



Shire of Esperance

ORDINARY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 23 JULY 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.

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SHIRE OF ESPERANCE

MINUTES

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
23 July 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

Pres. R Chambers	President	
Cr J Obourne	Deputy President	Town Ward
Cr G Johnston		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	Weekender
Emily Smith	ABC

3. APOLOGIES & NOTIFICATION OF GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr S McMullen	Town Ward
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4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION

Moved: Cr Obourne
Seconded: Cr de Haas

00724-110

That Council accepts the below leave of absence:

Cr Davies 8 – 13 August 2024 and 28 August – 25 September 2024.

Cr Graham 1 August - 10 August 2024.

**CARRIED
F8 - A0**

*For: Cr Starcevich, Cr Davies, Cr Flanagan, Cr de Haas, Cr Graham, Cr Johnston,
Cr Obourne, Pres Chambers*

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

Nil

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

Nil

6.3 Declarations of Impartiality Interests – Admin Regulations Section 34c

Shire President Chambers declared an impartiality in item 12.4.2 West Tech Assemblage Sponsorship as he participated in the 2024 event and had involvement throughout the year.

Cr Johnston declared an impartiality in item 12.1.1 Caravan Park and Camping Ground Licence Renewal as one of the owners of the caravan parks is known to her and also some family members own permanent sites in that park also.

Mr Walker declared an impartiality Interest in item 12.3.3 New Lease - Esperance Multi Sports Pavilion - Lot 500 Black Street Esperance as he is a member of the Esperance Hockey Association.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil Questions

8. PUBLIC ADDRESSES / DEPUTATIONS

Nil

9. PETITIONS

Nil

10. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Davies
Seconded: Cr de Haas

00724-111

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 25 June 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED
F7 – A1**

*For: Cr Starcevich, Cr Davies, Cr Flanagan, Cr de Haas, Cr Graham,
Cr Obourne, Pres Chambers
Against: Cr Johnston*

11. DELEGATES' REPORTS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Cr Starcevich

11 July Assisted at Winter Wonderland
16 July Attended GEDC Regional Drought Resilience Plan Consultation
23 July Attended InterEarth Presentation by Peter Metcalf

Cr Johnston

16 July Attended GEDC Regional Drought Resilience Plan Consultation
23 July Attended InterEarth Presentation by Peter Metcalf

Cr Davies

27 June Attended Esperance Local Jobs Taskforce Meeting
27 June Attended ECCI Business After Hours
16 July Attended GEDC Regional Drought Resilience Plan Consultation
23 July Attended InterEarth Presentation by Peter Metcalf

Cr Flanagan

16 July Attended GEDC Regional Drought Resilience Plan Consultation

Cr McMullen

Nil

Cr De Haas

27 June Attended ECCI Business After Hours
11 July Assisted at Winter Wonderland
16 July Attended GEDC Regional Drought Resilience Plan Consultation
23 July Attended InterEarth Presentation by Peter Metcalf

Cr Graham

01 July Attended meeting for Melbourne Cup Tour
15 July Chaired Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting
16 July Attended GEDC Regional Drought Resilience Plan Consultation
19 July Attended via Zoom the Regional Roads Group Meeting
23 July Attended InterEarth Presentation by Peter Metcalf

Cr Obourne

25 June Participated in WLA Program - Productive Conflict
09 July Participated in WLA Program – Conscious Decision Making
16 July Attended GEDC Regional Drought Resilience Plan Consultation
18 July Attended Esperance Regional Coordinating Committee Meeting
23 July Participated in WLA Program – Maximising Effort & Energy

Pres Chambers

26 June Attended a Port User Group Meeting
26 June Attended Small Business Friendly Local Government update
27 June Attended ECCI Business After Hours
13 July Attended Winter Wonderland Event
16 July Attended GEDC Regional Drought Resilience Plan Consultation
23 July Attended InterEarth Presentation by Peter Metcalf

12. MATTERS REQUIRING A DETERMINATION OF COUNCIL

12.1 EXTERNAL SERVICES

Item: 12.1.1

Caravan Park and Camping Ground Licence Renewal

Author/s	Neroli Logan	Manager Waste & Environmental Health
Authorisor/s	Roy Greive	Director External Services

File Ref: D24/17569

Applicant

Internal (Environmental Health Services)

Executive Summary

The Environmental Health Services team is seeking the council's approval of the renewal of annual licences for caravan parks and camping grounds within the Shire of Esperance in accordance with the *Caravan Park and Camping Ground Act 1995 (WA)*.

Recommendation in Brief

For council to approve the renewal of annual Caravan Park Licences for all caravan parks located within the Shire.

Background

The *Caravan Park and Camping Ground Act 1995 (WA)* governs the operation of caravan parks and camping grounds in Western Australia. Under the Act, caravan park operators are required to obtain annual licences from the local government. Previously, annual licences have been issued by an authorised officer however a review of the internal process has revealed that responsibility rests with the Elected Members and so this report has been prepared for consideration.

An annual inspection has been undertaken by Environmental Health Officers and reports have been prepared identifying matters that require action and remediation by the licence holder. Environmental Health Officers will be working with licence holders to address areas of concern and any non-compliances.

Officer's Comment

The initial round of the inspection process is complete and it is recommended that Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and issue the caravan park licences within the Shire of Esperance for 12 months from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 for the following;

1. Munglinup Beach Caravan Park
2. Bathers Paradise Caravan Park
3. Esperance Bay Holiday Park
4. RAC Esperance Holiday Park
5. Dunns Eco Park
6. Acclaim Pine Grove Holiday Park
7. Pink Lake Tourist Park
8. Orleans Bay Caravan Park
9. Nakuru Pastoral Nature Farm Stay
10. Bushlands Caravan Park

Consultation

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Development Services (Planning and Building team)

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications for the Shire of Esperance associated with renewal of these licences. Licence fees are collected in accordance with the fee schedule outlined in schedule 3 of the *Caravan Park and Camping Ground Regulations 1997* with a summary provided below;

Long stay sites	\$6 per site
Short stay sites and sites in transit parks	\$6 per site
Camp site	\$3 per site
Overflow site	\$1.50 per site

Invoices have been raised to the licence holders and the majority have paid the licence renewal fees. Licence holders with fees outstanding will not be issued a licence until the fees are paid.

Asset Management Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

The Shire of Esperance is required to ensure that all caravan parks operate in compliance with the *Caravan Park and Camping Ground Act 1995* (the Act). Section 7 of the Act requires the local government to endorse the renewal of caravan park licences. The existing licences previously issued were temporary in nature for a six-month period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024. Section 9 of the Act allows for the renewal of licences up to 28 days past the expiry date.

Policy Implications

Non-compliances identified by Environmental Health Officers during the annual inspection process will be addressed in accordance with the Compliance Policy POL 0066.

Risk Management Implications

Failure to renew these licences would have economic implications for the community and may result in unregulated operations and unnecessary public health risks.

Strategic Implications

Council Plan 2022 – 2032

Growth And Prosperity

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

Environmental Considerations

Environmental considerations are being address by Environmental Health Officers through the compliance policy.

Attachments

- A. Licence - Caravan Park Camping Ground - *Confidential*

RECOMMENDATION

Item: 12.1.1 Caravan Park and Camping Ground Licence Renewal

Officer's Recommendation

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and issue the caravan park licences within the Shire of Esperance for 12 months from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 for the following;

- Munglinup Beach Caravan Park
- Bathers Paradise Caravan Park
- Esperance Bay Holiday Park
- RAC Esperance Holiday Park
- Dunns Eco Park
- Acclaim Pine Grove Holiday Park
- Pink Lake Tourist Park
- Orleans Bay Caravan Park
- Nakuru Pastoral Nature Farm Stay
- Bushlands Caravan Park

MOTION AND DECISION

Moved: Cr Flanagan

Seconded: Cr Graham

O0724-112

Council Resolution

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:

- 1. Sign and issue caravan park licences for 12 months from 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 for**
 - **Munglinup Beach Caravan Park**
 - **Bathers Paradise Caravan Park**
 - **Esperance Bay Holiday Park**
 - **RAC Esperance Holiday Park**
 - **Dunns Eco Park**
 - **Pink Lake Tourist Park**
 - **Nakuru Pastoral Nature Farm Stay**
- 2. Sign and issue caravan park temporary licences for 6 months from 01 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 for**
 - **Acclaim Pine Grove Holiday Park**
 - **Orleans Bay Caravan Park**
 - **Bushlands Caravan Park.**

CARRIED

F7 – A1

*For: Cr Starcevich, Cr Davies, Cr Flanagan, Cr de Haas, Cr Graham,
Cr Obourne, Pres Chambers*

Against: Cr Johnston

Reason: Council would like to differentiate those caravan parks who have full compliance and issue them with a 12 month licence, and those with compliance issues to be issued a 6 month licence and work with Council in achieving full compliance.

Item: 12.1.2

Request for Fee Waiver - Esperance Indoor Sports Stadium

Author/s	Mel Ammon	Manager Community Support
Authorisor/s	Roy Greive	Director External Services

File Ref: D24/18583

Applicant

Workforce Australia

Location/Address

Esperance Indoor Sports Stadium (EISS)

Executive Summary

Workforce Australia are holding the annual Community and Employment Expo at the EISS and have requested hire fees to be waived.

Recommendation in Brief

That Council waive \$640 in hire fees at the Esperance Indoor Sports Stadium for the Community and Employment Expo to be held on 12th September 2024.

Background

Workforce Australia hold a local Community and Employment Expo, with the event aiming to bring community members and potential employers together to foster engagement and create employment opportunities locally. It supports local economic growth and provides a platform for businesses to connect with skilled individuals.

The Expo has been held at the EISS for the past two years.

Officer's Comment

The Community and Employment Expo is to be held on 12th September 2024.

In the new 2024/25 Fees and Charges, an "event hire fee" was introduced, replacing the need to charge an hourly court hire fee. Under the fee structure, the hiring of the EISS to hold this event will attract a fee of \$640. The request received from Workforce Australia is to have this fee waived.

This is a free event and has been well supported by local businesses in the past, and attracts the interest of attendees from the community, high schools, TAFE etc.

The request from Workforce Australia is to set up on Courts 2 and 3 of the EISS. They have been advised that we cannot guarantee this space at this time due to ongoing remedial work from the Stadium floor damage, however have committed to providing a suitable space within the existing Stadium facilities to accommodate, if required.

Consultation

Sporting Complexes Officer
Building Services
Workforce Australia

Financial Implications

The financial implications arising from this report is a fee waiver of \$640 for the hire of the EISS.

Asset Management Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Council Plan 2022 – 2032

Prosperity - Outcome 12. A prosperous and diverse economy

Objective 12.1. Attract and retain diverse industries and enterprises to grow the economy and local jobs.

Environmental Considerations

Nil

Attachments

[A.1](#). Email Request - Workforce Australia

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Item: 12.1.2 Request for Fee Waiver - Esperance Indoor Sports Stadium

Moved: Cr de Haas
Seconded: Cr Starcevich

O0724-113

Council Resolution

That Council waive \$640 in hire fees at the Esperance Indoor Sports Stadium for the Community and Employment Expo to be held on 12th September 2024.

**CARRIED
F8 - A0**

*For: Cr Starcevich, Cr Davies, Cr Flanagan, Cr de Haas, Cr Graham, Cr Johnston,
Cr Obourne, Pres Chambers*

12.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT

Item: 12.2.1

Myrup Organics Recycling Facility

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

File Ref: D24/19084

Applicant

Internal

Location/Address

Myrup Waste Transfer Station.

Executive Summary

For Council to consider the findings from the Myrup Organics Stakeholder Engagement Report.

Recommendation in Brief

That Council:

1. Receive the Myrup Organics Stakeholder Engagement Report;
2. Progress the Myrup Organics Recycling Facility with either a Material Aerated Floors or Aerated Static Piles as the preferred technology; and
3. Receive further reports on Myrup Organics Recycling Facility as they become available.

Background

At the February 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved the following:

That Council:

1. Receive the FOGO Operational Implementation Plan;
2. Introduce a FOGO kerbside collection service for the Shire of Esperance from 1 July 2024, subject to successful commissioning of the Myrup Community Drop Off and Waste Transfer Station; and
3. Receive further financial modelling on the implications of the adopted FOGO system as it becomes available.

See attached FOGO Operational Implementation Plan.

Since this resolution, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) in December 2022 brought out the Guideline – better practice organics recycling. This Guideline sets out the environmental performance objectives and identifies benchmark controls for the planning, design and operation of organics recycling facilities that are regulated.

In discussions with Talis Consultants, who are designing the new Myrup Waste Transfer Station, the new Guidelines have increased the requirements for building and operating a regulated organics processing facility. Given this and the time since the original business plan was completed, it was agreed that engagement with the market on the best organics processing technology to be implemented for our situation should be undertaken. See attached Report, which is confidential due to the commercial nature of the information provided from the market suppliers.

Officer's Comment

Talis Consultants sort engagement from 15 market suppliers, of whom six responded to their request for information on their recommended composting technologies.

The key findings identified through the engagement process are:

- Pre-treatment methods would be the same for any system used;
- There should be consideration for the critical equipment of any process, such as a front-end loader, picking line, conveyors, shredders, and screens;
- Lead times on purchasing plant/equipment can be around 6 months for Australian based plant/equipment and potentially over 12 months for items shipped from overseas;
- Commission time varies but is typically 4 weeks including training;
- The low total tonnages and high capital costs make in vessel less desirable; and
- Material Aerated Floors or Aerated Static Piles are cheaper although may be less desired by regulators due to the odour and leachate risks.

Based on the works that have been undertaken as part of the Stakeholder Engagement, Talis has recommended:

1. Develop Masterplans and Cost Estimates for an Organics Recycling Facility utilising Material Aerated Floors or Aerated Static Piles;
2. Further investigate the works approval requirements by DWER; and
3. Submit to DWER for works approval.

Consultation

Talis Consultants
Various Market Suppliers
Waste Team

Financial Implications

The financial implications arising from this report will be considered as part of the next step in developing an Organics Recycling Facility.

Asset Management Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Council Plan 2022 – 2032

Planet - Outcome 5. Shared responsibility for climate action and sustainability

Objective 5.1. Encourage the adoption of sustainable practices.

Priority Project 5.1.5. Introduce a third-bin kerbside collection program for Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO).

Environmental Considerations

The environmental considerations from this report will be assessed as part of the Works Approval process.

Attachments

- A. FOGO - Operational Implementation Plan
- B. Myrup Organics Stakeholder Engagement Report - *Confidential*

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Item: 12.2.1 Myrup Organics Recycling Facility

Moved: Cr Davies
Seconded: Cr Obourne

O0724-114

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Receive the Myrup Organics Stakeholder Engagement Report;**
- 2. Progress the Myrup Organics Recycling Facility with either a Material Aerated Floors or Aerated Static Piles as the preferred technology; and**
- 3. Receive further reports on Myrup Organics Recycling Facility as they become available.**

CARRIED
F8 - A0

*For: Cr Starcevich, Cr Davies, Cr Flanagan, Cr de Haas, Cr Graham, Cr Johnston,
Cr Obourne, Pres Chambers*

12.3 CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Item: 12.3.1

Rescind Electoral Caretaker Period Policy

Author/s	Sarah Walsh	Coordinator Governance & Corporate Support
Authorisor/s	Felicity Baxter	Director Corporate and Community Services

File Ref: D24/18187

Applicant

Internal

Location/Address

N/A

Executive Summary

For Council to consider rescinding the Electoral Caretaker Period policy.

Recommendation in Brief

That Council rescind the Electoral Caretaker Period policy.

Background

Part of the recent reforms to the *Local Government Act 1995* included making standardised caretaker period provisions.

The new provisions within section 1.4A and 3.73 of the *Local Government Act 1995* are attached to this report for reference.

Officer's Comment

The new caretaker period provisions came into force on 1 July 2024, therefore it is no longer necessary for the Shire to have our own policy in this regard.

WALGA advise that any Local Governments with their own caretaker period policies may now rescind these once the new provisions take effect, as it would be confusing to maintain a policy as well as having to observe the new regulations at the next election.

Consultation

WALGA

Financial Implications

Nil

Asset Management Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995 – s.1.4A and s.3.73

Policy Implications

Electoral Caretaker Period Policy

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.

Environmental Considerations

Nil

Attachments

A. [Electoral Caretaker Period Policy](#)

B. [Section 1.4A and 3.73 of Local Government Act](#)

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Item: 12.3.1 Rescind Electoral Caretaker Period Policy

Moved: Cr Flanagan

Seconded: Cr Johnston

O0724-115

Council Resolution

That Council rescind the Electoral Caretaker Period Policy.

CARRIED

F8 - A0

*For: Cr Starcevich, Cr Davies, Cr Flanagan, Cr de Haas, Cr Graham, Cr Johnston,
Cr Obourne, Pres Chambers*

Item: 12.3.2

Financial Services Report - July 2024

Author/s	Roselyn Hamilton Sarah Bridge	Manager Financial Services Corporate Accountant
Authorisor/s	Felicity Baxter	Director Corporate and Community Services

File Ref: D24/18585

Attachments

[A1](#). Financial Management Report June 2024

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Item: 12.3.2 Financial Services Report - July 2024

Moved: Cr de Haas
Seconded: Cr Starcevich

O0724-116

Council Resolution

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

CARRIED
F8 - A0

*For: Cr Starcevich, Cr Davies, Cr Flanagan, Cr de Haas, Cr Graham, Cr Johnston,
Cr Obourne, Pres Chambers*

Item: 12.3.3

New Lease - Esperance Multi Sports Pavillion - Lot 500 Black Street Esperance

Author/s	Cherrie Vincent Sarah Walsh	Governance and Corporate Support Officer Coordinator Governance & Corporate Support
Authorisor/s	Felicity Baxter	Director Corporate and Community Services

File Ref: D24/17408

Applicant

Esperance Hockey Association Inc.

Location/Address

Part Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 411499, Reserve 3287, Esperance WA 6450



Executive Summary

For Council to consider entering into a new lease with the Esperance Hockey Association Inc. for the Multi Sports Pavillion at the Greater Sports Ground, Part Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 411499, Reserve 3287, Esperance WA 6450.

Recommendation in Brief

That Council enter into a new lease with the Esperance Hockey Association Inc. for the Multi Sports Pavillion at the Greater Sports Ground, Part Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 411499, Reserve 3287, Esperance WA 6450.

Background

The Esperance Multi Sports Pavilion Management Committee handed over the lease to the Esperance Hockey Association back in August 2019. The lease is now due to expire in June 2024.

A request has been received by the Hockey Association to enter into a new lease agreement for the maximum community lease term of 21 years.

Officer's Comment

Discussion with officers has determined that there are no concerns with the proposed renewal being approved.

Consultation

Esperance Hockey Association Inc.
Community Development
Manager Parks and Environment
Coordinator Planning Services
Coordinator Building Services
Coordinator Environmental Health

Financial Implications

Annual rent \$110 inc GST
Lease preparation fee \$155 inc GST

Asset Management Implications

Nil – land only lease, includes 4x light towers on site.

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995 – s.3.58 Disposing of property
Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 – Section 30(2) Dispositions of property excluded from Act s.3.58
Land Administration Act 1997 – Section 18 Crown Land Transactions that need Minister's Approval

Policy Implications

Building and Property Agreements

Strategic Implications

Council Plan 2022 – 2032

Prosperity - Outcome 12. A prosperous and diverse economy

Objective 12.1. Attract and retain diverse industries and enterprises to grow the economy and local jobs.

Priority Project 12.1.1. Support proponents in priority industry sectors to establish businesses and develop projects in Esperance.

Environmental Considerations

Nil

Attachments

A¹. Hockey Association - Request for lease

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Item: 12.3.3 New Lease - Esperance Multi Sports Pavillion - Lot 500 Black Street Esperance

Moved: Cr Obourne

Seconded: Cr de Haas

O0724-117

Council Resolution

That Council enter into a new lease with the Esperance Hockey Association Inc. for the Multi Sports Pavilion at the Greater Sports Ground, Part Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 411499, Reserve 3287, Esperance WA 6450, subject to;

- 1. Department of Lands' approval;**
- 2. The term of Lease being 21 years;**
- 3. Annual lease fee of \$110 inc GST being payable;**
- 4. Lease preparation fee of \$155 inc GST being payable; and**
- 5. All lease terms and conditions being as per Council's standard community lease template.**

CARRIED

F8 - A0

*For: Cr Starcevich, Cr Davies, Cr Flanagan, Cr de Haas, Cr Graham, Cr Johnston
Cr Obourne, Pres Chambers*

12.4 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Item: 12.4.1

Information Bulletin - July 2024

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

File Ref: D24/18586

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 - July 2024
- B. Council Priorities Summary - Corporate Performance - June 2024
- C. Status Report - Open Council Resolutions - July 2024
- D. Letter - Esperance Senior High School Upgrades - Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Item: 12.4.1 Information Bulletin - July 2024

Moved: Cr Davies
Seconded: Cr Johnston

O0724-118

Council Resolution

That Council accepts:

- 1. Information Bulletin – July 2024**
- 2. Council Priorities Summary – Corporate Performance – June 2024**
- 3. Status Report – Open Council Resolutions – July 2024**
- 4. Letter – Esperance Senior High School Upgrades – Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA**

CARRIED
F8 - A0

*For: Cr Starcevich, Cr Davies, Cr Flanagan, Cr de Haas, Cr Graham, Cr Johnston,
Cr Obourne, Pres Chambers*

Item: 12.4.2

West Tech Assemblage Sponsorship

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

File Ref: D24/19096

Applicant

West Tech Assemblage

Location/Address

N/A

Executive Summary

For Council to consider becoming a sponsor of West Tech Assemblage (WTA).

Recommendation in Brief

That Council does/ does not accept the sponsorship proposal for the West Tech Assemblage 2025.

Background

West Tech Assemblage is a driving force in WA for advancing shared objectives in digital literacy, diversity and inclusivity. Since its inception in 2015 the initiative, Driving Digital Access and Inclusion Across WA the programs have reached indigenous communities, senior citizens and individuals with disabilities.

Nilesh Makwana who is the Chair of WTA was the Esperance Australia Day Ambassador in 2024 and subsequently invited the Shire President to speak at their first half day conference. See attached the Acquittal Report for the West Tech Assemblage 2024 which highlights the work that the WTA is doing around inclusivity in the digital world.

Officer's Comment

The 2025 WTA is being held in Perth on Thursday 20th February 2025 with the theme being Digital Access & Inclusion: Bringing Communities Together. The organisers of the event state that "The WTA stands as a pivotal occasion for stakeholders passionate about propelling digital inclusion and cultivating relationships. It's an opportunity not just to aspire for change, but to lay concrete plans, define achievable objectives and ensure collective progress, leaving no one behind on this forward journey."

The Shire of Esperance has been invited to be a regional local government sponsor of the event for \$5,000 which includes acknowledgement in marketing material, 10 complimentary tickets to the event, speaking invitation to the Shire President and post conference access to photos and video content to share in marketing channels.

The City of Stirling and the City of Fremantle are confirmed partners to the WTA with Esperance being asked as a regional local government partner to the event.

Further information on the 2025 WTA is available at <https://www.westtechassemblage.com.au/>

Consultation

Nil

Financial Implications

The financial implications arising from this report are \$5,000 as a local government sponsor.

Asset Management Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

The aspirations and goals of the WTA are aligned with the Shire of Esperance Disability Access & Inclusion Plan 2020 – 2025.

Strategic Implications

Council Plan 2022 – 2032

Growth And Prosperity

Access to competitive and reliable utilities and high quality technology

Lobby for infrastructure and capacity necessary to support business growth

Environmental Considerations

Nil

Attachments

[A.1](#). WTA 2024 Acquittal Report

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Item: 12.4.2 West Tech Assemblage Sponsorship

Moved: Cr Flanagan

Seconded: Cr de Haas

O0724-119

Council Resolution

That Council does not accept the sponsorship proposal of \$5,000 for the West Tech Assemblage 2025.

CARRIED

F7 – A1

*For: Cr Starcevich, Cr Davies, Cr Flanagan, Cr de Haas, Cr Graham, Cr Johnston, Cr Obourne
Against: Pres Chambers*

13. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

14. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

15. MEMBERS QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Johnston asked how long current street banners will be staying up please? The reason why I am asking is because they look brand new and I presume they were erected for NAIDOC week which was the first Sunday to the following Sunday in July from the 7th – 14th July and I'm witnessing them getting ruined, getting caught in the poles in this recent bad weather we are having so just wondering if they will be coming down any time soon to save more further damage.

Mr Walker advised yes NAIDOC week was the first week in July, but locally they are celebrating it later to coincide when school goes back, so they will be celebrating in early August. The banners will be up until it is celebrated locally and then taken down, so it will be probably another couple of weeks.

Cr Johnston asked I'm interested to know when they are celebrating?

Mr Walker advised he didn't have the exact dates.

16. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY DECISION

MOTION

Moved: Cr Obourne

Seconded: Cr Graham

O0724-120

Council Resolution

That Council accept the late item 16.1 titled Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee

CARRIED

F8 - A0

*For: Cr Starcevich, Cr Davies, Cr Flanagan, Cr de Haas, Cr Graham, Cr Johnston,
Cr Obourne, Pres Chambers*

Item: 16.1

Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee

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Attachments

- A. [Minutes - Bush Fire Advisory Committee - July 2024](#)
- B. [DRAFT Hazard Reduction Notice 2024/2024](#)

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Item: 16.1 Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee

Moved: Cr Graham
Seconded: Cr Starcevich

O0724-121

Council Resolution

That Council

- 1. Accept the unconfirmed Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes held on 15 July 2024**
- 2. Endorse the DRAFT Hazard Reduction Notice 2024/2025**

**CARRIED
F8 - A0**

*For: Cr Starcevich, Cr Davies, Cr Flanagan, Cr de Haas, Cr Graham, Cr Johnston,
Cr Obourne, Pres Chambers*

17. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

18. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil Questions

19. CLOSURE

The President declared the meeting closed at 4:36pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on _____

Signed _____

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

Dated _____