintained and up to date where required.



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### 4.0 Methodology

#### 4.1 Review Methodology - Financial Management Review

The objective of this review is to assist the CEO of the Shire of Leonora to discharge responsibilities in respect to Regulation 5(2)(c) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended).

In performing this consulting service, we examined documented policies / procedures, undertook walkthroughs of key systems and procedures and performed limited detailed testing procedures to identify weaknesses and identify opportunities for improvement in the financial management system and report to the CEO on the appropriateness and effectiveness of the control environment within the shire, as required by Regulation 5(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

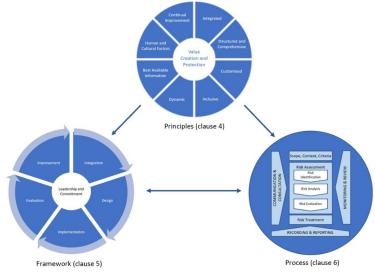
## 4.2 Review Methodology – Risk Management, Legislative Compliance and Internal Controls

The primary goal of this service is to assist the CEO in their assessment as to the appropriateness and effectiveness of the shire systems and procedures in relation to risk management, legislative compliance and internal controls.

Internal controls are designed to treat risks and form part of the risk management process. Non-compliance with legislation is one of the risks that would usually be identified as a consequence of applying a risk management process.

The Australian Standard for Risk Management, ISO 31000:2018(E), identifies three components in the application of risk management, being Principles, Framework and Process, as set out in Diagram 1 below.

Diagram 1 Risk Management Principles, Framework and Process



Source: Australia/New Zealand Standard ISO 31000:2018



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### 4.0 Methodology (Continued)

# 4.2 Review Methodology – Risk Management, Legislative Compliance and Internal Controls (continued)

In undertaking this consulting engagement, we have applied the three ISO 31000:2018 framework components, as set out on the previous page, to the review topics (risk management, internal controls and legislative compliance). This involves a process incorporating the five risk management framework components, *Integration, Design, Implementation, Evaluation and Improvement*, into the review of systems and processes:

- · Identify the extent of leadership and commitment to the principles;
- · Assess the extent of integration of risk management within the shire;
- Assess the design of the current framework through an understanding of the shire and the context
  within which it operates (risk management, legislative compliance and internal controls) after
  considering the overall context in which the review occurs;
- · Assess the implementation of the current framework;
- Assess the extent of evaluation of the current framework and its effectiveness in supporting the shire's objectives;
- Assess the current framework and improvements to the suitability, adequacy and effectiveness of the framework;
- Examine the current process for the shire's systematic application of policies, procedures and
  practices to the activities of communicating and consulting, establishing context, assessing, treating,
  monitoring, reviewing, recording and reporting risk, internal controls and legislative compliance; and
- Report to the CEO to assist their assessment on the appropriateness and effectiveness of current systems and procedures.

This evaluation is based on interviews with key staff, examination of requested documentation listed in the Appendices and reference to any external audit reports or reviews previously conducted.

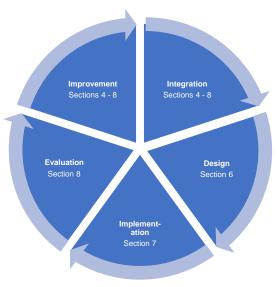


### 5.0 Appropriate Framework

#### 5.1 Risk Management, Internal Control and Legislative Compliance

The following framework was identified as being appropriate for risk management, internal control and legislative compliance for the Shire of Leonora, after consideration of the current internal and external influences, detailed in Section 2.1.

Diagram 2 Risk Management, Internal Control and Legislative Compliance Framework



Source: Australia/New Zealand Standard ISO 31000:2018

A high-level analysis of risk management systems, internal controls and legislative compliance was undertaken which precluded detailed testing in all areas.

The results of our service, as detailed on the following pages, are set out with reference to the structure of the above framework. We assessed the following areas:

Design	Implementation	Evaluation
6.1 Strategic Plans	7.1 Strategic and Operational Plans	8.1 Council and Audit and Risk Committee
6.2 Council Policies	7.2 Operational and Financial Procedures	8.2 Strategic and Operational Registers
	7.3 Human Resource Management and Practices	8.3 Annual Compliance Audit Returns
	7.4 Insurance	8.4 Complaint Handling
		8.5 Audit Practices
		8.6 Reviews required by the CEO
		8.1 Council and Audit and Risk Committee



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### 6.0 Framework Design

#### **6.1 Strategic Plans**

The shire has adopted the key strategic document Plan for the Future 2021 to 2031, combining the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan. These plans identify the Council's organisational objectives and key outcomes, as the shire progress on its stated vision "a proactive, sustainable, safe and friendly place to be".

The Plan for the Future recognises the community's aspirations and values through the following core performance areas:

- Social: an empowered and spirited community;
- · Economic: the economic hub of the northern goldfields;
- Environment: forward thinking management of the built and natural environment; and
- Leadership: an innovative and proactive local government.

In seeking to achieve its set outcomes, the Shire of Leonora faces both inherent and business risks. Whilst striving to fulfil expectations, it is also expected to meet compliance with numerous legislative requirements. To manage these risks, the shire has established various processes, systems and controls.

The Plan for the Future references strategic challenges which might affect the shire, and the community's aspirations / vision, and the projects and programs which will be implemented through the plan.

This review examines the appropriateness and effectiveness of the organisation's risk management systems, internal controls and legislative compliance in the context of the shire striving to achieve its stated objectives.



### 6.0 Framework Design (Continued)

#### **6.2 Council Policies**

Whilst the operations of the shire are the responsibility of the CEO, the Council is responsible for setting the framework for operations via adopted Council policies. These policies represent an overarching framework relevant to risk management, internal controls and legislative compliance and have been reviewed for appropriateness and effectiveness.

Council policies are well formulated to provide clear guidance regarding Council's position on certain matters. A list of policies reviewed is provided in Appendix B - Council Policies Examined. The table below details matters identified and associated suggested improvements.

	Policy	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
6.2.1	A.2.6 Corporate Transaction Cards	Policy to regulate the use of corporate credit cards issued to	The cardholder limit stated within the policy does not align with the card limit noted during our testing.
		employees.	Improvement:
			Amend the policy to ensure alignment with current practices. When reviewing the policy, consider the required level of detail to be specified within the policy to address relevant identified risks.
6.2.2	C.4.2 Ageing in Place Village	Policy to guide the assessment and management of applications for tenancy at the Ageing in Place Village.	We noted the policy incorporates procedures intended as a guide to staff and other policy content which may be operational in nature. Council policies are not necessarily intended to provide direction on how different operational functions are to be executed as these are the responsibility of the CEO.
			Improvement:
			Consider review and update of the policy to articulate the strategic direction of Council and set out a high-level position to follow at an operational level.



# 6.0 Framework Design (Continued)

	Policy	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
6.2.3	General Policy Actions	To set out parameters for the implementation of policies.	In the course of our review, we noted several references to 'policy' documents which are not included in the Council policy manual. We understand these are not policies of Council but operational/management procedures required by the statutory framework of this operational facility, required by and defined by legislation as a 'policy'.
			Improvement:
			To avoid confusion between the appropriate separation of the roles of the council and the CEO, consider defining the parameters within the policy manual for impacted facilities where authorised management procedures may be referred to to as operational 'policies'. This should convey and highlight the responsibility of the CEO to manage the currency and appropriateness of these policies for legislative compliance of operational facilities.



## 7.0 Framework Implementation

### 7.1 Strategic and Operational Plans

The Council has several strategic and operational plans which form the basis of entity level controls and entity level risk assessments.

A list of plans inspected is provided in Appendix C - Plans Examined. The table below details areas for possible improvement in relation to the plans examined.

	Plan	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.1.1	Business Continuity / Disaster Recovery	Plan to facilitate organised decision-making in the	A Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Plan was not available for our review.
F	Plan	event of a major incident impacting the Shire's ability to continue normal operations.	Improvement:  Develop a Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan and test it to ensure its validity. The plan should facilitate organised decision making in the event of any major disruption impacting the Shire's ability to continue normal operations, with testing involving relevant and key personnel to ensure validity of the identified risks and treatments within the plan.
7.1.2	Evacuation Plans	To ensure emergency evacuation plans and procedures are current.	We noted through our review a number of evacuation plans and procedures which have not undergone regular review at various Shire facilities.
			Improvement: Review systems and procedures to ensure regular update of evacuation plans and procedures in alignment with risk management processes.
7.1.3	ICT Disaster Recovery Plan	Plan to address the handling of ICT disaster	An ICT Disaster Recovery Plan was not available for inspection.
		recovery.	Improvement:  Develop an ICT Disaster Recovery Plan. Review the plan regularly to update content and ensure currency of information. Routinely test the ICT Disaster Recovery Plan to ensure validity and effectiveness.



	Plan	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.1.4	development an of ICT services address the han	Plan to guide the future development and delivery of ICT services and address the handling of ICT disaster recovery.	An ICT Strategic Plan was recently prepared summarising ICT infrastructure and future considerations for improvements. A number of ICT risks and how they may be addressed were included in the document, however prioritised actions have not yet been fully implemented.
			Presently a single consultant is engaged to provide IT support services and advice regarding security etc on ad hoc basis. A high level of risk could be assumed by engaging a single entity to provide all IT services, particularly where there is limited independent oversight and review of activities.
			Improvements:
			Progress the implementation of the ICT Strategic Plan considering key ICT risks and treatments to reduce identified risks to an acceptable level.
			The recent ICT strategy may assist in considering the risks of utilising a single IT provider and may assist in developing a scope to articulate service level agreements for a range of IT services to be potentially issued to different providers.
			Consider implementation of routine review and verification of skills, competencies, qualifications and experience for IT service providers.



#### 7.2 Operational and Financial Procedures

In seeking to achieve its stated vision, the shire delivers a number of services to the community. Meetings were undertaken with key staff in each of the areas of service responsibility, as well as examination of documented processes, to determine the practices applied to issues of risk management, internal controls and legislative compliance. A summary of the assessments undertaken to evaluate the controls is included in the appendices to this report.

We observed a number of practices and procedures in place, however their application was not always consistent. Considering the number of services provided and current staff resourcing, a risk based approach to the prioritisation of the review and development of new and existing procedures is recommended. The table below details areas of suggested improvement in relation to policies and procedures examined.

### Component

#### Purpose / Goal

#### Matters Identified / Improvements

7.2.1 Operational Procedures

Procedures to set out guidance for expected processes, systems and controls to be maintained at Shire facilities. Documented procedures have recently been developed in some areas of the organisation, however they do not appear to always be assessed by senior staff for compliance and appropriateness with expected controls. We noted from staff representations, intentions are to further develop procedures and formalisation of controls.

#### Improvement:

Procedures should provide for activities not necessarily covered by legislation to communicate expected standards to staff from management. Once developed and implemented, they require constant monitoring for adherence and to ensure effectiveness. Systems and processes should be updated to provide for routine monitoring of compliance requirements for existing operational procedures. Progressing the further development and implementation of additional procedures is encouraged.

7.2.2 Checklists & Workflow Diagrams

Checklists
document the
completion of
multiple steps
within an overall
process, while
workflow process
diagrams create a
visual
representation of a
process, clearly
identifying key
points of control
and responsibility.

Checklists of key functions and workflow diagrams are maintained for selected functions. Checklists were not maintained and evidenced for all standard routine functions such as end of month reconciliations and reporting across the organisation. It was noted staff have commenced with the creation of workflow diagrams, checklists to support authorised operational procedures.

#### Improvement:

Creation and maintenance of standard checklists to support authorised procedures may assist in evidencing key points of control. Checklists assist in ensuring compliance with repetitive legislative compliance tasks. Staff are encouraged to continue with the development of checklists and procedures for routine functions, including evidencing independent review. In conjunction with, or as an alternative to, the development of documented procedures and checklists, development of additional workflow process diagrams may assist in clearly identifying controls and processes to be followed.



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#### Component

#### Purpose / Goal

#### **Matters Identified / Improvements**

7.2.3 Evidencing
Routine
Reviews,
Authorisations
and Approvals

Systems and controls to allow for appropriate review of the completion of tasks and evidencing key points of control. In the course of our review, we noted instances where the security for electronic signatures to authorise or review various processes was considered inadequate which may present a risk to intended controls.

We noted procedures and controls for recording and evidencing the routine review, approval and authorisation processes for a number of key operational functions are not formalised. Whilst these processes may occur in some instances, we observed the implementation is not uniform or consistent. This may result in weaknesses in their application and the control environment.

#### Improvements:

Review and update systems and procedures for the application of electronic signatures to ensure appropriate controls exist to support security, authenticity and authorisation when they are utilised.

Review systems and processes to establish approved and consistent application of controls within operational activities and functions. Controls should be maintained to evidence and demonstrate the appropriate segregation of duties and independent review being undertaken.

7.2.4 Segregation of Duties and Internal Controls

Controls to minimise opportunities for collusion or fraud to occur, reduce the risk of errors and improve oversight and compliance with adopted policies and procedures.

We note segregation of duties occurs for a number of key roles, however through our testing we observed instances where resource or system constraints prevented these controls being consistently applied. Where a single individual or closely related parties is responsible for or involved in multiple stages of various processes, there is an increased risk and opportunity for error or misconduct.

#### Improvement:

Interventions should be available at various stages for a number of operational functions, including routine independent reviews of controls to ensure they are being observed and maintained as required. Where resourcing constraints exist, other considerations should be applied such as training and engaging officers within the organisation who may not normally be involved in these processes, to assist with checks and controls, or engaging independent parties to provide sufficient levels of oversight. These controls should also be reflected in adopted policies and authorised procedures.



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	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.2.5	Access to Shire Facilities	Ensure access to Shire is restricted to only personnel who are authorised.	We noted some physical access security measures to some Shire facilities may not be adequate. The risk associated with this is not documented, measured or recorded appropriately to verify whether treatment plans have reduced the perceived level of risk to the Shire.
			Improvement:
			Ensure adequate physical access security measures to prevent unauthorised individuals from accessing facilities are appropriately documented. Risks and their treatment plans should be recorded in a risk register to communicate the risk, aligned to the Shire's adopted risk management policy and framework.
7.2.6	ICT User Access	Regular review of ICT accounts to reduce the risk of unauthorised	User access reconciliations or monitoring of ICT accounts (including ERP accounts) does not appear to be routinely monitored.
		use.	Improvement:  Update systems and procedures to ensure regular reviews are undertaken of the ICT accounts and access level to ensure access is only available to current and authorised staff and users.
7.2.7 IC	ICT Security	Procedures and practices to ensure the security of IT information, systems and data.	We noted limited controls in relation to the access to IT systems including physical access to hardware. Some levels of permissions have been established to network access to software and data, however this is largely undocumented.
			We noted limited controls in relation to the access to IT systems including physical access to hardware. Some levels of permissions have been established to network access to software and data, however this is largely undocumented.
			Improvements: Undertake a comprehensive IT general security review, articulate current practices and implement findings of the review.
			Undertake a comprehensive independent IT security review, document current policies, procedures and practices, and implement findings of the review. This review should be undertaken by those with the appropriate expertise, skills, qualifications and credentials. Consider implementation of routine review and verification of skills, competencies, qualifications and experience for IT service providers.



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	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.2.8			We noted recent improvements in relation to routine reconciliations for some balance sheet accounts. Historically, these were not always conducted in a timely and consistent manner from samples selected for our review, including some subsidiary ledger reconciliations. We also noted evidence of review by an independent and more senior officer had not been consistently maintained or was not available. Reconciliations are a key control and any untimely, non-reconciled accounts are considered a high risk to an organisation.
			Improvement:
		Progress the update of review system processes to ensure regular and timely review of balance sheet reconciliations and ensure controls provide for them to be routinely maintained. Reconciliations should be reviewed for accuracy and completion by an independent, more senior officer.	



	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
Journals t r a	-	Controls to provide for the independent review and	Instances were noted whereby general journals debit expense and credited income which results in an overestimate of both in the financial reporting.
	authorisation of general journals being processed.	There are limited documented internal control procedures for general journals. We noted review and evidence of review of journals after posting has not been consistently maintained.	
		Improvements:  Develop processes to ensure journals are properly supported, valid and comply with legislation or Australian Accounting Standards before being processed.	
		While there appeared to be some informal controls in place at the time of our review for journals to only be processed by authorised officers, including independent review and approval by an authorised officer for posting of journals, there are limited documented IT and internal control procedures for general journals. No general journal audit trail is currently produced to ensure any unauthorised journals have not been posted.	
		Document internal controls to ensure journal requests initiated are reviewed and approved/authorised prior to posting by an appropriate officer, the practice of independent review is consistently maintained, and evidence of review is routinely applied. A monthly journal audit trail report should be produced and independently reviewed and confirmed to previously approved journals, prior to preparation of the monthly statement of financial activity.	



C	omponent	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
Ва	hanges to anking etails	Controls to validate banking change requests.	The current controls to restrict changes to bank details are considered inadequate. We are aware of many incidents of payment scams/ frauds within the local government industry in recent years. As a consequence of this activity, controls around the changes to supplier details within the payment system are essential. Formal procedures relating to changes to banking details for employees should be developed to ensure sufficient controls exist in both substantiating the change request and the changes performed within the Shire's ERP system.
			Improvement:  The process to verify changes of supplier details should be documented and provided to officers responsible for preparation and entry of creditors invoices for approval for payment. This should be supported with training/direction to remind staff of the need to be ever vigilant, to exercise a level of scepticism for all requests presented and, most importantly, to raise a concern if there is any doubt about the authenticity of a request for change of EFT payment details. Formal procedures relating to changes to banking details for employees and creditors should be updated to ensure sufficient controls exist in both substantiating the change request and the changes performed within the Shire's ERP system. Review and update procedures to ensure appropriate segregation of duties and the following matters are appropriately considered, documented and controls are adequate to:  Validate the change request and its origin; Authority exists for the change request; and



	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.2.11	Banking opportunity for	fraudulent activity with electronic	We noted access to the ABA file from the time of generation to the time of upload to the bank is not adequately restricted. We acknowledge the use of EFT Sure to improve security in relation to payments however there is no verification process undertaken to ensure the ABA file is unmodified when uploaded to the bank. The risk of fraudulent manipulation of the ABA file remains despite the use of EFT Sure albeit a fraudulent payment would be required to go to an entity or person registered with EFT Sure. Staff representations noted more robust system controls are being implemented to address this, which is strongly encouraged.
			Improvement:
			Progress the improvement of controls to minimise the risk of electronic banking details being fraudulently manipulated through secure storage of ABA banking files. Controls should exist to restrict access to these files, and to detect and prevent any unauthorised changes being made.
7.2.12	Bank Account Authorisations	Ensure only current and appropriate personnel are signatories on bank accounts.	Several council members are listed as signatories to Shire bank accounts. Accounts should be reviewed regularly to ensure they are current and only appropriate personnel should be listed as signatories.
			Improvement:
	bi		Council members have no administrative authority and therefore should not be listed as signatories on Shire bank accounts. Signatories for council members should be removed from these accounts.
7.2.13	Stock Control	Stock Control Process to ensure stock is correctly allocated and monitored as to reduce the potential for theft or	Historically the reconciliation of physical stock to the general ledger has been performed annually, resulting in manual corrections being required for the last annual financial reporting period. While improvements to physical controls have been recently implemented for some stock items, there are limited formal processes to monitor potential erroneous allocations or misuse of stock.
		misappropriation.	Improvement:
			A risk based approach should be undertaken to determine the frequency of required stocktakes and reconciliations for stock on hand. Reconciliation and monitoring of stock (such as monitoring of fuel used per vehicle) is an important control to help minimise shrinkage, security issues or potential misuse in a timely manner. Develop and implement procedures for the monitoring of stock on hand in an effort to improve opportunities to detect any issues or potential misuse with fuel allocations or other stock in a timely manner.



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	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.2.14	Revenue Controls at Shire Facilities	Procedures and systems for the collection of revenue and handling of cash at Shire facilities.	Weaknesses in revenue controls at some Shire facilities were noted during our review. We noted some systems and processes are heavily reliant on manual systems and the comprehension of required actions by staff, with limited monitoring and review of records from facilities to reconcile transactions performed through the administration office. We noted the following:
			<ul> <li>Discounts being provided for some items where it was not clear the appropriate level of authority existed for these discounts to be applied. There was no oversight or reporting to the executive to record the discounts for reporting in the annual financial report as required by legislation;</li> <li>Breakdowns in controls where receipts, invoices and/or banking were not executed in a timely manner;</li> <li>Incomplete fuel allocation worksheets resulting in potentially erroneous claims of fuel tax credits;</li> <li>Insufficient support documentation to adequately identify and validate some transactions selected for testing; and</li> <li>No consistent reporting to management or routine processes relating to outstanding balances.</li> </ul>
			Improvement:
			Progress the review and development of authorised management procedures to determine practical systems, documentation and controls for the receipt and reconciliation of revenue across all facilities. Procedures should ensure compliance with legislation and associated regulatory requirements under the <i>Local Government Act</i> 1995.
7.2.15	Receipting and Banking	Processes for the accurate	Evidence of independent review of end of day receipting reports selected for testing was not always recorded.
	-	receipting of	Improvement:
		payments made to the Shire.	Update procedures and controls to ensure an appropriate and regular review process has been undertaken for all end of day receipting activities processed for banking for all Shire facilities. Procedures should include outpost locations to ensure cash collection is monitored, reconciled to receipts and independently reviewed.



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	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.2.16	Security Controls for Cash Handling	Procedures and systems for the handling of cash at Shire facilities.	Security controls for cash held at various facilities are considered inadequate. We acknowledge the levels of cash being handled were generally low for the periods reviewed during our testing, however some weaknesses in cash handling controls were identified. Controls are not consistently documented to ensure appropriate review and authorisation processes occur in relation to the management and handling of cash by staff for all facilities.
			Improvement:  Continue to ensure access to any cash held is restricted only to authorised personnel through secure storage. Implement appropriate documented procedures and controls for cash maintained by staff including processing of cash receipting. If circumstances exist where large volumes of cash are received, processes should also include reference to insured level of cash to ensure adequate insurance levels are maintained relating to cash.
7.2.17	Petty Cash	Systems and processes to ensure controls are maintained around petty cash.	We did not observe any formal procedures relating to petty cash systems and controls. Controls are not routinely documented to ensure appropriate review and authorisation processes occur in relation to the storage, management and handling of cash by staff.
			Our testing of petty cash noted breakdowns within the systems and controls described to us:
			<ul> <li>The balance of petty cash reviewed did not reconcile with the recorded transactions at the time of our site visit; and</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Evidence of independent review and recording of petty cash being issued was not available for all receipts tested.</li> </ul>
			Improvement:
			Undertake a review of systems and processes relating to petty cash, to ensure adequate controls exist relating to security of cash held, as well as maintaining and processing of petty cash transactions.



	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.2.18	Fees and Charges	Procedures to ensure fees and charges are raised in accordance with adopted schedule of rates and legislation.	Through our limited testing and review of the schedule of fees and charges, we identified new fees and charges approved by Council after adopting the 2024-25 annual budget. The public notice provided for these new fees to be imposed did not align with legislative requirements, in that it was not advertised prior to the introduction of the new fees and charges.
			Improvement:
			Review systems and processes to ensure any proposed fees and charges to be imposed during a financial year after the budget has been adopted, are adopted by absolute majority and advertised via local public notice in accordance with section 6.19 of the <i>Local Government Act</i> 1995, prior to the fees and charges being imposed.
7.2.19	Debtors Processes	Controls for raising of invoices and timely collection and recovery of outstanding revenue.	We observed limited formalised processes to controls in relation to the raising of credit notes for sundry debtors.  Where limited IT controls exist or where a single individual is responsible for or involved in multiple stages of various processes, there is an increased risk and opportunity for error or misconduct.
			Limited independent review of invoice batches is undertaken once raised to check for accuracy. We noted limited controls to ensure appropriate segregation of duties or the timely processing of debtor invoices.
			Improvements:
			Appropriate segregation of duties relating to processes sundry debtors credit notes should exist and controls documented. If circumstances prevent the full segregation of duties, then procedures and conditions should exist to demonstrate alternate controls in place to reduce associated risks.
			Review, update and maintain systems and processes for accounts receivable functions to provide system-based controls to assist to minimise the risks of erroneous and/or unauthorised transactions being processed. Procedures should minimally provide for review, verification and authorisation controls.



	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.2.20	Overdue Debtors	Timely collection and recovery of outstanding revenue.	We did not observe formalised procedures for the consistent and timely collection of outstanding debtors. Staff representations noted reminders are issued for some debtors, though we did not evidence any further action to follow up and collect monies owed after this task was completed. This could lead to breakdowns in internal controls and may present risks to cash flow management and timely recovery of income.
			Improvements:
			Create and document authorised procedures to ensure a transparent and consistent approach is applied to overdue debtors and ensure appropriate resources are available to undertake these procedures.
7.2.21	Rates	Rates are correctly imposed and rate system is properly maintained.	Routine reviews of rate exempt properties as defined by section 6.26(2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1995 appear to be undertaken informally during the annual rates run, however no formal controls exist to guide and evidence the review process.
			Weaknesses were identified in relation to revenue control procedures to communicate required changes to rates property information and valuations. While the number of approvals per annum are currently low, systems should be in place where development or building approvals occur to rateable properties, to ensure timely application of updated rates valuations are obtained to ensure the rate book is current and rates are being correctly received.
			Through our limited testing of rates, we noted a variance between the rate levy shown on the 2024-25 rate notice and the adopted levy as disclosed in the adopted 2024-25 statutory budget for some rate notices within our sample selection.
			Improvements:
			Develop and maintain systems and processes whereby routine reviews are undertaken of rate exempt properties within the Shire, confirming these properties are used exclusively for rate exempt purpose.
			Review and update systems and processes to ensure updated valuations are obtained where development, building or demolition applications are approved, to assist with ensuring accuracy of the rate book and rates revenue.
			Update existing systems and procedures to demonstrate appropriate controls and authorisations exist for compliant routine and accurate rating functions, including annual rates billing. Ensure future rates imposed align with the adopted annual budget and comply with legislation.
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	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.2.22	Outstanding Purchase Orders	Process to ensure invoices are being processed in a timely manner and in accordance with the purchasing policy.	We did not observe any formal procedures relating to the routine monitoring of and clearance of outstanding purchase orders. Reports are produced but are limited with their information to document the status of purchase order. Regular review of outstanding purchase orders should be undertaken to assist with monitoring the value of and status of associated liabilities.
			Improvement: Regular review of outstanding purchase orders should be undertaken to assist with monitoring the value of and status of associated liabilities. Establish procedures to include routine review of the status of outstanding purchase orders. Ensure any controls developed are routinely and consistently applied.
7.2.23	Procurement	nt Procedures for the procurement of goods or services.	<ul> <li>Through our limited testing of payments, instances were noted where:</li> <li>The purchase orders did not pre-date the invoice to which they were assigned;</li> <li>Purchase orders did not include an assigned amount;</li> <li>Purchase orders were not certified by both the preparer and authoriser; and</li> <li>The required number of quotations were not always sought, or appropriate documentation maintained to support the absence of quotations required.</li> </ul>
			Improvements:  Where purchasing activities have not complied with the purchasing policy, such as where a purchase pre-dates a purchase order, these instances should be documented, reviewed and authorised to demonstrate controls have been developed to comply and ensure the purchasing policy has been adhered to.
			Values should be assigned to all purchase orders to ensure purchasing authorisations and policy requirements have been adhered to and controls developed to prevent unauthorised changes being applied after purchase orders have been approved.
			Appropriate segregation of duties relating to the requisitioning, approval and authorisation of procurement related activities should exist. If circumstances prevent the full segregation of duties then procedures should exist to demonstrate alternate controls in place to reduce associated risks.
			All procurement of goods or services should be undertaken in accordance with legislative requirements, the purchasing policy and authorised CEO procedures.



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	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.2.24	Corporate Transaction Cards	Systems and processes to control use of Corporate Transaction Cards held.	Signed agreements for all corporate transaction cards were not available for our review as required by policy A.2.6.
			Our limited testing noted instances where tax invoices and support documentation for some credit card transactions were not available for review.
			We also noted instances where corporate transaction card reconciliations were not fully completed by the card holder and/or reviewed by an independent more senior member of staff.
			Improvements:
			Ensure agreements are signed by all corporate transaction card holders to comply with Policy A.2.6 Corporate Transaction Cards.
			Update procedures to require cardholders to review and certify expenses incurred on their credit cards each month. Maintain and regularly review these controls and ensure staff responsible for processing of credit card transactions are appropriately educated with approved systems and processes.
			Robust control and review processes should exist to minimise the risk of unauthorised purchases occurring and for compliance with taxation requirements and legislation etc. Procedures should provide to ensure all payments made by transaction cards are accompanied by appropriate tax invoices or other documentation.
7.2.25	Contract Management	To provide clear documentation of key contract / agreement information entered into with third parties by the Shire.	Our testing and staff representations noted formalised and duly executed contracts detailing agreed service levels were not always prepared at the time of engaging contractors. Whilst we noted management detection of control weaknesses with some contract arrangements, the absence of formal documentation has the potential to limit controls relating to cost or performance management, as well as minimum service levels for works and/or services performed.
			Improvement:  Formalise and maintain systems and processes to provide for higher level controls and oversight of contracts entered into with third parties by the Shire. Agreements should be dually executed to ensure contract obligations are understood and met by both parties.



#### Component

#### Purpose / Goal

#### **Matters Identified / Improvements**

7.2.26 Grants
Management

Controls for the effective management of grants, compliance with conditions imposed by funding bodies and compliance with AASB standards.

We noted some documented procedures exist to support processes and controls in respect to:

- · Application of grants;
- · Acquittal of grants;
- · Compliance with grant conditions; and
- · Grant governance and administration arrangements.

Where grants are not effectively managed, there is a risk funds may be returned due to poor performance or missed opportunities in the future. In circumstances where controls are not effective for grant application processes, unbudgeted and unauthorised financial commitments may be undertaken on behalf of the Shire. Staff representations indicate existing systems are being developed further and formalised. Progression of this initiative is encouraged.

#### Improvement:

Progress the update of, and maintain, procedures to consider the need for grant programs, whether relevant factors and risks are thoroughly analysed and assessed and appropriate options for delivery are considered prior to applying for grants to ensure grant objectives are clearly defined. Systems should include controls for the monitoring of grants with funding conditions, acquittal processes and recording of liabilities in line with the AASB standards. Incomplete consideration of these factors may result in noncompliance with accounting standards and effective delivery of the Shire's grant programs.



#### Component

**Practices** 

#### Purpose / Goal

#### **Matters Identified / Improvements**

7.2.27 Record Keeping

To demonstrate compliance of record keeping systems and practices with legislative requirements.

Based on our enquiries with staff, electronic records are stored in various locations such as shared drives, rather than the Shire's electronic document and records management system (EDRMS). Where compliance with required record keeping controls is low, this may increase risks where information may become compromised where deletions, loss and compromised security or confidentiality of records may occur.

Upon inspection of record storage areas for hard copy records held by the Shire, measures to consider risks such as fire suppression were not evident. Although the overall impact of a record loss as documented in the Shire's approved Record Keeping Plan is listed as low, additional risk assessments may assist with demonstrating risks are being appropriately managed.

Regular refresher training for the use of the records system is not currently in place to support and direct staff to the appropriate procedures to save records in accordance with the Shire's record keeping plans and policies. This may increase risks associated with compliance with required record keeping controls. Where compliance with required controls is low, information may become compromised in that deletions, loss and compromised security or confidentiality of records may occur. It was noted improvements to this process are being implemented through updated HR procedures, this is encouraged to progress.

#### Improvements:

Review, update and communicate procedures for the record keeping practices and enforce individual accountability for compliance with established procedures.

Review systems and processes through a risk based approach when undertaking review of the Record Keeping Plan. This should include planned implementation of any improvements noted within the plan, self-evaluated improvements and any actions noted by the State Records Office.

Develop regular training to be undertaken by all staff with financial record keeping responsibilities to ensure a consistent and appropriate usage across the organisation.



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	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.2.28	Overhead & Administration Allocations	To allocate indirect costs in a practical and efficient manner.	A formal process to determine the allocation of indirect costs for plant or public works overheads was not available for our review. From staff representations and examination of accounts, current allocation rates appear to be based on historical estimates, and a calculation method to support the allocation is yet to be developed. Management periodically monitor unallocated indirect costs to undertake corrective adjustments where required. These are performed May 2025.
			We note administration overheads are allocated into public works overheads. Whilst this is generally acceptable, the on allocation of the public works overheads to capital projects results in the capitalisation of administration overheads. AASB 116 Property, plant and equipment does not allow for the inclusion of administration costs as part of the cost of property, plant or equipment.
			Improvements: Undertake a review of activity based costings to support calculation of overhead and administration allocations. Routine review and monitoring of indirect costs should be maintained for accuracy and compliance in financial reporting of works programs.
			Routine reviews of cost reallocations should be undertaken to ensure cost reallocations are appropriate and administrations costs are not being indirectly capitalised as property, plant and equipment.
7.2.29	Annual Report	Ensure the annual report contains all information required by legislation, is accepted by Council and published to the local government website as required.	The 2023-24 annual report did not include all information required by legislation, in that remuneration paid or provided to the CEO during the financial year was not separately disclosed to other required employee remuneration information.
			Improvement: Ensure future annual reports include all information required by legislation.



	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.2.30	Report on Council Member Training	Report detailing training completely by council members each financial year as required	The Shire's report on training completed by council members during the 2023-24 financial year was published within statutory timeframes on the official local government website as required. The information contained within the report indicates some council members may not have completed mandatory training within required timeframes.
	by Local Government 1995.	Government Act	Improvement: Review and update systems and processes to facilitate and maintain the completion of mandatory training by council members as required by Section 5.127 of the Local Government Act 1995.



### 7.3 Human Resource Management and Practices

A number of components constitute the shire's human resource management practices and form an essential element of risk management, internal control and legislative compliance. Each of these elements is examined in the table below.

	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.3.1	Employee Appointment Procedures	Procedures to ensure appointment of staff are appropriately authorised, and onboarding processes are consistently and routinely applied.	Recent improvements to documented procedures described to us, to support onboarding processes for new staff appear appropriate. Staff representations in the course of our review noted conflicts of interest are considered in recruitment processes, though a declaration is not required to be undertaken by interviewers on an interview panel.
			Improvement: Include the requirement to complete conflict of interest declarations by all members of an interview panel to promote fair and unbiased processes being undertaken in recruitment processes. These declarations may assist with appropriate risk management considerations being applied where an actual or perceived conflict of interest may exist through human resource management practices.
7.3.2	Staff Contracts and Employee documented Files record of the terms and conditions of each employee's contract of employment.	documented record of the terms and conditions of each	Our testing noted a breakdown in controls where an employee file had not been created / maintained for an employee. Documentation and signed paperwork had not been supplied for recording and processing as required by onboarding procedures. This may limit the effectiveness of intended controls.
		Improvement:  Review and update systems and procedures to ensure personnel files are reconciled with appropriate documentation relating to conditions of employment, remuneration, roles and responsibilities (including duly executed contracts). We observed this process had commenced at the time of our review, and we strongly encourage the continuation and completion of this process.	



#### Component Purpose / Goal **Matters Identified / Improvements**

#### 7.3.3 Payroll Processing, Exception Reporting, Authorisation and Employee Masterfile Setup

Systems and controls to allow for appropriate review of fortnightly payroll and approval of changes to employee details.

Through our limited testing, we noted breakdowns in systems and controls relating to payroll processing, authorisation and the setup of employee details. We noted the following matters in particular:

- The officers responsible for processing and reviewing payroll are tasked with review and capture of employee entitlements, allowances, deductions, etc. Reliance is placed on these officers to remember individual details and identify any errors when reviewing payroll reports for authorisation for
- While testing the calculation of selected employee final / termination pays, evidence and appropriate documentation to support the calculation, review and authorisation of the final payment was not available for all samples selected; and
- Payments to an employee did not agree to employment contract and other authorised correspondence on the employee's file.

#### Improvement:

Update, review and implement procedures and controls for the accurate processing, and authorisation, of payroll each fortnight. Details for each employee should be reviewed against individual employment contracts to capture allowances, deductions, entitlements etc, into a master list, with appropriate review and authorisation for changes. All required reports should be presented for review and authorisation each fortnight to minimise the risk of fraud, errors and omissions not being detected.

#### 7.3.4 Time Records

To provide a record of hours worked by staff. Through review of payroll processes, we identified instances where timesheets had not been prepared or signed by an employee and where an employee's timesheet had not been reviewed and authorised by a more senior officer prior to the time the payroll was processed. No supporting documentation was available to explain why the timesheet had not been reviewed and authorised. This limits intended controls, as the absence of time records may present difficulties to support the resolution of any future queries (audit, employee pay disputes etc).

#### Improvement:

Time records should be completed by all staff, authorised by a more senior officer, and maintained with payroll reports for future reference where required. Payroll should be processed against the timesheets in accordance with the employees' contract of employment.



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	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
7.3.5	Payroll Audit Trails	Procedure to allow for appropriate review and approval of changes made within the payroll system.	Limited review of changes made to employee master file and parameters is currently undertaken when each payroll is processed. Audit trail reports are produced monthly, however independent reviews are not undertaken with each payroll to ensure bank account details have not been altered or manipulated without prior verification and authorisation.
			Improvement:  Procedures to minimise risk of erroneous or unauthorised changes to employee details should be implemented.  Regular reviews of software audit trails is one form of control and should be undertaken as a minimum. Where possible, segregation of duties should exist where those responsible for processing payroll transactions are unable to make changes to employee master file. Payroll exception reporting and review of audit trails should be undertaken to capture anomalies or unauthorised changes.
7.3.6	Staff Training	To ensure staff have access to ongoing and appropriate training.	Planned and required staff training needs for employees are currently identified and recorded in a training matrix for some operational areas/departments. Further value from current practices can be added through refining these systems toward a more formal required staff training structure, in the form of a central training matrix, applied throughout the organisation.
			Improvement: Refine the current staff training matrix to identify staff training needs relevant to their role, ensuring it is coordinated across the organisation and monitors currency of required licences and qualifications.
7.3.7	Performance Reviews	Framework to provide effective communication between an	Through staff representations, we noted inconsistent practices for employee performance reviews, with limited evidence to support periodic reviews occurring for all employees.
		employee and employer to measure performance, identify training needs and improve effectiveness and efficiency in the workplace.	Improvement: Implement processes and procedures to facilitate annual reviews for performance of all employees, as required by legislation, with appropriate evidence of these reviews consistently recorded.



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#### 7.4 Insurance

At present, the Manager Business Services annually reviews the completeness of insurance, which is presented to the Chief Executive Officer for final review. Discussions are also held with relevant departmental personnel and the insurers annually and adjustments to policies and insurance levels made as considered appropriate. The insurance values of buildings, plant and equipment are based on the three to five yearly valuations of building assets undertaken by registered valuers.

	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Noted / Improvements
7.4.1	Insurance	Insurance cover maintained by contractors for damage caused when undertaking works for the Shire.	Contractors' insurances are not always assessed prior to award of contracts in all cases. Reliance is placed on contract managers to ensure copies of insurance are provided. We noted updates to systems to record this information has commenced.
			Improvement:  To help ensure all contractors have the relevant licences and have adequate insurance cover for the works they
			undertake for the Shire, procedures should be developed, and records maintained to ensure copies of contractor's insurance are obtained and held on file prior to award of contracts and they remain current.
7.4.2	Events Insurance cover maintained by community groups for when holding events on Shire property.	maintained by community groups for when	Community groups' insurances are not always assessed prior to events being held on Shire property. Reliance is placed on event organisers to ensure copies of insurances are provided.
		Improvement:  To help ensure all events held on Shire property have relevant and adequate insurance cover, procedures should be developed, and records maintained to ensure current insurances are in place.	



# 7.0 Framework Implementation (Continued)

	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Noted / Improvements
7.4.3	Insurance Claims	Systems and processes to provide high level	Processes to report potential insurance claims are not formalised and may have resulted in an unreported / unsubmitted claim to insurers.
		monitoring of risks and to ensure controls are maintained prior to lodging insurance claims.	We noted in the course of our review, there is currently formal requirement to report on the status/ action of insurance claims made by and against and by the Shire The staff member tasked with preparing initial paperwor for claims may benefit from a recording system to assis with monitoring and tracking pending claims, as insurers will generally manage many components of the claims process. This may assist with monitoring and evaluatio of pending insurance claims periodically by the executive leadership team.
			Improvements:
			Review systems and processes relating to insurance claims to ensure they are appropriately reported, reviewed and authorised prior to being lodged with insurers for processing.
			Review systems and processes relating to insurance claims to formalise and maintain an insurance claims register to provide for high level monitoring and management of insurance claims.



# 8.0 Framework Evaluation

Developing and implementing systems and procedures for risk management, legislative compliance and internal controls within a local government can be a time consuming and expensive exercise with the potential to divert resources away from direct services. Considering the level of investment necessary to establish these systems, actions to monitor their effectiveness are an essential practice.

Over time, the relevancy of established controls may change, their purpose may be forgotten, or technology may offer a more efficient or effective way to achieve the initial goal. For these reasons, formal review procedures are required to ensure the resources applied to maintaining these systems, practices and controls are done so in the most efficient way.

Evidence of the monitoring of risk management, internal controls and legislative compliance is sourced from Minutes of Meetings, Registers of Disclosures and reports reviewed.

#### 8.1 Council and Audit and Risk Committee

Regular monthly financial statements and lists of payments, made in the intervening period between each meeting, have been presented to the Council for review, as required by legislation. This provides the basis for high level oversight of the expenditure transactions of the organisation.

	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Noted / Improvements
8.1.1	Council and Committee Minutes	Official record of proceedings and decisions.	Some officer reports presented for consideration at Council meetings noted incorrect statutory compliance references within the agenda reports. Although the instances we noted were effectively carried by an absolute majority of Council, incorrect references have the potential to contribute to non-compliant decisions where reliance is based upon the information stated.
			Improvement:
			Update systems and controls for agenda items to ensure correct statutory voting requirements are included to allow council members to understand the legislative environment relating to the item being considered and minimise potential occurrences where non compliant decisions may occur.
8.1.2	List of Payments	List of payments presented to Council at each meeting in accordance with legislative requirements.	The list of payments discloses a high level of detail of invoices being paid, rather than just the information required by legislation. Public provisions of this level of detail increases the risk of IT related fraud and may result in disclosure of confidential commercial information.
			Improvement:
			The list of payments made by the CEO under delegated authority should be presented to Council with only the minimum information required by legislation.



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# 8.0 Framework Evaluation (Continued)

### **8.2 Strategic and Operational Registers**

A number of registers are maintained by the shire. The table below details areas for possible improvement in relation to these registers.

	Register	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
8.2.1	Tender Register	Statutory register of tenders called.	At the time of our review, the tender register had not published on the official local government website details of all tenders called as required by Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.
			Improvement: Review and update controls relating to maintenance of the tender register, ensuring it contains information required to comply with regulation 16 & 17 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 and is published on the official local government website as required by legislation.
8.2.2	Contracts Register	Provide a record of contracts entered into by the Shire.	While contracts are generally managed through the record keeping system, a formal contract register has not yet been established to provide consistent information detailing the status of all contracts held by the Shire.
			Improvement:  Maintain a register to record details of all contracts (current and expired) and their status in a form to assist with ensuring contracts are monitored and actioned as required and reflecting the value of the contracts.
8.2.3	Grants Register	Register of grants to provide high level monitoring of compliance with grant conditions.	A register of grants being managed by the Shire was not available for our review, however we noted this is currently being developed. Understanding the current status of grants (as well as the number of grants currently being managed by the Shire) may assist in assessing the risks of undertaking additional programs, performance with current programs (e.g. where programs are not efficiently delivered) and detecting any issues or non compliance in a timely manner for appropriate action.
			Improvement:  Progress the development of a register of grants to include controls for the monitoring of grants with funding conditions and acquittal processes, as well as to evidence the routine review of status, compliance and performance of grants being managed by the Shire.



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# 8.0 Framework Evaluation (Continued)

	Register	Purpose / Goal	Matters Identified / Improvements
8.2.4	Swimming Pool Register	Register of inspections undertaken.	A listing of inspections of private swimming pools within the district has been recently developed, although it was noted some routine inspections are currently overdue. We noted management have allocated additional resources to undertake the required inspections.
			Improvement:
			Update systems and processes to ensure routine monitoring and review of the register occurs for future private swimming pool inspections to be undertaken within required timeframes.
8.2.5	Regulatory Health Inspection	Register of regulatory inspections	A register of health inspections undertaken was not available for our review. Staff representations noted this is currently under development.
	Register	undertaken.	Improvement:
			Maintain a register to detail a central record of health inspections undertaken, registered premises within the district, and to ensure inspections are undertaken within required timeframes.
8.2.6	Portable and Attractive Items Register	Register to maintain listing of portable / desirable assets as required by Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.	A listing of portable and attractive items is kept as required by the <i>Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i> , however we noted updates to the register have not been routinely applied.
			Improvement:  Update systems and processes to update the portable and attractive asset register when items are purchased and to perform a full stocktake to update the register. Any removals should be appropriately authorised. Consider increasing the frequency of stocktakes to be in line with the Shire's risk appetite for all non-consumable assets susceptible to theft or loss to improve controls of portable and attractive items.

#### 8.3 Annual Compliance Audit Returns (CAR)

Returns have been completed on a self-assessment basis and approved by Council each year. The CAR was completed by independent consultants for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 return periods. Non compliances noted in the returns were commented on within the returns to explain to the Audit Committee and to Council actions to address matters identified.

#### 8.4 Complaint Handling

Community complaints are received by administration staff, recorded in shire's records management system and assigned to the relevant department to address. Responsibility for the routine follow up of complaints to ensure they have been adequately addressed is to be monitored through routine monthly reporting to the CEO on the status of complaints received.



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# 8.0 Framework Evaluation (Continued)

#### **8.5 Audit Practices**

The 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 reporting periods were audited by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) using third party auditors.

The table below details areas for possible improvement in relation to audit practices.

	Component	Purpose / Goal	Matters Noted / Improvements
8.5.1	Internal Audit	Internal audit monitors the level of compliance with internal procedures and process along with assessing the appropriateness of these procedures.	Currently, no internal auditors have been appointed, and limited internal audit functions have been undertaken.
			Improvement:  We suggest as the level of documented procedures increase, an expanded internal audit function to confirm adherence to documented policies and procedures may be required as recommended by the OAG in their report to Parliament on the Audit Results Report - Local Government 2023-24 Financial Audit Results.
8.5.2	Work Health Safety (WHS) Audit		An WHS audit was performed in 2023 by an independent party, resulting in a number of recommendations. The report notes a further review was to be undertaken in twelve months. At the time of our review, the WHS systems had not yet undergone further review. Staff representations noted consultants had been engaged to be perform the review prior to the end of 2024-25.
			Improvement: Progress the implementation of previously identified WHS matter and the scheduled WHS audit, ensuring subsequent actions and matters identified through the audit are adequately addressed.

#### 8.6 Review required to be undertaken by the CEO

The CEO is required to undertake reviews of systems and procedures of the local government. We noted not all recommendations from the prior review have not yet been fully implemented. These recommendations have been included within this report.



### 9.0 Other Matters

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# Appendix A Financial Management Systems Review

The following assessments were undertaken to evaluate the appropriateness and effectiveness of financial management system controls. Where we were unable to examine systems and procedures, comment has been provided throughout our report.

System	Description	
Bank reconciliation and petty cash management	Examination of procedures and review of maintenance and management practices undertaken by staff.	
Trust funds	Examination of trust funds to determine proper accountability in the shire's financial management system and compliance with regulatory requirements.	
Receipts and receivables	Examination of end of day banking procedures to determine if they were adequate in ensuring cash collection is being recorded and allocated properly to the general ledger. The receivables system including raising of invoices was also reviewed with limited testing in respect to allocation/posting.	
Rates	The shire's rating procedures were examined to determine if they were adequate in ensuring rates were being imposed or raised correctly. This also included inspection of the rate record, rate notices, instalment notices, valuation reconciliations and general ledger. We randomly selected and tested rate notices which included:  • sighting the notices;	
	<ul> <li>re-performing the calculations;</li> <li>ascertaining whether the valuations applied agree to Landgate's valuation roll/report and rates per dollar imposed are as per adopted budget;</li> <li>ensuring the rate system is properly updated; and</li> </ul>	
	checking proper posting to the general ledger.	
Purchases, payments and payables (including purchase orders)	Random selection of payment transactions to determine whether purchases were authorised/budgeted and payments were supported, certified/authorised and correctly allocated. The shire's purchases, payments and payables system was also examined to determine if adequate controls were in place in ensuring liabilities are properly recorded and payments are properly controlled.	
Payroll	A sample of employees were randomly selected from pay runs during the reporting period and detailed testing of each employee's pay was performed to help ensure:	
	<ul> <li>the employee existed;</li> <li>the correct rate of pay was used;</li> <li>non-statutory deduction authorities are on hand;</li> <li>time sheets were properly completed and authorised;</li> <li>hours worked were properly authorised; and</li> <li>allocations were reasonable and correctly posted.</li> <li>The shire's payroll system was also reviewed to determine if adequate controls were in place to help ensure wages and salaries are properly processed and payments are properly controlled.</li> </ul>	



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# Appendix A Financial Management Systems Review (Continued)

System	Description
Transaction card procedures	A review of the shire's transaction card procedures was performed to determine if adequate controls were in place. We randomly selected and tested credit card transactions to determine whether they are legitimate and usual in the context of the shire's operations. This included:
Fixed assets (including depreciation, acquisition, and disposal of property)	The fixed assets system including controls over acquisition and disposal of assets, updating of the fixed assets register, depreciation of fixed assets and reconciliation of the fixed assets register to the general ledger was examined. A sample of asset additions and disposals were judgmentally selected, and testing performed to ensure:  • the tax invoices existed; • correct posting to the general ledger; • fixed assets register was promptly updated; and • classification of assets was correct. • In addition, a sample of assets were judgmentally selected and testing performed to ensure the depreciation rates used are in line with the shire's policy.
Cost and administration allocation	The shire's cost and administration allocation system was examined to determine if indirect costs have been properly reallocated to various jobs/programs. This included review of the allocation basis and rates used to ensure they are appropriate and regularly reviewed.
Financial reports controls	The format of the annual report, annual financial report and monthly financial reports were reviewed for compliance with legislative requirements.
Budget and budget review	The 2024-25 budget document and documents surrounding budget adoption were reviewed to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.
Borrowings	Reconciliation of borrowings to the WATC loan schedules were examined (where applicable).
Inventory	Inventory reconciliations and stock take procedures were examined.



# Appendix B Council Policies Examined

The Council Policies examined as part of the review were as follows:

#### **Policy Topic**

# (A) ADMINISTRATION **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION** A.1.1 Chambers A.1.2 Legal Representation A.1.3 Meetings of Council - Guest Speakers A.1.4 Execution of Documents A.1.5 External Complaints Management A.1.6 Citizenship Ceremony A.1.7 Recordkeeping Policy A.1.8 Legislative Compliance A.1.9 Internal Control A.1.10 Approvals at Short Notice **FINANCE** A.2.1 Financial Governance A.2.2 Borrowing Management A.2.3 Rating A.2.4 Rating Exemption A.2.5 Investments A.2.6 Corporate Transaction Cards A.2.7 Purchasing Policy A.2.8 Rates Recovery A.2.9 Asset Management Policy A.2.10 Risk Management Policy A.2.11 Regional Price Preference/ Buy Local Policy A.2.12 Financial Hardship A.2.13 Community Grant Policy **HUMAN RESOURCES** A.3.1 Gratuity Payments A.3.2 Information and Communication Technology A.3.3 Strategic Work, Health and Safety (WHS) A.3.4 Temporary Employment or Appointment of a CEO A.3.5 Superannuation A.3.6 Public Interest Disclosure A.3.7 Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination



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# Appendix B Council Policies Examined (Continued)

#### (C) COMMUNITY SERVICES

C.4.1 Museum Collections Policy

C.4.2 Ageing in Place Village

#### (M) MEMBERS

M.5.1 Events – Council Members' and CEO Attendance and Rep.

M.5.2 Conferences – Members' Travel and Accommodation Expenses

M.5.3 Public Question Time

M.5.4 Elected Member Mandatory and Ongoing Professional Development

#### (T) TECHNICAL SERVICES

T.6.1 Building Control – Relocated Dwellings

T.6.2 Conditions for Surface Clearing and Drilling Activities within the Leonora Townsite



# Appendix C Plans Examined

The Plans examined as part of the review were as follows:

Plan	Status
Code of Conduct - Elected Members, Committees and Candidates	Reviewed February 2021
Code of Conduct - Staff, Volunteers	Reviewed June 2024
Leonora Local Emergency Management Arrangements	Reviewed 30 January 2023
Leonora Aerodrome Emergency Plan	Reviewed 16 October 2024
Annual Report	2023-24
Strategic Community Plan & Corporate Business Plan (Plan for the Future)	Reviewed 16 April 2024
Strategic Resource Plan	2022-2037
Shire of Leonora – ICT Strategic Plan	4 August 2024
Recordkeeping Plan 2018027/1	Reviewed by SRO 7 June 2024



# Appendix D Strategic and Operational Registers Examined

The registers examined as part of the review were as follows:

Register
Delegation Register
Tender Register
Cemeteries Register
Financial Interest Register
Gifts Register
Notifiable Gift Register
Complaints Register
Risk Register
Elected Member Training Register
Portable and Attractive Items Register



# Appendix E Operational Guidelines

#### **Risk Management**

The internal control and risk management systems and programs are a key expression of a local government's attitude to effective controls. Good audit committee practices in monitoring internal control and risk management programs typically include:

- Reviewing whether the local government has an effective risk management system and material operating risks to the local government are appropriately considered;
- Reviewing whether the local government has a current and effective Business Continuity Plan (including disaster recovery) which is tested from time to time;
- Assessing the internal processes for determining and managing material operating risks in accordance with the local government's identified tolerance for risk, particularly in the following areas:
  - potential non-compliance with legislation, regulations and standards and local government's policies
  - important accounting judgements or estimates prove to be wrong
  - litigation and claims
  - misconduct, fraud and theft
  - significant business risks, recognising responsibility for general or specific risk areas, for example, environmental risk, occupational health and safety, and how they are managed by the local government
- Obtaining regular risk reports, which identify key risks, the status and the effectiveness of the risk
  management systems, to ensure identified risks are monitored and new risks are identified, mitigated
  and reported;
- Assessing the adequacy of local government processes to manage insurable risks and ensure the adequacy of insurance cover, and if applicable, the level of self-insurance;
- Reviewing the effectiveness of the local government's internal control system with management and the internal and external auditors;
- Assessing whether management has controls in place for unusual types of transactions and/or any
  potential transactions that might carry more than an acceptable degree of risk;
- Assessing the local government's procurement framework with a focus on the probity and transparency of policies and procedures/processes and whether these are being applied;
- Should the need arise, meeting periodically with key management, internal and external auditors, and compliance staff, to understand and discuss any changes in the local government's control environment; and
- Ascertaining whether fraud and misconduct risks have been identified, analysed, evaluated, have an
  appropriate treatment plan which has been implemented, communicated, monitored and there is
  regular reporting and ongoing management of fraud and misconduct risks.

#### **Legislative Compliance**

'The compliance programs of a local government are a strong indication of attitude towards meeting legislative requirements. Audit committee practices in regard to monitoring compliance programs typically include:

- a) Monitoring compliance with legislation and regulations
- b) Reviewing the annual Compliance Audit Return and reporting to Council the results of that review



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# Appendix E Operational Guidelines (Continued)

#### **Legislative Compliance (continued)**

- c) Staying informed about how management is monitoring the effectiveness of its compliance and making recommendations for change as necessary
- d) Reviewing whether the local government has procedures for it to receive, retain and treat complaints, including confidential and anonymous employee complaints
- e) Obtaining assurance that adverse trends are identified and review management's Plans to deal with these
- f) Reviewing management disclosures in financial reports of the effect of significant compliance issues
- g) Reviewing whether the internal and / or external auditors have regard to compliance and ethics risks in the development of their Audit Plan and in the conduct of audit projects, and report compliance and ethics issues to the audit committee
- h) Considering the internal auditor's role in assessing compliance and ethics risks in their Plan;
- Monitoring the local government's compliance frameworks dealing with relevant external legislation and regulatory requirements
- j) Complying with legislative and regulatory requirements imposed on audit committee members, including not misusing their position to gain an advantage for themselves or another or to cause detriment to the local government and disclosing conflicts of interest

#### **Internal Controls**

'Internal control is a key component of a sound governance framework, in addition to leadership, long-term planning, compliance, resource allocation, accountability and transparency. Strategies to maintain sound internal controls are based on risk analysis of the internal operations of a local government.

An effective and transparent internal control environment is built on the following key areas:

- a) integrity and ethics;
- b) policies and delegated authority;
- c) levels of responsibilities and authorities;
- d) audit practices;
- e) information system access and security;
- f) management operating style; and
- g) human resource management and practices.

Internal control systems involve policies and procedures that safeguard assets, ensure accurate and reliable financial reporting, promote compliance with legislation and achieve effective and efficient operations and may vary depending on the size and nature of the local government.



# Appendix E Operational Guidelines (Continued)

#### **Internal Controls (continued)**

Aspects of an effective control framework will include:

- a) delegation of authority;
- b) documented policies and procedures;
- c) trained and qualified employees;
- d) system controls;
- e) effective Policy and process review;
- f) regular internal audits
- g) documentation of risk identification and assessment; and
- h) regular liaison with auditor and legal advisors.

The following are examples of controls that are typically reviewed:

- a) separation of roles and functions, processing and authorisation;
- b) control of approval of documents, letters and financial records;
- c) comparison of internal data with other or external sources of information;
- d) limit of direct physical access to assets and records;
- e) control of computer applications and information system standards;
- f) limit access to make changes in data files and systems;
- g) regular maintenance and review of financial control accounts and trial balances;
- h) comparison and analysis of financial results with budgeted amounts;
- i) the arithmetical accuracy and content of records;
- j) report, review and approval of financial payments and reconciliations; and
- k) comparison of the result of physical cash and inventory counts with accounting records.



# Appendix F Improvements Identified

Risk Area	Prioritised Action Required		
Implementation –	7.1.3 ICT Disaster Recovery Plan		
Strategic and Operational Plans	7.1.4 ICT Strategic Plan		
Implementation –	7.2.3 Evidencing Routine Reviews, Authorisations and Approvals		
Operational and Financial Procedures	7.2.7 ICT Security		
Financial Procedures	7.2.9 General Journals		
	7.2.10 Changes to Banking Details		
	7.2.11 Electronic Banking Transactions		
	7.2.12 Bank Account Authorisations		
	7.2.14 Revenue Controls at Shire Facilities		
	7.2.15 Security Controls for Cash Handling		
	7.2.20 Rates		
	7.2.22 Procurement		
Implementation –	7.3.2 Staff Contracts and Employee Files		
Human Resource Management and	7.3.3 Payroll Processing, Exception Reporting, Authorisation and Employee Masterfile Setup		
Practices	7.3.4 Time Records		
	7.3.5 Payroll Audit Trails		
Implementation – Insurance	7.4.2 Insurance Claims		



# Appendix F Improvements Identified (Continued)

Risk Area	Planned Action Required
Design – Policies	6.2.1 A.2.6 Corporate Transaction Cards
	6.2.2 C.4.2 Ageing in Place Village
	6.2.3 General Policy Actions
Implementation –	7.1.1 Business Continuity / Disaster Recovery Plan
Strategic and	7.1.2 Evacuation Plans
Operational Plans	7.1.4 ICT Strategic Plan
Implementation –	7.2.1 Operational Procedures
Operational and	7.2.2 Checklists & Workflow Diagrams
Financial Procedures	7.2.4 Segregation of Duties and Internal Controls
	7.2.5 Access to Shire Facilities
	7.2.6 ICT User Access
	7.2.8 Balance Sheet Reconciliations
	7.2.9 General Journals
	7.2.13 Stock Control
	7.2.15 Receipting and Banking
	7.2.16 Petty Cash
	7.2.17 Fees and Charges
	7.2.18 Debtors Processes
	7.2.19 Overdue Debtors
	7.2.20 Rates
	7.2.21 Outstanding Purchase Orders
	7.2.23 Corporate Transaction Cards
	7.2.24 Contract Management
	7.2.25 Grants Management
	7.2.26 Record Keeping Practices
	7.2.27 Overhead & Administration Allocations
	7.2.28 Annual Report
	7.2.29 Report on Council Member Training
Implementation –	7.3.1 Employee Appointment Procedures
Human Resource	7.3.6 Staff Training
Management and Practices	7.3.7 Performance Reviews
Implementation –	7.4.1 Contractor Insurance
Insurance	7.4.2 Insurance Claims
	7.4.3 Events Insurance



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# Appendix F Improvements Identified (Continued)

Risk Area	Planned Action Required
Evaluation – Council	8.1.1 Council and Committee Minutes
and Audit and Risk Committee	8.1.2 List of Payments
Evaluation – Strategic	8.2.1 Tender Register
and Operational	8.2.3 Contracts Register
Registers	8.2.4 Grants Register
	8.2.5 Swimming Pool Register
	8.2.6 Regulatory Health Inspection Register
	8.2.7 Portable and Attractive Items Register
Evaluation – Audit	8.5.1 Internal Audit
Practices	8.5.2 Work Health Safety (WHS) Audit



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#### 10.0 REPORTS

# 10.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS 10.2.(F) AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE CHAIR

**SUBMISSION TO:** Ordinary Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 17th June 2025

**AGENDA REFERENCE:** 10.2.(F) JUN 25

**SUBJECT:** Audit and Risk Committee Chair

LOCATION/ADDRESS: NA

NAME OF APPLICANT: NA

FILE REFERENCE: Council

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

**NAME:** Ty Matson

**OFFICER:** Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 13th June 2025

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Nil

#### **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this report is to appoint a Presiding Member of the Audit and Risk Committee by absolute majority.

Section 5.12 of the Local Government Act has now been amended such that the local government (that is, not the committee) must appoint by absolute majority a member of a committee to be presiding member of that committee.

This appointment must be made no later than 1 July 2025 pursuant to Schedule 9.3 (Transitional Provisions) cl 67 of the Act.

After the 2025 Local Government elections all committees must be re-established and this procedure will once again apply.

As Cr Craig is the current presiding member of the committee and as no other statutory issues have arisen that would require review, Cr Craigs's position of presiding member should now be confirmed in accordance with the amended section 5.12.

Further, Section 7.1A (relating to the creation of the Audit Committee) now requires that the committee be called the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

External consultation has occurred with WALGA, LGPro and Moore Australia.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 (as amended)

Sections 5.12, 7.1A and Schedule 9.3 (Transitional Provisions) apply.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Policy Implications.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no identified strategic implications as a result of the recommendation.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Applying the Council's Risk Management matrix, should the statutory process required not be followed there is a minor risk of reputational damage. As it is unlikely that the Council would ignore the statutory process there is a low overall consequence. However, should the officer's recommendation not be applied, the Council will be in contravention of Section 5.12 from 1 July 2026.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. That Council:
  - (a) Pursuant to Section 7.1A of the Local Government Act 1995 the name of the Audit and Risk Committee' be amended to 'Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee'
  - (b) Appoint Cr Craig as Presiding Member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Absolute	Majority
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**SIGNATURE** 

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Chief Executive Officer
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#### 10.0 REPORTS

# 10.3 MANAGER OF BUSINESS SERVICES 10.3.(A) PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES 2025/2026

**SUBMISSION TO:** Ordinary Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 17th June 2025

**AGENDA REFERENCE:** 10.3.(A) JUN 25

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Fees and Charges 2025/2026

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Leonora

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** N/A

FILE REFERENCE: 1.6

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

NAME: Kiara Lord

**OFFICER:** Manager Business Services

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 12th June 2025

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** 1. Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/2026 U.

#### **PURPOSE**

To consider and adopt the Shire's proposed Fees and Charges for the 2025/2026 financial year.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Each year, Council reviews the fees and charges to set an appropriate charge for services provided. The fees and charges reflect the resources required to deliver Council's services and are set in accordance with current legislation.

For the 2025/2026 financial year, it is proposed that the draft 2025-26 Schedule of Fees and Charges as detailed in attachment 1 is considered and adopted prior to the annual budget. This process will allow the changes to the fees and charges to be implemented from 1 July, 2025.

#### COMMENT

Subdivision 2 (Fees and Charges), Division 5 (Financing Local Government Activities), Part 6 (Financial Management) of the *Local Government Act 1995* (WA) enables a local government to apply fees and charges for the goods or services it provides.

While fees and charges are to be imposed when adopting the annual budget, they may be imposed or amended by Council during a financial year by giving local public notice and advising of the date the fee and charge will apply from. Should Council adopt the fees and charges at the June meeting, this will allow statutory advertising to be conducted during June with the charges implemented from 1 July 2025.

There is no legislative requirement to return the item to Council after advertising the fees and charges.

The process is proposed to be decoupled from the annual budget process in 2025-26 for the following reasons;

- Reduce the risk of lost income should the budget not be adopted until the statutory deadline
  of 31 August. Should the adoption of the budget be delayed for any reason, the impact of
  the delayed imposition of the increase in fees and charges impacts the revenue received by
  the Shire over the 2025-26 financial year.
- Improved budget planning. The proposed draft fees and charges are estimated to make up approximately 15-20% of the anticipated revenue for the Shire in 2025-26. Confirmation of Council's position on the proposed fees and charges will assist in the remainder of the budget preparation process.

The fees and charges within each area have been reviewed, and there has been a 3.5% increase to most of the non-statutory fees and charges to account for an increase in costs associated with the provision and/or delivery of these services. A few significant items to note as follows:

- The caretaker unit at the Aging in Place Facility is no longer being utilised, so 8 units are available for rental. The rate has remained at \$225/week.
- Staff Housing rental has increased by \$10.00 to \$75.00 per week. This takes into account that
  all houses are provided with whitegoods, and can be furnished or unfurnished depending on
  the preference of the staff involved.
- Fees and charges have been rounded to the nearest 50c on the Total amounts in most cases. This change was implemented to make it easier for cash payments, as increasing on the GST exclusive amounts creates odd cents.
- Advertising Fees for the airport have been added this year, in line with the same kind of advertising at the information bay.
- Due to increased interest in 2024/2025, Hanger Lease fees have been included this year at \$50/month for half the hanger. These will be invoiced pro-rata at the start of the financial year.
- Additional Sanitation Fees have been added significantly Tyre Disposal up to 35"
- At cost + 20% has been noted for a few additional items due to the nature of the transactions expected, these being:
  - Avgas
  - Standpipe Water
- Avgas by the Drum has been removed as a charge for 2025/2026

Any other changes from the previous year would be due to:

- Removal of a charge for a service which the Shire no longer provides;
- Charges which have been redescribed or moved within the Schedule for clarity;
- Changes to statutory charges, as amended by the State Government;
- Changes to cost recovery based on changes to contracting and/or supply costs.

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#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The imposition of fees and charges and associated considerations are as per the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA)*, Subdivision 2 (Fees and Charges), Division 5 (Financing Local Government Activities), Part 6 (Financial Management) (s.6.16 - s.6.19).

Of additional note the following policy and statutory implications have informed the development of the proposed 2025-26 Schedule of Fees and Charges:

- Many of these fees and charges are statutory charges set under other legislation such as
   *Planning and Development Act 2005, Building Act 2011, Public Health Act 2016, Food Act
   2008, Dog Act 1976* and *Cat Act 2011* (and/or subsidiary regulations). Charges prescribed
   by State Acts or Regulations cannot be amended by the Council;
- The Chief Executive Officer has delegated authority by Council to waive fees and charges in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.12 (1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA) should special circumstances apply; and

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Policy C 4.2 Ageing in Place Village stipulates that rents will be set annually by Council through the Fees and Charges process.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The adoption of the fees and charges will have a direct impact on the revenue received in the next financial year. This will impact on the 2025/2026 budget which is currently being drafter. Should the annual budget not be adopted until the statutory deadline of 31 August, there would be an associated reduction in revenue from some fees and charges associated with the delay.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The draft 2025/26 Schedule of Fees and Charges has been developed having regard for the Shire of Leonora's adopted Plan for the Future and Corporate Business Plan.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

This item has been evaluated against the Shire of Leonora's Risk Management Framework, Risk Assessment Matrix. The perceived level of risk is low prior to treatment and after adoption of the recommendations.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council:

- 1. Adopt by absolute majority the 2025-2026 Schedule of fees and Charges as detailed in Attachment 1 to this report, and authorise the changes to take effect from 1 July 2025;
- 2. Notes that statutory fees and charges included in the 2025-26 Schedule of Fees and Charges are subject to determination by State Government
- 3. Approves advertising the 2025-2026 Schedule of Fees and Charges as per item 1 above, by local public notice, in accordance with Section 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA);* and

4. Notes after advertising completion, the changes will take effect from 1 July 2025.

### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

**Absolute Majority** 

**SIGNATURE** 

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

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# **Schedule of Fees and Charges**

2025/2026

ID	Item	S	Cost	GST	Total	#	Comment					
103	General Purpose Funding											
1031	Rates											
1030010	Charges - Admin - Installments	Ν	25.00	0.00	25.00	each						
1030013	General Enquiries	Ν	47.73	4.77	52.50	each						
1030013	Reprint Notice	Ν	10.45	1.05	11.50	each						
1030013	Payment Arrangement Fee	Ν	22.73	2.27	25.00	each						
104	Governance											
1041	Membership											
1041426	Nomination Deposit	Υ	80.00	0.00	80.00	each	Refunded post election					
1041429	Council Minutes	Ν	5.00	0.50	5.50	each	Free if attending relevant meeting					
1041429	Council Agenda	Ν	9.55	0.95	10.50	each	Free if attending relevant meeting					
1041429	Annual Subscription - Council Minutes	N	54.55	5.45	60.00	annual	Copy of Printed Minutes provided via post (12 months)					
1041429	Annual Report	Ν	14.09	1.41	15.50	each	Free if attending relevant meeting					
1041429	Budget	Ν	14.09	1.41	15.50	each	Free if attending relevant meeting					
1041430	Strategic Planning Documents	Ν	9.55	0.95	10.50	each						
1042	Freedom of Information Fees						As per Freedom of Information Regulations 1993					
1042	Treedom of information rees						Schedule 1					
1042001	Personal info about the applicant	Υ	0.00	0.00	0.00	each						
1042001	Application Fee	Υ	30.00	0.00	30.00	each						
	Time taken to deal with application	Υ	30.00	0.00	30.00	per hour						
	Access Time - Supervised	Υ	30.00	0.00	30.00	per hour						
1042001	Staff Time - Photocopying	Υ	30.00	0.00	30.00	per hour						
	Photocopying	Υ	0.20	0.00	0.20	per copy						
	Transcription Services	Υ	30.00	0.00	30.00	per hour	From a tape or other device					
	Duplicating tape, film or computer info by Staff	Υ	30.00	0.00	30.00	per hour						
	Duplicating Tape, film or computer info (external)	Υ	Actual	Actual	Actual	each	Actual cost of these services to be charged					
1042001	Delivery, Packaging and Postage	Υ	Actual	Actual	Actual	each	Actual cost of these services to be charged					
1042001	Advanced Deposit under Section 18(1)	Υ	2	25% of estin	nated total co	ost	An estimated total cost will be provided, and 25% of this will be payable in advance					
1042001	Advanced Deposit under Section 18(4)	Υ	7	75% of estin	nated total co	ost	An estimated total cost will be provided, and 75% of this will be payable in advance					

# **Schedule of Fees and Charges**

### 2025/2026

ID	Item		s	Cost	GST	Total	#	Comment
105	Law Order & Public Safety							
1052	Animal Control							
1052400	Fines & Penalties		Υ	Assorted	0.00	Assorted	each	As per Dog Act 1976, Cat Act 2011, and relevant Local Laws
1052410	Pound Fee per animal		N	21.50	0.00	21.50	per day	
1052410	Pound Release Fee		N	81.00	0.00	81.00	each	
1052410	Microchipping		N	55.00	0.00	55.00	each	
1052420	Dog Registration - Unsterilised - 1	Year	Υ	50.00	0.00	50.00	each	
1052420	Dog Registration - Unsterilised - 3 \	Years	Υ	120.00	0.00	120.00	each	
1052420	Dog Registration - Unsterilised - Lif	fetime	Υ	250.00	0.00	250.00	each	
	Dog Registration - Sterilised - 1 Yea		Υ	20.00	0.00	20.00	each	
	Dog Registration - Sterilised - 3 Yea		Υ	42.50	0.00	42.50	each	
1052420	Dog Registration - Sterilised - Lifeti	me	Υ	100.00	0.00	100.00	each	
1052420	Working Dogs		Υ	20% of prescribed fees		each	Proof of working status must be provided for discount to apply	
1052420	Pensioner/Healthcare Card Owner	rs	Υ	50% of prescribed fees		each	Relevant card must be provided for discount to apply	
1052420	1 Year after 31st May	,	Υ	50% c	f prescribe	d fees	each	
1052423	Cat Registration - Sterilised - 1 Yea	r	Υ	20.00	0.00	20.00	each	Cats must be sterilised to be registered
1052423	Cat Registration - Sterilised - 3 Yea	irs	Υ	42.50	0.00	42.50	each	
1052423	Cat Registration - Sterilised - Lifeti	me	Υ	100.00	0.00	100.00	each	
1052423	Annual Application - Approval to B	reed Cat	Υ	100.00	0.00	100.00	each	
1052423	Pensioner/Healthcare Card Owner	rs ·	Υ	0.50	0.00	0.50	each	
1052423	1 Year after 31st May		Υ	0.50	0.00	0.50	each	
107	HEALTH							
1074	Admin. & Inspections							
1074422	Annual Caravan Park Registration	(minimum)	Υ	200.00	0.00	200.00	annual	Per Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997
1074423	Long Stay Sites		Υ	6.00	0.00	6.00	per site	Registration Fees are based on minimum fee or multiplication
1074424	Short Stay Sites		Υ	6.00	0.00	6.00	per site	of number of sites by the registration type, whichever is greater

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# **Schedule of Fees and Charges**

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ID Item	S	Cost	GST	Total	#	Comment				
1074425 Camp Site	Υ	3.00	0.00	3.00	per site					
1074426 Overflow Site	Υ	1.50	0.00	1.50	per site					
1074427 Additional fee for renewal after expiry	Υ	20.00	0.00	20.00	each					
1074428 Temporary licence (minimum)	Υ	100.00	0.00	100.00	each					
1074429 Transfer of licence	Υ	100.00	0.00	100.00	each					
1076 Other										
1076470 Fees - Lodging House Registration	Ν	195.50	0.00	195.50	annual					
1076470 Annual Inspection Fee	Ν	163.00	0.00	163.00		New 2025/2026				
I076471 Food Premises Registration	Ν	163.00	0.00	163.00	annual	Sanctioned by s.110(4)(b) of the Food Act 2008				
I08 EDUCATION & WELFARE										
I081 Childcare Centre Fees										
I080008 Full day fee per child	Ν	88.92	8.89	97.81	per day	Up to 9 hours				
I080008 Half day per child	Ν	66.88	6.69	73.57	per day	up to 4 hours				
1080008 School hours per child	Ν	75.78	7.58	83.35	per day	up to 6 hours				
I080008 Weekly	Ν	441.22	44.12	485.34	per week	up to 9 hours x 5 days				
I080008 Public Holidays fulltime care per child	Ν	39.52	3.95	43.47	per day					
1080008 Public Holidays occasional care per child	Ν	49.40	4.94	54.34	per day					
109 HOUSING										
I091 Staff Housing										
I0914** Staff Housing - Rent	Ν	75.00	0.00	75.00	per week	\$10 increase				
1091424 Single Persons Quarters	Ν	25.00	0.00	25.00	per week					
1092 Other Housing										
I0923** Ageing in Place Units	Ν	225.00	0.00	225.00	per week	8 Units available				
I10 COMMUNITY AMENITIES										
I101 Sanitation - Household										
I101410 Charges Domestic Refuse Removal	Ν	215.00	0.00	215.00	per bin					
I101504 Charges - Sale of Bins	Ν	95.45	9.55	105.00	each					
I102 Sanitation - Other										
I102410 Charges - Commercial Refuse	Ν	465.00	0.00	465.00	per bin					
I102411 Bulk Refuse 2-5m3	Ν	246.82	24.68	271.50	each					
I102411 Bulk Refuse 6m3	Ν	296.36	29.64	326.00	each					
I102411 Bulk Refuse 7m3	Ν	345.45	34.55	380.00	each					

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l102411	Bulk Refuse 8m3	N	395.00	39.50	434.50	each	
I102411	Bulk Refuse 9m3	N	444.55	44.45	489.00	each	
l102411	Bulk Refuse 10m3	N	493.64	49.36	543.00	each	Refuse > 10m3 to be calculated at total volume of container
I102412	Asbestos Disposal to be wrapped (per m3)	N	256.82	25.68	282.50	per m3	
I102413	Tyre Disposal up to 20" without rims (each)	N	14.09	1.41	15.50	each	
I102413	Tyre Disposal up to 20" withrims (each)	N	23.18	2.32	25.50	each	
I102413	Tyre Disposal up to 35" without rims (each)	N	19.55	1.95	21.50	each	New 25/26
I102413	Tyre Disposal up to 35" withrims (each)	N	32.73	3.27	36.00	each	New 25/26
I103	Sewerage						
I103430	Septic Tank Fees - Application	Υ	118.00	0.00	118.00	each	Health (treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste Regulations 1974)
I103430	Septic Tank Fees - Local Government Report	Υ	93.00	0.00	93.00	each	Where an application needs to be made to the Chief Health Officer
I103430	Permit to Use	Υ	118.00	0.00	118.00	each	
I103431	Liquid Waste Disposal Fee Townsite	N	0.05	0.00	0.05	per litre	Increase to suit similar councils
I103431	Liquid Waste Disposal Fee Other (mine)	N	0.11	0.00	0.11	per litre	
I106	Other · Town Planning						
<i>l</i> 106001	Town Planning Fees						As per Schedule 2 - Planning and Development Regulations
/106001	Determining a development application (other the extractive industry) where development not commence carried out and estimated cost of development is	ed or					
I106001	A) <= \$50,000	Υ	147.00	0.00	147.00	each	
1106001	B) >\$50,000 and <=\$500,000	Υ	0.00	0.00	0.00	each	x estimated cost of development
1106001	C) >\$50,000 and <=\$2.5 million	Υ	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00	each	+0.257% for every \$1 in excess of \$500,000
I106001	D) >\$2.5 million and <=\$5 million	Υ	7,161.00	0.00	7,161.00	each	+0.206% for every \$1 in excess of \$2.5m
1106001	E) >\$5 million and <=\$21.5 million	Υ	12,633.00	0.00	12,633.00	each	+0.123% for every \$1 in excess of \$5m
1106001	F) >\$21.5 million	Υ	34,196.00	0.00	34,196.00	each	

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1106001	Determining a development application (other than for an extractive industry) where the development has commenced or been carried out	Υ	Fee in item		way of penalt fee	y, twice that	
1106001	3. Determining a development application for an extractive industry where the development has not commenced or been carried out	Υ	739.00	0.00	739.00	each	
I106001	4. Determining a development application for an extractive industry where the development has commenced or been carried out	Υ	Fee in item		way of penalt fee	y, twice that	
I106001	5. Providing a subdivision clearance for –						
I106001	A) not more than 5 lots	Υ	73.00	0.00	73.00	per lot	
I106001	B) more than 5 lots but not more than 195 lots	Υ	73.00	0.00	73.00	per lot	+ \$35/lot after 5 lots
I106001	C) more than 195 lots	Υ	7,393.00	0.00	7,393.00	each	
I106001	5A. Determining an applicationto cancel or amend development approval	Υ	295.00	0.00	295.00	each	
	6. Determining an initial application for approval of a home occupation where the home occupation has not commenced	Υ	222.00	0.00	222.00	each	
1106001	7. Determining an initial application for approval of a home occupation where the home occupation has commenced	Υ	Fee in item		way of penalt fee	y, twice that	
	8. Determining an application for the renewal of an approval of a home occupation where the application is made before the approval expires	Υ	73.00	0.00	73.00	each	
l106001	9. Determining an application for the renewal of an approval of home occupation where the application is made after the approval has expired	Υ	Fee in item		way of penalt fee	y, twice that	
l106001	10. Determining an application for a change of use or for an alteration or extension or change of a non-conforming use to which item 1 does not apply, where the change or the alteration, extension or change has not commenced or been carried out	Υ	295.00	0.00	295.00	each	

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1106001	11. Determining an application for a change of use or for an alteration or extension or change of a non-conforming use to which item 2 does not apply, where the change or the alteration, extension or change has commenced or been carried out	Υ	Fee in item		way of penal <sup>,</sup> fee	ty, twice that	
I106001	12. Providing a zoning certification	Υ	73.00	0.00	73.00	each	
I106001	13. Replying to a property settlement questionnaire	Υ	73.00	0.00	73.00	each	
I106001	14. Providing written planning advice	Υ	73.00	0.00	73.00	each	
l106001	1. A DAP application where the estima	Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011) Schedule 1					
I106001	(a) >= \$2 million and < \$7 million	Υ	6,003.00	0.00	6,003.00	each	
I106001	(b)>=\$7 million and <\$10 million	Υ	9,268.00	0.00	9,268.00	each	
I106001	(c) >=\$10 million and <\$12.5 million	Υ	10,084.00	0.00	10,084.00	each	
I106001	(d) >=\$12.5 million and <\$15 million	Υ	10,371.00	0.00	10,371.00	each	
I106001	(e) >=\$15 million and <\$17.5 million	Υ	10,659.00	0.00	10,659.00	each	
I106001	(f) >=\$17.5 million and <\$20 million	Υ	10,948.00	0.00	10,948.00	each	
I106001	(g) >=\$20 million	Υ	11,236.00	0.00	11,236.00	each	
I106001	2. An application under regulation 17 (Form 2: Amendment)	Υ	257.00	0.00	257.00	each	
l10	COMMUNITY AMENITIES						
I107	Other						
I107459	Public Toilet Access Key	N	25.45	2.55	28.00	each	
I107412	Cemetery Application Fee	Ν	414.00	0.00	414.00	each	
I107412	Grave Preparation	Ν	855.91	85.59	941.50	each	
1107412	Grave Preparation - extra depth	N	103.18	10.32	113.50	each	
I107412	Grave Preparation - Additional Work	N	148.18	14.82	163.00	hour	Plant & Operator
I107412	Funeral Director Annual Fee	N	50.00	0.00	50.00	annual	
I107412	Funeral Director Single Licence	Ν	25.00	0.00	25.00	each	
1107412	Reopening	Ν	569.00	0.00	569.00	each	
1107412	Monumental Contractor Annual Fee	Ν	100.00	0.00	100.00	annual	
1107412	Monumental Contractor Single Fee	Ν	50.00	0.00	50.00	each	

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l11	RECREATION & CULTURE						
l114	Recreation Facilities						
I114450	Facility Hire - Non Profit Groups (no alcohol)	Ν	59.09	5.91	65.00	each	
l114450	Facility Hire - Non Profit Groups (alcohol)	Ν	118.18	11.82	130.00	each	
I114450	Facility Hire - Commercial (no alcohol)	Ν	148.18	14.82	163.00	each	
I114450	Facility Hire - Commercial (alcohol)	Ν	217.27	21.73	239.00	each	
I114450	Facility Hire - Balls/Weddings/Functions (no alcohol)	N	177.73	17.77	195.50	each	
I114450	Facility Hire - Balls/Weddings/Functions (alcohol)	Ν	325.91	32.59	358.50	each	
l114450	Facility Hire - Funerals (no alcohol)	Ν	118.18	11.82	130.00	each	
I114450	Setting up & Putting away tables & chairs	Ν	54.09	5.41	59.50	each	
I114450	Bond (No Alcohol)	Ν	163.00	0.00	163.00	each	
I114450	Bond (Alcohol)	Ν	380.00	0.00	380.00	each	
I114450	Oval Lights	Ν	54.09	5.41	59.50	per hour	
I114450	Indoor Basketball Courts Hire One Hour	Ν	14.55	1.45	16.00	per hour	
I114450	Half Hour	N	7.73	0.77	8.50	each	
I114450	Tennis Court - Night - Lights	Ν	14.55	1.45	16.00	each	
I114450	Tennis Court - Day	Ν	9.55	0.95	10.50	each	
I114450	Squash Courts Half Hour	Ν	7.27	0.73	8.00	each	
I114450	Squash Courts One Hour	Ν	14.55	1.45	16.00	per hour	
I114451	Gym Membership 1 month	Ν	44.09	4.41	48.50	each	
I114451	Gym Membership 3 months	Ν	78.64	7.86	86.50	each	
l114451	Gym Membership 6 months	Ν	148.18	14.82	163.00	each	
l114451	Gym Membership 12 months	Ν	246.82	24.68	271.50	each	
l114451	Gym Membership 12 months - Staff	Ν	123.18	12.32	135.50	each	
l114451	Casual	Ν	7.27	0.73	8.00	per day	
l114451	Seniors & Volunteers	N	50% (	50% of prescribed fees		each	Senior ID or confirmation of volunteer status required
l114451	Students	N	75% (	of prescribe	d fees	each	Student ID required
I114451	Key Deposit	N	26.50	0.00	26.50	each	
l114451	Corporate Membership - 1-4 Members	Ν	395.00	39.50	434.50	each	All facilities except Pool
l114451	Corporate Membership - 5-8 Members	N	592.73	59.27	652.00	each	All facilities except Pool

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l114451	Corporate Membership - 9+ Members	N	740.91	74.09	815.00	each	All facilities except Pool
I114465	Swimming Pool - Adults	Ν	3.64	0.36	4.00	each	
I114465	Swimming Pool - Children	Ν	2.73	0.27	3.00	each	Children up to 14 years
I114465	Swimming Pool - Pensioners	Ν	2.73	0.27	3.00	each	
I114465	Swimming Pool - Children under 3 years	Ν	0.00	0.00	0.00	each	
I114465	Swimming Pool - Spectators	Ν	1.82	0.18	2.00	each	
I114465	Swimming Pool - Adult Full Season Ticket	Ν	98.64	9.86	108.50	each	
I114465	Swimming Pool - Staff Full Season Ticket	Ν	78.64	7.86	86.50	each	
I114465	Swimming Pool - Children Full Season ticket	Ν	49.09	4.91	54.00	each	Children up to 14 years
I114465	Swimming Pool - Pensioners Full season ticket	Ν	49.09	4.91	54.00	each	
I114465	Swimming Pool - Family full season ticket	Ν	197.73	19.77	217.50	each	2 Adults 2 children
I114465	Swimming Pool - Adult Half Season Ticket	Ν	59.09	5.91	65.00	each	
I114465	Swimming Pool - Children Half Season ticket	Ν	29.55	2.95	32.50	each	
I114465	Swimming Pool - Pensioners Half season ticket	Ν	29.55	2.95	32.50	each	
I114465	Swimming Pool - Family Half season ticket	Ν	118.18	11.82	130.00	each	
I114465	Pool Facility Hire - private exclusive use	Ν	148.18	14.82	163.00	each	Outside Normal Hours, no Alcohol
I114465	Pool Facility Hire - Half Day - private exclusive use	Ν	73.64	7.36	81.00	each	Outside Normal Hours, no Alcohol
I114465	Bronze Medallion - Award only	N	19.55	1.95	21.50	each	
l117	Community Resource Centre						
I117004	24 Hour CRC Access - 1 month	Ν	39.09	3.91	43.00	each	
I117004	24 Hour CRC Access - 3 months	Ν	59.09	5.91	65.00	each	
I117004	24 Hour CRC Access - 6 months	Ν	88.64	8.86	97.50	each	
l117004	24 Hour CRC Access - 1 year	Ν	138.18	13.82	152.00	each	
l117004	24 Hour CRC Access - Daily rate	Ν	19.55	1.95	21.50	each	
l117004	Business Hours CRC Access - 1 month	Ν	24.09	2.41	26.50	each	
I117004	Business Hours CRC Access - 3 months	N	49.09	4.91	54.00	each	
I117004	Business Hours CRC Access - 6 months	N	78.64	7.86	86.50	each	
I117004	Business Hours CRC Access - 1 year	N	118.18	11.82	130.00	each	
l117004	Business Hours CRC Access - Daily rate	Ν	19.55	1.95	21.50	each	
I117004	CRC Access Card Deposit	N	26.50	0.00	26.50	each	
I117006	Computer access - Log on fee	N	1.36	0.14	1.50	each	
I117006	Computer access - Per Minute	N	0.09	0.01	0.10	per minute	

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I117006	Wifi Connection 15 min	Ν	3.18	0.32	3.50	each	
I117006	Wifi Connection 30 min	N	4.55	0.45	5.00	each	
I117006	Wifi Connection 60 min	N	9.55	0.95	10.50	per hour	
I117007	Secretarial & Design Services	Ν	29.55	2.95	32.50	per hour	
I117007	Printing, Photocopying, Scanning B&W A4	Ν	0.45	0.05	0.50	each	
I117007	Printing, Photocopying, Scanning B&W A3	Ν	0.91	0.09	1.00	each	
I117007	Printing, Photocopying, Scanning Colour A4	Ν	0.91	0.09	1.00	each	
l117007	Printing, Photocopying, Scanning Colour A3	Ν	3.64	0.36	4.00	each	
l117007	Membership Printing, Photocopying, Scanning (A3/A4)	N		50% of	listed fees		
I117008	A0 Printing (B&W)	Ν	49.09	4.91	54.00	each	
I117009	A0 Printing (Colour)	Ν	73.64	7.36	81.00	each	
I117007	Local Fax	Ν	0.91	0.09	1.00	each	
I117007	Interstate Fax	Ν	0.14	0.01	0.15	each	
I117007	International Fax	Ν	4.55	0.45	5.00	each	
I117007	Fax Extra Pages - Local	Ν	0.09	0.01	0.10	each	
I117007	Fax Extra Pages - Interstate	Ν	0.18	0.02	0.20	each	
I117007	Fax Extra Pages - International	Ν	0.45	0.05	0.50	each	
I117007	Binding Up to 20 pages	Ν	2.73	0.27	3.00	each	
I117007	Binding 20 - 50 pages	Ν	3.64	0.36	4.00	each	
I117007	Binding 50 - 100 pages	Ν	5.45	0.55	6.00	each	
I117007	Binding 100+ pages	Ν	7.27	0.73	8.00	each	
I117007	A4 Laminating	Ν	1.82	0.18	2.00	each	
I117007	A3 Laminating	Ν	3.64	0.36	4.00	each	
I117007	Laminating for Members	N		50% of	listed fees		
I117011	Toy Library Membership 3 months	N	29.55	2.95	32.50	each	
I117011	Toy Library Membership 6 months	N	49.09	4.91	54.00	each	
I117011	Toy Library Deposit	N	43.00	0.00	43.00	each	
l12	TRANSPORT						
l126	Aerodrome						
1126410	Fees - Landing at Airport	N	14.32	1.43	15.75	per tonne	
1126420	Passenger Head Tax	Ν	14.32	1.43	15.75	per person	

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I126430	Advertising at Airport <= 1 square metre	Ν	262.27	26.23	288.50	each	
I126430	Advertising > than 1 square metre	Ν	525.00	52.50	577.50	each	
I126430	Hangar Lease (per craft)	N	600.00	60.00	660.00	annual	(\$50/month Per half of Hanger)
I126430	AVGAS	Ν		at co	st + 20%		24/7 Bowser
I126430	Refuelling - Office Hours (inc reset of AirBP bowser)	Ν	29.09	2.91	32.00		between 6am and 6pm Mon - Fri
	Refuelling - After hours (inc reset of AirBP bowser)	Ν	260.00	26.00	286.00	each	Outside the above hours
l132	Tourism/Area Promotion						
I132003	Info Bay Advertisement - <= 1 square metre	Ν	262.27	26.23	288.50	each	
I132003	> than 1 square metre	Ν	525.00	52.50	577.50	each	
l13	ECONOMIC SERVICES						
I133	Building Control						
<i>l</i> 133410	Building & Demolition permits						per Building Regulations 2012 Schedule 2, Division 1
<i>l</i> 133410	1. Certified application for building permit						
1133410	a) Class 1 or Class 10 building or incidental structure	Υ	0.19% of es		ue of building han \$110	g work but not	
1133410	b) Class 2 to Class 9 building or incidental structure	Υ	0.09% of es		ue of building han \$110	g work but not	
1133410	2. uncertified application for a building permit	Υ	0.32% of es		ue of building han \$110	g work but not	
1133410	3. application for a demolition permit		0.00	0.00	0.00		
l133410	a) demolition work in respect of a Class 1 or Class 10     building or incidental structure	Υ	110.00	0.00	110.00	each	
1133410	b) for demolition work in respect of a Class 2 to Class 9 building	Υ	110.00	0.00	110.00	per story	
l133410	4. application to extend the time during which a building or demolition permit has effect	Υ	110.00	0.00	110.00	each	
I133410	Occupancy Permits & Building Approval Certificates						per Building Regulations 2012 Schedule 2, Division 2
l133410	application for an occupancy permit for a completed building	Υ	110.00	0.00	110.00	each	

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1133410	application for an occupancy permit for an incomplete building	Υ	110.00	0.00	110.00	each	
l133410	3. application for modification of an occupancy permit for additional use of a building on a temporary basis	Υ	110.00	0.00	110.00	each	
1133410	application for a replacement occupancy permit for permanent change of the buildings use or classification	Υ	110.00	0.00	110.00	each	
l133410	5. application for an occupancy permit for an occupancy permit in respect of which unauthorised work has been done	Υ	0.18% of estimated value of unauthorised work but not less than \$110				
	6. application for a building approval certificate for a building or an incidental structure in respect of which unauthorised work has been done	Υ	0.38% of estimated value of unauthorised work but not less than \$110				
I133410	7. application to replace an occupancy permit for an existing building	Υ	110.00	0.00	110.00	each	
	8. application for a building approval certificate for an existing building or incidental structure where unauthorised work has been done	Υ	110.00	0.00	110.00	each	
l133410	9. application to extend the time during which an occupancy permit or building approval certificate has effect	Υ	110.00	0.00	110.00	each	
l133410	Application as defined in regulation 31 – for each building standard in respect of which a declaration is sought is	Υ	2,160.15	0.00	2,160.15	each	per Building Regulations 2012 Schedule 2, Division 3
I133410	Inspections of pool enclosures	Ν	62.00	0.00	62.00	each	
I133410	Local Government approval of battery powered smoke alarms	N	194.50	0.00	194.50	each	
<i>l</i> 133410	Building Services Levy						Per Building Services (Complaint Resolution and Administration) Regulations 2011 Part 3 Division 2
l133410	Building or Demolition Permits where value is <=45,000	Υ	61.65	0.00	61.65	each	

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l133410	Building or Demolition Permits where value is >45,000	Υ	0.137% of	f the value o	of the work	each	
I 1133410 I	Occupancy permit or building approval certificate for approved building work under s47, 49, or 52 of Building Act	Υ	61.65	0.00	61.65	each	
I133410	Occupancy permit or building approval certificate for unauthorised building work under s51 of the Building Act where value is <=\$45,000	Υ	61.65	0.00	61.65	each	
I133410	Occupancy permit or building approval certificate for unauthorised building work under s51 of the Building Act where value is >\$45,000	Υ	0.274% or	0.274% of the value of the work		each	
I133410	Occupancy permit under s46 of the Building Act	Υ	0.00	0.00	0.00	each	
1 1133410 1	Modification of occupancy permit for additional use of building on temporary basis under s48 of the Building Act	Υ	0.00	0.00	0.00	each	
I133410	Building Construction Industry Training Fund	Υ	0.2% of 1	the value of	the work	each	* Only where value of work is > \$20,000
l13	ECONOMIC SERVICES						
I134	Gwalia Historic Precinct						
I134452	Hoover House Accommodation - Hoover Room	Ν	181.36	18.14	199.50	per night	
1134452	Hoover House Accommodation - Hoover Room (Extra Person)	N	28.64	2.86	31.50	per night	
I134452	Hoover House Accommodation - Reid Room	Ν	162.27	16.23	178.50	per night	
l134452	Hoover House Accommodation - Reid Room (Extra Person)	N	28.64	2.86	31.50	per night	
I134452	Hoover House Accommodation - Lalor Room	Ν	152.73	15.27	168.00	per night	
I134454	All Merchandise charged at recommended retail prices						
1134454	Museum Collection Access	Ν	23.64	2.36	26.00	per hour	
1134454	A4 Black & white Photocopies	Ν	0.91	0.09	1.00	per page	
l134454	Photographs - Digital files provided on CD - Personal Use	N	10.45	1.05	11.50	each	

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I134454	Photographs - Digital files provided on CD - Scholarly Use	N	10.45	1.05	11.50	each	
l134454	Photographs - Digital files provided on CD - Commercial Use	N	20.91	2.09	23.00	each	
1134454	Postage - within Australia	Ν	2.73	0.27	3.00	per item	
I134454	Postage - Overseas	Ν	20.91	2.09	23.00	per item	
l134454	Commercial Filming	Ν	477.27	47.73	525.00	per day	
l134454	Commercial Photography	Ν	238.64	23.86	262.50	per day	
<i>I</i> 134455	Café items priced per current market expectations						
I134460	Hoover House, lawns & kitchen Hire	Ν	572.73	57.27	630.00	per day	includes tables and chairs
I134460	Security Deposit (Hoover House, lawns & kitchen)	Ν	190.91	19.09	210.00	per booking	
I134460	Lawn Area - day function	Ν	286.36	28.64	315.00	per day	
I134460	Lawn Area - evening function	Ν	381.82	38.18	420.00	per day	
I134460	Lawn Area - Day - per hour 8:00am - 4:00pm	Ν	42.73	4.27	47.00	per hour	
I134460	Lawn Area - Evening - per hour 4:00pm - 11:00pm	Ν	51.82	5.18	57.00	per hour	
I134460	Security Deposit (Lawn Area)	Ν	95.45	9.55	105.00	each	
I134460	BBQ Hire inc Gas Bottle	Ν	70.91	7.09	78.00	each	
I134460	Trestle x 1 plus chairs x 6 Onsite only	Ν	9.55	0.95	10.50	each	
I134460	Kitchen Hire	Ν	143.18	14.32	157.50	per day	
I134460	Verandah Hire – Single side – per hour	Ν	20.91	2.09	23.00	per hour	
I134460	Verandah Hire – North & East Side – per hour	Ν	30.45	3.05	33.50	per hour	
I134460	Verandah Hire – South & West Side – per hour	Ν	40.00	4.00	44.00	per hour	
I134460	Evening Verandah Hire	Ν	381.82	38.18	420.00	per day	
l13	ECONOMIC SERVICES						
I135 Information Centre							
<i>l</i> 135001	Various items sold at recommended retail price						
<i>l</i> 135002	Various items sold at recommended retail price						
	JG Epis Centre						
l137009	Office 1	Ν		1,071.00	11,781.00	per annum	
l137010	Office 2	Ν	10,132.50	1,013.25	11,145.75	per annum	
l137017	Office 3	Ν	10,132.50	1,013.25	11,145.75	per annum	
I137011	Office 4	Ν	33,730.99	3,373.10	37,104.09	per annum	

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## **Schedule of Fees and Charges**

## 2025/2026

ID	Item	S	Cost	GST	Total	#	Comment
I137014	Office 5	Ν	25,620.00	2,562.00	28,182.00	per annum	
I137012	DCPFS & Facility Rental	Ν	84,620.45	8,462.05	93,082.50	per annum	
I137013	Casual Office Rental	Ν	52.27	5.23	57.50	per day	
I137013	Conference Room	Ν	157.73	15.77	173.50	per day	
I137013	Training Room 1	Ν	52.27	5.23	57.50	per day	
I137013	Training Room 2	Ν	52.27	5.23	57.50	per day	
I137013	Meeting Room 1	Ν	52.27	5.23	57.50	per day	
	Meeting Room 2	Ν	52.27	5.23	57.50	per day	
I137013	Videoconferencing Charge	Ν	33.18	3.32	36.50	per hour	
I137013	Booking Cancellation	Ν	33.18	3.32	36.50	per booking	If cancelled within 24 hours of booking
I137013	Booking Bond	Ν	100.00	0.00	100.00	per booking	
l14	OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES						
l141	Private Works						
I141450	Front End Loader (Wet hire)	Ν	210.00	21.00	231.00	per hour	
I141450	Prime Mover and Low Loader	Ν	236.25	23.63	259.88	per hour	
I141450	Road Grader	Ν	238.64	23.86	262.50	per hour	
I141450	Road Sweeper	Ν	108.15	10.82	118.97	per hour	
I141450	Padfoot Roller - Dry hire.	Ν	477.27	47.73	525.00	per hour	If hired >7 days, cost can be negotiated
I141450	Forklift Wet	Ν	108.15	10.82	118.97	per hour	
1141450	Bus Bond - refundable	Ν	210.00	21.00	231.00	each	
1141450	Bus first 100km	Ν	105.00	10.50	115.50	per day	If over 100 km, km rate additional
I141450	Bus over 100km	Ν	0.96	0.10	1.06	per km	
I141450	Prime Mover - 1 Trailer	Ν	238.64	23.86	262.50	per hour	
1141450	Prime Mover - 2 Trailer	Ν	286.36	28.64	315.00	per hour	
1141450	Tiptruck - 10m3	Ν	190.91	19.09	210.00	per hour	
I141450	Tractor	Ν	95.45	9.55	105.00	per hour	
I141450	Tractor and slasher	Ν	98.80	9.88	108.68	per hour	
	Backhoe	Ν	167.05	16.70	183.75	per hour	
I141450	Bobcat	Ν	108.15	10.82	118.97	per hour	
I141450	Garbage Truck	Ν	191.10	19.11	210.21	per hour	
I141450	Excavator	Ν	190.91	19.09	210.00	per hour	
I141450	Water Tanker & Truck (37,000L)	Ν	210.00	21.00	231.00	per hour	

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## **Schedule of Fees and Charges**

## 2025/2026

ID	Item	s	Cost	GST	Total	#	Comment
l141450	Water Truck (3,000L)	N	105.00	10.50	115.50	per hour	
I141450	Three (3) Tonne Tipper	N	133.64	13.36	147.00	per hour	
I141450	Portable Cattle Yard	N	47.73	4.77	52.50	per day	
I141450	Labour Hire (general labour)	N	85.91	8.59	94.50	per hour	
I141450	Labour Hire (general labour) (After Hours)	N	107.39	10.74	118.13	per hour	
I141450	Labour Hire (Skilled labour i.e. plant operator etc)	N	143.18	14.32	157.50	per hour	
l 1141450	Labour Hire (Skilled labour i.e. plant operator etc - after hours)	Ν	178.98	17.90	196.88	per hour	
I145	I145 Unclassified						
I145501	Charges - Standpipe Water	N		at co	st + 20%		

#### 10.0 REPORTS

# 10.3 MANAGER OF BUSINESS SERVICES 10.3.(B) MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - MAY 2025

**SUBMISSION TO:** Ordinary Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 17th June 2025

AGENDA REFERENCE: 10.3.(B) JUN 25

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Statements - May 2025

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nil

NAME OF APPLICANT: Nil

**FILE REFERENCE:** 1.6 Current Budget

**AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT** 

NAME: Kiara Lord

**OFFICER:** Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 12th June 2025

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** 1. Monthly Financial Statements - May 2025 <u>U</u>

#### **BACKGROUND**

In complying with the Local Government *Financial Management Regulations 1996*, a monthly statement of financial activity must be submitted to an Ordinary Council meeting within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates. The statement of financial activity is a complex document but gives a complete overview of the "cash" financial position as at the end of each month. The statement of financial activity for each month must be adopted by Council and form part of the minutes.

It is understood that parts of the statement of financial activity have been submitted to Ordinary Council meetings previously. In reviewing the Regulations, the complete statement of financial activity is to be submitted, along with the following reports that are not included in the statement.

Monthly Financial Statements for the month ended 31st May 2025, consist of:

- (a) Compilation Report
- (b) Statement of Financial Activity 31st May 2025
- (c) Material Variances 31st May 2025

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Part 4 — Financial reports — s. 6.4

34. Financial activity statement report – s. 6.4

(1A) In this regulation —

**committed assets** means revenue unspent but set aside under the annual budget for a specific purpose.

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- 34. (1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d), for that month in the following detail
  - (a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c);
  - (b) budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
  - (c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
  - (d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
  - (e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.
- 34. (2) Each statement of financial activity is to be accompanied by documents containing
  - (a) an explanation of the composition of the net current assets of the month to which the statement relates, less committed assets and restricted assets;
  - (b) an explanation of each of the material variances referred to in subregulation (1)(d); and
  - (c) such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.
- 34. (3) The information in a statement of financial activity may be shown
  - (a) according to nature and type classification; or
  - (b) by program; or
  - (c) by business unit.
- 34. (4) A statement of financial activity, and the accompanying documents referred to in subregulation (2), are to be
  - (a) presented at an ordinary meeting of the council within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
  - (b) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.
- 34. (5) Each financial year, a local government is to adopt a percentage or value, calculated in accordance with the AAS, to be used in statements of financial activity for reporting material variances.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendation of this report.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendation of this report.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications resulting from the recommendation of this report.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council accept the Monthly Financial Statements for the month ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025, consist of:

- (a) Compilation Report
- (b) Statement of Financial Activity 31st May 2025
- (c) Material Variances 31st May 2025

VOTING REQUIREMENT
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Simple Majority

**SIGNATURE** 

Manager of Business Services

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12 June 2025

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#### Dear Ty

#### **COMPILATION REPORT TO SHIRE OF LEONORA**

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial report of Shire of Leonora which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 May 2025, the statement of financial activity, notes providing statement of financial activity supporting information, explanation of material variances for the year then ended and a summary of material accounting policy information. These have been prepared in accordance with *Local Government Act* 1995 and associated regulations as described in Note 1 to the financial report. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is also set out in Note 1 of the financial report. We have provided the supplementary information of Shire of Leonora as at 31 May 2025 and for the period then ended based on the records of the Shire of Leonora.

#### THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SHIRE OF LEONORA

The CEO of Shire of Leonora is solely responsible for information contained in the special purpose financial report and supplementary information, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial report was prepared.

#### **OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

On the basis of information provided by Shire of Leonora we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial report in accordance with the requirements of *APES 315 Compilation of Financial Information* and the *Local Government Act 1995*, associated regulations and to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Australian Accounting Standards.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial report except for the matters of noncompliance with the basis of preparation identified with Note 1 of the financial report. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Supplementary information attached to the financial report has been extracted from the records of Shire of Leonora and information presented in the special purpose financial report.

#### **ASSURANCE DISCLAIMER**

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial report was compiled exclusively for the benefit of Shire of Leonora who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. Accordingly, the special purpose financial report may not be suitable for other purposes. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial report.

Russell Barnes Director

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#### SHIRE OF LEONORA

#### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

(Containing the required statement of financial activity and statement of financial position)

For the period ended 31 May 2025

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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Please refer to compilation report

## **SHIRE OF LEONORA** STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2025		Amended	YTD				
		Budget	Budget	YTD	Variance*	Variance*	
		Estimates	Estimates	Actual	\$	%	Var.
	Note	(a)	(b)	(c)	(c) - (b)	((c) - (b))/(b)	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	%	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Revenue from operating activities							
General rates		9,832,598	9,832,598	9,805,809	(26,789)	,	•
Grants, subsidies and contributions		2,280,094	1,684,386	1,241,071	(443,315)		•
Fees and charges		3,004,278	2,801,747	2,921,429	119,682		_
Interest revenue		180,000	169,159	128,511	(40,648)		<b>V</b>
Other revenue		85,450	78,912	117,244	38,332		<b>A</b>
Profit on asset disposals		32,461	32,461	32,461	0		
		15,414,881	14,599,263	14,246,525	(352,738)	(2.42%)	
Expenditure from operating activities		(0.504.007)	(5,000,700)	(4.007.005)	4 005 757	00.400/	
Employee costs Materials and contracts		(6,564,237)	(5,993,722)	(4,667,965)	1,325,757	22.12% 1.80%	<b>A</b>
Utility charges		(5,323,760)	(4,701,289)	(4,616,831)	84,458 (43,181)		-
Depreciation		(392,824) (4,228,880)	(359,281) (3,876,473)	(402,462) (4,093,086)	(216,613)		Ť
Insurance		(355,238)	(355,238)	(369,697)	(210,013)	,	•
Other expenditure		(216,335)	(202,472)	(58,136)	144,336	71.29%	<b>A</b>
Loss on asset disposals		(45,176)	(13,237)	(14,592)	(1,355)	(10.24%)	-
2000 011 00000 010 00000		(17,126,450)		(14,222,769)	1,278,943	8.25%	•
		(11,120,400)	(10,001,712)	(14,222,700)	1,210,040	0.2070	
Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities	2(c)	4,241,595	3,857,249	4,075,217	217,968	5.65%	<b>A</b>
Amount attributable to operating activities	-(-)	2,530,026	2,954,800	4,098,973	1,144,173		
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INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Inflows from investing activities							
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions		4,547,385	1,815,263	570,418	(1,244,845)	(68.58%)	•
Proceeds from disposal of assets		220,525	145,525	145,525	0	0.00%	
		4,767,910	1,960,788	715,943	(1,244,845)	(63.49%)	
Outflows from investing activities							
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(2,540,748)	(1,647,536)	(1,524,044)	123,492		_
Payments for construction of infrastructure		(7,735,446)	(4,095,177)		2,874,928		. 🔺
		(10,276,194)	(5,742,713)	(2,744,293)	2,998,420	52.21%	
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Amount attributable to investing activities		(5,508,284)	(3,781,925)	(2,028,350)	1,753,575	46.37%	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Inflows from financing activities							
Transfer from reserves		471,903	457,641	457,641	0	0.00%	
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Outflows from financing activities		47 1,500	407,041	407,041	·	0.0070	
Transfer to reserves		(827,263)	(52,739)	(52,739)	0	0.00%	
114110101 10 10001100		(827,263)	(52,739)	(52,739)	0		
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Amount attributable to financing activities		(355,360)	404,902	404,902	0	0.00%	
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MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT							
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	2(a)	3,333,618	3,333,618	3,333,618	0		
Amount attributable to operating activities	. ,	2,530,026	2,954,800	4,098,973	1,144,173	38.72%	<b>A</b>
Amount attributable to investing activities		(5,508,284)	(3,781,925)	(2,028,350)	1,753,575		
Amount attributable to financing activities		(355,360)	404,902	404,902	0		
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates		0	2,911,395	5,809,143	2,897,748	99.53%	<b>A</b>

#### **KEY INFORMATION**

- Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data outside the adopted materiality threshold. Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD

  Indicates a variance with a positive impact on the financial position.
- Indicates a variance with a negative impact on the financial position.

Refer to Note 3 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

### SHIRE OF LEONORA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2025

	Actual 30 June 2024	Actual as at 31 May 2025
CURRENT ASSETS	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	11,954,878	13,428,815
Trade and other receivables	965,694	1,089,767
Inventories	84,581	186,633
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	13,005,153	14,705,215
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Other financial assets	62,378	62,378
Inventories	45,052	45,052
Property, plant and equipment	38,208,906	37,979,252
Infrastructure	103,101,480	101,854,685
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	141,417,816	139,941,367
TOTAL ASSETS	154,422,969	154,646,582
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	865,230	262,849
Other liabilities	2,376,397	2,608,217
Employee related provisions	223,961	223,961
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,465,588	3,095,027
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Employee related provisions	140,945	140,945
Other provisions	1,976,278	1,976,278
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,117,223	2,117,223
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,582,811	5,212,250
NET ASSETS	148,840,158	149,434,332
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	53,186,739	54,185,814
Reserve accounts	6,429,908	6,025,006
Revaluation surplus	89,223,511	89,223,512
TOTAL EQUITY	148,840,158	149,434,332

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

#### 1 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

This prescribed financial report has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying regulations.

#### Local Government Act 1995 requirements

Section 6.4(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 read with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, prescribe that the financial report be prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, the Australian Accounting Standards. The Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities) and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board were applied where no inconsistencies exist.

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 specify that vested land is a right-of-use asset to be measured at cost, and is considered a zero cost concessionary lease. All right-of-use assets under zero cost concessionary leases are measured at zero cost rather than at fair value, except for vested improvements on concessionary land leases such as roads, buildings or other infrastructure which continue to be reported at fair value, as opposed to the vested land which is measured at zero cost. The measurement of vested improvements at fair value is a departure from AASB 16 which would have required the Shire to measure any vested improvements at zero cost.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, regulation 34 prescribes contents of the financial report. Supplementary information does not form part of the financial report.

Accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the financial report has been prepared on the accrual basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and liabilities.

#### PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 11 June 2025

#### THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING ENTITY

All funds through which the Shire controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements.

#### MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICES

Material accounting policies utilised in the preparation of these statements are as described within the 2024-25 Annual Budget. Please refer to the adopted budget document for details of these policies

#### Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

As with all estimates, the use of different assumptions could lead to material changes in the amounts reported in the financial report.

The following are estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year and further information on their nature and impact can be found in the relevant note:

- Fair value measurement of assets carried at reportable value including:
  - Property, plant and equipment
- Infrastructure
- Impairment losses of non-financial assets
- Expected credit losses on financial assets
- Measurement of employee benefits
- Measurement of provisions

#### **2 NET CURRENT ASSETS INFORMATION**

2 NET CONNENT ACCETO IN CHIMATION				
		Amended		
		Budget	Actual	Actual
(a) Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity		Opening	as at	as at
	Note	1 July 2024	30 June 2024	31 May 2025
Current assets		\$	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents		6,678,761	11,954,878	13,428,815
Trade and other receivables		1,123,026	965,694	1,089,767
Inventories		99,732	84,581	186,633
		7,901,519	13,005,153	14,705,215
Less: current liabilities				
Trade and other payables		(671,148)	(865,230)	(262,849)
Other liabilities		(445,103)	(2,376,397)	(2,608,217)
Employee related provisions		(223,961)	(223,961)	(223,961)
	_	(1,340,212)	(3,465,588)	(3,095,027)
Net current assets		6,561,307	9,539,565	11,610,188
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	2(b)	(6,561,307)	(6,205,947)	(5,801,045)
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)		0	3,333,618	5,809,143
(b) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficience	y			
Adjustments to net current assets				
Less: Reserve accounts		(6,785,268)	(6,429,908)	(6,025,006)
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at the end of the y	ear			
<ul> <li>Current portion of employee benefit provisions held in reserve</li> </ul>	_	223,961	223,961	223,961
Total adjustments to net current assets	2(a)	(6,561,307)	(6,205,947)	(5,801,045)
		Amended	YTD	
		Budget	Budget	YTD
		Estimates	Estimates	Actual
		30 June 2025	31 May 2025	31 May 2025
(c) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		\$	\$	\$
(-,				
Adjustments to operating activities				
Less: Profit on asset disposals		(32,461)	(32,461)	(32,461)
Add: Loss on asset disposals		45,176	13,237	14,592
Add: Depreciation	_	4,228,880	3,876,473	4,093,086
Total non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		4,241,595	3,857,249	4,075,217

#### **CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION**

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. Unless otherwise stated assets or liabilities are classified as current if expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the local governments' operational cycle.

#### **3 EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES**

The material variance thresholds are adopted annually by Council as an indicator of whether the actual expenditure or revenue varies from the year to date actual materially.

The material variance adopted by Council for the 2024-25 year is \$15,000 or 8.00% whichever is the greater.

Description	Var. \$	Var. %	
Revenue from operating activities General rates Interim GRV	\$ (26,789)	(0.27%)	•
Grants, subsidies and contributions Childcare centre grant not yet received. Driver Access & Equity, Community-led Job, Local Partners are contract liability and revenue to be recognised when expenditure occurs.	(443,315)	(26.32%) Timing Timing	•
Fees and charges Bulk refuse, Avgas, BCITF fees, Gwalia merchandise, sale of standpipe water YTD actuals are lower than YTD budget. Animal control fines, Childcare Centre income, liquid waste disposal, landing fees, passenger head tax YTD actuals higher than YTD budget.	119,682	<b>4.27%</b> Timing	•
Interest revenue Interest earned on investments lower than expected.	(40,648)	<b>(24.03%)</b> Timing	•
Other revenue Staff housing reimbursements and Diesel fuel rebates are lower than YTD budget. Insurance claim received.	38,332	48.58% Timing Permanent	<b>A</b>
Expenditure from operating activities  Employee costs  Some employee positions are vacant.  Refuse site maintenance, cemeteries, swimming pool, Community-led Job, CDC services, Roadworks maintenance and bush gravel, street cleaning, street trees, Aerodrome maintenance, Gwalia, administration overheads YTD actuals lower than YTD budget.  Childcare Centre, youth services, rec centre, commerical refuse collection, depot salaries higher than YTD budget.	1,325,757	22.12% Timing Timing Timing	•
Materials and contracts	84,458	1.80%	<b>^</b>
Rates valuation expenses, Strategic Plan development, audit fees, Nurse incentive, driver access equity, property management services, 1260 Fitzgerald Street, town planning, Eastern Precinct project, community grant fund, local partner trans, traffic signs, tree lopping, SPQ maintenance, aerodrome consultant, Barnes federal theatre, museum maintenance, standpipe, Leonora Golden Gift, administration overheads YTD actuals are lower than YTD budget.		Timing	
Doctor & Medical Centre, Ageing in place maintenance, Sanitation household, cemeteries Leonora, roadworks maintenance, depot maintenance, aerodrome maintenance, plant parts and repairs YTD actuals are higher than YTD budget.		Timing	
Utility charges Ageing in place, oval, Gwalia, depot utilities lower than YTD budget. Standpipe utility higher than budget.	(43,181)	(12.02%) Timing Permanent	•

Please refer to compilation report

#### **3 EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES**

The material variance thresholds are adopted annually by Council as an indicator of whether the actual expenditure or revenue varies from the year to date actual materially.

The material variance adopted by Council for the 2024-25 year is \$15,000 or 8.00% whichever is the greater.

Description	Var. \$	Var. %	
	\$	%	
<b>Depreciation</b> Staff housing, other community amenities, other recreation, aerodrome, administration and plant depreciation higher than YTD budget. Gwalia depreciation lower than budget.	(216,613)	(5.59%)	•
Other expenditure	144,336	71.29%	<b>A</b>
Meeting attendance fees, phone rental, athletics prize money YTD actuals are lower than YTD budget.	ŕ	Timing	
Loss on asset disposals Disposal of Ford Everest.	(1,355)	<b>(10.24%)</b> Timing	•
Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities Depreciation and disposal of assets.	217,968	<b>5.65%</b> Timing	<b>A</b>
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	(1,244,845)	(68.58%)	•
LRCI Phase 4. Youth Prgram grants. Roads to Recovery. Regional Road Group.			
Outflows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	123,492	7.50%	
Most building capital works projects are in progress and are not yet completed.		Timing	
Payments for construction of infrastructure  Some infrastructure other capital works projects are yet to start.	2,874,928	<b>70.20%</b> Timing	<b>^</b>
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates  Due to variances described above.	2,897,748	99.53%	<b>A</b>

#### 10.0 REPORTS

NAME OF APPLICANT:

# 10.3 MANAGER OF BUSINESS SERVICES 10.3.(C) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - MAY TO JUNE 2025

**SUBMISSION TO:** Ordinary Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 17th June 2025

**AGENDA REFERENCE:** 10.3.(C) JUN 25

SUBJECT: Accounts for Payment - May to June 2025

Nil

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nil

FILE REFERENCE: 1.8 Financial Statements

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

NAME: Kiara Lord

**OFFICER:** Manager Business Services

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 12th June 2025

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** 1. Accounts for Payment - to June 2025 \( \bullet \)

#### **BACKGROUND**

Attached statements consist of accounts paid by Delegated Authority totalling \$1,493,064.46 since the previous council meeting consisting of:

- (1) Direct Bank Transactions numbered from 3689 to 3754 and totalling \$115,669.31;
- (2) Batch Payments 267, 268, 269, 270, and 271 totalling \$978,782.62; and
- (3) Payroll Payments from Pay Periods Ending 12/05/2025, 26/05/2025, and 09/06/2025 totalling \$398,612.53

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 S6.10 & Financial Management (1996) Regulation 12 & 13 apply to how the information is to be presented within this report for authorisation by Council.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendation of this report.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendation of this report.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications resulting from the recommendation of this report.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council accepts the accounts for payment, as detailed:

- (1) Direct Bank Transactions numbered from **3689** to **3754** and totalling **\$115,669.31**;
- (2) Batch Payments 267, 268, 269, 270, and 271 totalling \$978,782.62; and
- (3) Payroll Payments from Pay Periods Ending 12/05/2025, 26/05/2025, and 09/06/2025 totalling \$398,612.53

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# Accounts for Payment Presented to Council

17th June 2025

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Monthly Report - List of Direct Bank Transactions Paid by Delegated Authority

Submitted to Council on the 17th June 2025

The following list of accounts relate to Direct Bank Transactions paid under delegation by the Chief Executive Officer, since the previous list of accounts. Transactions are numbered from 3689 to 3754 and totalling \$115,669.31

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Transaction	Date	Name	Item	Payment by Delegated Authority	Balance
3689	15/05/2025	3E Advantage	Printing charges April 2025	4,034.60	4,034.60
3691	30/05/2025	National Australia Bank	Account keeping fees	22.00	4,056.60
3692	30/05/2025	National Australia Bank	Merchant fees - May 2025	25.00	4,081.60
3693	30/05/2025	National Australia Bank	Merchant fees - May 2025	25.99	4,107.59
3694	30/05/2025	National Australia Bank	Merchant fees - May 2025	26.63	4,134.22
3695	30/05/2025	National Australia Bank	Merchant fees - May 2025	27.34	4,161.56
3696	30/05/2025	National Australia Bank	Connect access and usage fee	53.23	4,214.79
3697	30/05/2025	National Australia Bank	Merchant fees - May 2025	78.76	4,293.55
3698	30/05/2025	National Australia Bank	Merchant fees - May 2025	545.58	4,839.13
3699	20/05/2025	Click Super	Transaction and facility fees	37.51	4,876.64
3700	29/05/2025	National Australia Bank	Golden Gift Prize Money	48,050.00	52,926.64
3722	2/05/2025	Australian Retirement Trust	Superannuation - PPE 28/04/2025	1,319.96	54,246.60
3723	2/05/2025	Australian Super	Superannuation - PPE 28/04/2025	4,822.89	59,069.49
3724	2/05/2025	Aware Super	Superannuation - PPE 28/04/2025	9,801.60	68,871.09
3725	2/05/2025	Construction and Building Unions Superann	Superannuation - PPE 28/04/2025	649.30	69,520.39
3726	2/05/2025	Equip Super	Superannuation - PPE 28/04/2025	335.21	69,855.60
3727	2/05/2025	Host Plus	Superannuation - PPE 28/04/2025	1,998.70	71,854.30
3728	2/05/2025	MTAA Superannuation Fund	Superannuation - PPE 28/04/2025	790.03	72,644.33
3729	2/05/2025	MyNorth Super	Superannuation - PPE 28/04/2025	344.38	72,988.71
3730	2/05/2025	Rest Superannuation	Superannuation - PPE 28/04/2025	1,069.37	74,058.08
3731	2/05/2025	The Trustee for Mercer Super Trust	Superannuation - PPE 28/04/2025	188.44	74,246.52
3732	2/05/2025	Wealth Personal Superannuation	Superannuation - PPE 28/04/2025	163.79	74,410.31
3733	16/05/2025	Australian Retirement Trust	Superannuation - PPE 13/05/2025	1,200.75	75,611.06
3734	16/05/2025	Australian Super	Superannuation - PPE 13/05/2025	4,889.17	80,500.23
3735	16/05/2025	Aware Super	Superannuation - PPE 13/05/2025	9,115.28	89,615.51
3736	16/05/2025	Construction and Building Unions Superann	Superannuation - PPE 13/05/2025	670.18	90,285.69
3737	16/05/2025	Equip Super	Superannuation - PPE 13/05/2025	300.33	90,586.02
3738	16/05/2025	Host Plus	Superannuation - PPE 13/05/2025	2,052.06	92,638.08
3739	16/05/2025	MTAA Superannuation Fund	Superannuation - PPE 13/05/2025	671.59	93,309.67
3740	16/05/2025	MyNorth Super	Superannuation - PPE 13/05/2025	292.07	93,601.74
3741	16/05/2025	Rest Superannuation	Superannuation - PPE 13/05/2025	884.08	94,485.82
3742	16/05/2025	The Trustee for Mercer Super Trust	Superannuation - PPE 13/05/2025	152.01	94,637.83
3743	16/05/2025	Wealth Personal Superannuation	Superannuation - PPE 13/05/2025	148.90	94,786.73
3744	30/05/2025	Active Super	Superannuation - PPE 26/05/2025	683.07	95,469.80
3745	30/05/2025	Australian Retirement Trust	Superannuation - PPE 26/05/2025	1,163.49	96,633.29
3746	30/05/2025	Australian Super	Superannuation - PPE 26/05/2025	5,029.98	101,663.27
3747	30/05/2025	Aware Super	Superannuation - PPE 26/05/2025	9,466.84	111,130.11
3748	30/05/2025	Equip Super	Superannuation - PPE 26/05/2025	295.75	111,425.86
3749	30/05/2025	Host Plus	Superannuation - PPE 26/05/2025	1,889.42	113,315.28

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Transaction	Date	Name	Item	Payment by Delegated Authority	Balance
3750	30/05/2025	MTAA Superannuation Fund	Superannuation - PPE 26/05/2025	671.59	113,986.87
3751	30/05/2025	MyNorth Super	Superannuation - PPE 26/05/2025	326.95	114,313.82
3752	30/05/2025	Rest Superannuation	Superannuation - PPE 26/05/2025	989.68	115,303.50
3753	30/05/2025	The Trustee for Mercer Super Trust	Superannuation - PPE 26/05/2025	182.17	115,485.67
3754	30/05/2025	Wealth Personal Superannuation	Superannuation - PPE 26/05/2025	183.64	115,669.31
		_	GRAND TOTAL	\$115,669,31	

Shire of Leonora

Monthly Report – List of Accounts Paid by Delegated Authority

Submitted to Council on the 17th June 2025

Batch Payments 267, 268, 269, 270 and 271 totalling \$978,782.62 has been paid by delegated authority by the Chief Executive Officer and has been checked and are fully supported by remittances and duly certified invoices with checks being carried out as to prices, computations and costing. Bank Details are reconciled against those invoices by two officers.

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Batch Ref	Date	Name	Item	Payment by delegated Authority	Balance
BP267.01	16/05/2025	Ann-Marie. Brassington	Reimbursement for Accommodation &	735.50	735.50
BP267.02	16/05/2025	Bookeasy Australia Pty Ltd	Clock Repairs (Chambers Clock)  Room Manager monthly service	84.70	820.20
BP267.03	16/05/2025	David Gray & Co. Pty. Ltd.	Purchase Rubbish Bins	5,214.66	6,034.86
BP267.04	16/05/2025	Grandstand Ventures	Silent Disco for Leonora Golden Gift 2025	4,070.00	10,104.86
BP267.05	16/05/2025	Horizon Power	Power Supply Charges - Streetlights	6,326.11	16,430.97
BP267.06	16/05/2025	Leonora Village.	Accommodation - May 2025	2,352.00	18,782.97
BP267.07	16/05/2025	Mcleods Barristers and Solicitors	Legal expenses May 2025	2,748.47	21,531.44
BP267.08	16/05/2025	Nomad Pumbing	Supply and install new fire hose reel in reccentre, move water main and supply new garden tap at Depot, rectify leaking watermain in carpark at Museum, Repair/replace watermain at monument park, replacement septic lids at 240 Hoover, and repair Leaking watermain at aging in place village	7,550.40	29,081.84
BP267.09	16/05/2025	Terry Sargent	Contract Health Surveyor April & May 2025	9,724.00	38,805.84
BP267.10	16/05/2025	Transaction Network Services	Monthly transaction and support fee for Avgas tank at airport 2024/25	66.11	38,871.95
			Total - Batch Payment 267	38,871.95	
BP268.01	19/05/2025	AFGRI Equipment Australia Pty Ltd	Windscreen/window replacements P2515, P2487 & freight	3,836.98	3,836.98
BP268.02	19/05/2025	ATS Mining Maintenance	Repair tyre carrier for grader P24587.	2,419.56	6,256.54
BP268.03	19/05/2025	Avis Leinster	Hire vehicle for Bluepen visit	731.49	6,988.03
BP268.04	19/05/2025	Bidfood Kalgoorlie	Catering and Consumables Hoover House	1,321.15	8,309.18
BP268.05	19/05/2025	Bigfoot Contracting	Bowls Club Cleaning	180.00	8,489.18
BP268.06	19/05/2025	Bluepen Collective Pty Ltd	Project Management Services - Grader Tender, Flood Disaster Recovery & LRCI Project	23,517.56	32,006.74
BP268.07	19/05/2025	Bunnings Building Supplies Pty Ltd	Asphalt and building supplies	572.65	32,579.39
BP268.08	19/05/2025	Canine Control	Ranger services 29/04/25 to 30/04/25	4,543.00	37,122.39
BP268.09	19/05/2025	Central Hotel	Accommodation for JSH trainer and catering for LG Professionals function	1,190.00	38,312.39
BP268.10	19/05/2025	City Of Kalgoorlie/Boulder	Quarterly contributions JSH - January to June 2025	116,758.14	155,070.53
BP268.11	19/05/2025	Civil Safety Pty Ltd	Training Courses Depot Staff	15,045.00	170,115.53
BP268.12	19/05/2025	Coates Hire	EWP Hire for Masonic Roof Repairs	1,955.63	172,071.16
BP268.13	19/05/2025	Council First Pty Ltd	Council first subscription June 2025	6,053.65	178,124.81
BP268.14	19/05/2025	CyberSecure Pty Limited	Monthly data protection back up & storage	738.10	

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Batch Ref	Date	Name	Item	Payment by delegated Authority	Balance
BP268.15	19/05/2025	Eagle Petroleum (WA) Pty Ltd	Bulk Diesel, Shell Card transactions & tubes	30,215.25	209,078.16
BP268.16	19/05/2025	Elite Gym Hire	Monthly gym equipment hire	2,207.89	211,286.05
BP268.17	19/05/2025	Fitz Gerald Strategies	Assist Council with CEO performance review	4,125.00	215,411.05
BP268.18	19/05/2025	Goldfields Locksmiths	Supply of restricted cut keys	227.95	215,639.00
BP268.19	19/05/2025	Goldfields Pest Control	Aerodrome Maintenance - Weed management	9,233.40	224,872.40
BP268.20	19/05/2025	GTN Services	Vehicle Services/repairs - P11521, P2480, P507, and P203 + Water for Depot	2,934.25	227,806.65
BP268.21	19/05/2025	Hames Sharley	Community engagement regarding Genesis Minerals plans	280.50	228,087.15
BP268.22	19/05/2025	Harvey Norman AV/IT Kalgoorlie	Cables & surge protectors for office gear + appliances for staff housing	2,162.80	230,249.95
BP268.23	19/05/2025	Harvey Norman Furniture Kalgoorlie	Furniture for 51 Gwalia	3,449.00	233,698.95
BP268.24	19/05/2025	Kalgoorlie Case & Drill Pty Ltd	Replacement engel and cover for incoming MWS	2,274.00	235,972.95
BP268.25	19/05/2025	KleenWest	Cleaning supplies - airport	1,391.12	237,364.07
BP268.26	19/05/2025	Lambron Contracting Pty Ltd.	Road Maintenance - Bush Graders Little Mill Rd, Mt Ida Rd & Old Laverton	33,638.00	271,002.07
BP268.27	19/05/2025	Landgate	Annual Roll & general revaluations	19,404.26	290,406.33
BP268.28	19/05/2025	Leinster Sport & Recreation Association	Community Grant Round	11,000.00	301,406.33
BP268.29	19/05/2025	Leonora Pharmacy -	Havrix vaccination	86.15	301,492.48
BP268.30	19/05/2025	Leonora Post Office	Postage for admin and keys for depot	209.25	301,701.73
BP268.31	19/05/2025	Les Morgan	Reimbursement for fuel when fuel card wasn't accepted	146.22	301,847.95
BP268.32	19/05/2025	Maintenance Experts Pty Ltd	Mex system subscription	31,565.93	333,413.88
BP268.33	19/05/2025	Marie Pointon (Cakes)	10x cakes for resale at Hoover House	650.00	334,063.88
BP268.34	19/05/2025	McMahon Burnett Transport	Freight for Catering and Consumables	67.76	334,131.64
BP268.35 BP268.36	19/05/2025 19/05/2025	Modern Teaching Aids Pty Ltd  Moore Australia	LELC supplies  Monthly BAS, Financial Activity reports, and	7,720.91	334,463.29 342,184.20
DD000.07		Matau Dana	IPR services May, 2025		
BP268.37	19/05/2025	Motor Pass	Motor Pass fuel card transactions April	2,975.81	345,160.01
BP268.38	19/05/2025		IT support and licences for May 2025	5,464.70	350,624.71
BP268.39	19/05/2025	Northern Goldfields Electrical Pty Ltd	2 x Replacement AC unit for 9 Cohen St	4,290.00	354,914.71
BP268.40	19/05/2025	Northern Star Resources Ltd-	Refund of rates for A2860	129.70	355,044.41
BP268.41 BP268.42	19/05/2025 19/05/2025	Office National Kalgoorlie One Tree Community Services	Stationery Leonora Early Learning Centre Audit and	323.31 5,826.00	355,367.72 361,193.72
BP268.43	19/05/2025	Inc Perth Traffic Training	Management Review  Training course for Basic Worksite Traffic	8,800.00	369,993.72
BP268.44	19/05/2025	PFD Food Services Pty Ltd	Management and Traffic Controller	3,111.35	
BP268.44 BP268.45	19/05/2025	Pier Street Medical	Catering and Consumables  Medical V Wiliams	196.00	373,105.07 373,301.07
BP268.46	19/05/2025	Prosegur Australia Pty Ltd	ATM Install & Run April	3,097.34	376,398.41
BP268.47	19/05/2025	Riklan Emergency Management Services	Staff Training - Test & Tag for N Gahan	450.00	376,848.41
BP268.48	19/05/2025	Seven Network Operations Ltd	Advertising - Golden Gift & Gwalia	1,521.30	378,369.71
BP268.49	19/05/2025	Signarama Burswood and Perth	Supply 20 x Single Sided Digitally Printed Banner Mesh Banner	3,388.00	381,757.71
BP268.50	19/05/2025	Skippers Aviation Pty Ltd	Flights for JSH trainer	880.00	382,637.71

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Batch Ref	Date	Name	Item	Payment by delegated Authority	Balance
BP268.51	19/05/2025	Slater-Gartrell Sports	Sporting Equipment - Indoor Cricket	840.40	383,478.11
BP268.52	19/05/2025	Steven Featherstone-	Refund for cancelled HH accommodation	510.00	383,988.11
BP268.53	19/05/2025	Sunny Industrial Brushware	Replacement brushes for Tennant s30 Sweeper	4,294.62	388,282.73
BP268.54	19/05/2025	Team Global Express Pty Ltd	Freight for admin and depot	110.52	388,393.25
BP268.55	19/05/2025	Telstra	Phone/internet charges - May 2025	2,684.74	391,077.99
BP268.56	19/05/2025	Tutt Bryant Equipment - WA	Valve Block P061	2,776.28	393,854.27
BP268.57	19/05/2025	Vanguard Print	Freight and handling of Northern Goldfields maps and brochures	417.12	394,271.39
BP268.58	19/05/2025	Verb Advertising	Updates to advertisement for Leonora Golden Gift 2025	264.00	394,535.39
BP268.59	19/05/2025	Wall to Wall Construction	Maintenance of Masonic Lodge, Museum and Gwalia Shed, as well as building related to the Hoover House Laundry	61,078.93	455,614.32
BP268.60	19/05/2025	Water Corporation	Water supply charges - May 2025	2,139.53	457,753.85
BP268.61	19/05/2025	West Australian Newspapers Ltd	Tender publication in Kal miner	251.40	458,005.25
BP268.62	19/05/2025	Western Mines Group	Rates refund A5037	253.29	458,258.54
BP268.63	19/05/2025	Win - Nine Life Channel	TV advertising GG 25	1,100.00	459,358.54
BP268.64	19/05/2025	Xstra Group Pty Ltd	PLAX Hosting, Provision and Support per Extension and Rental Service per Month for CRC	507.89	459,866.43
			Total - Batch Payment 268	459,866.43	
BP269.01	21/05/2025	Australian Taxation Office	BAS April 2025	66,765.00	66,765.00
BP269.02	21/05/2025	Bol Performance	Entertainment Leonora Golden Gift	5,500.00	72,265.00
BP269.03	21/05/2025	Civil Safety Pty Ltd	Training for JSH	14,712.00	86,977.00
BP269.04			Dog & chicken food for depot	210.00	07.405.00
	21/05/2025	Kalgoorlie Feed Barn Pty Ltd	Dog & Chicken lood for depot	218.00	87,195.00
BP269.05	21/05/2025 21/05/2025	Ralgoorlie Feed Barn Pty Ltd Perth Reptile Company	Reptile show GG 25	5,500.00	92,695.00
BP269.05			,		
BP269.05 BP270.01			Reptile show GG 25	5,500.00	
	21/05/2025	Perth Reptile Company	Reptile show GG 25  Total - Batch Payment 269  Accessories for CEO Landcruiser as per	5,500.00 <b>92,695.00</b>	92,695.00
BP270.01	21/05/2025	Perth Reptile Company  ARB Cockburn	Reptile show GG 25  Total - Batch Payment 269  Accessories for CEO Landcruiser as per quote/estimate 15888  Forklift training up to 8 participants as per	5,500.00 <b>92,695.00</b> 14,500.00	92,695.00
BP270.01 BP270.02	21/05/2025 23/05/2025 23/05/2025	Perth Reptile Company  ARB Cockburn  Civil Safety Pty Ltd	Reptile show GG 25  Total - Batch Payment 269  Accessories for CEO Landcruiser as per quote/estimate 15888  Forklift training up to 8 participants as per Quote QU-6803	5,500.00 <b>92,695.00</b> 14,500.00 6,510.00	92,695.00 14,500.00 21,010.00
BP270.01 BP270.02 BP270.03	23/05/2025 23/05/2025 23/05/2025 23/05/2025	Perth Reptile Company  ARB Cockburn  Civil Safety Pty Ltd  Cleverpatch	Reptile show GG 25  Total - Batch Payment 269  Accessories for CEO Landcruiser as per quote/estimate 15888  Forklift training up to 8 participants as per Quote QU-6803  LELC Supplies	5,500.00 <b>92,695.00</b> 14,500.00 6,510.00 135.15	92,695.00 14,500.00 21,010.00 21,145.15
BP270.01 BP270.02 BP270.03 BP270.04	23/05/2025 23/05/2025 23/05/2025 23/05/2025 23/05/2025	Perth Reptile Company  ARB Cockburn  Civil Safety Pty Ltd  Cleverpatch  Council First Pty Ltd	Reptile show GG 25  Total - Batch Payment 269  Accessories for CEO Landcruiser as per quote/estimate 15888  Forklift training up to 8 participants as per Quote QU-6803  LELC Supplies  Professional Services April 2025	5,500.00 <b>92,695.00</b> 14,500.00 6,510.00 135.15 8,530.50	92,695.00 14,500.00 21,010.00 21,145.15 29,675.65
BP270.01 BP270.02 BP270.03 BP270.04 BP270.05	23/05/2025 23/05/2025 23/05/2025 23/05/2025 23/05/2025 23/05/2025	Perth Reptile Company  ARB Cockburn  Civil Safety Pty Ltd  Cleverpatch  Council First Pty Ltd  Everett Butchers	Reptile show GG 25  Total - Batch Payment 269  Accessories for CEO Landcruiser as per quote/estimate 15888  Forklift training up to 8 participants as per Quote QU-6803  LELC Supplies  Professional Services April 2025  Meat pies for catering	5,500.00 92,695.00 14,500.00 6,510.00 135.15 8,530.50 319.00	92,695.00 14,500.00 21,010.00 21,145.15 29,675.65 29,994.65
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Balanc	delegated Authority	Item	Name	Date	Batch Ref
	92,729.40	Total - Batch Payment 270			
8,206.0	8,206.00	Chairs for Council Chambers	Access Office Industries	30/05/2025	BP271.01
9,394.0	1,188.00	Uniforms for new staff at depot, Hoover House and library/info centre	All Workwear	30/05/2025	BP271.02
19,983.8	10,589.85	Insurance for Leonora Golden Gift 2025	Altamont Contingency Underwriting	30/05/2025	BP271.03
20,772.7	788.86	Catering and Consumables Hoover House	Bidfood Kalgoorlie	30/05/2025	BP271.04
22,332.7	1,560.00	Supplies for Health Day 2025	Brianna Peters	30/05/2025	BP271.05
27,295.9	4,963.20	Stage and marquee for Leonora Golden Gift	Brown's Party Hire	30/05/2025	BP271.06
29,395.7	2,099.84	Laundry supplies, geraniums & miscellaneous items for Depot	Bunnings Building Supplies Pty Ltd	30/05/2025	BP271.07
47,057.2	17,661.47	2024/25 ESL qtr. 4	Department of Fire and Emergency Services	30/05/2025	BP271.08
50,522.2	3,465.00	Shire and Leonora Golden Gift promotion materials	Design Sense Graphics & Web	30/05/2025	BP271.09
50,722.2	200.02	4x replacement 8.5kg gas bottles for Hoover House	Earth Australia Contracting Pty Ltd	30/05/2025	BP271.10
54,122.7	3,400.54	Computer Training Courses supplied to the JSH	ESB Consultancy	30/05/2025	BP271.11
58,186.1	4,063.40	Emptying septics for Gwalia and toilets for sorry camp	Goldfields Controlled Waste.	30/05/2025	BP271.12
86,891.7	28,705.60	Pest Control - Shire properties 2025	Goldfields Pest Control	30/05/2025	BP271.13
88,320.1	1,428.37	Replace air-conditioning parts and repairs as required - 1DVV832	GTN Services	30/05/2025	BP271.14
88,428.0	107.90	2 x HDMI to USB-C cables	Harvey Norman AV/IT Kalgoorlie	30/05/2025	BP271.15
88,735.2	307.15	Power and supply charges 30/04/25 to 26/05/25	Horizon Power	30/05/2025	BP271.16
90,935.2	2,200.00	Export RBO data	In2balance	30/05/2025	BP271.17
91,495.4	560.23	Cleaning supplies	KleenWest	30/05/2025	BP271.18
92,910.1	1,414.68	Repairs to plant equipment P012	Lambron Contracting Pty Ltd.	30/05/2025	BP271.19
99,220.1	6,310.00	Staff Training Executive Leadership Program 1-3 September 2025 Alex Baxter and Kiara Lord	LG Professionals WA	30/05/2025	BP271.20
110,731.6	11,511.50	Cleaning of public toilets, rec centre and youth centre	Luck Thai Cleaning	30/05/2025	BP271.21
110,819.5	87.95	Freight for Gwalia merch	McMahon Burnett Transport	30/05/2025	BP271.22
111,511.0	691.50	Teams phone subscriptions * miscellaneous IT queries April-May 2025	Netlogic Information Technology	30/05/2025	BP271.23
115,182.0	3,670.95	Catering and Consumables	PFD Food Services Pty Ltd	30/05/2025	BP271.24
121,548.8	6,366.80	ATM Install & Run 2024/25	Prosegur Australia Pty Ltd	30/05/2025	BP271.25
141,898.8	20,350.00	Hire of Kids Zone play equipment, includes staff and travel costs	Radrock Adventures	30/05/2025	BP271.26
217,523.8	75,625.00	Scope of works as per RFT 02/2025 20% Progress payment	Receptive Security	30/05/2025	BP271.27
217,647.5	123.76	Reimbursement catering expenses	Rosie Solmerano	30/05/2025	BP271.28
219,623.8	1,976.25	Staff training - Exception Customer Service	Shire of Menzies.	30/05/2025	BP271.29
220,503.8	880.00	Flights for production team	Skippers Aviation Pty Ltd	30/05/2025	BP271.30
220,580.4	76.59	Freight for depot	Team Global Express Pty Ltd	30/05/2025	BP271.31

Batch Ref	Date	Name	ltem	Payment by delegated Authority	
BP271.32	30/05/2025	Telstra	Phone charges Admin	347.29	220,927.70
BP271.33	30/05/2025	Toyota Material Handling Australia Pty Li	Bucket Brush - Skid Steer	7,612.00	228,539.70
BP271.34	30/05/2025	Ty Matson	Reimbursement for purchase of Elite Mile winners gold nuggets	10,951.64	239,491.34
BP271.35	30/05/2025	Waalitj Foundation Limited	Leonora Community Grant Round 2024/25	9,922.00	249,413.34
BP271.36	30/05/2025	Water Corporation	Water and supply charges 18/03/25 to 22/05/25	45,206.50	294,619.84
			Total - Batch Payment 255	294,619.84	
			GRAND TOTAL	978,782.62	_

Shire of Leonora

Monthly Report – List of Accounts Paid by Delegated Authority

Submitted to Council on the 17th June 2025

The following list of accounts has been paid under delegation by the Chief Executive Officer, since the previous list of accounts. Transactions contain Wages & Payroll Liability payments since the previous list of accounts paid by Delegated Authority totalling \$398,612.53

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

				Payment by	
Cheque	Date	Name	Item	Delegated	Balance
				Authority	
PPE120525	13/05/2025	Shire of Leonora	Salaries and Wages - PPE12/05/2025	129,477.50	129,477.50
PL120525	16/05/2025	Shire of Leonora	Payroll Liabilities - PPE12/05/2025	1,727.14	131,204.64
PPE260525	27/05/2025	Shire of Leonora	Salaries and Wages - PPE 26/05/2025	127,389.39	258,594.03
PL260525	28/05/2025	Shire of Leonora	Payroll Liabilities - PPE 26/05/2025	1,986.89	260,580.92
PPE090625	10/06/2025	Shire of Leonora	Salaries and Wages - PPE09/06/2025	136,044.72	396,625.64
PL090625	11/06/2025	Shire of Leonora	Payroll Liabilities - PPE 09/06/2025	1,986.89	398,612.53
			GRAND TOTAL	398,612.53	_

#### 10.0 REPORTS

# 10.4 MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES 10.4.(A) CHARGE UP GRANT WORKPLACE TRANSFORMER

**SUBMISSION TO:** Ordinary Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 17th June 2025

AGENDA REFERENCE: 10.4.(A) JUN 25

SUBJECT: Charge Up Grant Workplace Transformer

**LOCATION/ADDRESS:** 79 Tower Street Leonora

NAME OF APPLICANT: Shire of Leonora

FILE REFERENCE: 11.14

**AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT** 

NAME: Alex Baxter

**OFFICER:** Manager Community Services

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 12th June 2025

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** 1. Transformer Design <u>J</u>

2. Transformer Quote  $\downarrow$ 

3. Chare Up Application <a>\bullet\$</a>

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Shire of Leonora has been collaborating with Niki Curtis, the Climate Alliance Coordinator for the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC), to support the establishment of an electric vehicle (EV) charging point within the town of Leonora. To facilitate the installation of the electric vehicle charging station, the Shire of Leonora applied on 1 August 2024 under Round 2 of the Charge Up Workplace Grant Program. The application sought funding to support both the purchase and installation of the EV charging unit as well as essential infrastructure upgrades specifically, a power supply upgrade to the proposed site at the Leonora Recreation Centre.

Following the Council's adoption of the 2024/2025 Budget, the installation of a heating system at the Leonora Aquatic and Recreation Centre was identified as a priority project. During the development of draft designs and technical specifications for the heating system, it became apparent that an upgrade to the Centre's existing electrical infrastructure would be required to support the additional energy demands.

Coinciding with this, the proposed installation of an electric vehicle charging station at the same site also necessitates a power supply upgrade. Given the overlapping infrastructure needs of both projects, a unified electrical upgrade has been designed. This integrated system will be capable of supporting both the heating installation and the EV charging station

On 17 October 2024, the Shire of Leonora received preliminary approval for its grant application from the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety. This approval was granted

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subject to the provision of a formal quotation from Horizon Power for the required upgrades to the electrical infrastructure.

Since receiving the preliminary approval, the Shire has been in ongoing discussions with Horizon Power regarding the detailed design and associated costings for the installation of a new transformer. These technical consultations have ensured that the proposed solution will adequately meet the electrical demands of both the new EV charging station and the planned heating system for the Leonora Aquatic and Recreation Centre.

On 10 June 2025, Horizon Power provided the finalised design and formal cost estimate for the electrical infrastructure upgrade. The total quoted cost is \$346,862.67, and the quotation remains valid for a period of 20 business days.

Under the Charge Up Grant guidelines, applicants are eligible to utilise up to \$225,000.00 for electrical infrastructure upgrades associated with the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. The Shire of Leonora has also allocated \$350,000.00 in its 2024/2025 budget for the heating upgrade at the Leonora Aquatic and Recreation Centre. Of this amount, approximately \$270,000.00 is earmarked for the supply and installation of the heating system, leaving a balance of \$80,000.00 available to contribute towards the required electrical upgrade.

The combined funding available for the electrical infrastructure works amounts to \$305,000.00. With the confirmed total cost of \$346,862.67 for the full upgrade, this leaves a funding shortfall of \$41,862.67. To address this gap, the Shire of Leonora may consider utilising funds from the Swimming Pool Reserve to cover the remaining cost.

#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Shire has worked closely with the GVROC on this matter.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

#### 6.8. Expenditure from municipal fund not included in annual budget

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

additional purpose means a purpose for which no expenditure estimate is included in the local government's annual budget.

- (2) Where expenditure has been incurred by a local government —
- (a) pursuant to subsection (1)(a), it is to be included in the annual budget for that financial year; and
- (b) pursuant to subsection (1)(c), it is to be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the council.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

As per the Shire of Leonora Purchasing Policy A2.7

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The project is contingent upon securing funding through the Charge Up Grant, which allows for up to \$225,000.00 to be allocated toward electrical infrastructure upgrades, and the allocation of an additional \$80,000.00 from the Shire's existing heating upgrade budget. To cover the remaining \$41,862.67 shortfall, it is proposed that funding be drawn from the Swimming Pool Reserve, bringing the total available funding to \$346,862.67, which matches the confirmed cost of the electrical upgrade.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The project algins with the Shire of Leonora Plan for the Future outcome 3.1: Sustainable and effective environmental management and outcome 3.2: Infrastructure and services meeting the needs of our community

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Key risks associated with the project include the potential for cost overruns or failure to secure the necessary co-funding, which may result in the Shire being unable to proceed and having to return the Charge Up grant. This could lead to delays in delivering critical infrastructure upgrades, impacting community expectations and service delivery. Additionally, there is a reputational risk to the Shire, as withdrawal from a high-profile sustainability initiative may affect stakeholder confidence and future funding opportunities

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That Council accepts the quote provided by Horizon Power for the installation of a transformer at 79 Tower Street, Leonora, and:
- 2. Authorises the submission of the quote as part of the Charge Up Grant application, seeking the maximum funding amount available for infrastructure upgrades; and
- 3. Commits to including in the 2025–2026 Annual Budget sufficient funds to cover any costs not met by the grant.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

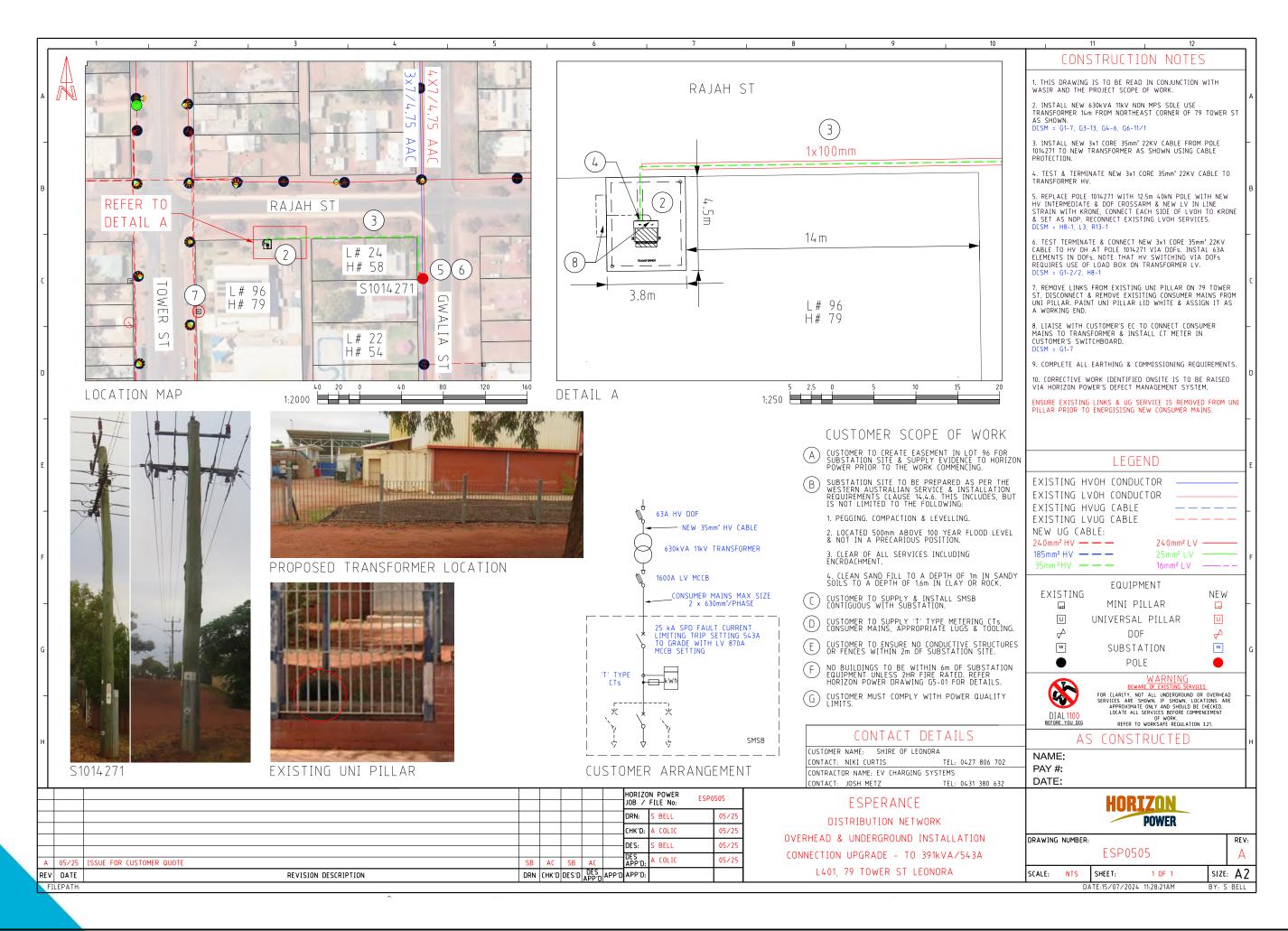
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#### **SIGNATURE**

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA 17 JUNE 2025





Horizon Power PO Box 148 Esperance WA 6450 ABN 57 955 011 697

Your Ref:
Our Ref:
ESP0505
Enquiries:
Grant De Vos
Telephone
(08) 9072 3476

#### **FORMAL QUOTE**

(Note: there is a 20 business daytime limit for acceptance of the Formal Quote)

#### Tuesday 10th of June 2025

Shire of Leonora 67 Tower St Leonora WA 6438 Attn: Niki Curtis

Dear Niki,

We refer to your request for Horizon Power to provide a formal quote in relation to the upgraded electricity connection at 79 Tower St Leonora (**Site**).

This Formal Quote is based on the information that has been provided by you (**Background Information**).

Please find attached to this Formal Quote the proposed Electricity Infrastructure Design on the enclosed drawing number ESP0505 which conforms to our standard design practices, and which has been prepared based on the data and instructions provided in the Background Information.

Please note that this Formal Quote:

- a. relates to the electricity infrastructure as detailed in the Electricity Infrastructure Design.
- b. is based on the attached Assumptions.
- c. is subject to the attached Terms and Conditions of Formal Quote; and
- d. is subject to the WA Distribution Connection Manual, Supply Extension Projects – General Conditions for Individual Customers (DSB 95/5) and Substation Installation Requirements (DSB 95/6) if a substation is required. These documents can be downloaded at the following website: <a href="http://horizonpower.com.au/contractors-suppliers/contractors/manuals-and-standards/">http://horizonpower.com.au/contractors-suppliers/contractors/manuals-and-standards/</a>

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#### **QUOTATION DETAILS**

Labour Costs Material Costs Equipment Costs Contractor Related Costs Capacity Charge (if applicable)	\$26,919.02 \$92,322.56 \$1,264.68 \$200,823.44
Capital Contribution (excl GST)	\$321,329.70
GST Amount	\$32,132.97
Capital Contribution (non refundable) Less Design Fees (if paid) Balance Owing	<b>\$353,462.67</b> \$6,600.00 <b>\$346,862.67</b>

Our quotation for this work is \$346,862.67 (non-refundable). This amount includes GST of \$32,132.97.

#### HORIZON POWER'S SCOPE OF WORK

Horizon Power's scope of work (**Electricity Infrastructure Works**) which is covered by this quotation is as follows:

- Install new 630kVA 11kV transformer 14m from northeast corner of 79 Tower St as shown on drawing ESP0505.
- Install new HVUG cable from pole 1014271 to new transformer as shown on drawing ESP0505.
- Replace pole 1014271 with new 12.5m pole.
- Test, terminate and connect HVUG cable to new transformer and overhead on pole 1014271 via HV fuses.
- Remove links and disconnect consumer mains from existing uni pillar on 79 Tower St. Convert uni pillar to a working end.
- Liaise with customer's EC to connect consumer mains to new transformer and install CT meter in SMSB.
- Complete all termination, earthing and commissioning requirements.
- Liaise with customer's EC to connect consumer mains to new transformer.
   Ensure existing consumer mains is disconnected prior to energizing new transformer.
- Complete all termination, earthing and commissioning requirements.

#### **CUSTOMER'S SCOPE OF WORK**

The work described below is not included in the quotation and is the customer's responsibility.

- Supply evidence of easement for substation site within the lot prior to installation.
- Install survey pegs to define cable route from pole 1014271 to transformer.
- Prepare transformer site as per the Western Australian Services and Installation Requirements clause 14.4.6.
- Supply and install CT SMSB contiguous to transformer site
- Supply 'T' type CTs, consumer mains, appropriate connectors and tooling.
- All work on customer's side of the point of supply.

#### CONNECTION

Please note that before final supply connection can be made, the customer's electrical contractor must submit the appropriate notices in accordance with the *WA Electrical Requirements* and/or the *WA Distribution Connection Manual*. These documents can be downloaded at the following websites:

http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/EnergySafety/PDF/Publications/WA\_Electrical\_Requirements.pdf http://horizonpower.com.au/contractors-suppliers/contractors/manuals-and-standards/

The customer must also complete the appropriate account application form before connection can occur.

#### **PAYMENT INFORMATION**

If you wish to proceed with this work (Horizon Power reference number ESP0505), please complete and sign the attached Quotation Acceptance Form. Return the form within **20** business days to:

Horizon Power PO Box 148 Esperance WA 6450

We will prepare and forward a Tax Invoice for the above work once the Quotation Acceptance Form has been received at our office. Available payment options are listed at the bottom of the Tax Invoice.

Please note that it is important that the Customer Details are completed on the Quotation Acceptance Form, since these will be used to determine who the Tax Invoice will be issued to.

#### SCHEDULING OF ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS

Generally, we will endeavor to undertake the Electricity Infrastructure Works in accordance with your timetable for completion of the Project. However, adequate notice must be given of the Project timetable and the desired completion date for the Electricity Infrastructure Works. Typically, construction will commence within 12 weeks of the date payment has been received. How long the Electricity Infrastructure Works will take to complete depends on the nature of the Project, including the size and complexity of the Project and the availability of internal and/or external personnel, equipment and/or materials required for the Project.

Once we have received payment, the Construction Manager appointed to manage the Electricity Infrastructure Works for the Project will advise you as to the proposed construction schedule. We will keep you informed as to our progress regarding the construction schedule for completion of the Electricity Infrastructure Works.

#### **ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION**

If you require any assistance with understanding the Formal Quote or the Quotation Acceptance Form, or if you would like copies of the Manuals or Policies referred to in these documents, please contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

Grant de Vos

**Grant De Vos** 

**Power Systems Officer** 

**Horizon Power** 

Enc:

1. Quotation Acceptance Form

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- 2. Customer Detail Form
- 3. Assumptions of Formal Quote
- 4. Terms and Conditions



Your Ref:

Our Ref: ESP0505 Enquiries: Grant De Vos Telephone (08) 9072 3476

#### **QUOTATION ACCEPTANCE FORM**

Please complete, sign and return this form if you accept the quotation provided by Horizon Power for the work specified below.

Project Title	79 Tower St Leonora
Horizon Power Reference No.	ESP0505
Formal Quote Date	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> of June 2025
Quotation Amount (incl GST)	\$346,862.67

By signing this Quotation Acceptance Form **Niki Curtis** accepts the Formal Quote and acknowledges that they are entering into a binding contract with Horizon Power, subject to the attached Terms and Conditions. By signing the Quotation Acceptance **Niki Curtis** acknowledges that:

- a. the Formal Quote was based on the attached Assumptions;
- b. the per unit energy charge payable upon connection is as per the information available on <a href="https://horizonpower.com.au/media/4568/fees-and-charges-brochure-july-2019.pdf">https://horizonpower.com.au/media/4568/fees-and-charges-brochure-july-2019.pdf</a>
- c. the Electricity Infrastructure Design attached to the Formal Quote has been reviewed and is acceptable;
- d. the Assumptions of Formal Quote attached to the Formal Quote have been reviewed and are applicable;
- e. before Horizon Power will order any materials or commence the Electrical Infrastructure Works, full payment must be made for the Electricity Infrastructure Works; and
- f. the Tax Invoice will be issued in accordance with the Customer Details completed below.

I have also enclosed	the completed Customer Details Form.
Signature:	
Please print name:	
Phone No.	
Date:	



Your Ref:
Our Ref:
ESP0505
Enquiries:
Telephone
Grant De Vos
(08) 9072 3476

Horizon Power PO Box 148 Esperance WA 6450 ABN 57 955 011 697

#### **CUSTOMER DETAILS (For Tax Invoice Purposes)**

#### Please ensure all items are completed

name or Company Name	•
Contact Name: (if different)	
Postal Address:	
ABN/ACN:	
(If applicable)	
Your P/O Number	
(If applicable)	
Phone No.:	
Mobile No.:	
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Email:	
Horizon Power use only:	
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ELLIPSE INVOICE NO:



# **ASSUMPTIONS OF FORMAL QUOTE**

The Formal Quote is based on the following general assumptions:

- a. The accuracy of the information (including the electrical demand requirements and all plans and survey information) provided in your Connection Application and the attached documents as well as any additional information you have provided before the Formal Quote was issued.
- The Electricity Infrastructure Works will be undertaken by Horizon Power during Normal Working Hours 7am to 4pm on Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays unless otherwise specifically stated in the Formal Quote.
- c. If rock is encountered the customer will be invoiced for all additional work associated with the excavation and removal of overburden.
- d. Horizon Power can reasonably meet the terms on which any required Government approvals and Site access rights are granted with regards to the Electricity Infrastructure Works.
- The Customer provides to Horizon Power access to the Site and any related approvals as reasonably required by Horizon Power for its performance of the Electricity Infrastructure Works, as and when Horizon Power requires such access.
- f. There are no latent conditions on or about the Site including the sub-soil and other geographical, geological and environmental conditions likely to affect Horizon Power's performance of the Electricity Infrastructure Works.
- g. Horizon Power does not encounter any physical or artificial obstructions which includes Horizon Power encountering hard rock instead of soft soil whether those physical or artificial obstructions were foreseeable.
- h. There are no environmental, native title, Aboriginal heritage or contamination issues affecting the Site.
- i. The Site is readily accessible by a two-wheel drive vehicle.
- j. Site plans without contours marked are level.
- k. The Site will be easily accessible by Horizon Power during Normal Working Hours, Horizon Power always has unobstructed access to the Site during the performance of the Electricity Infrastructure Works and the Site conditions are not detrimental to the ability of Horizon Power's employees or contractors to work in an efficient, productive and safe manner.
- The parts of the Site which will be accessed to install electricity infrastructure as detailed in the Electricity Infrastructure Design and the Electricity Infrastructure Works are clear of vegetation and other infrastructure.
- m. The Customer delivers all of the deliverables required of the Customer in connection with the Electricity Infrastructure Works and this Formal Quote and provides any other information Horizon Power reasonably requests from the Customer within a reasonable timeframe.

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# TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FORMAL QUOTE

Acceptance of the Formal Quote is subject to the following terms and conditions.

#### 1. Validity of Formal Quote

The Formal Quote is valid for 20 business days from the date issued.

# 2. Acceptance of Formal Quote

By signing the Quotation Acceptance Form, you are confirming that you accept the Formal Quote and are entering into a binding contract with Horizon Power subject to these terms and conditions including the terms and conditions in the covering letter (**Contract**). These terms and conditions form part of the Contract unless expressly excluded in writing by Horizon Power. Unless otherwise provided for in the Contract, a purported modification, variation or amendment of this Contract including the scope of works or any waiver of any rights of any party or any approval or consent shall have no effect unless in writing and signed by each party. This does not apply to any Horizon Power initiated modifications to the Electricity Infrastructure Design or the Electricity Infrastructure Works pursuant to clause 13.

# 3. Applicable policies

The WA Distribution Connection Manual, Supply Extension Projects – General Conditions for Individual Customers (DSB 95/5) and Substation Installation Requirements (DSB 95/6) if a substation is required, form part of the Formal Quote and will be reviewed by you and, where applicable, your electrical contractor.

#### 4. Licence to access Site

You must grant Horizon Power an unconditional licence to access the Site for the purpose of undertaking the Electricity Infrastructure Works from the date the Quotation Acceptance Form is received by Horizon Power until the date the Electricity Infrastructure Works are completed. You must ensure the Site is safe and you must indemnify Horizon Power against any loss or damage suffered by Horizon Power's officers, employees, contractors and agents (Horizon Power Personnel) while on the Site except to the extent such loss or damage was caused or contributed to by the Horizon Power Personnel.

# 5. Commencement of Electricity Infrastructure Works

Before Horizon Power will order any materials or commence any Electricity Infrastructure Works detailed in this Formal Quote you must pay the full cost for the Electricity Infrastructure Works as specified in the Formal Quote.

# 6. Completion of Electricity Infrastructure Works

The commencement and completion dates set out in the Formal Quote are indicative only and are not guaranteed by Horizon Power. Horizon Power will however keep you informed as to its progress against any agreed schedule for completion of the Electricity Infrastructure Works.

#### 7. Notice of Completion

Once Horizon Power has completed the Electricity Infrastructure Works, Horizon Power will notify you by email (or if no email is specified in the Customer Details, by pre-paid post) that Horizon Power has achieved Completion.

# 8. Notification of other utilities and government authorities

It is your responsibility to provide a full size copy of the Electricity Infrastructure Design drawings and any other relevant documents to Telstra, any other service utilities, the appropriate local government and any other person as required by Law.

# 9. Accuracy of Electricity Infrastructure Design

You are responsible for reviewing, with your electrical contractor, if necessary, the Electricity Infrastructure Design provided with this Formal Quote. You should notify Horizon Power immediately should you become aware of any errors in these documents.

To the extent permitted by Law (including the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*), Horizon Power takes no responsibility and has no liability (including in negligence) for the accuracy or correctness of the Electricity Infrastructure Design.

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#### 10. Responsibility for boundaries

You are responsible for accurately pegging all necessary boundaries to enable accurate placement of electricity infrastructure in accordance with the Electricity Infrastructure Design. You acknowledge that if the boundaries are not accurately pegged then Horizon Power may incur additional costs in performing the Electricity Infrastructure Works which will be treated as a modification to the Electricity Infrastructure Works under this Contract.

## 11. Additional costs

You must pay any additional costs incurred by Horizon Power which arise in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) one or more of the assumptions listed in the 'Assumptions of Formal Quote' are not applicable or are incorrect.
- (b) changes are made to the Project which require consequential changes to the Electricity Infrastructure Design attached to the Formal Quote.
- (c) a change in any Law that requires a modification to the Electricity Infrastructure Design which increases the cost of the Electricity Infrastructure Works.
- (d) Horizon Power is requested by you or any other agency to carry out quality assurance inspections and witness any tests in relation to the Electricity Infrastructure Works; and
- (e) any delays incurred as a result your actions or omissions which result in additional costs to Horizon Power.
- (f) if rock is encountered the customer will be invoiced for all additional work associated with the excavation and removal of overburden.

Horizon Power will notify you of any additional costs prior to the work continuing in circumstances where the additional costs are greater than 20% of the quotation provided in the Formal Quote. Otherwise, you agree to pay the additional costs.

#### 12. Excluded costs

Costs for reinstatement or work associated with other services are not included in the Formal Quote unless specifically stated.

# 13. Modification of Electricity Infrastructure Works and Electricity Infrastructure Design

Horizon Power may, acting reasonably, vary, alter, modify or amend the Electricity Infrastructure Design or the Electricity Infrastructure Works at any time. You may request Horizon Power to modify the Electricity Infrastructure Design or the Electricity Infrastructure Works but Horizon Power may only agree in its sole discretion, Any additional charges incurred by Horizon Power due to any modification to the Electricity Infrastructure Design or the Electricity Infrastructure Works (whether the modification was made by Horizon Power or made at your request) will be payable by you to Horizon Power prior to Electricity Infrastructure Works commencing or continuing.

#### 14. Cancellation fee

If you cancel the Electricity Infrastructure Works detailed in this Formal Quote, the following costs will be deducted from the refund cheque:

- (a) the costs of any materials (if any) purchased by Horizon Power as at the date of the cancellation.
- (b) the costs of any works (if any) completed by Horizon Power as at the date of the cancellation; and
- (c) an administration fee as published in the Networks Charges Schedule. You acknowledge that the design fee that you have previously paid to Horizon Power prior to the date of this Formal Quote is not refundable if you cancel the Electricity Infrastructure Works.

#### 15. Force Majeure

Horizon Power is not liable to you for any loss, damage or expense caused by or attributable to Force Majeure. In the event of Force Majeure, Horizon Power may suspend the Electricity Infrastructure Works for the period until Horizon Power considers, acting reasonably, that the event of Force Majeure has passed. Horizon Power will not be liable to you in any way in respect of such suspension.

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#### 16. Consequential losses excluded

Horizon Power will not be liable for any loss of use, production, profit, revenue, contract or anticipated savings, interruption to any business, or any special, indirect or consequential loss or damage incurred by you in connection with the Works except where such losses or damages are incurred because of the gross negligence or wilful default of Horizon Power.

#### 17. Limitation on liability

In any event, to the extent permitted by Law (including the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*), Horizon Power's liability to you for a breach of this Contract is limited to the amount paid by you to Horizon Power under this Contract.

## 18. Resolution of disputes

If the parties are not able to resolve a dispute arising out of this Contract, each party agrees that the dispute must be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators of Australia Rules for the Conduct of Commercial Arbitrations.

#### 19. Application of Law

Nothing contained in this Contract shall in any way limit the operation or effect of the *Electricity Corporations Act 2005, Energy Operators (Powers) Act 1979*, or any other Law.

## 20. Notice

Any notice, consent, demand, approval or communication made under this Contract must be in writing, in English and hand delivered, sent by facsimile or pre-paid post, or emailed to the recipient's address as specified in the Formal Quote and the Customer Details Form respectively.

## 21. Assignment

Horizon Power may assign, novate, licence, charge or otherwise deal with any of its rights and obligations under this Contract without your prior written consent. You must not assign this Contract without obtaining Horizon Power's prior written approval.

#### 22. Severability

All or part of any provision of this Contract that is illegal or unenforceable may be severed from this Contract and the remaining provisions of this Contract continue in force.

#### 23. Survival

The clauses dealing with consequential losses and the limitation of liability will survive after the Electricity Infrastructure Works have been Commissioned.

# 24. Governing Law and jurisdiction

This Contract is governed by the Law applicable in Western Australia. Each party irrevocably and unconditionally submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Western Australia.

For this Contract, the following definitions apply:

**Commissioned** means the point at which one of Horizon Power's representatives inspects and approves the Electricity Infrastructure Works the subject of this Formal Quote and electricity is then supplied by Horizon Power to you.

**Completion** means the point at which Horizon Power has completed the Electricity Infrastructure Works the subject of this Formal Quote. Completion may occur before the Electricity Infrastructure Works are Commissioned.

**Electricity Infrastructure Design** means the electricity infrastructure design referred to in the covering letter and attached to the Formal Quote.

**Force Majeure** means any cause or event which is not reasonably within the control of the party affected and (without limiting the generality of the foregoing) includes Acts of God; strikes; lockouts; stoppages or restraints of labour or other industrial disturbances; war, acts of public enemies, riot or civil commotion or sabotage; fire, explosion, earthquake, landslide, flood, washout, lightning, storm or tempest; breakdown or an accident to plant, machinery, equipment, lines or pipes howsoever caused; failure of suppliers to supply equipment or machinery; and restraints, embargoes or other actions of any government.

**Law** means any statute, ordinance, code or other law including regulations and other enforceable instruments under it.

Party means a party to this Contract.

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# **Applicant Details**

\* indicates a required field

## I am applying as an organisation who; \*

- Occupies the site where the chargers will be installed.
- O Does not occupy the site where the chargers will be installed.

If you do not occupy the site where the chargers will be installed, you must be a landowner or a Charge Point Operator.

### Will the charger(s) be installed at a site with a shared carpark? \*

- No

## **Organisation Name \***

Shire of Leonora

## Organisation Type \*

- Small Enterprise (Fewer than 20 employees)
- Medium Enterprise (Between 20 and 199 employees)
- Local Government Authority
- O Not-for-profit registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission If you do not meet this criteria for the grant, you will not be able to continue with this application form. If you have a proposal you would like Energy Policy WA to consider, please email <a href="mailto:chargeup@dmirs.wa.gov.au">chargeup@dmirs.wa.gov.au</a>.

# Please briefly describe the nature of the business or charitable activities that the organisation undertakes. Include trading name if different from organisation name, and include web link if available. \*

Local Government Association

For example, 'Our organisation is a café trading as 'Sample Organisation', see our website at

### ABN \*

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ABN 15 961 454 076
Entity name SHIRE OF LEONORA

ABN status Active

**Entity type** Local Government Entity

Goods & Services Tax (GST) Yes

DGR Endorsed No

ATO Charity Type Not endorsed More information

ACNC Registration No.

**Tax Concessions** No tax concessions

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Main business location

6438 WA

Information retrieved at 4:21pm yesterday

Must be an ABN.

## Organisation Address \*

81 Tower St Leonora WA 6438 Australia Country must be Australia

### Postal Address \*

Tower St

Leonora WA 6438 Australia

Country must be Australia

# Does the organisation have outstanding debts owing to government? \*

- Yes
- No

This does not include BAS debts.

Is the organisation subject to serious investigation and/or prosecution action? \*

- Yes
- No

# **Site Details and Charger Usage**

\* indicates a required field

# **Site Details**

### What is the name of the site? \*

Leonora Aquatic Centre

For example, this could be 'Head Office', 'Depot', 'Community Centre', or simply the name of your organisation.

### What is the address of this site? \*

81 Tower St

Leonora WA 6438 Australia

Country must be Australia

# Is this site in Greater Perth or Regional WA? \*

- O Greater Perth
- Regional WA

To see if your site is located in 'Greater Perth' please see the map at <u>2021 Greater Perth Census</u>

Is this property zoned for residential use only? \*

- Yes
- No

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We require this information to ensure that grant funding is not used for residential properties.

Are solar panels installed at this site? * <ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> </ul> Your response to this question will not affect your application. This information is gathered for research/policy development purposes.
Do you use Greenpower at this site? *  ● Yes  ● No  GreenPower is renewable energy from government accredited sources. To find out more, visit <a href="https://www.greenpower.gov.au/">https://www.greenpower.gov.au/</a> . Your response to this question will not affect your application. This information is gathered for research/policy development purposes.
How many chargers are currently at this site? * $0$
Does the organisation own the land where the EV charger(s) will be installed? *  Yes  No If you have answered no, please ensure you have the consent of the landowner to install the charger(s) at the site.
Charger Usage
Who will use the EV charger(s)? *  □ Employees □ Visitors to the organisation(s) □ Fleet Vehicles □ Members of the public
What are the operating hours of this organisation? * 11am-7pm E.g 9am-5pm, 24 hours a day, 9am-11am and 12pm to 4pm
When will the EV Charger(s) be accessible by users? *  ☑ Daytime Charging 9am-5pm ☑ Peak Charging 5pm-9pm ☑ Overnight Off-peak Charging 9pm-9am Please select all time bands where the charger will be accessible. If the charger(s) will be in a publicly accessible location, i.e. a shared carpark or public destination, please select all time bands.

# Managing peak usage

How will you make it more attractive for drivers to charge during the day (9am to 5pm) and/or overnight (9pm to 9am), compared to during the evening peak period (5pm to 9pm)? \*

- Require users to pay a higher cents per kilowatt hour rate during the evening peak period.
- Reducing the rate of charge, so that it is slower to charge the vehicle during the evening peak period (trickle charging).

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Other:

The Charge Up Grants Program encourages EV charging during the day and overnight as opposed to during the evening peak period of 5pm to 9pm. This not only makes great use of the abundant solar energy flowing through the electricity grid during the day, but reduces the extent of potentially costly grid upgrades that could be required as more people make the switch to EVs.

Different options for managing peak usage are appropriate for different use cases.

**Public chargers:** If your charger(s) are going to be available to visitors and/or the general public, you should require EV drivers to pay a usage fee and ideally make the charger(s) available at all times. Evening peak usage should be managed by setting a higher cents per kilowatt hour rate from 5pm to 9pm. This kind of billing arrangement can be implemented using any of the software programs on the Charge Up Approved List. It is **not recommended** that you trickle charge or turn off chargers from 5pm to 9pm if the charger(s) are available to visitors and/or the general public.

**Fleet/employee vehicle chargers:** Fleet/employee vehicle charging should not occur during the evening peak period of 5pm to 9pm unless it is necessary as a business/operation al requirement. Vehicles should be charged during the day or overnight.

These are general rules only. Exceptions apply where needed to satisfy busine ss/operational requirements or where appropriate alternative arrangements are proposed by the applicant.

# **Charger Usage Pricing**

Please provide the price for the peak period (5pm-9pm). \* 40c/kilowatt

This should be shown as cents per kilowatt hour.

Please provide the price for the off-peak period (9am-5pm, 9pm-9am). \* 30c/kilowatt

This should be shown as cents per kilowatt hour. If you want to offer different pricing within these two periods, please provide the time period and pricing for each.

Who will use the EV charger(s)? Indicate number of staff, fleet vehicles, visitors or members of the general public (This may be exact figured or a best estimate). \* 2-10 general public cars per day to start and then increasing over time.

How often will the EV charger(s) be used (e.g. daily, several times a week, occasionally) and what will you do to promote its use? \*

Daily. This will be promoted through media, signage and on ChargeFox map.

Do you expect it be used more over time? (e.g. through the purchase of more fleet vehicles or seasonal attractions to the area). \*

It will be used more in spring through to autumn when there are more visitors to the area.

Are there any other matters relevant to whether grant funding should be provided for this site? \*

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No

If you have attachments that relate to this installation and site, such as images of the charger location, please provide them here.

Filename: 10.jpg File size: 144.9 kB

Filename: 11.jpg File size: 117.9 kB

Filename: EV layout.png File size: 924.4 kB

#### Wil the chargers be listed on an online platform such as Plugshare? \*

YesNo

We are asking this question to understand how many chargers funded through the grant can be found online by members of the general public, If you do not intend for your charger to be found online by members of the public, please select 'No'.

# **Project Cost**

# \* indicates a required field

Please enter the total cost of each required item, as outlined in the quote, in the section below. The grant funding amounts for this site will be calculated when you proceed to the next page.

# What is the quoted amount (ex.GST) for the hardware? \* \$81.970.77

Must be a dollar amount.

Must be exact figures to two decimal places.

# What is the quoted amount (ex.GST) for installation and a 2-year maintenance program? $\mbox{*}$

\$39,898.92

Must be a dollar amount.

Must be exact figures to two decimal places. Please only include eligible installation costs.

# What is the quoted amount (ex.GST) for a 2-year subscription to the software? \* \$1.680.00

Must be a dollar amount.

Must be exact figures to two decimal places.

Total Project Cost \*

\$123,549.69

This number/amount is calculated.

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#### Please attach all quotes. \*

Filename: walg Quote JN43251.pdf

File size: 61.3 kB

# **Electricity Network Upgrades**

Do you need electricity network upgrades, from Western Power or Horizon Power, to install these chargers? \*

Yes

○ No

Most AC chargers installations do not require a network upgrade, whilst it is common for DC installations. If you are unsure, discuss this with your installer. Western Power and Horizon Power typically charge a fee for design work to prepare a quote for electricity network costs. Whilst this fee can be in the thousands of dollars depending on the complexity of the installation, the cost will be discounted from your network upgrade invoice.

# Initial assessment of application before obtaining a quote for electricity network costs

Would you like the Charge Up project team to undertake an initial assessment of your application before you obtain a quote for electricity network costs? \*

- Yes, I do not yet have a quote for network upgrades
- O No, I have already received a quote for network upgrades

You may choose to submit your application prior to getting a quote from the network operator, to obtain an indication of whether your application is likely to succeed, before you pay design fees to the network operator.

This will be an initial assessment only and is not a final submission.

# **Charger Details**

\* indicates a required field

How many EV chargers would you like to install? \*

- 1
- O 2
- о́ 3
- 0

An EV charger with more than one port is counted as one EV charger. For example, if you are purchasing two EV chargers that each have two ports, select '2', not '4'.

# **Charger 1 Hardware and Software**

Please select the software platform and approved supplier from the dropdown menu.  ${}^{*}$ 

Charge Hub > Supplied By EV Charging Systems

First find the software platform you have been quoted for, and then select the approved supplier that has provided the quote. All software platforms and software providers must be on the Approved Hardware and Software List. If you have received a quote for a software platform that is not on

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this list, or from a supplier that is not an approved supplier for that software, the platform/software combination will not display in the dropdown menu and you will need to gather a revised quote for an approved software platform or supplier.

## Is this an AC or a DC charger? \*

 $\bigcirc$  AC

DC

An AC charger can be either 7kW or 22kW in size, whilst a DC charger may range from 25kW to 350kW. If you are unsure what the type of EV charger you have received a quote for, discuss this with your installer.

# What is the capacity of the hardware?

If the exact charger capacity for your configuration is not available in the dropdown list, please contact the Charge Up Project Team at <a href="mailto:chargeup@dmirs.wa.gov.au">chargeup@dmirs.wa.gov.au</a> or call 08 6551 4611

# **DC Charger**

# Please select the make and model number of charger from the dropdown menu. \* Schneider Electric > EVD1S120TBB-AN

All EV chargers must be on the Approved Hardware and Software List. If you have received a quote for an EV charger that is not on this list, the model number will not display in the dropdown menu and you will need to gather a revised quote for an approved model number.

# **Grant Funding**

# Regional WA

#### **Hardware Grant Funding**

\$40,985.39

This number/amount is calculated.

# **Installation Grant Funding**

\$10,000.00

This number/amount is calculated.

# **Software Grant Funding**

\$840.00

This number/amount is calculated.

# **Total Grant Funding**

# **Total Application Cost**

\$123,549.69

This number/amount is calculated.

## **Total Grant Funding**

\$51,825.39

This number/amount is calculated.

# **Total Applicant Contribution**

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\$71.724.30

This number/amount is calculated.

# **Applicant Declaration**

\* indicates a required field

# **General application obligations**

Applicants must:

- apply for the grant using the approved application form through the SmartyGrants platform;
- ensure grant funding is used only for the approved EV installation project;
- ensure the co-funded EV charger(s) are purchased by the entity detailed as the applicant in the approved application;
- ensure the co-funded EV charger(s) are installed at the location specified in the approved application;
- ensure that the approved EV installation project is completed within 180 days (for AC chargers) or 18 months (for DC chargers) of receiving approval for grant funding;
- comply with the reporting and audit requirements set out in these guidelines;
- comply with all Commonwealth, State and local government laws relevant to the project;
- not provide misleading, false, or inaccurate information in or related to the application or project, and notify DMIRS immediately on becoming aware of any misleading, false or inaccurate information having been provided;
- agree to provide DMIRS or a delegate with access to the site where the applicant has installed chargers using co-funding, to enable verification that the installation has occurred in line with the approved application; and
- comply with all policies, guidelines, and reasonable requests DMIRS provides in relation to the Grants Program.

# **Obligations relating to Grants Program objectives**

Applicants agree to:

- install software from the approved list and maintain the software subscription for a period of two years;
- for public chargers, maintain the chargers for at least a two-year period;
- commit to maintaining the charging infrastructure in place for a period of five years;
- request their installer submit a Notice of Completion to Building and Energy, DMIRS;
- provide data from all EV chargers co-funded by the Grants Program to DMIRS upon request for a period of two years commencing on the date the charger(s) are installed:
- the data to be provided includes, but is not limited to, the quantity of electricity used by the EV charger(s) and the time the electricity is used; and
- data is expected to be obtained through the software providers.
  - comply with any reasonable request from DMIRS for information about the applicants

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approved EV installation project (for example responding to surveys about EV uptake and use, and how the EV charger(s) are being used);

- DMIRS using the data to review Grant Program outcomes and inform future policy development;
- DMIRS using the data to conduct audits of the use of EV charger(s) co-funded by the Grant Program to determine whether usage is consistent with the time periods specified in the grant application; and
- DMIRS providing data to Western Power and/or the Australian Energy Market Operator for the purpose of registering EV charger(s) co-funded by the Grant Program on the DER Register.

# Funding payment - use of grant funding

Applicants must use the grant funding solely in accordance with the approved EV installation project as set out in the approved application. Any changes to the project scope will not be funded unless they are approved by DMIRS. Approval for proposed changes should be sought from DMIRS before any changes to the approved project are undertaken.

#### Conditions of payment

No guarantee can be provided that an application will be funded or the amount of funds to be provided before the assessment proces is completed. For successful applications, a single payment will be made on the condition that:

- procurement and installation of the EV charger(s) has been satisfactorily performed within 180 days (for AC chargers) or 18 months (for DC chargers) of application approval;
- a relevant software subscription(s) has been purchased;
- for public chargers, a minimum two-year maintenance plan has been entered into;
- the applicant has provided a copy of the invoice for the purchase and installation of each EV charger and associated software subscription, consistent with the approved application;
- sufficient evidence is provided that the EV charger(s) have been installed in compliance with these guidelines, including a photo that clearly shows each EV charger installed at the approved application address along with a photo of the serial number of each installed charger;
- the correct applicant bank details are provided;
- successful applicants are not in breach of any term of these guidelines; and
- except where the applicant has entered into an funding agreement with DMIRS that specifies alternative milestone and payment details, no grant monies will be paid to the applicant until these requirements are met.

### Provision of false or misleading information

Applicants must not provide any false or misleading information in any communications with DMIRS relating to a grant application, including on the grant application form itself.

If an applicant receives grant funding after providing false or misleading information, it will likely constitute an offence of Fraud under section 409 of the Criminal Code Act 1995.

If applicants provide any information or make any representations that DMIRS considers to be inaccurate, intended to mislead, deceptive, deceitful, or otherwise fraudulent, the following actions may be taken against individuals or an organisation acting as the applicant:

 Refusal to consider a current or future application by, or in any way related to, the applicant.

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- · Withdrawal of any related funding offer.
- Requiring the return of any payment received by the applicant.
- Reporting the matter to WA Police.

## Verification of applicant details

DMIRS has engaged a third party service provider, Eftsure Pty Ltd, to verify grant applicants bank account details. Grant applicants must agree to provide eftsure with relevant information to enable this process to occur (for example, responding to telephone calls or text messages from eftsure

### Ensuring up to date information

The applicant must promptly inform DMIRS of any changes to their:

- name:
- address:
- nominated contact details; and
- bank account details.

The applicant must promptly inform DMIRS of any matters likely to affect or delay their project and communicate all salient developments as and when they occur. If the applicant becomes aware of a breach of any of these conditions, they must contact DMIRS immediately.

#### **Auditing**

DMIRS may at any time, upon reasonable written prior notice, audit, or arrange for an audit of, an applicants records or site as necessary to verify that:

- information provided in the grant application, and ongoing information provided, is legitimate;
- any grant funding awarded has been expended in accordance with these terms and conditions;
- any EV charger(s) relating to an approved application have been purchased and installed in accordance with the approved application; and
- use of any EV charger(s) co-funded by the Grants Program is consistent with the time periods specified in the grant application. Audits may happen at any time, with reasonable notice, and relevant parties/authorities may be contacted to confirm the above. If an audit reveals non-compliance, action may be taken against the applicant, as described under the provision of false or misleading information section above.
- Applicants agree to allow DMIRS or a delegate to enter their site for the purpose of conducting an audit.

# Withholding, suspension and repayment

DMIRS reserves the right to withhold, suspend, or require repayment of, grant monies where it forms the view that:

- the applicant has provided information or made a representation during the application process, or as part of an audit, that is reasonably considered to be inaccurate, misleading, deceptive, deceitful, or fraudulent, and where further information is needed to resolve discrepancies and apparent inconsistencies;
- a non-compliance with these guidelines has occurred, including but not limited to the EV charger not being purchased, received or installed as per the approved application or the specified EV charger software subscription not being purchased and connected;
- the specified EV charger/s are not being used for the intended purpose of charging EVs; and
- promotion of on-site charging is occurring without the charger being connected and

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operational.

- Applicants must repay to DMIRS any grant amounts received by the applicant as a result of misleading, false or inaccurate information or to which the applicant was not otherwise entitled. This includes repayment in the event the applicant provides false or misleading information about the time when charger(s) co-funded by the Grants Program will be used.
- Applicants must repay any grant overpayment, including payments that the DMIRS determines as being ineligible, within 28 business days of a demand being sent. Any grant repayment claims made to an applicant will be a debt due and owing by the applicant. DMIRS may exclude applicants that fail to repay any grant overpayments from future funding rounds and future grants.

### **Disqualification of applicants**

DMIRS reserves the right to disqualify applicants from participating in funding rounds for an identified period. This may be done if there is a belief on reasonable grounds that an applicant has engaged in misconduct relating to any part of the application or assessment process. In determining whether to disqualify an applicant consider may be given as to whether the applicant has:

- breached any part of these guidelines;
- breached a direction given by DMIRS during the funding application process; and been involved in, or is suspected of, being involved in current, or in the future, conduct intended to affect the integrity of the grant process.

#### **Application withdrawal**

Applications may be withdrawn during a funding round by contacting DMIRS in writing at chargeup@dmirs.wa.gov.au to communicate the withdrawal request. Withdrawal of an application will result in its cancellation and it will not be assessed further. Such an application may be re-submitted in future grant funding rounds.

#### Complaints

Complaints about any aspect of the Grants Program should be made in writing and emailed to chargeup@dmirs.wa.gov.au. Complaints will be reviewed internally by DMIRS in the first instance. Complaints that cannot be resolved within 30 business days from lodgment will be escalated to the Grants Program Steering Committee. Any complaint that the Steering Committee deems unresolved after a further 30 business days will be referred to the Minister for Energy for resolution.

# Confidentiality and disclosure of information

DMIRS may publish information of Round 2 results on Western Australian Government websites, including, but not limited to:

- grant funding amounts approved or paid;
- names and organisation type of successful applicants; and
- general description of approved projects, including location (suburb). Information contained in applications may also be shared with other state or Australian government agencies to seek clarification on an application or applicants. DMIRS may use deidentified application data in training materials, case studies, evaluations, and other portfolio purposes. Unless otherwise stated, any commercial-in-confidence information provided by an applicant as part of, or in connection with, a registration, applications or negotiation process will be treated confidentially by DMIRS. DMIRS may disclose comme rcial-in-confidence information provided by applicants to the following parties:
  - The Minister for Energy (including the Office of the Minister for Energy).
  - The Office of the Auditor General.

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- The Director General of DMIRS.
- DMIRS staff or its consultants.
- Where authorised or required by law to be disclosed.
- Members of the Charge Up Workplace Grants Steering Committee.

DMIRS will otherwise only disclose commercial-inconfidence information provided by applicants with their expressed consent.

#### **Insurance**

It is the responsibility of the applicant to have and maintain appropriate insurance to cover any liability incurred in relation to the procurement, installation and operation of the cofunded EV charger and software, without limitation.

#### **Limitation of liability**

The Western Australian government is not responsible or liable in any way for the success or otherwise of any applicants approved EV charger project or for any applicant losses suffered in undertaking any project. The applicant releases the State of Western Australia from all liability in relation to the grant funding, the project, how EV chargers installed as part of a project are used, and any related matter, and agrees that they will not make any claim against the State of Western Australia arising directly or indirectly in the relation to the grant funding, the project, the conditions and any related matter.

The applicant agrees to indemnify the State of Western Australia, its officers, employees and agents from and against any loss, damage, claims, liability, suffered or incurred by or brought against the State of Western Australia caused by, arising out of, or relating directly or indirectly to any:

- Act or omission by the applicant or applicants employees, contractors, officers, or agents in connection with the applicants procurement and installation of an EV charger.
- Use by any person of the EV charger installed by the applicant that is funded under the Grants Program including, but not limited to, any personal injury occurring in connection with its use.
- Breach by the applicant of their obligations under these terms and conditions.
- Breach of any law by the applicant or applicants employees, contractors, officers, or agents.

Additionally, the applicant acknowledges that the State of Western Australia is not responsible for the number of EV drivers that visit and use a funded charger and is not responsible for how each charger is used.

# **Goods and Services Tax**

Grants provided by the Western Australian Government are classified as income, and tax may be payable by applicants.

Applicants are responsible for investigating the tax structure and treatment related to their individual organisation.

Any grant funding amount payable under the Charge Up Workplace Grants Program will be exclusive of GST.

I have read and agree to the Charge Up Grant Program Terms and Conditions \*

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I have read and understood the 'Charge Up Workplace Grant Guidelines - Round 2'  $^{\star}$ 

Yes

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If applicable, I have received consent from the landowner of this site to install and operate electric vehicle chargers at this site. \*

Yes

I am authorised to complete and submit this application as an employee of this organisation.  $\mbox{\ensuremath{\star}}$ 

Yes

Date of Declaration \*

17/05/2024

Must be a date.

**Organisation Name \*** 

Shire of Leonora

**Authorised Person \*** 

Mr Alex Baxter

**Contact Position \*** 

**Manager Community Services** 

**Primary Phone Number \*** 

(08) 9037 6044

Must be an Australian phone number.

**Primary Email \*** 

alex.baxter@leonora.wa.gov.au

Must be an email address.

# 10.0 REPORTS

10.5 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER REPORTS

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10.0 REPORTS

**10.6 ELECTED MEMBERS REPORTS** 

Nil

11.0 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nii

12.0 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

13.0 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

**13.1 ELECTED MEMBERS** 

Nil

13.0 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

13.2 OFFICERS

Nil

# 14.0 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

# 14.1 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

# **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995:

# 14.1.(A) RFT 03/2025 - MAINTENENCE GRADING

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 5.23(2) - (c) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting.

# 14.0 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC 14.2 PUBLIC READING OF RESOLUTIONS THAT MAY BE MADE PUBLIC

# 15.0 STATE COUNCIL AGENDA

Nil

# **16.0 NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 15th July 2025

# 17.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING