



Shire of Esperance

ORDINARY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2024

MINUTES



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ATTACHMENTS

Please be advised that in order to save printing and paper costs, all attachments referenced in this paper are available in the original Agenda document for this meeting.

RECORDINGS

The Meeting will be live streamed. The recording will be made publicly available as soon as practical following the meeting.

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SHIRE OF ESPERANCE

MINUTES

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
23 April 2024.
COMMENCING AT 4:00 PM**

1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 4:00pm and did an acknowledgement to country.

The Shire of Esperance acknowledges the Kepa Kurl Wudjari people of the Nyungar nation and Ngadju people who are the Traditional Custodians of this land and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and we extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians today.

The President welcomed Councillors, staff, guests and members of the public to the meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members

Cr J Obourne	Deputy President	Town Ward
Cr G Johnston		Town Ward
Cr S McMullen		Town Ward
Cr L de Haas		Town Ward
Cr W Graham		Rural Ward
Cr S Starcevich		Rural Ward
Cr S Flanagan		Town Ward
Cr C Davies		Town Ward

Shire Officers

Mr S Burge	Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Walker	Director Asset Management
Mr R Grieve	Director External Services
Mrs F Baxter	Director Corporate & Community Services
Mrs C Hoffrichter	Executive Assistant

Members of the Public & Press

Geoff Vivian	Media - Esperance Weekender
Emily Smith	Media - ABC
Cheryl Bradley	Representative of Local Environmental Action Forum (LEAF)
Jan Archer	Representative of Local Environmental Action Forum (LEAF)
Karen Milligan	Representative of the Garry Johnson Foundation
Doug Carey	Representative of the Diving, Surfing and Snorkelling Group
Ted Grey	Item 12.2.1 Road Safety Management Plan

3. APOLOGIES & NOTIFICATION OF GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr R Chambers

President

Town Ward

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

6. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

6.1 Declarations of Financial Interests – Local Government Act Section 5.60a

Cr de Haas has declared a Financial Interest in item 17.1 as she is an applicant

6.2 Declarations of Proximity Interests – Local Government Act Section 5.60b

Nil

6.3 Declarations of Impartiality Interests – Admin Regulations Section 34c

Cr Obourne has declared a Impartiality Interest in item 17.1 as 3 of the 4 applicants are known to her either professionally or personally.

Cr Johnston has declared a Impartiality Interest in item 17.1 as Cr de Haas is common known to all

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Cheryl Bradley – Proposed South Coast Marine Park Council Submission

Cheryl Bradley advised Council the Local Environmental Action Group's input into the Shire's submission for the Proposed South Coast Marine Park is vital, as LEAF have been involved in the process since the first consultation was undertaken three years ago with the State Government. LEAF support the needs for the South Coast to have Legislative Marine Protection, balanced with the broader socioeconomic considerations including recreational and commercial fishing support.

LEAF's primary focus is on environmental and conservation values and believe their perspective would be significant to the shire's submission. LEAF thanked the Shire for being included as a part of the consultation process in the submission but advised the timeframe in which they had to respond was not sufficient.

Ms Bradley asked Council if the Shire proposes to lodge a submission representative of the whole community on a divisive community issue why did the Shire not commence broader community consultation when the four month submission process was announced mid-February, thereby enabling true community representation to be made to the shire for consideration by our Elected Representatives.

Cr Obourne thanked Cheryl for her interest and efforts that have been sustained, LEAF's contribution to this conversation has been constructive. Ms Obourne advised that Council wanted its submission to be truly representative of the whole community and that's why Council is endeavouring to go out to the public. Ms Obourne advised this is a complex document and asked department to make a community information hub available to help the community

understand a bureaucratic document to and make an informed submission that will be heard and make a difference. Council is elected to represent the whole community and the Shire's submission will be reflective of that, Council strongly encourage community members to provide information and feedback to assist with the submission process.

2. Doug Carey – Proposed South Coast Marine Park Council Submission

Doug Carey Chair of the Diving, Surfing and Snorkelling Group asked Council the following questions in relation to the Shire's South Coast Marine Park application; When did Council decide to make the submission? Who is collecting the data? How the data is being collected?

The CEO advised Mr Carey that Council has always intended to put a submission, trying to determine that that submission might look like, the Shire wanted to encourage the whole community to be aware of the process, to understand the Marine Park and what those implications might be, then engage with the Councillors as representatives of the community. The councillors will assist with what goes in the submission and the Shire is mindful that they have land adjacent to the Marine Park, so the Shire has some interest as a landowner and the submission will reflect part of that.

The CEO advised how the data is put out, is a part of the Strategic Plan, within that plan is a number of theme's, at this point the submission will be based around those which is Financial, environmental and Community driven. The Strategic Plan is very balanced to achieve the best outcomes for the community.

Mr Carey asked if there is a timeframe from collecting data to analysing data and completing the submission?

The CEO advised we are currently collecting data now from the community. The Shire runs into the same times frames as everyone else to complete a submission, however our submission needs to go through a formal process through a Council meeting, so we are running a month shorter than most people. We are encouraging the community to be aware of it and are seeking opinions and feedback, we have gone to community group such as yourselves for information, then we can formulate our response, submit it to Council for them to give the agreement on it before the submission date is due.

Mr Carey asked if any Councillors have disclosed an impartiality interest in the Proposed South Coast marine Park?

Cr Obourne advised if there is any interest it would be done at the Ordinary Council Meeting when the submission is endorsed.

The CEO advised there has been no agenda items specifically relating to any decisions on any aspect of the Marine Park, therefore there has been no need to disclose any interest. When the submission comes through for a decision that will be the time Councillors will declare any interests, if they have one.

3. Karen Milligan – Proposed South Coast Marine Park Council Submission

Karen Milligan on behalf of the Garry Johnson Foundation advised Council have not declared their impartiality interest, which is important when Council is using networks to collect information. As we all know, networks do not reflect the whole towns perspective, I do think the Shire's role is to collect and represent the community, and impartiality should be declared before using your networks as an information collection process.

Ms Milligan asked Council the following question; Where is the rigger in your process in trying to assess what the towns perspective is? Where is the rigger in the methodology in getting the impartial submission for the State Government?

Cr Obourne advised that this Council had a genuine and sincere conversation around the need to represent the entire community and we are endeavouring to ensure our submission is truly reflective of that because we represent over 14,000 community members. We will not be having a weighted submission in any one direction, it will be reflective of the Council Plan as it's our guiding document, that's how we have been making decisions, it keeps us consistent if our submission comes under the categories of the Council Plan. We are also using the State Government document where they have asked us to address the plan and to make comment on. We've reviewed our Coastal Reserves and advised of the lands we manage and cross referenced their document with our document, we made opinions about how we genuinely use it and whether its good for our community or good for our environment. This will be a publicly available document. We are doing our very best to represent the entire community. We do refer community members to the DBCA pop up information centre at lottery house and we welcome that announcement from the State Government to make sure there is suitably qualified people to help our community to make a submission that counts.

Ms Milligan asked Council where is the rigger? Where are all those people who are not represented by a body, where are you going to hear their voice?

Cr Obourne, advised we will note that you think there is no rigger in our process and we have a month to try and fix that.

4. Ted Grey – Questions on Notice and Item 12.2.1 Road Safety Management Plan

Ted Grey submitted questions in writing to Council relating to the following matters; 'Draft Partnering Agreement' – Shire of Esperance and Esperance Tjaltjraak and Dalyup - Fire Access Only Sign and Track, these questions were taken on notice.

Ted Grey asked Council for an update on what progress has been made on reducing the speed limit on a portion of Goldfields Road?

Mr Walkers advised they are unable to get an update from Main Roads and unable to get a timeframe as to when it will be done. Unfortunately we cant control Main Roads schedule, but we can keep requesting an update on works and timeframes.

Mr Grey advised we will have to seek additional communications with Mains Roads to find out what is going on as it shouldn't take this long, as the request was out in last year.

All members of the public excluding media left the Chambers at 4:32pm

8. PUBLIC ADDRESSES / DEPUTATIONS

Nil

9. PETITIONS

Nil

10. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Davies
Seconded: Cr Johnston

O0424-039

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 26 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED
F8 - A0**

11. DELEGATES' REPORTS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Cr Starcevich

- 16 Apr Participated in Meeting with Rick Wilson
- 16 Apr Met with DBCA regarding SCMP update
- 22 Apr Tourism Brand Workshop

Cr Johnston

- 15 Apr Met with WA Local Government Grant Commission regarding funding for Esperance
- 16 Apr Participated in Meeting with Rick Wilson
- 16 Apr Met with DBCA regarding SCMP update
- 17 Apr Attended ECCI Business After Hours – Mudjar Aboriginal Corporation
- 17 Apr Attended Liberal Evening with Rick Wilson at Dempster Homestead

Cr Davies

- 03 Apr Attended Meeting with Minister Punch
- 10 Apr Attended the delivery of the Electric Vehicle at Esperance Motor Group
- 16 Apr Participated in Meeting with Rick Wilson
- 16 Apr Met with DBCA regarding SCMP update

Cr Flanagan

- 16 Apr Met with DBCA regarding SCMP update

Cr McMullen

- 16 Apr Participated in Meeting with Rick Wilson
- 16 Apr Met with DBCA regarding SCMP update

Cr de Haas

- 03 Apr Attended Meeting with Minister Punch
- 11 Apr Participated in Wellness and Balance Forum with ALGWA
- 12 Apr Sworn in as JP
- 12 Apr Participated in Interagency Meeting
- 15 Apr Met with WA Local Government Grant Commission regarding funding for Esperance
- 16 Apr Participated in Meeting with Rick Wilson
- 16 Apr Met with DBCA regarding SCMP update
- 22 Apr Tourism Brand Workshop

Cr Graham

- 03 Apr Attended Meeting with Minister Punch
- 15 Apr Met with WA Local Government Grant Commission regarding funding for Esperance
- 16 Apr Participated in Meeting with Rick Wilson
- 16 Apr Met with DBCA regarding SCMP update
- 19 Apr attended GVROC Meeting via Zoom

Cr Obourne

- 03 Apr Attended Launch of RED Grants
- 03 Apr Attended Meeting with Minister Punch
- 14 Apr Constituent meeting regarding planning
- 15 Apr Met with WA Local Government Grant Commission regarding funding for Esperance
- 16 Apr Participated in Meeting with Rick Wilson
- 16 Apr Met with DBCA regarding SCMP update
- 17 Apr Constituent meeting regarding accommodation
- 17 Apr Met with Telstra regarding Telecommunications
- 23 Apr Conducted a Citizenship Ceremony

Pres Chambers

- 28 Mar Attended Esperance Primary School visit to the Shire Office
- 30 Mar Attended and Opened Esperance Gun Club Easter Shoot
- 03 Apr Attended Meeting with Minister Punch
- 10 Apr Attended the delivery of the Electric Vehicle at Esperance Motor Group
- 11 Apr Attended ESHS upgrade meeting with Peter Rundle MLA
- 15 Apr Met with WA Local Government Grant Commission regarding funding for Esperance
- 16 Apr Participated in Meeting with Rick Wilson
- 16 Apr Met with DBCA regarding SCMP update
- 17 Apr Met with Tjaltjraak regarding Community Sentiment for SCMP
- 17 Apr Attended ECCI Business After Hours – Mudjar Aboriginal Corporation
- 19 Apr Attended RCAWA Meeting via Zoom

12. MATTERS REQUIRING A DETERMINATION OF COUNCIL

12.1 EXTERNAL SERVICES

Item: 12.1.1

Request for Reserve Management - Reserves 16407 and 2064

Author/s	Richard Hindley	Manager Development Services
Authorisor/s	Roy Greive	Director External Services

File Ref: D24/6679

Applicant

Internal

Location/Address

Various locations

Executive Summary

For Council to consider requesting the Minister for Lands under Section 41 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* to grant management of Reserves 16407 and 20647.

Recommendation in Brief

That Council request the Minister for Lands under Section 41 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* to grant management of Reserves 16407 and 20647 to the Shire of Esperance retaining the current purpose of the Reserves.

Background

The Shire has a number of cemeteries within the Shire that are on reserves that are currently unmanaged.

Reserve 16407, comprising 20 acres (approximately 8.0837 Hectares), was gazetted as a cemetery on the 9 June 1916.



Strategic Implications

Council Plan 2022 – 2032

Place - Outcome 7. Responsible planning and development

Objective 7.1. Enable access to land and development opportunities to meet local needs.

Environmental Considerations

Nil

Attachments

[A↓](#). Cemetery Gazette Notices

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Item: 12.1.1 Request for Reserve Management - Reserves 16407 and 2064

Moved: Cr Starcevich

Seconded: Cr de Haas

O0424-040

Council Decision

That Council request the Minister for Lands under Section 41 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* to grant management of Reserves 16407 and 20647 to the Shire of Esperance retaining the current purpose of the Reserves.

**CARRIED
F8 - A0**

12.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT

Item: 12.2.1

Road Safety Management Plan

Author/s	Mathew Walker	Director Asset Management
Authorisor/s	Shane Burge	Chief Executive Officer

File Ref: D24/9795

Applicant

Internal

Location/Address

N/A

Executive Summary

For Council to consider endorsing the Road Safety Management Plan.

Recommendation in Brief

That Council endorse the Shire of Esperance – Road Safety Management Plan 2024-2030.

Background

On the Shire of Esperance's local road network there have been 27 fatal and serious injury (FSI) over a five year period from 2018 to 2022. Each of these represents a life altering impact to a person and their loved ones. Reducing road trauma is a National and State priority that flows on to Local Governments as local road managers.

As part of the Esperance Council Plan 2022-2032, Council has identified Priority Project 10.2.1 Develop a Road Safety Strategy to help deliver its Objective 10.2. Deliver an efficient and safe road network. Officers in collaboration with Main Roads WA and RoadWise have developed the Shire of Esperance Road Safety Management Plan 2024-2030 (RSMP), included in attachment A.

The RSMP complements the Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030 for Western Australia '*Driving Change*' and the journey over the next 10 years towards a shared vision and the steps to take to improve road safety infrastructure, vehicles and the cultural change needed to achieve it.

Officer's Comment

The RSMP is based on the Safe Systems principles:

Safe System philosophy is founded on:

- Ethics – no one should be killed on our road network;
- Crash Force – understanding the survivable forces of the human body in relation to crash types; and
- Human Error – accepting that humans are fallible and will continue to make mistakes.

The Safe System approach is underpinned by three guiding principles:

- People will always make mistakes on our roads but should not be killed or seriously injured as a consequence;
- There are known limits to the forces the human body can tolerate without being seriously injured; and
- The road transport system should be designed and maintained so that people are not exposed to crash forces beyond the limits of their physical tolerance.

The four Safe Systems pillars and how the RSMP actions are grouped are:

Safe Roads and Roadsides - roads and roadsides are designed and maintained to reduce the risk of crashes occurring, and to lessen the severity of injury if a crash does occur.

Safe Speeds – speeds are managed to complement the road environment and ensure crash impact forces are within human tolerances.

Safe Vehicles – vehicles that lessen the likelihood of a crash and protect occupants and other road users.

Safe People (road use) – road users that are skilled, competent, alert and unimpaired.

The aim of Shire's RSMP is to understand the road safety risk on the local road network and set out both reactive and proactive actions to address the risks that are within our sphere of influence and track our progress throughout the journey.

Consultation

RoadWise
Regional Road Group
Main Roads WA
Council workshop on the 20 February 2024

Financial Implications

The financial implications arising from this report will be considered in future budgets.

Asset Management Implications

Asset management implications arising from the Road Safety Management Plan will be considered as part of future budgets and plans.

Statutory Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

There are a number of policies that will come out of the Road Safety Management Plan, that will need to be considered at a later date by Council.

Strategic Implications

Council Plan 2022 – 2032

Place - Outcome 10. Safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems

Objective 10.2. Deliver an efficient and safe road network

Priority Project 10.2.1 Develop a Road Safety Strategy

Environmental Considerations

Nil

Attachments

[A1](#). Shire of Esperance - Road Safety Management Plan 2024-2030

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Item: 12.2.1 Road Safety Management Plan

Moved: Cr Flanagan

Seconded: Cr Johnston

O0424-041

Council Decision

That Council endorse the Shire of Esperance – Road Safety Management Plan 2024-2030.

**CARRIED
F8 - A0**

12.3 CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Item: 12.3.1

Financial Services Report - April 2024

Author/s	Roselyn Hamilton	Manager Financial Services
Authorisor/s	Felicity Baxter	Director Corporate & Community Services

File Ref: D24/9046

Attachments

[A.1.](#) Monthly Financial Services Report - March 2024

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Item: 12.3.1 Financial Services Report - April 2024

Moved: Cr de Haas
Seconded: Cr Starcevich

O0424-042

Council Decision

That Council receive the attached report entitled Monthly Financial Services Report for the month of March 2024.

CARRIED
F8 - A0

12.4 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Item: 12.4.1

Standardised Meeting Procedures Response

Author/s	Shane Burge	Chief Executive Officer
Authorisor/s	Shane Burge	Chief Executive Officer

File Ref: D24/9010

Applicant

DLGSCI and WALGA

Location/Address

N/A

Executive Summary

For Council to consider answers to the consultation paper and discussion paper on the proposed Standardised Meeting Procedures that is proposed by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI).

Recommendation in Brief

That Council endorse the attached response to the proposed Standardised Meeting Procedures to both the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and WALGA.

Background

The State Government is implementing a number of reforms to the [Local Government Act 1995](#) (the Act) to help improve transparency and accountability in local government in Western Australia and deliver benefits to ratepayers and residents.

Standardising council and committee procedures is part of these reforms. Establishing a consistent approach to all local government council and committee meetings will make it easier and simpler for people to participate in and observe council meetings, wherever they are held.

Establishing one standard is expected to simplify and improve training for council members and local government staff. It can also strengthen the enforcement of breaches of meeting procedures (for instance, if a person repeatedly and unreasonably disrupts a meeting).

Currently, it is usual practice for local governments to have local laws and policies in place to govern the conduct of council meetings. However, this approach means that there can be variation in how members of the public can engage with council meetings.

The State Government intends under section 5.33A to make Regulations that apply to all local governments and an order of the Governor under section 3.17 of the Act to repeal all existing local government meetings procedures, standing orders or council meeting local laws.

It is intended that the new standard meeting procedures (also known as 'standing orders') apply to all council and committee meetings held by local governments. It is also intended that Regulations will contain consistent rules for how meetings are held.

The DLGSCI has developed a consultation paper and has invited all local governments to consider the proposals and provide feedback. WALGA is equally asking local governments for their views on the proposed regulations to enable a whole of industry response to the DLGSCI.

Officer's Comment

WALGA has developed a discussion paper (Attachment 1) that melds the consultation paper that was developed by DLGSCI along with the 34 questions that have been asked.

As the Shire of Esperance Standing Orders Local Law is based upon the model local law the proposed Standardised Meeting Procedures are in the most part consistent with the current practice of the Shire of Esperance.

Following on from a collaborative workshop held between Councillors and staff draft responses to the 34 questions posed by the DLGSCI is attached at Attachment 2 for Council's consideration.

Consultation

The consultation paper was workshopped with Councillors to seek views and concerns with the proposal and assist with responses to the questions.

Financial Implications

Nil

Asset Management Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

The statutory implications associated with this item are nil at this stage although the proposed Regulations will repeal the existing Shire of Esperance Standing Orders Local Law 2015.

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Council Plan 2022 – 2032

Leadership

Community confidence and trust in Council

Encourage community participation and insight into activities and decisions

Environmental Considerations

Nil

Attachments

A. Standardised Meeting Procedures Discussion Paper

B. Standardised Meeting Procedures Answers

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Item: 12.4.1 Standardised Meeting Procedures Response

Moved: Cr Davies

Seconded: Cr McMullen

O0424-043

Council Decision

That Council endorse the attached response to the proposed Standardised Meeting Procedures to both the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and WALGA.

**CARRIED
F8 - A0**

Item: 12.4.2

Information Bulletin - April 2024

Author/s	Chantelle Hoffrichter	Executive Assistant
Authorisor/s	Shane Burge	Chief Executive Officer

File Ref: D24/9045

Applicant

Internal

Strategic Implications

Council Plan 2022-2032

Performance

Outcome 15. Operational excellence and financial sustainability.

Objective 15.1. Provide responsible, agile and innovative planning and resource management.

Attachments

- A. Information Bulletin - April 2024
- B. Council Priorities Summary - Corporate Performance - March 2024
- C. Status Report - Open Council Resolutions - April 2024

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Item: 12.4.2 Information Bulletin - April 2024

Moved: Cr de Haas
Seconded: Cr Flanagan

O0424-044

Council Decision

That Council accepts:

- 1. Information Bulletin – April 2024**
- 2. Council Priorities Summary – Corporate Performance – March 2024**
- 3. Status Report – Open Council Resolutions – April 2024**

**CARRIED
F8 - A0**

Item: 12.4.3

Event Funding Support- 2024 Esperance Winter Solstice Festival

Author/s	Shane Liddelow	Manager Economic Development
Authorisor/s	Shane Burge	Chief Executive Officer

File Ref: D24/9746

Applicant

Come you Spirits

Location/Address

Within the Shire of Esperance

Executive Summary

For Council to consider supporting the 2024 Esperance Winter Solstice Festival.

Recommendation in Brief

That Council allocate \$10,000 towards the 2024 Esperance Winter Solstice Festival.

Background

Action PAE1 from the Esperance Tourism Strategy was to develop an event strategy with the objective of supporting and encouraging events to the Shire during shoulder and off-peak tourism season.

The Esperance Events Discussion Paper was developed in early 2023 with it subsequently being endorsed by Council at the May 2023 OCM with the following resolution-

O0523-001

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Esperance Events Discussion Paper 2022-2027; and***
- 2. Consider a budget allocation during the development of the 2023-24 Municipal budget to enable seed funding for new events and the attraction of conferences.***

Following this resolution Council subsequently allocated \$30,000 in the 2023/24 budget to seed fund new events in line with the objectives of the events discussion paper.

Council recently allocated \$10,000 from the events budget to Australia's Golden Outback to assist AGO to host the Esperance Hiking Festival in September 2024.

Officer's Comment

Come you Spirits has joined forces with local businesses and the Esperance arts and theatre groups to deliver an expanded Esperance Winter Solstice Festival planned for June 21-23, 2024.

The objectives of the festival are to create;

- a memorable destination event activating the unique Stonehenge Esperance with performances and healing modalities including yoga, meditation and soundbath.
- an opportunity for visiting artists to work with local artists to build their skills and knowledge;

- an annual event which will be a drawcard to attract visitors to Esperance in the off-peak tourism season.

The full programme is still being finalised however events planned for the weekend so far include;

- Teens theatre workshop by Come you Spirits and Bijou Theatre
- Voice and movement workshop at The Cannery by Come you Spirits
- Yoga and meditation by local practitioner @ Stonehenge
- Sound healing @ Stonehenge with local Lisa Alexander
- Tempest @ Stonehenge
- Macbeth @ Stonehenge
- A Midsummer Night's Dream @ Stonehenge
- Smoking Ceremony at Stonehenge by Doc Reynolds, Kepa Kurl
- Cannery Arts Centre: Contemporary Art, large pieces by local artist Brit Norton in the Main Gallery.
- Evening live music at Lucky Bay Brewing
- Stilt walking and characters
- Face painting

To further support the festival, Australia's Golden Outback would like to engage a professional events management group to analyse the event and its market potential and feasibility and develop event concepts around the theme of the Winter Solstice, working with the community and stakeholders. As part of the work data on visitors to Esperance, estimated nights and spend in the town will be gathered to help analyse the feasibility of the event continuing, the return on investment, and to seek alternative funding if future events are deemed suitable.

Come you spirits has requested that Council consider contributing \$12,000 from its \$30,000 budget to assist in making the event happen. The main use of the Shire's funds will be to support the travel logistic costs (flights and vehicle) accommodation costs for the 5 artists travelling from Sydney, plus marketing costs and a portion of the producer fees.

Consultation

Australia's Golden Outback

Financial Implications

The financial implications arising from this report is a \$10,000 contribution from its Event Seed Funding budget of \$30,000.

Asset Management Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

This request is in line with the strategy contained within the Esperance Tourism Strategy and the Events Discussion Paper that has been endorsed by Council

Strategic Implications

Council Plan 2022 – 2032

Growth And Prosperity

Support our businesses to grow, adapt and assist in building capacity

Develop partnerships to strengthen economic growth

Environmental Considerations

Nil

Attachments

A. AGO Support Letter

B. Come you Spirits - Request for Funding

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Item: 12.4.3 Event Funding Support- 2024 Esperance Winter Solstice Festival

Moved: Cr de Haas

Seconded: Cr Graham

O0424-045

Council Decision

That Council allocate \$10,000 towards the 2024 Esperance Winter Solstice Festival.

**CARRIED
F8 - A0**

13. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

14. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

15. MEMBERS QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

16. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY DECISION

Nil

17. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil Questions

18. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Officer's Comment:

It is recommended that the meeting is behind closed doors for the following item, in accordance with section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995.

Moving behind closed doors

Moved: Cr Flanagan

Seconded: Cr Johnston

00424-046

Council Decision

That the meeting proceed behind closed doors in accordance with section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, to consider the following items, which are considered confidential for the reasons indicated.

17.1 Expressions of Interest - Old Matrons Quarters Lease

This report is considered confidential in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995, as it relates to a matter that if disclosed, would reveal information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person, where the information is held by, or is about, a person other than the local government (Section 5.23(2)(e)(iii)).

**CARRIED
F8 - A0**

Cr de Haas left the Chambers at 4:49pm

Members of the press left the chambers at 4:49pm and did not return.

17.1 Expressions of Interest - Old Matrons Quarters Lease

Moved: Cr Flanagan

Seconded: Cr Davies

00424-047

Council Decision

That Council enter into a lease for the Old Matron's Quarters, Museum Village, portion of Lot 100, 48 Dempster Street Esperance to Nikki Starr, subject to;

- 1. The term of Lease being 5 years;**
- 2. Annual rent being \$17,438.30 inc GST, subject to annual rent reviews based on CPI;**
- 3. All lease terms and conditions being as per Council's standard Commercial Lease (Retail Shop) template; and**
- 4. The disposition being advertised in accordance with s3.58 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.**

**CARRIED
F7 - A0**

Coming from behind closed doors

Moved: Cr Graham

Seconded: Cr Johnston

O0424-048

Council Decision

That the meeting come from behind closed doors.

**CARRIED
F7 - A0**

Cr de Haas returned to the chambers at 5:00pm

The Presiding Member read aloud the Resolution for item 17.1

19. CLOSURE

The acting Shire President declared the meeting closed at 5:01pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on _____

Signed _____

Presiding Member at the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed.

Dated _____